

Hawaii Sailors commemorate Battle of Midway

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More than 150 Sailors participated in a wreath-laying ceremony held June 4 on the USS Arizona Memorial to commemorate the 71st anniversary of the Battle of Midway.

The Battle of Midway, considered the turning point of the Pacific during World War II, was fought over a period of three days starting June 4, 1942 when U.S. Navy strike forces prevailed over an Imperial Japanese attack on Midway Atoll.

“The war started with the attack on Pearl Harbor and the sinking of USS Arizona and ended when the surrender documents were signed on the deck of USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay,” said Rear Adm.



Sailors from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam parade the colors during a wreath-laying ceremony held on the USS Arizona Memorial to mark the 71st anniversary of the Battle of Midway.

Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

“To me, Missouri and Arizona are symbols of the triumph that is the American fighting spirit—

the spirit that was able to overcome our heavy losses at Pearl Harbor and then gain victory from superior

forces at the Battle of Midway,” Ponds said.

The event focused on the historical importance of the

Battle of Midway, which occurred nearly six months after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

A relatively small fleet of U.S. forces defended against, and defeated, four carriers of the Japanese navy during the Battle of Midway, which resulted in one of the most significant losses in Japanese naval history.

The keynote speaker for the ceremony was retired Navy Adm. Thomas Fargo, who previously served as commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet during the time the Midway Atoll was designated as the “Battle of Midway National Memorial.”

“The success at the Battle of Midway was an emotional lift and a momentum shift, a morale boost that finally demonstrated that the American forces had what it took to

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647th Air Base Group holds change of command



Col. David Kirkendall (center) assumes command of the 647th Air Base Group, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii on May 31 at the Missing Man Formation on Hickam Field. Col. Johnny Roscoe (left), commander, 15th Wing, presents the guidon. Col. Dann Carlson (right) is the departing 647th ABG commander.

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The 647th Air Base Group (ABG) held a change of command ceremony May 31 at the Missing Man Formation at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

Col. David A. Kirkendall assumed command of the 647th ABG from Col. Dann S. Carlson. He will also replace Carlson as deputy commander of JBPHH.

“Here at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, our two services work together in concert to provide a resilient combat ready force, ready to defend our nation and our allies in the Pacific,” said Col. Johnny Roscoe, Commander, 15th Wing commander, who presided over the ceremony.

“And bridging the gap between the Air Force and Navy are the proud men and women of the 647th Air Base Group,” he said.

Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of JBPHH, thanked Carlson for his support and friendship during his com-

mand. “You’ve earned my deepest respect,” said James. “You’ve truly earned your recognition as a shipmate.”

During his command, Carlson led nearly 900 personnel and six squadrons to provide mission support for base, theater and global air and joint operations. He also served as the deputy commander, JBPHH, where he assisted the joint base commander with managing more than 50 installation support functions that provided support to more than 38,000 personnel and families.

During the ceremony, Carlson was presented with the Legion of Merit for his outstanding service and accomplishments as commander to the 647th ABG.

Carlson thanked the Department of Education, the Pacific Air Forces staff, tenant units, the Hawaii Air National Guard, the 15th Wing and the Airmen and Sailors of JBPHH.

“My command has been about the Airmen and Sailors,” said Carlson. He stated that it was their accomplishments highlighted throughout the week and in the citation he received.

“Some look at me as if I did it. That is certainly not the case. It is you, the men and women of the 647th Air Base Group, who have made these things possible. Your accomplishments are nothing less than incredible. It’s been an honor to be called your commander,” Carlson said.

Carlson is going to the Pentagon for two years for training and then to the embassy in Kenya.

Kirkendall comes to the 647th from Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. where he served as the chief of the combat operations division, 612th Air and Space Operations Center, and was responsible for the execution of air operations throughout the U.S. Southern Command theater.

“I’m just excited to be here,” said Kirkendall. “It’s incredible to be a part of this Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam team.

“We are looking forward to serving alongside, supporting our force and fleet, our war fighters, as we send them out the door to do the mission and of course, taking care of our families, our extended families, and working with our local partners in the community.”

USS Paul Hamilton visits Manila for cultural exchange

Lt. j.g. Weston Floyd

USS Paul Hamilton
(DDG 60) Public Affairs

Forward-deployed USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), homeported at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, arrived in Manila, Republic of the Philippines, for a port visit May 31.

“We are thrilled to be visiting Manila,” said Cmdr. Luke Frost, commanding officer of Paul Hamilton.

“As a ship based in the middle Pacific, we enjoy strong and vital ties to the people of the Philippines that go back generations and generations. Our visit provides today’s Sailors the chance to strengthen their own personal connections,

experience our common history in a real and tangible way, and strengthen this partnership that makes our world more secure and prosperous,” Frost said.

Sailors will be given the opportunity to experience the rich culture of the Philippines with various tours of local historic locations and regional attractions.

Twenty-four Filipino-American Sailors will also be able to spend time with their families and close friends who reside in the Philippines.

“My two older sisters and older brother were both born in Illoco Norte, the birthplace of my parents and my grandparents,” said Ensign

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Sailors man the rails aboard the Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) as the ship arrives in Manila for a port visit and cultural exchange.

New Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific commander announced

Capt. Richard L. Williams Jr. has been selected for promotion to rear admiral and will head Navy Region Hawaii, which oversees the U.S. Navy’s largest and most strategic island base in the Pacific, and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, with 11 forward-operating surface ships. Williams is currently serving as branch head of assessments of the U.S. Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, Va. He will replace Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, who has been commander of the Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific since 2011.



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Sailors of USS Bremerton return to Pearl Harbor

Story and photos by
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Friends and families of the crew from USS Bremerton (SSN 698) gathered at the submarine piers May 30 to welcome back the Los Angeles-class submarine as it returned to Joint

Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after completing a seven-month deployment to the western Pacific region.

“Bremerton completed a very successful deployment to the western Pacific, fully accomplishing all assigned tasking for a variety of missions,” said Cmdr. Caleb Kerr, Bremerton’s commanding officer.

Kerr said the submarine crew performed flawlessly

in the most challenging environments.

“The crew remained motivated during a deployment with a very high operational tempo while performing the most difficult missions,” said Kerr.

During the deployment, 10 Sailors earned their designation as qualified in submarines and now wear their dolphin warfare insignia.

Kerr said despite one-third of the crew being on their first deployment, they performed like they were seasoned veterans.

He added the crew was able to get time off to experience the diverse cultures in Yokosuka and Sasebo, Japan; Subic Bay, Philippines; Guam; and

Chinhae, South Korea. Kerr said liberty provided the opportunity to directly contribute to the enhancement of relationships with key allies.

When the deployment was finally complete, the crew came home to a waiting crowd of smiling families and friends at the pier.

“It was definitely a long wait. We are really excited about getting married on Sunday, so it was very good timing,” said Alexandria Patton, girlfriend of a Bremerton Sailor.

USS Bremerton is named in honor of the city of Bremerton, Wash.



The Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Bremerton (SSN 698) moors to the pier at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam as it returns May 30 from a deployment to the western Pacific region.



Chief Electronics Technician Chris Ghramm gives his wife Rachel the first hug after returning as Cmdr. Caleb Kerr, commanding officer of Bremerton, walks off the brow following the return May 30 of the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Bremerton (SSN 698) to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. It completed a deployment to the western Pacific region.

USS Arizona survivor meets Japanese admiral



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardel Cervacio

Lauren Bruner, a USS Arizona survivor, presents Rear Adm. Fumiuki Kitagawa, JMSDF vice commander, Combined Task Force Commander, Escort Flotilla 3, with a gift during his visit to Hawaii. Bruner, along with five fellow crewmen, manned one of the Arizona’s anti-aircraft gun batteries on the ship’s port side during the attack of Dec. 7, 1941. He was one of the last to leave the ship before it sank to the bottom of Pearl Harbor. Bruner is visiting Hawaii during Battle of Midway commemoration events. Kitagawa helped lead the multinational Rim of the Pacific Exercise in and around Hawaii in 2012.

Adm. Haney in China to meet with PLA officials



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 N. Ross Taylor

Adm. Cecil Haney, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, passes through side boys as he boards the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) Navy frigate Hengyang (FFG 568) for a ship tour. Haney is in Zhanjiang as part of an introductory visit to China to meet with PLA officials to discuss issues of mutual concern and identify areas of further cooperation.

Armed Services YMCA celebrates military families

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Active duty, Reserve and retired service members, along with their families and friends, were honored at a “Celebrating Military Family” event organized by the Armed Services YMCA which was held May 30 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom.

Guests were welcomed to the ceremony by a traditional Hawaiian call to order by Richard Bell who

blew a conch shell.

Master of ceremonies Gen. David Bramlett, U.S. Army (ret.), took the stage and gave welcoming remarks.

“As retired military and almost 35 years of service, I know from personal experience what I put my family through,” said Bramlett. “How much I depend on them, how much their love sustains me, I see that reflected in all these families around me today. So I understand and I’m so proud of them.”

“Nationally, we recognize those in uniform because we see video tapes or we see

films; we see interviews,” Bramlett added. “Our families serve just as much, but they’re unnoticed and unrecognized outside the military community.”

“So when we gather together, we let them know, ‘We care about you, we love you.’ When we get members of our community from the outside, I think they’ve learned a lot about the service and sacrifice of families.”

There were several live performances during the event, including the award-winning and Grammy-nominated singer and songwriter Henry Kapono who performed a song tribute “I’m

Coming Home.” Local performer Joni Alba offered her appreciation for the troops and families with a Hawaiian hula tribute “The Prayer.”

Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, U.S. Representative for Hawaii’s second congressional district and a combat veteran with Hawaii National Guard, was the keynote speaker.

Gabbard greeted and spoke to service members present before taking the stage. She discussed her role as a congresswoman and her mission to bring attention to the needs of service members, veterans

and their families.

“For our family, mom and dad, our friends, our community, the children who are our next generation, the gratitude is endless,” said Gabbard.

“There are a lot of days, unfortunately more days than not, where you are not thanked for your sacrifice, where you’re not thanked for your service. I will do my best to make sure that those days become less rather than more.”

“But regardless, know that there are many people who are standing behind you and standing with you,” Gabbard continued.

“There are people who are standing at the ready to help should you need help, who want to engage and work with you because you represent what is great and beautiful and strong and courageous about our country. And I’m so proud that I have the opportunity to serve you.”



Military service members, retirees and family members attend a Celebrating the Military Family event at Hilton Hawaiian Village. It was organized by the Armed Services YMCA of Honolulu. Armed Services YMCA promotes the welfare, education and development of military families and military children while their parents are deployed.



Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, attended the event.

NAVFAC Hawaii electricity rate increases set for FY14

Conservation efforts are encouraged

Story and photo by
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The electricity rate increase anticipated for FY14 has been set by the Navy and will begin for all Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii customers on Oct. 1. The rate significantly increases from FY13's rate of \$263.47 per MWH to \$587.43 per MWH on the island of Oahu. As required, a surcharge will be added to this rate for non-Department of Defense (DoD) federal and private party customers.

"As we projected, the rate is high for FY14 and conservation is in everyone's best interest," said Capt. Michael Williamson, NAVFAC Hawaii commanding officer.

"We met with customers at a town hall meeting in February to give them a heads up about what we believed was going to be a significant, directed increase to recover losses from previous years. We've heard their objec-

tions and understand their concerns over this significant rate hike. It is just one more reason why we all need to double our efforts to do the right thing by conserving energy," Williamson said.

As a Navy Working Capital Fund activity, NAVFAC Hawaii stabilized billing rates are based on DoD Financial Management Regulations (FMR) and policies. The stabilized billing rate for each commodity is adjusted each year to cover the projected costs of providing services to its customers. The FMR also requires NAVFAC Hawaii to escalate an individual commodity's budget to recover financial losses attributed to that commodity in prior years.

From FY07-FY12, NAVFAC Hawaii customers paid less for electricity than Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) was actually charging the Navy. This is because customers are billed an approved stabilized rate that does not change during the fiscal year — to avoid electricity rate volatility and so customers can plan

their annual budgets accordingly.

However, the stabilized electricity billing rates in the past few years for Hawaii resulted in large losses and, according to DoD financial management policies and regulations, these financial losses have to be recovered through rate increases, just as over-charging must be returned to customers through lowered rates in future years.

To put the NAVFAC Hawaii losses incurred into perspective, the cost of electricity purchased from HECO increased by 68 percent between 2008 and 2012 whereas NAVFAC Hawaii customer electricity billing rates only increased 18 percent. The loss amounts to tens of millions of dollars that are required to be recovered.

"While the official annual stabilized electricity rate has been set at \$587.43 per MWH, which is high because we are recovering prior year losses, we should see rates realign with projected market costs of purchased utilities beginning in

FY15," said Melinda Rollo, NAVFAC Hawaii comptroller.

"This return to alignment with the market will make it easier for our customers to plan for their future utility costs and requirements. We also need to remind our non-DoD federal and private party customers that the required surcharge will be added to this stabilized billing rate," Rollo explained.

Non-DoD federal customers and private party customers are required to reimburse the Navy for overhead not already included in the electricity billing rate. In order to do this, a surcharge is added to the electricity billing rate. NAVFAC Hawaii recognizes this adds to the pain of the rate increase, but it is required to bill accordingly.

"We now know the FY14 rate increase is set, and customers are receiving this information officially via letter/email," said Williamson. "Should anything change, which is unlikely, we will keep our customers informed."

"We have worked at being up



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front with this issue and want to emphasize that everyone has the ability to ease the impact of the increase by working with their personnel in conserving energy and reducing consumption as much as possible. There are many ways each person can conserve, and we are available to assist in education along these lines."

Pacific Fleet commander connects history with today in remembering Battle of Midway

U.S. Pacific Fleet
Public Affairs

Although 71 years have passed since the Battle of Midway, the tactical genius and heroism displayed then still inspires the Navy today, U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander Adm. Cecil Haney said in a June 4 message to the fleet.

Regarded as the turning point in the Pacific during WWII, the Battle of Midway took place June 4-7, 1942.

"It is important that we pause routinely to reflect on our collective heritage and history," Haney said. "This week is a signature opportunity as we remember the Battle of Midway."

U.S. Navy carrier strike forces, augmented by shore-based bombers and torpedo planes, scored a decisive victory during the battle that marks an important milestone for the Pacific

Fleet, our Navy and our nation.

"Midway still inspires us today. The battle clearly validated the value of innovative technology and the employment of combat assets to take advantage of critical intelligence gathering," Haney said.

"It also demonstrated the courage of our Sailors and Marines that defines our Navy and provides a model to us all."

The message went on to laud Navy civilians of that critical period as Pearl Harbor shipyard workers "accomplished the near impossible task" of restoring the heavily damaged carrier USS Yorktown prior to the battle.

"Our proud history has always shown that people continue to be the key to the Navy's success," Haney said. "As we honor those warriors of the past, I also salute our Sailors and

civilians of today who keep our Navy strong and operating forward in the vital Indo-Asia-Pacific region."

Throughout Pacific Fleet and the Navy, commands are recognizing the anniversary of the Battle of Midway this week with commemorative ceremonies designed to instill an appreciation of Navy heritage and link generations of Sailors and civilians with history.

"Let us all pledge to keep the memories alive of those who made victory at Midway possible and serve in a manner and in the spirit that would make them proud," Haney concluded in his message.

For more on the Battle of Midway, visit the Battle of Midway page on the Naval History and Heritage Command's website: www.history.navy.mil

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"What do you think are the lessons we learned from World War II?"

1st Lt. Gavin Walter
535th Airlift Squadron

"The collective strength of good people will overcome evil."



Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Lawrence Taylor
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



"The biggest thing we learned was never to drop our guard down." (referring to the attack of Dec 7, 1941)

Master Sgt. John Kim
109th Air Operations Group
Hawaii Air National Guard

"It's sad to say that though it was many years ago, it appears that we haven't truly learned much as we are still fighting wars. As diverse as this world is, it's sad to say that we may never truly be at peace. It's okay though, as I and my fellow Airmen serve this country proudly and distinctively in the world's strongest and greatest Air Force, keeping peace one conflict at a time."



Gas Turbine Systems (Mechanical) Fireman Seth Gerber
USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)



"We learned to always be alert. Think three moves ahead of the enemies so we don't get a surprise attack without knowing what's going on."

Lt. Col. Ann Biggers
HQ PACAF

"I am just grateful for those who stepped up like the late Senator Inouye who showed it is not the color of your skin that proves you love this country but the willingness to support and defend it, even in the face of bitter adversity."



Machinist's Mate Fireman Alexander Pierce
Transient Personnel Unit (TPU)



"Personally, I believe that when it comes to war, it does not solve anything. It just creates more problems. If anything, we should try not to have more wars and create more peace with other countries."

Provided by MC2 Nardel Gervacio,
David D. Underwood Jr.

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Pensacola assists Yorktown



Official U.S. Navy photograph

This is a view looking astern on USS Pensacola (CA-24) as the ship steams to the aid of USS Yorktown (CV-5) during the early afternoon of June 4, 1942 in the World War II Battle of Midway. Ships following are probably USS Benham (DD-397), at left, and USS Vincennes (CA-44). The wake at far right is probably that of USS Balch (DD-363). These four ships were detached from Task Force 16 to augment the screen of the nearby Task Force 17 after Yorktown was hit and temporarily stopped by Imperial Japanese dive bombers.



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USS Chung-Hoon remembers Battle of Midway

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USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) Public Affairs

The Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) honored the memory of fallen service members from the Battle of Midway with a ceremony June 4.

One of the most influential battles in American history, the Battle of Midway is known to be the turning point of World War II in the Pacific theater. It was fought in the vicinity of Midway Island from June 4-7, 1942.

Cmdr. Justin Orlich, Chung-Hoon commanding officer, provided a brief history to the crew regarding the significance of the battle.

“What makes our nation so great is the willingness of its citizens to put aside the comforts of home and travel great distances to defend freedom and democracy

around the world, including remote, faraway places such as Midway Island,” said Orlich.

“Your willingness to serve our country today is what will continue to ensure our nation remains strong for the next generation,” he said.

The ceremony included the parade of colors and national anthem. The firing of a 21-gun salute by the ship’s crew concluded the ceremony in remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

“I think it’s really important to remember the people who gave their lives for our country,” said Fire Controlman 2nd Class Jesse Boles. “It’s always moving when they fire a salute and play Taps.”

Chung-Hoon is currently deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations, supporting security and stability of the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.



US Navy photo by PS3 Domicia Humphries

Fire Controlman 2nd Class Brady DeGroot leads the USS Chung-Hoon Honor Guard detail after a 21 gun salute honoring those who fought and died at the Battle of Midway. The Arleigh Burke-class destroyer is deployed to the Indo-Asia-Pacific to promote peace and stability.

‘Midway Magic,’ Legacy of Battle of Midway

Review by Bill Doughty

Forty years ago on Oct. 5, 1973, USS Midway (CV 41), named for the Battle of Midway, pulled into its new forward-deployed port: Yokosuka, Japan.

Built in Newport News, Va. and commissioned just after Imperial Japan’s surrender in 1945 in Tokyo Bay, near Yokosuka, USS Midway would become America’s longest serving aircraft carrier in the 20th century, deployed near the Arctic and

in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans. Midway projected power and presence in a variety of conflicts throughout the Cold War, Korean War, Vietnam War and beyond, including in Operation Desert Storm.

Scott McGaugh’s “Midway Magic: An Oral History of America’s Legendary Aircraft Carrier” is a tribute to the continually deploying, hard-working carrier. “Midway became known as one of the best operating carriers in the Navy in the 1970s and

80s,” he writes.

The author recognizes by name many of the COs and deckplate Sailors who served aboard Midway over the decades. He lauds Sailors and civilians, including Japanese civilian workers who worked on the ship, including in drydock in Yokosuka.

“Each time Midway put in at the Yokosuka ship repair facility, Japanese shipyard workers overhauled a designated portion of the carrier. Every few months, part of Midway was enhanced, repaired or replaced. Other carriers went into the yard periodically for two-year overhauls.

Midway was usually in port for no more than a month. Hundreds of Japanese ship workers descended on Midway upon arrival in Yokosuka. The honesty and dedication of Japanese welders, electricians, pipe fitters, and plumbers working on Midway became legendary,” he said in his book.

In 1942 it was American civilian shipyard workers in Pearl Harbor who repaired, refitted and rearmed the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown (CV-5) to play a key role in helping the Navy win the Battle of Midway.

If the Battle of Midway represented a turnaround in the War in the Pacific, 30 years later the arrival of the USS Midway in Japan marked a solidarity of partnership as allies, with the U.S. Navy and Japan Self-Defense Force as the best of friends.

It was the first time for a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier to be assigned to the forward-deployed naval forces stationed in Japan. While there were decidedly mixed feelings by the people of Japan, demonstrations against the carri-

er were mostly because of opposition to the war in Vietnam.

Midway’s arrival in October 1973 occurred just 36 weeks after the Paris Peace Accords were signed to end the war. Coincidentally, that month saw the beginning of the world embargo of oil by Arab members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) during the Arab-Israeli War. World War II in the Pacific began in 1941, in large part, because of an embargo against Japan because of that country’s expansion into other Asian countries for oil and other resources.

The Battle of Midway, 71 years ago this week, was a historic milestone against fascism and for freedom. It was a watershed moment for aviation, too, proving the era of battleships was ending and the time of naval aviation and aircraft carriers had begun. The Battle of Midway showed the spirit of a bonded and enervated force, dedicated to working together using new technology and exploring innovative new tactics to achieve victory for the common good.

McGaugh’s “Midway Magic” begins with an introduction by a naval (and Air Force exchange program) aviator who served aboard USS Midway after his commissioning from the U.S. Naval Academy—astronaut Wally Shirra. “I was one of the fresh-faced kids aboard Midway in 1950, a hot-shot aviator at the dawn of the jet age.” Shirra writes:

“For men and nations alike, Midway did more than influence our world. Midway dictated the course of world events, sometimes by her mere presence as a beat cop stepping into the middle of a heated dispute, at other times as

the fireman rushing into harm’s way to save lives. For me and thousands of other young men over the expanse of nearly 50 years, Midway Magic showed each of us our backbone, inspired us to never cut our dreams to fit, and taught us values and ideals that served as guideposts for rest of our lives. And in the hearts and souls of the men who served aboard her, the magic continues to this day.”

McGaugh describes with emotion the decommissioning ceremony of USS Midway 21 years ago, attended by, among others, aviators Adm. Riley Mixson, Mugs McKeown, Dick Parker and George Gay. It was one of the last public appearances by Gay, the famed survivor of the Battle of Midway who was also present at the ship’s commissioning.

USS Midway was remembered for its role in war and peace, including in humanitarian missions such as its final mission in 1991 after the Mt. Pinatubo volcanic eruption in the Philippines. Along with USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), Midway provided emergency evacuation of 15,000 military and civilian personnel from Clark Air Base and Subic Naval Base.

The decommissioning wasn’t the end of the “Magic.”

Ten years ago, Aug. 29, 2003, the ship was awarded to the San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum nonprofit. It was towed from Bremerton to Oakland to San Diego and opened as a museum in 2004.

Today, USS Midway Museum sits proudly at Navy Pier, off Harbor Drive, part of downtown San Diego.

Doughty reviews books on his “Navy Reads” blog, navyreads.blogspot.com

“Midway Magic’s” appendix includes a work of poetry from the ship’s 1989-1990 cruise book. Here’s an excerpt:

*For more than forty-five years
Midway has steamed,
Returning to safe harbor -
Mission following mission.*

*Amid the pulsation of four shafts
And the throb of jets at military power,
The true beat of her heart
Depends on the courageous -*

*Those who tread the decks,
Populate the compartments,
Operate the machinery,
Serve in Harmony.*

*Remember the faithful
Whose final service
Was given in full measure
On this Gray Lady...*

Pearl Harbor-Hickam*Highlights*

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Tim D. Godbee/Released
Capt. Wallace Lovely, Pacific Partnership 2013 mission commander, and Royal New Zealand Air Force Group Capt. Darryn Webb, Pacific Partnership 2013 deputy mission commander, shave coconuts during a Pacific Partnership 2013 community relations project.



U.S. Navy photo by Cmdr. Tim Poe
Submariners from the Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS Santa Fe (SSN 763) shine the plaque on a monument dedicated to the light cruiser USS Santa Fe (CL-60) during a visit May 23 to their submarine's namesake city, Santa Fe, N.M. Sponsored by the New Mexico Council of the Navy League of the United States, Santa Fe crew members learned more about their namesake community through outreach activities that included a service day, meetings with community leaders, participation in a special feast day at the San Ildefonso Pueblo, and a Memorial Day event at the Santa Fe National Cemetery.



U.S. Navy photo by FC3 Andrew Albin
Capt. Patrick Kelly, commanding officer of the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65), addresses the crew after an award ceremony. Chosin is operating in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility conducting exercises, port visits and operations to enhance maritime partnerships and promote peace and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.



Photo by Meg Petrone
Master Sgt. David Nolen prepares a task planning slide at the Joint Base Emergency Operations Center during TCCOR II of HURREX. Navy Region Hawaii, JBPHH and PMRF conducted HURREX from May 29-June 7.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Class Tiarra Fulgham
Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, (right), commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, participates in a wreath-laying ceremony on the USS Arizona Memorial to mark the 71st anniversary of the Battle of Midway. More than 150 Sailors from various commands at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam also participated.

Battle of Midway: Marks the end of the beginning

Story by **Jim Neuman**

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In November of 1942, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, following the German army's defeat at El Alamein, reported to the House of Commons that "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

The year 1942 would prove to be a watershed year for the Allied forces fighting desperately to turn the tide against their Axis enemies.

For the United States, early May of 1942 looked anything but hopeful. In the Pacific theater, the Japanese Empire now extended through the conquered regions of southeast Asia, New Guinea and vast stretches of the central Pacific. Nowhere was the seeming invincibility of the naval and military forces of Imperial Japan more evident than in the Philippines.

On May 6, at what many would view as the nadir of America's initial defeat



U.S. Navy Photograph, U.S. National Archives Collection.

Japanese attack on Sand Island, which housed most of Midway's facilities, also saw extensive damage including the base hospital and power station. Although seriously wounded, Midway's defenders were still potent shooting down 15 of the attackers. The Japanese air commander sent back word that a second raid was indicated.

in the Pacific War, Gen. Corregidor, and Japanese Wainwright was forced to surrender the remaining Pacific seemed secured. But American forces held up on almost imperceptibly, the

tide would begin to turn the very next day.

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor had left the U.S. Pacific Fleet crippled, but not defeated, and the United States had no intention of simply "waiting it out" until overwhelming forces could be mustered for a counter-attack.

Three thousand miles south of Corregidor lay the Coral Sea. On May 7, aircraft from the USS Lexington and USS Yorktown destroyed the Japanese carrier Shoho, thwarting the planned invasion of Port Moresby. Had the invasion been successful, Japanese aircraft from that location would have threatened the eastern coast of Australia and more importantly, the Japanese navy would have been primed for further conquest to the south. America's limited naval forces had been used with maximum results. But the best was yet to come.

What America lacked in military assets, she made up for in crack communications intelligence and level-headed leadership. As early as May

15, Adm. Nimitz received intelligence from Station Hypo at Pearl Harbor that the Japanese intended to occupy Midway atoll, located 1,300 miles northwest of Oahu. Once again the commander of the Pacific Fleet made a bold and aggressive move. He knew where and when the Japanese would arrive. With supreme confidence in the skill of his Sailors and a little luck, he could ambush the strike force and turn the tables on the enemy.

On June 4, 1942, the hammer fell on the Japanese navy. Dive bombers from the carriers Yorktown and Enterprise destroyed Japan's frontline carriers Hiryu, Soryu, Akagi and Kaga. All four had participated in the attack on Pearl Harbor just six months before, and all four now lay at the bottom of the Pacific. The Battle of Midway had been a decisive American victory.

As a result of the battle, the United States had crippled Japan's ability to launch further large-scale mobile strikes against Allied forces.

Though it would be another

year before the United States' industrial capacity began to fill the world's battlefields with the wherewithal to crush the Axis' ability to resist, America's aggressive actions in May and June of 1942 halted any significant Japanese advances and bought precious time for the marshalling of the forces that would eventually roll back the enemy.

America's military leadership understood very well that the Japanese Empire was nowhere near defeat. Many years of hard struggle lay ahead if the tough and determined Japanese soldiers were going to be pried away from their strongholds in New Guinea, the Philippines, the Dutch East Indies and the numerous islands and atolls in the central Pacific.

But the string of humiliating and costly defeats that marked the beginning of World War II had surely come to an end. America's victory at Midway was the first irreversible Axis defeat of the war and the beginning of the end for the empire of Japan.

Battle of Midway 71st anniversary commemoration held at USS Midway Museum

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Active duty, retired service members and civilians observed the heroism of World War II veterans at the 71st anniversary Battle of Midway commemoration held June 1 aboard the USS Midway Museum.

The Battle of Midway took place June 4-7, 1942 when U.S. Navy carrier strike forces prevented the Japanese from capturing control of Midway Island in the Pacific. The victory

proved to be a pivotal point of World War II and is an important marker in naval heritage.

"History has shown that the Battle of Midway was absolutely the turning point in the war in the Pacific and probably the entire war of World War II," said Vice Adm. Thomas H. Copeman III, commander of Naval Surface Forces and Pacific Fleet Naval Surface Forces. "It was the end of the Japanese offensive six months into the war."

During the ceremony, 13 surviving veterans, along with families and friends of those who

gave the ultimate sacrifice during the Battle of Midway, were honored for their extraordinary service 71 years ago by current military personnel and civilians.

"The event is to honor the veterans of Midway," said Copeman. "It's to make sure that the memory of the Battle of Midway and the heritage of what it stands for is not lost upon the younger generation of Sailors."

The commemoration included a special video presentation that was voiced by World War II veterans involved in the historic battle.

"The video gives us

an idea where our veterans are coming from," said Damage Controlman 1st Class Mike Minotti. "We got to see the veterans perspective of what happened, and it ties us closer to our heritage."

The observance also included several speakers. Ret. U.S. Marine Corps officer Lt. Col. Jerry Coleman, who also served during World War II, gave the keynote speech.

"If every Sailor gets a chance to interact with these veterans, they need to," said Minotti. "It instills a sense of pride and makes the Sailor proud."



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Bradley J. Gee

Guest speaker, retired USMC Lt. Col. Jerry Coleman, gives a speech at the 71st Anniversary Battle of Midway commemoration ceremony.

Sailors and Airmen help care for Native Hawaiian burial vault

**Story and photo by
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The Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG), Navy and Air Force assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam teamed up June 2 to provide much needed ground maintenance around Halealoha Haleamau, a Native Hawaiian burial vault on the Hickam side of the base June 2.

The burial vault, located in the unoccupied Fort Kamehameha housing area near the entrance of the Pearl Harbor channel, is a replica of a traditional Hawaiian burial platform and serves as a permanent repository for Native Hawaiian burials recovered on the base since 1997.

"The Native Hawaiian burial vault contains 98 sets of human remains recovered on the base," said Jeff Pantaleo, archaeologist at the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii.

"All the burials we had on base, which was 92 at the time, most of them came when they were doing the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant, [They] were put in the burial vault in one of the compartments, and last November we had six more burials – five from

Blaisdell Park that were washed up during the tsunami and one burial from F22 (hangar), found during the construction," Pantaleo said.

More than 20 volunteers from various commands spent the day weed whacking, trimming hedges and mowing lawns surrounding the burial vault.

"What we do is come out here quarterly to maintain and care for their vault. It's an agreement that we have with the Native Hawaiians and the DoD," said Pantaleo. "It takes about an hour to do, (it took me about two days when I did it by myself), so I really appreciate this help today."

"Today, along with the chief/first sergeant counsel, our outreach mission is to provide help in cleaning up this historic place," said Master Sgt. Jeffrey Romualdo, first sergeant assigned to 154th Medical Group at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"As a first sergeant, we take care of our Airmen. Along with that we also take care of the surroundings on base, making sure it stays clean," Romualdo said.

Many people who showed up for the cleanup had not been aware such a place existed.

"I've been to Fort Kamehameha (housing) before. This part of the area was so overgrown that I didn't

even realize that there was anything here," said Staff Sgt. Kevin Logan, assigned to a maintenance squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. "I heard from my first sergeant that they were cleaning it up, so I decided to come out and show my support."

Like Logan, Chief Master Sgt. Dominador Molina, assigned to 154th Maintenance Squadron, who conducts his fitness activity along with other Airmen, was not aware the burial vault was there within 50 yards of the field.

"I received an invite from the chief's group and since I'm the new guy on the block I figure I'll come out and join the chiefs and take care of something that is very important to the Hawaiian culture," Molina said.

Pantaleo and Jessie Higa, member of the Hickam History Club were pleased by the number of participants and the results of their efforts. "The turnout was excellent. To know we had many volunteers coming here from the Navy, Air National Guard and Army National Guard is very influential, to see how we can take our history and encourage others to want to learn, participate and volunteer," said Higa.

"Through the volunteer help, they learn a little about our base, and I think that is key and essen-

tial in promoting our history," Higa said.

Higa added, "This turnout was the largest I think we ever had which was nice. It didn't cost the military anything, but what we gain through that was new friendships and people now have aware-

ness about this burial site that is here on our base."

"This place is historic. It's something that's going to be here for generations to come, so we definitely want to help maintain this area so the next generation can enjoy this site as well," said Romualdo.



Volunteers assigned to various commands at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam clean around a Native Hawaiian burial vault. The vault is located in the unoccupied Fort Kamehameha housing area near the entrance of the Pearl Harbor channel.

Adm. Fargo discusses ‘the formidable will’ at Midway

(Editor’s note: Adm. Thomas Fargo (Ret.), former U.S. Pacific commander and U.S. Pacific Fleet commander, presented the keynote speech June 4 for the Battle of Midway commemoration aboard USS Arizona Memorial and within view of the Battleship Missouri Memorial in Pearl Harbor. An excerpt of Fargo’s speech is reprinted here, with permission. For a full text of the speech, please go to Navy Region Hawaii’s Facebook page. Related story is on page A-1.)

Adm. Thomas B. Fargo (Navy ret.)

Adm. Ponds told me my charge today was to provide a sense of the history of the Battle of Midway, why we celebrate it and how it connects to our future. So it is a great pleasure to join you this afternoon to honor the 71st anniversary of the Battle of Midway and to be here to celebrate the history of our nation and our Navy on a memorial that is so

indelibly linked to both.

As Adm. Ponds pointed out, here in Pearl Harbor, the Arizona Memorial and the Battleship Missouri form a monument to the beginning and end of the war in the Pacific. The war started with the attack on Pearl Harbor and the sinking of the Arizona ... and it ended when the surrender documents were signed on the deck of that great warship in Tokyo Wan. But these two great ships symbolize more than just the historical bookends of the war ... more than just the beginning and the end.

To me, Missouri and Arizona are symbols of the triumph that is the American fighting spirit, the spirit that was able to overcome our heavy losses at Pearl Harbor and then gain victory from superior forces at the Battle of Midway. It is the same spirit that raised six of our eight wounded battleships off the bottom here in this harbor, repaired them and put them back in service. [It is] the spirit that sent

dozens of submarines and their crews – on over a thousand patrols, despite almost unnerving danger - action that cost the loss of 52 valiant boats.

[It is] the spirit that had intelligence officers and cryptanalysts poring over intercepts hour after hour, day after day, trying to discern the enemy’s intent, the spirit that sent our aviators aloft at Midway, uncertain of the enemy’s position, knowing only that it was either destroy the enemy, or perhaps, not have a ship to return to at the end of their mission.

This spirit is the reason we honor two events from our past throughout the Navy every year – Midway and the Navy’s birthday. Because the real spirit of our past springs from our people. President Ronald Reagan liked to call it “the formidable will and moral courage of free men.”

I like that: “the formidable will and moral courage of free men.”

It has always been our most precious weapon-World War

II, the Cold War, Iraq and Afghanistan—you name it, and it always will be.

That is the legacy of our World War II veterans, and it is what inspires our commanders and crews today. And like I said, it’s embodied here at Pearl Harbor: the symbol that no obstacle is too great to overcome, that freedom will always reign over tyranny, that nothing can defeat the American fighting spirit. It gives me great comfort for the future of our fleet.

As you know well, the Battle of Midway marked the end of Japan’s naval superiority over America. From that point in history on, our production of ships and aircraft, combined with training of personnel, especially pilots, so rapidly outpaced the Japanese that they never regained their advantage of early 1942.

In war, few things are clear, but at Midway there is a shining truth. Despite inferior airplanes, inferior numbers, an already damaged Yorktown, our spirit triumphed. Our intelligence essential, our planning

aggressive, our execution courageous—never has victory been better deserved or more distinctly perceived than in this battle.

The legacy of our Midway veterans is embodied in the men and women who serve in our armed forces today. That spirit. It’s what gives me great comfort – because your indomitable past is our future.

Your challenge, although different, is no less daunting. Since 9-11, many of you have spent more time deployed and in combat zones than even our World War II generation. The complexity of war and the make-up of the enemy require judgments to be made both instantaneous and at especially low levels of the chain of command.

While 70 years ago the folks at [Station] Hypo and the Pacific Fleet headquarters dealt with codes and cyphers, you’re content with a cyber environment that permits ubiquitous attacks and demands a level of offensive and defensive dexterity second to none in our history. Make no mistake. This

generation, your generation, is equal to any task we put before you. Just walk upon the flight deck of an aircraft carrier that is launching and recovering high performance jets every 40 seconds ... or stand on the pitching foc’s’cle of an Aegis cruiser or destroyer preparing to launch its missiles ... or step into the darkened control room of a submarine as it prepares to submerge on patrol, or spend a day with a provisional reconstruction team in Afghanistan.

To see you in action is to appreciate your talent and motivation.

You have been tested in the same way that your grandparents were. You give us every reason to have hope and confidence for the future.

So to all of you with us here today, we salute you for your service, your sacrifice and your spirit. The “formidable will and moral courage of free men and women” – that’s your legacy. Today’s Navy carries that legacy with great pride every day.



U.S. Navy photograph, U.S. National Archives Collection
Scene on board USS Yorktown (CV-5), shortly after she was hit by three Japanese bombs on June 4, 1942. Dense smoke is from fires in her uptakes, caused by a bomb that punctured them and knocked out her boilers.



Official U.S. Navy photograph, now in the collections of the National Archives
Torpedoing of USS Hammann (DD-412) and USS Yorktown (CV-5) by Japanese submarine I-168, during the afternoon of June 6, 1942.



Official U.S. Navy photograph, now in the collections of the National Archives
USS Hammann (DD-412) sinking with stern high, after being torpedeed by Japanese submarine I-168 in the afternoon of June 6, 1942.

Navy and Defense Logistics Agency in Hawaii assist Air Force with tool room



U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley

Personnel from the Air Force's 735th Air Mobility Squadron work at desks created from recycled materials obtained from the Navy Region Hawaii Recycling Center. The tool chest drawers and sheet metal tops cost them nothing but time to construct and provide a much needed working space.

Hickam holds inactivation ceremony for 15th MOS



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

Col. Michael J. Novotny (left), 15th Maintenance Group commander, and Maj. Mark A. Rardin, 15th Maintenance Operations Squadron (MOS) commander, case the 15th MOS guidon during an inactivation ceremony May 23 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Story by Sila Manahane

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Navy Region Hawaii Recycling Center assisted the Air Force's 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735th AMS), a group under Air Mobility Command, by providing recycled materials to create a new tool room. During a time of limited dollars, it helped them meet a short two-month deadline in mid-May.

"There has been a concerted effort between the Navy, Defense Logistics Agency and Air Force members to build a new tool space during this difficult time of sequestration," said Tech. Sgt. William Church, 735th AMS non-commissioned officer in charge of consolidated tool kit.

"We are very lucky to be able to collect various industrial resources, turned in as excess or scrap, from different sources, thereby consistently meeting the goals of our mission," Church said.

The project to create a tool room was initiated in mid-March shortly after the squadron received notice to move from a joint consolidated tool room with the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (AMXS). The cost for this effort was estimated at approximately \$200,000.

Knowing the squadron did not have these funds available, its members used a little ingenuity and creativity to make it happen. They built a tool room from existing features in their hangar and transferred more than 14,000 items from the joint consolidated tool room to the new one, painstakingly engraving each item with their unit I.D. number.

They then looked for additional materials from the Navy Region Hawaii Recycling Center and Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Disposition Services at Kalaeloa. The Navy was able to provide sheet metal and tool chests with drawers that were built into new work stations for tool room personnel, as well as re-purpose some of the steel for flight line and aircraft use.

"When we heard about the project, we recognized they really needed our help," said Fran Pena, Navy Region Hawaii Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii supervisory environmental protection specialist.

"Although metals are a vital source of income for our recycling program, providing funding to pay for our employees, we were happy to donate some sheet metal and steel approximately valued at \$40,000 to the Air Force for their project," Pena said.

From DLA, the squadron

retrieved various industrial items, crates of tools, and some test equipment that ranged from brand-new to well-used, but salvageable. In addition, they also provided five surplus Marine Corps metal CONEX containers to aid the unit in meeting the team's objective to conserve funds in every way possible. In all, DLA supplied them with approximately \$157,000 of materials.

Through the diligent efforts of many members of the squadron team, they successfully minimized the monetary impact of their move and only spent approximately \$3,000 of government funds toward essential equipment such as batteries for radios and label printers that could not be found in surplus or recycling organizations.

"The 735th Air Mobility Squadron encountered a number of challenges in the process of developing a mission plan for this project," said Church.

"We relocated our entire operation without compromising our mission on the flight line."

The tool room was completed on time and ribbon-cutting ceremony was held May 15.

"Every piece has been vital," said Church.

"Without the recycled or surplus materials, I wouldn't be able to do what I am doing right now. We have kept the cost of the entire move significantly low."

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Shipyards closer to full capability support for Virginia photonics masts

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Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyards recently completed a phase II validation for photonics mast repair, moving one step closer to becoming fully qualified as the only U.S. Navy facility capable of Virginia-class (VACL) photonics intermediate level maintenance work. The shipyard expects to reach full capability by summer 2014.

Photonics masts serve as the “periscope” on VACL submarines. Unlike the legacy periscope that has been used for more than 75 years, photonics masts are non-hull penetrating and use a set of electronic cameras for a submarine crew to view the surface from beneath the ocean.

Once the shipyard’s photonics lab is certified by the in-service engineering agent (ISEA) on performance and facilities, it will “get the green light” to test, isolate and repair photonics mast problems down to the lowest repairable unit.

Then, when a bad component is identified, the piece will be swapped out and sent to a mainland repair facility and a replacement will be sent back to the lab.

The current process to repair photonics masts is to send the entire mast to the mainland facility and a replacement mast to be sent to the lab.

“It’s much easier for us and the mainland repair facility to ship a single component than a whole mast,” said Chad Fukumoto, code 290 non-propulsion electronic systems branch head. The ability to trou-



(Left to right): Peter Reimers, code 950 optical instrument repairer, and Jeffrey Uehara, code 950 work leader, prepare a Virginia-class submarine photonics mast’s outer head to remove the optical bench during a phase II photonics validation.

MFSC Wahiawa Annex location is now open

Story by Helen Ko

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale,
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More than 150 patrons attended the grand re-opening May 23 of the Military and Family Support Center (MFSC), Wahiawa Annex at their new location, building 392, located across from the track field.

The event started with the traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony with Capt. Douglas Holderman. Kapu Kamake

Kanahele offering the Hawaiian blessing.

“The grand re-opening was a great success, and we are glad to have this location open to help serve and support our military families,” said Anya Moore.

There was live entertainment by the PACAF Jazz Trio. Patrons were able to take a tour of the facility as well as visit information and vendor booths.

MFSC Wahiawa Annex hours are from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 474-1999.



U.S. Navy photos by Calvin Vaughn

A patron visit vendor and information booths during the grand re-opening of MFSC Wahiawa Annex.

bleshoot VACL masts at the shipyard is a time and money saver for the Navy. Shipping the entire mast to the mainland is not only costly, but it is also becoming more difficult for the manufacturer, who has a decreasing supply of spare masts due to the growing number of ships using photonics.

The Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) and Naval Sea Systems Command, working closely with the manufacturer/repair facility, decided that Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyards would become the second photonics mast repair location and the only U.S. Navy facility that would support photonics mast maintenance.

“They chose our shipyard because we’re already doing the exact same thing with

periscopes (the legacy scope on Los Angeles-class submarines), and our location puts us where we can service the entire Pacific Fleet, which is our area of responsibility,” said Fukumoto.

A massive upgrade was needed for the shipyard to support photonics mast maintenance. More than \$3 million was applied toward upgrading building 683 and training shipyarders to perform the work.

“Right now, we have five people trained in-shop. For the full stand-up, we’ll have five technicians” said Jeffrey Uehara, code 950 work leader.

“We underwent a month of classroom training and another separate week at the mainland repair facility, plus we’ve had four different masts to work on in

order to maintain our famil-

arity and craftsmanship,” Uehara explained.

Once the shipyard reaches full capability next year, the plan is for the photonics lab to obtain and store spare mast parts so that these trained shipyarders can perform all required maintenance, saving the Navy both time and money.

“What NUWC wants to eventually do is put spare parts here, the common items, so that we can just take it, put it back on the mast, get the mast back out,” said Uehara. “We don’t have to give them a spare mast; we can actually use the mast that was taken off the boat.”

“This capability will save time, which means getting the ships out on schedule and keeping them out at sea to continue their deployments,” said Fukumoto.

Advanced metering infrastructure project at JBPHH is nearly complete

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The advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) project at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) is currently 70 percent complete.

“JBPHH has only a few buildings left that will receive new wireless electricity meters,” said Lt. j.g. Robert Noble, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii construction manager.

He said that the recently upgraded water meters on Hickam will be incorporated into the design at a cost savings to the taxpayer.

The Navy on Oahu determined that all facilities

using \$25,000 worth of electrical power annually, or 10,000 kWh monthly, would be metered. All facilities that use \$50,000 worth of water annually, or 1,500 Kgals monthly, for irrigation or 550 Kgals of domestic water monthly would be metered to meet the various energy goals and mandates from the federal government.

NAVFAC Hawaii awarded a design build contract to Weston Solutions Inc. for \$10,191,053 to install AMI on Oahu.

“Testing and calibration continues at JBPHH. Site inspections and post-installation survey visits are taking place on Camp Smith, Wahiawa Annex and Luualalei/West Loch,” said Noble. “These last locations represent the final phase of

the project.”

Once all AMI equipment, meters and communications network are in place, then testing, training and acceptance of the system will occur. When operational, energy consumption and water usage data will be available as often as every 15 minutes. Energy managers and customers will have up-to-date information available to help them meet their energy and water consumption goals.

“Local commands and building tenants have been very supportive in the execution of this contract,” said Noble. “Faced with power outages to their buildings in support of installing these advanced electric meters, creative scheduling has been used to lessen the impact to the customers’ missions.”



U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley

Weston Solutions (contractor) is installing a special data logging module to a water meter. It is similar to others placed throughout Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to collect water usage data. The device is encased in a weatherproof housing and contains a long-life lithium battery. They can be read by a handheld computer which is connected to another device with drive-by capabilities for data collection.

Hawaii Sailors commemorate Battle of Midway on Arizona Memorial

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indisputably win the war in the Pacific,” said Fargo. “The legacy of our Midway veterans is embodied in the men and women who serve in our armed forces today.”

Chief Logistics Specialist Ebony Pinnock marked the conclusion of the ceremony by explaining the significance of the traditional wreath laying.

“This wreath, and the wreaths being presented around the world, is in honor of our Midway veterans,” said Pinnock.

“We took a moment to remember and honor the spirit of the Midway victory in our Navy and our nation. We pause to honor all those who have served and continued to serve with honor, courage and commitment.”

For some of the attending Sailors, this was their first experience aboard the USS Arizona Memorial.

“I felt invigorated. I was trying not to cry,” said Seaman Colton Yount, assigned to USS Reuben James (FFG 57).

“This was my first time

being a part of a ceremony like that. To actually be there and to witness something like that, it actually made me feel kind of proud to be a part of the Navy and this country and know I’m also playing a role in defending my country just like the people at the Battle of Midway,” Yount said.

Ponds called the Battle of Midway “a pivotal maritime battle for our nation’s freedom during World War II (that) established our Navy’s maritime primacy and introduced our nation as a world superpower.”

USS Paul Hamilton visits Manila for cultural exchange

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Mark Villa, one of the ship’s engineering officers.

“I have been back for family reunions twice before, and I will always remember the incredibly closely knit small towns, the strong families and strong bonds. Everyone grows up together and knows each other. There is such a strong sense of community,” he said.

“I was born and raised in Zambales until I was 14,” said Hospital Corpsman Eulogio Gutierrez. “My father still lives in Bulacan, but I haven’t been back since 2007. I’m excited to see my family and to taste the diniguan and enjoy the desserts. To me the Philippines is all about family.”

In addition to enjoying the beauty and activities that attract tourists to Manila, Paul Hamilton Sailors also volunteered at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial.

This afforded an opportunity to celebrate the shared sacrifices of a longstanding partnership and alliance, develop and enhance friendships with historic partners, and help preserve this legacy for future generations.

Operations Specialist Ralph Kevin Camabaliza was born and raised in Pampanga.

“I lived in Pampanga until I was five

and returned again for high school,” said Camabaliza.

“My mother and her family still live in Pampanga, and she raised me to know the tight community, interconnectedness and ready willingness to help a neighbor that will always make the Philippines a part of who I am.”

Paul Hamilton deployed Sept. 21, 2012 and has been operating in the U.S. 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility for the past eight months, conducting a wide array of operations supporting regional security, counter-terrorism and combating transnational crime as partners in securing the global commons.

“Our ship is the third destroyer our Navy has named for Paul Hamilton,” said Frost.

“The World War II ‘tin can’ destroyer earned seven battle stars in these waters. It is such an honor to inherit the legacy of this partnership.

“This alliance has safeguarded regional peace and security for the past half century and helped support the remarkable economic growth of this vast and diverse region. We are really excited to make a port call here, in the Philippines,” Frost said.

Paul Hamilton, an Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer, is one of 11 surface combatants of Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and is assigned to Destroyer Squadron 31.

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Oh, baby... NEX holds bevy of activities

Don Robbins

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Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) held many activities for patrons over the Memorial Day weekend. They included a Diaper Derby event for babies, a *keiki* ID event for children in partnership with the Honolulu Police Department, an appearance by Hello Kitty, and a lei-making demonstration.

NEX has also scheduled an upcoming series of free activities on June 15 for authorized patrons. They include:

- A *keiki* ID card event with the Honolulu Police Department will be

held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the NEX children's department.

- A pre-show of the Red Bull X-Fighters Jams will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in the NEX mall parking lot. There will be live music, games, prizes and Zumba dancers prior to a motocross show.

- Red Bull X-Fighters Jams motocross will be from noon to 4 p.m. in the mall parking lot.

Attendees should arrive early to find parking. Motocross athletes will perform freestyle tricks and stunts. The event will be followed by a meet and greet and free giveaways.

- A senior fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the NEX mall self-service aisles on the second floor. NEX has partnered with Tripler

Army Medical Center, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii and United Health Alliance to provide information booths on health and dental benefits, nutritional consultations, wellness demos, body fat testing, over the counter medication consultations, and a pharmacist on site for questions and answers.

- Patrons can visit the NEX pet shop from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to learn about responsible dog ownership, terrier and dachshund breeds, grooming, breeding referral and animal protection. A specialist will be on site for a question and answer session with pet owners and pet owners-to-be.

For more information on the events, call 423-3287.



Photo illustration | Photos by Justine Elona

Alpha Dogs back into race with win over 613th AOC

Story and photo by
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The Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH) Alpha Dogs got out to an 8-0 lead and went on to defeat the 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC) Aces, 11-5, in a White Division intramural softball game at Hickam Softball Complex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win may have salvaged the Alpha Dogs season after a slow start out of the gates in eighth place with a 2-4 record – four places out of qualifying for the playoffs.

Meanwhile the loss by the 613 AOC came at a bad time for the Aces, who, at 5-2, have been battling with Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) for the fourth and final postseason berth.

Even though the Alpha Dogs entered the showdown almost three games behind the 613 AOC, NHCH pitcher Hospitalman Josh Griffin said that the team wasn't intimidated.

"We like to play every team as equals," he explained. "Even if they were the last team, we're going to look at them like the first team. We're going to play the same way we always play."

To show that the standings meant nothing to them, the Alpha Dogs came out swinging

and, coupled with fielding errors by the 613 AOC, immediately tacked on four runs in the top of the first inning.

After plating one run, an infield error by the 613 on a routine ground ball hit by Griffin allowed three more runs after the Alpha Dogs loaded the bases with two outs.

Then after Griffin got out of a jam in the bottom of the frame without surrendering a run, the Alpha Dogs posted three runs in the top of the second to take a commanding 7-0 lead.

The big hit in the inning came off the bat of Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Nick Simpson, who cracked a triple that drove in two of the three runs.

Later, a single by Simpson drove in another run in the top of the fourth inning for an 8-0 advantage.

After three scoreless innings, the 613 AOC finally got on the board with two runs in the bottom of the fourth on run-scoring singles from Tech. Sgt. Matthew McArthur and Master Sgt. Shaun Gaskins.

The Alpha Dogs came back to score a run in the top of the fifth, but the 613 AOC tallied two more times in the bottom of the frame on a two-run single from Master Sgt. Jeremy Waldorf to make it 9-4.

However, the Alpha Dogs put the game away for good by coming up with two more runs off of an error and a run-scoring single by Operations Specialist 1st Class Maxwell Derck.



A runner from Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH) Alpha Dogs slides to beat the throw to second base during a White Division game versus the 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC) Aces.

Tsunami youth club is on track for great season

Story and photo by
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Sports Editor

With so many activities offered through Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Youth Sports, such as baseball, basketball and football, a few military families might not notice that MWR also offers a youth track and field program.

Still, despite the heavy competition with other sports, the MWR track and field team, called the Tsunami, hasn't gone under the radar among a core of supportive families that have adopted the multifaceted sport as their own.

This year, the Tsunami have collected more than 60 youth athletes, from ages 8 to 16, and spread them among events that include long-distance running, sprints, shot put, discus and hurdles.

Head coach Master Sgt. Dan Palumbo, 647th Security Forces Squadron, said that although the team is small compared to other clubs on the island, he feels confident that the Tsunami will be a force in the USA Track & Field Association (USAT&F) season that kicked off on June 1.

"Compared to the rest of the island, we're a smaller team, but we're very competitive in the long dis-



Brody Hires, age 12, practices his stride at Earhart Field.

tance," Palumbo said.

"We're probably one of the top teams out there. We have a bunch of guys that won state last year

and a couple of guys that can probably win a state meet this year. And our sprinters are coming along. They are going to be

very competitive. We got a couple of guys that are probably going to be top in state this year. We're looking good out there and we got high hopes."

While Palumbo currently serves as head coach, Master Sgt. Joe Fitzsimmons, Pacific Command (PACOM), who was the team's head coach last season, ably helps him.

In addition, the team, which holds practices three times a week for an hour and a half, also receives support from four other volunteer parents to oversee the sprinters, shot put and discus athletes on the squad.

"The first part of our workouts are very structured," revealed Fitzsimmons, who praised other parents for stepping up.

"The last half hour is a cool down where we try to incorporate some type of fun activity. We always try to get some type of reward at the end. Actually, some of our fun games are intense workouts and they don't even realize it."

Team member 13-year-old sprinter Olivia Oldham said that although the practices are tough, she feels that it is exactly what she needs to excel in the sport.

"This is exactly what I thought it would be," she admitted. "I came in wanting to learn how to get

faster and build up my momentum, and this is exactly what the coaches have been teaching us."

Oldham, who is in her first season in track, said that what really motivates her are the competitive meets, which are sanctioned by USAT&F.

Palumbo said that while competing is fun for some athletes, he realizes how pressure packed a meet can be for others.

In order to limit the stress, Palumbo and his coaching staff advocate a different kind of competition.

"We basically push them on breaking their own times because if they break their times, the places will come," he said. "We mentor each athlete to break their own personal records and don't worry about first, second or third place. The harder you practice, the better you'll get."

Palumbo and Fitzsimmons both have two children running on the Tsunami track and field team.

Conner, Palumbo's 8-year-old son, said that he runs because he wants to be like his dad, who was a track star in high school.

However, during practice, Conner uses someone else to keep him motivated.

"My dad says if we don't practice we don't get better," he said. "I want to

Although hitting has been a problem area for the Alpha Dogs this season, Griffin said that a little tinkering with the batting order seems to have solved the dilemma for now.

"Basically, I changed up the lineup completely," he said. "We've been struggling with our hitting all season, but we changed things up and everybody came out swinging."

McArthur, who had a big day at the plate for the 613 AOC, said that finding consistency at bat has been a big problem for his team.

"That's what we've been trying to answer all season," said McArthur, who had three singles and an RBI. "We've been having trouble getting the bats going."

While he was disappointed by the loss, McArthur, who started his final game as a Staff Sgt., said that it's good to keep things in perspective.

"I always remember that it's just a game out here," said McArthur, who was promoted to Tech Sgt. on the following day. "There are guys deployed right now that can't play this game that we're playing."

Meanwhile, Griffin said that he wasn't sure if the win marks a turning point in the Alpha Dogs' season, but he and his teammates are happy to walk off the field with the victory.

"It felt real good," he admitted. "Especially since we haven't scored this many runs in awhile."

practice so I can get better than Nick (a teammate). Nick always beats me and I mostly come in second."

Besides Conner, Palumbo's other son, 10-year-old Dylan, also runs track for the Tsunami.

As a coach, Palumbo, said that nothing makes him happier than when he sees the satisfaction of the athletes when they give it their all.

"When they do their best and they know that they've done better than they did last week and they're out smiling and laughing, that's what I like to see," he said.

Meanwhile, Fitzsimmons, whose 13-year-old son Joe and 11-year-old daughter Jenna are members on the team, said his most satisfying achievement comes at the end of the season when he looks back and sees the progress made by each child.

"Sometimes, it's just looking back at the beginner athletes, where they were struggling to do one lap, and all of a sudden they are in the Hawaii championships and doing good," Fitzsimmons said.

"And people that change their whole physique and attitude in a matter of three or four months, you can say that you had a major part in that."

For more information about the track team or other sporting activities for youth, call MWR Youth Sports at 473-0789.

Friends of Hickam fishing tournament ‘hooks’ *keiki*

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Hundreds of children and families gathered this year for the 14th annual *Keiki* Fishing Tournament hosted May 29 by the Friends of Hickam at the Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens in Kaneohe.

The *keiki* fishing tournament brings together the Friends of Hickam mission, to support promote and foster stronger community relationships, and two of the 15th Wing's top priorities, growing resilient Airmen and building relationships.

The children fished a 600-yard section of a pond stocked with small mouth bass, catfish, red devil fish and tilapia. The fish caught were measured by a volunteer team of fishing marshals comprised of volunteers from the Friends of Hickam and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam personnel.

Volunteers also set up the fishing area, prepared lunch, and cleaned up after the event.

The tournament was divided into boys and girls categories, and trophies were handed out for most fish and the largest fish.

At the end of the day, everyone one was fished out, but not a single child walked away from their experience with empty hands. Every child received



(Top left) Lorelei Howe, 6, smiles over her catch at the annual *Keiki* Fishing Tournament. (Top right) Kalia Dela Cruz, 5, and her older brother Cody Dela Cruz, 9, pose with fish they caught. (Bottom left) Bruce Shewalter (left), Friends of Hickam president, engages in a “fish-off” against Col. Dan Baldessari (right), 15th Operations Group commander. (Bottom right) Ha'ane Clifton (right), 6, and her father Tech. Sgt. Austin Clifton (center), 647th Security Forces Squadron, center, show off her catch to a volunteer fishing marshal.

ved a brand new fishing pole and age appropriate books courtesy of the Friends of Hickam.

The day focused on the children of military members and spending quality time as a family. The event included pizza and hot dogs.

Ha'ane Clifton, 6, with the help of her father, Tech. Sgt. Austin Clifton, 647th Security Forces Squadron, caught a total of six fish.

“For me it was a great opportunity to spend time with my daughter. This is our second year attending the Friends of Hickam *Keiki* Fishing Tournament, and it was just as much fun as last year,” said Austin.

“What I liked most about the fishing tournament was spending time with my dad, catching fish, and the prizes and the ice cream,” said Ha'ane.

According to Senior Airman Aaron Dancel, 747th Communications Squadron, cyber transportation technician, “It was a great event for the kids to enjoy with their family and friends. It was my daughter's first time fishing, and she had a fun time catching a fish and we'll be back again next year.”

“I enjoyed spending time with my family and friends. And I was able to catch a bright orange fish. I really like fishing and hope I can catch a lot more next time,” said Amara Dancel, 6.

Short-handed JPAC still mercy rules Dirt Bags

Story and photo by
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Sports Editor

Despite missing a few starting players, Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC) still had enough in their tank to get past Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303 “Dirt Bags” by a score of 12-2 on June 4 in a Blue Division intramural softball game at Hickam Softball Complex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

After a slow start at the plate, JPAC picked up the pace with four runs in the top of the third and three runs in the very next inning to take a 10-0 lead.

In gaining the victory, JPAC kept their place atop of the Blue Division with a perfect 8-0 record, while the hard-luck Dirt Bags saw their mark fall to 2-6.

“We're missing a few guys. We're about half down,” JPAC hurler Senior Chief Explosive Ordnance Disposal Jeremy Porter admitted after throwing four shutout innings to pace the squad. “We had to add guys to the roster, but we still have our core starters, so we're doing all right.”

In the first inning, Porter got things started for JPAC by delivering an RBI single to take a 1-0 lead.

Then in the second inning, Department of Defense (DoD) civilian Ben Fransen, batting in the leadoff spot, smashed a clutch two-out single down the right-field line to drive in two more runs.

In the top of the third, JPAC hitters finally got things rolling when DoD civilian Ryan Taira and Porter hit back-to-back singles, before Cmdr. Larry Gonzales lined a double to drive in a run.

The rally continued as Sgt. 1st Class Dharwin Delarna and Staff Sgt. Nicklaus Hale cracked consecutive run scoring triples before an infield error by the Dirt Bags allowed the fourth and final



Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC) shortstop Department of Defense civilian Ben Fransen makes the pivot at second base to try to complete the double play in a Blue Division intramural softball game versus Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303 “Dirt Bags.”

run of the inning.

The Dirt Bags opened up the bottom of the third with back-to-back singles, but Porter induced two infield pop-ups and a fly ball to center field to get out of the inning unscathed.

The goose egg by Porter seemed to spark the JPAC bats again as the team immediately started another rally with Fransen hitting a single to open the top of the fourth.

Taira connected on a double to put two runners in scoring position

before Porter banged a single to drive in a run.

Next batter Gonzales drew a walk and then, with the bases chocked full of JPAC runners, Sgt. Matthew Rausch crushed a long fly that bounced over the center-field fence on one hop for a ground-rule double to drive in two more runs.

“That really woke everybody up,” said Porter about the double hit by Rausch, who is among the recent additions to the team.

Although the Dirt Bags finally

broke through for two runs in the bottom of the fourth, JPAC sent them packing early with two runs in the top of the fifth and another shutout inning by Porter to call it a game.

“Just concentrating on the ball,” said Gonzales about the team's 12-run outburst. “Not swinging for the fence, the winds blowing in, guys realize that, so you're not going to hit a home run – just solid contact.”

While the team may have been missing a few familiar faces in

the lineup, Gonzales said that it was business as usual.

“We have a lot of good players,” he said. “We practice once a week and we push each other.”

Even though JPAC may lose a couple more players before the season is over, Gonzales said that the team will do everything it can to preserve its perfect record.

“Losing sucks,” he stated. “We enjoy playing ball together. This is a good team and, we generally want to win for each other.”

Pearl Harbor Historic Sites honor military birthdays with ‘free pass’ days

In tribute to the service and sacrifice made by America's armed forces, the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites announced that active-duty service members, retirees, and family members will have free pass days to celebrate the birthday of their respective U.S. military branch.

Paid admission is being waived

for tours of the Battleship Missouri Memorial, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor and USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park to respective branches for the following week-ends.

Free pass days are: U.S. Army, June 15 and 16; Coast Guard, Aug. 3 and 4; Air Force, Sept. 21

and 22; Navy, Oct. 12 and 13; Marine Corps, Nov. 9 and 10; National Guard, Dec. 14 and 15.

The only requirement is presentation of a valid military I.D. at the ticket and information booth located at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument or onsite at each historic site.

“The historical artifacts and

displays showcased by the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites represents the unwavering service and commitment to America's freedom by the men and women of our U.S. military,” said Michael A. Carr, president and chief operating officer of the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

“As we honor the birthdays of our armed forces throughout this year, we invite our service members and their families to come experience the legacy of Pearl Harbor and all that it means to our nation's history,” Carr added.

For more information, visit www.PearlHarborHistoricSites.org.



Live the Great Life

Personal stories bring Hickam historical tour to life

Decades-old buildings at Hickam still bear the scars of bullets targeted for U.S. Airmen during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack by Imperial Japan.

Historical sites and memorials are a permanent part of the landscape of Hickam, and they honor the people and families whose lives were forever changed by those events.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation offers a Hickam historical tour at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

This tour helps patrons to understand the role that Hickam Field played in World War II. Participants will see the original buildings where the Army Air Forces' Airmen, nurses

and officers and enlisted families lived and will hear personal stories of the "Day of Infamy."

Providing more than just chronological facts, historian Jessie Higa paints a picture illustrating the often-undocumented personal side of the Dec. 7 attack during these tours. Higa will share anecdotal stories and first-person accounts culled from the memories of those who were fortunate to survive the attack.

Mark Saruwatari, tour director, explained that the personal stories are what make this tour unique. Saruwatari added that, unlike other military tours offered around the island, this tour "is the



Henry Heim, a retired Army Air Corps service member and Hickam Airfield attack survivor, salutes at the Roll of Honor at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

only one of its kind. There is no other tour for Hickam."

Patrons will not only hear about the historic former Hickam Field during the 1941 attack but also learn little-known tidbits about the unique botanical and architectural landscape that gave Hickam the nickname "Garden City."

The Hickam historical tour departs at 9:30 a.m. every Friday from the Hickam Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) office. The price is \$45 for adults and \$40 for children (ages 3-11) and includes lunch. For more information, call the ITT office at 448-2295.

Summer concert series begins June 21 at Hickam Harbor

A free summer concert series will feature the Pacific Fleet Band, Air Force Band of the Pacific and the Marine Forces Pacific Concert Band. It will be held in partnership with Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Authorized patrons are invited to bring a beach chair, blanket and their favorite treats and beverages to the concerts. All the concerts start at 5:30 p.m.

Events at Hickam Harbor are as follows:

- June 21, the Pacific Fleet Band popular music group will perform tunes from all mainstream genres including rock, pop, hip-hop, country and rhythm-and-blues.

- July 26, Hana Hou — the rock band of the United States Air Force Band — and the Pacific Fleet Band popular music group will perform classic rock, rhythm-and-blues, top 40 and Hawaiian favorites.

Events at the grassy area between the Fleet Store and Scott Pool are as follows:

- Aug. 23, the Air Force Band of the Pacific's "Papana" group and the Pacific Fleet VIP Combo band will perform a diverse repertoire including classic and contemporary jazz, Latin, bebop and original arrangements.

- Sept. 13, pops in the park will take place with Marine Forces Pacific Concert Band performing music from stage and screen, light classics and patriotic favorites. There may also be some surprises at this Friday the 13th concert.

The concerts are open to all military-affiliated personnel and Department of Defense ID cardholders and their sponsored guests. No pets, umbrellas or tents are allowed. The schedule is subject to change without notice.

For more information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com or [Facebook.com/greatlifehawaii](https://www.facebook.com/greatlifehawaii).



July 4th Beachfest to feature action-oriented activities

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold a free July 4th Beachfest from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Hickam Harbor.

The Air Force Band of the Pacific-Hawaii and the Pacific Fleet Band will perform a variety of music at the event, including rock, pop and a patriotic salute.

Activities and entertainment include:

- Demonstrations of water-propelled jet packs and a chance to register to win a jet pack experience for two.
- Shave ice while supplies last.
- Standup paddleboarding.
- A boat tour of the harbor.
- A discover scuba adventure.
- Sales of food and beverages.
- Free *keiki* (children's) fun activities.

Patrons can register to win prizes, including a \$1,000 gift certificate. Other prizes include beach cottage stays, luxury golf packages and other MWR recreational and dining experiences.

Pre-register for July 3 overnight camping at the Hickam Marina Office. Space is limited. For more information on camping, call 449-5215.

The event is open to all military-affiliated and Department of Defense cardholders and their sponsored guests. Parking is available at Hickam Harbor, the Hawaii Air National Guard parking lot and Honeymoon Beach.

For more information, visit the websites www.greatlifehawaii.com or [Facebook.com/greatlifehawaii](https://www.facebook.com/greatlifehawaii).

UH football clinic brings coaches to joint base military families

University of Hawaii (UH) head football coach Norm Chow and staff will hold a free football clinic from 9 a.m. to noon June 22 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The clinic is for youth ages 5-13. Registration is available online under the youth sports section of www.greatlifehawaii.com and will be open until June 19.

The clinic will consist of basic drills and provide an opportunity for children to interact and learn from division I football coaches. Attendees will be able to work on skills that will assist in the development of their football athletics.

"We are very excited and thankful to be working with the University of Hawaii. The knowledge and experience being provided at our upcoming football clinic will prove to be valuable to players of all skill levels," said James Cosper, youth sports and



MWR Marketing photo

Military youth practice flag football in preparation for the upcoming University of Hawaii football clinic.

fitness director.

The clinic is a community outreach program provided by UH coaches. It is one of the

ways the team gives back to the community in Hawaii. For more information, call 473-0789.

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Warrior Friday will be held from 4:30 to 10 p.m. tonight at the Hickam Officers' Club, Koa Lounge. Patrons can relax after work with a special *pau hana* (after work) buffet. FMI: 448-4608.

All-Military Surf Classic will be held from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at White Plains Beach. Spectators can watch the action from the beach. FMI: 682-4925.

Painted Memories Art Class will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. June 11 and 13 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Adults and children ages 16 and older can turn their favorite land or ocean scene photographs into acrylic paintings on canvas. FMI: 448-9907.

MWR Newcomers Luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 12 at Tradewinds Enlisted Club. Newcomers to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam can attend this free event to obtain information on MWR activities and for prize giveaways. Register at

www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 473-2570.

Women's Surf Classes will begin at 9 a.m. June 15 at Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. Those interested should sign up by June 11. Students will be schooled in the history, wave science, etiquette and techniques of surfing. Participants must be able to swim without a lifejacket. FMI: 449-5215.

Stand-Up Paddleboard and Snorkeling at Pokai Bay will begin at 9 a.m. June 15 at the Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. Signups are due by June 12. Participants will head to the leeward coast for water play and beach relaxation. FMI: 473-1189.

Father's Day Sunday Barbecue Brunch seatings will be at 10 a.m. and noon June 16 at the Hickam Officers' Club. Barbecue favorites and a variety of traditional brunch dishes will be offered. All ranks are welcome, and reservations are required. FMI: 448-4608.

Morale Welfare & Recreation

“HAVE BOOK, WILL TRAVEL”: GENEALOGY
Hickam Library will hold a free genealogy lecture at 2 p.m. June 15. Guest speaker James Gay will teach attendees how to learn more about their ancestors and where they came from. FMI: 449-8299.

FREE GOLF CLINIC
There will be a free golf clinic at 10:15 a.m. June 15 at the Barbers Point Golf Course. FMI: 682-1911.

UFC 161 IN HD
Patrons can watch Barao vs. Wineland in high-def at 3 p.m. June 15 at J.R. Rockers. Doors open at 2 p.m. for preliminaries. FMI: 448-2271.

DADS BOWL FREE
Fathers can bowl up to two free games with a paying family member from noon to 3 p.m. June 16 at the Hickam and Naval Station Bowling Centers. Dads can also get a free medium soft drink from the snack bars. FMI: 448-9959 or 473-2574.

KAYAKING CHINAMAN’S HAT
There will be a kayaking excursion to Chinaman’s Hat starting at 9 a.m. June 16. Departures are from the Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. This trip can sometimes be moderate in the level of difficulty. The deadline to register is June 12. FMI: 473-1198.

FORD ISLAND HISTORICAL TOUR
There will be a Ford Island historical tour from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. June 19. Ford Island played a significant role in World War II, and this tour will visit often-overlooked historical battle sites. The tour departs from Rainbow Bay Marina parking lot, next to Schooners in front of Cabana C. Free pickup is also available at lodging (call for times). FMI: 448-2295.

LEARN TO STAND-UP PADDLEBOARD
Learn the basics of paddleboarding at 9:30 or 10:45 a.m. June 22 at Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. June 18 is the last day to register. FMI: 449-5215.

MOONLIGHT PADDLE
There will be a moonlight paddle at 8 p.m. June 22 at Hickam Harbor. Participants of all paddling abilities are welcome. The trip includes kayaks, gear and professional guides. June 18 is the final day to register. FMI: 449-5215.

Community Calendar

JUNE
8–10 – The Colombian ship ARC Gloria will be at Aloha Tower Pier 9 today and will be open for tours this weekend. Tour visiting hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors should wear casual clothing, The ship tour is open to participants of all ages, provided they can climb stairs. The ship’s mission is training the cadets of the naval school and serve as an ambassador of Colombia abroad.

15– The USO will hold a Twilight Tribute to the Troops event from 3 to 9 p.m. at Sea Life Park. Parking is limited, so car-pooling is strongly recommended. Free off-site parking by shuttle transportation will be available from Bellows Air Force Station. The event will include entertainment by Chief Sielu, animal shows and giveaways. FMI: Kristin Tierney at 422-1213 or Melanie Bray at 259-2500.

15 – A pre-show of the Red Bull X-Fighters Jams will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) mall parking lot. There will be live music, games, prizes and Zumba dancers prior to a motocross show. The Red Bull X-Fighters Jams motocross will be held from noon to 4 p.m. in the mall parking lot. Attendees should arrive early to find parking. Motocross athletes will perform freestyle tricks and stunts. The event will be followed by a meet-and-greet and free giveaways. FMI: 423-3287.

20 – The Hawaii Department of Education is fielding an online survey to understand, from the public at large, perceptions of public education in Hawaii. To take the short survey, go to the Survey Monkey account: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DOEComm>. The survey will be available until June 20, 2013. FMI: Teri Yamashige at 226-0078 or email teriy@mac.com.

JULY
6 — An Independence 5K run/walk will be held starting at 7 a.m. at Ford Island. Prizes will be awarded for the top three male and female finishers and for best patriotic costume. All proceeds will benefit the 2013 Enlisted Navy Ball. Those interested should sign up at www.active.com or www.navyballhawaii.com. FMI: www.facebook.com/#!/PearlHarborNavyBall



IRON MAN 3 (PG13)
Marvel's "Iron Man 3" pits brash-but-brilliant industrialist Tony Stark/Iron Man against an enemy whose reach knows no bounds. When Stark finds his personal world destroyed at his enemy's hands, he embarks on a harrowing quest to find those responsible.

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 6/7
6:00 Iron Man 3 (PG13)

SATURDAY 6/8
4:00 Iron Man 3 (PG13)
6:00 Studio Appreciation Advance Screening - free admission - rated PG 13 *. Tickets available at local exchange food courts. Seating will open to non-ticket holders 30 minutes prior to showtime.

SUNDAY 6/9
2:00 Iron Man 3 (PG13)

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER
is closed for renovations
until June.

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



NIOC Hawaii Sailors remember fallen shipmates at Memorial Day event

CTN3 Zachary Barnes

Navy Information
Operations Command
Hawaii

More than 10,000 people gathered on the shore of Ala Moana Beach Park to participate in the 15th annual Lantern Floating Hawaii ceremony on Memorial Day, May 27.

As part of the ceremony, members of the military and civilians alike remember their loved ones who sacrificed their lives at war. This year more than 6,000 lanterns were set adrift in their memory.

“I thought the event was beautiful. ‘Many Rivers, One Ocean’ was a great theme and it showed in the atmosphere and diversity of the thousands who gathered,” said NIOC Hawaii Sailor Cryptologic Technician Collection 1st Class Jeremy Gottschalk.

In 1999, the head of the Shinnyo-en Buddhist order, Shinso Ito, officiated the inaugural ceremony. The ritual pays respect to lost loved ones with prayers and messages written on rice paper surrounding a candle on small floating lanterns set to sea near dusk.

Taiko drummers beat a prayer for peace before the six “parent lanterns”



U.S. Navy photo by CTN3 Darlin Paz

Service members set their lanterns out to sea in memory of their fallen shipmates.

were set adrift, carrying the prayers for victims of war, natural and human disasters, famine and disease with hope of encouraging harmony worldwide.

Among the speakers during the ceremony was former Army sergeant of the 804th Drum and Bugle Corps and World War II survivor of the attack of Pearl Harbor, Allen Bodenlos. He attended the ceremony to also honor his best friend and fallen Sailor, Clyde

Williams. Upon his lantern he simply inscribed, “To my best friend,” a bond of brotherhood and love for someone who impacted his life so profoundly more than 72 years ago.

“It’s my first duty when I get here, to go to the Arizona and pay my respects,” Bodenlos said.

Bodenlos has volunteered in San Diego at the Veterans Administration Hospital for the last 20 years and traveled to share his experience with

more than 100,000 high schools, colleges and at events such as this.

“Allen is a national treasure,” said David Atkins, a member of Bodenlos’ “adopted” family while he’s on island. “He has dedicated his life to public service.”

Along with Bodenlos, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen also honored those who have died in the name of the United States.

Justin Kershaw, Naval Information Operations

Command (NIOC) Hawaii Commanding Officer set out to honor every Sailor who has died in the line of duty during the current War in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The NIOC Diversity Counsel, led by Ensign Kyle Crump, sponsored all 229 Sailors who have fallen during current military engagements. NIOC Sailors were given the opportunity to choose from the list of names and float a lantern in commemoration of their sacrifice and contribution to the Navy’s “Global Force for Good.”

Cryptologic Technician Networks 1st Class Marissa Viaene, who was in attendance at the event with her sister and friend, sponsored five Sailors. On each of their lanterns, she wrote a quote from past and present presidents, an homage to the idea of freedom and liberty for which they gave their lives.

Viaene acknowledged the dedication and sacrifice of those overseas by researching their obituaries and familiarizing herself with their stories. “I have a lot of respect for these men and women. When I signed the papers to join I understood that I could die [tool],” said Viaene.

A common theme among

the service members who attended the lantern floating was an understanding and acceptance of the implications of war and their own service as a Sailor.

“I decided to participate because of a deployment I was on in 2011. There was a huge list on a wall at Fort Dix of Sailors who died in Afghanistan. Being [at the ceremony] made me thankful for not being one of those lights,” said

Cryptologic Technician Collection 3rd Class David Polsdorfer. He sponsored two fallen Sailors at the lantern ceremony. Michael Gray died in 2004 and Sean Brazas in 2012. They were both the same rank as Polsdorfer.

“Seeing [Allen Bodenlos] made me wish I knew both of them personally. It made me think of the people remembering them on that day, too, their families, friends, and shipmates,” he said.

Cryptologic Technician Networks 3rd Class Darlin Paz said she felt calm while setting her lantern adrift at the ceremony.

“It feels like we’re putting them at peace. I feel thankful for each person who has contributed their life, especially the veterans. The lantern ceremony was the perfect way to do it,” Paz said.

YMCA Camp Erdman plans summer camps

YMCA Camp Erdman will hold summer camps for military children and teens.

Due to a donation from Bank of Hawaii, financial assistance is now available for military families in addition to current military, sibling and YMCA membership camp discounts.

YMCA Camp Erdman is located between the Waianae mountains and the beaches of Mokuleia.

Camp programs include:

- One-week overnight camps (ages 6-16) and upgrades for specialty surf (ages 10-16 and horse-manship camp (ages 8-16). Sessions run now through

Aug. 9.

- Two-week leaders in training teen camp for ages 14–16 (July 7 – 19).

Camp activities include:

- Swimming, archery and sports.
- Campfire, nature programs, beach ecology and survival skills.
- Climbing wall, alpine tower challenge and odyss-ey high ropes course.
- Arts and crafts and personal development.

For more information, call Andrew VanDerWege at YMCA Camp Erdman at 687-6233 or e-mail avanderwege@ymcahonolulu.org for more information on discounts and financial assistance.

Test used in selection for officer aviation program

Mary Robles

Personnel Support
Detachment

The Aviation Selection Test Battery (ASTB) is used in making selection determinations for officer aviation program applicants.

The ASTB is used by the Navy Personnel Command and the Commandant of

the Marine Corps to select candidates for the Navy and Marine Corps pilot and flight officer programs. Portions of the test are also used by the Navy for selection into Officer Candidate School.

The ASTB is administered at Navy recruiting districts, NROTC units at major universities, Marine Corps officer selection offices, and at numerous

other permanent custody sites. The test is administered in both paper and web-based format using the APEX test delivery platform.

If any of these activities cannot support administering the test, the member’s command security officer should contact the ASTB testing office at 850-452-2379 and request a paper copy of the test. The

security officer will be responsible for the administration and returning of the test to Navy Medicine Operational Training Center.

For more information on the scheduling and administration of the ASTB, refer to OPNAVINST 1420.1B (enlisted to officer commissioning programs application administrative manual), chapter 8, section 3.

PMRF 4th of July event scaled back, not open to public

Pacific Missile Range Facility
Public Affairs

The traditional fireworks show will not be included in this year’s freedom celebration at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) on the island of Kauai due to budget constraints.

In addition, the Navy’s July 3 observance at PMRF will be a picnic-type, family event open only to Department of Defense ID cardholders, their families and MWR recreational pass holders. July Fourth events have been scaled back across all Navy installations worldwide as a result

of fiscal constraints and sequestration.

“We regret we won’t be able to host public Independence Day activities on base this year,” said Capt. Nicholas Mongillo, PMRF commanding officer. “We hope to be able to return to normal operations in fiscal year 2014.”

Veterans honored at Pacific Aviation Museum

More than 200 people, including eight World War II veterans and veterans of other conflicts and their guests, gathered May 24 for a Memorial Day observance at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

Guests enjoyed a reception followed by the Hawaii premiere screening of the film “Honor Flight: One Last Mission.” Afterwards, guests were treated to dessert and a musical salute by the Marine Corps Band.

“Tonight we pay tribute to those who served,” said Kenneth DeHoff, museum executive director, addressing the gathering. “What you have given for our country is beyond our ability to repay.”

For more information about the museum, visit PacificAviationMuseum.org.



Sailors create positive environment with bowling nights

A bowling night has been started as a way to get all of the Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) chapters in the Pacific Region together with their families in a positive atmosphere.

According to Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Abrel Smith of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Security (CSADD president), the bowling nights are held on the first and third Monday of each month from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Bowling Center. The next event is scheduled for June 17.

The cost of the bowling is \$1.50 for shoe rental and \$1.50 per game. Smith and fellow CSADD president Aerographer's Mate 3rd Class Heather Johnston of Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Joint Warning Typhoon Center, came up with the idea for the bowling nights. For more information on the bowling nights, e-mail abrel.smith@navy.mil or heather.johnston@navy.mil. Visit the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/JBPHHCSADD?ref=hi.

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(Back row, second from right) Kenton Odo, NAVFAC Pacific architect, participates in the Tobe! Uta Sanshin in Hawaii 2010 charity recital at the Hawaii Okinawan Center. Odo is playing the Sanshin, a three-stringed, snake skinned guitar-like instrument with no frets.

Architect’s appreciation for Asian culture, music benefits NAVFAC Pacific mission

NAVFAC Pacific Public Affairs

Kenton Odo, an architect working for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, is a fourth generation Okinawan/Japanese American who embraces his Okinawan culture through music.

Odo was the recipient of the Okinawa Prefectural Government Scholarship and explored that opportunity by attending the Okinawa Prefectural Performing and Fine Arts University. This where he found his passion for music.

While in Okinawa, Odo also completed his bachelor’s degree at the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM) School of Architecture. He accomplished this by finishing his last papers and finals through the mail.

He continued to pursue music for the next three and a half years in Okinawa and studied extensively with Master Choichi Terukina (National Living Treasure of Japan). He was later awarded the title of Denshōsha (Okinawa Prefectural Intangible Cultural Asset, official keeper) and also received his Shihan (master instructor) certificate under Master Choichi Terukina and Grant ‘Sandaa’ Murata (Protégé of Master Choichi Terukina) in 2010.

Odo was now fully educated, certified and equipped with both the knowledge and love for the Okinawan culture and music. His love for music was shown through the Uta Sanshin, an Okinawan musical instrument. Uta means song or singing; Sanshin is a three-stringed, snake-skinned, guitar-like instrument with no frets. The Sanshin in the Okinawan culture is the main instrument, but more important than playing the Sanshin was the vocal, as

the lyrics told the story. Odo said he is ecstatic about sharing his love and talent for the Okinawan culture by teaching weekly Uta Sanshin classes in Aiea and a monthly class on Maui. Some NAVFAC Pacific employees and retirees are students in his class. Although Odo is deeply involved with his cultural heritage, he finds ways to balance family and work life. Odo has been with the NAVFAC Pacific ohana for almost three years and believes that his cultural heritage plays a huge role in supporting his mission with the Navy.

“Learning and embracing my Okinawan culture has definitely helped support my mission with the Navy,” said Odo. “Since I’ve lived there, I intimately understand the climate issues of Okinawa, which aids in the design of Seabee projects there. Knowing conversational Japanese and the cultural differences also help break the communication barrier between our NAVFAC Far East counterparts.” “Ultimately, I believe everything is about relationships. Living in a foreign country among the locals, I could either just get by and survive, or I could assimilate and thrive. I chose the latter, and I’d like to think I do the same when I am put in new environments, new projects and new tasks,” Odo said.

Odo currently serves as the vice president of Ryukyu Koten Afuso Ryu Gensei Kai Hawaii Shibu, which is an organization of schools studying the classical Ryukyuan (Okinawan) music in the Afuso style. He also has also participated in a speaking engagement at UHM and served as a guest speaker for the Hawaii United Okinawa Association’s Genealogy Club.

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