

Adm. Cecil Haney assumes command of U.S. Pacific Fleet

MC2 Amanda Dunford

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Adm. Cecil D. Haney, former deputy of the U.S. Strategic Command, relieved Adm. Patrick M. Walsh as commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet during a change of command ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Jan. 20.

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert presided over the ceremony and praised Walsh for his service in the Navy and the impact his leadership had on the command.

“He’s had a marvelous career. He knows what it means to take care of a family, he knows what it means to take care of a command, and he’s encouraged his staff to do the same,” said Greenert to a crowd of almost 900 attendees. “He’s (Walsh) all about being ready. He’s harnessed that Pacific Fleet teamwork, the talent and resources.”

Greenert also praised Walsh for his ability to foster strong international relationships. “Pat has been committed to the building and improving of our relationships in and around the western Pacific.”

Under Walsh’s command, U.S. Pacific Fleet provided humanitarian relief for numerous countries struck by natural disasters including Operation Tomodachi, a humanitarian assistance and disaster relief effort conducted in response to the earthquake, tsunami and subsequent radiological crisis that



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 David Kolmel
(Inset) Adm. Cecil Haney delivers remarks during the U.S. Pacific Fleet change of command ceremony. Haney assumed command from Adm. Patrick Walsh during the ceremony.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Louis Rojas
(Above) Adm. Patrick M. Walsh and his wife pass through ceremonial sideboys following a change of command ceremony during which he turned over command of U.S. Pacific Fleet to Adm. Cecil Haney. (More photos on page A-5)

impacted Japan in March 2011.

Commander, U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) Adm. Robert F. Willard praised Walsh for his work leading all U.S. military support efforts during Operation Tomodachi.

“As the magnitude of this epic disaster reached an unprecedented scale of any of our experience, my senior staff implored me to assign our senior-most joint

warfighting commander to lead the U.S. response. That morning Adm. Pat Walsh assembled elements of his joint task force staff and prepared to depart for Japan,” Willard said. “Every day I observed Pat’s organization, initiative, imagination and drive to provide Gen. Oriki (Japan Joint Staff) and his forces every service they required, including nuclear engineering expertise on an

unprecedented scale. Such leadership will never be forgotten in Japan nor in the Pacific Fleet. That is the legacy of Adm. Pat ‘Sponge’ Walsh.”

In his remarks, Walsh spoke of the important role maritime forces play in the vast Pacific Fleet area of responsibility and the U.S. Navy’s commitment to that role.

“In this region, sea power

is an essential element of national power,” Walsh said. “In the Pacific Century, sea power resumes its traditional role in the sea-lines of communication. It’s an instrument of peace; it’s an instrument of stability; it’s a protector of trade and development.”

He warned that other nations are gauging our commitment, particularly in light of budget constraints.

“They are watching with keen interest the effect of the U.S. economic challenges, the strain of more than a decade of war on the Navy’s ability to remain forward, to remain engaged and ready,” Walsh said.

But he stressed that the Navy has overcome such challenges before and remains committed to main-

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Information about potholes, street defects announced

Lt. Cmdr. Michael O'Donnell

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii Public Works Officer

Street defects form in roadways after moisture has saturated asphalt surfaces causing a breakdown in the asphalt. The most commonly reported type of street defects are potholes.

A pothole is a depressed area of the roadway that has deteriorated over time due to wear and tear. Potholes are created when the pavement or the material beneath it (called the base or subbase) cannot support the weight of the traffic it carries.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command

(NAVFAC) Hawaii’s goal is to expeditiously respond to personnel requests related to street defects with repair beginning and completion timeframes contingent on the location and severity of the street defect.

It is important to note that not all defects are potholes; some repairs may be more extensive and involve more time. To ensure that NAVFAC Hawaii addresses the underlying cause in these cases, additional surveys and further investigative work is necessary prior to making any repairs.

They also correlate identified street defects with a scheduled paving plan for the installation, which determines method of repair.

Numerous paving projects

are scheduled to begin this year, including roadways in the vicinity of the shipyard (South Avenue, Fuller Avenue, Central Avenue, Seabee Way, and Paul Hamilton Avenue) and SUB-PAC area (Arizona Avenue, Simms Street, and Hurt Avenue). There is also a project to repave Ford Island Bridge within the next few months.

These paving projects should address most, if not all, the current major street defect problems in the foreseeable future since these projects will address the root cause of the recurring problems.

To report street defects located on Pearl Harbor, call 471-8481 or if the street defect is on Hickam, call 449-3100.



U.S. Navy photo by Don Robbins
Members of a NAVFAC Hawaii road crew repair potholes at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) on Jan. 25.



Shown is the covered entrance and drop-off area for the newly completed Pearl Harbor Child Development Center located along Center Drive at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The facility includes many sustainability and energy efficiency design features such as solar water heating roof panels, occupancy sensor lights, building integrated thin film photovoltaic technology, LED light fixtures in roof eaves and under parking canopies as well as additional thin film photovoltaic panels on parking canopies.

Construction completed on energy efficient CDC at JBPHH

Story and photo by Denise Emsley

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii public affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii turned over the newest military child development center (CDC) in the state to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Morale, Welfare and Recreation on Jan. 17.

“We are extremely happy to accept this new structure and begin the installation of furniture and other items needed prior to opening a highly anticipated addition to our CDCs for Navy and Air Force military families,” said Al Worley, facilities and projects manager for JBPHH Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

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Job opportunities at JBPHH Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

There are various job openings for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam MWR facilities on the island of Oahu, with approximately 200 new positions being placed online to staff Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam child development facilities. Interested individuals should go to www.nafjobs.com to see what positions are available and follow directions for applying.

awarded the design/build \$18.9 million contract to Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company Inc. on Sept. 29, 2009. NAVFAC Hawaii executed and administered the project. A ground breaking ceremony was held June 4, 2010 at the site near Center Drive, between Nimitz and Makalapa Gates to JBPHH, and the new facility began to take shape.

“This project brought Navy and contractor personnel into a very close working relationship that enabled us to not only build one of the largest child development centers in the nation, but also include a multitude of sustainability innovations, potentially achieving the first Leadership in Environmental and

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Approximately 35 families of deployed/remote tour Airmen and individual Augmentee (IA) Sailors from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) attended a spaghetti dinner and information fair on Jan. 25, regarding programs and services that are available to them while their loved ones are deployed.

“It’s [the information session] critical for families,” said Lt. Col. David Henry, deputy commander of 647th Air Base Group and deputy chief staff officer for JBPHH. “It’s good for them to be able to create bonds of friendship; they can walk the road together and feel like they’re not alone.”

Families were invited to sign in for the chance to win two certificates for a family of four to a buffet at two restaurants in the Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki. Parents could walk around tables with numerous different organizations such as Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Red Cross Hawaii, the Mental Health Clinic, USO, the Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) and



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chapel services to name a few.

Volunteer Airmen ran arts and crafts tables, Legos and a play area for the children.

“It’s good so that they know they’re not the only ones that their dad’s not there,” said spouse and mother Robbye Nelson. “We live out in Ewa and I drive here so they [her two children] can be with these other kids.”

After a short blessing by Chaplain Capt. David Haltom, dinner was served.

Families are notified by email and morale calls, personally invited to multiple events throughout the year. Anyone not in contact with the Military and Family Support Center or the Key Spouses Program is urged to get into contact with them as soon as possible, said Work and Family Life Specialist Christina Gonzalez.

“It’s important for them [the families] to be aware of resources and organizations available to them during their service member’s deployment,” Gonzalez said.

Every man, woman and child with a birthday in January was heralded with “the birthday song” by the crowd.

Diverse Views



This week is the Pro Bowl. Are you attending any of the events? Which is your favorite NFL team and why?



Boatswain’s Mate 1st Class
Curtis Walker

“I am going to the Pro Bowl. A friend got me tickets and I’m going with my family. [My team is] the Giants. I’m from Long Island.”

Tina Marzan
15th Medical Support Squadron



“Probably not, watching on TV. My favorite team is the Giants because my husband is from New York and because they deserve to win.”



Chief Yeoman Demont Kinchen

“I most likely will go since my wife would like to go. I’m a Buffalo fan. I’ve been one since Jim Kelly in the 80s, since I was in eighth grade they’ve been just an awesome team.”

Chief Culinary Specialist (SW)
Daniel Schaeffer



“I’m going with the rest of the volunteers for the pregame show. [My team is] the Steelers. I’m from Pennsylvania.”



Tech. Sgt. Ricardo Cisneros
17th Operational Weather Squadron

“I’m attending the Pro Bowl and the practices. My favorite team is the Dolphins from Miami.”

Chief Boatswain’s Mate (SW)
James T. Hypolite



“They asked for volunteers for the Pro Bowl so I decided to volunteer. I go every year. My team is the New Orleans Saints; I’m from Louisiana.”



Capt. Robert Porter
613th Air and Space Operations Center

“Probably not. I just came from Denver, so go Broncos.”

(Provided by Jazzmin Williams and David Underwood Jr.)

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Crew shown working on ‘Phantom’ fighter



Photo courtesy of T. Merrill

Ground crew personnel are shown here in the late 1970s, working on an F-4C “Phantom” belonging to the 199th Fighter Squadron of the Hawaii Air National Guard at the former Hickam Air Force Base. In the foreground rack are AIM-9 “Sidewinder” missiles (top) and AIM-7 “Sparrow” missiles (bottom).

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Dr. Byron Faber (center) of the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council of the Navy League presented awards to Culinary Specialist 2nd Class (SS) Bevon Drummond, Sonar Technician Submarines 2nd Class (SS) Jerry Verant, Electronics Technician 2nd Class (SS) Christopher Beal and Machinist’s Mate 2nd Class (SS) Charles Corcoran, assigned to the Los Angeles-class submarine, USS Bremerton (SSN 698), for outstanding achievement throughout the year of 2011 at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Jan. 20.

Navy League presents awards to USS Bremerton

**Story and photo by
MC2 Ronald Gutridge**

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The Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council of the Navy League presented awards to four Sailors assigned to the Los Angeles-class submarine, USS Bremerton (SSN 698), for outstanding achievement throughout the year of 2011 at the submarine piers on board Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Jan. 20.

Dr. Byron Faber of the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council of the Navy League presented awards to the following submariners: Machinist’s Mate 2nd Class (SS) Charles Corcoran was awarded the “2011 Engineering Go-to Guy Award” for engineering excellence in 2011. Culinary Specialist 2nd Class (SS) Bevon Drummond was awarded

the “2011 Supply Silent Specialist of the Year” for supply department excellence in 2011. Electronics Technician 2nd Class (SS) Christopher Beal was awarded the “2011 Bowditch Award” for navigation excellence in 2011 and Sonar Technician Submarines 2nd Class (SS) Jerry Verant was awarded the “2011 Tactical Adonis of the Year” for tactical and weapons department excellence in 2011.

“It is a great privilege to present these awards and recognize what a great job these Sailors are doing,” Faber said. “This is our way of showing them that the citizens of Bremerton appreciate all that they do for our country.”

The Navy League, Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council sponsors Bremerton. Each year, the organization provides awards to four Sailors serving on Bremerton based on superior performance

over the past year. This initiative was started in 2010 by Faber. He was also instrumental in the adoption of the submarine by the city of Bremerton. A ceremony commemorating this event was held in Bremerton, Wash. in January 2011.

“Over the past year, Dr Faber and the Navy League have provided outstanding support for USS Bremerton, working to recognize superior performance and improve the quality of life of USS Bremerton Sailors and families,” said Cmdr. Caleb Kerr, commanding officer of Bremerton. “This camaraderie between the city of Bremerton, the Navy League and the ship has paid big dividends in crew morale. It means a great deal to me that citizens of the fine city of Bremerton and the Navy League are supporting my Sailors and the ship, particularly while we are deployed,” Kerr said.

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Gary Sinise and the Lieutenant Dan Band will perform a free show at 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Hickam Freedom Tower.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Round-trip shuttle service to and from Freedom Tower will be available from the Hickam BX/Burger King parking lot.

Shuttle times to the event will be between 5 to 8 p.m., and the return shuttle trip will be 9 to 11 p.m.

In case of rain, the event will be moved to hangar 35. The event is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders and their sponsored guests.

“Lieutenant Dan” is the character which Sinise portrayed in the 1994 film Forrest Gump, a role for which he earned an Oscar nomination for best supporting actor.

Following one of his many trips overseas to visit those serving the country, Sinise asked the USO if they would allow him to take a band with

him on a tour. The USO agreed, the band began rehearsing and in February 2004, the Lieutenant Dan Band hit the road on their first overseas USO tour to Korea, Singapore and Diego Garcia.

The band covers everything from Stevie Wonder and Jimi Hendrix classics to contemporary songs by Kelly Clarkson, Evanescence, Beyonce, Lonestar, the Zac Brown Band and more. They also play tunes from the ‘40s big band era.



U.S. Army photo by Kimberly Gearhart



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

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



Boatswain's Mate Seaman Devon Nelson, assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), holds up the 165-foot homeward bound pennant as the ship pulls into Pearl Harbor for a port visit. Frank Cable is temporarily relieved from conducting maintenance of submarines and service vessels deployed in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility by the submarine tender USS Emory S. Land (AS 39) and is in the Pacific ocean en route to Portland, Ore. for a regular overhaul and dry-docking.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jeremy Starr

Capt. James Pitts, commander of Submarine Squadron Seven (CSS-7)(left), presents the 2011 CSS-7 Battle Efficiency (Battle "E") pennant to Lt. Cmdr. Steven Faulk, executive officer; Command Master Chief (SS) Ronald Brooks, chief of the boat; and Cmdr. David Adams, commanding officer; of the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Santa Fe (SSN 763) at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Jan.19. The Battle "E" is an award of merit presented to the most proficient ship in each squadron and recognizes sustained superior technical performance and continual combat readiness throughout the year.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Ronald Gutridge



Adm. Cecil Haney has his new shoulder boards placed on his uniform by his wife and daughter. Haney was promoted to the rank of admiral by Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert before a ceremony during which Haney assumed command of U.S. Pacific Fleet from Adm. Patrick Walsh.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 David Kolmel

Adm. Cecil Haney (left) salutes Adm. Patrick M. Walsh as Haney relieves Walsh as U.S. Pacific Fleet commander during a change of command ceremony on the Pearl Harbor waterfront. Looking on are Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert (second from left) and Adm. Robert Willard, commander of U.S. Pacific Command.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 David Kolmel



Australian Consul-General Scott Dewar (left) and Lt. Col. Linda Meyer, defense liaison for Australian Consulate General, meet with Rear Adm. Frank Ponds (right), commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, on Jan. 25. Dewar presented Ponds with a copy of a book about Australia-U.S. naval relations in the 20th century. They talked about the strength of Australia-U.S. military cooperation and the history of the two countries' strong military partnership, which began even before the First World War when the Great White Fleet visited Australia in 1908. Coincidentally, the meeting took place one day before Australia Day.

U.S. Navy photo by Randy Dela Cruz



My Favorite Photo...

U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Erik Molina
Lt. Erik Molina took this photo of Waikiki on Jan. 23. More than 60,000 Sailors and civilians employed by the Navy in Hawaii, including 13,000 active duty Sailors from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, directly impact the local Hawaii economy. Hawaii-based Sailors, in turn, enjoy the quality of life Hawaii has to offer.

Adm. Walsh retiring after 34 years

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taining regional stability.

"Let's be very clear. We have been here before," Walsh said. "We have faced austere economic cycles in the past. And while the American public has kept faith with the Navy, they have not changed their view of our mission or their expectations of our response to crisis conditions."

Walsh, who is retiring after 34 years in the Navy, is confident in Haney's capabilities and leadership.

"If ever there were a person who's ready for the challenge to assume command of the Pacific Fleet with all its complexities, with all of its challenges and who has worked and held critical leadership positions at every level, it's Cecil Haney," Walsh said.

After reading his orders and assuming command, Haney thanked "our international allies and partners and our local community for (their) enduring relationship with the U.S. Navy"

and expressed enthusiasm about his tour at Pacific Fleet.

"I look forward to getting acquainted with you and building on the foundation of trust and mutual respect that Adm. Walsh has nurtured," Haney said. "The U.S. Navy has been a dutiful servant of the nation and its people, and a champion of freedom, security and prosperity abroad. In the Pacific, our history is rich and we have played an integral role in furthering those principles to better the lives of others."

Haney said he will work with the other military services to support U.S. Pacific Command to enhance "maritime security and freedom of the seas with the talented men and women of Pacific Fleet and our allies and partners."

Haney said he is "most grateful to Adm. Walsh for his unparalleled leadership of Pacific Fleet and tireless efforts strengthening critical ties to enhance security of the region" as well as the Sailors "headquartered

here and on station across the Pacific (who) performed remarkably across a wide spectrum of our Navy's mission areas."

Haney is the 33rd naval officer to command the Pacific Fleet since it was established in February 1941 with headquarters at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. A graduate of the United States Naval Academy with a bachelor of science degree in oceanic engineering, Haney is also a recipient of the Vice Adm. James Stockdale Leadership Award for 1998.

The world's largest fleet command, U.S. Pacific Fleet encompasses 100 million square miles from the west coast of the United States into the Indian Ocean. The Pacific Fleet consists of approximately 180 ships, nearly 2,000 aircraft and 125,000 Sailors, Marines and civilians.

U.S. Pacific Fleet staff report administratively to the CNO and operationally to U.S. Pacific Command, whose headquarters are at Camp H.M. Smith.

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CDC slated to open in late March

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Energy Design (LEED) Platinum facility on a military base in Hawaii," said Lt. j.g. Christopher Hoggan, project manager at NAVFAC Hawaii.

LEED is an internationally-recognized "green" building certification system, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council. It has a point-based rating system which offers four certification levels for new construction: certified, silver, gold and platinum. Each level corresponds to the number of credits accrued in five "green" design categories: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, and indoor environmental quality.

"Initially, our goal for this facility was LEED Silver," Hoggan said. "With additional sustainability and energy efficient design elements, material reuse and other innovations identified after award, the project began moving toward

LEED Gold."

Then during the early construction phase of the contract, NAVFAC Hawaii presented the contractor with an opportunity to add "energy enhancements" to include advanced metering, conversion to gas appliances, and more rooftop integrated thin film photovoltaic panels to be placed on new carport structures which would balance the facility's energy use and help it function as a "net zero" building when opened.

The Pearl Harbor CDC is constructed of reinforced concrete masonry walls, interior medal studs, and steel roof framing. It has 24 classrooms for infants, pre-toddlers, toddlers and preschoolers and encloses a large grass courtyard area with multiple age-appropriate play areas. In addition, the facility includes a full kitchen, laundry room, toilet facilities, storage and administrative spaces plus all supporting items such as exterior playground equipment, ten-

sion fabric structures, storage, fencing, gates, controlled parking, controlled access and a covered drop off/pick up area.

"Construction of this large CDC progressed well from start to finish and was ahead of schedule during much of the project," Hoggan said. "NAVFAC Hawaii and contractor personnel set up a great working relationship that resulted in a wonderful addition to Navy and Air Force child care facilities in Hawaii."

According to JBPHH's MWR director, the facility is expected to be open for business in late March. "Currently, there are seven CDCs and 37 child development homes that accommodate 586 children," said Frank Faria, MWR director, JBPHH. "With the opening of the new one on Center Drive in March 2012, Wahiawa in March 2012 and Ford Island in May 2012, an additional 680 quality child care spaces will become available for Navy and Air Force families."

Diamond Tips

Enforce self-discipline

Senior Master Sgt. David E. Stubblefield

First Sergeant, 647th Civil Engineer Squadron

I often hear statements like, "These new Airmen don't have the discipline we had when we came in." What we fail to realize is that quite often we are the cause of the problem.

Some Airmen have forgotten the discipline and etiquette they learned in basic training. Use of first name is common. NCOs (non-commissioned officers) and Airmen don't stand when a senior NCO enters the area and speaks with them. Questioning

directions and stating, "Forget all that; you're in the real Air Force now" is also common. There is a lack of discipline and standards because there is a lack of strong leadership.

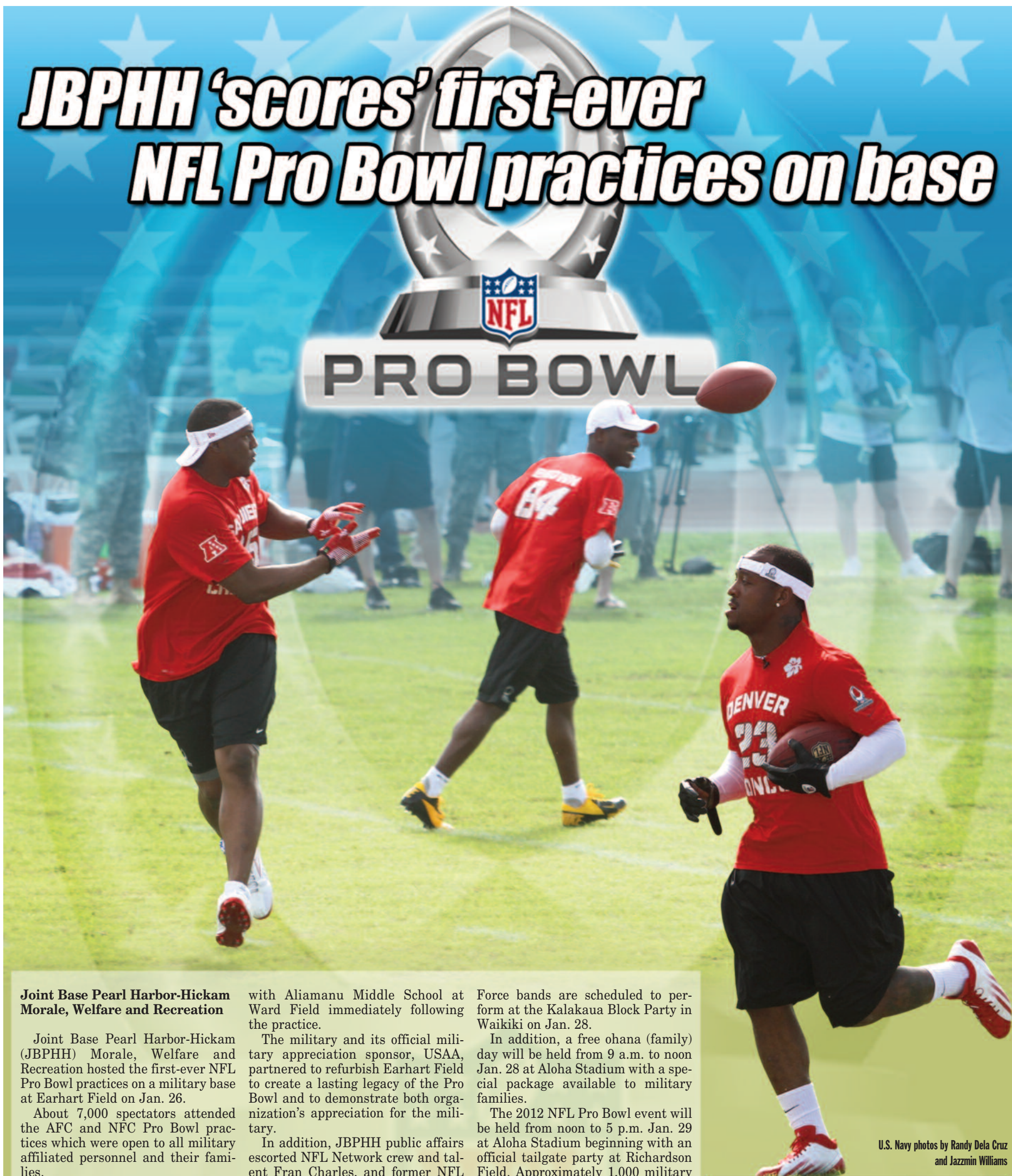
Why are our troops not putting their hats on to go from their car to their house when they go home? Is it because there's a clause in the instruction that says, if you are in your front yard, the rules don't apply? No. It's because somewhere in their career there has been one or many SNCOs and/or NCOs who didn't enforce standards and discipline and made it seems OK to bend the rules. They're respon-

sible for ensuring ALL personnel in their charge are doing it right.

Reward exceptional behavior to enforce self-discipline. Compliment the steps leaders are taking to ensure troops do the right thing all the time. Don't be afraid to tell someone when they aren't meeting a standard, and educate them about the standard at the same time. If we don't have the guts to do it, we need to find a new career.

(Diamond Tips are provided by Air Force first sergeants to address concerns in the Air Force community and provide guidance to Airmen.)

JBPHH 'scores' first-ever NFL Pro Bowl practices on base



Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted the first-ever NFL Pro Bowl practices on a military base at Earhart Field on Jan. 26.

About 7,000 spectators attended the AFC and NFC Pro Bowl practices which were open to all military affiliated personnel and their families.

Following practice, players participated in an afternoon of volunteer activities taking place across Hawaii as a part of the NFL PLAY 60 Community Blitz, focusing on two critical areas of NFL community outreach: youth health and wellness (NFL PLAY 60) and military outreach.

A football/cheer clinic partnered

with Aliamanu Middle School at Ward Field immediately following the practice.

The military and its official military appreciation sponsor, USAA, partnered to refurbish Earhart Field to create a lasting legacy of the Pro Bowl and to demonstrate both organization's appreciation for the military.

In addition, JBPHH public affairs escorted NFL Network crew and talent Fran Charles, and former NFL wide-receiver, Tom Waddle, as they filmed a visit with Sailors aboard USS Lake Erie (CG 70) and Airmen at 96th Air Refueling Squadron on Jan. 25. More than 80 NFL guests, including several players, will join Sailors and Airmen on a harbor tour around Ford Island and visit to USS Arizona Memorial on Jan. 27.

The Pacific Fleet and Pacific Air

Force bands are scheduled to perform at the Kalakaua Block Party in Waikiki on Jan. 28.

In addition, a free ohana (family) day will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 28 at Aloha Stadium with a special package available to military families.

The 2012 NFL Pro Bowl event will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Jan. 29 at Aloha Stadium beginning with an official tailgate party at Richardson Field. Approximately 1,000 military personnel will be involved in halftime and 50 youth of deployed active duty members will also participate in halftime activities. Marine Lt. Gen. Thomas L. Conant, the deputy U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) commander, is scheduled to take part in the coin toss.

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and Jazzmin Williams



Security Forces pressure TPU into submission

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) Poundtown basketball team used an effective full-court press and accurate long-range shooting to open up a 26-point lead at halftime en route to a 57-30 opening night win over Transient Personnel Unit (TPU) in an intramural Blue Division matchup at Bloch Arena, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Jan. 23.

The run-and-gun SFS got out to a quick start on offense by connecting on six three-point bombs from beyond the arch, while the team’s defensive press created easy baskets on turnovers to help the 647 open up a 39-13 advantage at half-time.

“This was extremely important,” said Poundtown forward Airman 1st Class Vince Kruzona about the team’s opening night win – especially after last season’s disappointing showing on the court. “We practiced well together, got a new coach, new system, new offense and everything, so it was very important.”

Kruzona led a balanced scoring attack with 12 points, which included two splashdowns from three-point land and a two-for-three effort from the charity stripe.

The forward’s basket-and-one at the 10:30 mark extended Poundtown’s lead to 44-17 and



Transient Personnel Unit (TPU) forward Fire Controlman 3rd Class Christian Kilpatrick goes up to try and block a shot from 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) forward Airman 1st Class Jordan Arredondo during an intramural Blue Division matchup.

matched the final margin of victory at 27.

In total, nine players got in the scoring column for Poundtown, which also got strong contributions from big man Tech Sgt. Sylvester Lawrence with eight, slashing small forward Airman 1st Class Jordan Arredondo with 11, and sharp-shooting guard Airman 1st Class Edwin Rivera, who pumped in seven points and also hit two treys in the first half.

“Our whole team, we’re shooters,” Kruzona pointed out. “We’re a small team, but it’s crucial to hit shots. We play together a lot, so we blend and we complement each other as far as substitutions. We’re not missing much when someone is coming in for someone else.”

While Poundtown’s offense was in good form, the team’s defense was equally effective in shutting down the TPU attack.

Only four players from TPU scored points, with the bulk of the team’s production coming from forward Fire Controlman 3rd Class Christian Kilpatrick with 12 and guard Culinary Specialist 1st Class Raymond Lee, who chipped in 10.

“We’re an up-tempo team,” said Kruzona about the Poundtown press. “We’re quick, so you’re going to see a lot of that press. It’s just overall hustle, just pushing the ball and pushing the ball. That’s what you got to do.”

Kilpatrick, who scored eight of his dozen points in the first half, said that although his team was getting good looks at

the baskets, the shots just wouldn’t go down.

“That’s just one of those nights our shots weren’t falling,” he said. “We hadn’t had a good chance to get out and play together in a while, so games are going to be like this.”

The TPU forward added that although the team struggled against Poundtown, he believes that it has enough good players to make a complete turnaround.

“We just got to get in better shape and play defense, defense, defense,” Kilpatrick said. “We’ll get our offense set, get our timing, free-throw shooting, and we’ll be good to go.”

Kruzona said that with Poundtown’s opening-night success, he’s pretty excited about the team’s chances in the tough Blue Division.

Unlike last season, when Navy and Air Force squads were separated into their own divisions, this year, the Blue and Gold Divisions will be mixed with teams from both services.

With the step up in competition, Kruzona said that while Poundtown looked good against TPU, the team must improve in order to qualify for the playoffs – something it didn’t do last year.

This season, six teams from the Blue, Gold and Afloat Divisions will qualify for the postseason.

“We’ve been practicing a lot,” Kruzona admitted as he pointed out things to work on. “Just transition defense and maybe spreading the ball around more on offense. More passes on offense to create easy baskets.”

Tax center opens for service Jan. 30

Navy Tax Center will open for service at 9 a.m. Jan. 30. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the center will take place at 9:30 a.m.

Tax help will be open to all military members, retirees and their spouses. Tax preparation has transitioned to self-service where clients prepare their returns utilizing tax center computers and on-line filing services such as Military One Source or Turbo Tax with IRS-trained volunteers onsite for assistance (per

NAVADMIN 357/11).

The tax center is no longer full service, which means it will not be providing one-on-one tax preparation, except in limited circumstances for wounded warriors and those who are physically unable to prepare taxes via self-service.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) tax office is located in the Navy College building (building 679), room 11. The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Service will be provided on a walk-in basis only. Required documents include: military ID, Social Security cards for all family members, last year’s tax returns, copy of active duty orders for reservist and any another other available tax documentation (1098, 1099, etc.).

Call or email Katherine Lake or Lt. Alexandra Marin at Alexandra.marin@navy.mil, 473-4112 or stop by the tax center for further assistance.

Register by Feb. 10 for IA recognition luncheon

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii

The Honolulu Navy League is hosting an Individual Augmentee (IA) recognition luncheon for all returned “boots on the ground IA/overseas contingency operation support assignment (GSA) Sailors and their spouses, or guests” from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Ala Moana Hotel. Sign-in for IA/GSA Sailors begins at 10:30 a.m.

All commanding officers, executive officers and command master chiefs are invited to attend. This is a premier opportunity to rec-

ognize and appreciate IA Sailors’ honorable and faithful service. Spouses will also be recognized for their loyalty and steadfast support of the IA Sailor.

Registration forms will be distributed through the command master chief network and must be completed to obtain a ticket. Bring the completed form to the Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) to pick up tickets until Feb. 10 at \$40 per person.

The luncheon will be paid by the Navy League for the IA Sailor and their spouse, or one guest. Forms and tickets are available at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-

Hickam MFSC (formerly FFSC), Moanalua Navy Services Center. Checks are made payable to Navy League of Honolulu.

The uniform for Navy personnel attending the luncheon is the service uniform, for other services it is the class equivalent, and aloha attire for civilians.

IA Sailors who will be attending are asked to send electronic pictures of themselves while deployed to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Command Master Chief Gary Smedley at gary.smedley@navy.mil, or call 474-4291.

For more information, call MFSC at 474-1999.

NEX ushers in ‘Year of the Dragon’

Photo by Rochelle Apo

A free Chinese New Year lion dance event was held Jan. 22 at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) to celebrate the Year of the Dragon. The lion dance and banging of the drums is to ward off bad sprits and make way for good fortune in the new year.



Defense and big plays help Sharks beat Falcons

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

A swarming Navy Sharks defense returned two interceptions for touchdowns in the first half and went on to record four picks in the game to defeat the Hickam Falcons, 34-8, in the winter-season opener of the Women's Flag Football League (WFFL) at Pop Warner Field, Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) on Jan. 22.

The WFFL is now in their second season and is a league that is designed to accommodate military-affiliated women who are interested in giving the gridiron sport a try.

While the defending champion Sharks struggled on offense – getting stopped twice in the red zone by the Falcons – the team's strong defense dominated its Air Force counterpart throughout the game.

Senior Airman Lavonda Thompson stopped the Sharks' opening drive by picking off Navy QB Ines Chandler, a service member spouse, at the Falcons' five-yard line. But Sharks' defensive back Cherish Hunter returned the favor by stealing a toss from Hickam quarterback Airman 1st Class Ciera Stremming and returning it 56 yards for a pick six.

The team made good on its two-point conversion



Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Michaela Armstrong of the Navy Sharks follows her blockers after picking off a pass in the first half in a Women's Flag Football League (WFFL) game versus the Hickam Falcons at Pop Warner Field, Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) on Jan. 22.

attempt on a pass from Chandler to Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 2nd Class Michelle Dannenberger to take a quick 8-0 lead.

Then with the Falcons back on offense, the Sharks defense put up another touchdown when two-way player Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Michaela Armstrong grabbed a pass from Stremming and returned it 28 yards to the house for a 14-0 advantage.

Navy ended another Air Force drive with their third pick of the first half.

This time, defensive back Hospital Corpsman 3rd

Class Eustacia (Tasha) Joseph did the deed by stretching out to take away a spiral from Thompson, who replaced Stremming at quarterback for one series just before the half.

"We always have a stronger defense," said Armstrong about her team's tough defensive play. "Some of us play both (ways), so it gets a little tiring, but we give it our all. We got lucky on those deep passes. For me, it's all instinct – just eyes on the ball and just get there."

With the defense coming up with all the big plays in the first half, Navy's offense

finally got one of its own in the team's opening drive of the second half.

Starting at Navy's own 23, Armstrong dropped a pass from Chandler on the first play from scrimmage, but more than made up for the miscue when she took the next handoff and sprinted down the right sideline for 57 yards and a touchdown to up Navy's lead at 20-0.

"It kind of made me mad that I let that (first pass) go," Armstrong said. "So I had to get in there and said just hand me the ball and I'll make up for it."

"We stacked more people

to the left and we had our right side open. I saw an opening, went for it, was able to juke a couple of girls and get in."

Down by three scores, the Falcons finally got through the Sharks defense as Stremming led an impressive 65-yard march on nine plays for six points.

The Falcons ended the drive on a short pass from Stremming to Alex Hardesty for the touchdown, and then went on to tack on the two-point conversion to narrow the margin down at 20-8.

However, one last interception by the Sharks'

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Ipu Tupuola deep in Falcons' territory set up a short touchdown strike from Chandler to Joseph and led to a 28-8 advantage, before the duo connected on another TD late in the second half for the final score.

Despite the loss, Thompson vowed that the Falcons would be back and stated that the team should be in the running for the league's title once it gets in sync.

"The more practice we get, the better we'll get," she promised. "We got a lot of energy and we need to bring that to the next game. We'll win the championship, most definitely."

While the Sharks got off to a good start in the defense of their title, Joseph, who is founder and president of the league, won't be here to see if her team can repeat.

Following the game versus the Falcons, Joseph left the islands for a one-year deployment to Afghanistan.

Although she'll be gone, Joseph said that the league is in good hands and she expects to be back on the field when she returns.

"All the girls are motivated," Joseph stated. "It's one thing to say I started it, but it's nothing without all my girls. I left five more-than-capable females to continue the league. As long as the girls want to play, we'll keep putting this out here."

Maintenance Squadron outlasts JPAC in overtime

Story and photo by
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Sports Editor

The 15th Maintenance Squadron (15 MXS) lost a four-point lead late in the second half, but scored on a buzzer-beating putback by Marine Cpl. J.R. Martin in overtime to squeak past Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC), 33-31, in an intramural Gold Division basketball game at Bloch Arena, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Jan. 24.

The seesaw affair started off with the MXS taking a seven-point lead, and then losing it before intermission, only to retake the advantage with three-minutes remaining in regulation.

However, a shot by JPAC guard Damage Controlman 3rd Class (SW) Travis Divita tied the game at 29-29 to send it into overtime.

Staff Sgt. Art Gandy led the way for the Maintenance Squadron's dramatic win with 12 points, which included a three-point shot to tie the game at 23-23 and two free throws in overtime to knot the score again at 31-31.

In addition, his two free throws in the second half gave the MXS back the lead at 25-23, and he also stole the ball with seconds remaining in OT to set up Martin's putback.

"I just wanted to contribute to

my team," Gandy said. "They wanted me to be the leader, so I stepped up and hit the big shots. That's what you got to do."

At first, it seemed like Gandy and his teammates would runaway with the victory, as JPAC struggled with its offense in the opening minutes.

A basket-and-one by forward Tech. Sgt. Paul Kalama gave the MXS a 13-6 lead with 7:44 left on clock before halftime.

Instead of building on their lead, MXS shooters went cold as the JPAC defense stepped up and held their foe scoreless for the rest of the half.

The tough defensive effort seemed to spur the JPAC offense, and after a jumper from Army Staff Sgt. Don Fields cut the lead down to one at 13-12, a steal and coast-to-coast, rim-rattling dunk by Yeoman 2nd Class Sammel Humphries put JPAC ahead at 14-13 just before halftime.

In the second half, after Gandy's free throws put MXS back out in front, Fields tied the score at 25-25 before the 15th broke back on top with a lay-up from Airman 1st Class Aaron Maxwell.

Senior Airman Nelson Blair added another basket on a fast break, with an assist from Staff Sgt. Joey Laybon, to give the MXS a four-point lead with only 2:06 remaining in the game.

The MXS, however, couldn't hold on to the lead, as Divita got an offensive rebound off of a free throw, then scored to force the



Staff Sgt. Art Gandy, guard for the 15th Maintenance Squadron (15 MXS) basketball team, tries to get off a shot past the outstretched arm of Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command's (JPAC) Army Staff Sgt. Don Fields during a Gold Division basketball game at Bloch Arena, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Jan. 24.

extra five minutes of play.

In overtime, JPAC took a 31-29 lead on two free throws, but allowed the MXS to come back as Gandy hit his two shots from the charity stripe to tie the score, then committed the crucial steal that led to Martin's game winner.

"We went away from our team strategy, basically going into our bigs on the block," said JPAC center Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Fuel) Gary Lunn about the team's heartbreaking defeat. "We went away from that and started playing the other team's game. We just got to consistently stick to our plan and deliver."

Lunn, who was JPAC's leading scorer with 10 points, added that while it was a tough way to start off the new season, he believes that the team will rebound in strong fashion.

"We thought we could control it and end it on top, but it didn't work out," he said. "Losing builds character, this is only going to make us better and stronger. Next time, we'll get them."

Gandy said that experience kept the MXS cool under pressure and should be its strong point, as it squares off with other teams in the Gold Division.

"We're a bunch of older guys, so we've been here before," he pointed out. "This (first win) was real big. I think we're going to do pretty good and cause some problems."

Tips for preventing mold/mildew issues in your home

Forest City Residential
Management

Regardless of the age of the home, experts say there is no such thing as a mold-free home. There are molds all around us, virtually everywhere we go, inside and outside of the home.

Molds play an important role in our daily lives as they are used in baked goods, beer, wine, cheese and other foods, as well as in many beneficial medicines. Also, molds (or fungi) perform the important role of recycling carbon in our ecosystems and without them leaves, grass, wood, paper and other cellulose items would never decompose back into the environment.

But when mold is found in sufficient quantities inside a home, it can be bothersome to certain individuals.

(Hawaii's tropical climate can be especially conducive

to the growth of a variety of plants and animals, in addition to molds.) Because molds (or fungi) are so prevalent in Hawaii if damp indoor environments are allowed to persist and food is readily available (such as building materials inside the home and any dirt accumulations), then molds can grow on various surfaces.

The good news is many of these issues can be avoided with a few simple tips and a little preventive and periodic maintenance.

Fixing a small problem before it becomes a larger one is key. Take a few preventive actions to minimize humidity and to help avoid the growth of mold and mildew in the home:

- It is a good idea to change your air filter at least once per month. Pick up a free filter at self help or call 839-HELP(4357) for maintenance techs to install a new one for you.

- Do not block or cover any ventilation or air conditioning ducts. Do not allow dust to accumulate on the venting or ducts. Keeping vents clean minimizes moisture accumulation. Do not use your air conditioning closet for storage. Do not overfill closets or storage areas. Overcrowding restricts airflow.
- Whenever possible, maintain a temperature between 72 to 80 degrees if using your air conditioning. To do so is also good for ongoing energy conservation efforts.
- To allow an exchange of air and permit sunlight to enter, air out your home by opening the windows when weather and winds are nice. Take advantage of tropical trade winds.
- Clean and dust on a regular basis. This includes your air conditioning vent covers and intake vent located at your interior

air handler. Use environmentally safe household cleaners. Regular vacuuming and mopping removes household dirt and debris that can contribute to mold and mildew growth. A vacuum cleaner with a HEPA filter will help remove mold spores.

- Periodically clean and dry the walls and floors around the sink, bathtub, shower, toilet, windows and patio doors using a common household disinfecting cleaner. On a regular basis, wipe down and dry areas where moisture sometimes accumulates, such as countertops, windows and windowsills and in bathrooms after steaming hot showers.
- Use the bathroom fan when bathing or showering and allow the fan to run until all excess moisture has been vented from the bathroom. On nice days,

open the bathroom window to ventilate the room.

- Clean your clothes dryer lint filter after each use, and promptly report any damage to the vent connection. Dry damp clothing as quickly as possible.
- Limit indoor houseplants to a reasonable number to limit excess humidity and avoid over watering your plants. Standing water or excessive moisture contributes to the humidity in your home.
- If you spill on your carpeting or other flooring, blot the area dry immediately.
- If leaving on vacation, please make sure your resident services office knows. They will need the contact name and number of person who will be checking your home. Set air conditioning control to 80 degrees to minimize the likelihood of excessive condensation or moisture in your absence.

Residents are encouraged to contact the maintenance dispatch department at 839-HELP (4357) or resident services offices immediately if any of the following is noticed:

- Any leak or water damage, damp walls or carpet.
- Any malfunction (including leaks) in your ventilation, or air conditioning system.
- Windows or doors that don't open or close properly.
- Any areas of visible discoloration on walls, ceiling or carpet near air conditioner closet (except very small areas that respond to routine cleaning).
- Musty or damp odors in the home.

By working together and with proper education, use and maintenance, as well as prompt reporting of potential problems, the potential for mold or mildew in your home can be minimized.

African American/Black History Month to be observed

Vice Adm. S.R. Van Buskirk

Navy Administration announces the national observance of African American/Black History Month from Feb. 1 to 29.

The national and Department of Defense theme for this year's observance is "Black women in American history and culture."

In 1925, Harvard historian Carter G. Woodson launched Negro history week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of African American people throughout American history. Negro History Week was first celebrated during

the second week of February in 1926, a week which also marked the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglass. In 1976, the 50th anniversary of Negro History Week and the bicentennial of the United States' independence, President Gerald R. Ford proclaimed February as Black History Month.

Throughout our naval history, African American Sailors have served with honor and distinction in every major war fought by and within the United States. They have led and excelled in challenging assignments, and their contributions continue to shape our legacy today.

This year we honor that legacy through our observance of Black History Month, including the numerous contributions of black women in our naval history and culture.

More than 123,000 African Americans serve today in the Navy's total force, active, reserve and civilian. The contributins of African Americans to our Navy can be traced back to the Revolutionary War. During the Civil War, African American Sailors fought on every type of Union warship, and their accomplishments included eight Medal of Honor recipients.

Ensign Jesse Leroy Brown was the first

African American to be trained as an aviator, and he was also the first to fly in combat. In 1948, Edna Young became the first African American enlisted female to serve in the regular Navy.

Chaplain Thomas Parham became the first African American chaplain in the Navy and the first African American naval officer promoted to the rank of captain when he was promoted in February 1966.

Rear Adm. Michelle J. Howard has many firsts to her credit, including her status as the first female United States Naval Academy graduate to be promoted to the

rank of admiral, the first African American female to command a combatant ship, and the first to be promoted to two-star admiral.

In 1996, Adm. J. Paul Reason became the first African American to be promoted to four stars. African Americans continue to shape the legacy of the Navy in the 21st century.

All commands are strongly encouraged to take advantage of opportunities to increase their knowledge and awareness of the contributions of African Americans in the Navy.

Presentations, photos, biographies and interest-

ing vignettes on the history of African Americans in the Navy can be found online at the Naval History and Heritage Command at <http://1.usa.gov/wUV2ae>. Additional presentations on African American/Black History Month, including a downloadable commemorative poster, can be found online from the Defense Equal Opportunity Management (DEOMI) Institute at <http://bit.ly/zWRQup>.

For more information on diversity conferences, events and observances, visit the Navy diversity website at www.npc.navy.mil/commandsupport/diversity.

Armed Services Blood Program seeks donors

Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has scheduled upcoming blood drives.

As part of the Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP), the official United States military blood program, a donation serves as a vital link to military service members and their

families worldwide. The drives include:

- Jan. 30 at Camp Smith.
- Jan. 31 and Feb. 28 at Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX).
- Feb. 15 at Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) Hawaii.
- Feb. 16 at U.S. Coast

Guard Sand Island.

- Feb. 22 at University of Hawaii ROTC Air Force.
- Feb. 27 at Naval Submarine Support Command (NSSC).
- March 14 at the Federal Detention Center.

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

Annual Seabee Run will take place Feb. 11

The 20th annual Seabee Run will be held at 7 a.m. Feb. 11 at Ford Island in Pearl Harbor. The cost of the event is a \$25 registration fee, \$10 for children.

There are three ways to register. Register online at www.Active.com.

Contact Luke Dragovich by email at luke.dragovich@navy.mil or by phone at 473-7818 to get a registration form. Mail

the registration form and fee by Jan. 31 to NAVSUP FLC, Lt. j.g. Luke Dragovich, 1942 Gaffney St., suite. 100, code 701, B-1757, second floor, JBPHH, HI 96860-4549.

Pick up the registration packet at Runner's HI from 2 to 7 p.m. Feb. 10. Runner's HI is located in Aiea at 98-390 Kamehameha Highway. The phone number

is 488-6588.

Participants will receive a Dri-Fit T-Shirt (while supplies last).

Awards will be given for the top three male and female runners in each division of the 5K and 10K races.

For more information, go to Active.com, or contact Luke Dragovich at luke.dragovich@navy.mil or call 473-7818.

Hickam Dental Clinic establishes appointment cancellation email box

In order to better serve its customers, the Hickam Dental Clinic has recently established a dental appointment cancellation email distribution box.

This will allow patients who are unable to conveniently cancel or reschedule dental appointments by phone during normal clinic hours an alternative option. To cancel or reschedule an appointment, email requests to: 15MDG/DentalCancellation@hickam.af.mil.

A dental representative will reply to your message promptly on the next duty day. Note that cancellations within 24 hours of a scheduled appointment is considered a broken appointment. Be advised

that your chain of command will be notified of the broken appointment.

The clinic's normal hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The clinic is closed on all federal holidays, family days and

every third Thursday.

To schedule an appointment, call 448-6371 during normal duty hours.

For an after-hours dental emergency, call 448-6000 and follow the prompts to reach the on-call provider.

Do not leave a voice message to cancel an appointment.

This Week's Trivia

Who was the first pilot to land on the deck of a ship?



Last Issue's Question: When was the former Pearl Harbor Naval Station built?


Answer: The Pearl Harbor Naval Station, across Quarry Loch, was authorized in 1908. Dredging of the Pearl Harbor channel entrance began in 1910 and, on Dec. 14, 1911, USS California (CA 6) became the first warship to pass through the new channel into Pearl Harbor.

Last Week's

WHO SAID IT?


“Careers, like rockets, don’t always take off on schedule. The key is to keep working the engines.”

Gary Sinise



WHO SAID IT?

“Great difficulties may be surmounted by patience and perseverance.”



PRO BOWL PACKAGE

A Pro Bowl package on Jan. 29 includes brunch at Tradewinds Enlisted Club, a ticket to the game and round-trip transportation to and from Aloha Stadium. J.R. Rockers will not be showing the game. The event is open to all ranks. The cost is \$95 for members, \$100 for nonmembers. Reservations are required. FMI: 448-2271.

PRO BOWL TAILGATE WITH LIBERTY

Attend the annual battle between the all-stars of the AFC and the NFC at Aloha Stadium on Jan. 29. Depart Liberty Express at 10:30 a.m., Beeman Center at 11:15 a.m., Instant Liberty at 11:30 a.m. and Makai Rec Center at 11:45 a.m. This free event is for single active-duty service members only. FMI: 473-2583.

KIDS REWARDS

Children ages 5-17 can bring in their report card with four or more "excellent" grades, and receive a free hot dog at Hickam Bowling Center and Naval Station Bowling Center through Jan. 31. There is one offer per student per month, FMI: 448-9959 or 473-2574. Bring in your report card with four or more "excellent" grades, and receive a free juice pouch and a small popcorn at Sharkey Theater through Jan. 31. This is good for a one-time offer per month per student. FMI: 473-2651.

JUNIOR GOLF

Youth 8-12 can learn golf and improve their skills from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays at Barbers Point Golf Course. The cost is \$30 per participant. FMI: 682-1911 to register.

BIGGEST LOSER CONTEST

The free Biggest Loser Contest program will run for four months with special events held throughout the four-month time span. Initial sign-in and instructional meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 1 at the Hickam Fitness Center Gymnasium. The event is open to active duty, retirees, family members and Department of Defense employees. FMI: 448-2214.

BEGINNER'S BASKET WEAVING

A free beginner's basket weaving with Alice Noyes will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 1 and 8 at Hickam Arts and Crafts Center. The cost is \$20 per person for each session plus the cost of supplies for ages 14 and up. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

GARY SINISE AND THE LIEUTENANT DAN BAND

Gary Sinise and the Lieutenant Dan Band will perform a free show at 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at Freedom Tower on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Round-trip shuttle service will be available. In the event of rain, the event will be moved to hangar 35. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

January

28 ~ In celebration of the 68th anniversary of the USS Missouri's (BB-63) launching and 13th anniversary of the ship's opening as a memorial in Pearl Harbor, the Battleship Missouri Memorial is offering free admission to *kamaaina* and military personnel Jan. 28. Gates open at 8 a.m. FMI: 973-2494 or visit ussmissouri.org.

30 ~ Madame Li Xiaolin, president of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, and daughter of former Chinese President Li Xiannian, will present her new documentary, *Touching the Tigers*, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Jan. 30 at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. Pacific Aviation Museum Board Chairman retired Navy Adm. Ronald Hays, Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie, and Gen. Gary North, USAF, will be in attendance and will speak. Reservations are required by Jan. 29 and the price for the event is \$25 for museum members and \$35 for non-members. FMI: 441-1007 or email SpecialEvents@PacificAviationMuseum.org.

30 ~ VITA tax center will open for service with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 9:30 a.m. The VITA tax office is located in the Navy College Building (building 679), room 11. The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. FMI: 473-4112 or stop by the tax center for further assistance.

31 ~ The Hickam African American Heritage Association (AAHA) annually sponsors the Chief Doris Brewster Scholarship. The Chief Doris Brewster scholarship award winners will be featured at the Black History Month luncheon Feb. 3. However, all submissions must be received before Jan. 31. FMI: Senior Master Sgt. Yvonne Brown at 449-8182 or yvonne.brown@hickam.af.mil or call 449-4575 or e-mail kareem.adham@hickam.af.mil.

At a glance —

The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club is now accepting applications for the 2012 scholarship award program. All military dependents residing in the local area who are attending or planning to attend an accredited undergraduate and/or graduate program are eligible to apply. Specific information regarding eligibility and the forms to apply are now available on the website at: www.hickamosc.com. The deadline for submission is March 15.

For more information on events, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.



Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13)

Sherlock Holmes and his sidekick Dr. Watson join forces to outwit and bring down their fiercest adversary, Professor Moriarty.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY

7:00 PM The Sitter (R)

SATURDAY

2:30 PM Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G)
4:45 PM The Muppets (PG)
7:00 PM Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13)

SUNDAY

2:30 PM Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G)
4:45 PM Hugo (PG)
7:00 PM New Year's Eve (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY

6:00 PM Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13)
8:30 PM The Sitter (R)

SATURDAY

4:00 PM Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13)
7:00 PM Puss in Boots (PG)

SUNDAY

2:00 PM The Muppets (PG)

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