

USS Paul Hamilton returns home to Pearl Harbor



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The guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) returned to its homeport of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 24 following a nine-month deployment to the western Pacific and U.S. Central Command areas of responsibility.

"We have been gone 277 days and we are just thrilled to be home to the Navy's best homeport of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii," said Cmdr. Luke Frost, commanding officer of Paul Hamilton.

"We couldn't be prouder of the ship, but we always said this ship is not the 505 feet of steel but it's the 298 Sailors that bring it to life. We are just absolutely proud of every Sailor today, great day for the ship and the families, and we are proud to be home," Frost said.

Paul Hamilton departed Pearl Harbor Sept. 21, 2012 and has operated in the U.S. 5th and U.S.

7th Fleet areas of responsibility, conducting operations supporting regional security and counter-terrorism as well as combating criminal maritime operations.

"This was my first deployment. It was longer than a normal deployment for a first one," said Electronics Technician 3rd Class Anthony Augudelo.

"It was different. I've been to places I have never been to before, traveled the world, and that's what I wanted to do when I joined the Navy."

The deployment also included port visits to Malaysia, Thailand, Bahrain and the Philippines, where more than 20 Filipino-American Sailors were able to spend time with their families and friends who live there.

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, gave a Bravo Zulu message to the crew of Paul Hamilton.

In the message, Ponds commended them on their overall pride and professionalism, operational excel-

lence, and exemplary conduct while representing the U.S. Navy and the nation in the completion of their deployment.

"It is a fitting opportunity for me to express sincere appreciation for the outstanding job you and your crews are doing in executing our missions at sea and ashore. I want you to know that the sacrifices of your Sailors and their families is not lost on those of us back home. On behalf of all Americans, I thank you all for keeping our nation safe," Ponds said in his message.

As the ship returned to Pearl Harbor, it flew a 242-foot homeward bound pennant along with the national ensign. The pennant is traditionally flown after a ship has spent 270 or more uninterrupted days underway. Each foot represents the number of Sailors aboard during that time.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Diana Quinlan

(Above left) The guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) returns to its homeport at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (Above right) Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Creed Welch, assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), meets his newborn baby upon the ship's arrival to homeport Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam following a nine-month deployment.

Guided-missile destroyers are multi-mission, anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare combatants that operate independently for the support of carriers and expeditionary

and surface strike groups.

USS Paul Hamilton is one of 11 surface combatants assigned to Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, Destroyer Squadron 31.

15th Operations Group welcomes new commander



(Above left) Col. Michael Merritt, incoming 15th Operations Group (OG) commander, renders his first salute to the 15 OG Airmen after taking command. (Above right) Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, pins a Legion of Merit medal on Col. Dan Baldessari, 15th Operations Group commander, prior to his change of command ceremony.

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15th Wing Public Affairs

The 15th Operations Group (15 OG) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam officially changed hands June 21.

Col. Michael Merritt assumed command from Col. Dan Baldessari at a change-of-command ceremony held at the Missing Man formation.

"Leading and working with the magnificent Airmen of the 15th Operations Group has been an honor beyond compare," said Baldessari before handing over the guidon. "Each and every Airman in the group executes their diverse mission sets with precision, passion and pride," he said.

"These extraordinary Airmen, in concert with our Hawaii Air National Guard and active-duty partners, have produced exceptional

results across the Pacific and worldwide. It has been a rare privilege for my family and I to be associated with each and every one of these amazing Airmen for the past two years, and I am supremely confident they will continue to excel in the months and years ahead."

During the ceremony, Baldessari was presented the Legion of Merit for his outstanding service and accomplishments as commander of the 15 OG.

Just before relinquishing command, Baldessari thanked his special guests, 15th Wing leadership, 15 OG leadership, his fellow group commanders, Friends of Hickam visitors and his family. He reserved a special thank you for 15 OG Airmen, to whom he referred to as extraordinary while expressing his appreciation for their hard work during his two years in command.

Merritt comes to Team Hickam from the 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance Air Force Base, Okla. where he served as the special assistant to the commander.

As the new 15 OG commander, Merritt is charged with ensuring the combat readiness of more than 300 personnel assigned to five operational squadrons.

He will oversee operations at the largest joint-use airfield in the United States and execute Total Force combat/peacetime C-17, KC-135 and F-22 global operations while providing C-37 and C-40 executive airlift for the U.S. Pacific Command commander, U.S. Forces Korea commander, Pacific Air Forces commander and other senior military leaders.

Merritt said he looks forward to working with the men and women of the 15 OG and fostering good relations among his HIANG counterparts.

JPPSO and housing office announce reduced hours for furlough period

Navy Region Hawaii
Public Affairs

Beginning July 8, the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office/Personal Property Division-Hawaii (JPPSO/PPD-HI), the Housing Services Center (HSC) at Moanalua Shopping Center and the Hickam Housing Management Office will close all day on Mondays.

The Monday closures will be in effect for 11 weeks from July 8 through Sept. 30.

The closure is due to the Office of Secretary of Defense's (OSD)

decision to proceed with furloughs of civilian employees. Due to continuing sequestration and continuing resolution impacts, civilian furloughs are being implemented.

The furloughs will impact the delivery of household goods services to all military and Department of Defense (DoD) civilians who are executing moves this summer as well as services at the housing offices.

The JPPSO staff is aware that the Monday closures will create additional stress and pressure on military members and their families as they prepare to move this

summer. They ask for everyone to try to prepare as far in advance as they can, to submit their applications early, and remain flexible with pack out and pick up dates.

According to JPPSO representatives, those who are moving can expedite matters by visiting the website move.mil and register for an account and submit their movement information electronically.

Once they have submitted their information, the JPPSO/PPD-HI staff can review the online applications and coordinate with the service members electronically.

The Monday closures will be in

effect at the Housing Services Center (HSC) located at 4825 Bougainville Drive in the Moanalua Navy Service area and the Hickam Housing

Management Office (HMO) located at 200 Kokomalei St. on Hickam.

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Instead of using your A/C, open your windows and enjoy the fresh air and the tradewinds.
Circulate the air with fans.



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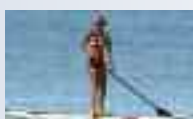
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USS Jacksonville returns to Hawaii

Story and photo by
MC2 Steven Khor

Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific
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Friends and families of the crew of USS Jacksonville (SSN 699) gathered at the submarine piers June 18 to welcome back the Los Angeles-class submarine as it returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after completing a deployment to the western Pacific and Arabian Gulf.

"I am incredibly proud of the crew of the warship Jacksonville. These Sailors have impressed me from day one, and I could not be more proud of their outstanding efforts," said Cmdr. Richard Seif, Jacksonville's commanding officer.

"Their sustained forward presence in two different theaters contributed significantly to the Navy's combat readiness and our nation's security," said Seif.

During the deployment, 31 Sailors earned their designation as qualified in submarines and now wear their dolphin warfare insignia.

Along with this accomplishment, more than 60 Sailors also qualified in their senior watch stations.

Seif said that despite half of the crew

being on their very first deployment, they are an experienced team of professional submariners and it is really an honor to lead them.

He added that despite the challenges of deployment, the crew could not have done it without the tremendous strength, love and support of the Jacksonville families. "I'd like to especially thank our command ombudsman, Kim Cowdrey, and the family readiness group for their outstanding support," he said.

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

"It's great to be back home. The Sailors and their families are all looking forward to a well deserved stand down," said Sief.

As for the families, many could not hold back their joy and relief.

"I am super proud of him. He has done a fantastic job. It's been a long, tough deployment, but he's home and I'm happy," said Jackie Combs, a Jacksonville spouse.

Commissioned in May 1981, Jacksonville is named for Jacksonville, Fla. Nicknamed "The Bold One," it is a Los Angeles-class, nuclear attack submarine that is 360-feet long and displaces 6,900 tons. It can be fitted with Mk-48 torpedoes and harpoon missiles.



Chief Machinist's Mate Bruce Cowdrey of the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Jacksonville (SSN 699) hugs his daughter Brittany following the return of the submarine to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 18 after completing a deployment to the western Pacific and Arabian Gulf.

Reduced hours begin July 8

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Services such as applications for housing, temporary lodging allowance (TLA) certification, waiting list management, loaner furniture and private market home finding services are limited to the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

Military personnel are strongly encouraged to call well in advance of arrival for appointments.

The HSC is available at (808) 474-1820/1, HMO at (808) 448-0856, or through email at HawaiiHousing@Navy.mil.

The furlough and closure does not affect operations of Hickam Communities (HC) or Forest City Residential Management (FCRM), the JBPHH public private venture housing partners. *(More information about reduction in services due to furloughs will be published in next week's Ho'okele.)*

Aussie, Chung-Hoon Sailors trade places during Pacific Bond to enhance capabilities



Royal Australian Navy Leading Seaman Adam Doolan (center) takes the helm aboard USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) while Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Terrance Williams (right) and Seaman Arneisha Perea observe.

Lt. j.g. Mallory K. Tokunaga

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93)

The Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG-93) swapped 10 crew members with Royal Australian navy (RAN) guided-missile frigate HMAS Sydney (FFG 03) on June 23 in support of Pacific Bond 2013 to enhance intership operability and foster camaraderie.

Cross-decking, temporarily exchanging crew members at sea, provides an opportunity for Sailors to get exposure to different platforms, examine how they operate, and expand their professional experience.

Each participant spent the day touring the ship and meeting the crew with an emphasis focused on the command and control stations responsible for conducting underway operations, especially those that play a heavy role in events during Pacific Bond.

"[The visit] gave us a good look at how our allies operate at sea," said Lt.j.g. Beth Reed, Chung-Hoon's anti-submarine warfare (ASW) officer, embarked on Sydney. "It helped us to better understand each other when operating in a tactical environment and gave us a look into the culture of the Australian navy."

RAN Leading Seaman Electronic Warfare Jess Smith, one of the Australian sailors who toured Chung-Hoon, was able to meet U.S. Navy counterparts involved in the electronic warfare community. After spending time with watchstanders in the combat information center on Chung-Hoon, Smith marveled at the similarities between the two ships.

"We basically have the same job, use the

same equipment, and use the same techniques," said Smith.

Ensign Augustus Karisch, Chung-Hoon's strike warfare officer, also gained a further insight embarked aboard HMAS Sydney.

"We are practicing ways to work together to achieve the same objectives," said Karisch. "We aren't just working with other ships. We are working with people inside those ships, too."

The exchange revealed similarities not only in professional duties of each person, but the seemingly universal challenges and triumphs of life at sea.

RAN Able Seaman Maritime Logistics Steward Angela Stephenson found that many of her thoughts, while at sea, are no different from Sailors aboard Chung-Hoon.

"It's funny," said Stephenson. "Eventually you stop talking about the ship and start talking about how much you miss your family and friends back home."

Pacific Bond is a multi-national naval exercise designed to advance participating nations' military-to-military coordination and capacity to plan and execute tactical operations in a multi-warfare environment.

Participants in Pacific Bond 2013 include the guided-missile destroyers USS Preble (DDG 88) and USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93); members of the forward deployed Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 15; P-3C aircraft from Commander, Task Force 72; one submarine from Commander, Task Force 74; helicopters and personnel from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25 and personnel from Naval Special Warfare Unit (NSWU) One joined forces with Royal Australian navy guided-missile frigate HMAS Sydney's (FFG 03) and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force ship, JS Murasame (DD 101).

JBPHH to no longer issue DoD vehicle decals effective July 1

Grace Hew Len

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Effective July 1, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will no longer require, nor issue, Department of Defense (DoD) decals for privately owned vehicles (POV). As a result, the DoD vehicle decal sticker will not be required for access to JBPHH installations and annexes on Oahu. Currently approved credentials, such as the common access card or similar identification, will be required for access to JBPHH. Persons using POVs are still

required by state law and DoD regulations to maintain proof of insurance, registration and safety inspection documents. These items are subject to inspection and must be readily available.

A list of frequently asked questions can be found on the JBPHH website at www.cnic.navy.mil/pearlharbor-hickam. For more information regarding vehicle decals or other services provided by the JBPHH Pass and ID office, contact them at 471-2131 or 471-3627.

Pass and ID office to reduce services/hours due to furloughs

Due to the upcoming fur-

loughs starting July 8 and ending Sept. 27, the pass and ID office and its annex pass and ID offices will reduce some of its services as well as change its operating hours.

The West Loch Annex Pass and ID office and the Wahiawa Annex Pass and ID office will be closed on Fridays.

The Nimitz Pass and ID office will remain open on Fridays with limited services provided. On Fridays, it will only issue visitors/contractor passes and parking placards.

The Hickam O'Malley Gate visitor center will remain open 24 hours a

day, seven days a week.

Normal pass and ID operations will continue Monday through Thursday at all pass and ID locations.

Pass and ID office outlines services

The primary mission of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Pass and ID office is to process personnel access requests to the installation for personnel who do not have valid authorized base access credentials. The office is located in temporary buildings at the Ward Field/Bloch Arena parking lot outside Nimitz Gate while their

permanent building 3455 undergoes renovations.

The temporary pass and ID office provides the following services: Issuance of short and long-term/long-term visitor passes, issuance of gold cards and agent cards, application processing for RAPIDGate credentials, and vehicle registration in the Consolidated Law Enforcement Operation Center (CLEOC), and issuance of parking placards for personnel who are E9 and O6 and above.

All personnel requesting restricted area badges (RABs) should report to the pass and ID temporary

admin. office, building 1113 for RABs issuance during the hours of 9 a.m. to noon Monday to Friday.

To process access requests, the individual requesting access must have an authorized sponsor. Base access can be requested for contractors, visitors, guests, and family members who have a valid reason for base access to the installation.

All customers are asked to plan accordingly as wait times may increase compared with previous pass and ID visits. A follow-up announcement will be made upon completion of the project.

JBPHH to reserve parking spaces for Gold Star Family members

Brandon Bosworth

Staff Writer

By June 30, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, along with all other Navy installations, will implement designated parking spaces for Gold Star Family (GSF) members at various locations on base in order to recognize and honor these families.

Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) is implementing the Gold Star parking spaces to

ensure family members (parents, siblings, spouses, and children) of active duty fallen Sailors have easy access to services at Navy installations.

By providing Gold Star program members with designated parking spaces, family members will be able to more easily access resources and support services.

“Navy Installations Command is dedicated to delivering on the promise of taking care of its own by providing support to surviv-

ing families of our fallen active duty military members. Though the family members have lost a loved one while serving our nation, we want our Gold Star Family members to know we (the Navy) are still here to support them,” said Vice Adm. William French, commander, Navy Installations Command.

There will be a total of nine Gold Star Family members' designated parking spots at JBPHH: Three at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange, one at the Hickam AAFES, one at the Hickam commissary, one at the Makalapa Clinic, one at Fleet and Family Support Center, one at the Air Mobility Command and one at the JBPHH Fitness Center.

Historically, mothers of fallen service members began calling themselves “Gold Star Mothers” during the First World War. Since 1936, the United States has been observing Gold Star Mothers Day on the last Sunday of September to honor these mothers.

In 1967, Congress stan-

dardized the service banners and established the Gold Star lapel pins to issue to immediate family members of service mem-

bers killed in combat, including those who have committed suicide in theater. The next of kin pin signifies a service-related

death or suicide during active duty other than combat. In 2010, Congress designated Dec. 18 as Gold Star Wives Day






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What's the best way to beat the heat, without using energy?

Gunner's Mate 2nd Class
Dameiono McMillan
Navy Operation Support Center (NOSC), Charlotte, N.C.




"When I'm at home, I'll open the windows and try cool off that way. If I'm outside I'll go to the pool to cool off also or just find a shaded place."




Airman 1st Class
Vanessa Alonzo
561st Network Operations Squadron, Det. 1

"Try going to the pool or the library. The library almost always has air conditioning, and you can catch up on some studying or pick up a book."

Peter Aguinaldo
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam




"Stay hydrated. Drink water all day."



Tech. Sgt. Anthony Gomez
HQ PACAF

"How about going to the beach, hanging out in the shade somewhere, or just doing nothing so you don't even use your physical energy."

Electronics Technician 3rd Class Ernest Charging
USS Port Royal (CG 73)




"Go outside each day to cool off, and get used to it."

Provided by David Underwood Jr. and MC2 Nardel Gervacio


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USS Lyman K. Swenson moves along Hawaii waters



Official U.S. Navy photograph by PH1 Dixon M. Dreher

USS Lyman K. Swenson (DD-729) is shown underway off Oahu on March 16, 1970. In 1960-61, Lyman K. Swenson received an extensive modernization at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard, California, under the "fleet rehabilitation and modernization" program.



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USS Michael Murphy Sailors serve community

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(DDG 112) Public Affairs*

Sailors from USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) have given back to their Hawaii homeport in a variety of ways, performing restoration at a veteran's cemetery, feeding the homeless, and helping with local youth sports.

The Sailors spent Memorial Day at Oahu Cemetery in downtown Honolulu, landscaping military plots that have been owned by the Navy since 1935. The cemetery has grave markers from the 1800s with the most recent interment in 2002.

Michael Murphy's next community relations project was at River of Life, a homeless shelter located in the Chinatown area of

Honolulu. The Sailors served visitors plates of food at the shelter on June 4. It was the third visit to River of Life by the Michael Murphy crew.

Members of the Michael Murphy crew are also participating in an ongoing youth basketball program at the Filipino United Church of Christ located in Waipahu. Events are being held for elementary to high school students each weekend this summer at the church. The Sailors have helped teach clinics and referee games.

Operations Specialist 1st Class Riunite Izquierdo coordinates community service projects for the Michael Murphy. She said reaching out to Hawaii communities is important for the ship, a newly commissioned destroyer which has been homeported at Joint Base

Pearl Harbor-Hickam since November.

"We are very proud to call Pearl Harbor our homeport, and we want to be strong partners with the communities on the island," Izquierdo said.

"Performing community service not only gives back to residents of Oahu, but it really enriches the experiences for Sailors stationed at Pearl Harbor. We really get as much out of doing these projects as those we are working to help," Izquierdo said.

Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Cortney Lewis agreed. He helped straighten headstones at Oahu Cemetery and is a regular contributor to the basketball clinics.

"Being a Sailor is about service, both to your country and your community," Lewis said. "The residents



U.S. Navy photo by OS2 Phuong Nguyen

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of Oahu have done so much for us, welcoming us to the island and making this our

home. It's always an honor to go into the communities as a command, represent-

ing the Michael Murphy, and work side-by-side with our neighbors."

Naval Special Warfare Command holds change of command ceremony

MC3 Paul Coover

*Naval Special Warfare
Command Public Affairs*

Rear Adm. Brian L. Losey relieved Rear Adm. Sean A. Pybus as commander, Naval Special Warfare Command (CNSWC) during a change of command ceremony June 21 at Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado.

Adm. William H. McRaven, commander of U.S. Special Operations Command, was the guest speaker for the ceremony. In his remarks, McRaven praised Pybus' leadership within Naval Special Warfare (NSW).

"In the midst of all the chal-

lenging times, Sean's SEALs, combatant-craft crewmen and NSW Sailors have contributed to the fight in Afghanistan, East Africa, Yemen, North Africa, the Philippines and countless other hot spots around the world," McRaven said. "We have earned a reputation that is unparalleled, primarily because Sean has led the effort to ensure we send the best selected, the best trained, the best equipped and the best supported Naval Special Warfare warriors ever."

Pybus will leave CNSWC to command NATO's special operations headquarters in Brussels. He will be promoted to vice admiral in his new assignment.

"All good things must end and there are new beginnings

today," Pybus said.

McRaven said he was impressed by Pybus' efforts to take care of those under his command.

"His personal efforts regarding the preservation of the force and families and the success that accompanied the hard work made NSW the model program for the Navy and for U.S. Special Operations Command," McRaven said.

Losey said he was honored to take command from Pybus.

"The complex and dynamic security situations that are evolving around the world today will continue to call on the full extent of our commitment, our creativity and our adaptability," Losey said.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Megan Anuci

Adm. William H. McRaven looks on as Rear Adm. Brian L. Losey salutes Rear Adm. Sean A. Pybus during the Naval Special Warfare change of command ceremony at Naval Base Coronado.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, along with his wife Carol, is presented a certificate of commendation from Honolulu City Council members Kymberly Marcos Pine, Breene Harimoto (right) and Joey Manahan (far left). Ponds, whose change of command is scheduled for July 10, was commended for his service and contributions in Hawaii over the past two years.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Nardel Gervacio

A U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet Band member entertains Tongan school children during a Pacific Partnership 2013 donation ceremony. Working at the invitation of each host nation, Pacific Partnership is joined by partner nations Australia, Canada, Colombia, France, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea and New Zealand to strengthen disaster response preparedness around the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter



Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, along with Morris Tamanaha, regional dispatch center manager cut the ribbon on a *malle* lei during the re-opening of the regional dispatch center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. RDC provides access to fire, police, ambulance and emergency medical services on all military installations on Oahu.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardel Gervacio



Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class Jacob Lambert, assigned to U.S. Pacific Command Joint Intelligence Operation Center, uses an indirect calorimeter to check his metabolic rate during a wellness vehicle visit. The wellness vehicle is sponsored by the wellness center at Naval Health Clinic Hawaii to provide information about eating right, blood pressure, cholesterol and tobacco to commands throughout Oahu.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jerine Lee



USS O'Kane (DDG 77) maneuvers into position during a towing exercise (TOWEX) with WRB 101 south of Kauai, Hawaii as Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Travis Lloyd (left) and Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Griffin Vancil (right) fire a shot line from O'Kane's forecandle.

U.S. Navy photo by FC1 Shod Williams

Life & Leisure

AREA MILITARY BASES PLAN 4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES

Don Robbins

Assistant Editor

A series of 4th of July Independence Day celebrations for military members, their families and Department of Defense cardholders have been scheduled at Hawaii bases. They include:

- 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, and 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.

- U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii will host a July 4th celebration at Schofield Barracks, for military members and their families. The event will include fireworks from the commissary parking lot starting at 8:30 p.m.

Activities begin at 10 a.m. and continue throughout the day. They will include pony rides, a games midway and mechanical bull riding, crafts and new products bazaar, food booths, a military working

dog demonstration, and music from a variety of live bands.

Other activities will include a 5:30 p.m. flag retreat followed by a performance by the band OneRepublic. A 50-state patriotic salute, 25th Infantry Division Band concert and performance of the 1812 Overture will take place at 7:15 p.m.

Army officials are forecasting that Schofield Barracks will reach maximum field capacity this year due to conditions that did not exist in previous years, including the return of most service members from deployment and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Marine Corps Base Hawaii not offering fireworks.

Because of these capacity

and safety concerns, the event will be open only to Department of Defense (DoD) ID cardholders. This includes military members, their families, military retirees, DoD civilian employees, and their authorized guests.

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

- The traditional fireworks show will not be included in this year's 4th of July 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.



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MWR welcomes military to joint base with Newcomers Luncheons

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) offers a free Newcomers Luncheon to all military-affiliated personnel within their first six months of arrival. The next Newcomers Luncheon is July 17.

“We hope that all who attend the Newcomers Luncheon will walk away with a wealth of information that make their time in Hawaii both comfortable and enjoyable,” said Lesly Johnson, sponsorship coordinator for the joint base.

“The lunch is definitely family friendly. The overall atmosphere is fun and informal. And we have child and youth programs on-hand with activities suitable for most children,” Johnson added.

“It is always hard when you are brand new to a base or a city



Photo courtesy of MWR Marketing

Military service members speak to a sponsor at the Newcomers Luncheon and sign up for a giveaway.

for that matter. You come with a lot of questions. Whether you have been in the military for years, every base is different and has different offerings available,” according to Johnson.

“By attending our Newcomers Luncheon, many of your questions will be answered. But if we don’t answer your specific questions, representatives from various programs will be on-site to respond as well,” Johnson added.

When participants arrive for the luncheon, they should check in with an MWR staff member, who will distribute a press kit with the Great Life Hawaii Magazine, flyers of upcoming events and brochures with information on activities.

Participants will also receive one raffle ticket per family and one stamp-and-win card per family. The raffle ticket may be used for prizes given away by MWR throughout the luncheon.

The stamp-and-win card needs to be stamped by all sponsors and

turned in to be picked for the grand prize. The top prize item is the MWR coupon book, which features deals such as free surf lessons and free oil changes.

The staff will also describe all MWR activities offered on Pearl Harbor-Hickam, the website greatlifehawaii.com, the Facebook page (search for Great Life Hawaii) and the Twitter page (@GreatLifeHawaii).

Once the presentation is over, the sponsors will distribute the prizes and MWR will hand out the raffle winner prizes. The optional base tour immediately follows the lunch.

“The tour gives those new to the base a chance to see where a lot of MWR facilities are located. Along the way you may hear a few interesting facts about this historic base, thanks to our tour guide Roger,” Johnson said.

Those interested can visit www.greatlifehawaii.com to register for the next Newcomers Luncheon.

Free summer concert series features military bands

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:

- 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).

Commissaries plan for Monday furloughs

When furloughs are implemented, most military commissaries will close one day a week on Mondays, said Joseph H. Jeu, the director and CEO of the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA). The closures will be for up to 11 days between July 8 and Sept. 30.

Closing commissaries on Mondays would be in addition to any days stores are routinely closed. The 148 stores that routinely close on Mondays would also close

the next normal day of operation. Other than the furlough day, there are no other changes planned for store operation hours.

The announcement comes as DeCA follows Department of Defense protocols related to the automatic federal government budget reductions, known as sequestration, which began March 1. Like most DOD activities, DeCA is mandated by the department to furlough its civil service employees.

Commissaries announce July 4 holiday hours

On July 4, the Pearl Harbor Commissary will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Hickam Commissary will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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



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<https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Hawaii/index.htm>



Mighty Mo will celebrate Independence Day with Salute to Valor Music Festival

Battleship Missouri Memorial Association

Battleship Missouri Memorial will celebrate Independence Day with A Salute to Valor Music Festival starting at 2 p.m. July 4. The \$7 admission fee includes a concert and tour of the “Mighty Mo.” The event will be held at the memorial at Ford Island.

The event is a tribute to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces.

Performers from ensembles around the country will join together to form the festival chorus and honor Independence Day with America’s patriotic music. After the music festival, concertgoers can tour the Battleship Missouri



Memorial at their leisure.

Shuttle service to the Battleship Missouri Memorial from the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument will be available for those without base access to Ford Island. Please adhere to the no-bag policy.

The Mighty Mo recently celebrated the 15th anniversary of its arrival at its permanent port in Pearl Harbor.

For information on how to purchase tickets in advance, contact corporate travel service at 1-800-727-1999 ext. 166 or ddifranco@ctscentral.net.

For more information on the event, visit the Salute to Valor website: www.salutetovalor.com.

Advice offered for dealing with stress, furloughs and finances

Andrea Hantman

Civilian Employee Assistance Program

Many Department of Defense civilian employees have now received furlough notices. Beginning July 8, most civilians will start the furlough cycle, now scheduled for up to 11 days, one day per week, until the end of the fiscal year. This means for most that there will be a pay reduction of 20 percent from

base (plus locality) pay.

Some classes offered by the Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) include Stress Management from 8 to 11 a.m. July 9 and Managing Money and Credit from 2 to 3:30 p.m. July 9 (Hickam MFSC).

The following are tips on ways to develop new habits and cut back on expenses.

Begin now to track your spending. Know where your money is going, and start now to write down all your

monthly expenditures.

Write down fixed expenses, averaged to a monthly figure. Then write down optional expenses. Separate your needs from “wants.”

If your expenses exceed income, it may be time to look for other options, such as increasing your income and decreasing spending.

In regard to debt, when possible contact your creditors prior to missing a payment. Inform your mortgage holder if you think you might be unable to pay your full

mortgage payment on time.

Discuss options, don’t ignore bills and don’t take on new debt. If you think there might be a security clearance issue due to debt, contact the Civilian Employee Assistance Program (CEAP) for a confidential appointment. Beware of scams and check with the Better Business Bureau or the Consumer Protection Agency.

In addition, create a written plan and get your family involved. Brainstorm ways to save and review periodically.

Do learn something new during this period. Develop spending habits that work for you. Support your co-workers and family members, share what you learn and try to be well. Contact CEAP to set up an appointment to ensure you’re heading in the right direction.

CEAP counseling sessions are confidential and at no cost to civil service civilian employees. Call centralized scheduling at 474-1999, ext. 6201 or 6202 to obtain CEAP information or schedule an appointment.

Facebook unveils ‘Video on Instagram’ as additional feature

Anna Marie General

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

With the recent announcement of hashtag support, Facebook also unveiled the launch of “Video on Instagram” during a live-streaming press conference June 20 at the Facebook headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif.

“It’s a big idea that a small team here has been working on,” said Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook co-founder.

In the past year, Instagram was asked to join Facebook and

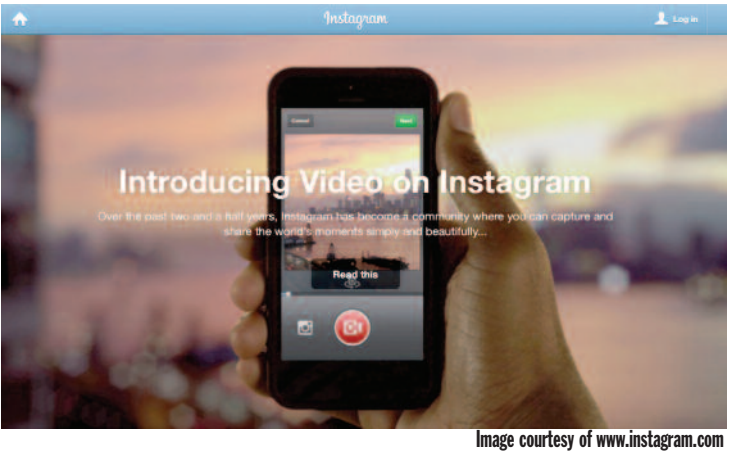


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now has more than 100 million active members.

As Facebook constantly develops additional features to their

social networking platform, their mission is to give people the power to share and make the world more open and connected.

Kevin Systrom, Instagram co-founder, introduced the new product stating, “Instagram is a tool to remember, to take meaningful moments, everyday moments that would otherwise be forgotten in the world, and to capture them forever.”

“When I think about Instagram and I think about moments, I think about visual imagery. What I can tell you is that our core visual imagery is everything, ... it’s what drives us,” Systrom said.

Popularly known as a photo sharing app, Instagram users will now be able to record 15-second video clips, use 13 custom filters, select a cover frame and utilize a video stability feature called Cinema.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) is currently part of four social media networking sites: Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and iTunes with plans to add Instagram as another communication tool.

“Like” us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/JointBasePearlHarborHickam or follow us on Twitter @JointBasePHH to get the latest news.

USS Arizona Memorial returns to full tours July 1

National Park Service

USS Arizona Memorial tours will return to a full tour schedule July 1.

World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument will return to offering these tours every 15 minutes from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Tickets are available online at Recreation.gov or on a first-come, first-served basis at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. The visitor center opens at 7 a.m. and closes at 4:30 p.m.

To meet sequestration requirements in the 2013 federal budget, the National Park Service delayed hiring positions in visitor services. These positions are now being filled and, with the support of partner Pacific Historic Parks, the National Park Service will again offer 29 tours to the USS Arizona daily (equaling 4,350 visitors) beginning July 1.

The National Park Service has operated USS Arizona Memorial tours on a limited schedule since March 6.

During this time, tickets to visit the memorial have been distributed very quickly, sometimes before 8 a.m. It is estimated that 140,400 visitors (1,200 daily) were impacted by sequestration from March 6 through the return to full tours.

Despite limited tour scheduling, the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center has experienced a 20 percent increase in visitation from the previous year during the past several months, including more than 15 percent additional visitors to the USS Arizona Memorial in May.

The visitor center book store, snack shop, museums and audio tours remain available during business hours. The Pearl Harbor Historic Sites (USS Bowfin Submarine, Pacific Aviation Museum, Pearl Harbor and the Battleship Missouri Memorial) are open and accessible. Visit recreation.gov for reservations and pearlharborhistoricsites.org for more information about visiting Pearl Harbor.

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii announces Independence Day weekend hours

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

All Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH) health care operations will be closed on July 4 in honor of Independence Day.

This includes all medical/dental facilities at Branch Health Clinics (BHC) Makalapa, Camp Smith, Wahiawa, Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands. All routine care should be planned prior to or after the Independence Day weekend. This includes appointment scheduling, prescription refills, laboratory draws, etc.

Independence Day weekend hours of operation for NHCH are listed below:

- July 5: Only BHC Makalapa will be

open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for acute care needs. All other clinics are closed.

- July 6: The urgent care walk-in clinic at Makalapa Clinic will be open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for acute care needs.
- July 7: All NHCH health care operations will be closed.

All clinics will reopen for regular business hours on July 8.

Beneficiaries can speak to a health-care provider at any time the clinics are closed by calling the “Provider After-Hours Advice Line” at 808-473-0247, ext. 3.

For emergencies, call 911 or go to Tripler Army Medical Center. For active duty dental emergencies, call 808-864-4705. For NHCH hours of operation, visit the website at <http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhch>.

My Favorite Photo...

Master Sgt. Darrell J. Bactad of the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) took this photo recently of a stand-up paddler at sunrise with Diamond Head in the background.

How to submit: Send your (non-posed) photo to editor@hookelenews.com.



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Texas Hold 'em and Bunco will begin at 5:45 p.m. tonight at Tradewinds Enlisted Club, Oahu Room. This is a member's only event. Winners receive prizes. All ranks are welcome and reservations are encouraged. FMI: 448-2271.

Crud Tournament will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. tonight at the Hickam Officers' Club's Koa Lounge. FMI: 448-4608.

Chill & Grill and 9-ball Tournament will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. tonight at Club Pearl's Brews & Cues. Participants must be age 18 or older. FMI: 473-1743.

Free Ladies Golf Clinic will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at Mamala Bay Golf Course. FMI: 449-2300.

"Have Book, Will Travel": Screen Printing will begin at 2 p.m. July 2 at the Hickam Library. Teens ages 13 to 18 can participate. Bring your own T-shirt, and then return

on July 6 to complete your project. Priority will be given to those registered for the summer reading program. FMI: 449-8299.

Beginners Sailing will be held from noon to 2 p.m. or 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays July 2 to 30 at Rainbow Bay Marina. The class is taught by a certified instructor and consists of classroom theory and on-the-water group instructions. A maximum of eight students per class is allowed. FMI: 473-0279.

Free Ladies Golf Clinic will begin at 9:30 a.m. July 3 at Barbers Point Golf Course. FMI: 682-1911.

Basic Drawing Techniques: Still Life will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays July 3 to 24 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Students will use a variety of drawing media and exercises, including working from still life setups and photographs. FMI: 448-9907.

Celebrate Independence Day with all-nighters

Tradewinds Enlisted Club and JR Rockers have been hosting all-nighter since the early 1980s. Patrons can experience four deejays spinning different music in separate rooms all connected by a door or walkway.

"I love working the all-nighter because of the people. We always get a diverse crowd, all ages, all services. They always fill up, and each room has its own element to make it stand out," explained Celeste Kamai, duty manager at JR Rockers.

"One of the best things about deejaying the all-nighter is that it's such a known event, we don't even have to promote. It's guaranteed fun, and our patrons can't wait to come back," said DJ Doc J, who deejayed at the first all-nighter in the



MWR Marketing photo

Patrons dance the night away at one of JR Rockers/Tradewinds All-Nighters.

early 1980s.

The all-nighter offer club-goers the opportunity to dance all night, sit, relax and

listen to some music or salsa the night away or eat soul food. The next all-nighter is July 3 starting at 9 p.m.

Learn history and culture on ITT Chinatown food and historic tour

With Hawaii's unique cultural diversity right in Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's back yard, it is easy to discover different parts of the island from neighborhood to neighborhood.

Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) offers a variety of local tours, including the Chinatown food and historic tour. Discover the history of Honolulu's Chinatown while sampling Chinese treats along the way. This walking tour explores historical buildings, open markets, Chinese-style bakeries and more.

It is offered once a month and departs from the ITT-Hickam office. A 15-minute bus ride takes patrons to the

heart of downtown Honolulu where the tour begins. Participants will be given a 30-minute brief of Chinatown's history before meeting the guide and departing for the walking tour.

The next available tour will be held from 8:45 a.m. to

1 p.m. June 29. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$25 for children, which includes round-trip transportation from ITT-Hickam, guided tour and dim sum lunch. For more information, call 448-2295 or any of JBPHH's ITT offices or visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.



MWR patrons travel in a trolley to Chinatown for the food and historic tour.

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Morale Welfare & Recreation

SUMMER FIREWORKS CRUISE

There will be summer fireworks cruises from 6:15 to 9:30 on Fridays throughout the month of July. The cruise includes a ride on the Waikiki Maita'i catamaran, fireworks, complimentary beverages and round-trip transportation from Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT)-Hickam. FMI: 448-2295.

YOUTH FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for NFL flag football will begin July 1 and continue until Aug. 3. The season runs September through December. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 473-0789.

HICKAM HISTORICAL TOUR

Tours of historic Hickam will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Fridays throughout the month of July. Departures are from ITT-Hickam and Royal Alakai Lodge. FMI: 448-2295.

LIBRARY KNOW-HOW

The Hickam Library will hold a free educational tour at 11 a.m. July 6. The staff will demonstrate how to find e-books, audio-books, music, online foreign language training, and explain the Universal Class for online continuing education and the Dewey Decimal system. FMI: 449-8299.

GROUP SURF LESSON

There will be a group surf lesson from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 7 at White Plains Beach. The registration deadline is July 2. Shuttle service is included via the Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. FMI: 473-1198.

ADULT AND CHILDREN'S SWIM LESSONS

Hickam Pool 2 will offer a variety of swim lessons beginning July 8. Classes are divided into four age groups: 6 months-3 years old, 3-4 years old, 5-16 years old, and 17 years and older. Register online at www.greatlifehawaii.com.

RACQUETBALL LESSONS

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center will hold free racquetball lessons on July 11, 12 and 13. Classes are from 5 to 7 p.m. on July 11 and 12, and from 9 to 11 a.m. on July 13. Classes are taught by an American Professional Racquetball Organization certified instructor, and are open to eligible patrons 18 years and older. The last day to register is July 8. Sign up at the fitness center customer service desk. FMI: 471-2019.

SAILING INSTRUCTION

Sailing instruction will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturdays throughout the month of July at the Rainbow Bay Marina. This course offers a brief introduction to sailing and includes an overview in the classroom, demonstration of rigging, and some time on the water. This class is open to eligible adults and family members 10 years and older. FMI: 473-0279.

Community Calendar

JUNE

29 — The Polynesian Voyaging Society, in coordination with the Navy, will feature an interview with Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, as part of the television documentary "Hökūle'a: Her Farthest Journey" airing from 7 to 8 p.m. on KHON2 and from 9 to 10 p.m. on Hawaii's CW. Voyaging canoe Hōkūle'a is set to embark this month on a 46,000 mile, three-year journey to 21 countries with 65 currently planned landfalls. FMI: http://www.khon2.com/hokulea/.

30 — The Battleship Missouri Memorial announced today that the historic attraction will be closed to the public for one day on June 30 to accommodate a filming project. The memorial will reopen on July 1 with normal operating hours. The memorial is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the summer (June, July and August). Contact the memorial for information about admission fees. FMI: 1-877-644-4896 or visit USSMissouri.org.

JULY

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

2, 10 — Upcoming Armed Services Blood Program drives include July 2, 7:30 a.m. to noon, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Makalapa Clinic and July 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Wahiawa Annex. FMI: 433-6699 or 433-6148 or e-mail michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil.

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. Sign up at www.active.com or www.navyballhawaii.com. FMI: www.facebook.com/#!/PearlHarborNavyBall

6 — As part of National Oceans Month, a cleanup of White Plains Beach and a Hawaiian monk seal educational event will be held at the beach. The cleanup will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., and the monk seal educational event will be from 9 to 11 a.m. The event is open to anyone who wishes to volunteer. Attendees are encouraged to bring water, sunscreen, hat and sunglasses. Gloves and garbage bags will be provided. FMI: Patricia Coleman at 473-0369 or e-mail patricia.colemon@navy.mil.



FAST AND FURIOUS 6 (PG13)

Since Dom and Brian's Rio heist toppled a kingpin's empire and left their crew with \$100 million, our heroes have scattered across the globe. But, their inability to return home and living forever on the lam have left their lives incomplete. Meanwhile, Hobbs has been tracking an organization of lethally skilled mercenary drivers across 12 countries, whose mastermind is aided by a ruthless second-in-command revealed to be the love Dom thought was dead, Letty.

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 6/28

6:00 Fast and Furious 6 (PG13)

SATURDAY 6/29

2:00 Fast and Furious 6 (PG13)
7:00 The Hangover Part Three (R)

SUNDAY 6/30

2:00 Fast and Furious 6 (PG13)

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER
is closed for renovations

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