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Service members hold Run to Remember in memory of Operation Red Wings



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Service members and family members based in Hawaii, including Sailors assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), participate in a five-mile formation run from Ala Moana Park to the Operation Red Wings Medal of Honor Park. (See A-5 for additional photo)

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Service members based in Hawaii, including Sailors from Special Warfare Command and the guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), participated in a memorial run June 28 to honor the fallen Sailors and Soldiers from Operation Red Wings.

This year marks the eighth anniversary of Operation Red Wings, which first took place on June 28, 2005. The operation claimed the lives of 11 SEALs and eight Army Nightstalkers in the Hindu

Kush of Afghanistan.

Lt. (SEAL) Michael P. Murphy was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions that day, making him the first Navy Sailor to receive the award since the Vietnam War.

"Today we are running in remembrance of the Operation Red Wings," said Lt. Kurt Schulkitas, assigned to guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112).

"As a ship, we are very connected to the namesake. It is special to us, remembering what Michael Murphy means to us. We have a very strong connection with a SEAL [sea, air, land] team, and we wanted to come out and show our support for the team members and participate in

order to keep connected to the namesake of our ship," Schulkitas said.

More than 250 people registered to participate in the memorial run. The runners started at Ala Moana Beach Park and followed the streets of Waikiki to Diamond Head, ending at Operation Red Wings Medal of Honor Park.

The park received its official name on Veterans Day in 2008 and features a stone memorial listing the names of the fallen. The memorial served as a finishing point for the run with the participants paying their respects to the lost service members by placing their hand on the

stone upon crossing the finishing line.

"This is my first time doing it," said Yeoman 2nd Class Jasmine Rigsby, assigned to Naval Special Warfare Group Three, Logistics and Support Unit. "I participated because I know how it feels to lose a fellow Sailor. This is my contribution to everybody who knows someone who was lost. It's a small Navy and we need to take care of each other."

Following the completion of the run, a brief ceremony and moment of silence was observed and was followed by the placement of traditional Hawaiian lei on the

memorial stone.

This year's event also included a special commemoration in memory of a Navy SEAL who went missing during training exercises in February 2013.

"We have different commands that have a connection with those lost in the Operation Red Wings," said Ensign Abigail Harris, assigned to Michael Murphy. "We remember their sacrifices and everything that is meant to have our freedom here."

"SEAL Team One and my command at Michael Murphy are doing a great job maintaining connections since we hold the namesake

of Murphy who was lost while serving the team back in 2005," said Harris.

"Being a newly commissioned ship, we are all deeply connected to the story, and we've spent a lot of time with his family in New York City during commissioning. We've met family members of other SEALs who were lost. Bringing it all together and getting to know all the men who are now serving and doing what he used to do every day is very special. To take a moment out of everyone's schedule to remember is a great thing that these commands are doing," Harris said

Admirals listen to Sailors at all hands



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham

Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, and Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, speak with Sailors and civilians during a town hall meeting at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. To accommodate approximately 1,000 attendees, the meeting was held in the joint base's historic Bloch Arena gym, adjacent to Nimitz Gate.

Raptors take part in hurricane exercise



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Connie Reed

Two F-22 Raptors fly over Wake Island as part of a rapid deployment June 21 service.

Pacific Air Forces
Public Affairs

Two F-22 Raptors and a KC-135 based at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam performed a short-notice, four-day deployment to Wake Island.

"The deployment exercise not only tested our ability to rapidly respond to a crisis, it was also an impressive demonstration of the expeditionary capabilities of our fifth-generation aircraft," said Maj.

Gen. Russell Handy, Pacific Air Forces chief of staff.

Airmen from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing conducted F-22 Raptor fire response training with local Wake Island first responders. This was the first time the Wake Island emergency response personnel were given an orientation with the fifth-generation F-22 Raptor. Twenty-nine total force aircrew, operations and maintenance Airmen from the 154th Wing and

the 15th Wing performed this rapid deployment and redeployment exercise with F-22s assigned to the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing.

"This was a very successful deployment for our Raptors, exercising our total force resilience and readiness here in the Pacific," said Lt. Col. Mark E. Ladtkow, 199th Fighter Squadron commander.

"It demonstrated that, if

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Paying respects at Arizona



JBPHH photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

Col. Johnny Roscoe, commander of 15th Wing, and Joseph (JT) Roscoe tour the Arizona Memorial on June 26.



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15th Medical Group holds change of command



JBPHH photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

Col. Ginny Garner assumes command of the 15th Medical Group (MDG) as she accepts the guidon from Col. Johnny Roscoe, commander of the 15th Wing, during a change of command ceremony June 25 at the Missing Man Formation, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Col. Vickie Hughes (right) is the outgoing 15th MDG commander.

Capt. Aspen Heger

15th Medical Operations Squadron

The 15th Medical Group (MDG) held a change of command ceremony June 25 at the Missing Man Formation at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Col. Virginia A. Garner assumed command of the 15th MDG from Col. Robie V. Hughes.

“When I get the opportunity to have a ceremony at this location, I always reflect on the storied history of our base,” said Col. Johnny Roscoe, commander of 15th Wing, who presided over the ceremony.

“And as I hear airliners fly overhead today, I often wonder what it was like to stand in this spot 72 years ago and hear the Japanese bombers on their way to attack the fleet in Pearl Harbor. As the bombs fell out of the sky that morning, and the U.S. wounded servicemen started to roll in, the staff of the newly built hospital sprang into action.

“They worked non-stop that day, keeping their focus on the task of saving lives while explosions rat-

tled the beds of their injured patients, a truly remarkable story and a reminder of the legacy we are tasked to uphold,” Roscoe said.

“That same unwavering focus on the patient has been the hallmark of the 15th Medical Group under Col. Hughes’ command. For the last three years, her team has continued to provide world class, patient-centered medical care to America’s heroes and their families,” Roscoe said.

Hughes was presented the Legion of Merit for her outstanding service and accomplishments as commander of the 15 MDG. She thanked the local community and the 15th Wing for their unwavering support and especially the Airmen of the 15 MDG for their dedication and service over the last three years of her command.

Garner comes to the 15 MDG from Southwest Asia, where she served as the commander of the 386th Expeditionary Medical Group and was responsible for providing combat medical support, dental and force health protection for the Department of Defense

and U.S. forces throughout Southwest Asia.

“It is an honor and a privilege to stand before you today as the 15th Medical Group commander,” said Garner. “Taking care of our nation’s heroes, past, present and future, and their families, is why I joined the Air Force.”

“Now I have the unique opportunity to lead, partner with our sisters services and the community, and care for the medics who will continue to fulfill this important mission. I am excited to be a part of this team and look forward to working with each of you as we continue the legacy of excellence in the 15th Medical Group,” Garner said.

As the new 15 MDG commander, Garner will lead nearly 243 personnel and three squadrons, overseeing a \$35 million infrastructure, operations and maintenance budget. She is responsible for providing medical and dental services for 14,800 beneficiaries and ensuring quality healthcare service for 90,000 outpatient visits, 22,000 dental visits, and more than 125,000 pharmaceutical distributions annually.

Navy Region Hawaii CMC Sibal retires

Bill Doughty

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

In a ceremony Monday morning aboard Battleship Missouri Memorial, Command Master Chief (SWAW) Marcos F. Sibal said farewell to shipmates and friends, ending his 30-year career in the U.S. Navy.

Sibal, a native of Angeles City, Republic of the Philippines, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1983 and served aboard ships and at installations primarily in the Pacific, eventually becoming fleet master chief for Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet just prior to his final assignment on active duty as region command master chief for all Navy personnel in Hawaii.

“Today is about perseverance and triumph. Hard work pays off. If you work hard enough, good things will happen to you,” Sibal said.

“This is an opportunity to thank everyone. I encourage all of you in uniform to take this opportunity when your time comes. Thank your friends, people you advise, people who have made an impact on your life,” he said.

Sibal, the first Asian American fleet master chief, relayed how he joined the Navy in 1983 as part of the U.S. and Philippines Enlistment Program. He hardly spoke English but learned both the language and saltwater leadership skills quickly.

“You can’t lead if you can’t communicate,” he said. “I learned that leadership is not something you wear on your shoulder. Leadership is taking a group of people to complete a mission. ... It’s how people see you and respect what they see. Lead by example and lead with a lot of humility,” he added.

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Annette Bridges sang “Wind Beneath My Wings” as Sibal thanked his wife, Jean, presenting her with a bouquet of flowers.

He presented his daughter and son, Mabelle and Marc, with traditional Hawaiian *Iei* Mabelle, a registered nurse, flew in from Fresno to attend. Marc, a Navy cadet with Radford High School’s Junior Reserve Officer

Training Corps, carried the American flag in the parade of colors for the event. Each also shared personal thoughts about their dad.

Sibal’s retirement ceremony was attended by nearly 300 people – military service members, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and family members.

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, provided keynote remarks and spoke of Sibal’s humility and care for and about Sailors.

“It’s not just the aptitude and attributes,” Ponds said. “It’s his integrity of character, strength of conviction and, most of all, compassion.”

Addressing Sibal directly, Ponds said, “Wherever you go, positivity is sure to follow.”

Ponds awarded Sibal with the Navy Legion of Merit medal at the ceremony. Sibal received several other tributes and mementoes, including a more-than-five-foot-tall shadow box and plaque from chief petty officers and a framed photograph from the USS Missouri Memorial Association.

“This is a photo of the inner harbor with Battleship Missouri front and center,” association president Mike Carr said, thanking Sibal for his service and support. “You’re always a part of our crew.”

The ceremony concluded with several readings, including a retirement flag ceremony and recitation of “Old Glory” by Chief Logistics Specialist Ebony Pinnock, reading of the Chief Petty Officer Retirement Creed by retired Master Chief Yeoman Jim Taylor, and recitation of “The Watch” by Chief Warrant Officer Timothy Greene.

In a surprise twist to the ceremony, just before being piped ashore and congratulated by fellow CPOs, past and present, Sibal presented Ponds with an honorary chief petty officer certificate signed by Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Mike Stevens. Sibal thanked Ponds for being a “one of a kind” leader and said, “You think like a chief, always asking about Sailors and their families.”



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardel Gervacio

Navy Region Hawaii Command Master Chief Marcos F. Sibal salutes as he passes through ceremonial sideboys and is piped ashore at the conclusion of his retirement ceremony at the Battleship Missouri Memorial. Sibal’s retirement ceremony was attended by nearly 300 people including military service members, retirees, DoD civilians and family members.

MCPON’s Fourth of July message

Office of the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Mike Stevens

As we take time to celebrate 237 years of independence, let us remember to reaffirm our own commitment to liberty and freedom. Let us remember the meaning of the Fourth of July, the meaning of the Independence Day.

Take a moment to reflect on a portion of the Declaration of Independence . . .

‘We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights; that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.’

While many of us enjoy fireworks, festivals, parades and cookouts together to give thanks for our freedom and

what our country has become: the freest, most inspired and resilient nation on earth, please remember the thousands of Sailors who are deployed around the world protecting these very freedoms. Please remember our Navy families who stand the watch at home so our Sailors can focus on missions on the ground, in the air, and at sea.

Also, remember that you are our Navy’s most valuable asset. Whether you are on the road or in the swimming pool, remember safety is paramount. If you decide to drink, don’t drive and have a plan to get home safely. I am very proud of each and every one of you for the sacrifices you and your families make for our great Navy and nation.

Continue to work hard, stay out of trouble, and be good and decent people. Happy Independence Day!



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Dustin W. Sisco

The guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) returns to its homeport at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam following a nine-month deployment.

Senior leaders remember fallen heroes on America’s birthday

U.S. Air Force

Acting Secretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody send the following Independence Day message to the men and women of the U.S. Air Force:

“Happy Birthday, America! For 237 years, our nation has been built on the bedrock of freedom and democracy that our founding fathers established when they signed the Declaration of Independence. We draw on the courage of those patriots and take inspiration from the countless acts of heroism that followed as America’s sons and daughters fought to protect our free and independent nation.

On this Fourth of July, as Americans around the world

gather to celebrate with families and loved ones, let us remember our service members who have fallen in battle. These brave heroes paid the ultimate price to make freedom possible. We must also never forget the families who have lost fathers, mothers, sons or daughters—they are part of our extended family. Remember them this Independence Day, as well as those who stand guard while we celebrate our nation’s birthday.

The American people look to our men and women in uniform as symbols of the strength and commitment of this great nation. As Airmen, we live up to a high standard and we are grateful for all you do to defend our precious freedoms each and every day. We are proud of you, and we wish you and your families a safe and happy Fourth of July.

JBPHH services to be affected by furloughs starting next week

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

With the implementation of furloughs across the government work force starting next week, various services will be impacted. Furloughs will be in effect for 11 weeks from July 8 through Sept. 30. (For more information about changes in services at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, check <http://ow.ly/mE1yY>).

JPPSO

The Joint Personal Property Shipping Office/Personal Property Division-Hawaii (JPPSO/PPD-HI) will be closed all day on Mondays.

The JPPSO staff asks for everyone to try to prepare as far in advance for their move 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 moving 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.

Housing offices

The Housing Services Center (HSC) at Moanalua Shopping Center and the Hickam Housing Management Office will also close all day on Mondays.

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. 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.

Pass and ID offices

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. All other questions can be addressed by the pass and ID staff at 471-2131 or 471-3627.

To view the frequently asked questions about vehicle decals and the services pass and ID provides, visit <http://ow.ly/mE543>.

Commissary

The Pearl Harbor and Hickam Commissaries will close on Mondays. The Pearl Harbor Commissary will remain open on all other days from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. The Hickam Commissary will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The stores will also continue to open 30 minutes prior to normal opening for customers needing assistance. For more information, call the Pearl Harbor Commissary at 471-8402, ext. 101 or the Hickam Commissary at 449-1363.

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

Effective July 13, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii will no longer offer its Saturday urgent care walk-in clinic

at Branch Health Clinic Makalapa. All clinic operations will be closed, including pharmacy, lab and central appointments.

To speak to a medical care provider at anytime the clinics are closed, call the “provider after-hours advice line” at 473-0247, ext. 3.

For active duty dental emergencies, call (808) 864-4705. For emergencies, dial 911 or go to Tripler Army Medical Center Emergency Room.

For clinic hours of operation, visit the Naval Health Clinic Hawaii website at www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhch.

Region Legal Services Office

Beginning the week of July 8, legal assistance attorney, notary and power of attorney services will not be available on Fridays. Notary and power of attorney services will be available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays and from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Walk-ins will be available from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Mondays through Wednesdays and from 1:30

to 3:30 on Thursdays. Slots for walk-ins are limited, and clients are served on a first come, first served basis. RLISO recommends that clients arrive by 8 a.m. Mondays through Wednesdays and by 1 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information, call 473-4717. Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Beaches: From July 2 until Labor Day on Sept. 2, there will be staffing life-guards at Hickam Beach from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week. After Sept. 2, lifeguards will be on duty from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

Equipment rental: Building 644 equipment rental is for command use and by appointment only. All other equipment rentals should be done through Outdoor Recreation Equipment Rental, building 1760H, Kuntz Avenue or the Outdoor Adventure Center at the Fleet Store, building 1786.

To schedule an appointment, contact Outdoor Recreation Equipment Rental at 449-6870.

Diverse Views

What was the most moving memorial, monument or historic site that you have ever visited?

1st Lt. Matt Savage
96th Air Refueling Squadron

“I have visited the Vietnam War Memorial twice, and both times proved to be a powerful and moving experience. Looking at all the names engraved on that wall made me truly appreciate the sacrifices that so many have made to ensure the freedom that my family and I enjoy.”



Operations Specialist 2nd Class
Martina Stoval
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



“For me the most moving memorial has to be the USS Arizona. Just the thought of those people who lost their lives so suddenly and bodies have not been recovered yet and they’re still down there kind of makes you grateful. It gives you a sense of pride of what you do and you’re fighting for a cause. It’s very touching.”

Electronics Technician
3rd Class Lizette Bowland
Navy Region Hawaii

“It would be the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. It’s just baffling how big a list can be, and how many losses our country had.”



Provided by David Underwood Jr.
and MC2 Nardel Gervacio

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Liberators ‘hang’ around at Hickam



Photo courtesy of the state of Hawaii Department of Transportation, Airports Division

B-24J Liberators are shown here inside a maintenance hangar at the former Hickam Field, Hawaiian Air Depot, July 30, 1944.

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Thoughts about freedom, why we're here



Rear Adm. Frank Ponds
Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

Freedom is why we are here. Our job is to protect and defend America, land of the free. Our Navy's means for ensuring that protection is to keep the sea lanes open and to work with others in the region to build cooperation, preserve peace and promote freedom. Here in Hawaii, we are in the strategic center point in the Pacific for carrying out our mission. Recently Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus visited the western Pacific and restated his commitment to the rebalancing strategy that puts the newest assets, most capable ships and aircraft here, "to work with our friends, to work with our allies, to keep peace and stability in this region, which is so crucial not only for this region but for us in the United States as well." It's clear from statements by POTUS, SECDEF and CNO that rebalancing to East Asia and Pacific region will not be affected by the current effects of sequestration. The commitment to our mission to protect and defend the United States remains strong. The CNO's sailing directions, "warfighting first, operate forward, be ready,"

sharpen our focus and show how we can achieve our goals at region and MID-PAC. Here are three very different examples of how we are directly or indirectly preserving freedom of the seas from Hawaii. **Warfighting first:** The latest of our MIDPAC ships to return from deployment to the western Pacific, USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), brilliantly conducted a 9 and a half month deployment that included operating with the U.S. 5th and 7th Fleets. The men and women of USS Paul Hamilton were the latest of our warfighters to conduct operations supporting maritime security, counter-terrorism and freedom of the seas. I am extremely proud of their achievements and how they represented the Navy and the United States as they worked with our partners and allies, whether combatting transnational crime on the ocean, visiting Bahrain, or providing community service in the Republic of the Philippines. Today, our shipmates aboard USS Chosin (CG 65) and USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) are operating forward, standing the watch, and providing maritime security with Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet, all in the name of freedom.

Operate forward: The surface ships, submarines and aircraft stationed in Hawaii are able to operate forward because of the tremendous support provided by the installations and tenant commands here. Our military and civilian team at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam provides support, not only to warfighters but also to their families. Pacific Missile Range Facility provides world-class training, not only to the U.S. Navy but also to our allies and partners. Several months ago, we were honored to be asked to give advice to our friends at Polynesian Voyaging Society as they prepared to begin a worldwide voyage of their traditional voyaging canoes Hokule'a and Hikianalia. These brave men and women are able to conduct their worldwide voyage over the next several years in large part because of the freedom of the seas the Navy helps ensure. We share many of the same values as the PVS: protection of the environment; promotion of STEM—science, technology, engineering and mathematics; preservation of culture and diversity; and promotion of sustainability and renewable energy. **Be ready:** Another "voyage" in the Pacific this summer is one supported directly and indirectly from our team in Hawaii. U.S. Pacific Fleet's Pacific Partnership 2013 aboard USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) is led by Capt. Wallace Lovely, mission commander

and commodore of Destroyer Squadron 31. PP13 is visiting Oceania, providing disaster response preparation with partners like Australia, Japan, New Zealand and Singapore, among others. Pacific Partnership is another example of our commitment to the region in building relationships and readiness. The mission began in the aftermath of the response to the 2004 tsunami that hit Southeast Asia. The Navy responded with humanitarian assistance and disaster response. Today, as exemplified aboard namesake USS Pearl Harbor, we have a sustained readiness capability made stronger and facilitated by our team here in Hawaii. Obviously there are many

other examples that can illustrate how the Navy in Hawaii, working in concert with our friends and partners, is helping preserve and protect freedom here in the Pacific. As we face—and persevere through—the fiscal challenges of sequestration and significant impact of furloughs to our civilian shipmates in the months ahead, let's not lose sight of our vital mission and the countless ways your hard work is making a difference for people everywhere who yearn to be free. As my time as commander of region and MIDPAC comes to a close, I can reflect on the important work we have done to support fleet, fighter and family over the past two years. We provided world-class

support to the Rim of the Pacific Exercise in 2012. We promoted education, renewable energy and environmental stewardship. We helped with our leaders' initiative to rebalance to the Pacific. We achieved outstanding community outreach and built strong teamwork here in Hawaii. You achieved this and more. I know you will continue to advance the Navy's mission in the years ahead. Our Navy team in Hawaii will continue to promote "warfighting first, operate forward, be ready." We will continue on our steady drive to live up to the ideals of our great nation, founded on a commitment of freedom for all. It's why we are here.

Have a safe, healthy and happy Fourth of July weekend



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardel Gervacio

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



Service members and family members based in Hawaii, including Sailors assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) named after Lt. (SEAL) Michael P. Murphy, participate in a five-mile formation run from Ala Moana Park to the Operation Red Wings Medal of Honor Park.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Diana Quinlan



Sailors from the Ticonderoga-Class guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) interact with students at the Jinhae Hope Home during a port visit in Busan, South Korea.

U.S. Navy photo by FC3 Andrew Albin



USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), (center), along with the Royal Australian Navy frigate HMAS Sydney (FFG 03), (right), and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force ship JS Murasame (DD 101), (left), break formation behind guided-missile destroyer USS Preble (DDG-88) on June 26 during Pacific Bond 2013. The maritime exercise between the U.S. Navy, Royal Australian Navy, and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force is designed to improve interoperability and further relations between nations.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Paul Kelly

Canadian Army Maj. Sophie Toupin delivers remarks to a group of Pacific Partnership personnel attending a Canada Day celebration aboard the amphibious dock landing ship USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52). Pacific Partnership is a mission that brings host nation governments, U.S. military, partner nation militaries and non-governmental organization volunteers together to conduct disaster-preparedness projects and build relationships in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region to better respond during a crisis.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Samantha J. Webb



Navy offers helpful advice to Polynesian Voyaging Society

Bill Dougherty

*Navy Region Hawaii
Public Affairs*

“Hokule’a: Her Farthest Journey,” a documentary about the Polynesian Voyaging Society’s (PVS) Worldwide Voyage now underway, aired for the first time Thursday and again last Saturday on local TV in Hawaii.

The documentary included an interview with Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, who was asked on the eve of the voyage for his perspective and advice to PVS on behalf of the Navy.

Ponds said through awareness, training and safety measures the group can be best prepared to meet challenges on the seas and in the littorals. Those challenges include typhoons, rogue waves and piracy during the 46,000 mile, three-year journey to 21 countries with 65

planned landfalls.

“We were honored to be asked to give advice to our friends at Polynesian Voyaging Society as they prepared to begin a worldwide voyage of their traditional voyaging canoes Hokule’a and Hikianalia,” Ponds said, noting the Navy’s role directly and indirectly.

“These brave men and women are able to conduct their worldwide voyage over the next several years, in large part because of the freedom of the seas the Navy helps ensure.”

In recent years, Sailors from Commander Destroyer Squadron 31 volunteered in community relations projects, helping to sand canoes with the society. Earlier this year, Sailors from Afloat Training

Group Middle Pacific and USS Chafee (DDG 90) provided search and rescue training to PVS mariners at the joint base’s Scott Pool.

“One of the roles on the canoes is having a rescue swimmer in case someone

was to go overboard,” said Lehua Kamalu of Pauoa, Hawaii, a Polynesian Voyaging Society student, while attending the training.

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

According to PVS, the worldwide voyage is being conducted to promote education, the environment and sustainable energy as well as ensure continuity with the next generation.

“We share many of the same values: Protection of the environment; promotion of STEM—science, technology, engineering and mathematics; preservation of culture and diversity; and promotion of sustainability and renewable energy,” Ponds said.

“The reason we go around the Earth is to connect with it, and be with it, and learn from it about the diversity of culture and the special places around



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Paul D. Homick

Sailors sand down pieces of a Polynesian canoe for the Polynesian Voyaging Society, which plans on sailing the canoe around the world using ancient techniques without any electronics or navigation equipment Jan. 22, 2011.

the planet,” said Nainoa Thompson, PVS president.

Ponds received a note of thanks from the society for his participation in the documentary. Sent by PVS leadership, the note reads, “You have helped to shape this story, for which we are

very grateful ... *Mahalo nui* for being such an integral part of our *ohana* (family).”

The interview with Ponds was conducted May 23 at JBPHH with USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) in port as a backdrop, just before Pearl Harbor

departed to lead Pacific Partnership, the largest disaster-response preparation mission in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. PP13 is being conducted in some of the same waters in which PVS voyagers will sail.

July 4 marks passing of two of America’s leading founders

Respects paid in Hawaii more than 5 months later in 1826

Jim Neuman

Navy Region Hawaii Historian

On July 4, 1826, two of America’s leading founders, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, died within hours of each other. The news of their passing exactly 50 years to the day after the signing of the Declaration of Independence was seen by many in the young republic as a sign.

In many ways, Adams of Massachusetts and Jefferson of Virginia represented the geographic, economic and ideological differences that the people of the United States would have to struggle with as a nation.

The firm conviction and staunch advocacy of their individual beliefs led these patriots and friends to become bitter enemies, but time and reflection eventually brought them back together again as elderly statesmen. The correspondence of their last 14 years is rich with insight into how the honest



U.S. Navy Capt. Thomas ap Catesby Jones

debate and discussion of ideas, and the willingness to compromise would forge a foundation that led to a stronger union.

Though divided for a time by deeply held ideas about the proper governance of the nation, their mutual admira-

tion for one another and deeply felt love of country and sincere desire to see freedom succeed in the world brought them to reconciliation. Adams wrote Jefferson in 1825, saying, “I look back with rapture on those golden days when Virginia and Massachusetts lived and acted together like a band of brothers.”

The deaths of Jefferson and Adams on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence added significance to the calendar day July 4 and set in stone the principles of American independence that July Fourth would forever represent.

Though the Fourth of July in 1826 was his last day on earth, Jefferson offered the following commentary on the day: “May it be to the world, what I believe it to be, the signal of arousing men to burst the chains under which monkish ignorance and superstition had persuaded them to bind themselves, and to assume the blessings and secu-

rity of self-government.”

In our current day of instant communications, the passing of the former presidents would have been known within moments, but word traveled slowly in the early 19th century, and it was five months before the news reached Hawaii. By December of 1826, American missionaries, whalers and merchants had already begun to establish themselves in the Hawaiian Islands and though a long way from home, the significance of the death of the two great patriot leaders and their ideas of freedom, hope and patriotism was not lost on them.

On Dec. 22, upon hearing the news, U.S. Navy Capt. Thomas ap Catesby Jones of the USS Peacock ordered a full military procession of Marines and Sailors ashore in Honolulu to honor the former presidents.

On a warm December day in the Hawaiian Islands, the timeless principles of the Fourth of July burned bright.



Readiness

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necessary, with little advance notice we can rapidly deploy to Wake Island which has the necessary infrastructure in place to support our aircraft and operations.”

Wake Island lies approximately 2,300 miles west of Hawaii, and the short deployment confirmed it as a viable location for Hawaii-based aircraft relocation in the event of a contingency or crisis, such as a hurricane, tsunami warning or other situation requiring combat aircraft.

While at Wake Island, the Airmen conducted a barrier certification to ensure the gear is capable of handling F-22 landings and also held fire response and maintenance training with the local contractors. In addition to validating Wake Island’s utility as a contingency location, the local training also supported the island’s designation as a divert location for JBPHH aircraft.

The aircraft returned to Hawaii on June 24.

Military service members reminded to comply with firearms registration laws

Lt. Mandy Gardner

MIDPAC Staff Judge Advocate

The state of Hawaii has some of the strictest firearm registration laws in the United States, and service members stationed aboard—or attached to—a unit at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam must comply with local laws.

With the exception of blackpowder, antiques and non-firing replicas, all firearms must be registered with the appropriate county chief of police within three working days (72 hours) after the firearm is brought into the state.

For JBPHH personnel, this means they must register their firearms with the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) at 801 South Beretania St., Honolulu, HI 96813, telephone 723-3190. Prospective buyers are strongly encouraged to visit the HPD website at www.honolulu.org for

specific information.

When registering a firearm brought into Hawaii, personnel should transport the unloaded firearm, preferably in a firearms-specific case, to HPD with no ammunition. Once registered, the registration is valid until the firearm is legally transferred to another, authorized person, or removed from the state.

Hawaii also has specific laws governing the legality of other aspects of firearm ownership. For example, the Hawaii Revised Statute 134-8(c) states that, “The manufacture, possession, sale, barter, trade, gift, transfer, or acquisition of detachable ammunition magazines with a capacity in excess of 10 rounds which are designed for or capable of use with a pistol is prohibited.” This means that possessing a handgun magazine with a capacity of more than 10 rounds is illegal.

In addition, service members

who live in base housing must comply with JBPHH Instruction 5530.1 titled, “Registration and Possession of Firearms or Dangerous Weapons.” Once registration with HPD is complete, personnel who reside on base, including those residents of public-private venture (PPV) housing property within the JBPHH fence line, shall register their firearms with JBPHH Security Department (JB2) armory section, 370 Fuller Way, building 278, JBPHH, Hawaii.

Registration with JBPHH Security Department must be accomplished within two working days of registration with the state of Hawaii. Security Department registration times are 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Service members registering a firearm with the JBPHH Security Department should not bring the firearm with them during initial registration, but instead are



required to bring the original HPD firearm registration document, proof of residence in government housing, a valid military ID card, and a copy of the certificate of completion of Personal Firearm Safety (CSF-PFS-010) course for Navy personnel completed via Navy e-learning.

JBPHH Security Department will also conduct appropriate checks to verify compliance with the Lautenberg Amendment to the Gun Control Act, which pro-

hibits firearm possession by personnel convicted of a “qualifying” violent offense. Personnel who fail to comply with Hawaii State firearms laws are subject to criminal charges and possible seizure of the firearm. In addition, service members who are found to be in violation of the JBPHH instruction regarding registration and possession of firearms may be subject to administrative action, criminal sanctions or both.

Annual water quality reports available to Navy consumers in Hawaii

Denise Emsley

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii Public Affairs

Distribution of the Navy’s 2013 Water Quality Reports for Navy, Air Force, Department of Defense (DoD) and some non-DoD customers in Hawaii began June 24.

As a provider of drinking water in Hawaii, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii is required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to report test results on water that has been delivered over the past year.

These annual water quality reports, also called the consumer confidence reports (CCRs), provide data on the quality of drinking water provided to Navy water consumers by including information on the sources of water, health effects, compliance status, and other related statistics. They also contain tables listing all contaminants detected in the water at levels above the EPA’s pre-

scribed minimum detection limits.

“Safe drinking water is a mission critical responsibility of NAVFAC Hawaii, which we take very seriously,” said Aaron Poentis, environmental business line director.

NAVFAC Hawaii owns and operates six water systems: Barbers Point (Kalaeloa), Camp Stover, Naval Magazine (NAVMAG) Lualualei, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTMAS PAC) Wahiawa, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) and Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Kauai. Annual reports are developed for each system, with the exception of NAVMAG Lualualei which does not require a report due to the limited amount of customers.

“A significant amount of resources is allocated to ensure that the water treatment and distribution systems operate properly and efficiently to provide the safest water to all of our customers and users,” said Poentis.

Each year, NAVFAC Hawaii mails or hand-delivers the appropriate hard copy water quality report to each of its customers which receives water from the command. Customers and commands are asked to post these reports in highly-visible or high-traffic areas.

For military housing residents, distribution of hard copy water quality reports is handled through various housing management offices.

- JBPHH Water System – Most Navy housing residents near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam should contact Forest City’s Residential Management office at the Aloha Center (Moanalua Shopping Center, 4825 Bougainville St., suite 100).

- JBPHH Water System – Air Force housing residents on JBPHH Hickam-side may contact Hickam Communities (211 Mercury St.).

- JBPHH Water System - Iroquois Point housing residents may contact Iroquois Point Island



U.S. Navy photo by Sila Manahane

Environmental specialists at Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii test drinking water for residual chlorine levels to make certain they are in line with Navy regulations.

Club (5105 Iroquois Ave.).

- Camp Stover and NCTAMS PAC Water Systems – Housing residents should contact Forest City’s Pearl City office (557 Lehua Ave.).

- Barbers Point Water System – Housing residents should contact their housing office, Kalaeloa Homes (4285 Independence Road).

- PMRF Kauai Water System – Reports for this system will be distributed by the NAVFAC Hawaii

Public Works Department at Barking Sands.

Hard copies of all water quality report brochures may also be obtained from NAVFAC Hawaii Public Affairs Office by calling 471-7300 or the command’s environmental compliance office at 471-1171, ext. 203.

Electronic copies of all five brochures are also posted on NAVFAC Hawaii’s public website at <http://goo.gl/R8Fd6>.

Life&Leisure

UH Warriors football camp puts youth through paces

Story and photos by
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Sports Editor

The University of Hawaii Warriors football coaching staff, led by head coach Norm Chow, recently returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) for the second year in a row to hold a youth football camp for military-affiliated children and their families.

The camp welcomed more than 200 children from ages five to 13 to a two-hour event that moved the kids along through various skill-building stations to help improve agility, catching ability and other game-useful aptitudes.

Although each station challenged the young athletes every step of the way, practically all of the participants loved the kid-friendly gauntlet organized by the UH coaching staff.

"It was a lot of fun," said 11-year-old Kate McArar. "Some of them were (challenging) and some of them weren't, but you challenge yourself. We were all working together."

Besides Chow, members of the coaching staff in attendance included offensive coordinator Aaron Price, defensive coordinator Thom Kaumeyer, linebacker coach Tony Tuioti, defensive line coach Jared Vanderbeek, secondary coach Daronte' Jones, offensive line coach Ed Ta'amu, linebacker coach Lance Samuseva, quarterback coach Jordan Wynn, running back coach Chris Wiesehan and special team coordina-

tor/safeties Chris Demarest.

After seeing how many Warriors coaches committed to the camp, Master Sgt. Mike Sanchez, Defense Information Systems Agency Pacific Command (DISA-PAC), said that he was very appreciative to the university for spending time with the children.

Sanchez, whose 10-year-old son Kaje participated in the camp, said that the opportunity goes much farther than tossing around the old pigskin.

"Honestly, I think it's twofold," he stated. "They (Warriors) get the support from the military community, and the military community learns a little bit about UH and supporting the local community."

While Sanchez admitted that he is still a diehard fan of the University of Arizona, he has gone out to watch UH a couple of times last year.

With UH continuing to show support for the military here in Hawaii, Sanchez said that he would be sure to pay more attention to the program this coming season.

"I follow (Arizona) religiously, but here, I'm a UH fan," he said. "We try to support the local team wherever we're stationed because we become part of that community."

Although Chow did make a lighthearted plea for all those in attendance to become Warrior fans, he acknowledged that the event was mainly a

small way for the team to thank the men and women serving our country.

“...to be here is an honor. To spend a couple of hours on a Saturday is not even close to the sacrifice that these men and women give to us.”

— Tony Tuioti

Chow said that he remembers stories about Dec. 7 that were told to him by his father, and those tales have helped him develop a deep appreciation for the military and historic base.

"We are protected because of all of you," Chow told the families at the camp. "Thank you for the protection and the knowledge that we have that we are well taken care of. None of us take that lightly."

Tuioti fully agreed with Chow and added that while it may seem like a lot, every person on the coaching staff was more than happy to be at the camp.

The gesture, said Tuioti, is small

compared to the dedication and sacrifice given from every man and woman in the armed forces.

"Coach Chow hit it right on the head," he said. "For us to be here is an honor. To spend a couple of hours on a Saturday is not even close to the sacrifice that these men and women give to us. This is just our way to say thank you and for them to spend some time with us. We feel like we're Hawaii's team and we represent the state. The base is a big part of Hawaii."

It's especially rewarding to spend time with the children of military families, said Tuioti, who has seven kids of his own.

"I love being around the children," he said. "They're all so playful and innocent. We can learn so much from young kids. I think if our society can be like young kids, forgiving, more playful and more helpful, I think we'd be so much better."

Following the camp, Chow reminded that if anyone missed the opportunity to visit with the team's coaching staff, then don't forget to come out and watch the team practice at JBPHH just prior to the start of the regular season.

Just like last season, the Warriors will hold a portion of their training camp at JBPHH. Stay tuned for dates, location and times.

"Last year was our first year doing it, and it was an absolutely fabulous time," Chow said. "We welcome you to come out, watch some of the practices, and meet some of the fellows and enjoy what we have to offer."



“We can learn so much from young kids.”

— Tony Tuioti

Photo illustration

Commentary

Window on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



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Who’s gonna pay the bill?

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According to the latest figures, military installations in Hawaii and across the country are now faced with a drastic utilities shortfall due to the continuing resolution and sequestration. To make matters even worse, the cost of utilities has been steadily increasing and continues to rise.

What does that mean for all of us? Simply put, the days are gone when we can use utilities to excess with little or no regard for who is going to pay the bill. We live in a different world.

It has become increasingly more important for everyone to get on board with conserving energy and trying to help wherever we can. Truly, if everyone did a little to contribute, it would make a big difference.

No one is asking people to sweat and swelter, sit in the dark, or sacrifice their TV time, but only to be more judicious and considerate in using energy and utilities.

Too often, I have witnessed the attitude, “I’m not paying the bill. Why should I care?” In extreme cases, such indifference manifests itself in outside lights that are left on 24/7, thermostats that are lowered until condensation forms on the windows, and televisions and computers that are never turned off.

But even if you aren’t guilty of so blatantly ignoring energy conservation guidelines, most of us can be a little more thrifty and conscientious about our use of energy and utilities.

Your house doesn’t have to be freezing cold to be comfortable. And with the beautiful weather here in Hawaii and the frequent tradewinds, air conditioning isn’t necessary on most days. Open your windows and use fans. It can get the job done.

If you aren’t using something, turn it off. That applies to lights, televisions, computers, other small appliances – anything that runs by electric.

If you use a dishwasher to wash your dishes, run full loads and let the dishes air dry instead of using the heat cycle. Or grab a dishtowel and dry the dishes.

The same applies to laundry – run full loads instead of partial loads.

There are many more energy-saving tips available through your housing office, Hawaiian Electric Company and on the Internet. It isn’t rocket science, more like common sense, and the information has been constantly disseminated.

Regardless of whether it’s your family operating a home budget or the

Department of Defense with its vastly larger operating budget and expenditures, the bottom line is still the same. Budget shortfall + rising expenses = not enough money to pay the bills.

There is no question that the life of a military family is rough. I know this from personal experience as a young Air Force wife. This was back in the day when deployment separations were for a year at a time and there were no cell phones, computers or email. We had to rely on letters and the postal service.

As a young military couple during that time, we were not eligible for on base housing and had to live on the economy – using my husband’s meager paycheck to pay for rent and utilities. It was awhile before we could even afford a car.

And this was during the draft – when joining the military if you were able-bodied was not an option. It was a difficult life, so if you’re thinking that I don’t know what military life is like, you are wrong. Been there, done that.

But some people don’t stop to think that the benefits that are derived from serving in the military are privileges and, as such, should be enjoyed, but appreciated. Instead of an attitude of indifference, there should be an attitude of gratitude.

That homeless family living out on the coast of Waianae would love to have a roof over their heads, hot water to take a shower, and to enjoy the basic comforts of home—lights when it’s dark outside and TV.

Families who live on the economy would be appreciative if there was somebody who would even help them pay part of their electric bills, much less pay the whole bill.

When you are using electric and other utilities in your home, please try to be conscientious and conserve. Keep in mind what it costs – you have seen the bills. You may not have to pay the bill, but someone has to pay it.

With the way the world is trending, budgets are going to continue to be cut and costs are going to continue to go up. Not only is conserving energy necessary, but it’s the right thing to do.

It’s up to each one of us to conserve our resources, help to decrease our reliance on foreign oil, and help to cut expenses.

And if we don’t? That’s a good question and right now, we don’t know what the future holds. But one thing is for sure—someone has to pay the utility bills and one of these days, it might be you.

(We welcome comments from readers. If you have comments, please send them to: Karen.spangler@navy.mil.)



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Children participate in a previous Vacation Bible School (VBS) event at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. This year’s school will take place from July 15 to 19.

Vacation Bible School to start at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel

Brandon Bosworth

Staff Writer

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam from July 15 to 19. Classes will run from 9 a.m. to noon.

Every year, VBS features a different theme. The theme this year is “the high seas expedition.”

“The theme will focus on high seas sailing,” said Wendy Woodard, VBS director. “Children will be on the lookout for trea-

sures or ‘God stops,’ sightings of ways God is seen in our everyday life.”

“Children will learn Bible verses each day, they will hear Bible stories, sing songs, do crafts and play games, all while meeting new friends and building relationships to last a lifetime,” she said.

Parents can register their children online at <http://PHMC-vbs13.eventbrite.com>. There is no fee, and registration is ongoing until classes are filled.

VBS is also always looking for volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Woodard at wwoodard1@gmail.com.

White Plains Beach cleanup to be held July 6

As part of National Oceans Month, a cleanup of White Plains Beach and a Hawaiian monk seal educational event is scheduled for July 6.

The cleanup will run from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., and the monk seal educational event will be from 9 to 11 a.m.

This event is open to everyone who wish-

es to volunteer. Attendees are encouraged to bring water, sunscreen, hat and sunglasses. Gloves and garbage bags will be provided.

For more information, call Patricia Coleman of Navy Region Hawaii Environmental Coordination at 473-0369 or e-mail patricia.colemon@navy.mil.

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Navy Marine Corps Relief Society hosts awards ceremony

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Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) held a fund drive award ceremony June 21 at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel to recognize commands and individuals for their contributions to the charity.

The goal of the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society is to provide, in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps, financial, educational and assistance to members of the naval services of the United States, eligible family members and survivors when in need.

"The commands at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam are just outstanding. With all the budget cuts happening, people are still taking care of their own here in Pearl Harbor," said Paul H. Belanger, director of JBPHH Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

This year's fund drive raised \$516,837 to help support the society's mission of



Paul H. Belanger, director of JBPHH Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS), gives his opening remarks at the 2013 fund drive award ceremony held at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. This year's fund drive raised \$516,837 to help support the society's mission of helping Sailors and Marines take care of their own.

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"I think the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society organization is very important because a lot of the money we raise goes to the Sailors and Marines," said

Information Systems Technician 1st Class Harold Andrews of Texas, assigned to Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

"I've been in for 14 years and, within those years, there were times when I was able to go to Navy

Relief and get some assistance with car repairs, bills. It's a big deal that people get recognized."

An awards ceremony is held each year to identify positive improvements and superior donations to the relief society.

"It was great being recognized," said Yeoman 1st Class Amanda McNeely, NMCRS coordinator at Naval Operation Support Center (NOSC) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"Just knowing that we generated over 300 percent more funds than we did the previous years shows that we put an effort in this year and reached out to more Sailors," she said.

More than 71 keypersons from various commands were recognized during the awards ceremony.

"I remember back in December, my mother-in-law was diagnosed with (stage four) cancer," said Andrews.

"The command took care of me, my son and my wife flying to Virginia. I had to go to Mr. (Felix) Navarro, and they provided me with some assistance with travel money so we could get down there. Navy Marine Corps Relief Society helped me a lot."

Certificates were also given for highest per capita awards, most improved over previous year, and highest contribution as well

as team spirit awards.

"I think it's a very important organization that puts 100 percent back into the Sailor and Marine pockets. I personally used the funding once to apply for a plane ticket for emergency travel. They do good things, and I appreciated everyone who donates to it. It's only helping our Sailors and Marines," said McNeely, who accepted a certificate for "outstanding small shore contributions most improved award."

Belanger added, "Navy Exchange at Pearl Harbor, comprised of all civilians, contributed \$57,000 this year. Their support has been outstanding for years, and we continue to commend and congratulate and thank them for that outstanding support."

Founded in 1904, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is a private nonprofit charitable organization. It is sponsored by the Department of the Navy and operates nearly 250 offices ashore and afloat at Navy and Marine Corps bases throughout the world.

Scholarship program helps students pay for college

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More than \$1 million in financial assistance will go to 670 students, considered to be among the nation's best and brightest, thanks to this year's Scholarships for Military Children program.

Since its start in 2001, the Scholarships for Military Children program has awarded \$1,500 scholarships to 7,412 children of active duty, Guard and Reserve, and retired service members worldwide.

The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) participates in the program by accepting applications of eligible children and submitting their packages to Scholarship Managers, a national, nonprofit, scholarship management services organization.

Stores celebrate the achievements of their local selections with a ceremony in the commissary. These ceremonies create a lot of excitement for the military com-

munity as they acknowledge the achievements of their recipients, said Michael J. Dowling, DeCA deputy director.

"When you think about these young men and women, they are the best of the best."

—Michael J. Dowling

"When you think about these young men and women, they are the best of the best," Dowling said. "According to Scholarship Managers, there were 4,675 people who applied and 670 who will receive a scholarship. Doing the math, they represent the top 15 percent. This means they're exceptional."

"Many of them are high school valedictorians," he said. "This \$1,500 scholarship helps them

move forward in their pursuit of higher education."

Commissary vendors, manufacturers, brokers, suppliers and the general public fund the program through donations. All donations are applied solely to funding the scholarships, said Jim Weiskopf, vice president of Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization that assists family members with temporary lodging when they visit hospitalized service members.

"We want to thank those companies that have supported this very special quality of life program every year since 2001," said Weiskopf, whose organization underwrites the cost of administering the scholarship program.

"I also want to thank the store directors. They do so much more than sell groceries. They are integral parts of their local communities."

During the selection process, Scholarship Managers reviews the applicants' grade-point averages, their extracurricular and volunteer activities, and their essays on an assigned topic.

Two of this year's 670 scholarship recipients, Kathryn Barisano and Matthew Schneck, spoke to an audience of commissary employees and industry members at the DeCA scholarship luncheon April 25. The luncheon was held during the two-day 2013 DeCA and American Logistics Association Commissary Roundtable event in Richmond, Va.

Barisano, the daughter of a retired Soldier, is a senior at Thomas Dale High School in Chester, Va. She is a member of both the National Honor Society and Latin Honor Society and, as the captain of both her school's varsity field hockey and soccer teams, earned all district, all region and metro honors in both sports. Barisano will attend James Madison University in the fall.

Schneck, also the son of a retired Soldier, is a senior at Prince George High School in Prince George, Va. where he has a 4.88 GPA and is ranked number one in his class of 410 students. He has also earned varsity letters

in volleyball, track and field, and soccer. Schneck received the William and Mary Leadership Award and is president of the Virginia Student Council Association.

He will attend Virginia Commonwealth University in the fall, where he plans to major in biomedical engineering. He is in a program that guarantees his acceptance into the university's school of medicine upon his graduation.

This year's essay topic was on the applicant's most-admired presidential first lady. Barisano wrote her essay on Laura Bush, and Schneck penned his on Eleanor Roosevelt. The three most popular topics among the scholarship recipients were Roosevelt with 224 essays; 105 for Betty Ford, and 75 for current first lady Michelle Obama.

For information about the 2014 program, check the website, <http://www.militaryscholar.org>, in December. To see a list of this year's recipients, go to the website and click "2013 Scholarship Winners Announced."

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii announces holiday hours for this weekend

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

Independence Day weekend hours of operation for Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH) are:

- Today: Only Branch Health Clinic Makalapa will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for acute care needs. All other clinics are closed.

- Saturday: The urgent care walk-in clinic at Makalapa Clinic will be open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. for acute care needs.

- Sunday: All NHCH health care operations will be closed.

All clinics will reopen for regular business hours on Monday.

Beneficiaries can speak to a healthcare 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>.

DEFY program open to children of active duty military

Drug Education For Youth

The Drug Education For Youth (DEFY) program is a free Department of Defense-sponsored and funded program, which will be held at Sunset Lanai at Camp H. M. Smith.

Phase I of the program will be held from July 8 to 11 and July 15 to 18. Phase II will be held one Saturday a month.

The program is open to youth ages 9-12 who are children of active duty military. The purpose of DEFY is to produce 9-12 year olds with character, leadership and confidence so that they are equipped to engage in positive, healthy lifestyles as drug-free citizens and have the necessary skills to be successful in their lives through coordinated community participation, commitment and leadership.

Phase I of the DEFY program is a summer camp that combines educational field trips, physical activity and a strong curriculum focused on developing our future leaders.

Phase II reinforces the topics covered in Phase I and provides a continuous source of positive role models who are committed to the development of military youth.

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Navy Sailor attends Air Force NCO Academy

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Seven years ago, while on a road that wasn't leading anywhere, Matthew Rodriguez decided to enlist in the United States Navy. Now, as a first class petty officer, Rodriguez has found a successful path and holds himself to the highest of standards.

"Sometimes the pressure I put on myself can be overwhelming, but then I remember that I have my shipmates and chain of command to lean back on," Rodriguez said.

For Rodriguez, the Navy isn't just a job, it is a career.

"The Navy showed me how to become a leader, and I have learned how to set an example for junior Sailors and until I joined, I never realized how many opportunities the Navy had to offer," added Rodriguez.

At the beginning of his naval career, Rodriguez was stationed in Guam with a mobile security anti-terrorism force command. However, currently, he is stationed with JBPHH Harbor Security and is in charge of the training, development and professional conduct of junior Sailors.

"MA1 Rodriguez will go into any challenge head on and come out as the victor. He has a positive attitude that is contagious to junior and senior Sailors around him," said Master-at-Arms 1st Class Paul Mobley.

That positive attitude and determination is exactly what helped Rodriguez become the first Navy Sailor to attend the Non-commissioned Officer Academy.

"When the opportunity came across my desk, Rodriguez was the only name I would consider. He is an outstanding Sailor and the best representation of harbor security," said Chief Master-at-Arms James Wooten.

Chief Master Sgt. Charles Orf



Master-at-Arms Matthew 1st Class Rodriguez (right) shares the leadership tactics he learned while at NCOA with Master-at-Arms 1st Class Brian Heinkel as they discuss their daily training operations.

explained the importance of the NCOA. "Noncommissioned Officer Academy is the second level of Air Force Professional Military Education. In order for enlisted Air Force personnel to assume the rank of master sergeant (chief petty officer-equivalent), they must attend and graduate [from] this course. The NCOA graduates receive 11 semester hours of college credit with Community College of the Air Force toward their associate's degree," Orf said.

"At first it was a culture shock, but as the course progressed, we became a team striving for one common goal, and the separation between Air Force and Navy was nonexistent," said Rodriguez.

"While attending NCOA, I was able to not only bring Navy views to the lesson plan but bring insight of the similarities and differences of the Navy and Air Force leadership and culture," Rodriguez added.

Chief Master Sgt. Sarah Sparks noted that the joint base environment was a perfect opportunity to enhance the Navy-Air Force relationship and gain perspective into each other's service.

"Having a Navy Sailor attend NCOA was a win/win for both sides. A new appreciation and understanding helps to build the partnerships we must have in the joint base environment. It was a pleasure having MA1 Rodriguez as a student here. He had the right attitude; he was open minded and eager to learn. We couldn't have asked for better," she said.

With yet another accomplishment under his belt, Rodriguez said, "The Navy has given me opportunities that I never expected and, in turn, I try to open the door for junior Sailors to achieve the same level of success."

"I am going to make something happen. I am going to be the change the Navy needs. That is my goal for my career," Rodriguez said.

He was recognized for his achievement in attending the Air Force NCOA and representing the Navy in such a positive light by JBPHH Command Master Chief Brian Ortega.

"I look forward in continuing to give our Sailors the opportunity to improve their professional development in a joint educational environment," Ortega said.



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Hickam Historical Tour will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today and July 12 departing from Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT)-Hickam. Visit the original Hickam Field Building, scarred with bullet holes from Dec. 7, 1941. Due to the graphic nature of the tour and historical accounts, this tour may not be appropriate for children under 6 years old. FMI: 448-2295.

Family/Group Sailing Instruction will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, July 6 to 27, at Rainbow Bay Marina. The course offers a brief introduction to sailing and it includes an overview in the classroom, demonstration of rigging, and some time on the water. The course is open to eligible adults and family members who are 10 years and older. FMI: 473-0279.

Portrait Drawing and Painting will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, July 6 to 27 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Students will learn steps and techniques for drawing portraits from subjects in real life and from photographs. FMI: 448-9907.

Hawaiian Quilted Pillow class will be held Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. or 7 to 9 p.m. July 9 to 30 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. This class is for patrons ages 14 and older. Students will learn the "snowflake" method of cutting out a Hawaiian motif and the technique of needle turn to apply the design to a background fabric. FMI: 448-9907.

Fused Glass Jewelry class will be held 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, from July 9 to 23, at Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Each student will make a freestyle pendant in a mold and more. Wear closed-toe shoes. FMI: 448-9907.

Wilton Basic Cake Decorating will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays, July 10 to 31, at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. The class is for patrons ages 12 and older. Gain an understanding on how to bake a cake and learn how to make and color icing. FMI: 448-9907.

Wilton Advanced Cake Decorating will be held Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30

p.m. Wednesdays, July 10 to 31, at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. The course is for ages 12 and older. Explore ways to bring your cakes and desserts to life with fondant and gum paste. The pre-requisite is Wilton Basic Cake Decorating class. FMI: 448-9907.

Intermediate Sewing will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 10 to 21, at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. This course is geared toward individuals who have a basic knowledge of the sewing machine and sewing practices. The course is open to patrons ages 16 and older. FMI: 448-9907.

Oahu Highlights Tour will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. July 11 departing from ITT-Hickam office. See major sights of Oahu on a fully narrated bus tour. Lunch is included. FMI: 448-2295.

Glass Plate Making will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays, July 11 to 25 and 31, at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Learn how to make a plate with multiple layers and colors of glass. FMI: 448-9907.

Free golf clinic will begin at noon July 11 at the Navy-Marine Golf Course. Get tips to improve your game. FMI: 471-0142

Zoo Crew Creations Art Class will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. July 11 and 12 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts class. This class is for ages 5 to 8. The course consists of two days of "wild fun" with art. Participants will draw and paint lions, tigers and monkeys. Learn watercolor techniques to complete a finished painting. FMI: 448-9907.

"Have Book, Will Travel": Craft Day will begin at 2 p.m. July 11 at the Hickam Library. Make bracelets from recycled paper beads or a chopstick picture frame. FMI: 449-8299.

Beginner Sewing will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center. The course is open to patrons ages 13 and over. In this class, patrons will learn to use a sewing machine and basic pattern reading. FMI: 448-9907.

Summer Fireworks Cruise offers passengers a sail and a show

Patrons can combine an evening sail aboard a catamaran on the blue Pacific water, a Hawaiian sunset and fireworks and have the latest seasonal offering from Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Information, Tickets & Travel.

The Summer Fireworks Cruise sails every Friday from Waikiki Beach and cruises around the area facing the Waikiki shoreline. Mark Saruwatari, ITT's tour director, decided to add this cruise in response to the popularity of the Fireworks cruises that ITT offers in the beginning of the year.

"Those tours do very well, often selling out, so we thought customers would enjoy the sail and fireworks during the summer," said Saruwatari.

Passengers are offered complimentary beverages and enjoy each other's company as they watch the sun set into the ocean. After the sky turns dark, the passengers await the start of the fireworks show that happens every Friday evening in Waikiki.

Saruwatari added that being on the ocean aboard the Maita'i Catamaran means having one of the best, unobstructed views for the fireworks.

The tour also includes round-trip transportation from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, letting customers avoid obstacles related to traffic, parking and time.

ITT's Summer Fireworks Cruise is available every Friday through Sept. 20.

Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$25 for chil-



Photo courtesy Maita'i Catamaran

Patrons relax and enjoy the water on the catamaran used for the Summer Fireworks Cruise.

dren ages 4-12. The ITT shuttle departs from the Hickam ITT office at 6:15 p.m.

Those who are interested can visit their nearest ITT office or call 448-2295 for more information.

Hickam Library keeps kids entertained

Have you stopped by the Hickam Library lately?

They have activities and programs for all ages. Are you confused by e-books, audio books, not sure where to look or what to read? The Library Know-How session begins at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Attendees can learn how to find e-books, music and more on the computers or just browse for books. Youth can sign up for the Summer Reading Program.

"We love encouraging our patrons to read. Remember this program isn't just for kids. Adults 16 and older can enter as well to win prizes," said Jeffery Boling, reference librarian.

One of the most popular



Photo courtesy of MWR Marketing

Kids listen to an MWR library worker during preschool storytime at the Hickam Library.

events at the Hickam Library The theme on July 10 is "rep- are the preschool storytimes. tiles."

Morale Welfare & Recreation

KIDS BOWL FREE

Kids can bowl up to three games free with a paying adult at the Naval Station Bowling Center from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Sundays through Aug. 25. Shoe rental is not included. FMI: 473-2574.

VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for youth fall volleyball has begun and will continue until Aug. 3. The season runs September through December. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 473-0789.

SWIM LESSONS

Hickam Pool 2 will hold 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.

FAMILY HIKE

There will be a hike to Makapu' u lighthouse followed by a swim at Pele's Chair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 13. Departures are from the Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. The deadline for registration is July 10. FMI: 473-1198.

STAND-UP PADDLEBOARD

Learn the basics of stand-up paddleboarding at 9:30 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. July 13 at Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. July 10 is the last day to register. FMI: 449-5215.

SNORKELING AT THREE TABLES

There will be a snorkeling excursion to Three Tables inside Waimea Bay on the North Shore from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 14. Departures are from Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. July 10 is the last day to register. FMI: 449-5215.

MWR NEWCOMERS LUNCH

A free MWR Newcomers Lunch will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 17 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. This event features lunch, MWR information booths, sponsor tables, and activities for kids. It is open to all military-affiliated personnel during their first six months of arrival. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

SUPER GARAGE SALE

The MWR Super Garage Sale will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 3 at Richardson Field. The event is open to the public. Admission is free for shoppers and varies for vendors. FMI: 473-0792.

Community Calendar

JULY NOW

— USS Arizona Memorial tours have returned to a full tour schedule. World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument offers tours every 15 minutes from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Tickets are available online 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. FMI: www.recreation.gov or www.pearlharborhistoricsites.org.

9 — AFCEA Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) luncheon event will be held at Hale Ikena Club, Fort Shafter. Check in is at 11 a.m. and the buffet starts at 11:30 a.m. The speaker will be Brig. Gen. Richard Simcock, deputy commander, U.S. Marines Forces Pacific. The cost is \$14 for AFCEA members who pre-register and \$17 at the door or for non-members. FMI: www.afceahawaii.org or call 441-8565 or 441-8524.

13 — Aviation daredevil stunt pilot Tom Gunn will be the first person inducted into the newly created Pacific Aviation Pioneers exhibit at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. The exhibit opening, dedication and reception will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in hangar 37 and is free with museum admission. Guests are invited to take the Ford Island shuttle from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center to the museum for the event. The Gunn family will be in attendance. Gunn is the aviation pioneer best known for introducing passenger flight to the people of Hawaii. FMI: 441-1007, e-mail SpecialEvents@PacificAvitionMuseum.org, or visit www.PacificAviationMuseum.org.

AT A GLANCE

Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) classes are free to Department of Defense (DoD) civilian employees, military service members and their families. Some of the MFSC course offerings for July are Stress Management, July 9, 8-11 a.m.; Anger Management, July 23, 8-11 a.m.; Couples Class: Mastering the Art of Communication, July 9, 16 and 23, 10 a.m.-noon; Managing Money and Credit, July 9, 2-3:30 p.m.; Scream-free Parenting, July 11, 18 and 25, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Call the customer service desk to register for any class. FMI: 474-1999.

Armed Services Blood Donor Program drives include July 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Naval Submarine Support Command, 822 Clark St., suite 400, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; July 9, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., PX, Schofield Barracks; July 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Wahiawa Annex. Check www.militaryblood.dod.mil for the latest information. FMI: 433-6699 or 433-6148 or e-mail michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil.



NOW YOU SEE ME (PG13)

"Now You See Me" pits an elite FBI squad in a game of cat and mouse against "The Four Horsemen," a super-team of the world's greatest illusionists. "The Four Horsemen" pull off a series of daring heists against corrupt business leaders during their performances, showering the stolen profits on their audiences while staying one step ahead of the law.

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 7/5

6:00 Now You See Me (PG13)

SATURDAY 7/6

2:00 After Earth (PG13)

7:00 Studio Appreciation Advance Screening – Free Admission – Rated PG-13.

Tickets are available at your local exchange food court. Seating is open to non-ticket holders 30 minutes prior to showtime.

SUNDAY 7/7

2:00 After Earth (PG13)

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER
is closed for renovations

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



Dress like Amelia Earhart at museum event July 24

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Visitors are invited to bring the family and celebrate the famous aviatrix Amelia Earhart's 116th birthday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 24 at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

Goodie bags for the first 40 in costume (ages 18 and younger), plus free admission for families with at least one member dressed in Amelia Earhart and historic aviator costumes, will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in the "Dress Like Amelia Earhart" costume contest at 1 p.m.

Families with those in costume are invited to board the Ford Island shuttle and visit the museum, at no charge, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Park free at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

No bags are allowed inside the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center or on the shuttle. Cell phones, wallets/small clutches, and cameras are allowed but no purses or bags. There is secure baggage storage for \$3 per bag at the shuttle area.

At the museum, guests can view the museum's unique



Photo courtesy of Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

A celebration of Amelia Earhart's 116th birthday will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 24 at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

Commentary

#Energy promoted through social media campaign

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As we face the impact of sequestration, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on June 25 kicked off an energy conservation campaign on social media to encourage ways to save.

While switching on their think-

ing hats, CNRH will continue to post weekly "Energy Tips to the Consumer" on Facebook and Twitter to reach out to the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam community.

With Facebook's bright idea to support hashtags, this is the perfect opportunity to promote the campaign by using #Energy in status updates for Facebook users to click on, follow or use.

Popularized by Twitter, hash-

tags enable users to follow specific topics happening around the world in real-time conversation. Facebook users will now be able to comment on the same topic by typing a hashtag alongside a keyword, such as #Energy in their posts.

To those unfamiliar with hashtags, they are simply words beginning with a "#" symbol that marks the topic of discussion.

Whether it's talking about

"Amelia Earhart in Hawaii" photo exhibit, enjoy the festivities with cake and refreshments, and meet members of the Aloha Chapter of the Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women Pilots, of which Earhart was the first president.

Guests can also meet members of Women in Aviation International. Participants are invited to bring cameras to take pictures with the period reenactors. An Amelia Earhart reenactor will also be on hand to help instruct the museum's "Flight School for Girls" that is in progress through the summer.

"This is a family event that brings the pioneers and heroes who have paved the way for women in aviation to our guests. We're honored to have Hawaii's women aviators participate, and we're honored to celebrate Amelia Earhart and her accomplishments," said Kenneth DeHoff, museum executive director. "She has a very special connection with us here at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor."

Before her disappearance, Earhart set numerous aviation records, including being the

first person to fly solo across both the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

Born July 24, 1897, she has a special connection with the museum as she ground-looped her plane on takeoff on the historic Ford Island Runway, preventing her initial round-the-world flight attempt.

Seventy-six years ago, Earhart took a leave of absence from her Purdue University job, hopped in her Purdue-funded "Flying Laboratory" and flew around the globe. Then she disappeared.

The latest 2012 expedition to recover her plane by The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery (TIGHAR) claims to yield new sonar images that reveal what appears to be the wing or fuselage of an aircraft matching the dimensions of Earhart's Lockheed Electra, underwater off the coast of remote Nikumaroro Island in the southwestern Pacific Ocean. The tiny atoll is believed by some to be her final resting place.

For more information on this event, call 808-441-1004 or e-mail SpecialEvents@PacificAviationMuseum.org. Information is also online at www.PacificAviationMuseum.org.

your favorite television show, a special event, sport or campaign, hashtags make it easier for users to find specific topics to engage in or create, therefore, saves you energy and less time searching.

Proven to be a powerful conversation tool in social networking, it makes targeting your reach even more powerful with online interaction.

Each week as energy tips are

posted through social media, every effort to conserve energy is vital in our daily lives. Even the smallest things like turning off a light switch, when not in use, can make a huge difference.

"Like" or "Follow" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NavyRegionHawaii or Twitter @NavRegHawaii to find out how to save energy from our weekly energy conservation tips.

Hawaii Navy Ball to celebrate service’s 238th birthday

The Hawaii Navy Ball will celebrate the Navy's 238th birthday at the Hickam Officers Club on Oct. 12. This event features food, song and dance.

The goal of the Navy's Ball is to facilitate and encourage the attendance of junior service members and their families and foster a sense of pride by



sharing the rich and long-standing traditions of the U.S. Navy with our community. This year's ball will feature guest speaker fleet master chief Marco Ramirez. He became the 16th Fleet Master Chief for the U.S.

Pacific Fleet on April 30. The program for the Oct. 12 event includes cocktail hour from 6 to 7 p.m., dinner and ceremony from 7 to 9 p.m., and dancing and prize giveaways from 9 to 11:59 p.m. The menu will feature prime rib, stuffed chicken roulade vegetarian options, tossed salad with dressing, fresh-baked dinner rolls and ceremonial cake. Tickets for the ball will go on sale July 15. Prices are to be determined. For more information, visit www.navyballhawaii.com.

Next summer concert scheduled for July 26

Upcoming free summer concerts for authorized patrons at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam include:

- July 26, 5:30 p.m. at Hickam Harbor, Hana Hou — the rock band of the United States Air Force Band — and the Pacific Fleet Band popular music group.

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

- Aug. 23, 5:30 p.m., the Air Force Band of the Pacific's “Papana” group and the Pacific Fleet VIP Combo.
- Sept. 13, 5:30 p.m., pops in the park with Marine Forces Pacific Concert Band

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

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