

More than 2,500 expected for Dec. 7 commemoration

National Park Service and Navy Region Hawaii

The U.S. Navy and National Park Service will host a joint memorial ceremony commemorating the 72nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor from 7:45 to 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, 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.

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

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

A former U.S. senator and the youngest-ever administrator of the U.S. Veterans Administration, Cleland has been a distinguished public servant for nearly 50 years. In 1967, Cleland joined the armed forces where he served in the Vietnam War as a battalion signal officer, charged with improving communications on the battlefield.

In 1968, as an Army captain, Cleland was seriously wounded in combat and received both the Bronze Star for meritorious service and the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

On June 3, 2009, President Barack Obama appointed Cleland as secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission, a position responsible for managing 24 cemeteries overseas where fallen American troops from World War I and World War II are memorialized.

At 7:55 a.m. at the ceremony tomorrow, the exact moment the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor began 72 years ago, a moment of silence will be observed. USS Halsey (DDG-97) a guided-missile destroyer, will render honors to the USS Arizona, and a flyover will be conducted above Pearl Harbor.

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All lanes of the Ford Island Bridge will be closed from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. today and from 6 to 10 a.m. Saturday for military vessel transit related to the Pearl Harbor Day observance.

All motorists and pedestrians are asked to plan accordingly.

The small craft gate must be closed during the bridge opening, so boat traffic under the causeway is not allowed during that time.

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Nimitz strike group makes brief stop in Pearl Harbor

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USS Nimitz Public Affairs



U.S. Navy photo by MCSA Rose Forest

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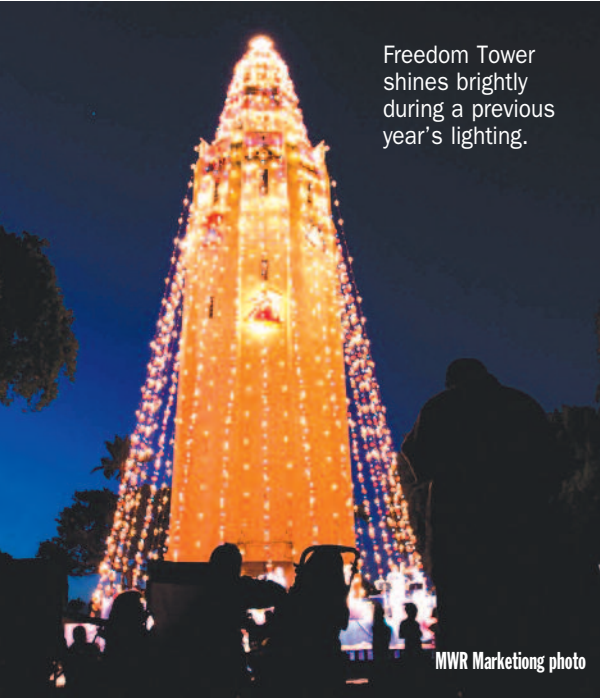
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Freedom Tower shines brightly during a previous year's lighting.

Hickam set to commemorate 72nd anniversary of Dec. 7 attack

Staff Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

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U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Meares


Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, presents Master Sgt. (Ret.) Ken Ford, a Hickam Field survivor, with a flag to thank him for his service to his country during the 71st anniversary remembrance ceremony held Dec. 2012 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.




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Ashes of Pearl Harbor survivor scattered at USS Utah Memorial
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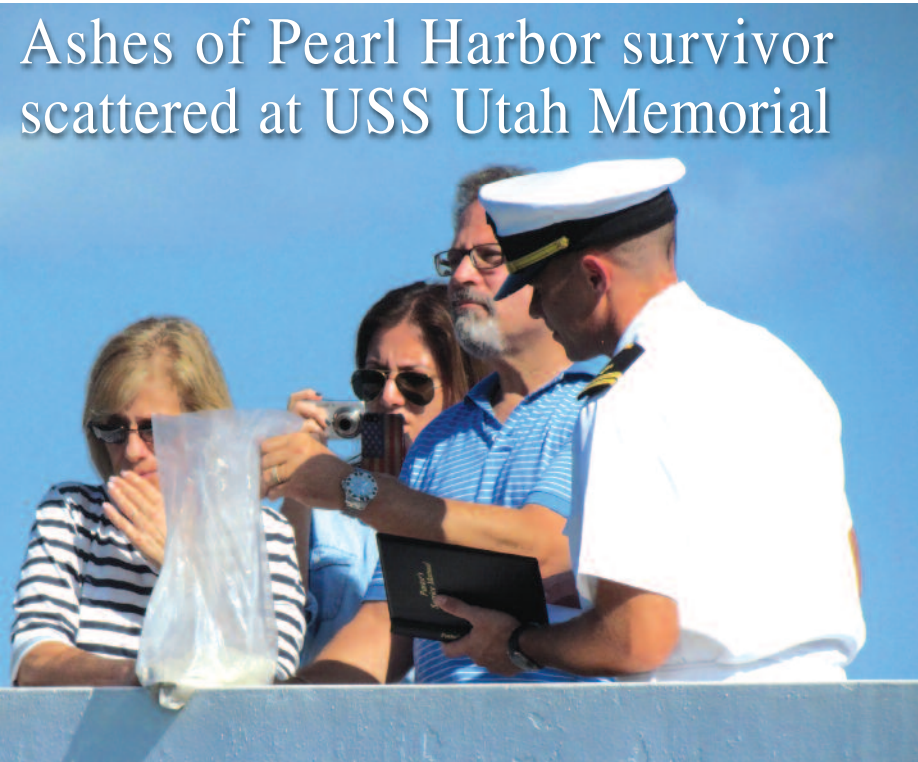
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The ashes of Watertender 1st Class Louis “Lou” Zwillich, a survivor of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, were scattered in the waters near the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island during a ceremony held Dec. 3.

Among those in attendance were Zwillich's son, Robert, and his family; Capt. Larry Scruggs, deputy commander, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard; and Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivor liaison.

Also present was Navy 2nd Class Signalman Delton Walling, another survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack. Chaplain Lt. James Ragain, Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, presided over the services.

Zwillich was born on Jan. 10, 1922 in New York City. He joined the Navy in his teens and was serving as a seaman first class on the USS Phoenix, a light cruiser, during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on

Pearl Harbor.

“The Phoenix was just around the corner, all alone,” said Taylor, gesturing to a spot in the harbor.

“She was a perfect target for incoming aircraft and was very fortunate because she suffered no damage during the entire attack, truly a miracle. The first sighting of the Japanese by the ship was on the signal bridge — the planes were attacking from north of Ford Island. The crew of Phoenix could see the bombs dropping on Battleship Row and the huge battleships being hit by torpedoes.”

Undamaged, Phoenix's machine gun battery opened fire, targeting incoming planes and firing more than 5,000 rounds of ammunition during the attack. The ship got underway but had to turn around after being instructed to return to its original location. Before the day was over, Phoenix was allowed to get underway and left Pearl Harbor to join Commander Task Force One.

“That afternoon, they set sail, not knowing if they

would come as they prepared to take on the Japanese juggernaut,” said Capt. Scruggs. “This type of bravery and selflessness is something all our Pearl Harbor survivors share.”

After leaving the service, Louis Zwillich eventually moved to Scarsdale, N.Y., where he passed away Aug. 18, 2012 at the age of 90. He never forgot what happened on Dec. 7, but was disappointed that many Americans had little or no knowledge of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

“Lou recalled a time when he and a friend left a restaurant wearing their Pearl Harbor survivor hats,” said Taylor.

“Someone approached them as if they were imposters, saying there were no survivors of Pearl Harbor.”

Zwillich's son, Robert, was very pleased with the ceremony honoring his father.

“I had no idea it would be this detailed,” he said. “The dedication of those involved to a past brother was phenomenal. I couldn't have scripted anything this beautiful.”

PACFLT leaders visit USS Michael Murphy

MC1 Amanda Dunford

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Public Affairs

Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, and U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief Marco Ramirez visited Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) in Pearl Harbor on Thanksgiving.

Harris thanked Sailors for their dedication and hard work on a day most people spend with their loved ones.

“I dropped by this impressive warfighting ship to express my gratitude to the Sailors here and throughout the U.S. Pacific Fleet who are working on Thanksgiving,” Harris said.

“I want to personally thank all the Sailors standing the watch at sea, our faithful Navy civilians, and our families for their support.”

The visit was a surprise for Sailors standing watch on the ship.

“I was originally upset



U.S. Navy photo by MCCS Michael Lewis

U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief Marco Ramirez speaks with Sailors on the mess decks aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112).

that I had duty today, but once I learned that the four-star was coming, it made my day,” said Seaman Apprentice Christopher Back, who was standing messenger of the watch.

“I'm very grateful he came aboard today. It's not an opportunity that every Sailor gets and I'm very honored to have met him.”

Cmdr. Corey Turner, Michael Murphy's commanding officer, was grateful Harris thanked the Sailors and agreed with Harris' sentiments.

“On behalf of the entire crew, I'm very thankful Adm. Harris took time out of his holiday to see our ship and talk to the crew,” Turner said.

USS Michael Murphy is the 62nd ship of the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer, and is named after Lt. (SEAL) Michael P. Murphy, the first person awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for actions in Afghanistan and the first member of the U.S. Navy to receive the award since the Vietnam War.

‘Currents’ features helpful RECP info

Karen S. Spangler

Managing Editor

The fall 2013 issue of “Currents,” the Navy's energy and environmental magazine, focuses on Navy Region Hawaii and the Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP).

Hawaii-based Sailors, Information Systems Technician 1st Class Joshua Brown and Damage Controlman 1st Class Amy Lynn Huitrado, and their families were featured in the articles and offered insight into some of the ways that they are able to save energy and reduce their electricity bills as resi-

dents of Navy housing.

“Currents” also provided background on RECP and the beginning of the RECP pilot program in Hawaii as well as energy usage statistics and additional energy saving tips.

To view the issue of “Currents,” visit <http://ow.ly/rsFsG.pdf> or download the PDF at: <http://greenfleet.dodlive.mil/currents-magazine/>.

Beginning Oct. 1, a rate increase of 123 percent was implemented for all Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii energy customers, including residents of Forest City under the Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP).

More than a dozen articles about RECP with tips and information to residents for managing their housing electricity bills have been featured in previous issues of Ho'okele. The most recent of these articles were published in the Nov. 15, 2013 edition, pages A-6 and A-7. To access previous Ho'okele issues, check <http://www.cninavy.mil/hawaii> or www.hookelenews.com.

More information about energy conservation is available at the Navy Region Hawaii website at <http://ow.ly/rsFme> and www.livewithinthebuffer.com or the Forest City website at <http://www.fcnavyhawaii.com/recp/>.

Commentary

Connections to history help shape our future in heart of Pacific

Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

Our connections with each other and with our past define us and aid in shaping our future.

Tomorrow, World War II veterans — our “living monuments” — will help us honor fallen shipmates in the shadows of our memorials at the 72nd Dec. 7 commemoration. These brave men are helping us pass the torch of vigilance and readiness to future generations.

Among the leaders light-



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

ing the way forward is Adm. Harry B. Harris, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. He will be guest speaker at

tomorrow's commemoration.

From PACFLT headquarters, Adm. Harris walks in the footsteps of Fleet Adm. Nimitz, responsible for the world's largest fleet command and leading America's rebalance to the Pacific.

This week Adm. Harris embarked USS Nimitz (CVN 68) at sea, as one of the world's most powerful weapons returned from an extended deployment in the Arabian Gulf, Mediterranean Sea and western Pacific.

While the mighty carrier steamed to Pearl Harbor we were reminded of the great things our Navy and its

leaders did to win World War II, securing our national interests, providing stability and defending peace over the past seven decades.

Adm. William “Bull” Halsey — whose namesake is proudly part of tomorrow's ceremony — is remembered as a warfighter's warfighter. His strength, courage and leadership inspired our Navy, a nation and several generations.

Adm. Halsey demonstrated the need for credible power, employed wisely, to back international diplomacy. His legacy endures in Pearl Harbor. Our USS Halsey longs for the future, pulling at her mooring —

ready for her mission.

Among the Band of Brothers at tomorrow's ceremony as keynote speaker will be a Vietnam War Veteran and Wounded Warrior, former head of the Veterans Administration and former U.S. senator from Georgia — Max Cleland, secretary of the Battle Monuments Commission.

Like Adm. Harris, Max Cleland is a diplomat, leader and patriot, both having served with Secretary of State John Kerry, a highly decorated Vietnam veteran.

Saturday's ceremony is a time for reflection and a time to heal. It's a time to make connections and

understand how the legacy of our past can influence our future. Those who fight our wars fight even harder for peace.

In the heart of the Pacific we are resilient, resolute and ready to maintain stability, defend our nation and preserve peace as part of our nation's rebalance.

Thanks to the “living monuments” who inspire us, we can learn the lessons of history. Thanks to strong leaders, we can carry these lessons into the future.

Making the connections from one generation to the next, we champion and defend the American values of freedom and justice now and for all time.

Diverse Views



If you had an opportunity to talk to a Pearl Harbor survivor, what question would you ask?

Master Sgt. Marcus Johnson
Military Personnel and Finance



“The one question I would ask them is: ‘What was the change you felt from the day before, compared to the day after the event happened?’”



GSMC Daniel Lynn
ATG MIDPAC

“What actual feelings were going on during that time, from that morning on.”

Staff Sgt. Rachel Feliciano
647th Force Support Squadron



“If I could ask them one question, it would be: ‘How did it feel to come back home after everything happened?’”



OS2 Jordan Johnston
USS Chung-Hoon

“What was his mentality when he first got deployed and if he was scared or not.”

Airman 1st Class Alisha Venidiola
647th Force Support Squadron



“The question I would ask would be: ‘What is the most distinct memory you can recall from that day?’”



CW03 Felix Dealba
NIOC Hawaii

“How did they feel on that specific date 72 years ago? How do they feel on this date looking back on history?”

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

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Interactive, live streaming event to highlight this year's Dec. 7 ceremony at JBPHH

National Park Service and Navy Region Hawaii

World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument has announced a new highlight to this year's Dec. 7 commemoration ceremony tomorrow.

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 tomorrow, even if they cannot travel to Honolulu.

The recording of the 72nd anniversary will be available live stream on youtube.com/veteransunited.

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.

Participants will be able to 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.

Commentary

Why is Dec. 7 important? It changed everything

Scott Hubbartt

Chief Master Sergeant
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Dec. 7. Thanksgiving turkey has been eaten, games have been watched, Black Friday is past and the numbers are in. How well did the merchants do? Talking heads will tell us. Christmas is just around the corner. It's a busy time for us all. What to do for New Years?

We have so much to consider — so much to worry about. So, when some-

one mentions Dec. 7 — Pearl Harbor Day, it is only natural to wonder, “What's the point?”

If you are older than 18 you no doubt remember Sept. 11, 2001. Well, for most of us over age 30, Dec. 7, 1941 is our Sept. 11. While we probably did not live through that infamous day we grew up hearing of it, and of how it changed our nation, and indeed the entire world.

In contemporary history no other date had been engraved in the American psyche more indelibly. Dec. 7 changed everything. It led us into a

global conflict — a contest between good and evil in which about 60 million people died. Our nation, and the world, was never the same again.

While the numbers of casualties are different than those on Sept. 11, it has had the same effect on our everyday life. We need to learn for our history. Yes, our history.

You may not have lived through World War II or even Sept. 11, but those two dates should resonate in you a respect and appreciation of the evil, hazard and dangers which lurk out there.

Torpedo planes strike Battleship Row



Torpedo planes attack Pearl Harbor's Battleship Row at about 8 a.m. on Dec. 7, 1941, seen from a Japanese aircraft. Ships are, (from lower left to right): Nevada (BB-36) with flag raised at stern; Arizona (BB-39) with Vestal (AR-4) outboard; Tennessee (BB-43) with West Virginia (BB-48) outboard; Maryland (BB-46) with Oklahoma (BB-37) outboard; Neosho (AO-23) and California (BB-44). West Virginia, Oklahoma and California have been torpedoed, as marked by ripples and spreading oil. White smoke in the distance is from Hickam Field. Gray smoke in the center middle distance is from the torpedoed USS Helena (CL-50), at the Navy Yard's 1010 dock.

Naval History and Heritage Command photograph



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Series of upcoming events planned for Pearl Harbor Day

National Park Service and Navy Region Hawaii

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

Today, Sunday

- Narrated historic Pearl Harbor boat tours will be held at 2:15 and 2:45 p.m. today; and 2:15 and 2:45 p.m. Sunday at Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Seating is limited. Reservations are required. Tickets can be booked online at recreation.gov or by calling 954-8721.

Today

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

Saturday

- 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 by 7 a.m. at the lat-

est. 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 a.m. at Ewa Marine Corps Air Station.

- Hickam Field ceremony from 7:55 to 9 a.m. at Atterbury Circle, Hickam Field. 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. Those who wish to attend the ceremony can catch a free shuttle departing every 15 minutes from the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park.

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

- The play “Nothing Is The Same” will be performed at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday 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



NHHC photograph

The forward magazine of USS Shaw (DD-373) explodes during the second Japanese attack wave. To the left of the explosion, Shaw's stern is visible at the end of floating drydock YFD-2. At right is the bow of USS Nevada (BB-36) with a tug alongside fighting fires.



Official U.S. Navy photograph, National Archives collection

The wrecked destroyers USS Downes (DD-375) and USS Cassin (DD-372) in drydock one at the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard soon after the end of the Japanese air attack. Cassin has capsized against Downes.

Halsey Sailors give thanks by giving back

Ensign John R. Smith

USS Halsey (DDG 97)
Public Affairs

The Sailors of USS Halsey (DDG 97) spent the month of November helping those in need, providing food baskets and conducting toy drives, sponsoring fun runs and volunteering their time.

On Nov. 22, Halsey delivered about 300 pounds of food and Thanksgiving supplies to the YMCA Food Basket Drive, tripling their original goal of 100 pounds. The YMCA Food Basket Drive provides food for those servicemen and women who cannot support themselves or their families on such occasions.

The purpose of the food drive is to remove the strain that would have otherwise been placed on

the families at a time that is meant for thanks, reflection and sharing.

In addition, Halsey Sailors, led by Logistics Specialist 1st Class Kristian Fabian, volunteered for the Lighthouse Outreach “Feed the Homeless Project” the evening prior to Thanksgiving.

Ship's Serviceman 3rd Class Olyen Scott said they volunteered to “give back to those who can't support themselves.”

On the lighter side, many across the nation and Navy have been making a mark in November with an increased growth in facial hair as a symbol of awareness of men's health issues.

On Nov. 23, nearly 20 members of the Halsey family gathered on Ford Island. They sported genuine and artificial mustaches in the spirit of

Mustache Movember and participated in a 5K run for men's health and cancer awareness.

“It was fun, really fun. I was running with my child in a stroller,” said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Devin Schefano, The organizers, the Surface Navy Association, raised \$2,500 for the American Cancer Society.

In the coming weeks, Halsey's Coalition of Sailors against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) will be teaming up with the Shriners' Hospital Holiday Drive to benefit children who are suffering from incurable, fatal or debilitating diseases and conditions. This effort to donate children's toys, books, and activities will be led by the current president of CSADD, Damage Controlman 2nd Class Leauwandeau Clarke.

Volunteer opportunities for Sony Open announced

Military appreciation initiatives are available for the 2014 Sony Open golf tournament in Hawaii from Jan. 5 to 12.

They include free admission and the Patriots' Outpost hospitality tent. Caddies are being

recruited for the Military Caddie Program on Jan. 8.

In addition, at least 100 volunteer marshals and 40 parking volunteers are being recruited.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, e-mail volunteer@friends

offhawaii.org or call 523-7888.

More information can also be found at the websites

<http://www.sonyopeninhalawaii.com/attending.html> and <http://www.friendsofhawaii.org/sony-open-hawaii/volunteers>



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Pearl Harbor-Hickam*Highlights*



U.S. Navy photo
Many service members and other well-wishers greeted 90-year-old Pearl Harbor survivor and World War II veteran Ewalt Shatz on Dec. 4 as he arrived at Honolulu International Airport. Shatz is in Hawaii for tomorrow's Pearl Harbor Day commemoration ceremonies.



U.S. Navy photo courtesy of USS Chung-Hoon (DDG-93)
Sailors on the USS Chung-Hoon (DDG-93) recently participated in a volunteer blood drive on the ship to assist the Armed Services Blood Program.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Terri Paden
Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, reads a favorite childhood book, "The Big Hungry Bear," to a kindergarten class at Hickam Elementary School at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Dec. 2. Roscoe's visit to the school was part of the weekly Rockin' Reader program which invites volunteers to the school for story time with the children.



U.S. Navy photo by MCSA Rose Forest
Eight spouses were honored by the Honolulu Chapter of the Navy League and received this year's Navy Outstanding Military Spouse Award during a ceremony held at Honolulu City Hall with Hawaii Navy League President David Livingston and the City and County of Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell.

Max Cleland’s ‘Heart of a Patriot’

Review by Bill Doughty

Navy Region Hawaii
Public Affairs

“Heart of a Patriot” by Max Cleland with Ben Raines is a deeply personal and fearless account of a life of towering summits and dark valleys.

The former Army Airborne captain and decorated Vietnam combat veteran lost both legs and most of his right arm during the Battle of Khe Sanh in a

grenade explosion.

In the book’s foreword, “An Open Letter to America’s Veterans,” Cleland speaks candidly about his post-traumatic stress disorder and “a journey to the dark places of life terror, fear, death, wounding, loss, grief, despair and hopelessness.”

He writes for fellow veterans trapped in “a misery of memories” and offers light and hope. “Recovery is possible,” he writes.

“There are people who

can help.”

Publisher Simon and Shuster writes, “Max Cleland describes with love the ties America’s Soldiers forge with one another, along with the disillusionment many of them experience when they come home.

“He spares no one his humiliations and setbacks in this gut-wrenching account of his life in the hope it will keep even one veteran from descending into darkness. “Heart of a Patriot” is a story about the joy of serving the country you love, no matter the cost — and how to recover from the deepest wounds of war.”

Max Cleland will be the keynote speaker at this year’s Navy and National Park Service 72nd Pearl Harbor Day ceremony, Dec. 7.

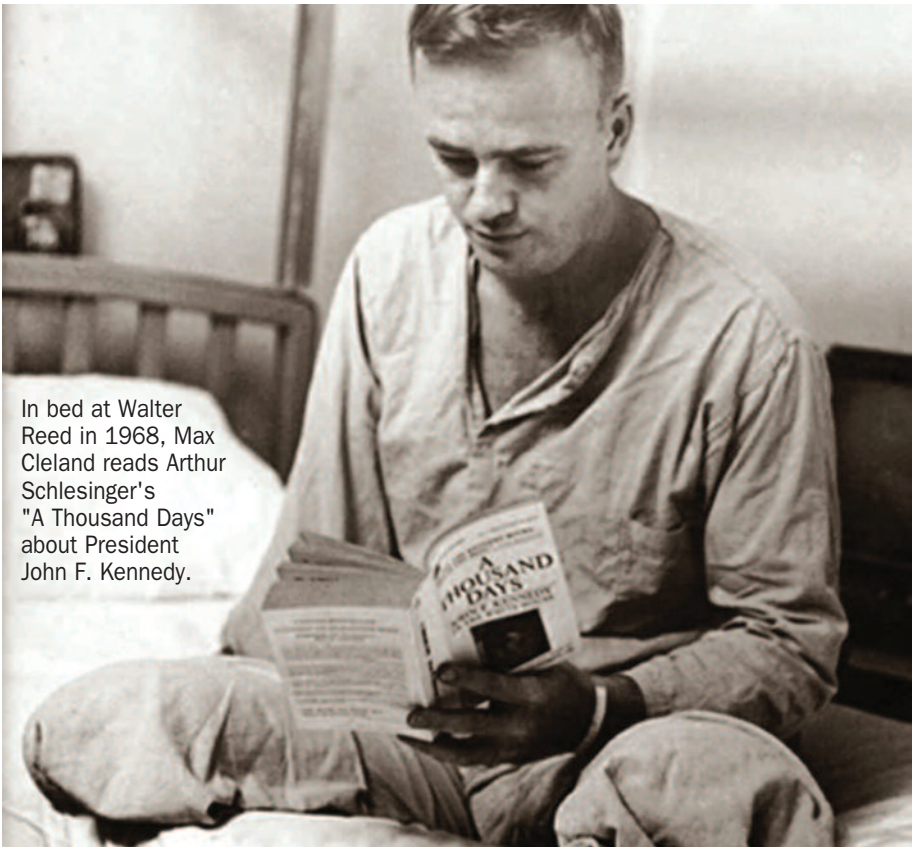
Cleland’s father joined the Navy and shipped out to Pearl Harbor after war was declared. His dad returned home Dec. 8, 1945 when Max was three and a half.

Cleland was inspired to public service and to join the military by President John F. Kennedy, especially in the wake of JFK’s assassination 50 years ago.

After his promising future was “blown to bits” Capt. Cleland made a slow recovery at Walter Reed and then through the Veteran’s Administration, getting a first-hand look at the institution he would run one day.

Later, after serving for more than a decade in state politics in Georgia he received an appointment as head of the VA by former Georgia governor and newly elected president Jimmy Carter, a Navy veteran.

Cleland created VA centers to help millions of veterans, including returning service members from Iraq and Afghanistan. “Their creation is one of the things I am most proud of,” he writes.



In bed at Walter Reed in 1968, Max Cleland reads Arthur Schlesinger’s “A Thousand Days” about President John F. Kennedy.

Elected to the U.S. Senate, Cleland became chairman of the armed services subcommittee on personnel. His colleagues, mentors and friends in the Senate included fellow combat veterans Chuck Hagel, Dan Inouye, John Kerry and “my Vietnam veteran brother” John McCain. He describes the pride of wearing his dad’s WWII navy peacoat as a U.S. Senator during a presidential inauguration.

After the Al Qaeda attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 Cleland was appointed to the 9/11 Commission but said he was frustrated by a lack of access to key intelligence information leading up to the attacks.

In the chapter, “An Infamous Commission,” he links aspects of the 9/11 Commission with the Warren Commission that investigated the JFK assassination. He also compared the 9/11 lack of transparency with the investigation after the Pearl Harbor attack.

“Within the first week

after that tragedy, Roosevelt had set up a commission to investigate it and all its ramifications.

“Just 10 days after the attack, he relieved both the naval commander at Pearl Harbor, Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, and the army commander, General Walter Short, of their jobs based on the commission findings. Every aspect of the government’s inner workings, from diplomacy to military readiness and intelligence, was laid bare for the commission to examine. And in the end, Roosevelt got his man: Within three years, he had personally given the order to shoot down the plane carrying Admiral Yamamoto, the Harvard-educated enemy warrior who planned the attack.”

The book describes in painful detail the bouts of depression that Max Cleland endured during his life of public service. Poignantly, Cleland, who “grew up in the golden era of rock,” describes a moment alone listening to

the Beatles and Paul McCartney’s “Yesterday,” feeling like “half the man I used to be.”

“Heart of a Patriot” concludes with another message directly for veterans, especially for those suffering from polytrauma. He imagines and then creates a better future. Through faith and hope and the help of others, there is “something to stand on” and a way to fly out of the darkness, he writes.

Max Cleland is scheduled to speak to the “Greatest Generation” and “the greatest of our generation” at Saturday’s Pearl Harbor Day commemoration. A self-described “war baby,” he was born Aug. 24, 1942. Do the math, and he was conceived just prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor.

President Barack Obama appointed Cleland as Secretary of American Battle Monuments Commission in June 2009.

(Editor’s note: Doughty writes for <http://navyreads.blogspot.com>.)

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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.

This year’s Dec. 7 ceremony is co-hosted by Paul DePrey, superintendent, National Park Service, WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, and Rear Adm. Richard Williams, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

Highlights of the ceremony will include music by the Navy’s U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, morning colors, a Hawaiian blessing, a rifle salute by members of the U.S. Marine Corps, wreath presentations, echo Taps and recognition of the men and women who survived the attack of Dec. 7, 1941 and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

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.

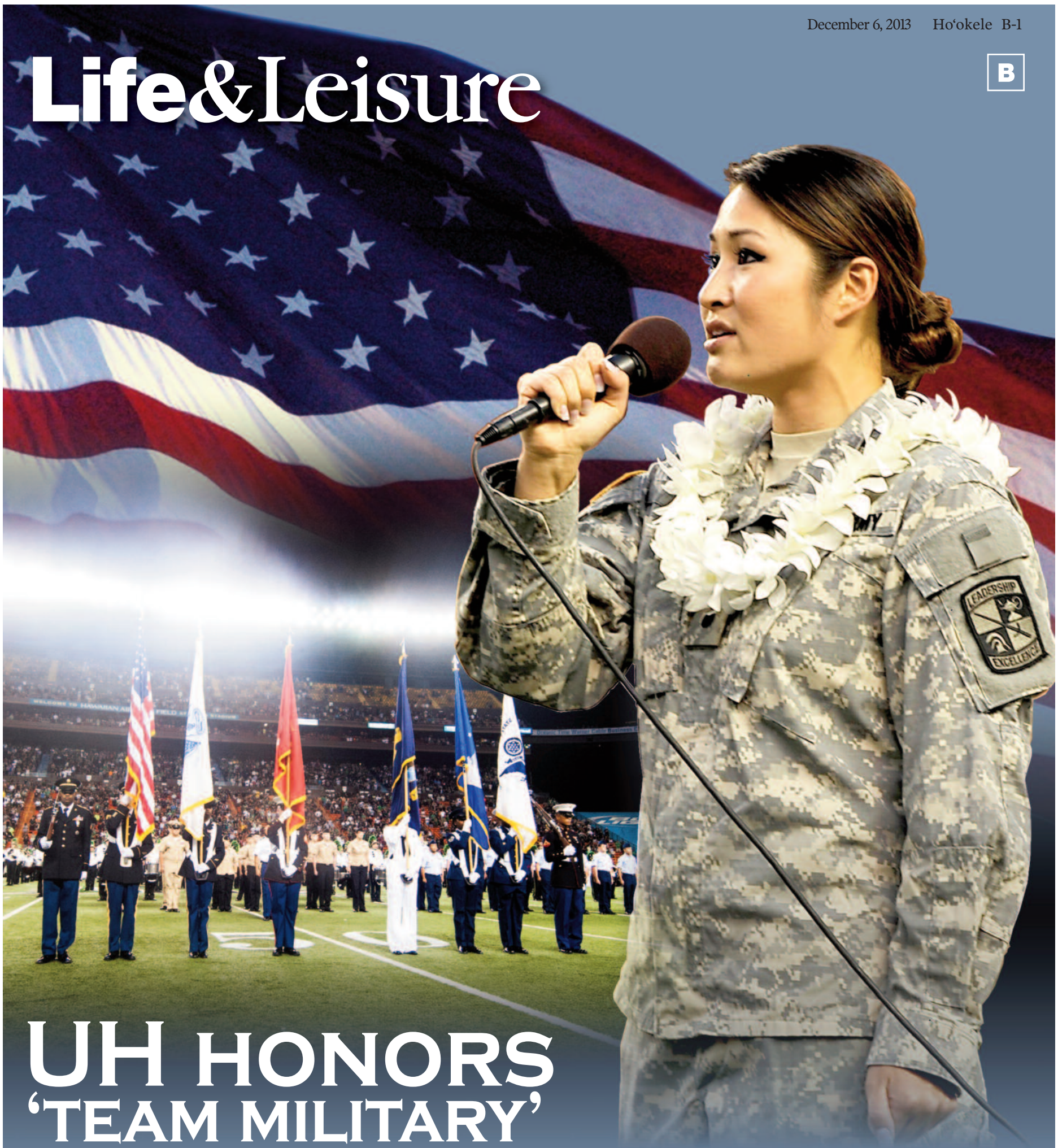
There will be limited public parking for the ceremony at the visitor center. Additional parking will be available at Richardson Field. The public is encouraged to arrive early to allow time for parking and going through security at the visitor center. Military dress for the event is summer whites or 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 will 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.

For more information on Pearl Harbor Day commemorative events, visit the website http://www.pacifichistoricparks.org/phh_events.php.

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MC1 Cynthia Clark
Defense Media Activity Hawaii

Wounded Warriors and other U.S. service members were honored during a football game as the Black Knights from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point played the University of Hawaii Warriors Nov. 30 at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu.

Many dignitaries were on hand for the event, including Gen. Vincent Brooks, commander of U.S. Army Pacific and West Point alumnus.

According to Brooks, this game was special for a few reasons.

"First, the military is being appreciated; [I] think that's the most important thing," Brooks said. "Then especially those who have taken on wounds while serving our nation, it's important to recognize that there's an extra burden that they carry and also to let them know that they're not alone."

The festivities began with honoring Hawaii's 2013 Outstanding Military Spouses before the game. The main focus of the evening, however, was the Wounded Warriors

and active duty service members who were honored at halftime.

The halftime festivities kicked off with the U.S. Pacific Command's Joint Service Color Guard. Soldiers from the 25th Infantry Division, Marines from the Combat Logistics Battalion Three from Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Sailors from the guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin, Airmen from Pacific Air Forces and members of the Coast Guard from the 14th Coast Guard District also participated.

These U.S. military members were all on hand to honor Wounded Warriors when they took the field.

One of the Wounded Warriors, Navy Information Systems Technician 1st Class Christian Pollock, served two tours in Iraq, one tour in Afghanistan and one tour in the Arabian Gulf and is now stationed at U.S. Pacific Command.

"I think it's very important to bring light to the situation," Pollock said. "People come back who have physical and mental problems, so we need to make sure we take care of our guys when they get back. It always feels good when you're appreciated for your hard work."



Broken play leads Cheyenne to postseason berth

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

With nowhere to run, quarterback Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Jeff Dolan connected with Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Tahj Pinson-Walker for the game-winning touchdown and led USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) to a 7-0 victory over USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) Destroyers. The Afloat Division intramural flag football contest was played Nov. 30 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win all but clinched a playoff spot for Cheyenne, which entered the game positioned one game above the Destroyers with a record of 6-2.

Meanwhile, after the loss the Destroyers dropped to 6-4 and may have fallen out of the postseason. The postseason is scheduled to start this weekend from Dec. 7-8 with the championship game being played on Dec. 9.

This season, the top four teams from each division will earn a place in the playoffs.

In the crucial showdown between Paul Hamilton and Cheyenne, Dolan started the game-winning drive on his own five-yard line after the Cheyenne defense came up with a huge red zone stop early in the second half.

Dolan maneuvered Cheyenne just outside of the Destroyers' 20-yard line on only four plays after Paul Hamilton's defense got off to a bad start with back-to-back penalties. After misfiring on a pass, Dolan led a sweep to the right sideline, but the Destroyers' defense collapsed on the QB.

Needing to improvise, Dolan lobbed a short pass to Pinson-Walker, who made the catch, eluded a defensive back, cut back to middle, and was gone for the only score of the game. Cheyenne converted the point



Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Tahj Pinson-Walker goes up for one of several catches he made while leading USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) to a 7-0 victory over USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) Destroyers.

after touchdown to take a 7-0 lead before holding on for the win.

"To be honest, the quarterback (Dolan) was supposed to run it on that play," Pinson-Walker admitted. "Then he saw me open and with the IQ he has for football, he decided to give it up."

Dolan said that with the team struggling to get on the scoreboard, he knew that he had to find a way to get the ball to Pinson-Walker.

"If it's a big play, we usually go to Tahj because I know he can go deep and get the best chance of getting it," Dolan said. "That took a lot off the team to get that score in because we knew our defense could hold them."

In fact, the team's defense dominated the Destroyers throughout the game – especially in the first half when Cheyenne held Paul Hamilton to only five offensive plays.

The Cheyenne defense also forced a turnover when Pinson-Walker came up with an interception just before halftime.

"I think every week, we contribute our win to our defense," Pinson-Walker said. "We know that we are defensively solid."

Dolan noted that the team's slow start on offense could be attributed to a shortage of players.

However, if the team comes back in full strength, Cheyenne could go very far in the playoffs.

A title for Cheyenne would represent a first for a submarine command at JBPHH.

"If we get everyone here, be disciplined and don't make mental errors, we know what we can do," Dolan said.

Pinson-Walker agreed with his QB and said Cheyenne could very well go all the way.

"I'd say that we're capable of winning it all," he said. "If we keep our heads straight, keep penalties down, we can beat anybody."

Chapels will hold Christmas events

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam chapels will hold 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 the 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 from 9 to 10 a.m. at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel and from 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.



Live the Great Life

Hickam Arts & Crafts Center to celebrate with holiday classes

Reid Tokeshi

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

The Hickam Arts & Crafts Center will provide activities for the holiday season including several children's classes. Those ages 12 and younger can learn to make earrings, ornaments or paintings in one-session classes. These classes run two hours or less.

Children ages 12 years and up can take part in a two-day holiday card design class. Techniques, design and composition will be covered in detail. Final designs will be scanned and digitized so each student can order multiple prints to send to family and friends.

The holiday open house on Dec. 14 is designed for those who are curious about what the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center has to offer. Staff will be on hand with demon-



Photo courtesy of Shutterstock
Children can participate in holiday activities at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center.

strations, displays and class information.

This free event is for the whole family. Free hot dogs and soda will be available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.greatlifeohawaii.com and check the arts & crafts center section or call 448-9907.



Friends of Hickam Baseball Clinic to be held Dec. 14

Justin Hirai

*Joint Base Pearl Harbor-
Hickam
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Recreation*

This year's annual Friends of Hickam Baseball Clinic will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 14 at Lynch Field.

Coaches and players from the University of Hawaii and Hawaii Pacific University will conduct

this free clinic, which is an opportunity for youth to improve on their basic fundamentals of baseball.

"We are excited to have coaches and players from the collegiate level come to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and work with our youth. These types of opportunities don't come often, so it's a great one to take advantage of," said James Cosper, youth sports and fitness director.

The clinic will consist of basic drills covering hitting, playing outfield and infield.

Youth ages 7 to 14 are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, visit www.greatlifeohawaii.com or call the youth sports office at 473-0789.

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44th Annual Tower Lighting Celebration will begin at 4:30 p.m. today at the Freedom Tower. Free shuttle service from the BX Garden shop will start at 4:15 p.m. Free snacks and pictures with Santa will be available from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Crafts, inflatables, food and beverages will be available for purchase. Patrons can bring a lawn chair or blanket to watch the Tower lighting at 7 p.m. FMI: www.greatlifeohawaii.com.

Warrior Friday will be held from 4:30 to 10 p.m. tonight at the Hickam Officers' Club. FMI: 448-4608.

Primary Instructor Certification Course will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. The Aerobics and Fitness Association of America course covers practical applications for group exercise classes. Participants can learn exercise standards and guidelines, basic anatomy and exercise science. FMI: (800) 225-2322.

Honolulu City Lights Opening Day Tour will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday, departing from

Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT). This special tour includes the lighting of the Christmas tree. No large strollers or carriers are allowed (umbrella-type is OK). Other Honolulu City Lights tours will be held at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Dec. 8 through 23. Private charters are also available FMI: 448-2295 or 473-0792.

Library Know-How will begin at 2 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Hickam Library. Participants can learn how to find e-books, audiobooks, music, online foreign language training, universal class for online continuing education, and get a refresher on the Dewey Decimal system. FMI: 449-8299.

Free Advance Screening: "Lone Survivor" will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday at Sharkey Theater. The movie starring Mark Wahlberg and directed by Peter Berg is based on the failed June 28, 2005 mission "Operation Red Wings," which tasked Navy SEAL Team 10 to capture or kill a notorious Taliban leader. The ticket booth and doors will open at 5:30 p.m. The event is free to the first 400 authorized patrons. Viewers must be 17 years of age and older. FMI: 473-0726.

Holiday bowl with Santa features breakfast, lunch

Helen Ko

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

Youngsters and their parents can eat and bowl while visiting with Santa at upcoming events.

Breakfast with Santa will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. this Sunday, and lunch will be from noon to 2 p.m. Dec. 15.

Kids can participate in two games of bowling with shoe rental and a breakfast or lunch for \$8. Breakfast items include pancakes or rice,



A young MWR patron bowls while waiting for Santa at a previous bowling event at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

eggs, sausage and juice. Lunch items include a

hot dog, chips and a drink. The bowling centers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam hold this event each year.

Patrons can register for Breakfast & Bowl with Santa at Naval Station Bowling Center today. For Lunch & Bowl with Santa, they can register at Hickam Bowling Center through Dec. 13. These activities are limited to the first 30 children per event.

For more information,
call 473-2651, or visit
www.greatlifehawaii.com or [facebook.com/greatlifehawaii](https://www.facebook.com/greatlifehawaii).



Morale Welfare & Recreation

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 among 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.

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

PEE WEE SOCCER REGISTRATION
Pee Wee Soccer registration for children ages 3 to 5 years old ends Dec. 13. The season runs from January to March. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 473-0789.

FREE GOLF CLINIC
There will be a free beginner's golf clinic beginning at noon Dec. 12 at the Navy Marine Corps Golf Course. FMI: 471-0142.

YOGA BY THE SEA
There will be a free yoga session from 6 to 7 p.m. Dec. 13 at Hickam Beach near the lifeguard tower. FMI: 448-2214.

5K JINGLE BELL JOG
The Hickam Fitness Center will hold a 5K Jingle Bell Jog starting at 8 a.m. Dec. 14. This free event is open to all eligible base patrons. Prizes will be awarded for fastest reindeer (male and female), cutest elf and best Santa suit. FMI: 448-2214.

HIKE LANIKAI PILLBOXES, SWIMMING
There will be a hike to the Lanikai Pillboxes followed by a swim at Kailua Beach beginning at 9 a.m. Dec. 14. Departures are from the Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. The last day to register is Dec. 11. FMI: 473-1198.

WOMEN'S SURF CLASSES
The Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor will offer women's surf lessons at 9 a.m. on Dec. 14. Students will learn about the history, wave science, etiquette and techniques of surfing. Participants must be able to swim without a lifejacket. The last day to register is Dec. 11. FMI: 449-5215.

Community Calendar

DECEMBER
7 — The Department of Land and Natural Resources invites volunteers to participate in a restoration project from 9 a.m. to noon at the Kawainui Restoration Ponds. Volunteers should 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 or call 266 -0911.

12 — A base-wide cleanup of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. Command-wide participation is highly encouraged. Focus on high-visibility areas, waterfront, along the perimeter of the base and your respective areas. For equipment and supplies, contact the First Lieutenant office. FMI: 471-3521.

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.

17-22 — The second annual Hawaii Pacific University Athletics Basketball Classic is scheduled for Dec. 20, 21 and 22 at Bloch Arena. Invited teams include Northwest Nazarene, Menlo College, Malone College and St. Katherine's College. Practice sessions are scheduled for Dec. 17-19 Games will be open to the public via base access limited to Bloch Arena. FMI: Jesse Nakanishi at 284-0593.

JANUARY
5 TO 12 — Military appreciation initiatives are available for the 2014 Sony Open in Hawaii. They include free admission, the Military Caddie Program and Patriots' Outpost hospitality tent). Caddies are being recruited for the Military Caddie Program on Jan. 8. In addition, at least volunteer 100 marshals and 40 parking volunteers are being recruited. FMI: e-mail volunteer@friendsofhawaii.org or call 523-7888.

AT A GLANCE
A voluntary, anonymous Navy Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) survey is available through Jan. 6, 2014. Results of this survey will provide insight into the frequency of sexual assaults involving Marines and Sailors, circumstances surrounding those assaults, and factors affecting reporting. The survey is assessable from any web-enabled computer (including a work computer), tablet or smartphone at www.donsapro.navy.mil/donsas.html. It is completely anonymous and takes less than 10 minutes to complete. The password for all military participants is "2013Survey."



FREE BIRDS (PG)

Two turkeys from opposite sides of the tracks must put aside their differences and team up to travel back in time to change the course of history - and get turkey off the Thanksgiving menu for good.

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 12/6
7:00 PM About Time (R)
SATURDAY 12/7
2:30 PM Free Birds (PG)
7:20 PM SNEAK PREVIEW-Lone Survivor (R)
SUNDAY 12/8
2:30 PM (3D) Free Birds (PG)
4:40 pm Ender's Game (PG-13)
7:00 pm Escape Plan (R)
THURSDAY 12/12
7:00 PM Last Vegas (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 12/6
6:00 PM Free Birds (PG)
SATURDAY 12/7
4:00 PM Free Birds (PG)
7:00 PM Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R)
SUNDAY 12/8
2:00 PM Free Birds (PG)
THURSDAY 12/12
2:00 PM Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R)

Movie Showtimes



Caper ‘elves’ collect cookies, deliver to Hickam Airmen

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez

15th Wing Public Affairs

Volunteers from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and the local community took a brief break from the daily grind Dec. 3 to become Cookie Caper “elves,” collecting dozens of cookies for this year’s drive.

The Cookie Caper program solicits donations for freshly baked cookies from base and community members. Caper “elves” then collect and sort the cookies in holiday-themed bags, which are distributed to single Airmen living in the base dormitories.

“This year has been surprisingly effortless when it came to collecting cookies,” said Senior Master Sgt. Lori Shackleford, the 15th Medical Operations Squadron superintendent, and co-organizer of this year’s drive.

“We didn’t really have

to reach out to people to donate cookies because so many people wanted to support this great cause.”

“It’s very important to give back to the Airmen, and everyone here is so thrilled to help and support the [15th] Wing,” said David Falls, the Hale Koa Hotel assistant general manager.

Falls joined seven volunteers for the event from the Friends of Hickam civic leader organization, and collectively, the organization collected more than 92 dozen cookies.

“This is why our organization exists,” he said. “If people join Friends of Hickam, it’s because they are dedicated to the Airmen.”

Delivery after delivery, volunteers were accepting boxes full of cookies of all shapes, sizes and recipes.

“Throughout the year, the 15th Wing Enlisted Spouses Club tries to find ways to give back to the community, and personally, I love baking cookies, so this is great,” said Kristianne Swanson, the



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15th Wing vice commander, said this event is always a great morale

booster for Airmen.

“It’s so important to give our Airmen a bit of home away from home, and this event does just that,” Scott said. “To our volunteers and cookie donors, thank you for your contribution. Your efforts mean so much to the Airmen.”

For one Hickam member and cookie donor, Cookie Caper brings back fond memories of when she was an Airman living here in the dorms.

“When you have no family here with you, it’s nice to know the rest of your base is your family and they take care of you,” said Cynthia Stine, 647th Force Support Squadron testing control officer.

“Now today, I have the capability to give back to the Airmen and let them know I’m thinking of them.”

In total, the event collected 16,176 cookies, benefiting more than 1,300 Airmen.

‘Mighty Mo’ hosts Grain Valley Marching Band performance

Story and photo by Battleship Missouri Memorial Association

Visitors to the Battleship Missouri Memorial in Pearl Harbor experienced a special performance by the Grain Valley, Mo. High School Marching Band on Nov. 27.

Called the “Marching Eagles” and comprised of nearly 100 students from Grain Valley, the band entertained hundreds of visitors onboard the USS Missouri – America’s last battleship - with a performance of up-tempo, celebratory music on the eve of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The USS Missouri – the “Mighty Mo” - has strong ties to its namesake state. It was on Jan. 29, 1944 when Margaret Truman, daughter of President Harry Truman, christened the USS Missouri as the great battleship was launched from the Brooklyn Navy Yard and sent to protect America’s freedom in the Pacific Theatre.



Students of the Grain Valley Marching Band performed on Pier Foxtrot 5, where the Missouri is berthed, while visitors lined the railings of the ship to watch.

On Sept. 2, 1945, on the order of President Truman, the USS Missouri served as the site where Gen. Douglas MacArthur and the Allied Forces accepted Imperial Japan’s surrender to end World War II and restore world peace.

On visits to the USS Missouri, President Truman and his family made it a point to eat at least one meal a day with the crew in the mess hall, leading to the name of the “Truman Line” in his honor.

School bands, choirs and performance groups from across the country and overseas are always invited to perform at the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

The Music Exhibition Program, organized by USS Missouri’s education department, welcomes performing groups throughout the year to pay honor and tribute to the “Mighty Mo” and the ship’s veterans in live performances at the battleship.

For information or reservations, call 1-(877)-644-4896 or visit USSMissouri.org.

Read Aloud set

On Saturday, 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 Lt. 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.

Blood drive schedule updated

Currently scheduled Tripler Army Medical Center blood drives include:

Dec. 11, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

Dec. 17, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Makalapa Clinic, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Dec. 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ford Island DISA PAC, building 77 Essex St.

Dec. 23, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hickam BX.

For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148, email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil or visit www.militaryblood.dod.mil.