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Navy commemorates 69th anniversary of West Loch Disaster

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Service members, members of the African American Diversity Cultural Center Hawaii, and guests attended the Fourth Celebration of Life & Memory for West Loch internees at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

Service members from the Surface Navy Association also laid a ceremonial wreath at the site of the sunken LST on May 21.

The West Loch Disaster was an American World War II maritime accident that was kept secret for many years.

According to the U.S. Naval Institute website, the disaster led to the deaths of 163 U.S. service members and injured an additional 396 on May 21, 1944. The incident is not well known, in part because the event was classified top secret until 1960.

"Today we gather to honor, remember and pay our respects to the brave men who lost their lives on that fateful day," said Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

"They were not just Sailors, Soldiers, Marines and Coast Guardsman, they were sons, brothers, husbands and fathers. These



U.S. Navy photo by MC Seaman Johans Chavarro

U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Chavez and Navy Capt. John Figuerres lay down a ceremonial wreath during the West Loch 69th anniversary. The West Loch Memorial honors the 163 Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines who died and 396 wounded when a fuel and ammunition explosion occurred at West Loch during WWII on May 21, 1944.

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quently spread fire among An initial explosion aboard the tightly packed ships load-USS Landing Ship Tank ed with fuel and munitions. The resulting fires lasted 24

hours and led to the eventual it was being used as a stagsinking of six LSTs.

Pearl Harbor. At the time, being loaded and prepared reaction.

ing area for a fleet of 29 The disaster occurred in LSTs and other amphibious

for Operation Forager, an invasion of the Japaneseheld Mariana Islands.

The crews of these ships and tugboats engaged in firefighting showed unbelievable courage as explosions and fires raged," said Haney.

"Those firefighters would surge into the fray only to be driven back by erupting flames and startling explosions. They fought desperately to keep the fires from spreading to other ships at the anchorage."

In addition to the Sailors and Marines who prepared the ships for the upcoming operation, Army personnel from the predominantly African-American Chemical Decontamination Company loaded the ships with munitions and supplies.

"Once I learned about this event, I found out that there is not much that we do to commemorate or remember it," said Capt. John Figuerres, commanding officer of Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific.

We tried to start a tradition with Surface Navy Association, Pearl Harbor Chapter, and Afloat Training Group where every year on the anniversary of this tragedy we do a wreath laying," Figuerres said.

The cause of the disaster was never determined, but it is believed that a mortar round exploded during an unloading operthe West Loch peninsula at assault ships that were ation, setting off the chain

Annual HURREX to be held from May 29 to June 7

Meg Petrone

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

season in Hawaii, Navy Region Hawaii will conduct its annual hurricane readiness exercise, HURREX, from May 29 to June 7 at Joint Base Pearl Harborruns from June 1 to Nov. 30. This year, Navy Region Hawaii will conduct HURREX as a prelandfall exercise from May 29 to and PMRF. 31 and June 3 to 4 and in conjunc-

Pahili, on June 3 to 7.

"HURREX is not just about preparing internally but island-In preparation for hurricane wide by making sure we can communicate and that we have a plan in place," said Dr. Michael Smith, Navy Region Hawaii director of training and readiness.

The Navy conducts HURREX Hickam and Pacific Missile to provide commands with the Range Facility. Hurricane season opportunity to prepare for hurricanes and the after effects. Field training and command post exercises will take place at JBPHH

tion with the State Civil Defense shore response and exercise plan-help ensure the least amount of alent to a hurricane "watch." post-landfall exercise, Makani ning manager, the purpose of damage will occur, the HURREX TCCOR II, or 24 hours before and to get prepared now, instead of when it's too late."

> HURREX representatives said that the objectives for this exercise are to create awareness and prevention. They explained that although Hawaii has not had a major storm in many years, it is not a question of if a storm will come, but when it will hit.

Practicing prevention techniques is vital because when the storm comes, personnel must be According to James Sanders, able to handle matters properly to destructive winds arrive, is equiv-

HURREX is to "prepare fleet, representatives noted. The Navy fighter, and family for disaster Family Accountability and lar to a hurricane "warning." Assessment System (NFAAS) will commands to ensure that their exercise events and notifications personnel have updated contact information in NFAAS.

> TCCOR (tropical cyclone condifor commands to execute their uses TCCOR levels based on the by "exercise-exercise-exercise." arrival of destructive winds, which triggers specific actions.

destructive winds arrive, is simi-

During the exercise, personnel be activated from June 5 to 7 for on JBPHH and PMRF will notice taking place, including computer desktop notifications, Nixle alert system, JBPHH television mestion of readiness) levels will be set sages, Facebook updates and marquee messages. All exercise-TCCOR checklists. The Navy related events will be annotated

Additional articles about hurricanes and disaster preparedness TCCOR III, or 48 hours before will be included in future issues of

Navy names next two destroyers, including USS Daniel Inouye

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Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced yesterday that the next Arleigh Burke-class destroyers (DDG) will be

and USS Paul Ignatius. "As secretary of the Navy it is my privilege to name these ships to honor a respected naval leader and a true American hero," to come, the future USS Paul Ignatius and USS Daniel Inouye will represent the United States and tion of power around the world.

Inouye (DDG 118) is named to honor the late former Sen. Daniel Inouye, Tuscany, Italy, during World War II and later became a U.S. senator.

The future USS Paul Ignatius (DDG 117) honors named USS Daniel Inouye Paul Ignatius who served as secretary of the Navy 1967-1969 and as assistant secretary of defense under President Lyndon

Johnson. earned the Inouye Mabus said. "For decades Medal of Honor while serving with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Italy. He was elected to the U.S. House of enable the building of Representatives when partnerships and projec- Hawaii became a state in secretary of the Navy 1959. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1963

The future USS Daniel and served there until his death last December at age 88. (Read a Navy "in memoriam" blog D-Hawaii. Inouye was about Inouye by Rear awarded the Medal of Adm. Frank Ponds, com-Honor for his actions in mander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, at http://ow.ly/ll6QK.)

USS Daniel Inouye and USS Paul Ignatius will be the first naval ships to bear these names. DDG 117 and DDG 118 are part of the DDG 51 multiyear procurement with the contract award to the building yard pending. The ships will be 509 feet long, have a beam length of 59 feet and be capable of operating at speeds in excess of 30 knots.

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An Arleigh Burke-class destroyer will be named USS Daniel Inouye (DDG 118) in honor of the late Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, a Medal of Honor recipient.



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Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force ships visit Pearl Harbor

Story and photo by MC1 Amanda Dunford

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) ships—landing ship tank JS Shimokita (LST 4002), destroyer JS Atago (DDG 177) and helicopter destroyer JS Hyuga (DDH 181) departed Pearl Harbor on May 20 following a five-day port visit.

During the visit, JMSDF sailors conducted wreath-National Cemetery of the Memorial and offered ship tours while senior leaders local military counterparts. commanders.

"These opportunities to renew relationships with our JMSDF counterparts are always valuable and rewarding," said Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet.

"The stop of the ships here and our frequent operations together are reflective of the strong relationship between the U.S. Navy and JMSDF that is such an important underpinning of the U.S.-Japan alliance.'

Rear Adm. Hideki Yuasa, commander of Escort laying ceremonies at the Flotilla 2, hosted a reception USS Arizona Memorial, aboard Hyuga where guests, in addition to Haney, includ-Pacific (Punchbowl), Makiki ed Adm. Samuel Locklear, Cemetery and Ehime-Maru commander of U.S. Pacific Command; Consul General Toyoei Shigeeda, and other conducted office calls with senior U.S. and Japanese

Yuasa noted that the partnership between Japan and the U.S. is beneficial to maintaining throughout the region.

"The Japanese, U.S. alliance is vital to secure Japan's peace and security," said Yuasa. "Our alliance is also important for us to participate in multilateral security operations to effectively respond to global security challenges."

All three JMSDF ships are en route to San Diego to participate in multilateral exercise Dawn Blitz. Dawn Blitz is a scenariodriven exercise led by U.S. 3rd Fleet and I Marine Expeditionary Force that will test participants in the planning and execution of amphibious operations through a series of live training events.



Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force ships, landing ship tank JS Shimokita (LST 4002), destroyer JS Atago (DDG 177) and helicopter destroyer JS Hyuga (DDH 181), were moored last week along the pier at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force ships departed for San Diego May 20.

New commander takes helm of NAVFAC Pacific

Strory and photo by Krista K. Catian

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific Public Affairs

Capt. Bret Muilenburg relieved Rear Adm. Scott Weikert as commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAV-FAC) Pacific during a change of command ceremony May 14 at NAVFAC Pacific headquarters.

"We are lucky to have Bret Muilenburg take on this position. There's nobody better suited for this job," said Rear Adm. Kate Gregory, NAVFAC commander and chief of civil engineers.

"He really understands what we, the NAVFAC team, does out in the Pacific. We welcome and thank you for all that you've done to prepare and be here for this," Gregory said.

Muilenburg, a familiar face around the Navy community in Hawaii, most recently served with Commander, Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) as a staff member; chief of staff for Commander,

and commanding officer of NAV-FAC Hawaii.

mand of approximately 4,000 military and civilian men and women Muilenburg was nominated in who work for NAVFAC Pacific and March for appointment to the rank its three facilities engineering com-



Rear Adm. Kate Gregory (center), NAVFAC commander and chief of civil engineers, looks on as Capt. Bret Muilenburg (right) requests to relieve Rear Adm. Scott Weikert as commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific during a change of command ceremony held May 14 at NAVFAC Pacific headquarters.

PACFLT civil engineer.

for decades for handling tough jobs with extreme competence and achievement with quality pleasure to work with these past months, and I look forward to the serve with all of you folks," Muilenburg said.

He is a registered professional engineer in Virginia and a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps. His personal awards Service Medal (four awards), Navy Commendation Medal (two Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and the commander in chief, Environmental Quality Award.

to make sure our Navy could do ucts and service you provide to what it needed to do to provide our Navy. I thank you for everysecurity out here in the Pacific," said Gregory. "It's truly a forever be grateful for that."

Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH); of rear admiral and assumes com- mands in Hawaii, Guam and tremendous effort, and I thank Japan. He will also serve as the you for all you've done to make that happen. You have really "This organization is known shown what it means to be a naval officer and citizen of the United States.

Weikert served as NAVFAC individuals, which I've had the Pacific commander from October 2012 to May 2013. During his tenure, he led and inspired the future with you. I'm very proud to team in fiscally challenging times. He will continue to serve as deputy commander for NAV-FAC and deputy chief of civil engineers. Weikert plans to retire from the Navy in September.

"This has been one of the most include Legion of Merit (three rewarding and satisfying experiawards), Bronze Star, Meritorious ences in my professional career," said Weikert.

"I've never served in Hawaii awards), Army Commendation and didn't know what ohana was about, but I do now. I have the greatest respect and admiration U.S. Naval Forces Europe for you, your patience, your perseverance, your professionalism "Adm. Weikert sacrificed a lot and for the broad range of prodthing you've taught me, and I will

Don't let alcohol drown a safe, healthy summer



Rear Adm. Frank Ponds

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

Region and MIDPAC team, we must work harder together to end inappropriate (under age) and irresponsible use of alcohol, which can put ourselves, our shipmates

and our families at risk. In our Navy, nearly half of all sexual incidents and assaults involve alcohol use and/or abuse. Fully twothirds of unplanned pregnancies involve at least one

partner who was drunk. Most fatal car and motorcycle accidents involve alcohol, speed, poor decisions, or all three.

As we begin the Navy's summer safety campaign from this Memorial Day weekend through July 4 and all the way to Labor Day weekend, I need your help in focusing on alcohol abuse prevention.

The Chiefs on Waterfront and petty officers of CSADD (Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions) are helping to get the word out using the popuMilitary and Family Support Center and DAPA (drug and alcohol programs advisor) counselors are educating Sailors about responsible drinking and the consequences of poor decisions.

Leaders at all levels are promoting and encouraging alternatives to drinking, and we are providing more programs and facilities for our Sailors that focus on their well being-away from alcohol and substance abuse.

Another tool now available to us is the alcohol detection device (ADD). I expect our commands to fully implement the ADD wherever possible. This tool will help enhance fitness, ensure safety and security, maintain maximum readimisuse of alcohol.

Testing inspections with an ADD may be scheduled or unannounced. ADD is not designed to be used as a punitive weapon but instead as a tool to identify those at risk and afford them help before a career-ending or life-altering event.

The ADD tool will assist us in identifying service members who may not be fit and ready for duty because of how, when and where they used alcohol. In short, it will help us ensure a safer workplace for everyone.

Understanding how alcohol affects you and knowing what steps you can take to prevent abuse has never been easier. Resources are online at thatguy.com,

lar "That Guy" campaign. ness, and prevent abuse and nadap.navy.mil and safe- from duty because of an alcoty.center.navy.mil.

The Navy's "Keep What You Earned" campaign focuses on what a Sailor can lose if he or she makes a poor choice regarding alcohol. "The Domino Strategy" teaches people how to calculate the size, content and amount of alcohol a person consumes so each individual can make an informed decision. As a reminder, never drink and drive. It's just not worth the risk.

One of the best new prothe Watch," a substance that focuses on a Sailor's personal responsibility. Think about your shipmates and how they will be adversely impacted if you are removed

hol or substance abuse incident. We don't want to let our shipmates down, and being there is what it means to be a shipmate.

Alcohol-impaired judgment puts all at risk. We don't want to disappoint our families. And, if we stop to think about it, we don't want to adversely affect our jobs or our careers because of a momentary lapse of judgment. Remember. a poor choice made in a moment can have a lifetime grams is "Who Will Stand of negative consequences. Let's have a good and fun abuse prevention program summer. Let's stay healthy, safe and ready. So, "think before you drink"...

Read more about staying safe this summer in upcoming issues of Ho'okele News.



What's the most dangerous thing you have ever done, and what advice would you give to others?

> Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Jennifer Miller **MIDPAC**

"The most dangerous thing I've ever done was to learn how to ride a motorcycle in the state of Hawaii. The advice I would give to anyone that is interested in riding bikes is to take the course that is offered on base or at Leeward Community College and make sure you feel comfortable on the bike that you decide to buy."

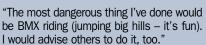


Fire Controlman 2nd Class Stephanie Harrod Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



"I used to speed in my car. I got pulled over (going over 100 mph in the mainland) and got an expensive ticket. I'm never going to do that again. My advice would be to watch the speed limit. You getting pulled over takes longer than just driving at the speed limit, and it's not worth it."

Ship's Serviceman 3rd Class Davis Lear Unaccompanied Housing Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam





Senior Airman Lewis Motta



48th Aerial Port Squadron "Surfing. Surf's up right now, about 6 to 8 feet. My advice is to know your limits. When in doubt, don't go out."

Master Sgt. William Hilton PACAF A6

"Installing cables in a hangar 50 feet off the ground. Use your ORM [operational risk

management] principles.



(Provided by MC2 Nardel Gervacio and Brandon Bosworth).

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Commentary

Testament to the fallen

Col. Johnny Roscoe

15th Wing commander



Memorial Day will soon be upon us, and in the midst of the time-honored tradition of barbecues and family celebrations I ask you to take a moment to reflect on what the holiday represents—a actuallv solemn day of remembrance in honor of those who died in service of our country.

I ask you to pay respects to our fallen brothers and sisters in arms who stemmed the tide of aggression in the Pacific

during the Second World War, fanned the flame of liberty throughout the Middle East, and, to their last breath, never yielded their beliefs in the face of oppression. We owe them a debt that will never fade nor can ever be

repaid. It is with a humble countenance that we remember their passing through our celebration of the freedoms for which they fought and died.

Likewise, I can think of no better way to limit future loss of life in military conflict than to never forget the terrible price paid by those that died in the past and what they died for. If we strive to uphold the ideals for which

they died, their deaths will not have been in vain.

This is hallowed ground that we live and work on every day, paid for by the blood of our predecessors just a couple generations past. Memorial Day is a testament and a celebration to them in that we live free from oppression and that the Stars and Stripes still flies over the great state of Hawaii.

While Memorial Day may be celebrated as an American holiday, those that gave their lives in the service of our nation had an everlasting impact beyond our shores. Through generations of sacrifice, America developed an unprecedented culture of freedom and prosperity that the rest of the world still strives to emulate. Today America is a symbol of hope to oppressed people around the world, largely due to those that laid down their life to promote the cause of freedom.

We now sit at the forefront of the mightiest military force that the world has ever seen, but despite the advances in technology and training, the fragility of the lives of those that wear the uniform endures. The list of the departed can never grow shorter and the weight of our responsibility to carry on in their name will never grow lighter.

Though we may seem spatially separated from combat here in Hawaii since the end of the Second World War, we are not immune to the consequences of war. On this special day, I ask you to remember the 40 American service members of all branches from Hawaii that have died in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, most recently Capt. Reid Nishizuka on April 27.

Members of the 15th Wing stand in harm's way throughout the Pacific and the world every day, and I pray that precious few will have to give their lives, never to see their families again, in order to preserve that right for others.





Photo of the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force

One of history's most famous aircraft celebrated two anniversaries last weekend. Seventy years ago the B-17F Memphis Belle was flying over the skies of Europe on bombing missions during World War II. On May 17, 1943, Capt. Robert K. Morgan flew the Memphis Belle against a target in Lorient, France. Two days later, on May 19, 1943, Lt. C. Anderson and his crew flew the Memphis Belle on its 25th officially credited mission to Keil, Germany. Today, the famed aircraft is undergoing restoration at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

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Sailors participate in the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebration on the mess decks of the only Navy ship named for a Hawaiian admiral, the USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93). Chung-Hoon and its Sailors are on a six-month deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility to promote peace and stability in the region.

USS Chung-Hoon Sailors celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Story by Ensign Augustus T. Karisch

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG-93) Public Affairs

Sailors from the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) celebrated Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month on May 21.

The month of May is an opportunity to recognize Chung-Hoon's namesake, a native Hawaiian, Rear Adm. Gordon Paiea Chung-Hoon. He was the first Asian-American to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1934 as well as rise to the rank of rear admiral.

"Our ship is named after an American who epitomized the diversity of our country. We are honored to serve on a ship named for a man who accomplished so much during his life despite the obstacles that he must have faced in his time," said Cmdr. Justin Orlich, commanding officer of Chung-Hoon.

"Today he would be proud to see the incredible cultural diversity, a reflection of our great nation, represented here on our mess decks," noted Orlich.

The ceremony began with a brief history lesson from Lt. Peter Lesaca, combat systems officer, who is a first-generation American with Philippine heritage. "Asian [and] Pacific Islanders have made our country bigger and brighter again and again. Their story is the American story,'

The ceremony was hosted by the ship's multi-cultural committee and included an interactive trivia game with the crew about culturally influential Asian-Pacific Islander Americans. It concluded with a cake-cutting which was presented by the ship's culinary specialists and cut by Asian and Pacific Islander crew members.

"It is always important to remember and be proud of our cultural heritage and to take the best parts of everyone's background to make a stronger nation and a more effective Navy," said Hull Technician 3rd Class Edward Pukdeesri.

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USS O'Kane hosts special needs adults

Ensign Calvin A. Sessions

USS O'Kane (DDG 77) Public Affairs Officer

Special needs adults from Easter Seals Disability Services Hawaii recently took a tour of the Navy guided-missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

An avid supporter of community outreach, the crew of O'Kane opened their doors to provide the group from Easter Seals with a glimpse of life aboard a naval warship.

"This tour was a great opportunity for O'Kane to reach out to the local community, and the enthusiasm of our Easter Seals guests really made me proud to be able to introduce them to the Navy and the ship. The event was a great reminder of our role to protect and serve our fel-

ness demonstrated by these tion of the engineering conindividuals really resonat-Cmdr. Michael Ray, commanding officer of O'Kane.

During the visit, the crew of O'Kane shared their roles and duties with the five guests of Easter Seals, starting with a demonstration on properly requesting

trol plant station, and ed with my crew," said Operations Specialist 1st Class Matthew Gilley's interactive demonstration of the combat information center. The tour ended on the mess decks where the visitors were able to meet the ship's commanding officer.

"You guys were profespermission to come aboard sional, and I appreciate

"The enthusiasm of our Easter Seals guests really made me proud to be able to introduce them to the Navy and the ship."

–Cmdr. Michael Ray,

a U.S. Navy ship with the officer of the deck.

Other points of the tour included Boatswain's Mate Hawaii 2nd Class Trace Barnett demonstrating boatswain pipe calls on the forecastle, Machinist's Mate 1st Class low citizens, and the kind- Michael Eman's presenta-

that you treated everyone with a lot of respect," said Kacey Shreve, Easter Seals representative. "These guys are adults, so it was really awesome. This tour is one of the best things we have ever done with the program."



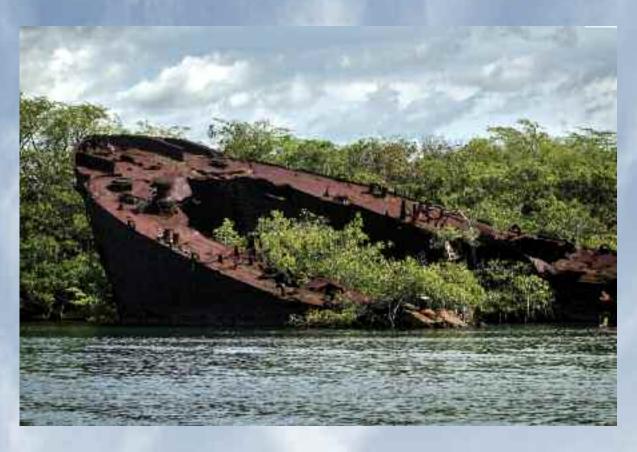
U.S. Navy photo by Fire Controlman 1st Class Shod Williams

Cmdr. Michael Ray (standing), USS O'Kane (DDG 77) commanding officer, presents the ship's commanding officer coins to guests of Easter Seals Disability Services Hawaii during their tour of the ship.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights

The rusted hull of USS LST-480 remains in the water at West Loch, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The remains represent the 163 Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who died and 396 wounded when a fuel and ammunition explosion occurred at West Loch during WWII on May 21, 1944.

U.S. Navy photo by MC Seaman Johans Chavarro





Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, speaks with Capt. Yasuhiro Sato, chief staff officer, commander Escort Flotilla 2, aboard the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force helicopter destroyer JS Hyuga (DDH 181). Hyuga made a scheduled port visit to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. See related story on P. A-20.

A traditional Hawaiian blessing May 22 marked the completion of the Bailey Bridge at Kolekole Pass Road. (From left) Walking on the bridge are Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific; Pastor Ed Sproat; Cmdr. Joseph Pope, director facilities engineering and acquisition division, NAVFAC Hawaii; and Dennis McElrath, president of FOPCO, Inc.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardel Gervacio





Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) JS Shimokita (LST 4002) departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Along with JMSDF ships JS Atago (DDG 177) and JS Hyuga (DDH 181), the Shimokita is en route to San Diego to participate in multilateral exercise Dawn Blitz.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Dustin W. Sisco



Keep What You've Earned: Rewarding Sailors for responsible choices

MC1 (SW/AW) Molly A. Burgess

Navy Public Affairs Support Element Norfolk

April 1 the launch of a year-round campaign was implemented ongoing initiative to encourage Sailors to make choices that will successfully earned during their naval career.

Earned" (KWYE) campaign is a force to lead the Navy's future." continuing effort to encourage if they make poor choices in regard to alcohol.

According to Fleet Master their Sailors. Chief April D. Beldo, Manpower Training

incident is too many.

"This campaign is updated to NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) — On reach out in a personal way to all Sailors, particularly those under 25, who have had 60 percent of throughout the Navy as part of an the alcohol-related incidents," said Beldo.

"Over the last five years, the help them keep what they have number of ARIs has been reduced by almost half. We need to continue to reduce ARIs so that we have The "Keep What You've the safest and most professional

Unlike previous programs and responsible drinking habits. It campaigns to encourage all-Focuses on achievements through hands participation up and down recognition for dedication and the ranks, KWYE highlights hard work in hopes that Sailors monthly alcohol-related meswill realize how much can be lost sages that reflect on the campaign's mission for leadership to facilitate and talk about among

Monthly message topics will

(ARI) and driving under the influto Memorial Day, the next phase ence (DUI) have decreased, one of the KWYE campaign will launch, in alignment with the Navy's 'Live to Play, Play to Live' summer safety campaign, including dissemination of the videos and summer safety-related messaging," Beldo said.

The 52 weekly discussion topics are a way for leaders to remind their Sailors about responsible drinking habits.

There is also social media messaging, and an 'app' that will be coming out soon that can be downloaded onto portable devices," said Chief Quarter-master John Renaud, drug and alcohol program advisor, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic.

Beldo said that for the campaign development, it heavily leveraged direct Sailor input and feedback to design the concept.

provide variety to ensure that the last year, identified specific can have a positive impact on http://ow.ly/lgDZg.

risk," Beldo said.

"That research included review of civilian efforts, focus groups and Navy culture.'

By actively engaging Sailors as advocates, the campaign seeks to enhance the awareness of not only the consequences of poor alcohol-related choices, but promoting and encouraging alternadelegation of responsibility.

"Being an advocate for responsible drinking is not only a leadership responsibility, it is the responsibility of every Sailor in the fleet," said Beldo.

The campaign also focuses on collaboration between the Navy and civilian programs that are Beldo. "Let's all keep what we've also focused on Sailors' well-being. earned."

"Research shows that community-based alcohol abuse preven- and other resources which are "The research, conducted over tion and intervention programs available online and download at

Education, although the rates of the campaign is heard, said messaging that resonated with all drinking habits," Beldo said. Navy alcohol-related incidents Beldo. "During the week leading Navy as well as those most at "Working with community organizations, MWR and Navy commands encourage positive behaviors such as safe ride home programs, designated driver or public transportation arrangements.'

The campaign is in alignment with the SECNAV's 21 Century Sailor and Marine Initiative and the Joint Fleet Forces and Pacific tive choices to drinking as well as Fleet Campaign against irresponsible use of alcohol through celebrating and rewarding naval career achievements.

"We must all work together to create and maintain a responsible drinking environment. Remind Sailors of their accomplishments establishing a partnership and and encourage positive decision making regarding alcohol," said

Check out the tips, multimedia

Expo helps to provide hurricane information



The Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) hosted a Hurricane Expo on May 18. Participants included Navy Region Hawaii disaster preparedness officials, the American Red Cross of Hawaii, the City and County of Honolulu Emergency Management Office and the Hawaiian Humane Society. The expo included information booths and displays of items the NEX carries which should go into a disaster preparedness kit.



As summer kicks off, Sailors including Lt. Corey Taylor made a difference by placing motor vehicle safety reminder banners throughout Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Pacific Fleet hosts Senior Enlisted Leadership Training Symposium

MC2 Tiarra Fulgham

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West, Det Hawaii

Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) recently hosted a Senior Enlisted Leadership Training Symposium at COMPACELT headquarters with Pacific Fleet regional and type commander staffs.

The two-day training symposium provided an opportunity for senior enlisted leaders to interact directly with new Fleet Master Chief Marco Ramirez and Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, and to get a

"We thought to bring the leadand discuss the issues that are affecting our Navy today, issues including money and how we are battling that," said Ramirez. "We have to ask ourselves are we senior representatives from ready, can we maintain readiness, because we are war fighters and we want to be ready. When the time comes, we want to be able to deliver the power."

Haney spoke to the senior enlisted leaders about the importance of how the U.S. Navy implements change.

"We are looking at how we

better understanding of the do everything, including funding, issues Sailors encounter in the Pacific Fleet.

maritime strategy, manning and training," said Haney.

"We must find different ways of ers here so we could meet them doing business to ensure the solutions we come up with are sensible. I rely on the chiefs' mess to ensure that the messages we put out really resonate with our Sailors throughout the Pacific Fleet, as well as the Navy," he said.

One of the major topics this year was on efforts to effectively focus on sexual assault awareness.

We have come a long way. We still have a way to go and with leadership and mentorship, I think we can get there," said Force Master Chief Cash Caldwell, Submarine Force Pacific Fleet.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Amanda Dunford

Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, speaks with U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief (AW/IDW) Marco Ramirez, force master chiefs and command master chiefs during a round-table discussion.

Military high school valedictorians bid aloha to Hawaii public schools

David Tom

School Liaison Officer, Navy Region Hawaii

For most military students, the month of May and high school graduations mark the end of continually changing schools and PCS since kindergarten. Despite these hurdles, a number of military students have excelled and are graduating as valedictorians.

Kapolei High School has six Navy and Air Force (one Navy, two retired Navy and three retired Air Force) out of 12 total valedictorians. These military valedictorians will attend Gonzaga University, University of Hawaii, Brigham Young University, Waldorf University and Hawaii Pacific University.

Radford High School has 10 military of 17 total valedictorians. Harris (Oregon State University), Kurgan (deciding between Vanderbilt University and University of California Hawaii before arrival but found at Berkley), Rebecca Law (University of Texas at Austin) and Nicole Sager (University of South Florida).

Chandler Carlson (deciding psychiatry," she said. between University of California

Austin), Madeline Skrocki (Yale University) and Rebecca Wood (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill).

Coming from Stuttgart, Germany, after the 10th grade, Carlson said, "I was looking forward to a more laid back type of schooling, but was delightfully transitioning challenges with each surprised. Radford provided me with an incredible and diverse opportunity, matched unending support from students,

> all four years, said he appreciated its diverse environment. "I learned about the wonders of high school by joining the robotics class and paddling club. My advanced placement classes helped me prepare for college. I will major in mechanical engineering and join ROTC," Harris shared.

> "Everyone at Radford was very welcoming and supportive. I could Sager, who entered Radford in the ninth grade.

"I heard rumors about school in

teachers and staff." Harris, who attended Radford

The Navy students are Quentin always count on folks," said

them to be untrue. I know that certain schools have an academic reputation, but I learned that what you put in is what you get The Air Force students are out of all schools. I plan to study

Skrocki lived in seven states at Berkeley, University of Denver and one foreign country, and she

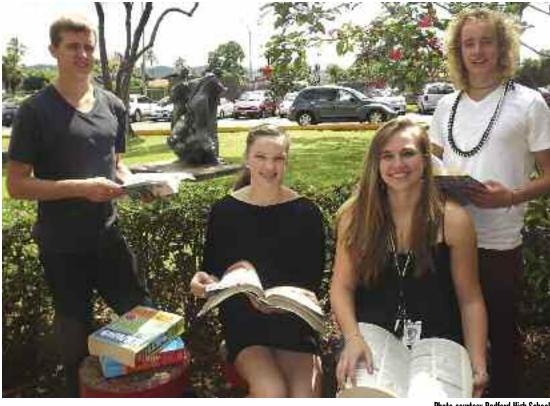


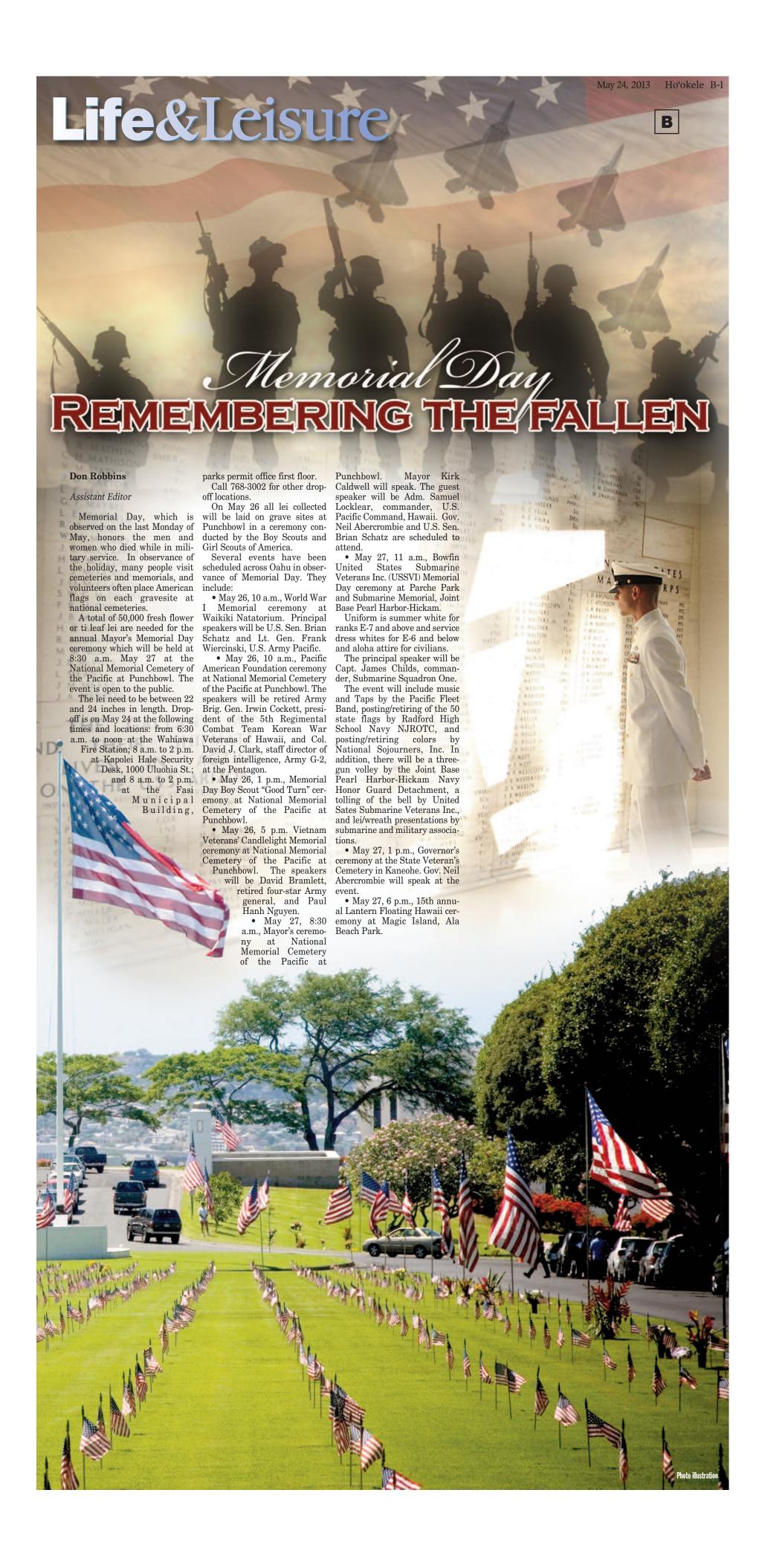
Photo courtesy Radford High School

(Left to right): Quentin Harris, Madeline Skrocki, Nicole Sager and Chandler Carlson, included among this year's valedictorians at Radford High School, are Navy and Air Force family members. Of the 17 valedictorians at the school, 10 are from Navy and Air Force families.

to have a profound impact on her that accurately represents the just as I had embraced the indilife. "In time, I came to realize microcosm of the Asian, Pacific that Radford is more than just and European cultures that define I had formerly lived. I will study another public school. It is filled present-day Hawaii," she said. with caring educators and a stu-

"My value as a distinct individand University of Texas at did not expect moving to Hawaii dent population rich in culture ual was recognized and embraced, Scholarship," she said.

vidualism of the places where political science and have accepted an Air Force ROTC



15th MXG tops Bushmasters to stay in the hunt

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The 15th Maintenance Group $(15 \ MXG)$ raced out to a 12-0 lead en route to a 15-8 victory over the 25th Air Support Operation Squadron (25 ASOS) Bushmasters on May 21 in a Blue Division intramural softball game at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The 15 MXG got out to a 4-0 advantage by plating two runs in the top of the first and second innings before exploding for eight runs in the third to build their commanding lead.

With the victory, the 15 MXG, which entered the game in third place, raised their record to 4-1 while the Bushmasters lost their fourth game against only two wins.

This season, only the top four teams from each of the four divisions will punch their tickets to the playoffs.

"We're definitely a top-four team," said 15 MXG leadoff hitter 2nd Lt. James Johnson. "It's just going to take some more games, more practice and more wins. Hopefully, we'll go all the way."

Up by a score of 2-0 going into the top of the second, the 15 MXG got back-to-back triples from Tech. Sgt. Mike Mongillo and Tech. Sgt. Matthew Schley to add two more runs.

Then in the top of the third, the 15 MXG really got their bats going after Staff Sgt. Corey Hamilton led off the inning with a double.

Singles by Master Sgt. Jason Matt Hall drove in two more runs and loaded the bases before a costly infield error on a grounder hit by Staff Sgt. Eric Wallace added another deuce to



Master Sgt. Jason Ingraham, pitcher for 15th Maintenance Group (15 MXG), tries to get past the tag of Maj. Johnnie Green, 25th Air Support Operation Squadron (25 ASOS) Bushmasters, and stretch a single into a double.

make the score 8-0.

A base hit by Johnson made it 10-0, which set the stage for a two-run jack from Schley for a 12-0 lead as the 15 MXG batted around the order in the third.

Curiously, just as it had in the previous week when the 15 MXG blew a six-run lead, the team got into trouble again after building up a seemingly safe advantage.

After picking up the first out, Ingraham and Senior Airman 15 MXG pitcher Ingraham allowed three straight singles to load the bases before Maj. Johnnie Green hoisted a long sacrifice fly that scored two runs.

the bottom of the third and came back for more in the fourth.

The Bushmasters filled the bases once again on three straight hits to start the inning and struck for their fourth run of the game on a single by Capt. Tommy Kealy.

The single by Kealy opened the door for a rally, as the Bushmasters followed up with RBI singles from Staff Sgt. Kevin Rosher, Capt. Christopher Curtis and Green, and a runs-scoringsacrifice fly from Staff Sgt. Carlos Pena for a five-run inning.

While the 15 MXG were forced The team added another run in to win in extra innings in their

immediately stopped the bleeding and took back control by adding two runs in the top of the fifth inning.

The big blow in the frame was a two-out triple by Mongillo that drove in Johnson.

mation mark on the victory by slamming a shot deep over the left-field fence for a solo blast to make it 15-8.

Johnson said that the additional runs at the end of the game were a good way for the team to put away the Bushmasters.

"I was kind of joking that we've strong."

last game, this time the team got this big lead. Let's try not to give it up this time," he said. "Next thing you know, they (Bushmasters) battled back. Luckily, we pulled it together."

While Johnson said he feels that the team is getting better, Ingraham cautioned that he and Then Hamilton put the excla- his teammates can't take anything for granted.

In games where the team pulls ahead, Ingraham said they need to do a better job of finishing off their opponents.

"We can't afford to lose games that we know we can win," he stated. "Start strong, finish



Pearl City Peninsula moves to top of White Division

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Pearl City Peninsula (PCP) scored three runs in the third inning and five in the fourth before holding on to beat the 324th Intelligence Squadron, 9-7, on May 16 in a White Division intramural softball game at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win gave PCP sole position of first in the White with a record of 5-1, while the 324 IS, which missed the playoffs by one game last season, fell to eighth place at 2-3.

interesting," said PCP pitcher Machinist's Mate 1st Class Nelson Cabrera. "We came out in the clutch.'

While PCP finished ahead by two runs to get the win, the team fell behind by a couple in the first two innings on two RBIs by Master Sgt. Jeff Miles and the strong pitching of Tech. Sgt. Daniel Law, who retired the first seven batters he

PCP finally got things going in the bottom of the third on a one-out single by Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Mario Lopez.

An error put two men in scoring position before PCP scored their first run on a routine ground out to first base.

Cabrera slammed a triple to drive in the team's second run and

scored the go-ahead run on a single by Machinist's Mate 1st Class Shaun Hessman.

Cabrera preserved the lead by pitching out of a two-runners-onone-out jam in the top of the fourth inning.

Then in the bottom of the frame, PCP put two men on before Electrician's Mate 1st Class Daniel Keck delivered an RBI single for 4-

A base hit by Builder 1st Class Tony Kaercher made it 5-2 before a double by Lopez chased home two more runs to raise the team's lead

After PCP tacked on another run "They (324 IS) made the game in the fourth, the 324 IS started a rally in the top of the fifth by loading the bases on three consecutive singles.

Miles blasted a shot to left to drive in two runs, but Airman 1st Class Randy Kondrath was gunned down at home for the first out, which seemed to kill the 324 IS momentum. The teams traded runs over the

next two frames to enter the top of the seventh with PCP holding a 9-5 Again, the 324 IS loaded the

bases with only one out, when Law doubled to drive in two runs to pull to within a couple at 9-7.

However, pitching out of another jam, Cabrera settled down one more time to get the next two hitters on fly outs to end the game.
"It was a rough day today,"



Pearl City Peninsula (PCP) first baseman Electrician's Mate 1st Class Daniel Keck puts the ice cream on top of the cone to try and catch a runner on first.

Cabrera admitted. "My guys them into a jam." play good defense, and they got

Cabrera also pointed out that us out of a jam every time I got each time the 324 IS threatened to

score, he altered his pitches to try and keep the ball in the park.

"The wind was strong today, so the ball was carrying back," he pointed out. "So afterwards I backed up a little bit on the mount and tried to adapt to the wind and I put it in the strike zone."

Miles, who had a big day at the plate with four RBIs, said it was just one of those days when the team just couldn't come up with enough big hits.

"As a team, we didn't hit very well at all," he said. "This is a good team we played against. We made it respectable. We only lost by two runs.

The solid showing against PCP, said Miles, is a good indication that the 324 IS is on the right track.

"We're getting better every game," he stated. "We're missing a few key players. We get them all back together, and I guarantee that we're going to make the playoffs."

Like the 324 IS, Cabrera also said that PCP is still a work in progress, although the team has met and exceeded all expectations

While PCP is loaded with new players, Cabrera said that the team s already performing like a squad full of veterans.

"We got good teamwork," he said. "We got good guys, everybody is supporting each other even if they're not playing. We'll get better as we go, and we'll be a top runner

735th AMS club their way past Swaggernauts

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735 AMS) sandwiched a single run in the third with seven runs in the second and fourth innings to cruise past Commander. Naval Surface Middle Pacific (CNSG MID-PAC) Swaggernauts, 16-4. The contest was mercy-rule-shortened Blue Division intramural softball game on May 21 at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

After falling behind by the score of 3-0 in the top of the first, the 735 AMS answered with a digit of their own in the bottom half of the frame before batting around the order for a seven-run eruption in the second to take full control of the game.

The team topped off the feat by repeating the cycle in the third and fourth innings to close out its fifth win of the season against one defeat.

The Swaggernauts, which entered the game only two spots out of playoff contention, fell to 2-4.



Tech. Sgt. Robert Losoya, 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735 AMS), is about to uncoil to smash a triple against Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (CNSG MIDPAC) Swaggernauts.

on the 735's night by smashing a grand slam in "It's contagious," said the fourth inning. "We Bryan Braga, pitcher for slight slump.

spot at the right time."

Airman 1st Class Corey started hitting, and it was 735 AMS, said that the Wood, who closed the books just putting it in the right team's outburst at the plate was a welcome sight after Senior Master Sgt. starting off the season in a

teams on base, but with so many new faces on the squad this season, Braga said that it's taking a little longer to put things together.

"Hitting hasn't been our strong point in the last couple of games," Braga admit-"But we pulled it together a little bit tonight. I think we weren't pressing. When you take a breath, I think it works better."

A triple by Tech. Sgt. Robert Losoya led to the team's first run of the game, then Braga really got things going by lining a single in the second inning.

Three straight singles drove in two runs and then me.' a costly error in center field

right by Staff Sgt. Scott potential of the team. Knight was misplayed by the outfielder to allow another two runs.

in the third, and after the Swaggernauts picked up a made it to the playoffs and run in the top of the fourth, played well, but age got to the 735 AMS put the game away for good in their turn hit like we did last year, but at-bat.

Last year, the 735 AMS was followed by two more was one of the top hitting runs before Wood's granny cleared the bases.

> "I was just trying to put something in play," said Wood about his four-run shot. "I was just patient and waiting, tying to put up some runs. While the 735 AMS was

taking care of business at the plate, Braga, after a rocky first inning, was just as steady on the mound.

The veteran pitcher posted goose eggs in the second, third and fifth innings.

"I tried to throw a firstpitch strike and then throw them junk after that," explained. Braga worked out pretty well for

Although on a fly ball hit by Staff Sgt. acknowledged that this Shawn Corral ushered in year's edition hasn't shown to have the firepower it had Then a fly ball hit to last year, he still likes the

This year's squad is younger, Braga pointed out, and he believes that Wood got an RBI single could help in the long run.

"Last couple of years we us," he admitted. "We can't defensively, I think we're a Knight led off with an bit more solid. If we relax, I inside-the-park homer and think we'll be fine."

PACIFIC AVIATION MUSEUM

Museum to offer aviation scholarship

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor has announced the availability of the Frank Der Yuen Aviation Scholarship for 2013. "The scholarship encourages personal growth and

academic achievement for individuals pursuing goals in aviation," said Shauna Tonkin, museum director of education. The Frank Der Yuen Aviation Scholarship offers

financial grants to Hawaii residents who have been accepted or are enrolled in an aviation-related program at an accredited trade school, college or university. Application forms and complete informa-

tion can be found at the museum's website PacificAviationMuseum.org. The submission deadline is June 30. Grant recipients will be contacted in writing no later than Aug. 15.

Eligibility requirements include a completed scholarship form, two letters of recommendation, an academic transcript from a high school and/or currently enrolled school, and a personal essay.

Frank Der Yuen was an influential advisor in the construction of the original Honolulu International Airport building. The aeronautical engineer and airline consultant founded the Pacific Aerospace Museum, located at the airport until its closure in 2001 and is also recognized as the inventor of the passenger boarding bridge used today as jet ways.

For more information, call Tonkin at 441-1005 or e-mail Shauna. Tonkin@PacificAviationMuseum.org.

Teamwork wins truck pull competition at wellness fair

Emily McNulty

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center hosted more than 300 patrons May 15 at its second annual fitness and

wellness fair. A fire truck pull competition took place in the fitness center parking lot. In the competition, six-person teams pulled a fire truck 200 feet.

Fourteen teams competed, including nine Navy teams and four Air Force teams.

The trophy for the top team went to the Navy CBMU303 Seabees detachment at JBPHH, which won with a time of 35.4 seconds.

"It was my idea to enter a team into the fire truck pull. Our unit is very competitive, and I thought it would be a great way to work as a team," said Builder 2nd Class Fabian Flores, team captain.

Another team made up of personal trainers and group exercise class instructors consisted of five women and one man.

show our patrons what is every step of the way,"



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Diana Quinlan A team participates in the fire truck pull contest held at the MWR Fitness and Wellness Fair May 15 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

offered in the community, said Benny Miguel, fitness not just on base, as well as center manager. technologies and gadgets. We want our patrons to our patrons of all the great sions with MWR fitness know that we want them and different group exer- personal trainers. In addi-"Putting on this fair to live a healthy life and cise classes, like yoga, and tion, free water, fruit and

"We are here to inform gives us the opportunity to that we are here to help, specialty classes, like healthy snacks were diskarate, that are offered on tributed.

base," said Lori Gaynor, group exercise schedule manager and Wahiawa Annex Fitness Center manager.

A fitness demonstration in the gym showcased Zumba and Hot Hula group exercise classes and allowed patrons to partici-

"We came to support the Hot Hula and Zumba instructors. We love their classes and want to help in anyway we can," said Sabrina Selburg and Dana Jordan, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) patrons.

More than 15 vendors had booths in the gym. Naval health clinic's health promotion office was on hand, informing patrons about diabetes health, metabolism and nutrition classes. They also distributed a fast food nutritional guide.

At the booth for MWR Fitness, patrons could play interactive fitness games, participate in prize giveaways and even have their body fat measurements taken. They were also able to have question-and-answer ses-



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8 a.m. Saturday at the Hickam Fitness Center. Registration is not necessary. FMI: 448-2214.

Chinatown Food and Historic Tour will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The tour includes a dim sum lunch and round-trip transportation from Information, Tickets & Travel-Hickam office. FMI: 448-2295.

Free Beginners Golf Clinic will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at Mamala Bay Golf Course to introduce patrons to the game of golf. FMI: 449-2300.

UFC 160 will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday at J.R. Rockers. This event will feature the re-match between Velasquez and Silva. FMI: 448-2271.

Ol' Skool Night will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday at J.R. Rockers. There is no cover charge for this event with DJ Doc J and the Uptown Crew. FMI: 448-2271.

Memorial Day All-Nighter will begin at 9 p.m. May 26 at J.R. Rockers and the Tradewinds Enlisted Club ballroom. Four DJs will entertain, and soul

Arts & crafts classes this week								
SESSION	CLASS DATES	D	COST*					
Beautiful oops! (ages 3–5 years)	May 28	Tue	10–11 a.m.	\$15				
Just drawing (ages 7 years & older)	May 30–31	Thu-Fri	10 a.mnoon	\$25				
Wheel throwing	May 31–July 5 June 1–July 6		9–11:30 a.m. 9–11:30 a.m.	\$65 \$65				
* Supplies additional for some classes.		Note: Information subject to change.						

Hickam Arts & Crafts Center • 448-9907

Outdoor activities signup deadlines this week

EXCURSION	DATE/TIME		COST	SIGNUP
Bike the Old Pali Road ¹	June 1	8 a.m.	\$25	May 29
Bottom fishing at Hickam Harbor ²	June 1	8:30 a.m.	\$30	May 28
Day hike: Kaunala ¹	June 2	9 a.m.	\$20	May 30
Learn to stand-up paddleboard ²		9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	\$25 \$25	May 30 May 30

¹ Sign up with Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC) • 473-1198

Note: Excursions subject to change depending on weather cond

² Sign up with Outdoor Recreation (ODR) • 449-5215

Military Appreciation 5K Run will begin at food plates will be on sale from 10 p.m. until closing for \$12. This event is for active-duty Air Force and Navy personnel ages 18 or over; all other authorized guests must be 21 or over. FMI: 448-2271.

Holiday Sail Excursion will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 27. Excursion sails from Hickam Marina to Ke'ehi Lagoon, "The Bight" or Diamond Head, depending on weather and ocean conditions. This excursion is for experienced sailors only. FMI:

Banana Boat Rides will be offered from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 27 at Hickam Marina. Lifeguards will take patrons out in a banana boat for \$5 per person for a 15-minute ride. FMI: 449-5215.

Summer Reading Program Kick-off and Registration will begin at 10 a.m. May 29 at the Hickam Library. This year's theme is "Have Book, Will Travel." Children can sign up and keep track of their progress through July 13 to earn prizes at the end of the summer. FMI: 449-8299.

Free Crud Tournament will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. May 31 at the Hickam Officers' Club (Koa Lounge). All branches and skill levels are encouraged to enter this traditional Air Force billiards tournament. FMI: 448-4608.

Chill & Grill and 9-Ball Tournament will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. May 31 at Club Pearl's Brews & Cues. Patrons can play pool and eat free food. FMI: 473-1743.



MWR Marketing photo

Holiday sail excursion departs from Hickam Marina.

E komo mai! MWR welcomes newcomers with free luncheon



MWR Marketing photo

Newcomers get stamped for the stamp-and-win drawing.

Attendees arriving at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club will receive a press kit with the Great Life Hawaii magazine, flyers of upcoming events and brochures with information on MWR activities.

Newcomers will also receive one raffle ticket and one stamp-and-win card per family. The raffle ticket will be drawn for prizes given away by MWR throughout the luncheon. The stamp-and-win card needs to be stamped by all sponsors and turned in to be picked for the grand prize.

Another giveaway is the MWR coupon book, which features deals like free surf lessons and free oil

"We hope that all who attend the newcomers luncheon will walk away with a wealth of information that makes their time in Hawaii both comfortable and enjoyable," said Lesly Johnson, sponsorship coordinator for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

To register for the June 12 newcomers luncheon, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com, or call 473-2570 for more information.

SHOW THES

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 postmarked by May 25. FMI: 682-4925 or www.greatlifehawaii.com.

BIKE THE OLD PALI ROAD

There will be a bike trip along the Old Pali Road starting at 8 a.m. June 1. Departures are from the Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. Bikers are encouraged to bring a camera, snack and water. Beginners are welcome, but some experience is needed, as there are some technical parts of the trail to negotiate. This excursion is for ages 8 years and older. May 29 is the last day to register. FMI: 473-1198.

LEARN TO STAND-UP PADDLEBOARD

Learn the basics of paddleboarding at 9:30 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. June 2 at Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. May 30 is the last day to register. FMI: 449-5215.

LIBRARY KNOW-HOW

The Hickam Library is holding an educational tour at 11 a.m. June 1. The staff will demonstrate how to find e-books, audiobooks, music, online foreign language training, as well as explaining the Universal Class for online continuing education and the Dewey Decimal system. FMI: 449-8299.

ADULT AND CHILDREN'S SWIM LESSONS

Hickam Pool 2 is offering a variety of swim lessons beginning June 3. Classes are divided into four age groups: 6 months-3 years old, 3-4 years old, 5-16 years old, and 17 years and older. Register online at www.greatlifehawaii.com.

OAHU HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

There will be tours of Oahu from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursdays throughout the month of June. The tour features major sights including Hanauma Bay, Halona Blow Hole, Pali Lookout, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) Cemetery, King Kamehameha Statue and more. Departures are from the Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT)-Hickam office. FMI: 448-2295.

HICKAM HISTORICAL TOUR

Tours of historic Hickam will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Fridays throughout the month of June. Highlights include Battery Hawkins, Hickam Hotel, Freedom Tower, and Pearl Harbor Hospital Point. Departures are from ITT-Hickam and Royal Alakai Lodge. FMI: 448-2295.

MWR NEWCOMERS LUNCH

A free MWR Newcomers Lunch will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 12 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. This event features lunch, MWR information booths, sponsor tables, and activities for kids. This event is open to all military-affiliated personnel during their first six months of arrival. FMI: 473-2570.

MAY

NOW- The Hawaii Department of Education is accepting applications from the community to serve on the Hawaii Statewide Assessment Program (HSAP) Standard Setting committee for both the Hawaii State Alternate Assessments and the End-of-Course Exams. Sessions will be held in June and July, and run for two to three days, seven hours a day. For detailed information, log on to http://goo.gl/DBFk9. Eligible applicants accepted to the sessions will also receive a small stipend. Applicants must apply to no later than May 31 via the online application. FMI: Kevin Kuai, American Institute of Research, at 943-3912 or email kkuei@air.org.

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.

24, 25, 27 — Kalaeloa Raceway Park is raising proceeds for the Wounded Warrior Project on Memorial Day weekend. Events include motocross starting at 4:30 p.m. May 24; stock car, hulacross and demolition derby at 4 p.m. May 25; Robert Young Memorial Mud Drags at 7 a.m. May 27. Admission is \$10. Kids 5 and under are admitted free. Active duty and retired military will receive a discount when they show their military ID. A pit pass is \$5. FMI: 782-7432 or krphawaii.com.

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: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/323142 or call 1-800-838-3006.

25 — Parents can get their children a free keiki ID card with photo, courtesy of the Honolulu Police Department, at an event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange children's department. This is a free event to all authorized patrons. No purchase is necessary. FMI: 423-3287.

25 — Children can take a photo with Hello Kitty from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange children's department. FMI: 423-3287.

JUNE

3-14 — A basic skills class to help students prepare for the Armed Forces Classification Test will be held daily from 8:30 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.



OBLIVION (PG-13)

Jack Harper is one of the last few drone repairmen stationed on Earth. Part of a massive operation to extract vital resources after decades of war with a terrifying threat known as the Scavs, Jack's mission is nearly complete. His soaring existence is brought crashing down when he rescues a beautiful stranger from a downed

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 5/24

6:00 Jurassic Park (PG13)

SATURDAY 5/25

2:00 The Croods (PG) 6:00 Oblivion (PG13)

SUNDAY 5/26

2:00 G.I. JOE: Retaliation (PG13)

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.

Hickam Bowling Center reopens with new and improved equipment

Helen Ko

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing

Hickam Bowling Center has reopened with the latest equipment. This includes a new Brunswick Scoring System, the latest pinsetters and flat screen scoring monitors. The renovations approximately \$700,000 and it took two months to complete the project, which finished this month, said Millie Gomes, bowling program director.

"It was time to upgrade to new equipment. Our old equipment was about 40



Photo by MWR Marketing A patron bowls at the renovated Hickam Bowling Center during lunch hour.

years old. Customers can great food for you to eat and now expect to have a great experience with no down time. Machines are faster and the scoring monitors is offering a special promoare user-friendly," said tion through May 31 for mil-Gomes.

much easier to read, thanks bold and bright new graphic include shoe rental in June. above the pins creating a lively atmosphere.

come in and experience the mand groups only, visit new equipment and have greatlifehawaii.com fun with their family and like it on Facebook at friends. The snack bar, Kau www.facebook.com/greatlife Kau Corner, still serves up hawaii.

drink while you bowl," said Gomes.

Hickam Bowling Center itary command groups only Bowling scores will be (a four to eight people limit) to celebrate the reopening to new 36-inch flat screen and equipment upgrades. monitors. Another improve- Patrons can register their ment to the center is the group online and get two upgraded masking unit, the free games per group that

For more information on the June bowling "We want customers to promotion for military com-

MWR Fitness Biggest Loser contest helps turn patrons into winners

Emily McNulty

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Angela Fortenberry, an active-duty master sergeant with the U.S. Air Force, has been chosen as this year's winner of the Hickam Fitness Center third annual Biggest Loser contest. Fortenberry lost 20 percent of her body weight and 13.9 pounds in a four-month peri-

"I wanted a kick in the butt after coming back from Performance and Rehableave and putting on too ilitation Center, which much weight. The competition was a good way to hold myself accountable," said Fortenberry.

"It was hard, especially on the days when I had worked hard and the numbers on the scale didn't show all the work I had put in," Fortenberry added.

Hickam Fitness Center hosted its third Annual Biggest Loser Contest from January to April.

"Each year our numbers the Hickam Fitness Center grow. Our first year we had 65 people, and this year we had 215 people," said BJ Bentley, Hickam Fitness

Center manager. The contest is open to all active-duty, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and dependents. This free event includes dietary counseling, special fitness events and monthly weigh-ins.

According to Bentley, weight and fat loss were measured by Bod Pods located at the Hickam Human worked in conjunction with

on the contest.

The Bod Pod sensors that measure body density by reading how air responds to fat and non-fat tissue. This is called air displacement plethysmography and is the latest, most accurate body composition test next to hydrostatic underwater weighing.

This is one of many programs offered through Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center at Pearl Harbor and Hickam fitness

"We also spice it up for



Photo by MWR Marketing Angela Fortenberry, winner of the Hickam Fitness Center Biggest Loser Contest, poses for before-and-after photos demonstrating her weight loss.

January through April, adding extra activities such beach workouts, spinathons and 5Ks. This brings in patrons to our Biggest Loser competition and to our gyms in general," said Bentley.

"What makes us most happy here at MWR Fitness is that many of our patrons who enter the Biggest Loser competition continue on after it finishes. They make fitness a part of their everyday lifestyle, which is what we strive for. We hope all our patrons can learn to incorporate fitness into their everyday lifestyle," Bentley added.

Honolulu Zoo hosts Military Appreciation Day

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Military service members along with their family members participated in Military Appreciation Day at the Honolulu Zoo May 19.

May is recognized as Hawaii Military Appreciation Month and is observed and celebrated each year to provide an opportunity to publicly express thanks to military service members.

The Honolulu Zoo participates in the tradition by opening the zoo free of charge for military ID cardholders and their families to commemorate Military Appreciation Day. The event also included free food, water, games and performances.

"This is a good time. The whole event here today, it was a no-brainer volunteering," said Aircrew Survival Equipmentman 2nd Class Austin Santa. "Getting everybody out here with free pizza, watermelon and ice cream and all the other opportunities was really awesome."

"Everybody seemed like they're having a good time
there were a lot of smiling faces. It was a great turnout, and definitely worth it," added Santa.

The Honolulu Zoo is a 42acre zoo located in Queen Kapiolani Park and features more than 1,230 animals in specially designed habitats.

According to the Honolulu Zoo website, gram services are provided and support everyone," more than 600,000 people visit the zoo annually. The Society. zoo is administered by the



by the Honolulu Zoo said Air Force 1st Lt.

"I think the military City & County of Honolulu family is important, and and fundraising and pro- it's important to come out

Christopher Bukowski, who volunteered to assist at the event.

"The zoo is opened up

here for military families to come in and get a chance to see what the zoo's about. They have food and face paintings and things like that for the kids."

they are, and help the fam- than happy.'

"We're all one big family lilies out especially. I know - one big unit," added it gets tough on people Bukowski. "Anything I can when their spouses are do to help people feel more deployed. Anything I can comfortable with where do to help out, I'm more

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and women. For information, go to www.thatguy.com.

On Memorial Day, May 27, the Pearl Harbor Commissary will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Hickam Commissary will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Memorial Day.

For more information, call the Pearl Harbor Commisary at 471-8402 ext. 101 or the Hickam Commissary at 449-1363.

Blood drive schedule

Currently scheduled drives include:

•May 30 and 31, June 3, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3rd Radio Battalion, Marine Corps Base Hawaii

•June 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Camp Smith Pollock Theatre, Camp Smith

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



Photo courtesy of Pacific Aviation Museum

The Lockheed F-104 is on long-term loan to Pacific Aviation

High-altitude F-104A Starfighter lands at museum

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

The iconic Lockheed F-No. 56-817, has arrived at altitude, and rate of climb. Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, joining the feet, 9 inches and wingspan museum's expanding collection.

The Starfighter is on long-term loan from Starfighter served in the Museum of Aviation, USAF from 1958 through Robins Air Force Base, 1975, as well as with sever-Warner Robins, Ga. and is all allied air forces around the 43rd aircraft to join the the world, including Japan. museum's collection of historical and unique aircraft. Gen. Chuck Yeager torical and unique aircraft. It was transported by Pasha Hawaii to be displayed in hangar 79.

aircraft has quite the histo- of space at more than ry, and we're pleased to 100,000 feet. give it a new home," said Kenneth DeHoff, museum the museum, call 441-1006 executive director.

into production in 1956 and um.org.

was the first combat aircraft capable of easily sustaining twice the speed of sound. It held simultaneous 104A Starfighter, Serial world records for speed,

> Due to its length of 54 of only 21 feet, 11 inches, it was dubbed the "Missile with a Man in It." The

"right stuff" during a highaltitude, record-breaking ascent in a rocket-assisted "This record-breaking F-104, climbing to the edge

For more information on or visit the website The Starfighter went www.PacificAviationMuse

