

# Acting SECAF visits JBPHH



(Left) Acting Secretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning, middle, shakes hands with Pacific Air Forces Civilian Advisory Council members at a Royal Australian Air Force F-111C dedication ceremony at the Pacific Aviation Museum, Ford Island, Nov. 23. **U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. Jerome S. Tayborn** (Right) Acting Secretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning tosses rose petals into the well at the USS Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor, Nov. 23, in remembrance of those servicemembers who died during the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. **U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. LuCelia Ball**



## Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen in Hawaii recognized

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HONOLULU - Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen were honored at the Navy League of the United States Honolulu Council 53rd annual Sea Service Awards ceremony and luncheon held Nov. 21 at the Ala Moana Hotel.

The ceremony recognized military men and women who have provided exemplary service and performance of duty.

In addition to the Navy League representatives, Rear Adm. Rick L. Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and U.S. Coast Guardsman Rear Adm. Cari B. Thomas, commander of Fourteenth Coast Guard District, participated in the ceremony.

After the parading of colors and opening remarks from Mike Buck, master of ceremonies, those in attendance were treated to a lunch buffet.

Before the recipients received their awards, Williams, the keynote speaker of the event, spoke about the success, commitment and investment the service members have made to the U.S. military.

“Their awards are our rewards,” said Williams. “They are being awarded for their achievements.”

“We, in turn, will be rewarded in the future for the investment they have made. Through this ceremony we aim to inspire, pay tribute



Rear Adm. Richard L. Williams, commander, Navy Region Hawaii Naval Surface Middle Pacific, delivers remarks during the 53rd annual Navy League Sea Service Awards Luncheon at the Ala Moana Hotel. *(See additional photo on page A-5.)*

and celebrate them and their commitment – a commitment aligned to something bigger than themselves,” he said.

“You, the men and women we recognize today, are all-stars, shipmates building a legacy of trust for generations,” added Williams. “Thank you for your service, sense of purpose and exceptional leadership.”

David C. Livingston, president of the Honolulu Council of the Navy League of the United States, gave his personal thanks to the award recipients and service member in attendance.

“We ask a great deal of you—to

defeat terrorists around the globe, to rapidly respond to domestic disasters, to provide humanitarian assistance from Indonesia to Haiti,” Livingston said.

“Through your skill and service, the world is a better place. Yes, we ask a great deal from you, but you are our nation’s finest. We are proud of you. We sincerely thank you for your service and for putting your lives on the line to protect us,” he said.

After the keynote speaker gave his speech, Thomas, Livingston and Williams presented the awards to the 44 recipients of the Sea Service awards.

Receipients are listed here:

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MST2 Laura E. Rayburn, USCGC Sector Honolulu

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SNBM Meghan L. Cahoon, USCGC Ahi (WPB 87364)

Andrew J. Pang, Naval Shipyard

## Dec. 7 commemoration planned

**National Park Service and Navy Region Hawaii**

The National Park Service and the U.S. Navy will host a joint memorial ceremony commemorating the 72nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor from 7:45 to 9:30 a.m. Dec. 7, at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument (formerly known as the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center).

The ceremony will take place on the back lawn of the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, looking directly out to the USS Arizona Memorial.

More than 2,500 distinguished guests and the general public are expected to join current and former military personnel, including Pearl Harbor survivors and other WWII veterans, for the annual observance of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

The theme of this year’s historic commemoration, “Sound The Alarm,” examines how thousands of Americans answered a call to duty in the wake of the attack.

“Sound the Alarm” also explores how the nation was unified through communication in 1941 and throughout the war.

This year’s keynote speaker for the Dec. 7 ceremony is Secretary Max Cleland of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr., who assumed duties as commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Oct. 16, is scheduled to speak.

At 7:55 a.m., the exact moment the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor began 70 years ago, a moment of silence will be observed. A guided-missile destroyer will render honors to the USS Arizona, and a flyover will be conducted above Pearl Harbor.

The ceremony will conclude with a “Walk of Honor” by Pearl

Harbor survivors and other WWII veterans through an honor cordon of military service members and National Park Service men and women.

The commemoration is free of charge and open to the public. Seats for the general public to the commemoration are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. The visitor center will open early at 6 a.m. Seating for the public will begin at 7:15 a.m.

There will be limited public parking for the ceremony at the visitor center. Additional parking will be available at

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## Volunteers sought for Dec. 7 observance

Volunteers from all pay grades and skill sets are being sought for the National Park Service and U.S. Navy’s Dec. 7 observance commemorating the 72nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

A meeting for all volunteers or command representatives is scheduled from 1 to 2 p.m. Dec. 2 at Sharkey Theater, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

For more information, contact the Pearl Harbor Day volunteer coordinator OSC David Klein at david.klein3@navy.mil, or call 471-3521 or (928) 525-6776.



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# USS Chosin returns to Hawaii from independent deployment

MC2 Dustin W. Sisco

*Navy Public Affairs Support  
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The Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) returned to its homeport of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Nov. 22 from a deployment to the western Pacific.

Commanded by Capt. Patrick Kelly, the ship and its crew of nearly 340 Sailors departed Hawaii on April 30th and conducted integrated operations with allies and partners during the ship's six-month deployment.

“Accomplishments like Chosin's are recognized by foreign navies as they admire our warfighting readiness in exercises and sustainment at sea,” said Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific(MIDPAC). “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.”

In October, Chosin participated in the International Fleet Review held in Sydney, Australia. Additionally, the ship's crew 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 contingent of more than 20 international warships that joined the Royal Australian Navy in their most significant commemorative event of the last 100 years,” Kelly said. “I was especially excited for Chosin's Sailors as this was, for many, a once-in-a-lifetime experience.”

Sailors aboard the Chosin echoed the captain about the importance of the port call to Australia and how for some it was the highlight of their trip.

“We visited Japan, Korea multiple times, the Philippines, and the highlight of the cruise was in Australia, where we hit three ports and represented the Navy in the International Fleet Review,” said Lt.j.g Benjamin Fong, food service officer. “I wanted to join the Navy to deploy, so that wasn't difficult for



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Diana Quinlan

Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) arrives to its homeport of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam following a deployment to the western Pacific.



(Left) A Sailor assigned to the guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) hugs his son after the ship pulled in to its homeport.    U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Dustin W. Sisco

(Above) Family members of Sailors wave and cheer.    U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Dustin W. Sisco

me but it is good to be home, the basic comforts and everyone being able to see their families again is really great after seven months away.”

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.”

Sonar Technician (Surface) 2nd Class Joseph Maglione, a Sailor

assigned to the Chosin, talked about how he felt about being on deployment.

“This was my first deployment, and it turned out to be really fun – especially our port visits to Australia and Hong Kong,” Maglione said. "We did a lot of good things and although I had a great time, I am glad to be home."

Among the many guests was Korean War veteran and member of the Chosin Few, Robert Talmadge, who has attended several Chosin homecomings.

“I’ve been able to make every deployment I think, except one of them when the ship came in unexpectedly,” Talmadge said. “The group is usually here in a larger number but we’re all in our 80s, and so not all of us are operating as well. In 1983, veterans of the Chosin war decided to start their own organization and one of the first things they did was ask the secretary of the Navy to name a ship, fighting ship after the Chosin reservoir.”

Chosin is one of 10 surface ships currently assigned to Commander, 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, considered the most savage battle of modern warfare. The ship's motto is “invictus,” Latin for invincible or unconquered.

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

Commander, U.S. 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.

U.S. Third Fleet leads naval forces in the eastern Pacific from the West Coast of North America to the international date line.



Commentary

# Thankful for families, friends, shipmates

**Rear Adm. Rick Williams**

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

When we think of the many joys and blessings we have, at the very top are our families, friends and shipmates.

During Thanksgiving and the start of the holiday season let's pause and consider those less fortunate than ourselves.

How can we help in

the community? How can we help shipmates and families in need? Where can we make a difference?

President John F. Kennedy, a former Navy officer, famously said, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

Military service members, Department of Defense civilians and certainly military families have committed themselves to service.



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

At this moment in Afghanistan and at many other dangerous places in the world service members are committed to protecting us from violent extremists who would do us harm.

Thousands of Americans are on the ground in the Republic of the Philippines today providing support and assistance to that typhoon-ravaged country.

Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Soldiers and Coast Guardsmen are on watch around the globe right now – far from their

families, far from home. Many of them will be deployed through the holiday season.

MIDPAC's own USS Hopper (DDG 70) is on watch this winter as a guardian of freedom in the 5th Fleet and 7th Fleet areas of operation. They are serving as part of our joint forces, building partnerships and ensuring stability.

I would like to thank USS Hopper Sailors and their families for their sacrifice as they are separat-

ed during this time. They are making a positive difference in the world through their service.

Another part of service is the duty we have to take care of ourselves. Be safe. Do not take unnecessary risk. We lose too many of our shipmates to motorcycle and car accidents. Think of your families, shipmates and friends. Be careful.

I hope you and your loved ones have a happy and safe Thanksgiving weekend.

Commentary

## Thanksgiving message expresses gratitude to DoD community

**Secretary Of Defense Chuck Hagel**

One hundred fifty years ago, in the midst of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving.

Though it was a time of hardship, Thanksgiving was a day for Americans to express gratitude for the many blessings they enjoyed, including the sacrifices of those serving in uniform and their families.

Every year since, Americans have come together during this season

to reflect and to give thanks.

As this special American holiday draws near, I want to extend my personal gratitude to the entire Department of Defense community for your work to keep our country strong and secure.

Whether you are in uniform or a civilian, whether deployed abroad or stationed here at home, it is your service and commitment that allows Americans to enjoy the blessings of Thanksgiving.

Your strength, selflessness, and patriotism are



Secretary Of Defense Chuck Hagel

deeply respected by the American people, and we are very thankful for your commitment to our country.

This time of year is especially difficult for service members who are serving far away from their families and loved ones.

To all those deployed overseas: know that Americans will be thinking about you as they gather around the Thanksgiving table, and praying for your safe return.

To their families back here at home: Americans will always be indebted to you for sacrificing on their behalf. And to all DoD personnel everywhere and your families: thank you and Happy Thanksgiving.

## Diverse Views



**What steps do you take to keep your personal property safe from theft, especially around the holiday season?**



**GM1 Rodel Valdez**  
*USS O'Kane*

"Just have everything insured. If it gets stolen, it gets stolen. There's nothing you can really do about it."

**Staff Sgt. Matthew Hall**  
*15th Maintenance Squadron*



"I like to take the extra minute to ensure my doors are locked and windows are secured around the house. Also, that my cars are locked and that there are no valuables lying out in the open."



**HTFR Isiah Hussain**  
*USS Chung-Hoon*

"Lock it up. It's the best thing. If you're on the ship, there's a ship's store. And everyone's a family if things come up missing."

**Shantel Mendoza**  
*Military spouse*

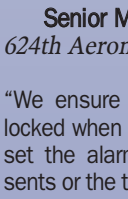


"We keep all our holiday gifts locked up in our storage unit away from everyone."



**SHSN Michael Jones**  
*USS Halsey*

"Keep it locked up. Know what you have and be accountable for your own stuff."



**Senior Master Sgt. Patricia Kawa'a**  
*624th Aeromedical Staging Squadron*

"We ensure all windows and doors are locked when leaving the house as well as set the alarm. We don't place any presents or the tree in front of windows where they can be seen from outside on the street."



**FC3 Latisha Gulley**  
*NAVSEA PAC*

"I don't do anything outside the norm. I guess it all depends on where you live. I always try to live somewhere safe. And lock the door. Always keep it locked, even if you're in the house."

*Provided by Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi and David D. Underwood Jr.*

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## Maj. Gen. Tinker served as commanding presence



U.S. Air Force photo

Maj. Gen. Clarence L. Tinker with the Army Air Corps personally led his Airmen into combat missions during the early days of World War II. He perished, along with his crew, during the battle of Midway. After the Pearl Harbor attack, he was named commander of the Army Air Corps' Hawaiian Air Force, which became the 7th Air Force in February 1942, with Tinker as its first commander. He was a member of the Osage Indian tribe and the highest-ranking Native American in the military. November is American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.



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# Series of upcoming events planned for Pearl Harbor Day

## National Park Service

World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument has announced a new highlight to this year’s Dec. 7 commemoration ceremony. Through a partnership with Veterans United Home Loans, the National Park Service will host an interactive Google+ Hangout, allowing Pearl Harbor survivors and World War II veterans to be a part of the Dec. 7 ceremonies, even if they cannot travel to Honolulu.

Beginning at 7 a.m. Hawaii time, before the main ceremony begins, Pearl Harbor survivors, World War II veterans and audiences located at partnering sites across the mainland will be speaking with Pearl Harbor survivors on Oahu and introducing themselves to all those who are participating in the Hangout through the “face-to-face-to-face” streaming technology.

Following the Hangout, the main ceremony will begin at 7:45 a.m., where participants will join the ceremony with the same view as if they were sitting in the audience on the main lawn of the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. The recording of the **72nd anniversary will be available live stream on youtube.com/veteransunited**

The series of events planned by the National Park Service to commemorate the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Oahu include:

- **Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 7, 14**
- The play “Nothing Is The Same” will be performed Nov. 29,

7:30 p.m.; Nov. 30, 4:30 p.m.; Dec. 7, 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Dec. 14, 4:30 p.m. at Honolulu Theatre for Youth Tenney Theatre. The play explores how on Dec. 7, 1941, the lives of four 11 year olds living on Oahu are changed forever when Pearl Harbor is attacked.

This play explores what friendship means when everything in one’s world is turned upside down. The play is recommended for kids ages 8 and up. Visit the Honolulu Theatre for Youth website [www.htyweb.org](http://www.htyweb.org) for tickets or call 839-9885.

**Nov. 30**

- “After Dark In The Park: Remembering Pearl Harbor: The Media’s Coverage of the Attack” at 6 p.m. at Pearl Harbor Visitor Center movie theaters. Admission is free.

The event will focus on the media coverage of Dec. 7 and how the country first heard about the attack. Seating is limited. Call 422-3316 for reservations.

**Dec. 5, 6, 8**

- Narrated historic Pearl Harbor boat tours will be held at 2:45 p.m. on Dec. 5, 2:15 and 2:45 p.m. on Dec. 6, and 2:15 and 2:45 p.m. on Dec. 8 at Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

Narrated by National Park Service rangers, this one-hour boat tour takes visitors around historic Ford Island to view many of the notable sites of the 1941 Japanese air raid on Pearl Harbor.

All boats will depart from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. The program is offered separate from

the normal park program and includes a stop at the USS Arizona Memorial. Seating is limited. Reservations are required. Tickets can be booked online at [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov) or by calling 954-8721.

**Dec. 6**

- USS Utah sunset ceremony from 5 to 6 p.m. at USS Utah Memorial, Ford Island.

Pearl Harbor survivors, military personnel and their families and friends are invited to attend a sunset ceremony honoring those lost aboard the USS Utah at the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island. Base access is required.

**Dec. 7**

- NPS and U.S. Navy Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration Ceremony at 7:45 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. The event is open to the public.

Attendees should arrive at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center at 7 a.m. at the latest. Free public parking is available at Aloha Stadium, with free shuttles to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center starting at 6 a.m.

- Ewa Field Memorial from 7:45 to 9 at Ewa Marine Corps Air Station. Admission is free. The Aloha Chapter of the Marine Corps League and the Honolulu Council of the Navy League of the United States will observe the 72nd Anniversary of the Japanese attack at Ewa Marine Corps Air Station to honor those Marines who fought and died here.

- Hickam Field ceremony from 7:55 to 9 a.m. at Atterbury Circle, Hickam Field. Admission is free. The 15th Wing will host the 72nd

annual Dec. 7, 1941 remembrance ceremony to honor the 189 killed and 303 wounded during the attacks. The ceremony is open to all military identification card holders, veterans, survivors of the attack, and guests of attending survivors. Base access is required. Attendees must be in place by 7:15 a.m.

- USS Oklahoma Memorial Pearl Harbor Day remembrance from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., USS Oklahoma Memorial, Ford Island.

The event will be hosted by the National Park Service in honor of those who served on the USS Oklahoma during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Those who wish to attend the ceremony can catch a free shuttle departing every 15 minutes from the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park, which is adjacent to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The memorial is located on Ford Island, near Fox-5 Pier next to the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

- Pearl Harbor Memorial Day Parade from 5 to 7 p.m. from Ft. DeRussy to Kapiolani Park.

The Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade committee will host the 72nd Anniversary Pearl Harbor Parade featuring Pearl Harbor survivors, military and government officials, and marching bands and parade units from the U.S. mainland and Hawaii.

For more information on the Dec. 7 remembrance events, visit the website [http://www.pacifichistoricparks.org/phh\\_events.php](http://www.pacifichistoricparks.org/phh_events.php)

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Richardson Field. The public is encouraged to arrive early to allow time for parking and going through security at the visitor center.

Military dress for the event is summer whites or service equivalent. The civilian dress code for the commemoration is aloha business attire, long pants and collared shirts.

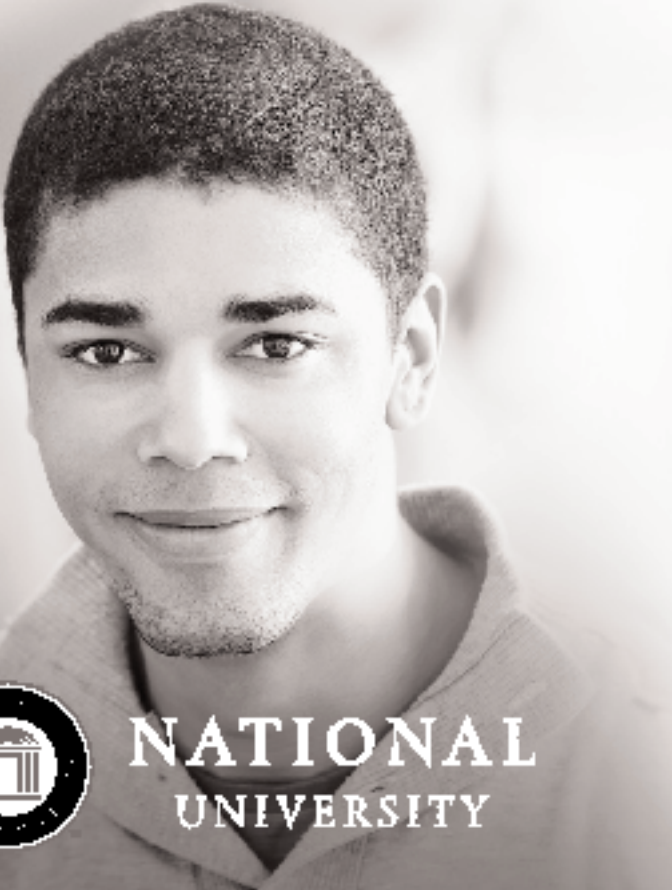
Public tours to the USS Arizona Memorial will be operating on a special schedule on Dec. 7, due to the morning ceremony. The first public tour will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the last tour beginning at 1:30 p.m. Tours begin every 15 minutes and include a 23-minute movie presentation followed by a short boat ride and visit to the Memorial. Tickets are free and distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.


In addition, a Hickam Field Remembrance Ceremony from 7:55 to 9 a.m. at Atterbury Circle, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Admission is free. The 15th Wing will host the 72nd annual Dec. 7, 1941 remembrance ceremony to honor the 189 killed and 303 wounded during the attacks.

The ceremony is open to all military identification card holders, veterans, survivors of the attack, and guests of attending survivors. Base access is required. Attendees must be in place by 7:15 a.m. Military members ranks 0-6 and above can RSVP by today via email at [15wg.ccp@hickam.af.mil](mailto:15wg.ccp@hickam.af.mil) or call 449-1514. Military dress code is uniform of the day and civilian dress should be aloha attire. In case of inclement weather the event will be held at the Courtyard of Heroes, PACAF headquarters.

For more information on Pearl Harbor Day commemorative events, visit [www.pacifichistoricparks.org](http://www.pacifichistoricparks.org).

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# Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



Coast Guardsman, Marines and Sailors attend the 53rd annual Navy League Sea Service Awards Luncheon Nov. 21 at the Ala Moana Hotel.

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Lt. Cmdr. Daniel Bond leads a Nov. 23 tour of the guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73) for officers and midshipman from the Republic of Korea destroyer ROK Dae Jo Yeong (DDH 997) and the fast combat support ship ROK Hwacheon (AOE 59) on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Korean sailors are slated to participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) commemorating the 60th anniversary since the signing of the Korean War armistice agreement and lasting peace between the U.S. and South Korea.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Sean Furey

Officers and midshipman from the Republic of Korea destroyer ROK Dae Jo Yeong (DDH 997) and the fast combat support ship ROK Hwacheon (AOE 59) take a tour of the guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Nov. 23.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Sean Furey

Sailors from the guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) recently volunteer their time to clean off rocks from a burial platform on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. This cultural site contains native Hawaiian remains discovered in the surrounding area.



U.S. Air Force photo by SrA Christopher Stolz

Fifteen newly-selected Air Force Chief Master Sergeants (E-9) from Hickam celebrated their promotion to the highest enlisted rank Nov. 22 at Foster's Point. The 15 selectees were part of the 400 Air Force-wide chiefs promoted this year, who represent less than one-percent of the active duty enlisted force.



# USS Olympia holds change of command ceremony

Story and photo by  
MC2 Steven Khor

*Commander Submarine  
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Public Affairs*

The command of a warship was passed down at a ceremony held Nov. 20 for the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Olympia (SSN 717) aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

Cmdr. Michael Boone, commanding officer of Olympia, was relieved by Cmdr. Thomas Shugart.

The ceremony's guest speaker, Capt. Rick Stoner of Commander Submarine Squadron Seven, praised Boone for his exceptional performance while in command of Olympia.

"Congratulations on a tremendous tour and in meeting every mission and ensuring Olympia was ready to take the fight to the enemy every day," said Stoner.

"You have performed superbly in the most important job in the Navy and in the pinnacle of naval service," he said.

Boone said he is proud that he had the opportunity to be in command of Olympia and work with a fantastic team of Sailors.

"Serving as the commanding officer has been the professional honor of my life. Men, what you do matters. Your ability to employ Olympia anywhere in the world makes nations take notice," said Boone.

"What you do every day to make 'Mighty Oly' ready matters. I strongly



Cmdr. Michael Boone is piped ashore after being relieved by Cmdr. Thomas Shugart as commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Olympia (SSN 717) at a change of command ceremony at the Battleship Missouri Memorial, Nov. 20.

urge you to continue to make it happen."

During the ceremony, Boone was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

As Shugart assumed command of Olympia, he thanked Boone for turning over a great command and an even greater crew.

"To the proud and mighty Olympia, it has been a pleasure getting to know you as individuals, and I thank you for your professionalism and openness during my turnover

period. It is an honor and privilege to serve as your new commanding officer," said Shugart.

"I task you all to learn something new about our warship and its employment every day, continue to build depth on our bench, continuously train our reliefs, always be prepared, and always do the right thing," Shugart said.

Olympia is the United States Navy's 104th nuclear powered submarine and the 95th of the

attack submarine fleet. She is the 29th of the Los Angeles-class, nuclear-powered fast attack submarine to be delivered to the Navy.

Los Angeles-class submarines are ideally suited for covert surveillance, intelligence gathering and special forces missions. This stealth, when combined with the submarine's Tomahawk cruise missiles, mines and torpedoes, provides the operational commander with an unseen force multiplier.

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# Life & Leisure

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## MILITARY MEMBERS HELP SPECIAL OLYMPIANS 'GO FOR THE GOLD' AT JOINT BASE

Story and photos by  
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Military service members joined more than 1,000 volunteers, almost 250 coaches, and approximately 800 athletes with intellectual disabilities to help organize and oversee the 24th Annual Holiday Classic Special Olympics Nov. 23 and 24 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The athletes trained from September to November and competed last week-end in bowling, basketball and traditional doubles bocce.

"I think events like this are very important because they give every child a chance," Jowana Lobendahn, site coordinator, said. "It gives these athletes a chance to grow and have better confidence in themselves. It's just great getting to see them smile and hold their head up high because they are proud of themselves."

The Holiday Classic marks the end of the season for these athletes and gives them a chance to celebrate their accomplishments with each other.

"Events like this are very important to people like my son because it gives him a sense of accomplishment," said Stephan Lodge, father of a participant. "My son is diagnosed with autism and this gives him an opportunity to make friends and interact with others in a positive environment."

The Holiday Classic gives athletes the opportunity to enjoy an opening ceremony, Olympic Town and the victory dance as well as the competitions where hundreds of medals and ribbons are awarded.

"Events like this are very important. It gives them a sense of purpose and allows them to feel like they can contribute something and gives them a community," said Bonni Kiyebu, mother of a participant. "I've seen such an improvement in my son's ability to interact since he has started going to these events."

Participants, coaches and families come from all over the state of Hawaii to participate together in events like this.

"It feels amazing when we all get together," said Victoria, a 17-year-old participant. "I try my best and we all get to be ourselves."

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, and experience joy.



Athletes with intellectual disabilities compete in a basketball tournament on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam as part of the Special Olympics Holiday Classic event. Approximately 800 athletes were joined by family members, almost 250 coaches and more than 1,000 volunteers to compete in bowling, basketball, and traditional partners bocce.





# Wizards defeat 647 LRS in overtime victory

**Story and photo  
by Randy Dela Cruz**

*Sports Editor*

With only two weeks remaining before the postseason, Patrol Squadron Special Projects Unit 2 (VPU-2) Wizards pulled off their biggest win of the year by beating 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (647 LRS), 27-26, in overtime on Nov. 21 in a Blue Division intramural flag football game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Wizards quarterback Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Robert Bond, a late replacement, tossed for a touchdown in overtime and then punched in the point after touchdown by sticking the ball past the goal line for the game-winner.

The 647 LRS scored on their turn in overtime on a pass from Tech. Sgt. Chris Sage to Tech. Sgt. Juan Rodriguez, but failed to tie the score after missing their PAT attempt.

With the win, VPU-2 evened out their record at 4-4, while barely staying alive for a playoff berth in December.

Meanwhile, the loss knocked the 647 LRS out of first place and left the team in sole possession of second place at 7-2.

“We just brought everybody together and told them to keep firing,” said Bond about the team’s clutch overtime win. “We got to get this win, so we just had to keep fighting.”

Early in the game, both teams seemed to be ready to play as the two squads traded touchdowns to start the first half.

Up first, Sage moved his team



Quarterback Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Robert Bond squeezes through the defense to punch in the winning extra point in overtime, as Patrol Squadron Special Projects Unit 2 (VPU-2) Wizards defeated the 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (647 LRS), 27-26.

60 yards on three plays with the final 39 yards coming on a scoring toss over the top to teammate Lt. Col. Mark Clifford for a quick 6-0 lead.

The Wizards stormed right back on just two plays to tie the score before going ahead by a point at 7-6 after converting their point after touchdown (PAT).

During the quick drive, quarterback Information Systems Technician 1st Class Jerry Toney picked up 10 yards on his first pass, before connecting on a short pattern to Bond, who made the catch and picked his way through traffic and took it all the way to the house.

After the Wizards defense

stopped the 647 LRS on downs, VPU-2 took the ball deep in their own territory at the three-yard line.

The 647 LRS defense stepped up and forced the Wizards to punt.

The standoff turned out to be huge for the 647 LRS, when the VPU-2 center hiked the ball over the head of Toney and out of the end zone for a safety – giving the

647 an 8-7 lead going into halftime.

A quick four-and-out by the 647 LRS to start the second half opened the door for the Wizards and the visitors from Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay took full advantage of the opportunity.

Starting at their own 30, the Wizards quickly marched upfield and on first and goal from the 19, Toney hooked up with Aviation Structural Mechanic 2nd Class Francisco Alicea for a touchdown and 13-8 lead.

On the next series by the 647 LRS, Sage, after being sacked by Bond all the way back to his own five-yard line, got picked off by Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Tim Champagne. This gave the Wizards good field position at the 19.

Four plays later, Bond ran it in himself to give the Wizards a seemingly insurmountable 20-8 lead after the PAT.

Down by 12 with only a few minutes left in the game, Sage got back behind center and went to work.

First, the 647 LRS quarterback finished off a 65-yard drive on only six plays by finding Clifford in the end zone for the duo’s second TD strike of the game to make it 20-14.

Then after the 647 LRS defense stopped the Wizards on four plays, Sage shocked everyone at Ward Field by completing a 46-yard Hail Mary to Clifford, who made the catch in the end zone and sent the game into overtime where the comeback by the 647 LRS fell short.

“It’s always big to beat a top team,” said Bond after the game. “We just want to come out, compete and have fun. You can’t count us out.”

## Chapels will hold Christmas events

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam chapels will be hosting a variety of events on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel will host a Christmas Eve Mass from 5 to 6:15 p.m. and a Christmas Eve service from 7 to 8 p.m.

Hickam Chapel Center will hold a Christmas Eve Mass from 5 to 6:30 p.m.,

and a Midnight Mass from 11:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. It will also host a Christmas Eve candlelight service from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass will be held at 9 to 10 a.m. at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel and at 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Hickam Chapel Center.

Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel will host an Aloha Christmas breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m.

## Blood drive schedule updated

Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has updated its schedule of upcoming blood drives as part of the Armed Services Blood Donor Program (ASBP). Dates and locations are updated regularly online as new drives are scheduled. Donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment online, call to make an appointment, and check [www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil) for the latest information.

Currently scheduled drives include:

- Dec. 3, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., oceanside lobby, Tripler Army Medical Center.
- Dec. 5, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hickam BX
- Dec. 11, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email [michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil](mailto:michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil).



# Bombshells call out Wahine Koa after football season finale

Story and photo  
by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Only moments after winning their final Hawaii Women's Gridiron League (HWGL) game of the regular season, the Bombshells quickly focused on avenging their single loss of the year — an 18-12 defeat at the hands of the league-leading Wahine Koa.

After getting past the Lady Paniolos, 13-6, in a come-from-behind victory at Kapiolani Park on Nov. 24, the Bombshells will have a bye week before heading in the playoffs, which according to co-head coaches Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Jenkins and Gas Turbine System (Mechanical) 2nd Class John Lennon, should end in a head-to-head, winner-take-all showdown versus the Wahine Koa.

"We're coming for the Koa," Jenkins said. "We're going to win."

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.

Although the Bombshells came out a bit flat against the Lady Paniolos, the team turned things around with a strong second half led by wide receiver Mili Polite, an Air Force spouse, who caught two



Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) 2nd Class Shaluan Douglas, USS Chafee (DDG 90), goes up for an interception to help the Bombshells defeat the Lady Paniolos in a Hawaii Women's Gridiron League (HWGL) game at Kapiolani Park.

passes for touchdowns after half-time.

Lennon said that the team's slow start might have been attributed to the fact that the team had already clinched the postseason's No. 2 seed before its matchup with the Lady Paniolos.

However, Lennon pointed out that once the playoffs start, he doesn't expect any letdown by the Bombshells — especially if the battle for the crown comes down to a meeting against the Wahine Koa.

"Our girls are confident in what they can do," Lennon said. "We're coming for the championship."

Against the Lady Paniolos, Bombshells quarterback Caryn Harman, a Navy spouse, struggled in the first half.

On her first set of downs, Harman was picked off by Tech. Sgt. Evette Blount, Pacific Command/Joint Intelligence Operation Center (PACOM/JIOC), and then failed to pick up a first down on the team's next two

offensive sets.

The second punt turned out to be a nightmare for Bombshells, after the hike sailed over the head of the punter and landed just outside of the goal line at the two.

On the very first play from scrimmage, Lady Paniolos running back Schnelle Smith got the ball and broke into the end zone for a 6-0 lead that stood up until the break.

In the second half, the Bombshells got the ball at their

own 35 and moved into Lady Paniolos territory at the 30 on a pass from Harman to another Navy spouse Jessica Fama.

Then after throwing two incomplete passes, the Bombshells on third and long, unveiled a flea flicker that caught the Lady Paniolos defense completely off-guard.

Harman got the snap from shotgun, threw a quick sideline pass to Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) 2nd Class Shaluan Douglas, USS Chafee (DDG 90), who then delivered a perfect spiral in the arms of a wide open Polite for a touchdown.

The Bombshells converted their points after touchdown to take their first lead of the game at 7-6.

Up by a point, the Bombshells defense went to work and came up with a huge four-and-done stop on the Lady Paniolos to get the ball back.

Spotting a chance to put the game away for good, Harman sealed it up by leading the Bombshells on a 35-yard drive to pay dirt that ended on a shot two-yard toss to Polite for her second touchdown of the game.

"I heard my team screaming and it was so awesome," Polite said about her two catches for touchdowns.

Even though the win over the Lady Paniolos was a lot harder than anticipated, Polite said it didn't matter and expressed confidence that the Bombshells will turn it on in two weeks.

"We're exactly where we should be," she said. "We're going to beat Koa and go all the way."

# Pearl Harbor Festival of Lights to glow from Dec. 17–21

The Pearl Harbor Holiday Festival of Lights tours will begin Dec. 17.

Boat tours of the harbor will be available from 6:30 to 8:30 Dec. 17 and 18, every half hour for military and Department of Defense civilian ID holders departing from Merry Point Landing.

Tours for the general public will be every half hour 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 20 and 21 from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

Due to enhanced security measures in effect at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, no backpacks, fanny packs, luggage, diaper bags, cam-

era bags, purses, large cameras/ tripods or other items which provide concealment are allowed in the visitor center or aboard the boats.

The tours are free, but a donation of canned goods for Hawaii's food charities will be accepted. Seats are limited and tickets will be dis-

tributed on a first-come, first served-basis beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the day of the tour at the visitor center. The tours will be offered as a community service by the National Park Service and the U.S. Navy. For more information, email amada\_carona@nps.gov.



Holiday lights aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73) during the 2012 Holiday Ship/Submarine Lighting Contest.



(Above): Lights aboard the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Charlotte (SSN 766). (Right): Holiday lights aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) during the 2012 Holiday Ship/Submarine Lighting Contest.



U.S. Navy photos by MC2 Daniel Barker

## My Favorite Photo...

Becky Hommon, Navy Region Hawaii environmental counsel, took this recent photo of a November sunrise over Pearl Harbor.



## How to submit

Email your (non-posed) photos to [editor@hookelenews.com](mailto:editor@hookelenews.com)

# Reading event set

On Dec. 7, the National Park Service and Pacific Historic Parks will share the historical significance of Dec. 7 with 8,000-plus school-age children across Hawaii through their second annual read aloud program.

This year's program will reach an additional 2,000 children as compared to last year. Ninety-five schools will be participating on Oahu, along with 15 in Maui County, 21 on Hawaii Island and four on Kauai.

Through the Department of Education, YMCA of Honolulu, Kama'aina Kids, Maui Family YMCA, and Moiliili Community Center, students attending schools across Hawaii will learn the real life story of Lieutenant Theodore Walker through the book "Across the Blue Pacific, A World War II Story," by Louis Borden. Walker was a submariner who served during World War II. He and the entire crew of the USS Albacore perished

when their submarine struck a mine in the Pacific.

The book follows fourth grader Molly Crenshaw who is given a classroom assignment of writing a letter to servicemen overseas. Molly immediately knows who she will write to — her next door neighbor Ted Walker, who is stationed aboard the USS Albacore. The story talks about the importance of appreciating the sacrifices made by the military. As part of this year's program, students will write letters to military personnel, which will then be delivered to active duty military through the U.S. Navy.

As part of its read aloud program, the National Park Service has posted several real life letters written during World War II by civilians and military personnel for parents to read to their children. For more information, visit the website to [www.nps.gov/valr/forkids](http://www.nps.gov/valr/forkids).





# Live the Great Life

## MWR to kick off holiday season with lighting of Freedom Tower

**Emily McNulty**

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

The 44th Annual Tower Lighting Celebration will kick off at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Freedom Tower. Each year Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation covers the Freedom Tower with lights, turns the switch and all throughout December it stays lit.

“Our MWR patrons love the tower lighting and we also provide opportunities for our families with free Santa pictures, inflatables

and more. We love it almost as much as they do!” said Lara Katine, MWR special events director.

The Air Force Band of the Pacific will provide entertainment with a special guest performance at 6 p.m. by young ukulele musician Aidan James.

Free shuttle service will be provided round-trip from the BX garden shop to the event starting at 4:15 p.m. until the event ends.

Food and beverages will be available to purchase as well. Participants can take a blanket or a lawn chair to watch the Tower Lighting at 7 p.m. For more information visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).



Freedom Tower shines brightly during a previous year's lighting. MWR marketing Photo

## Special guest announced for Dec. 6 Hickam Historical Tour

**Reid Tokeshi**

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

Information, Tickets & Travel's (ITT) Hickam Historical Tour takes patrons on a journey to remember the history of Hickam during the World War II attack on Dec. 7, 1941. But on Dec. 6, the tour will have added meaning and emotion.

Retired Tech Sgt. Derwood Swanson will be a special guest aboard the trolley throughout the tour. This will be an opportunity to meet and hear the stories of a war survivor as he recalls that infamous day. Swanson served as a security police officer in the motorcycle unit at the time of the attack, and is making his first memorial appearance since the attack.

The tour will begin at 9:30 a.m. and is limited to 30 customers. The price is \$45 for adults, and \$40 for children ages 3-11 years and includes lunch. For more information, call the Hickam ITT office at 448-2295 for more information. Due to the nature of the tour, it is not recommended for children under 6 years old.

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**Chinatown Food, Historic Tour** will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 30 departing from Information, Tickets and Travel-Hickam. The event will end with a traditional “dim sum” lunch. FMI: 448-2295.

**Ladies Golf Clinic** will begin at 9 a.m. Nov. 30 at Mamala Bay Golf Course. FMI: 449-2304.

**2nd Annual Turn & Burn Ride** will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Nov. 30 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. This is a two-hour indoor cycling event, which is open to all eligible patrons. FMI: 471-2019.

**Wii Wednesday** will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Hickam Library. The activity is open to children and teens ages 6 to 16. Children ages 6 to 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult. FMI: 449-8299.

**Jewelry Making 101: Basics – Earrings** will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. FMI: 448-9907.

**The Bead Mom Open Studio** will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Dec. 3, 10, and 17 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. The cost of studio time includes materials enough for one pair of earrings. Prerequisite: participants need to have taken a “Jewelry Making 101: Basics” course. FMI: 448-9907.

**“Mom & Me” Christmas Bracelet** class will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Participants will work together as a team to make a Christmas charm bracelet while learning some of the basic skills of jewelry making. Each child must be accompanied by his or her mother or another responsible adult. FMI: 448-9907.

**Acing the Interview** will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 3 at Military and Family Support Center-Hickam. This workshop provides knowledge and skills training to help prepare participants for an effective interview. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com). FMI: 474-1999.

**Jingle Bell 5K Fun Run** will begin at 7 a.m. Dec. 5 at Wahiawa Annex Fitness Center. Prizes will be awarded to the top three male and female finishers. The event is open to all eligible patrons. FMI: 653-5542.

**Mongolian BBQ** will be served from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Dec. 5 and 12 at the Hickam Officers' Club. Diners can choose from 20 different fresh vegetables, five different meats and a variety of sauces. Rice, noodles, soup, rolls, beverages and fortune cookies are also included. Diners of all ranks are welcome to attend. FMI: 448-4608.

**Christmas Origami Ornament** class will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. The class is open to children ages 7 and older. Participants will make a keepsake ornament with an origami embellishment. FMI: 448-9907.

**Group Surf Lesson at White Plains Beach** will begin at 7 a.m. Dec. 7 departing from Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. Participants need to sign up by Dec. 4. Participants must be able to swim without a lifejacket. FMI: 473-1198.

**“Parent & Me” Basic Crochet** will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturdays Dec. 7 to 28 (no class on Dec. 14) at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. The class is open to children ages 7 to 12. FMI: 448-9907.

**Learn to Stand-up Paddleboard** will begin at 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Dec. 7 at Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. Participants need to sign up by Dec. 4. Participants must be able to swim without a lifejacket. FMI: 449-5215.

**Honolulu City Lights Opening Day Tour** will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. Dec. 7 departing from Information, Tickets and Travel-Hickam. FMI: 448-2295.

**Bottom Fishing at Hickam Harbor** will begin at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 8 at Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. Participants need to sign up by Dec. 5. FMI: 449-5215.



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**HONOLULU CITY LIGHTS TROLLEY TOURS**  
The annual Honolulu City Lights Trolley Tours begin in December. The tour includes a trolley ride through Honolulu’s city streets to see the buildings dressed up for the holiday season. A stop at Honolulu Hale (City Hall) provides a chance to stroll amongst the exhibits and decorations. Daily departures from Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT)-Hickam are at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. from Dec. 8 to 23. Departures from Bloch Arena are at 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Dec. 13 to 15 and 19 to 23. FMI: 473-0792 or 448-2295.

**WOOLLY WEDNESDAYS**  
Wooly Wednesdays will be held from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 4, 11, and 18 at Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Participants of all skill levels may participate, including beginners. Patrons can bring their current project to knit and crochet. FMI: 448-9907.

**YOUTH FITNESS ORIENTATION**  
The Hickam Fitness Center will host a Youth Fitness Orientation Program at 9 a.m. Dec. 7. The orientation includes a facility tour, safety guidelines, cardio equipment usage demo and review of the rules and regulations. This free event is open to ages 10-14 years old with a valid military ID card. Attendees must be dressed in fitness attire and be accompanied by an adult. Upon completion of this program, the youth will be issued a youth fitness orientation card granting them access only to the cardio area and only under parental supervision. FMI: 448-2214.

**LIBRARY KNOW-HOW**  
The Hickam Library will hold a free educational tour at 2 p.m. Dec. 7. The staff will demonstrate how to find e-books, audiobooks, music, online foreign language training, as well as explaining the Universal Class for online continuing education and the Dewey Decimal system. FMI: 449-8299.

**SNORKELING AT HANAUMA BAY**  
There will be a snorkeling excursion to Hanauma Bay at 8 a.m. Dec. 8. Departures are from Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. Dec. 4 is the last day to register. FMI: 473-1198.

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME**  
Preschool story time will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. Dec. 11 at the Hickam Library. The theme will be “toys.” FMI: 449-8299.

**HAWAIIAN HOLIDAY FESTIVAL**  
The 2013 DECA Hawaiian Holiday Festival will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 12 to 15 at the Hickam Commissary parking lot. This event will feature discounted products as well as authentic Hawaiian goods. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

Community Calendar

**AT A GLANCE**  
Navy Marine Golf Course will be the site of a Pro-Am golf tournament associated with the upcoming Sony Open in Hawaii. The date of this Pro-Am is Jan. 8. Patrons are welcome to come out to watch the players on that day. The shotgun start is at 11 a.m. The Sony Open has offered slots for eight active-duty military players. There will be an 18 hole qualifying for these slots. Qualifying is free and is limited to active duty service members with registered handicaps of 10.0 or less. Participants just pay for regular fees. Qualifying will be held on Dec. 8 with tee times starting at 11:30 a.m. Entry forms will be available at the Navy Marine Golf Course and at Mamala Bay and Barbers Point Golf Courses. Interested patrons who meet the eligibility requirements should turn in the entry form to David Chin at Navy Marine Golf Course, no later than noon Dec. 4. FMI: 471-0142.

**DECEMBER**  
**1** — The City & County of Honolulu will conduct the monthly statewide outdoor warning siren test at 11:45 a.m. The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam “Giant Voice” works in conjunction with Honolulu’s outdoor warning sirens and will sound a steady tone for 45 seconds.  
**4** — The Legal Assistance Department at Region Legal Service Office Hawaii, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will hold extended hours. In addition to normal hours that day, the office will add an evening walk-in session from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. These additional hours are aimed at providing legal assistance services (advice on landlord tenant issues, divorce, adoption, immigration, etc.) to those Sailors who cannot come in during traditional hours due to work hours or other special circumstances. Those who are specifically requiring a will be drafted, and cannot come in during normal hours should contact the office by email. FMI: Lt. Nicholas Joy at [nicholas.n.joy@navy.mil](mailto:nicholas.n.joy@navy.mil).

**7** — The Department of Land and Natural Resources invites volunteers to participate in a restoration project from 9 a.m. to noon at the Kawaiui Restoration Ponds. Volunteers may bring rubber boots/shoes that can get wet and muddy, work gloves, sunscreen, drinking water and dry clothes. The ponds are located behind Castle Medical Center in Kailua. FMI: email [james.m.cogswell@hawaii.gov](mailto:james.m.cogswell@hawaii.gov) or call 266 -0911.

**14** — Breakfast with Santa will begin at 8 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall food court lanai. Besides the breakfast, authorized patrons can get their face painted, watch balloon twisters create their balloon art, make holiday cards and enter to win prizes. The event also includes goody bags and a framed picture with Santa. A child’s ticket costs \$12 and an adult’s ticket costs \$5. FMI: 423-3287.



ENDER'S GAME (PG-13)

Ender Wiggin, the third in a family of child geniuses, is selected by international military forces to save the world from destruction. Before being chosen Ender wears a unique monitor that allows the heads of the military to see things as Ender does. Ender’s brother Peter and his sister Valentine also wore this monitor, although neither was selected, nor did they have it for as long as Ender, and Peter will never forgive Ender for this.

SHARKEY THEATER

**TODAY 11/29**  
7:00 PM The Counselor (R)  
**SATURDAY 11/30**  
2:30 PM (3D) Free Birds (PG)  
4:40 PM Captain Phillips (PG-13)  
7:20 PM About Time (R)  
**SUNDAY 12/1**  
2:30 PM (3D) Free Birds (PG)  
4:40 pm Ender’s Game (PG-13)  
7:00 pm About Time (R)

**THURSDAY 12/5**  
7:00 PM The Fifth Estate (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

**TODAY 11/29**  
6:00 PM The Counselor (R)  
**SATURDAY 11/30**  
4:00 PM The Smurfs 2 (PG)  
7:00 PM Carrie (R)  
**SUNDAY 12/1**  
2:00 PM Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG)  
**THURSDAY 12/5**  
Closed

Movie Showtimes







U.S. Army Maj. George Corbari spoke about suicide prevention at an event held Nov. 26 at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

# Soldier shares battle with suicide

**Story and photo by  
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*Staff Writer*

U.S. Army Maj. George Corbari spoke Tuesday at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam about suicide prevention. The theme of his speech was Piercing the Darkness, Altering our Perspectives on Suicide.

For Corbari, the subject of suicide prevention hits particularly close to home. He said he knows first hand what it is like to struggle with suicidal thoughts. During his opening remarks, he stressed how his presentation would differ from what those in the audience might have heard before.

“We’ve all sat thorough our share of prevention programs,” he said. “This will be a little different. It will be about my personal experiences.”

Corbari talked a bit about his background, including the trauma of his parents divorcing when he was 10. He told the audience how he joined the Army intent on only a short stint but ended up making the military his career.

It was when his military career seemed to be going especially well that Corbari had some of his darkest days.

In 2011, Corbari was cho-

sen to attend the yearlong Commanding General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. It was an important recognition.

“They tell you it will be the best year of your life,” he said. “For me, not so much.”

Going to Fort Leavenworth was not part of Corbari’s plan. Both his daughter and his son-in-law were also in the Army, serving in the same unit as Corbari. All three expected to deploy together to Afghanistan. Not deploying as a family was a major blow to him.

“That started a series of events that happened to me that were overwhelming,” he said.

For one, around this time Corbari’s son entered a mental institution after his third failed suicide attempt. Also, an overseas adoption that Corbari and his wife had been working on ended up costing more money than expected.

Then Corbari received a phone call from his daughter in Afghanistan. Her husband had stepped on an improvised explosive device (IED) while on patrol. He barely survived, but lost both of his legs from the knees down.

Corbari visited his son-in-law at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and was devastated

by the experience. He couldn’t help but blame himself.

“This was my fault,” said Corbari. “I had convinced them to join my unit, the 10th Mountain Division.”

Looking back, Corbari said he realizes that this sort of thinking was illogical.

“When you are depressed, you lose your normal clarity,” he said. “When you are buried that deep, you can’t see out.”

Corbari began to consider suicide, an option he would have previously considered “ridiculous.” Fortunately, concerned teammates reached out to him and helped pull him back from the brink.

Now, Corbari welcomes the opportunity to share his story as a way of spreading awareness about suicide prevention.

“Suicide touches all of us,” he said.

For more information about suicide prevention, visit [www.suicide.navy.mil](http://www.suicide.navy.mil), [www.navynavstress.com](http://www.navynavstress.com), or [www.af.mil/SuicidePrevention.aspx](http://www.af.mil/SuicidePrevention.aspx).

The Military Crisis Line is also available. Those in need can call 1-800-273-8255 and press ‘1’ to speak to a trained professional, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This service is confidential and available to all service members and their families.



# Must Dash run highlights Men’s Health Awareness Month

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In honor of Men’s Health Awareness Month, the Surface Navy Association sponsored a Must Dash 5K run Nov. 23 on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

More than 200 service

members, families and civilians participated in the run.

“I think the Surface Navy Association did a great job in sponsoring this event today,” said Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. “It was very easy for this team, with their great relationships and friendships, to rally and come together for a

common cause. Fighting cancer is something we’re all concerned about and it was just leadership and common interest that put this together.”

Capt. Wallace G. Lovely, commander, Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 31, said the run served to raise money for charity as well as team building for service members.

“Donations were about \$2,500 to the cancer soci-

ety,” Lovely said. “A really great effort. Events like these benefit the charity and second, a close second, it builds camaraderie. It’s what embodies everything that we do. This is an opportunity to get to know the youth, to show them how much fun I’ve had over my career of over 30 years. It’s wonderful.”

Promptly following the playing of Colors, the race began with the participants

running down the historic Ford Island runway.

“A lot of people just want to get out[side],” said Lt. Cmdr. Jeremy Watkins, race coordinator. “It’s Hawaii, it’s nice. Why not have a race on a nice Saturday morning and get your day started.”

After all the participants completed the event, awards like fastest time, largest team and most impressive mustache were

handed out.

In addition to supporting a cause, Engineman Fireman Apprentice Juan Torres, a participant in the race, said events like the Must Dash serve to challenge one’s fitness and build confidence.

“If you set a goal, like this three mile race, and you finish it, you just feel better,” Torres said. “Pushing yourself physically is just a way to feel more confident.”



(Above left): Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific flashes the *shaka* as he runs. (Above right): Service members, families and civilians participate in the run.