

Welcome home, USS Chosin

Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific Public Affairs

The Ticonderoga-class, guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) is scheduled to return today to its home-port at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam following a deployment to the western Pacific.

Commanded by Capt. Patrick Kelly, the ship and its crew of nearly 340 Sailors conducted integrated operations with allies and partners during the ship's six-month deployment.

In October, Chosin participated in the International Fleet Review held in Sydney, Australia. Additionally, the ship participated in a number of multilateral-fleet-training exercises conducted along the coast of Australia.

"It was an honor for Chosin to represent the United States Navy in a



The Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) conducts exercises off the coast of Hawaii on March 26 2012, following a departure from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

contingent of over 20 international warships that joined the Royal Australian navy in their most significant commemorative event of the last 100 years," said Kelly. "I was especially excited for Chosin's Sailors

as this was for many a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

Throughout the summer, Chosin conducted theater security operations with partner nations while providing deterrence, promoting peace and security, and

preserving freedom of the seas.

"I am proud of our Chosin team," Kelly said. "And we are all thankful for the strong support of our families and loved ones throughout the deployment."

Chosin is one of 10 surface ships currently assigned to Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. The ship is the first U.S. Navy warship named in commemoration of the First Marine Division's heroism at the

Chosin Reservoir in the Korean War. The ship's motto is "invictus," Latin for invincible or unconquered.

U.S. Navy guided-missile cruisers are primarily multi-mission [air warfare (AW), undersea warfare (USW), naval surface fire support (NSFS) and surface warfare (SUW)] surface combatants capable of supporting carrier strike groups and amphibious forces, operating independently, and serving as flagships of surface action groups.

Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific leads and manages the overall warfighting capability of the surface combatant force homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. MIDPAC ships support U.S. Pacific Fleet in leading America's rebalance to the Pacific.

For more information about USS Chosin, visit www.chosin.navy.mil.

Republic of Korea ships to arrive in Hawaii today

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Two Republic of Korea ships are scheduled to arrive in Hawaii today for a port visit.

Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, will welcome ROK Dae Jo Yeong (DDH-997) and ROK Hwacheon (AOE-59) to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Subsequent to the Korean ships' arrival, USS Chosin (CG 65) will return to Pearl Harbor after a six-month deployment to the western Pacific. During its deployment, Chosin visited various ports including the Republic of Korea port of

Busan. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the bond between the two nations.

USS Port Royal (CG 73) will be the host ship for ROK Dae Jo Yeong. USS Lake Erie (CG 70) will be the host ship for ROK Hwacheon.

During their visit, the ROK ships will participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl). The ROK Navy Band and ROK Navy Color Guard will give a performance at Ala Moana Park at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

The sailors from the ROK ships will also have the opportunity to participate in a cultural tour of Oahu.



The Korean ship Dae Jo Yeong (DDG 977) is guided into Naval Base San Diego on Oct. 17 with the help of a tugboat after passing underneath the Coronado Bridge. Dae Jo Yeong will be open for tours for DoD CAC holders today at Bravo Pier 26 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Harris presents Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy to VP- 9

Patrol Squadron Nine Public Affairs

Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, presented the "Golden Eagles" of Patrol Squadron Nine (VP 9) with the Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy during a ceremony held Nov. 15 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe.

The trophy is awarded annually to the ship or aircraft squadron achieving the greatest improvement during the preceding year in operational readiness, inspections, retention and improvement in the battle efficiency award program. One trophy is awarded each year in the Pacific Fleet and one in the Atlantic.

"Congratulations to each of you for your efforts in earning this prestigious award," Harris told squadron members.

"As a fellow P-3 aviator, I know how important this award is and how difficult it



Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr. (right), commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, presents the U.S. Pacific Fleet Arleigh Burke Trophy to Cmdr. Brian D. Weiss, Patrol Squadron (VP) 9 commanding officer, in a ceremony at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

is to earn. This is recognition of your impactful work while deployed in support of Operation Active Endeavor. I'm proud that you are part

of the Pacific Fleet team," Harris said.

Harris wished them fair winds and best of luck on their upcoming deployment

back to the U.S. 6th Fleet area.

During the period of the award, VP-9 was deployed to the U.S. 6th Fleet area of

responsibility where the Golden Eagles flew hundreds of missions from multiple detachment sites while maintaining their 35-year record of mishap-free flying.

Cmdr. Brian Weiss, VP-9 commanding officer, said he was proud to share the Arleigh Burke trophy with his squadron and attributed their cooperation and work ethic as important factors. "Our success is a product of our teamwork," said Weiss. "No one person is more important than any other. This award belongs to everyone—from our maintenance professionals to those who operate our aircraft to those who provide administrative and intelligence support."

Enlisted Sailors of VP-9 said they were honored to receive the trophy and glad to see their efforts acknowledged.

"It makes it especially satisfying because you don't really think of the award as a P-3 award. You think of it as a surface award," said


Aircrewman Operator 1st Class Beau Brian. "It's great to have all of our hard work recognized so high up."

Lt. Cmdr. Daniel Kitzmiller, the squadron's former maintenance officer, said he couldn't agree more.


"Earning the Arleigh Burke was a great honor and testament to the hard work of our outstanding Sailors," Kitzmiller said.

"Every Sailor should feel great pride knowing their long hours and continuous level of excellence earned the squadron as well as themselves such an exceptional honor," he said.


VP-9 was established on March 15, 1951 and is assigned to Patrol Reconnaissance Wing Two, providing maritime patrol and anti-submarine warfare services to its fleet and wing commanders. The squadron consists of 71 officers and 276 enlisted personnel who maintain and operate eight Lockheed P-3C "Orion" aircraft.




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SECNAV meets with Sailors, Marines in Afghanistan

Secretary of the Navy Public Affairs

AFGHANISTAN (NNS) — Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus visited Afghanistan on Nov. 18-19 to meet with Sailors and Marines deployed to the region.

This was Mabus' 12th trip to Afghanistan and, while some things have changed over the course of those 12 visits, one thing has not.

"Every time I've been here I've been impressed and amazed by the skill, the courage, the sacrifice and the commitment of all of the Sailors and Marines who are serving here," said Mabus.

He began his visit with a stop at Camp Leatherneck and Camp Bastion where he met with coalition leadership. He took a break to eat breakfast and lunch with Sailors and Marines, speaking to them about the current state of affairs in their area.

"We're now in a transition period with our partners in the Afghan National Forces, moving them into the lead combat role," Mabus said. "We're moving more toward being advisors and trainers, and we're beginning to bring our Marines, Sailors and equipment home."

Before departing Camp Bastion, Mabus took the time to meet with Marines assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 165.

His next stop was Kabul, where he met with U.S. Marine Corps Gen. Joseph Dunford, commander, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

Following the meeting, Mabus conducted an all-hands call for



U.S. Navy photo by MCI Arif Patani

Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus meets with Marines assigned to the Lady Ace of Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 165 on Nov. 19. Mabus is in the region to meet with Sailors and Marines, and civilian and military officials as part of a multi-nation visit to the U.S. European, Africa and Central Command areas of responsibility. (See additional photos on page A-5.)

Sailors and Marines, thanking them for their efforts in the region.

"Thank you for doing the difficult job you are doing; thank you for how well you're doing everything," said Mabus.

"Thank you for the courage and commitment you bring, and thank you for the sacrifices you and your

families are making in order for you to do this incredibly important job."

He also communicated the importance of building partnerships to those in attendance.

"The defense strategy that the president announced states that we need to concentrate on doing three things," Mabus said.

"We need to concentrate on the western Pacific. We need to concentrate on the Arabian Gulf, and that includes this effort (Afghanistan), and we need to concentrate on building partnerships. That last one is what you are doing so well here. It's that last one that's going to be crucial not only here, but

around the world."

Mabus' stop in Afghanistan is part of a multi-nation visit to the U.S. European, Africa and Central Command areas of responsibility focused on reinforcing existing partnerships and visiting Sailors and Marines providing forward presence.

Thanksgiving events include races, meals, chapel services

Thanksgiving celebrations have been scheduled at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and around Oahu. They include:

- The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Turkey Trot 5k Run/Walk will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Hickam Fitness Center.

This race is free and no registration is required. Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female winners. For more information, call 448-2214.

- Bellows Air Force Station

will hold a free turkey trot Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. with check-in at 7 a.m. All participants will be entered to win prizes. There will be one grand prize and turkey giveaways.

In addition, a *makahiki* (festival) will be held Saturday at Bellows from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The events are open to active duty military, military retirees, Reservists, National Guard, current or retired Department of Defense civilian employees with an authorized ID card, and their families. For more information about the turkey trot, call 259-4136 or 927-1867 about the *makahiki*.

• Hale Aina dining facility will serve a Thanksgiving Day holiday meal from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 28. The meal cost is ala carte.

The Silver Dolphin Bistro will serve its Thanksgiving Day holiday meal from 2 to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$7.60. Both facilities' meals will be open to active duty military, their families, Department of Defense civilians and retirees. For more information, call 473-2948.

• The annual MWR Thanksgiving buffet will be held Nov. 28 at the Hickam Officers' Club. Patrons can choose from an 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. seating on the lanai or at noon in the dining room. This buffet features traditional and Hawaiian items. Reservations are required before Nov. 25. For information and reservations, call 488-4608.

• Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel will host a Thanksgiving dinner and service from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 28. 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. For more information, email Richard.o.tiff@navy.mil.

• Thanksgiving Day Spin with the Pilgrims will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. Nov. 28 at Hickam Fitness Center, spin room, building 1113. No reservations are needed, but patrons should arrive early to get a bike. For more information, call 448-2214.

Commentary

Tradition and legacy from Battle of Chosin in Korean War

USS Chosin defines readiness, commitment, partnership with ROK

Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

The MIDPAC guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) returns today from a six-and-a-half month deployment to the western Pacific. At nearly the same time this morning, we will welcome Republic of Korea navy ships ROK Dae Jo Yeong and ROK Hwachoon, Commander, Cruise Training Task Group.

Chosin is named for the Battle of Chosin Reservoir in the Korean War. The battle – fought by courageous Marines, mostly the U.S. 1st Marine Division, and other U.S. service members and allies – was some of the fiercest fighting in modern warfare. And it was fought during one of the coldest winters in recorded history on the Korean Peninsula in late November and early December in 1950.

Looking back more than 60 years later, we know the Korean War preserved freedom and democracy for South Korea and provided a better way of life for millions of people over many generations. The U.S. Navy had a critical role in supporting Marines and UN Allies throughout the war.

Our surface ships, submarines and aircraft provided sea control -- effectively blockading North Korea's coastlines and denying enemy shipments while ensuring mobility of sea lanes for our side.

Aircraft from Task



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Force 77 carriers and escorts provided strikes and support. Cruisers, destroyers and other ships put a barrage of fire between our troops and the enemy.

Pearl Harbor's own Mighty Mo, battleship USS Missouri (BB 63), added the weight of her 16-inch guns to the fight.

Naval forces provided the key strategic advantage.

We demonstrated and reinforced fundamental naval principles in the Korean War – sea control, power projection, counter-mine warfare, controlled evacuation and interoperability. That legacy lives on in our maritime strategy today, which our ships and Sailors continue to carry out.

We should remember this week – and every other week for that matter – the challenges associated with these deployments. The sacrifice and time away from home can be stressful for Sailors and their families.

Work-ups are particularly challenging as our crews train for a myriad of contingencies, from humanitarian assistance



U.S. Navy photo by FC3 Andrew Albin

Sailors aboard the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG-65) pull the towing line from a tug boat as their ship arrives in Busan, Republic of Korea Aug. 1, 2013.

and search-and-rescue to the full spectrum of combat. But the return on investment is worthwhile, and our skill sets are both admired and respected by international navies worldwide.

So let's think about the significance of USS Chosin's return to Pearl Harbor coinciding with our ROK partners' visit today.

Accomplishments like Chosin's are recognized by foreign navies as they admire our warfighting readiness in exercises and sustainment at sea. An important lesson is how our ships attract great partners and inspire like-minded nations to share

interests, commit to ideals of freedom, and agree to work together for the common good.

USS Chosin's deployment included a visit to Busan, Republic of Korea in July, where the U.S. Navy and ROK team participated in bilateral Aegis interoperability training.

Chosin operated with other units in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operation demonstrating tactical prowess and flawless execution during high-tempo operations in the South and East China Seas.

Visits to the Philippines, Singapore and Australia provided an opportunity to continue building partnerships and conducting inte-

grated operations with our allies and partners. On an individual basis, our Sailors conducted exchanges and built friendships that will only strengthen in the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise next summer.

Deployments like Chosin's to the western Pacific matter, as history taught us in naval battles in Korea. Partnership-building matters. Today we see the results of our efforts as our ROK partners come to visit.

As we welcome back USS Chosin from deployment and greet the ROK Navy today, we expect to have members of the "Chosin Few" pierside – veterans

who fought fearlessly at the "Frozen Chosin."

The brave veterans of the Battle of Chosin Reservoir take a special pride in their namesake on our waterfront: USS Chosin.

These warriors can also be proud of their commitment to warfighting readiness in the Korean War. Those who fought for survival while operating forward earned a legacy of stability, freedom and prosperity for us and our allies and friends.

USS Chosin and our other ships homeported here in Hawaii that operate forward are protecting that legacy today and for generations to come.

Diverse Views



What is your fondest Thanksgiving memory?



MC2 Steven Khor
COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

"The first Thanksgiving out of 'A' school, when I was without my family for the first time in a long time. Just to be able to spend time with other caring Americans in San Diego, then welcoming us in their household really brought a smile to my face. It really showed what the Thanksgiving holiday is about."

Senior Airman Eric Escamilla
15th Wing Finance

"The fondest Thanksgiving memory I have is the one of my first Thanksgiving here in the United States. I am originally from Mexico and it was the first year I was reunited with my family."



Lt. j.g. Marc Sunby
NCTAMS PAC

"When I was a kid, going up to my grandparents' house in northern Wisconsin and deer hunting."

Airman 1st Class Zach Forauer
15th Wing Finance

"The best memory I have of Thanksgiving is when my family and I make turkey wraps. Having the chance to spend time with family and friends is important."



Senior Airman Amber Acosta
15th Wing Finance

"The most fond memory I have of Thanksgiving is the first one away from home. I missed my family, but it was the first Thanksgiving I spent without them. I made the entire meal by myself and it turned out pretty great. It was also my first Thanksgiving with my husband's family."

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

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USS Missouri fires shell during bombardment



U.S. Naval Historical Center photograph

The USS Missouri (BB-63) forward turret fires a 16-inch shell at enemy forces attacking Hungnam, North Korea, during a night bombardment in December 1950. In the background, LSMRs are firing rockets, with both ends of the trajectory visible. This is a composite image, made with two negatives taken only a few minutes apart. The photograph is dated Dec. 28, 1950, but was probably taken Dec. 23-24.

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Sterling Cale reflects on Pearl Harbor attack, Guadalcanal



(Above and right) Sterling Cale, a Pearl Harbor survivor, speaks to Sailors as part of U.S. Pacific Command Chief Petty Officer 365 for a heritage event at the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, Cale spent the remainder of World War II with the 1st Marine Division at Guadalcanal and in 1948 he transferred to the U.S. Army. Cale also served in Korea from 1950-1951 and Vietnam from 1955-1974.

U.S. Navy photos by MCSN Johans Chavarro



Commentary

Have we honored our solemn obligation to our veterans?

Collin Sitz

Radford High School
student, ninth grade

(Editor's note: Collin won first place in a recent essay contest sponsored by the Battleship Memorial Association for his essay.)

In a day that some see as a simple addendum to the weekend, Nov. 11 stands as a reminder to us that we have more thanks to give than just for our food. In a worldwide fight for control, America was struck with one of the most devastating attacks, the raid on Pearl Harbor.

And after this day, thousands answered the call, guided by their well spoken leader in

Washington and took to sky, land and sea to avenge those who fell that day.

And for years they fought and suffered but the product of this lethal campaign was one of glory. One of the most moving and inspirational answers to the sacrifices was that of Chester W. Nimitz.

After a long and hard fought war, Fleet Admiral Nimitz addressed the people of America, reminding them of their obligation to ensure that the sacrifice of our servicemen and women will help us make this world a better and safer place. He was referring to our veterans, but what is a veteran?

To me a veteran is a lot

of things. A veteran is an upholder of freedom and peace. A veteran is one who defends and defended our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. But most importantly, a veteran is someone that we owe everything to. Now, over 50 years from that day aboard the Missouri, we ask the question: Have we honored this solemn obligation to these heroes?

By definition, an obligation is a binding promise that offers a sense of duty. Much like the veterans of America answered the call, we, too, must do our part. I find that we can accomplish this by showing how far the world has come.

They say that the best

way to repay your parents for raising you is to show them that you can take care of yourself. We must take this very approach and show that we are beyond violence and bloodshed. Because of them, the world has evolved into a society in which we don't need to fight. We live in a time of peace and as long as we can uphold this peace, I feel that we will fulfill this obligation.

But what more can we do to show our thanks and express our gratitude? On a nationwide scale, America has put forward many events and displays of appreciation. On Nov. 11 we celebrate Veterans Day, a holiday in which we praise and give thanks to our brothers and sis-

ters, fallen and breathing, for defending our freedom at all costs.

But like the refusal to litter on Earth Day or the making of resolutions on New Years, is it really enough to practice this once a year? You can do things every day to honor our veterans. By reciting the pledge of allegiance every morning, singing the anthem of our great nation aloud, you are taking pride in what they helped create.

By hoisting that flag or even listening to one of their stories, you are showing compassion for the men and women who kept us going. We should perform these acts of patriotism daily and encourage others to do the

same. This shows how much we care about their sacrifices to the nation they fought for.

I, too, plan on taking part in these acts, not only because I feel it's a necessity as an American citizen, but also because it fills me with pride. It makes me happy when I see multiple people working together to improve the world around them. This is why I look up to our veterans, and this is why I hope when they look back at us they smile.

Thank you again to our servicemen and service-women, wherever you may reside, for defending our soil and bringing us together as one unit, one nation, the United States of America.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam*Highlights*



Cmdr. Justin Orlich, outgoing commanding officer of USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), passes through the sideboys as he arrives at a recent change of command ceremony aboard USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93). Cmdr. Ryan Collins assumed command. (See additional photo and story on page A-6.)

U.S. Navy photo by PS2 (SW) Domicia Humphries

Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus coins a Marine assigned to the Lady Ace of Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 165 during a visit to Afghanistan on Nov. 18-19.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Arif Patani



Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus meets with Marines assigned to the Lady Ace of Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 165.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Arif Patani

Crew members of the USS Halsey (DDG 97) participate in a morning formation run Nov. 20, pausing at stops along their route to reflect on the significance of Ford Island.

Photo courtesy of USS Halsey



Nimitz Elementary School students observe Veterans Day.

Photo courtesy of Nimitz Elementary School

Collins takes over command of USS Chung-Hoon

Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific Public Affairs

Sailors of Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) and her crew bid farewell and following seas to Cmdr. Justin Orlich during a change of command ceremony held recently at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Orlich was relieved as commanding officer by Cmdr. Ryan Collins, who has served as USS Chung-Hoon's executive officer since October 2012.

The ceremony marked the end of a memorable 23-month command tour for Orlich. He was USS Chung-Hoon's sixth commanding officer, assuming command during the ship's final port call of her 2011 WESTPAC deployment on Nov. 23, 2011 in Papeete, Tahiti.

Chung-Hoon most recently deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations from April to October of 2013. The ship excelled at all operational tasking, including hundreds of hours of focused operations in the constrained waters of the East and South China Seas.

During her sixth month western Pacific deployment, Chung-Hoon participated in six multinational exercises, most notably Exercise Talisman Saber with the Royal Australian navy, U.S. 7th



U.S. Navy photo by PS2 (SW) Domicia Humphries

Cmdr. Ryan Collins (left), incoming commanding officer, and Cmdr. Justin Orlich (center), outgoing commanding officer, report to Capt. Wallace Lovely, commander of Destroyer Squadron 31, during a change of command ceremony held aboard USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93).

Fleet's premier exercise for practicing combat operations with allied nations.

Under Orlich's command, Chung-Hoon exercised seamanship integration into the Nimitz, George Washington and Bonhomme Richard Strike

Groups as the air and missile defense commander.

Orlich has been assigned to the United States Pacific Command.

Collins is a 1997 graduate of Washington State University where he earned a bachelor of science in biology and was commis-

sioned through the Navy ROTC program.

He completed his first department head tour on USS Hopper (DDG 70) as the chief engineer. During that tour, he was awarded the 2006 U.S. Surface Forces Leadership Award. His follow-on

tour was at Destroyer Squadron 31 as the operations officer. He most recently served as flag aide and aide de camp to U.S. Pacific Fleet and U.S. Pacific Command as part of a two-year assignment.

"It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your executive officer and an even greater privilege to serve now as your commanding officer. Every day I have been truly awed at the hard work, dedication and talent you exhibit in everything you do," Collins told the crew as he became the ship's commanding officer.

Chung-Hoon is a guided-missile destroyer that is a multi-mission, anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare multi-warfare surface combatant – an important component of the Navy's rebalancing of assets and forces to the Pacific.

The ship is named in honor of Native Hawaiian Rear Adm. Gordon Pai'ea Chung-Hoon, recipient of the Navy Cross and Silver Star in World War II for conspicuous gallantry and extraordinary heroism as commanding officer of USS Sigsbee (DD 502) from May 1944 to October 1945.

The ship's motto is, "*Imua e na Koa Kai*" which translates from Hawaiian to "Go Forward Sea Warriors."

COMSUBPAC announces Sailors of the Year for FY 2013

MC2 Steven Khor

Commander Submarine Force Pacific Public Affairs

Commander Submarine Force Pacific (COMSUBPAC) announced the staff Sailors of the Year for fiscal year 2013 at an awards ceremony held recently at Lockwood Hall at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Among the awardees are Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class Henry Wendelin, who was named the Blue Jacket of the Year, Logistics Specialist

2nd Class Jason Norman as Junior Sailor of the Year and Information Systems Technician 1st Class Bryana Eastman as the Senior Sailor of the Year.

Norman's selection as Junior Sailor of the Year stems from his management of COMSUBPAC's \$800,000 supply budget for more than 560 military and civilian personnel and for demonstrating leadership with the command's Morale, Welfare and Recreation committee, Submarine Birthday Ball committee and the com-

mand's fitness programs.

"I really appreciate everyone else around me. If it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be here. It's not just about me but everyone else supporting me," said Norman.

Wendelin provided key personnel with constant and concise intelligence information in the Pacific Fleet area of responsibility. He also supported the multiple submarine deployments, ensuring all Pacific Fleet submarines had the ability to complete their missions. As assistant command fitness

leader, he enhanced the command's designated fitness training sessions and helped many in the command with their fitness goals.

"I'm very ecstatic. It's a very proud moment for me, and I'm really glad," said Wendelin.

Eastman went on to compete with the Naval Submarine Support Command's Sailor of the Year, Machinist's Mate 1st Class Dean Marvin, and was selected to represent the Pearl Harbor area in the upcoming COMSUBPAC Shore Sailor of the

Year competition early next year.

"I'm very nervous but excited at the same time for the upcoming events. It's an honor to be selected, and I'm very appreciative of all the team support that everyone has given me," said Eastman.

"Eastman has extensive community involvement, continued education (both military and college) and visionary leadership striving to make things better each and every day," said COMSUPBAC Command Master Chief, Master Chief Fire Control

Technician Jon Consford. "Her presence, tone and devotion to Sailors and our Navy is the exact image of "leadership by example."

The Sailor of the Year program recognizes the top Senior, Junior and Bluejacket Sailors who best represent the large number of dedicated professionals. Sustained superior performance, proven leadership, self-improvement, command and community involvement, self-expression, military bearing and appearance are all key facets of the best all around Sailors.



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Photo courtesy of Nimitz Elementary School

Sgt. 1st Class Alehandra Marshall, Master Sgt. Roger Neri and Tech Sgt. Jon Douglas raise the flag at Nimitz Elementary School during a Veterans Day observance.

Nimitz students host flag ceremony

Berenice Saavedra

*Parent Community Network
Coordinator, Nimitz Elementary School*

Students at Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Elementary School held a special Veterans Day flag ceremony Nov. 8 to honor the heroes in their community.

The special guests at the event were the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Honor Guard, who raised the flags.

“I feel honored that the JBPHH

Honor Guard took time out of their day to do this for the school,” said Junior Patrol Officer (JPO) 2 Lt. Brenden Edmonson from C Squad. More than 50 JPOs hosted this commemorating event, led the flag ceremony, and concluded it with a one-on-one session with the JBPHH Honor Guard.

Marcy Kagami, school principal, thanked the veterans in the crowd and expressed to the students the importance of honoring these brave heroes on this special day.

Students celebrate Veterans Day with USS Chung-Hoon Sailors

Will Moore

*USS Chung-Hoon
(DDG 93)*

Elementary school students in Waianae were recently given a very special explanation of Veterans Day. All seven kindergarten classrooms at Leihoku Elementary School were visited by Sailors from USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) as they observed the holiday.

Sailors from USS Chung-Hoon volunteered time to visit with kindergarteners at the school. Along with Veterans Day, the visitors explained day-to-day life in the military, uniforms, Navy ships, teamwork and entertained plenty of creative questions from the

five-year-olds.

Students learned to salute and also spent time with real life heroes. Following presentations and questions, most classes continued the Veterans Day lesson with arts and crafts which allowed the visitors to meet individual students.

“Having Sailors that represented diverse positions and jobs in the Navy was helpful for the students to better understand all of the hard work that goes into serving our country,” said Melissa Christensen, a kindergarten teacher and organizer of the event.

“It was wonderful to watch the kids’ faces light up when they were able to interact with such highly respected people.”

Among the 12 Chung-Hoon Sailors were Personnel Specialist 2nd Class Domicia Humphries and Sailor of the Year, Sonar Technician (Surface) 1st Class Matthew Massetti.

“It was an awesome opportunity for us to show the children what Veterans Day means to us and how we honor those who serve in fullness for our great country. To see the children full of joy and excitement just because we were there was memorable and unforgettable,” Humphries said.

The Leihoku students presented handmade paper lei to each Sailor. Students tried on dress white covers that were much too large for kindergarten heads.

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Demolition completed for former BEQs at JBPHH

Sila Manahane

Naval Facilities
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Hawaii Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii, working with multiple contractors, is conducting a large-scale demolition project at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) which is projected to have an estimated annual savings of \$314,674.

“This effort removes excess and inadequate bachelor enlisted quarters (BEQ) square footage from housing inventory at JBPHH,” said Frank Ho, NAVFAC Hawaii project manager.

“The actual savings is the annual maintenance, sustainment and operational cost-avoidance achieved by demolishing these buildings. In these fiscally constrained times, the funds can be put to good use for other priorities,” Ho said.

The three, five-story bachelor enlisted quarters buildings – 1626, 1627 and 1628 – originally erected in 1984, were located just inside the base fence line next to Kamehameha Highway on the old Naval Submarine Base portion of JBPHH. They had a total of 37,417 square feet, but no longer meet the standards of anti-terrorism/force pro-



U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley

Contractor personnel from local firm Trace Industries Inc. work at demolishing the three, five-story concrete masonry bachelor enlisted officer buildings at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Cleanup continues and should be completed in January 2014.

tection (AT/FP) guidelines or base needs.

“The total cost for this project is \$2.91 million and was funded by Commander Navy Installation Command as part of their footprint reduction program,”

said Ho. “The decision to use contractor and NAVFAC Hawaii in-house workers to accomplish this task was to provide a cost-effective and safe demolition.”

NAVFAC Hawaii environmental personnel car-

ried out the pre-demolition remediation work, including the removal and disposal of fluorescent light ballasts with traces of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) and asbestos floor tiles as well as sound and

heat insulating foam material on the exterior of the buildings.

Trace Industries, Inc. employees began the demolition of the BEQs the week of Oct. 7. They completed bringing down the struc-

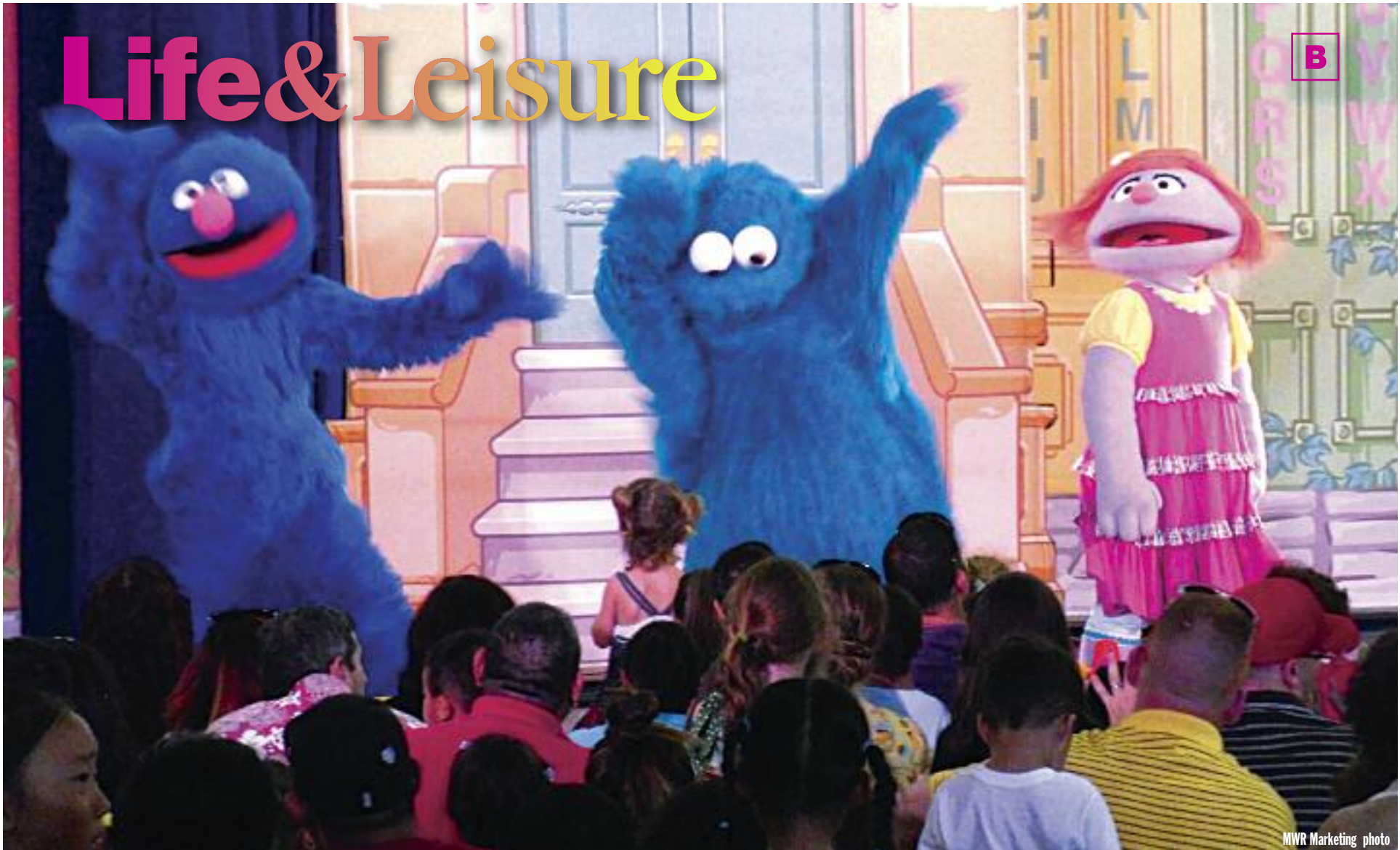
tures on Oct. 27. NAVFAC Hawaii transportation workers immediately began separating metal recyclable materials from the construction debris and loading numerous trucks with rubble for removal from JBPHH.

“Our heavy equipment operator and truck drivers are very busy with the cleanup and hauling of construction debris which is still in progress,” said Joe Aubrey, NAVFAC Hawaii transportation equipment operations supervisor. “We are anticipating this phase of the project to be complete by the end of January 2014.”

Approximately 147,000 tons of debris is being removed from the site with metals being diverted to recycling services and the remaining material will be transported to a local landfill.

To restore the site for proper water runoff and lighting for the adjacent parking lot, the storm drain and electrical work will be performed by NAVFAC Hawaii’s public works shops.

Landscaping restoration, which includes backfill, compacting and grassing of the area, will be accomplished by another contractor. The project is expected to be finished by June 2014.



SESAME STREET USO EXPERIENCE BRINGS SMILES TO KIDS, PARENTS

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Morale, Welfare and Recreation



U.S. Navy photo by Anna Marie General

The Sesame Street USO Experience for Military Families put on a pair of free afternoon shows for military kids and their parents Nov. 17 at Hickam Gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Elmo, Grover, Cookie Monster and other characters sang and danced to the delight of the audience during the 30-minute show. There was special meaning to this show with the appearance of Katie, a military kid on Sesame Street who is moving to a new place. The other characters help Katie deal with having to move.

Nicole McLendon, USO entertainment tour manager, explained that Katie is a special character just for their performances at military bases.

"You can only see Katie here when you come and see the show ... because she's a military child," McLendon said.

The line to get into the free show snaked around the building and down to the tennis courts. Some waited in line for over an hour, but the response from patrons as they exited was that it was worth it. All the kids who attended the show got a free "twirly light" which they were encouraged to play with during the show.

Kim Villareal and Adrian Sullivan

brought their kids and left very pleased Navy spouses.

"It was awesome. It was amazing. The kids really enjoyed it. The dancing was really fun," Villareal said.

Sullivan agreed, saying both the parents and kids enjoyed the performances that brought all the characters together to dance.

"The kids were dancing the whole time. Cookie Monster had a lot of rhythm," said Sullivan. Both thanked the USO and MWR for having the show.

McClendon said the two Sunday shows are the 99th and 100th shows performed this year.

"We started in May in Alaska. We did four bases there. And then we went to Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, the UK, Spain, then we flew to Japan. We also saw some of our friends in Okinawa. We went to Korea, Guam and then here in

Hawaii and this is our last two shows of 2013," McClendon said.

"It's an ongoing mission, so we hope to take it out again in the spring in 2014," McClendon said. "We are at about 410,000 people that have seen the show so far."

Chris Jennings, an active duty Navy member, and his wife brought their son Elijah to the show.

"It was awesome," Jennings said. "It was the first Elmo show I've ever been to, but it was definitely really cool."

He said Elijah really enjoyed the show. "He was up dancing with them," Jennings said.

Jennings said he remembers watching Sesame Street as a child and he liked Grover and Oscar, but who does Elijah like?

"His favorite character is either Elmo or Grover. I like Grover, so I guess his favorite character is my favorite character," Jennings said.

"Customers thanked us on the way out, sharing how wonderful it was," said Lara Katine, MWR special events coordinator.

She added that this is one of her favorite events to host as she feels it is important to have events like these for military customers.

"The Sesame Street/USO event has been specifically catered to the military and addresses challenges unique to our military youth," Katine said.

McClendon said the show is a way of showing appreciation to military families for all that they do.

"This entire show is one live dancing and singing thank-you card that the USO and Sesame Street sends out to our families. We want them to know how much we care," McClendon said.

For more information, to find photos of the audience and interviews with some of the characters, visit www.uso.org/sesame.



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Wyld Stallyns defeats Hot Boyz in overtime

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The Fleet Intelligence Adaptive Force Wyld Stallyns tied the score on a pick-six from Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class William Roy late in the game and then scored on a pass from quarterback Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Malik Coleman to Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Kurtis Jones in overtime to beat defending champions Commander, United States Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Hot Boyz, 33-27. The matchup came in a Blue Division intramural flag football game Nov. 14 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win raised the Wyld Stallyns' record to 4-3, while Hot Boyz dropped their first game in two seasons.

"This is a rivalry that is more than I understand," Coleman said. "We knew we had to win this game."

Playing from behind for most of the game, the Wyld Stallyns had to dig themselves out of a hole after the first two plays when Hot Boyz quarterback Operations Specialist 2nd Class Solomon Pulu connected with Lt. j.g. Gennaro Hawkins on a catch-and-run that covered 59 yards and a touchdown.

The Hot Boyz converted their point-after-touchdown attempt to take a quick 7-0 advantage.

On the Hot Boyz next drive, Pulu appeared to be on the verge of putting his team up by two scores by moving the ball to the Wyld Stallyns 26.



Fleet Intelligence Adaptive Force Wyld Stallyns teammates cheer on the sideline as receiver Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Kurtis Jones scores the game-winning touchdown in overtime to beat Commander, United States Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Hot Boyz, 33-27, in a Blue Division flag football game.

However, Coleman came up with a huge interception to stop the Hot Boyz four yards shy of the end zone.

The pick seemed to jumpstart the Wyld Stallyns as Coleman quickly marched his team into the red zone on just seven plays before hooking up with Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Jared Jeppson for six points.

The momentum, however, switched back to the Hot Boyz just

before halftime as Pulu directed a 65-yard drive on eight plays that ended with the QB hitting Hawkins in the back of the end zone for a 14-6 advantage at the break.

In the second half, the Wyld Stallyns got the ball first and marched 65 yards for a touchdown on only eight plays.

The team scored on an eight-yard pass from Coleman to Roy

before tying the game at 14-14 by finishing off a two-point conversion.

Pulu put the Hot Boyz back out in front on a short seven-yard keeper, but the pick-six by Roy retied the game at 21-21.

The Hot Boyz took the lead again on another touchdown pass from Pulu and appeared to be in the driver's seat with the clock winding down.

Instead, Coleman answered by

picking up 42 yards on two completions before punching the ball into the end zone by himself on a 23-yard scramble that tied the game at 27-27 to send the game into overtime.

In overtime, both teams got a shot at winning the game by getting four downs and the ball at the opposition's 20.

After winning the toss to get the first shot at the goal line, Pulu came up with a costly mistake when his first pass was picked off by Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class Ryan Malone to give the Wyld Stallyns the ball.

Three plays later, Coleman found a wide-open Jones who made the catch and jogged into the end zone for the win.

"When they told us that we had four plays, we knew that was good enough," said Coleman about getting the final possession. "I told him (Jones) run a red slant, two steps and in. We knew that short stuff was open all night."

Hawkins said the loss was as frustrating as the season, which has gone through several rescheduling changes due to the bad weather.

As a result, the Hot Boyz were only playing in their fourth game of the season and Hawkins admitted that on-again, off-again games have made it hard for the team to find some consistency.

"Some things we missed and some things we executed on," Hawkins said. "Having games here, having games there, just takes away from the communication. We just got to get out here early and get everybody ready to go."

Commissaries set holiday hours

Pearl Harbor Commissary will be closed Nov. 28 for Thanksgiving. On Nov. 29, the commissary will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Hickam Commissary will be closed on Thanksgiving Day Nov. 28. It

will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 27 and from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 29.

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

CSADD seeks talent performers

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) is looking for talent, said Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Abrel Smith, the group's president.

Service members who think they have what it takes to showcase their talent can audition for the upcoming CSADD's Got

Talent show. Categories include poetry, dance, country, soul and rap.

The auditions will be held beginning at 3 p.m. Nov. 22 at Beeman Center, building 711 next to Fat Burger on the sub base side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Auditions may be by yourself, as a duo, trio or group. Music needs to be ready on the assigned audi-

tion day using either a CD, smartphone or iPod. All audition sets need to be under five minutes.

The CSADD's Got Talent show will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Nov. 29 at Pierce Street Pearl Harbor building 711. Free food and beverages will be provided.

For more information, email jbphh.csaddcares@live.com.

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Texas Aggies puts away Buffalo with late surge

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

USS Texas (SSN 775) Aggies scored back-to-back touchdowns late in the game to gain a mercy-rule, 33-14, victory over the hard-luck USS Buffalo (SSN 715) Silent Thunder on Nov. 16 in an Afloat Division intramural flag football game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win kept the Aggies in the hunt for the best record in the Afloat Division with seven wins against only one defeat, while the Silent Thunder fell to 1-6.

Aggies quarterback Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Jesse Olstad passed for four touchdowns to lead Texas to the win, but entered halftime with only a six-point edge at 14-8.

“We know how good we can be,” Olstad said about being frustrated in the first half. “We kind of take it hard in the first half, when we’re not executing like we’re supposed to. So after that, we just started clicking.”

With the Aggies’ offense struggling in the first half, the team’s defense was forced to step up and they didn’t disappoint.

On the game’s very first play, Machinist’s Mate Fireman Zach Cook stepped in front of a pass from Buffalo quarterback Sonar Technician (Subsurface) Seaman Tyler Bishop and returned it to the Texas 35.



USS Texas (SSN 775) Aggies receiver Machinist’s Mate 3rd Class Nick Canino stretches out to try and make a catch during the team’s game versus USS Buffalo (SSN 715) Silent Thunder.

Olstad got sacked on the first two downs from the line of scrimmage, but on third and 10, Olstad connected on a bomb to Machinist’s Mate 3rd Class Nick Canino for a 50-yard touchdown and a 6-0 lead.

Bishop, though, redeemed himself on the team’s next drive when he led a 65-yard march to the end zone on eight plays to tie the score.

During the drive, the Buffalo QB picked up a clutch fourth down on a pass to Electronics Technician (Navigation) Jake Cousino that put the ball on the Texas 10.

Following the completion, Bishop ran the ball into the end zone on a keeper for a touchdown before finishing a two-point conversion to take an 8-6 lead.

However, just before halftime, Olstad completed a 12-yard scoring toss to Machinist’s Mate 2nd Class Gordon Reichert to retake the lead at 12-8.

The Aggies made good on their two-point conversion to hold a 14-8 lead at the break.

Coming out of halftime, Texas appeared to be on the verge of putting the game away after the Aggies topped off their opening

drive with a 15-yard touchdown pass to Reichert.

Another PAT moved Texas ahead by two scores at 21-8, but new Buffalo quarterback Fire Control Technician 1st Class Aaron Shadow pulled the Silent Thunder back into the game with a scoring pass to Machinist’s Mate 2nd Class Nate Phillips to make it 21-14.

Instead of letting Buffalo hang around even longer, the Aggies stepped on the gas to pull away at the end.

Texas quickly went back up by two touchdowns on a flea flicker that went from Olstad to Canino to Reichert for six points and a 27-14 lead.

Then after Machinist’s Mate 2nd Class Treat Tyykila intercepted a pass from Shadow, Olstad recorded his fourth and final scoring pass of the game on a 65-yard bomb to Canino.

“The option pass to Canino was wide open,” Olstad said. “That helped.”

Although the Texas secured their seventh win of the season, the wins have not been easy to come by.

“I think we need to start better,” he said. “We learned when we lost to the Port Royal that we can’t start slow because when you get up against some of these ball clubs that are pretty good, it’s hard to come back. We don’t want to put ourselves in the hole, so if we can start faster, I think we’ll be OK.”

Maintenance Group rides hot streak to beat HIANG

Story and photo by
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Sports Editor

With two weeks remaining before the playoffs, no other team on base seems to be as hot as the 15th Maintenance Group (15 MXG).

After failing behind the 747th Communication Squadron (747 CS) Mauraunders on Oct. 22 by a score of 12-0, the MXG have been tearing up the current intramural flag football season by scoring 107 points consecutive points over their last three games with the final two coming off shutouts.

As if to prove that their last week’s 41-0 drubbing of Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (CNSG MIDPAC) Task Force 141 was no fluke, the 15 MXG came out on fire in their latest Red Division showdown and held the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) scoreless to earn a 35-0 victory on Nov. 19 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win raised the MXG’s record to 7-1 and set up a key matchup against undefeated and division-leading Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC) on Nov. 26 at Ward Field.

Senior Airman Nick Anderson, receiver and defensive back for the MXG, said that while it seems as if the team has suddenly blossomed into the juggernaut that has been dominating opponents lately, he said that he is not surprised by the team’s recent success.

“We’ve been this good, but it’s just now clicking better,” said Anderson, who scored one touchdown on defense and another one on offense. “We’re on a roll.”

Anderson came up big on the first play of the game when he picked off a pass just outside the HIANG 20-yard line and returned it all the way to the house.

“I just read the quarterback’s eyes,” Anderson explained about the pick-six. “That got the team going — easy points. It gets everybody motivated to get out there and do their best.”

The ensuing point after touchdown put the MXG up at 7-0 with a full game ahead to play.

The MXG defense continued to



Airman 1st Class Calvin Saunders, receiver for 15th Maintenance Group (15 MXG), goes up over a Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) defender to make a catch during a Red Division intramural flag football game.

play tough and forced the HIANG to punt after only four downs.

Then with the ball sitting on their own 32, the MXG needed

only three plays to travel 48 yards for their second touchdown of the game.

This time, MXG quarterback

Airman 1st Class Aaron Maxwell hit Senior Airman William Jones for 25 yards and the score to take a 13-0 advantage.

The remainder of the first half continued to belong to the MXG as the team added a safety on a sack by Airman 1st Class Cody Vinajong that made it 15-0 before Maxwell completed a short two-yard scoring strike to Airman 1st Class Calvin Saunders.

The added, extra point put the MXG out in front with a commanding 22-0 lead at halftime.

Intermission did nothing to cool down the MXG’s attack as Maxwell opened the second half by taking the team on a 65-yard ride into the end zone on only five plays.

Maxwell, who had almost all day to pass from the pocket, threw his third TD pass of the game into the arms of 2nd Lt. James Johnson before completing the PAT attempt for a 29-0 lead.

While the game was well in hand, the MXG still had a little unfinished business before the final whistle blew.

Jones, who caught a pass for a touchdown in the first half, came up with his first pick of the day to set up the MXG in good field position at the HIANG 21-yard line.

On the team’s first play from scrimmage, Anderson, now filling in at QB for Maxwell, took the snap from shotgun and swept to the right and back to middle before crossing the goal line for the team’s final touchdown.

While Maxwell acknowledged that things are going well for the MXG, he is especially pleased at the performance of the team’s defense.

“Usually, defense is our Achilles heel, but definitely, the last two games, we’ve toughened up our defense,” Maxwell stated. “We communicate on defense. Everybody knows where to go and who they are supposed to check.”

Maxwell said that key to beating JPAC and going farther into the playoffs this season will be to keep playing like they have been playing the last two weeks.

As for Anderson, he believes that if the MXG is on their game, no one is going to beat them.

“I think we’re the best in the league,” he announced. “Nobody can match our speed on the outside on offense or defense. The only way we can lose is if we beat ourselves.”

Special Olympics athletes to compete at JBPHH this weekend

On Saturday and Sunday, Special Olympics athletes from throughout the state will compete in several sports for hundreds of medals and ribbons during the Holiday Classic at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam and Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

More than 25 basketball teams and hundreds of bowlers and bocce players train and compete from September through November to qualify for this

event. Approximately 800 athletes with intellectual disabilities compete in the Holiday Classic with the guidance of almost 250 coaches, the help of more than 1,000 volunteers, and the good will of military hosts and corporate sponsors.

During the Holiday Classic, the athletes also have the opportunity to enjoy special events, such as opening ceremonies, Olympic town, and the victory

dance. Athletes and coaches are housed, fed, and transported by Special Olympics Hawaii and military hosts.

The event schedule includes:

Saturday
• 9 to 10:30 a.m., basketball individual skills at Pearl Harbor sub base gym.
• 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., team basketball at Kaneohe Bay youth center, Hickam gym and the gym on the former sub base area JBPHH.

• 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., all age 22 to 29 singles bowlers at Hickam lanes.

• 1 to 4 p.m., all 30 and over male singles bowlers at Hickam lanes.

• 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 30 and over female singles bowlers at Kaneohe Bay lanes.

• 1 to 4 p.m., youth unified bowling at Kaneohe Bay lanes.

• 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., traditional doubles bocce at Hickam softball field across

from the bowling center.

• 7 to 8:15 p.m., opening ceremonies at Club Pearl.

• 8:15 to 9:45 p.m., dancing and DJ at Club Pearl.

Sunday

• 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., team basketball at Kaneohe Bay youth center, Hickam gym and Pearl Harbor sub base gym.

• 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., unified team bowling at Kaneohe Bay lanes.

• 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., ages

8 to 21 female singles bowlers and adult unified ramp bowling teams at Hickam lanes.

• 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., ages 8 to 21 male singles bowlers at Hickam lanes.

• 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., unified doubles bocce at the Hickam softball field across from the bowling center.

For more information, call 386-5232 or email sports@specialolympics.hawaii.org.



Live the Great Life

MWR to hold Thanksgiving events

Emily McNulty

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

This Thanksgiving, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) is offering ways to eat a lot and burn a lot off.

For example, the Turkey Trot 5k Run/Walk will begin at 8 a.m. Nov. 23 at the Hickam Fitness Center.

This race is free and no registration is required. Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female winners.

“We love our 5ks and so do our patrons. We try to

put on one a month and the numbers keep growing,” said B.J. Bentley, Hickam Fitness Center manager.

Along with the 5k, Hickam Fitness Center will host a Thanksgiving Day Spin with the Pilgrims from 8 to 10 a.m. Nov. 28 in the spin room. The cost is one group exercise ticket for \$2.50 or \$3. No reservations are required, but patrons are advised to arrive early to get a bike.

“We want our patrons to be active and healthy this holiday season,” Bentley said.

“We want to give our patrons options, new and excited classes and activities to shake up the boring

workout routine,” said Lori Gaynor, Wahiawa Annex Fitness Center manager.

The eat-a-lot portion of MWR’s activities includes the annual Thanksgiving buffet at the Hickam Officers’ Club. Patrons can choose from an 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. seating on the lanai or at noon in the dining room. This buffet features traditional and Hawaiian items. Reservations are required before Nov. 25. For information and reservations, call 488-4608.

The November Great Life Hawaii magazine is now around joint base and also available for download in the Amazon and Apple app stores.



Patrons participate in a 5k held by the Hickam Fitness Center.

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Personal stories bring history to life

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Some of the sites that can be explored on the MWR Hickam Historical Tour include decades-old buildings that still bear the bullet holes and memorials that stir up stories about the people who helped make Hickam a significant part of U.S. military history.

Jessie Higa, tour guide, illustrates the personal side of history with anecdotal stories and first-person accounts.

Mark Saruwatari, tour director, said that the personal accounts are what make the

tour special. The tour “is the only one of its kind. There is no other tour for Hickam,” Saruwatari added.

Tour participants can learn about Hickam during World War II, including little-known information about the unique botanical and architectural landscape of the area. The reason why Hickam is also known as the “Garden City” will be explained on this tour.

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



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

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Learn to Surf at Hickam Harbor will begin at 9 a.m. Dec. 1 at Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. Participants need to sign up by Nov. 27. Professional instructors will teach the basics from standing and paddling to catching waves and angling down the wave. Participants must be able to swim without a lifejacket. FMI: 449-5215.

Intramural Golf Tournament will be held Friday at Mamala Bay Golf Course.

Spectators are welcome. FMI: 473-2494 or 473-2437.

Glass Bottom Boat Tour will be held from 9:15 a.m. to noon Nov. 23 departing from Information, Tickets and Travel-Hickam. FMI: 448-2295.

Weight Training Class will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 Nov. 26 at Hickam Fitness Center. FMI: 448-2214.

Dollar Fifty Monday will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Nov. 25 at Naval Station Bowling Center. Shoe rental, a bowling game and a hot dog are \$1.50 each. FMI: 473-2574.

The Bead Mom Open Studio will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Nov. 26 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Patrons can bring their own unfinished project or make a new one. Tools and supplies included in the price. FMI: 448-9907.

Woolly Wednesdays will be held from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Nov. 27 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. This weekly knit and crochet group meets every Wednesday. Participants of all skill levels are welcome. FMI: 448-9907.

Chill & Grill and 9-Ball Tournament will be

held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 29 at Brews & Cues at the Club Pearl Complex. Participants must be age 18 and older. FMI: 473-1743.

Mountain Biking Ka’ena Point will begin at 8 a.m. Dec. 1 departing from Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. Participants need to sign up by Nov. 26. Transportation will be included. FMI: 473-1198.

Chinatown Food and Historic Tour will be from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 30 departing from Information, Tickets and Travel-Hickam. FMI: 448-2295.

Preschool Story Time will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Nov. 27 at the Hickam Library. The theme is “Thanksgiving.” FMI: 449-8299.

Morale Welfare & Recreation

SNORKELING HICKAM HARBOR COVE
There will be a snorkeling excursion at Hickam Harbor Cove beginning at 9 a.m. Nov. 30. Participants need to know how to swim. The deadline for registration is Nov. 27. FMI: 449-5215.

FREE LADIES' GOLF CLINIC
There will be a free ladies' golf clinic beginning at 9 a.m. Nov. 30 at the Mamala Bay Golf Course. FMI: 449-2300.

BOWLED OVER BY BOOKS
Bowled Over by Books is ongoing through Dec. 31 at the Hickam Library and Hickam Bowling Center. Patrons can sign up at the library and get a bookmark/stamp card. Every week that participants check out books, they get a stamp and a coupon for a free game of bowling at the Hickam Bowling Center. Bowling is valid while lanes are available Sunday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The offer is not valid for leagues, special events and Thunder Alley. This free program is open to youth in grades K-9. FMI: 449-8299 or 448-9959.

JINGLE BELL 5K FUN RUN
The Wahiawa Annex Fitness Center will hold a Jingle Bell 5K Fun Run beginning at 7 a.m. Dec. 5. This free event is open to all eligible base patrons. Prizes will be awarded to the top three male and female finishers. FMI: 653-5542.

TOWER LIGHTING CELEBRATION
The 44th Annual Tower Lighting Celebration starts at 5 p.m. Dec. 6 at Freedom Tower Mall. This free event includes live music, inflatables, crafts, free holiday snacks and more. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

LEARN TO MAIL MERGE
The Hickam Library is offering a free mail merge class beginning at 11 a.m. Dec. 6. Participants learn how to mail merge to personalize letters and efficiently print out mailing labels. FMI: 449-8299.

HONOLULU CITY LIGHTS OPENING DAY
There will be a Honolulu City Lights opening day trolley tour from 4 to 9 p.m. Dec. 7. Departures are from Hickam Information, Tickets & Travel. There will be a parade, kiddie rides, craft and food booths, and more. FMI: 448-2295.

Community Calendar

NOVEMBER SATURDAY — Bellows Air Force Station will host two free events. A turkey trot will begin at 8 a.m. with check-in at 7 a.m. All participants will be entered to win prizes. There will be one grand prize and turkey giveaways. A *makahiki* (festival) will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Both events are open to active duty military, military retirees, reservists, National Guard, current or retired Department of Defense civilian employees with an authorized ID card, and their families. FMI: 259-4136 about the turkey trot or 927-1867 about the *makahiki*.

SATURDAY — The Surface Navy Association Must Dash 5K Fun Run will be held along the southern end of Ford Island runway from 8 to 10 a.m. Registration fee is \$15. The event is to raise awareness for men's health. FMI: Lt. Cmdr. Jeremy Watkins at jeremy.l.watkins@navy.mil or Lt. Cmdr. Brian Hart at bryan.hart@navy.mil or 473-3158 or visit http://moteam.co/pearl-harbor-surface-navy-association.

26 — The Navy Region Hawaii/Middle Pacific/Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Suicide Intervention Team will host 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.

28 — Hale Aina dining facility will serve a Thanksgiving Day holiday meal from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The meal cost is ala carte. The Silver Dolphin Bistro will serve its Thanksgiving Day holiday meal from 2 to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$7.60. Both facilities' meals will be open to active duty military, their families, Department of Defense civilians and retirees. FMI: 473-2948.

28 — 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. FMI: Richard.o.tiff@navy.mil.

30 — Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club will hold the annual Snack with Santa from 10 a.m. to noon at the Ka Makani Community Center. The event will include holiday crafts, cookies, stories and a visit with Santa. This event is free, but reservations are required. Participants must have base access. Print the tickets from the website after completing reservation. Tickets must be presented at the door in order to gain entry. Participants can bring their own cameras for photos. FMI: www.hickamosc.com.



ESCAPE PLAN (R)

A structural security expert must escape from a prison that was built based on his own designs in order to track down the person who framed him in this action thriller starring Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger. B&C Security founder Ray Breslin (Stallone) wrote the book on structural security. His encyclopedic knowledge of the subject has transformed the prison industry, and he's been known to test his theories by allowing himself to be incarcerated just to examine his work from the inside.

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 11/22
7:00 PM Gravity (3D) (PG-13)
SATURDAY 11/23
2:30 PM Baggage Claim (PG-13)
4:40 PM Gravity (3D) (PG-13)
6:40 PM Escape Plan (R)
SUNDAY 11/24
2:30 PM Gravity (3D) (PG-13)
4:30 pm Baggage Claim (PG-13)
6:40 pm Machete Kills (R)

THURSDAY 11/28
3:00 PM Gravity (3D) (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 11/22
6:00 PM Captain Philips (PG-13)
SATURDAY 11/23
4:00 PM Gravity (PG-13)
7:00 PM Escape Plan (R)
SUNDAY 11/24
2:00 PM Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG)
THURSDAY 11/28
Closed

Movie Showtimes



Health Clinic to have reduced services Nov. 29

Naval Health Hawaii (NHCH) will have limited health care operations on Nov. 29.

Makalapa Clinic will be open for patient care from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. All other medical/dental facilities at Branch Health Clinics Makalapa, Camp Smith, Wahiawa, Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands will be closed.

Beneficiaries are asked to take this into considera-

tion when scheduling care.

All clinics will re-open for regular business hours on Dec. 2. For NHCH hours of operation, visit the website at <http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhch>.

Beneficiaries can speak to a healthcare provider at any time the clinics are closed by calling the “provider after-hours advice line” at 473-0247, ext. 3.

For emergencies, dial 911 or go to Tripler Army Medical Center. For active duty dental emergencies, dial 864-4705.

Hickam Communities, JBPHH celebrate Arbor Day

Hickam Communities LLC

Representatives from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) its housing management Office and Hickam Communities celebrated Arbor Day with the planting of trees at Kamila Park in Earhart Village. The planting of kukui nut, plumeria and monkey pod trees brings the total number of trees planted at Arbor Day events at Hickam to more than 100 since 2007.

Col. Karla Heren, representing Col. David Kirkendall, deputy com-

mander, JBPPH, addressed guests and read a proclamation declaring the first Friday in November as Arbor Day at JBPHH.

Heren applauded the tree planting and thanked everyone for their dedication to expanding Hickam’s treescape. She noted that the beauty of the base is enjoyed by Airmen and Sailors every day as they work and play in its beautiful environment.

This Arbor Day tree planting ceremony was also a celebration of Hickam and JBPPH’s national recognition as a Tree City USA.

