

# Combined unit inspection begins at joint base



With bags packed and eyes focused, deployers from the Hawaii National Guard's 154th Wing and active duty Air Force's 15th Wing arrive at the mobility line for an exercise deployment during a combined unit inspection Nov. 3 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The inspection is the final step in more than 18 months of preparation and exercises by the two wings.

Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson



## BNS Somudra Joy visits Pearl Harbor

The Bangladesh navy ship (BNS) Somudra Joy (F 28) arrives Nov. 7 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled port visit. From 1972 to 2012, the ship was known as the U.S. Coast Guard Hamilton-class high endurance Cutter USCGC Jarvis (WHEC 725). Department of Defense CAC cardholders and sponsored guests are welcome to tour the ship at Bravo Pier 26 today from 9 to 11 a.m. Guests should be 8 years old or older and wear appropriate attire (pants and flat, covered shoes are recommended).

U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Johans Chavarro

## PMRF Sailors participate in Veterans Day event

Story and photo by MC2 Mathew Diendorf

Pacific Missile Range Facility

More than 30 Sailors assigned to the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) at Barking Sands, Kauai marched in the annual Veterans Day Parade in Kapa'a on Nov. 2.

"It feels good to see this many people out supporting our veterans," said Chief Hospital Corpsman James Oglesby, an Afghanistan war veteran and an active duty Sailor assigned to PMRF. "It's an honor to have PMRF participate in the parade each year."

PMRF's color guard unit led the parade, consisting of more than 60 marching units, floats, bands and military vehicles. The parade route started at the Kapa'a small boat harbor and finished at Kapa'a Beach Park. Spectators lined the streets to cheer on the participants, which



Sailors assigned to the Pacific Missile Range Facility participate in the Kauai Veterans Parade in Kapa'a.

included representatives of the Navy, Air Force, Army, Marines, Coast Guard and National Guard.

The theme for this year's parade was "Honoring the Men and Women Who Have Served and Are Serving the Hawaii Air National Guard and the Hawaii Army National Guard." The grand marshal was Richard Kashiwabara, one of Kauai's own who had served in both of these organizations.

The reviewing officer was Maj. Gen. Darryll Wong, the adjutant general for the state of Hawaii's National Guard. He said the United States has close to 380,000 National Guard members serving around the world.

Capt. Bruce Hay, PMRF commanding officer, will be the guest speaker at a Veterans Day ceremony, beginning at 11 a.m. Nov. 11 at Hanapepe Veterans Cemetery. Bernard Carvalho, Kauai mayor, will also provide remarks.

(See additional photo on page A-5)

## Veterans Day commemoration events planned for Nov. 11

Events planned to commemorate Veterans Day include:

- Nov. 11, 10 a.m., Wahiawa Veterans Day Parade will take place at California Avenue in Wahiawa.
- Nov. 11, 11 a.m., submarine veterans tribute at JBPHH Submarine and Parche Memorial. Sixty cadets from Radford High School NJROTC will participate. The guest speaker will be Rear Adm. Phillip Sawyer, commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
- Nov. 11, 1 p.m., Governor's Veterans Day Ceremony will take place at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe.
- Nov. 11, 4:30 p.m., Battleship Missouri Memorial ceremony. The ceremony will pay tribute to the bravery, sacrifice and legacy of America's Nisei (second-generation U.S.-born Japanese-American citizens) Soldiers of World War II.

The keynote speaker will be Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr., commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Other speakers will include retired Vice Adm. Robert Kihune, chair of the USS Missouri Memorial Association and Ted Tsukiyama of the Military Intelligence Service, World War II.



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# USS City of Corpus Christi departs for western Pacific deployment

Story and photo by  
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Commander Submarine  
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Families and friends gathered on the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam as the Los Angeles-class, fast-attack submarine USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705) departed Nov. 4 for a deployment to the western Pacific region.

Cmdr. Christopher Buziak, commanding officer of USS City of Corpus Christi, said that the submarine is ready and the crew is excited to get underway and have the opportunity to operate in support of national objectives.

“The crew is really looking forward to seeing for themselves what deployment is about versus listening to their friend’s sea stories,” said Buziak.

Buziak, of Korean her-



Chief Electronics Technician Matthew Tuckett of the Los Angeles-class submarine USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705) plays with his daughter Isabella at a luncheon for the crew prior to the submarine’s departure Nov. 4 from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a western Pacific deployment. (See additional photo on page A-5).

itage, said that his submarine has the most diverse wardroom he has ever served with in his 20 years

of service. With two department heads, three junior officers and a chief of the boat all of diverse ethnicity,

Buziak feels the diverse culture brings unique problem-solving approaches and perspectives.

“Many of my leadership team actually spent a lot of time living abroad, and I think that sometimes brings a synergy of different viewpoints together to come up with potentially non-traditional solutions to problems,” said Buziak.

“Our team here on City of Corpus Christi is a great example to people of diverse background that will succeed in the submarine force and find alignment with many of the values that they grew up with,” he said.

The commander feels that as an ambassador of the United States and the Navy, it is important to show the allies how the United States is culturally sensitive to our partner’s traditions and values. “My Sailors are a great combat team, and the diversity only adds to it since it helps symbolize the freedoms and opportunities that we are fighting for and representing,” said Buziak.

“The submarine force embodies many of the same

values that most immigrant cultures possess: hard work, dedication, education and self-improvement.”

Buziak said the goal is to improve the crew’s day-to-day excellence. Throughout the deployment, the crew will stress the highest standards of operational readiness.

Of the 135 Sailors who will deploy, approximately 80 percent will be on their first deployment. For Fire Control Technician Seaman Joshua Zayac, a first deployment brings much enthusiasm and excitement.

“I’m excited to get out there and gain some once-in-a-lifetime experiences and see the world,” said Zayac.

City of Corpus Christi is the second ship to be named after the Texas city and is capable of conducting anti-surface and anti-submarine operations along with guided missile strike operations using conventional Tomahawk land attack missiles.

## Joint base celebrates Native American Heritage Month on Nov. 13

Joint Base Pearl  
Harbor-Hickam Public  
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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will hold an American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month celebration with the Honolulu Powwow Association from 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 13 at Bloch Arena.

According to the office of the Chief of Naval Operations, American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month is observed during November. This month celebrates the cultures, histories and traditions of the indigenous peoples of the United States. This year’s theme is “Guiding Our Destiny with Heritage and Traditions.”

Recognized annually, Native American Heritage Month first began with the establishment of American Indian Day by the governor of New York in May of 1916.

Several additional states enacted celebrations during the fourth Friday in September, but the celebration did not gain official national recognition until President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 as “National American Indian Heritage Month.”

Similar proclamations under different names, including “Native American Heritage Month,” and “National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month,” have been issued each year since 1994.

According to the office of the Chief of Naval Operations, today more than 12,000 Sailors and 1,500 civilians of Native American and Alaska Native heritage serve in the Navy. The country’s population is composed of nearly 5.2 million American Indians and Alaska Natives, or 1.7 percent of the

nation’s population.

Despite the fact that American Indians did not become citizens until 1924, their legacy of military service dates back to the American Revolutionary War when George Washington began enlisting them for his fledgling Army, Navy and Marines.

Since then, they have contributed their fighting spirit and warrior ethos to help U.S. military forces defend America’s national interests. Both past and present, these members have made contributions to the Navy’s legacy.

Adm. Joseph James Clark, the first Native American graduate of the Naval Academy and a veteran of both world wars, served at sea on several cruisers and destroyers before designating as a naval aviator in 1925.

Additionally, in the 20th century, three Sailors of American Indian heritage received the

Medal of Honor, the United States’ highest military honor, including Boatswain’s Mate 1st Class James E. Williams.

Williams, a Cherokee from South Carolina and one of the Navy’s most highly decorated veterans, was awarded the Medal of Honor for actions while serving as boat captain and patrols officer aboard a river patrol boat during the Vietnam War.

In 2004, the United States Navy honored him by naming one of the guided missile destroyers after him, USS James E. Williams (DDG 95). Native American Sailors began serving on continental and state vessels during the War of Independence and have continued their proud service during every armed conflict since then, contributing to the lasting traditions and heritage of both the nation and the Navy.

Commands are strongly encouraged to support American Indian

and Alaska Native Heritage Month by increasing their knowledge of the American Indian and Alaska Native cultures and contributions through programs, exhibits, publications, and participation in military and community events.

A showcase of American Indians and Alaska Natives in naval history is available on the Naval History and Heritage Command website at <http://ow.ly/qBqtg>.

A presentation on the contributions of Native Americans in the military is available on the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute website at <http://ow.ly/qBq9o>.

More information on national commemorations is available on the Library of Congress website at <http://ow.ly/qBqhk>.

For more information on the Nov. 13 event at Bloch Arena, contact CSC (SW) Jason Barclay at 473-1195 or email [Jason.barclay@navy.mil](mailto:Jason.barclay@navy.mil).



Commentary

# Remember the value of your service in safeguarding freedom

**Gen. Herbert “Hawk” Carlisle**

*Commander, Pacific Air Forces*

To the men and women of Pacific Air Forces and to our veterans from all services, please accept my very sincere “thank you.” You have answered our nation’s call, and I’m humbled by your service. This Monday marks the 95th anniversary of the signing of the armistice which brought an end to World War I. That was the first year we commemorated what would become



Gen. Herbert “Hawk” Carlisle

Veterans Day. On this day, we take a break from our routines to honor the sacrifices our veterans have made in service to our nation.

Here in the Pacific, a little more than 68 years ago, World War II ended with Japan’s formal surrender to Allied powers aboard the USS Missouri, which now rests in Pearl Harbor. That surrender came four years after the tragic attack on American soil here in Hawaii and after four long years of sacrifice from our service men and women. When President Franklin D. Roosevelt requested a decla-

ration of war, he said, “We are now in the midst of a war, not for conquest, not for vengeance, but for a world in which this nation and all that this nation represents will be safe for our children.”

That conflict ended, but others emerged. Regardless of how or where U.S. service members step up to defend our country, the goal has always been the same – a better, safer world for our children. Generation after generation has witnessed brave American men and women lay down their lives in service to their nation.

Veterans Day presents an

opportunity to pay tribute to service members, past and present, while honoring the significance of their selfless service to our great nation. The heroes, whose shoulders we stand on, served as we do, as a part of something bigger than all of us in order to keep our people safe and our nation free.

Every generation has faced difficult challenges, and our generation is no exception. This Veterans Day, I ask that we reflect upon the importance of what we do. Every one of us—military and civilian; active duty, Reserve and Guard;

Soldier, Sailor, Marine, Airman and Coast Guardsman; each and every one of us plays a vital part in safeguarding our way of life.

I am honored to serve alongside our amazing PACAF resilient Airmen. We are part of a proud legacy of U.S. service members who stand together in the world’s greatest fighting force and provide unmatched airpower capabilities throughout the vast Asia-Pacific region.

Our PACAF team, 46,000 Airmen strong, represents the values that make our service and our nation proud. Thank you for all you do.

Commentary

# Strong bond, shared history: Marine Corps-Navy team

**Rear Adm. Rick Williams**

*Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific*

Here in Hawaii we walk some of the same paths once traveled by Fleet Adm. Nimitz, whose leadership turned the tide in the Pacific

during the Second World War. We visit some of the same landmarks visited by Lt. Gen. Lewis B. “Chesty” Puller, a Marine’s Marine, who led by example, championed combat readiness, and always supported his warfighters.

This Sunday, Nov. 10, we commemorate the 238th birthday of the United States

Marine Corps. The Marine Corps Birthday is our opportunity to reflect on the synergy and power of our Navy and Marine Corps team since 1775.

As Sailors, we salute all Marines, past and present, with whom we’ve had the privilege to serve.

I served as executive assistant to Marine Gen. James Mattis, then-commander of U.S. Central Command. Military Times called Gen. Mattis “the most revered Marine in a generation.”

Like Lt. Gen. “Chesty” Puller, Gen. Mattis was a no-nonsense leader who valued warfighting readiness and operating forward, and it was one of the highlights of my career to serve as his EA.

Marines and Sailors have been side-by-side since the Revolutionary War and the Barbary Wars.

Navy ships, subs, aircraft and Sailors transported and supported Marines in battle in the War of 1812, Civil War and in World Wars I and II and in many other wars and campaigns.

Navy corpsmen, logistics and other support elements were with the Marines in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Amphibious, from-the-sea warfare personifies our interlocked partnership, in which Marines provide tip-of-the-



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

spear firepower.

When I reflect on the Marine Corps-Navy team and our shared history, I am naturally drawn to the War in the Pacific seven decades ago. The war started here at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 and moved across the Pacific over the next four years. Exactly 71 years ago, Marines and Sailors were engaged in the Guadalcanal Campaign in the Solomon Islands.

Next week, Nov. 12-13, commemorates the 71st anniversary of the Battle of Guadalcanal (one of the battles in the campaign). While Marines held positions ashore, the surface Navy engaged a determined enemy at sea in what is considered

some of the fiercest fighting in the war.

Here is what military historian and author James D. Hornfischer says in his book on Guadalcanal, “Neptune’s Inferno”:

“The Marine Corps would compose a rousing institutional anthem from the notion, partly true, that the Navy had abandoned them in the fight’s critical early going. But the full story of the campaign turns the tale in another direction, seldom appreciated. Soon enough, the fleet threw itself fully into the breach, and by the end of it all, almost three sailors had died in battle at sea for every infantryman who fell ashore. The Corps’ debt to the Navy was never greater. The human toll was horrific. Ashore U.S. Marine and Army killed in action were 1,592 (out of 60,000 landed). The number of Americans killed at sea topped five thousand.”

Our history together is forged in blood, honor and duty, and Guadalcanal is a good example of our shared commitment.

Here’s what Col. Chilton Cates, commander of 1st Marines and a hero of Belleau Wood, said about Guadalcanal and America’s fight in the Pacific:

“We’re fighting for a just cause; there is no doubt about

that. It is for right and freedom. We have enjoyed the many advantages given us under our form of government and, with the help of God, we will guarantee that same liberty and freedom to our loved ones and the people of America for generations to come.”

As we prepare for future operations with the Navy and Marines from Hawaii, we will continue to be ready to fight “for right and freedom” as part of a greater naval team. Opportunities in the combined-arms concept provide new options and enhance readiness in unique ways, especially as the Marines reset from more than a decade of combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Marines will always be the go-to ready reaction force and an important part of rebalancing here in the heart of the Pacific.

On this Sunday’s birthday of the United States Marine Corps, I hope you’ll join with me to reflect on the strong bond of our Marine Corps-Navy team; of the honor, courage and commitment Marines and Sailors share; of the sacrifice made on distant shores and at sea to provide the freedom we enjoy today; and of the even stronger team we will have in days to come.

Happy birthday, Marines. Semper Fi!

## Navy Region Hawaii featured in CNIC ‘Shoreline’ this month

Photos and stories showcasing Navy Region Hawaii are featured in CNIC’s newsletter “Shoreline” in the November issue.

To see the November “Shoreline” visit <http://ow.ly/qBuuj>.

## Diverse Views



### What does Veterans Day mean to you?



**Lt. Heath Kennedy**  
*JPAC*

“A remembrance of those who have gone before us, ensuring our own freedom and the security of the United States.”

**Airman 1st Class Daniel Sanders**  
*15th Medical Group*

“Veterans Day is important to me because it remembers those who have served before us. My family has a long history of serving, and it is important to remember them along with everyone else who has dedicated their time for our country.”



**BM2 Ian Sarreal**  
*Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam*

“Veterans Day is a day for me to remember all the prior and present service members and all the good things they do. It’s a day for all people in the United States performing military service.”

**Airman 1st Class Ashley Barajas**  
*15th Medical Group*

“Veterans Day means a lot to me because it’s a day to honor our veterans, past and present. It’s also nice to know that veterans are acknowledged.”



**Sgt. 1st Class Isaik Mathiesen**  
*JPAC*

“In short, it means to me honoring our veterans and the people who have sacrificed to make our country what it is today.”

**Airman 1st Class Diana Guy**  
*15th Medical Group*

“November 11 is an important day to me because it represents the chance to appreciate the men and women who helped get us to where we are today. It’s more than just military discounts and a free meal at a local establishment.”



**FC3 James Haskin**  
*USS Chung-Hoon*

“Veterans Day means honoring those who came before us and celebrating fallen loved ones and lost heroes.”

*Provided by Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi and SrA Christopher Stoltz*

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## Fifth Air Force attacks Imperial Japanese at Rabaul



Photo courtesy of Pacific Air Forces

On Nov. 2, 1943, the Fifth Air Force attacked Imperial Japanese shipping and bases at Rabaul on New Guinea. These raids helped protect the U.S. invasion of Bougainville in the Solomons Islands to the east. Three B-25 groups escorted by 70 P-38s sank three Japanese destroyers, eight merchant ships and destroyed 80 enemy aircraft. During this action, Maj. Raymond Wilkins earned a posthumous Medal of Honor. Wilkins led his B-25 squadron in the attack and put his own aircraft in the position of greatest risk.



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# Sailors encouraged to speak out against sexual assault

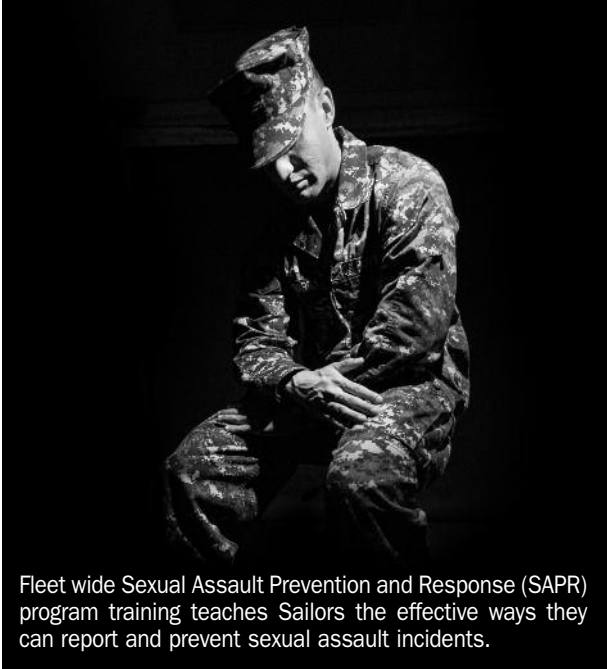
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Since July 25, Navy.mil and Marines.mil began publishing the results of special and general courts-martial, including sexual assault cases, in an effort to increase the transparency of the department's criminal proceedings.

"Sailors need to be made aware that Sailors take care of Sailors," said Pacific Fleet Master Chief Marco Ramirez.

"We count on each other to save our ship, our shipmates and ourselves. Sailors who hurt other Sailors violate our core values, and there is no room in the U.S. Navy for those Sailors," Ramirez added.



Fleet wide Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program training teaches Sailors the effective ways they can report and prevent sexual assault incidents.

A recent technological development that Sailors can take advantage of to mitigate a potentially risky situation is to download and use a free smartphone application

called "Circle of 6."

This app, which was initially developed for college students to provide an extra line of defense from violence, sexual assault and otherwise potential unsafe or uncomfortable situations, allows users to quickly send a distress text message to six people assigned to their "circle of six" – a group of six friends who can be trusted during an emergency.

According to Ramirez, it is not okay to turn a blind eye to the problem of sexual assault. "As I get out to the fleet and see what is acceptable in our society, I see a thin line out there of what acceptable behavior is. The way men treat women is something we need to discuss. There are people out there who look for the drunk-est one. This behavior is not consistent with our core val-

ues and is what gets a lot of Sailors in trouble," he explained.

Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 3rd Class Anthony Mehring echoed Ramirez's sentiments about the prevention of sexual assault.

"There are a few things you can do to prevent an incident, which basically comes down to doing what's right when the circumstances arrive," Mehring said. "Using the buddy system and looking out for signs of someone being a predator toward one of your shipmates are effective ways to stop something from happening."

Lt. j.g. Kelly Agha, training officer and sexual assault prevention and response (SAPR) coordinator on the Pearl Harbor-based, guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97), talked about the

importance of looking out for shipmates.

"You've got to put others before yourself," said Agha. "If you see something happening ... it is your obligation to stand up for that Sailor."

The Navy takes the consequences of perpetrators quite seriously, stressing that sexual harassment and assault will not be tolerated.

"The bottom line: Once a report has been substantiated, the offending Sailor is caught and will be prosecuted, disciplined and separated from the U.S. Navy," Ramirez said. "On the opposite side, the victim seeks counseling and may be transferred from their command. This affects Sailors, commands and families."

The fleet-wide SAPR training teaches Sailors the effective ways they can report sexual assault incidents.

## Navy urges Sailors to thrive, not just survive, during holidays

**MC2 Sean Furey**

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Military suicide incidents have risen in recent years.

A medical surveillance monthly report (MSMR) by the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center showed that more than 2,900 active duty troops, Guardsmen and Reservists committed suicide between the years of 1998 and 2011. This puts suicide deaths higher than U.S. military deaths in Afghanistan.

According to Department of Defense research, from 2005 to 2010, service members were committing suicide at the rate of one every 36 hours.

With statistics like this, it is important to understand the causes of the increase in suicides and how we can prevent them in the future.

Research done by Cynthia LeardMann, senior epidemiologist, Naval Health Research Center,

San Diego, indicates that combat experience or lengthy/frequent deployments are not associated with increased risk in suicide. Some factors found by this study to increase risk of suicide were alcohol, drug abuse and depression, with the majority of casualties being males.

Other factors that are shown to play a role in suicide have financial problems, relationship issues and prior mental health issues.

To combat this growing problem the Navy introduced the "NavyThrive" and "Thrive During the Holidays" programs that aim to encourage Sailors to utilize support networks when in a time of crisis and also help their shipmates in times of need.

The "Thrive During the Holidays" campaign, which will continue through early January 2014, aims to provide Sailors and their families with proactive resources to get ahead of holiday chaos while focusing on building resilience for the New Year.

"This year's focus on thriving is focused on identifying and miti-

gating stressors before they reach the point of crisis," said Lt. Cmdr. Kaarin Coe, suicide prevention coordinator, Navy Region Hawaii.

"Anything that promotes development of healthy coping skills is by default a suicide prevention program. Although it may not help in every situation, taking the time to learn new ways to manage stress can help offset the development of additional stressors," she explained.

Many people find it hard to come forward and talk to someone about suicide. Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Eriel Ferrera, who lost a friend to suicide, knows firsthand how this reluctance to share one's feelings can end up.

"It was strange. One day she was there hanging out, the next day she was gone," said Ferrera. "She had issues at home that she kept to herself, so it was hard to know that she was so depressed. I feel like if she had reached out, her death could have been prevented. Sailors who are thinking of suicide should seek help from their

friends, family and programs made available by the Navy as much as they can."

Removing the stigma of mental health issues in the military is an important role to furthering progress in suicide prevention.

"I believe the more you talk about difficult topics, the more you reduce the stigma attached. This has helped to increase the number of Sailors coming forward asking for help with different stressors and utilizing resources like Military Family Support Center (MFSC) classes, contacting Military One Source or talking with chaplains," said Coe.

"No one knows how to manage every situation, so sometimes a professional can help teach the skills needed to improve coping with that stressor. Reaching out for support is a sign of courage. I see more and more Sailors recognizing this and seeking support," she said.

Sailors can also call upon the Chaplain Corps or mental health professionals in a time of need.

"We want Sailors to know that

there are many options for them," said Navy Chaplain Lt. Rick Tiff, Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. "A chaplain can be reached at any time, day or night, through your quarterdeck."

"Sometimes people need an empathetic voice to talk to, and we are here to provide that for them. We offer 100 percent confidentiality. Sailors can come here and be in a safe place to talk to us. Here on Pearl Harbor they can come to the many chapels on base," he added.

For more information on the "Thrive During the Holidays" campaign, visit the Navy Operational Stress Control's blog, [www.navynavstress.com](http://www.navynavstress.com), and the Navy Suicide Prevention website, [www.suicide.navy.mil](http://www.suicide.navy.mil).

More local resources include MFSC ([www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com)), mental health at Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, chaplains, Military One Source. Also available is the National Crisis Line at 800-273-TALK which is staffed 24/7.

The Pearl Harbor Quarterdeck can be reached at (808) 473-1222.



# Pearl Harbor-Hickam*Highlights*



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf  
Sailors assigned to the Pacific Missile Range Facility participate in the Kauai Veterans Parade in Kapaa.



Staff Sgt. Courtney Clifford from Band of the Pacific-Hawaii's rock band Hana Hou encourages students to sing during a recent concert at an elementary school Oct. 22 near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Air Force courtesy photo

Col. Johnny Roscoe (left), 15th Wing commander, and Brig. Gen. Braden Sakai (right), 154th Wing commander, Hawaii Air National Guard, address the men and women of the 15th Wing and 154th Wing during the consolidated unit inspection right start brief at Hickam Memorial Theater on Oct. 31.

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



Members of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam chapter of the Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) rally in front of the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange on Oct. 19 to raise awareness about breast cancer and domestic violence. As they passed by, service members, their families and civilians signed a domestic violence banner provided by Military and Family Support Center as a way to join the fight against domestic abuse.

Photo courtesy of CSADD



The Los Angeles-class submarine USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705) departs from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a western Pacific deployment.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Steven Khor



# JBPHH ‘Pumpkin Patrol’ ensures Halloween is all treats, no tricks

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On Halloween, most people are either taking their children trick-or-treating, or handing candy out themselves. However, for more than 40 Airmen and Sailors from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, this was a night where the treat they provided was safety.

According to a recent study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, children are four times more likely to be injured or killed by a vehicle on Halloween, compared to the rest of the year. This is why the JBPHH Pumpkin Patrol, led by JBPHH Security Forces, plays a critical role in the community.

Created more than 10 years ago, the local pump-



On Halloween night, “pumpkin patrol” volunteer Master-at-Arms 3rd Class David Finch, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam security, patrols a neighborhood on Hickam to help keep JBPHH trick-or-treaters safe. The patrol’s mission is to monitor high-traffic areas on Pearl Harbor-Hickam and help prevent accidents.

kin patrol program was developed by the JBPHH security forces to ensure the safety of the children out “trick-or-treating” in installation housing. Every year, the volunteers cover multiple areas deemed “high traffic” including Makalapa compound housing, Hickam housing and Ford Island officer, senior enlisted and junior enlisted housing.

According to Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Michael Welch, pumpkin patrol event lead, the response to the program is positive every year and provides relief for parents who take their children trick-or-treating.

“This is my first year as event lead,” he said. “The pumpkin patrol is a great program. The families knew that we were out there, and I believe it added an extra sense of security knowing we were there keeping watch.”

One of the pumpkin

patrol members keeping watch was Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Rachael Robinson, who said the program was more than just a volunteer opportunity.

“It [the program] shows the community we care,” she said. “Yes, we are working on our off-duty time and it isn’t the most desirable thing to do. However, it is the selfless and right thing to do. Not only does it help children trick-or-treating, but also their parents, who just happen to be our fellow Sailors and Airmen.”

Welch said the program has been successful so far and that this year’s version was nothing out of the ordinary.

“Another year has gone by without a hitch,” he said. “We are proud to say that we were part of such a great event. However, we are happier knowing we can provide a service to help keep the children of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam safe.”

## Air Force band rocks out at area elementary schools

Staff Sgt.  
Courtney Clifford

Air Force Band of the  
Pacific

The Band of the Pacific-Hawaii’s rock band, Hana Hou, recently performed for more than 2,000 elementary students at Kaleiopuu and Waialua Elementary Schools near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The performances were organized as part of a community outreach incentive program.

The students rose to their feet for the duration of the show as they sang along to songs including “Firework,” “Mirrors,” “Diamonds,” and “The Cup Song.”

“I really enjoyed all the songs that [the Band of the Pacific-Hawaii] played for us,” said Apple Mae, an attending student. “I also

enjoyed [the band’s] awesome voices, and I loved to sing and dance.”

Mae said she felt shy at first but as the concert progressed, she felt comfortable enough to sing and dance in public for the first time.

“I think you guys took out my shyness, and I can now talk to all my classmates,” she said.

During the show, an anti-bully message was relayed to the students, and then they were invited to play percussion and sing along to “Brave,” by Sara Bareilles.

“The performance seemed to bring everyone together,” said Heiley Fegaegen from Kaleiopuu Elementary.

“It doesn’t matter what language you speak, or where you’re from, it seems as if music is a language everyone understands,” Fegaegen said.



The Band of the Pacific-Hawaii’s rock band, Hana Hou, performs at an elementary school near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (See additional photo on page A-5).

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# VP-4 Sailors and *ohana* embrace Halloween spirit in haunted hangar

Lt. Colleen Conley

Patrol Squadron Four  
Public Affairs

Patrol Squadron Four (VP-4) Sailors lined the hangar halls and crowded in doorways, awaiting the arrival of the Skinny Dragon extended *ohana* for a Halloween celebration Oct. 30. Sailors were invited to bring their families to come trick-or-treat in the haunted hangar.

The Skinny Dragon mascot himself was present, lugging a huge satchel of candy as he roved the dimly lit hallways, greeting all of the families and handing out candy. The scene was complete with smoke, black lights, cobwebs and Halloween décor adorning nearly every door.

The command service department (CSD) hosted a Halloween door decorating competition. As the week leading up to Halloween progressed, the door schemes grew increasingly elaborate.

“The Sailors really embraced the idea of the competi-



U.S. Navy photo by MCSA Devin Menhardt  
Jack Vinson, age 3, reaches for a scoop of candy offered by Naval Air Crewman 2nd Class Kerry Kerns as little sister Ella, age 5, checks out the contents of her bag.

tion. I didn’t expect such complex and elaborate door schemes. There is a lot of friendly rivalry between the shops and departments, so it was fun to watch them compete,” said Cmdr. Eric Hanks, executive officer of VP-4.

The doors were judged based on five categories: creativity, use of space, theme and spooky factor. A four-man committee of judges from CSD was tasked with selecting the best door. “It was a really difficult choice,” said Lt. Alex Bos, CSD division officer and committee judge.

“You could tell every shop put so much effort into it. There was such a wide variety of themes and decorations. I found the use of material to be particularly impressive,” Bos said.

The winning door belonged to the flight engineers and was centered around a small skeleton in a casket. The skeleton was rigged with a pulley system so that it would “rise from the grave” when

the door was opened. The judges unanimously concluded that this was the best door, although they said there were many excellent runner-ups.

When asked about his experience trick-or-treating in the haunted hangar, 6-year-old Matthew Meinert, who dressed as Mario, said that it was “great” and said he even finished his homework early to attend the event.

“They really enjoyed meeting the Skinny Dragon and trick-or-treating out of the helmet. (The junior officers in the wardroom passed out candy from a flight helmet). The decorations were great. The kids were really taking it all in,” said Roslyn Meinert, mother of Matthew (6) and Sofia (4).

“It is always fun to have children around. They remind us of what this holiday once meant for us and helps us to get back in the spirit, too,” said Naval Air Crewman 2nd Class Sean Wawrzyniec.

# Fleet Master Chief Ramirez takes message to USS Texas Sailors

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MC2 Steven Khor

COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief Marco Ramirez paid a visit Oct. 23 to the Virginia-class, fast attack submarine USS Texas (SSN 775) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to talk with the crew.

Ramirez, the 16th fleet master chief for U.S. Pacific Fleet, said the purpose of the visit was to say hello to the Sailors, reinforce that they are doing a great job and to educate them on the current issues in the Pacific Fleet.

“I wanted to tell them that they have a great submarine, and I just wanted to come let them know that we are thinking about them and we know they are doing great

things,” Ramirez said.

During his visit, he talked about topics such as the mission of the Pacific Fleet, sexual assault, lines of operation, drinking responsibly, leadership, and what he expects from Sailors.

Ramirez thanked the Sailors for their service in the Pacific Fleet and listened to what issues they have.

“I call it battlefield circulation, in which I take their hates and discontents with me and see if I can make some changes for them. We also try to identify the problems and see if we can fix them,” Ramirez said.

One question came from Electronics Technician 3rd Class Michael Lacks who asked about the fleet master chief’s career progression and what it took for him to be a master



U.S Pacific Fleet Master Chief Marco Ramirez, (right), shakes hands with Sonar Technician Submarine 3rd Class Joseph Daniels Oct. 23, the Blue Jacket of the Year for the Virginia-class fast attack submarine USS Texas (SSN 775), while USS Texas chief of the boat, Master Chief Machinist’s Mate Matt Harris looks on.

chief petty officer.

Another Texas Sailor, Electronics Technician 2nd Class Jonathan Day, asked about tuition assistance in the Navy.

Ramirez held an E5 call before having lunch with the crew as well as talks with the E6s and the chief petty officers.

“He was very open about what’s going on, and definitely gave us a better idea of the future of the submarine force,” said Culinary Specialist Seaman Cody Searfoss.

Prior to his selection into the command master chief program, Ramirez served aboard USS Enterprise (CVN 65) Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW 110) and USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) He became the 16th fleet master chief for the U.S. Pacific Fleet on April 30.



# 15th Wing Safety warns motorcycle riders against complacency

Staff Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

It was a typical day in Hawaii. The weather was warm and the sun was out, so I decided to ride my motorcycle to work. I was on my way to a meeting when out of nowhere, a truck sped into the parking lot ahead of me.

As I tried to make a quick stop, the truck's rear end clipped the front of my bike and down I went. Much to my surprise, the truck drove off, leaving me to pick myself and my bike up off the ground and assess the damage on my own.

Fortunately, except for a few minor scrapes and bruises, I was uninjured; however I learned a very valuable lesson that day: Every rider is truly responsible for their own personal safety. It doesn't matter if you're on base or off-base, it's up to you to ride defensively and prepare for the unexpected.

*(Editor's note: The above is a true story told by a 15th Wing Airman who was recently involved in a motorcycle incident. His identity has been withheld for privacy reasons.)*

Though the above story ended relatively well, recently there has been an increase



Jack Hughes, Cape Fox traffic safety program regional coordinator, tests a motorcycle course set up by a team of coaches June 26, 2012, for a "motorcycle track day" at Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

in motorcycle-related accidents involving Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Airmen and Sailors. The accidents resulted in substantial injuries, loss of property and even death.

Not every single accident can be avoided, but the 15th Wing Safety Office encourages JBPHH motorcycle riders to go back to the basics of motorcycle safety.

"At a typical stateside base, people usually ride four or five months out of the year before the cold weather forces them to put their bikes away, but in Hawaii the weather is always great so we get to ride 365 days a year," said Staff Sgt. Brian Miles, 15th Wing ground

safety manager.

"But it's simple—the more time you spend on the road, the more likely you are to have an accident. Even though the increased ride time is enjoyable, it also means riders here are more susceptible to mishaps and accidents," Miles said.

He said during the summer months, the Air Force's 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign places an increased emphasis on motorcycle safety, but riders living in Hawaii should keep safety at the forefront of their minds year round.

"There are additional hazards to riders in Hawaii," he said. "One potential threat that is unique to Hawaii is

tourists. It's something many people don't give a second thought to, but if tourists are driving around lost, or looking for something, their attention is less likely to be on the road or other drivers around them."

Miles cautioned riders to be aware of this and always remember to drive defensively and exercise situational awareness.

"It's not just the tourists though, it's people who are texting while driving, messing with the radio, or engaged in deep conversation you have to look out for," he said.

"Riders need to have a heightened situational awareness. Don't ever

assume a driver sees you because nine times out of 10 they don't," Miles said.

Other hazards motorcyclist should be mindful of are the weather and road construction.

"Here, gravel is one of those things you have to be vigilant about," said Miles. "It comes out of nowhere, it seems sometimes. A road is clear one day, and the next day there's construction going on and it is covered in gravel."

"Likewise, the weather here can be unpredictable. It goes from wet to dry pretty quickly, and it usually changes, depending on which side of the island you're on. The bottom line is you have to make sure you're paying attention at all times when you're riding."

According to Miles, many motorcycle accidents are preventable and having the proper training and protective clothing goes a long way toward prevention.

"A lot of people think their riding experience is directly related to the amount of time they have been riding, but there really is no optimal time frame for experi-

ence," said Miles.

"No matter how long you have been riding, there's always risk associated, and you have to be careful not to become complacent over the years. Younger guys and newer riders typically want to go fast so that obviously poses a huge risk, but it's just as dangerous to be an older, experienced rider not taking the proper safety precautions.

It's really all about life choices. You're only as safe as you make yourself on the road in the end," he said.

Proper personal protective equipment for on base riders is as follows:

- Head protection.
- Eye protection.
- Protective clothing: A long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long pants and full-fingered gloves or mittens is required. Riders should select fluorescent or brightly colored, retro-reflective material.
- Foot protection: Includes sturdy, over the ankle foot wear.
- To become a trained motorcycle rider at JBPHH, visit navyrider.com or contact your squadron motorcycle safety representative.



# Navy window renovations completed at historic structural shop building 155

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii recently completed a design-build project at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard/ Intermediate Maintenance Facility's (PHNSY/IMF) building 155 while maintaining the structure's historic window features. "Prior to this window replacement project, build-

ing 155 was not only aesthetically unappealing, but it was a safety hazard due to broken glass and the inability to open the windows for ventilation," said Jonathan Mizushima, PHNSY/IMF shop 11 branch head. "The numerous window panes that were missing also gave birds additional ways to enter our building which posed a health concern because of the large amount of bird droppings." In 2011, NAVFAC Hawaii awarded a \$15.8 million contract to Manson-

Nan Hawaii, J.V. to renovate the building's largest asset, its windows. The focus of the project was directed toward modernizing the building's profile as well as addressing safety concerns due to the windows' aging condition. "This project was unique because we were working side-by-side with the PHNSY/IMF maintenance facility employees, who stayed clear of renovation areas so there was no disruption to their daily activities," said Ryan Tamashiro, NAVFAC Hawaii project manager. "Large scale upgrades, such as with building 155 involve a lot of cooperation from all in order to ensure a culture of safety is retained in a construction area." Until recent years, building 155 had been relatively untouched since its construction in 1941 and is classified as a category I historical structure. As a result, historical preservation stakeholders whose interest is to ensure the preservation



U.S. Navy photo by Danielle Jones

An overall view of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard/ Intermediate Maintenance Facility's building 155 after completion of the structure's historic window renovations.

of the building's significant physical features were involved in this project. Currently, building 155 provides support to PHNSY/IMF personnel and houses the shipfitting shop, welding shop and lagging shop. Today, 1,700 new steel-framed windows encompass

all four tiers of the facility on each side of the building. The new windows not only fit historic preservation requirements, but are also aesthetically pleasing and allow for greater visibility for personnel working within. "Employees are now able to open all the windows,

which make working in the building more pleasant, and the risk of falling glass has been removed," Mizushima said. "The biggest improvement is that our building is now a better representation of the pride PHNSY/IMF's structural shop takes in 'Keeping Our Fleet Fit To Fight!'"



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A partial section of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard/ Intermediate Maintenance Facility's building 155 original windows is preserved (left) and alongside of some new windows (right). The project replaced 1,700 windows.



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(Above): As a warrior or *nakoa* (right) holds a representation of the ancient Hawaiian diety Lono, or god of *Makahiki*, native Hawaiian priest Kalama Cabigon presents gifts at the *lele* (altar) in honor of Lono. (Inset below left): Canoes carrying Lono, are invited ashore at Hickam Beach, welcoming guests to the celebration of *Makahiki*, an ancient festival known as a Hawaiian Thanksgiving.

## Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam celebrates annual *Makahiki*

MCSN Johans Chavarro Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Det. Hawaii



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Service members, families and civilians attended and participated in the annual *Kapuaikaula makahiki* held Nov. 2 at Hickam Harbor Beach at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

The *Makahiki*, known as a “Hawaiian Thanksgiving,” provided an opportunity for military families to appreciate and learn more about the culture and history of Hawaii.

“A lot of the land that we’re on has cultural and historical significance,” said Capt. Jeffrey James, JBPHH commander. “So conducting and participating in events like this shows respect to the land and respect to the people. It goes a long way toward building a relationship between everybody. Hawaii is not like any other state in the union. It has its own separate and distinct culture, and it’s important that we understand the culture and have respect for it.”

*Makahiki* is an ancient Hawaiian celebration dedicated to Lono, the deified guardian of agriculture, rain, health and peace, to give thanks for nature’s gifts received from land and sea. During the time of *makahiki*, in ancient times, all warfighting ceased as rival tribes laid down their arms and came together as one to give thanks.

The event began with paddlers in canoes carrying a symbolic representation of Lono arriving on the shores of Hickam Harbor Beach, followed by a procession from the

landing site to the *makahiki* location.

After the arrival, master of ceremonies for the celebration Shad Kane spoke about the importance of *makahiki* in ancient Hawaiian times as it allowed an opportunity to break the restrictions of gatherings between traditional Hawaiian chiefs and their subjects.

“Historically, there were so many restrictions on gatherings between chiefs and *maka’ainana* (commoners),” said Kane, cultural practitioner and Oahu Council of Hawaiian Civic Clubs historic preservation chair. “It was important that those restrictions were set aside to allow for an establishing of a relationship. There needs to be that personal interaction between people.”

Col. David A. Kirkendall, deputy commander JBPHH, said that it’s those very personal interactions of native Hawaiian culture and military culture that makes the partnership between the two stronger.

“It’s the intertwining and that cultural awareness that makes us stronger,” Kirkendall said. “It’s very easy sometimes to lose sight of how important that cultural teamwork really is. We get a better awareness of the people that we’re dealing with, because getting their support really makes our job easier at the end of the day. At the same token we have an opportunity to show that the military is not just about doing things our own way, that we can be flexible, and we can encompass different ways of doing things. So it’s really about that partnership.”

Those in attendance participated in traditional games, such as *makaihe* (spear throwing), *moa pahe’e* (dart tossing) and *‘ulu maika* (stone rolling).

“I think it’s important to be able to take the message and a lot of the stuff that’s good about Hawaii, which is most everything, and bring that back to the mainland and share that with the rest of the country,” James said.



(Above): Members of the Oahu Council of Hawaiian Civic Clubs demonstrate a traditional Hawaiian game during the *Kapuaikaula Makahiki* at Hickam Harbor Beach at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (Below): Col. David Kirkendall, deputy joint base commander, accepts a gift from a representative of the Oahu Council of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.



Guests exchange traditional gestures as a sign of mutual respect before competing in *hakamoa*, a one-legged wrestling competition.

(Below): A young competitor throws a spear in games taught by the Oahu Council of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.





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# Show respect for our veterans

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On Nov. 11, the nation will take a few moments to remember the sacrifices of our veterans through the decades. Especially here at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam—steeped in history—there are constant reminders of the role that the base has played in the history of the Navy and Air Force and the world. We are surrounded by memorials, tributes to those who were lost or injured during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack. They serve as reminders of what happened here and why it is so important that we remember.

Strafing marks from the Japanese Zeroes that attacked on that “day of infamy” are still visible on the runway and along the

shoreline on Ford Island. The rusting carcass of the USS Utah juts out of the water along the Ford Island coastline.

Today the site of the USS Utah Memorial continues to play a significant role for those Pearl Harbor survivors whose final wish is to return to their shipmates who were lost during the attack. It is always a poignant ceremony as families make the journey to Hawaii, carrying the ashes of their loved one. They gently scatter the ashes in the waters of Pearl Harbor. The ashes mingle with their tears and the flowers from the lei which they wear to the ceremony.

Looking across the harbor from various vantage points – such as Ford Island and Hospital Point – the Arizona Memorial stands as a tribute to the once mighty battleship that

rests in the ocean beneath. Moored nearby, Battleship Missouri Memorial is a reminder of the signing of the surrender documents, marking the end of World War II.

Everywhere on joint base—at locations on Pearl Harbor and Hickam—there are buildings and places of historical significance. Throughout the base and nearby Ford Island and Hospital Point, there are memorials to the many whose lives were lost during the attack.

So it seems irreverent that scattered among the memorials, the historical landmarks and the memories are bits and pieces of litter and debris that have been carelessly tossed aside by those who have no respect for what these memorials represent—the sacrifices of so many who laid down their lives on

Dec. 7, 1941 and also for those whose lives were forever changed.

I remember the television commercial that aired a number of years ago – showing a Native American as he walked across America. He shed tears as he found deposits of trash and litter everywhere he went. He cried at the sad state of our country – turned into a giant receptacle for all types of garbage.

To me, it's despicable that litter and trash are left anywhere, but especially if it extends to these memorial and historic sites. Here at Pearl Harbor, a place of great sacrifice by so many, it is even more pathetic.

As a child, I was taught by my mother to pick up after myself – and that lesson has carried over into my adult life. But I guess that some people never learned such lessons. Or

maybe they are just too lazy to properly dispose of their fast food trash, their empty bottles and cans, and, yuk, even soiled diapers, in the proper places – instead of throwing them in parking lots, along the streets and in scenic areas.

If you have trash and there isn't a nearby trash receptacle, put it in your car and throw it away when you arrive at home or at your office. That doesn't require a lot of time or effort.

It is truly heartwarming to see that most people do the right thing and that many pitch in to “keep it clean and keep it green.”

In addition to the littering, I have seen some of these historic sites marred by graffiti. It's bad enough to see graffiti everywhere you look – road signs, overpasses, walls, sides of buildings, etc. But when the graffiti artists target historic sites and memorials, dedicated to those who made such personal sacrifice, it takes it to a whole other level of disrespect.

It sickens me that there are those who have such little respect for those memorials and the veterans they represent, and I can't understand how anyone could be so thoughtless. A point of irony is that these veterans fought so that each

one of us could have freedoms—and one of those freedoms is the right to express ourselves. But that doesn't give them the right to express themselves by desecrating these memorials. What in the world are they thinking? It's like a slap in the face to the veterans who served their country and the sacrifices they made.

I know that the majority of people are respectful and would never think of littering and certainly would never ever stoop so low as to deface a memorial or historic site.

For the few who do, please stop and think about the meaning behind these memorials and have respect for the rich history and significance of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Then put down your graffiti paint, and take your litter to the trash receptacle.

And if you should witness such an act taking place, I hope that you will report it.

Please remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice here. Please don't trash history.

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

## MFSC announces upcoming classes to help Air Force, Navy personnel

### **JBPHH Military and Family Support Center**

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) offers free programs to help Air Force and Navy service members, their families and Department of Defense civilians to develop skills,

improve relationships, and handle the military way of life.

Upcoming classes at MFSC Pearl Harbor include:

- Employment in Hawaii workshop will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Nov. 12.
- Stress Management class will

be held from 8 to 11 a.m. Nov. 12.

- Career Choices: Do What You Are class will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Nov. 13.

- Discipline and Your Children workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Nov. 13.

- Surviving the Holiday Financially class will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 14.

- Capstone Event will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Nov. 14. This workshop measures a service member's transition readiness from a military to civilian career. Transition

GPS is a pre-requisite.

- Managing Money and Credit class will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 15.

Those who are interested in the classes can register online at [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) or call 474-1999 for more information.



# Port Royal Knights stand alone at top of division

**Story and photo  
by Randy Dela Cruz**  
*Sports Editor*

In a showdown of the final two undefeated teams in the Afloat Division, USS Port Royal (CG 73) Knights claimed the division’s top spot by defeating USS Texas (SSN 775) Aggies, 14-6, on Nov. 2 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

With the victory, the Knights are now the lone unbeaten team in the Afloat Division with a record of 5-0, while the previously undefeated Aggies dropped to 4-1.

“It is a big win, but we’re going to just keep moving forward,” said Port Royal quarterback Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Angelo Messina. “We’re defending Afloat Division champs and we’re going to bring that back. This is a good step in that direction.”

While both teams entered the matchup with enough firepower to put up numbers in a hurry, the meeting between the co-division leaders turned out to be a defensive struggle from the beginning.

Texas was forced to punt on their first two offensive sets, while Messina was picked off on Port Royal’s first drive.

Then with time winding down before halftime, the Knights got the football and proceeded to march down the field into Texas territory on only four plays.

Messina ran a keeper for nine yards to put the ball on the Texas three-yard line and then on the very next play, tossed a short lob



Seaman Michael Elzen reaches out to grab a pass from quarterback Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Angelo Messina and complete a two-point conversion to give USS Port Royal (CG 73) Knights a 14-0 lead over USS Texas (SSN 775) Aggies.

into the hands of Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Glen Merrill for a 6-0 lead.

“We teach our linemen to find an open area on the field because somebody is getting pulled out of their zone,” Merrill said. “So we just teach them to sit right there on the goal line and set up a big target.”

Texas, which had been struggling to mount a drive on offense, started to move the chains forward

just before halftime with the help of a few penalties on the Port Royal defense.

Back-to-back, illegal-use-of-hands infractions put the ball at midfield and later two bull rush penalties on Port Royal placed the football on the Knights six-yard line with 25 seconds remaining before intermission.

However, the Knights defense refused to break and came up with a huge stop in the red zone

to go into halftime up by six.

“That was big,” Messina admitted. “It’s a tie game if they (defense) don’t stop them, so that was big. That’s the best they’ve played all year.”

The defensive battle continued into the second half with both teams being turned away in each of their first processions.

The Knights, though, were waiting for a big play and it didn’t take long for it to happen.

After taking possession of the football on the their own 33, Messina picked up 14 yards on a keeper and a pass to quickly put the ball to within striking distance at the Texas 33.

On the very next play, Messina dropped back into the pocket and landed a perfect spiral into the arms of Information Systems Technician 1st Class Marshall Williams, who made the grab and ran untouched into the end zone and a 12-0 lead.

“I saw that they were making a mistake by leaving him (Williams) in one-on-one coverage,” Messina said. “On the earlier drive I had just under thrown a little bit, but I had him open. I knew that wouldn’t happen again.”

The team made good on a two-point conversion to make the score 14-0.

Texas finally got on the scoreboard on the last drive of the game by taking the football 65 yards on nine plays and into the end zone.

The drive ended on an 18-yard pass from Texas quarterback Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Jesse Olstad to Electronics Technician 2nd Class Bret Stram for six.

Olstad said that while the Aggies did finally manage to break the goal line, overall it was one of those days where the team just couldn’t come up with the big play.

“We got to move on,” he said. “It’s going to hurt for a little bit, but we’ll come back next week, ready to go.”

# Late comeback leads Wahine Koa to fifth win

**Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz**  
*Sports Editor*

On the verge of losing their first game of the season, the Wahine Koa scored with less than a minute to go to defeat the Bomb Shells, 18-12, on Nov. 3 in a Hawaii Women’s Gridiron League (HWGL) game at Kapiolani Park, Waikiki.

The HWGL is part of the Hawaii Gridiron League, which includes men’s semipro tackle football and is overseen by former University of Hawaii standout and ex-NFL player Darrick Branch.

A total of nine teams compete in the HWGL, which draws many of its players from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) and other military bases around the island.

The Wahine Koa and Bomb Shells were well-represented by active-duty and military family members from JBPHH.

Wahine Koa head coach August Young, whose wife Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Adriana Tirado-Young, Naval Operation Support Center, plays on the squad, said that the Bomb Shells may have been the toughest team that Wahine Koa has played this season.

“Just to see what they (Bomb Shells) could do and put our backs against the wall like that, that says a lot,” said Young, whose team improved to 5-0. “I never overlook any team, but I’m really going to look at this team now. I’ve got to pay attention to them.”

The praises from Young were well deserved after the Bomb



Wahine Koa receiver Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Christina Cooper, Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMSPAC), reaches for a pass during the team’s Hawaii Women’s Gridiron League game versus the Bomb Shells.

Shells seemed to outplay Wahine Koa in the first half.

Although Wahine Koa defensive back Keala Kuupu-Chambers picked off Bomb Shells quarterback Caryn Harman, a Navy spouse, on the first series of the game, the QB quickly redeemed herself by directing a seven-play, 50-yard drive to the end zone for an early 6-0 lead.

The final 23 yards was covered on a swing pass from Harman to receiver Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) 2nd Class Shaluan Douglas, USS

Chafee (DDG 90), who made the grab and took it to the house.

Playing from behind for the first time this season, Wahine Koa responded immediately as quarterback Dana Hester led a three-play, 37-yard drive that culminated on a 20-yard completion to Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Christina Cooper, Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMSPAC), for six points and a tie.

However, just before the half, the duo of Harman and Douglas

struck again.

After being sacked back on her own 27, Harman went over the top and found Douglas open down the middle for a touchdown and a 12-6 lead going into halftime.

Douglas said that she was just looking for the open field when she made both of her grabs for touchdowns.

Although she felt good about going into the half with the lead, she said that she had a feeling that two touchdowns wouldn’t be enough.

“It definitely wasn’t enough to

carry us for the day, but it was a good momentum holder to start the second half,” Douglas said.

In the second half, the Bomb Shells appeared to be on the verge of going up by two scores when Rachel Walker, an Army spouse, picked off a pass from Hester at the Bomb Shells 28.

Harman drove the team all the way inside the Wahine Koa 10-yard line, but couldn’t punch it in as the Wahine Koa defense stiffened to stop the drive.

“That was the momentum shift there,” Young said. “Once we got that, we said bring the intensity ladies. That’s the key.”

Starting at their own 13, Wahine Koa mounted a long drive that ended on a short three-yard scoring pass to Christy Ayers for the tie.

Then after forcing the Bomb Shells to give up the ball on a four-and-out, Wahine Koa’s Hester directed the game-winning drive and ran in the final two yards on a keeper to the right side.

Wahine Koa cornerback Staff Sgt. Carra Harris, 392nd Intelligence Squadron, said that after giving up two touchdowns in the first half, the defense had to step up and shut down the Bomb Shells in order to give Hester time to bring the team back.

“We just had to close them down,” Harris said. “Instead of going like we normally do, we had to adjust. I don’t think we were seeing the score. We were just playing Koa football.”

With the season at its midway point, Young said that the comeback win was huge.

“This was really big,” he said. “It makes a statement that we are the team. My heart is still pounding.”

## Hickam Fitness Center Spa now offers ‘threading’

**Emily McNulty**  
*Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation*

Hickam Fitness Center Spa, located inside the Hickam Fitness Center, offers services that include massages, facials, waxing and more.

“We are pleased to announce that we now offer threading. It’s a less painful and longer lasting way of hair removal on the face,” said BJ Bently, Hickam Fitness Center manager. Threading began at the Hickam Fitness Center Spa on Nov. 1 with discounted prices.

Threading is an ancient method of hair removal originating in the Eastern world. The technique involves using

a thin piece of cotton thread and swiping it quickly against the skin to remove hair at the root without taking any skin along. Praviana Kumar is a licensed cosmetologist and has been threading for more than 20 years.

“Threading is the gentlest way of removing hair from your face. The pain level is based on individual pain tolerance but is relatively painless,” according to Kumar.

Many prefer threading for shaping their eyebrows because the technique is so precise, according to Kumar. “I use organic threads that are specific to hair removal, making the process very quick for the customer,” Kumar said.

Threading is good for

those with sensitive, thin skin or any kind of sun damage or medicine, according to Kumar.

“I want my clients to walk out feeling clean and polished. That’s why I apply powder in the beginning to see the full texture of their eyebrows and rose water after the threading is complete to soothe and remove any stray hairs,” Kumar said.

Hickam Fitness Center Spa offers facial treatments such as self-renewal, anti-aging and microdermabrasion, as well as skin peels. They also offer prenatal, hot stone, deep tissue, lomi lomi, reflexology and Swedish massages.

For monthly massage specials, visit [www.greatlife-hawaii.com](http://www.greatlife-hawaii.com) or call 448-2214 to make an appointment.

## Chapel hosts fall festival



A fall festival took place Oct. 25 at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The event included food, candy, a bounce house and games.

U.S. Navy photo by Capt. Mark Manfredi





# Live the Great Life

## Fall craft fair returns Saturday

Reid Tokeshi

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

The 38th Annual Fall Craft Fair and Family Fun Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow on the grounds outside the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center.

The event will include more than 130 booths featuring original, handmade arts and crafts by vendors from around the island. Admission is free and the fair is open to the public.

Donna Sommer, Hickam Arts & Crafts Center director, estimated that more than 3,000 people will attend this year's fair, including those who are searching for holiday gifts.

The event will feature live music, food booths and pony rides for children.

An archery booth has been added as an activity for the kids, Sommer said.

The Hickam Enlisted



MWR patrons explore a previous craft fair.

Spouses Club will provide free "make-and-takes."

The Hickam Arts & Crafts Center is open during the fair, and staff members will be on hand to show patrons the variety of activities available, from pottery to woodworking and more.

Sommer said that demonstrations and classes will take place throughout the building and courtyard.

The craft store will be open with special sales. In addition, the event will include a chance to win prizes with drawings throughout the day.



Young MWR patrons ride ponies at a previous Morale, Welfare and Recreation craft fair.

## Your Weekly Fun with MWR

Visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) or subscribe to MWR's digital magazine Great Life Hawaii.



**Youth Winter Baseball registration** ends today. The sport is open to youth ages 5 to 14. The season runs from December through March. The fee includes a jersey, hat and award. Participants can register online at [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com). FMI: 473-0789.

**Youth Winter Basketball registration** ends today. The sport is open to youth ages 5 to 15. The season runs from December through March. Participants can register online at [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com). FMI: 473-0789.

**Veterans Day All-Nighter** will begin with doors opening at 9 p.m. Sunday at JR Rockers Sports

Café. Patrons can dance the night way to DJ Joe and his crew spinning hip-hop, or DJ Doc J and DJ Cee Jay spinning Ol'Skool. The facility will be closed Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day. FMI: 448-2271.

**Sports Café. Patrons** can dance the night way to DJ Joe and his crew spinning hip-hop, or DJ Doc J and DJ Cee Jay spinning Ol'Skool. The facility will be closed Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day. FMI: 448-2271.

**Preschool Story Time** will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. Nov. 13 at the Hickam Library. The theme is "silly stories." FMI: 449-8299.

## Moonlight excursions bring new dimension to outdoor fun

Reid Tokeshi

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

Kayak excursions are a popular activity offered by Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Outdoor Recreation Program.

Tours on base at Hickam Harbor and treks to other parts of the island feature a variety of environments to choose from. One activity available this month is MWR's moonlight paddle.

Available two nights when the moon is at its fullest, the moonlight paddle gives a different perspective to kayakers on the waters of Hickam Harbor. In contrast to

the day, paddling at night means participants are limited to what they can see in front of them. Guide Kyle Candilasa said it can provide participants with a small adrenaline rush because they are surrounded by darkness,

"It's sort of a rush seeing only what your headlamp shows in front. It's a little eerie and fun at the same time. You can watch the full moon rise, and if it's not cloudy you can see the stars over the ocean as you paddle out," Candilasa said.

The moonlight paddles at Hickam Harbor are Nov. 16 and 17, beginning at 7 p.m. For more information, call Hickam Harbor at 449-5215 or the Outdoor Adventure Center at 473-1198.



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**Jewelry Making 101: Basics-Earrings** is offered from noon to 1:30 p.m. or 4:30 to 6 p.m. Nov. 12 at Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. This class will give participants a basic knowledge of jewelry making. FMI: 448-9907.

**Jewelry Making 201: Intermediate-Earrings** will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Nov. 12 at Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. The intermediate class takes participants deeper into the art of jewelry making. Participants must have taken a Jewelry Making 101 Basics course. FMI: 448-9907.

**Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk** will begin at 7 a.m. Nov. 14 at Wahiawa Annex Fitness Center. Prizes will be awarded to the top three male and female finishers. FMI: 653-5542.

**Crochet with Advanced Techniques** class will

be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays from Nov. 14 to Dec. 5 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Students must complete the Crocheting Basics course before taking the advanced class. FMI: 448-9907.

**Beginner Sewing** will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays from Nov. 14 to Dec. 12 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Beginners will learn to use a sewing machine, basic pattern reading, and sewing construction while creating a tote and trendy top. Participants should have their own sewing machine. FMI: 448-9907.

**Women's Surf Class** will begin at 9 a.m. Nov. 16 at Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. Participants need to sign up by Nov. 12 and should be able to swim without a lifejacket. FMI: 449-5215.



Morale Welfare & Recreation

HIKE LANIKAI PILLBOXES, SWIMMING

There will be a hike to the Lanikai Pillboxes followed by a swim at Kailua Beach beginning at 9 a.m. Nov. 16. Departures are from the Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. The last day to register is Nov. 13. FMI: 473-1198.

FREE GOLF CLINIC

There will be a free beginner’s golf clinic beginning at 9:15 a.m. Nov. 16 at the Barbers Point Golf Course. FMI: 682-1911.

UFC 167 IN HD

Current champion Georges St. Pierre battle Johnny Hendricks will fight for the UFC welterweight championship in high-def starting at 3 p.m. Nov. 16 at J.R. Rockers. Doors open at 2 p.m. for preliminaries. FMI: 448-2271.

FREE ADVANCE SCREENING OF ‘HOMEFRONT’

There will be a free advance screening of the film “Homefront” at 7 p.m. Nov. 16 at Sharkey Theater. The movie is rated R, and features Jason Statham, James Franco, Winona Ryder and Kate Bosworth. Admission is free for the first 400 authorized patrons. Movie viewers must be ages 18 years and older. FMI: 473-0726.

STAND-UP PADDLEBOARD

Patrons can learn the basics of paddle boarding at 9:30 or 10:45 a.m. Nov. 17 at Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. Nov. 14 is the last day to register. Participants must be able to swim without a lifejacket. FMI: 449-5215.

PEE WEE SOCCER REGISTRATION

Pee Wee Soccer registration for children ages 3 to 5 years old will be from Nov. 18 to Dec. 13. The season runs January to March. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 473-0789.

FORD ISLAND HISTORICAL TOUR

There will be a Ford Island historical tour from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Nov. 20. Ford Island played a significant role in World War II, and this tour will visit often-overlooked historical battle sites. FMI: 448-2295.

MWR NEWCOMERS LUNCH

A free Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Newcomers Lunch will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nov. 20 at J.R. Rockers Sports Cafe. This event features lunch, MWR information booths, sponsor tables, and activities for kids. It is open to all military-affiliated personnel. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Community Calendar

NOVEMBER

11 — The Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor will commemorate Veterans Day with free admission to veterans. FMI: 441-1007 or www.PacificAviationMuseum.org.

12 — Navy and Coast Guard junior officer spouses CWO1-O4 can participate in the fall junior officers’ spouse workshop from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lockwood Hall, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Registration and a social hour will take place from 5:30 to 6 p.m. The theme of the event is “education matters.” Those interested in participating can sign up via Eventbrite at <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/9001420491/efbevent>.

12 — An 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 is at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Randy Cieslak, chief information officer at U.S. Pacific Command. The cost is \$14 for AFCEA members who pre-register and \$17 at the door or for non-members. FMI: <http://afcea-hawaii.org> call 441-8565 or 441-8524.

13 — Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will hold an American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month celebration with the Honolulu Powwow Association from 11 a.m. to noon at Bloch Arena. FMI: CSC (SW) Jason Barclay at 473-1195 or email [Jason.barclay@navy.mil](mailto:Jason.barclay@navy.mil).

17 — The Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families tour will hold two shows, at 2 and 5 p.m., at the Hickam Fitness Center Gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The event features free admission for military families and their children, a mini-show and giveaways. The shows are for military ID holders and their guests. FMI: [www.sesamestreet.org/TLC](http://www.sesamestreet.org/TLC) and [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

26 — The Navy Region Hawaii/Middle Pacific/Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Suicide Intervention Team will hold a suicide prevention presentation titled “Piercing the Darkness: Altering our perspectives on Suicide” from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. Maj. George Corbari will speak on his personal struggle with suicide. The event is open to active duty members, civilians and family members over 18 years of age. FMI: Lt. Cmdr. Kaarin Coe at 474-0045 or email [kaarin.coe@navy.mil](mailto:kaarin.coe@navy.mil).



INSIDIOUS CHAPTER 2 (PG-13)

In 1986, a medium named Carl calls upon his friend Elise to help discover what is haunting Lorraine Lambert’s son, Josh. After hypnotizing Josh, Elise attempts to find the location of Josh’s “friend” (an old woman who appears in photographs of Josh) through playing Hot or Cold.

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 11/8

7:00 PM Machete Kills (R)

SATURDAY 11/9

2:30 PM Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG)  
4:30 PM Captain Phillips (PG-13)  
7:20 PM Gravity 3D (PG-13)

SUNDAY 11/10

2:30 PM Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG)  
4:40 pm Captain Phillips (PG-13)  
7:30 pm Rush (R)

THURSDAY 11/14

7:00 PM Prisoners (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 11/8

6:00 PM Gravity 3D (PG-13)

SATURDAY 11/9

4:00 PM Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG)  
7:00 PM Insidious Chapter 2 (PG-13)

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2:00 PM Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG)

THURSDAY 11/14

7:00 PM Gravity 3D (PG-13)

Movie Showtimes





# COMSUBPAC wins as defense shuts down Bushmasters

Story and photo by  
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Sports Editor

Quarterback Machinist's Mate Fireman Devon Gibson connected with three different receivers for scores to lead Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) to a 19-12 upset victory over 25th Air Support Operation Squadron (25 ASOS) Bushmasters on Nov. 5. The Red Division intramural flag football game was played at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win was a welcome relief for the snake-bitten COMSUBPAC which, despite playing well, lost five of their first six games.

Meanwhile the Bushmasters dropped their second game in a row after enjoying a three-game winning streak earlier in the season.

"We just communicated better today," Gibson said about the hard-fought victory. "We had a couple of missed assignments and talked to the team and corrected them. Everything worked and we came out with the win."

From the moment they stepped on the field, COM-

SUBPAC made it known that they came to play.

On the first series of the game, Gibson, with the ball on the 38, dropped back to pass and found Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Morgan Meyer down the middle of the field for a touchdown toss that covered 42 yards and a 6-0 lead.

Not to be outdone, Bushmasters quarterback Capt. Christopher Curtis immediately answered the call by leading his team on a seven-play, 65-yard drive to tie the score.

The Bushmasters scored their first touchdown of the game on a 38-yard pass

from Curtis to Senior Airman Graig Gabrielson, who made the catch and spun past the defense before running into the end zone.

With the game starting to resemble a shootout, it was now COMSUBPAC's turn to score and they didn't disappoint.

Facing third and 10 yards to go for a first at their own 10-yard line, Gibson rolled to his right before taking off down the sideline into Bushmasters territory at the 19.

On the very next play, Gibson connected with Yeoman 2nd Class Kawon Harrington for a touchdown.

COMSUBPAC converted their extra point attempt to go out in front at 13-6.

Still, just before halftime,

Curtis led another drive to pay dirt by moving the chains 65 yards on seven plays.

This time, Curtis connected with Airman 1st Class Nick Donley for 15 yards and a touchdown to make it 13-12 at intermission.

After getting the ball first in the second half, the Bushmasters had a golden opportunity to go ahead for the first time, but instead of seizing the moment, the team fell short when the COMSUBPAC defense stiffened at their own 14.

"That was a big stop. We really needed that," Gibson said. "That felt really good. We came together."

Fired up by the defense's stop in the red zone, Gibson responded again with another long drive to put the game away.

Starting at his own 24, Gibson needed only four plays before completing a 19-yard pass to Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Matthew Johnson for a touchdown and 19-12 lead.

In defeat, Curtis said that the team just didn't come out with enough intensity to pull out the win.

"We didn't have that sense of urgency," he admitted. "It was like we were trying to find our groove. I can make a bunch of excuses, but it was the little things. You clean them up and that's the difference between converting and not."

While Gibson was near perfect in executing the team's game plan, he said that he isn't stirring up any quarterback controversy between him and Fire Controlman 2nd Class Frank Lofton, who typically starts at QB but wasn't able to make the game.

"This is Frankie's team," Gibson affirmed. "When he comes back, we might rotate some, but he's the starter."



Machinist's Mate Fireman Devon Gibson, quarterback Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet, rolls out of the pocket during a Red Division intramural flag football game against 25th Air Support Operation Squadron (25 ASOS) Bushmasters.

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—Machinist's Mate Fireman Devon Gibson



# Renovated NEX mall will feature Battle of Midway history

**Don Robbins**

*Assistant Editor*

A grand reopening of the renovated Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) mall will be held Nov. 13 at the NEX mall rotunda. The event will include music by the Pacific Fleet Band at 8 a.m. and opening remarks by retired Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi, Navy Exchange Command (NEXCOM) chief executive officer. A cake-cutting ceremony will follow at 8:30 a.m., and the store will open to customers to see the complete renovation at 8:45 a.m.

“It is a huge and necessary undertaking to stay relevant and focused on our mission and help ensure we will deliver our mission in the years to come,” said Stephanie Lau, NEX marketing and customer relations manager.

The Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange will also unveil a Navy in Hawaii history and heritage mural, to include Battle of Midway history, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The Battle of Midway, fought over and near the tiny U.S. mid-Pacific base at Midway Atoll on June 4-7, 1942, represents a turning point in the Pacific War.

After Midway, the two opposing fleets were essentially equals, and the United States soon took the offensive and fought steadily toward victory.

Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, provided the idea for the Battle of Midway timeline wall, Lau said.

The wall is located on the first floor main register exit way and will have photos in

acrylic panels highlighting specific time periods of this historic event.

In addition, Sailor tribute walls around the mall focus on themes such as “welcome aboard,” “military history and heritage,” and “messages of appreciation.” The walls will be displayed prominently at entrances, exits and throughout the store.

According to Lau, there have been some changes inside the mall.

For example, the watches and sunglasses department has been relocated to the mall rotunda. The men’s department has now moved to the front near the rotunda entrance, and the cosmetics department has moved to the right of the rotunda entrance.

The books and magazines department is now located on the second floor with DVDs/CDs.

Lau said the NEX has expanded or contracted departments based on business trends. In addition, she said other changes include new signs, wider aisles, improved directional signs and other enhancements.

“Although the NEX will not be adding square footage, we are repurposing space to highly sought after categories and introducing new brands,” said Joy Oshiro, NEX store manager.

“From an enterprise perspective, our goal is to establish NEXCOM as the Sailor’s first choice for retail, services and hospitality needs. In order to become first choice, we must exceed our customers’ expectations,” said Sante Campanile, district vice president for Hawaii.

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## Commissaries announce Veterans Day holiday hours

On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 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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## Chapel events planned

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam chapels will hold a variety of events in November.

Tomorrow, Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel will host a beach cleanup on the North Shore.

Volunteers will meet at the chapel at 8:30 a.m. and carpool to Haleiwa Beach Park. The chapel van will provide transportation for participants without a car. Everyone should be back to the chapel by 2 p.m.

Participants will be given a free Mexican lunch sponsored by Cholo’s Homestyle Mexican restaurant. Volunteers should bring gloves and family-friendly beach clothes.

For more information, email Chaplain Rick Tiff at Richard.o.tiff@navy.mil.

On Thanksgiving, Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel will host a dinner and service from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There will also be a Thanksgiving Mass at the Hickam Chapel Center from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel from 9 to 10 a.m.

