

## Navy in Hawaii earns four of top CNO environmental awards

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Navy installations in Hawaii have been recognized by the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) as some of the best in the Navy for environmental and cultural stewardship. Navy commands earned four of 30, or about 13.3 percent, of the CNO Environmental Awards for FY 11, according to an announcement made Feb. 22 by Vice Adm. William R. Burke, deputy chief of naval operations for fleet readiness and logistics.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam achieved the installation award for cultural resources management. The Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor earned the award for environmental quality, individual or team.

Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) at Barking Sands, Kauai garnered two awards, one for natural resources conservation for a small installation and another for natural resources conservation for an individual or team.

“Four awards out of 30 means that the Navy in Hawaii earned 13.3 percent of the CNO’s environmental awards in FY 2011. Well done to PMRF, joint base [Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam] and Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor,” said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

“This is a significant achievement by each of our installations and a tenant command of Navy Region Hawaii,” the admiral said.

Although balancing systems modernization with historic preservation is a challenge, several successful projects that use photo-



voltaic arrays, retrofitting high bay lighting and changing street lighting, have been carried out in support of Navy and Department of Defense energy initiatives.

Through its community outreach and partnerships, JBPHH collaborates with Native Hawaiian groups to effectively preserve important cultural resources located on the installation. One of these efforts is the annual *makahiki*, which provides an opportunity for local and military communities to interact and share cultural traditions.

“It’s a real source of pride for all of us to know that CNO recognizes our various teams’ efforts to protect Hawaii’s natural and cultural resources. We’re fortunate

because we have a lot to work with on Oahu and Kauai,” said Becky Hommon, environmental counsel for Navy Region Hawaii.

“As you know, Hawaii is the nation’s endangered species capital, and we’re surrounded by our nation’s history. Each one of us is extremely grateful for the opportunity to be part of the Navy’s program to preserve and protect these resources for future generations,” Hommon said.

Through its numerous partnerships in cleanup projects with the community and the state, the Navy and Air Force in Hawaii have taken an active role in the beautification and preservation of the environment and natural resources.

An incentive-based program of energy conservation and education includes the Resident Energy Conservation Program.

“The cultural resources management (CRM) program at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is integral to nearly all activities undertaken by the Navy, Air Force and more than 20 other major DoD units and government agencies operating on the installation,” said Ellyn Goldkind, historic preservation officer for Navy Region Hawaii/Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii.

PMRF partnered with Ke Kula Niihau O Kekaha (a local Native Hawaiian charter school) and the National Tropical Botanical Gardens

to develop and maintain a living educational display of the four habitat types that existed on the Mana Plain prior to western contact. It was dedicated in 2010 and continues today.

Sailors, civilians and contractors participated in beach cleanups in recognition of World Oceans Day in June 2011 and the Ocean Conservancy’s International Coastal Cleanup Day on Sept. 17, 2011.

PMRF’s laysan albatross “surrogate parenting program,” initiated as a partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge (KPNWR) in 2005, has continuously improved to the

point that relocated bird and egg transfers need to be placed on private lands due to overcrowding at KPNWR.

“Our ultimate goal is to achieve a long-lasting, proactive educational environment that promotes stewardship of both the land and the Native Hawaiian culture. This not only benefits the natural environment and preserves cultural resources, but also demonstrates PMRF’s commitment to the island’s future sustainability by integrating PMRF’s command into local cultural and natural resources through several cultural and environmental programs,” said John Burger, PMRF’s range complex sustainment support team environmental coordinator.

The Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor (NAVSUP FLCPH) team installed an energy-efficient lighting system and sponsored several Earth Day events, including an Earth Day Fair and a storm drain stenciling project, a papaya tree planting project, an alternative energy car show and bike path and beach cleanups.

In FY 2011, the command developed its own environmental management system and Capt. John Polowczyk, commanding officer, issued the command’s first environmental and natural resources protection policy statement.

Through its CHRIMP (consolidated hazardous material re-utilization and inventory management program), the NAVSUP FLCPH team reduces hazardous waste by cutting it

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### Indonesian navy tall ship visits Joint Base

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The Indonesian navy tall ship KRI Dewaruci arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Wednesday for a brief port visit while enroute to the U.S. mainland. Dewaruci began her cruise from Surabaya, East Java, Indonesia on Jan. 14.

KRI Dewaruci was invited by the Chief of Naval Operations to participate in the International Operation Sail (OpSail) 2012 to commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812. Dewaruci will join other tall ships, naval vessels and the Navy’s Blue Angels holding demonstrations this spring and summer in New Orleans, Baltimore, Boston and Norfolk, Va.

“This is the bicentennial year of the War of 1812 and an opportunity to reflect on how far our Navy has come since then. Just as they are today, the ships of America’s Navy in 1812 were a global force for good, combating piracy, protecting national commerce,

and supporting freedom of the seas,” said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. “It is a real honor to welcome the Indonesian ship KRI Dewaruci to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam this week.”

While in port, the crew of more than 80 Indonesian navy sailors are scheduled to visit and replenish supplies.

Dewaruci is the only tall mast ship of the Barquentine class owned and operated by the Indonesian navy. She is used as a sail training vessel for naval cadets and is the largest tall ship in the Indonesian fleet. The Dewaruci also serves as a goodwill ambassador for the country of Indonesia to the rest of the world.

For more information about the War of 1812, visit: <http://1.usa.gov/a0xxJo>.

For a photo of KRI Dewaruci from a visit to Pearl Harbor in 2007, see <http://1.usa.gov/wjthPh>.

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## Hawaii honors individual augmentees

MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

More than 140 Hawaii-based Sailors and Marines and their families were recognized for their service as individual augmentees (IAs) during the 4th annual “Boots on the Ground” IA recognition luncheon at the Ala Moana Hotel on Feb 24.

Hosted by the Honolulu Council Navy League and presented by Partners in Patriotism, the luncheon acknowledged the commitment of service members who left their assigned commands to fill individual billet requirements for various combatant commanders around the world.

“It’s truly an honor for me to be here today to help recognize our returning individual augmentees,” said Rear Adm. Russ Penniman, deputy commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, who was the guest speaker. “It is important to note that our Sailors and Marines could not do what they do for our nation without the support of their families, and it is only appropriate that we use occasions such as these to recognize the greatest supporters of our service men and women.”



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Dustin W. Sisco

Henry Kapono, musician and local celebrity, performs his song “I’m Coming Home” at the 2012 Boots on the Ground IA Recognition Luncheon. The luncheon was held to honor Sailors and Marines who have recently returned from IA billets overseas.

IAs served in diverse capacities and usually in hostile conditions, making significant impacts in places such as Iraq, Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa and the Republic of the Philippines. At the luncheon, IAs received a recognition coin from Penniman and the Navy League for their service.

One of the IAs was Information Systems Technician 2nd Class MiChele Dykes, assigned to Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific, who deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for nine months in 2011.

“This is definitely some-

thing I enjoyed, being recognized and being around other people who volunteered to go IA and who have done the mission to help out the Army,” Dykes said.

Gladys Gacayan, a Navy spouse, said that she and her family supported her husband for a long 14-month IA deployment.

“We took it day-by-day,” said Gacayan. “I had to be strong for him. [I thought] I have to keep doing my every day routine because I work also as a nurse. Our three children missed their father, and they were very excited and surprised

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# Pacific band wows crowd, spreads aloha during Singapore airshow

Master Sgt. Ally Day

13th Air Force Public Affairs

CHANGI, Singapore -- The U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific-Hawaii from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam performed for approximately 300 people at the Singapore Air and Trade Show 2012 held here Feb. 14-19.

During the show, where a cross-section of U.S. military aircraft and equipment were on-hand to represent the United States, the band played seven performances.

"The crowd showed their enthusiasm for the band," said Master Sgt. Brian Hornbuckle, band director of operations and trumpet player. "There were lots of school-age children here who got the opportunity to visit, and we were just happy to perform for them."

In addition to their performances at the air show, the band played at several community engagements.

"One of our community engagements included a welfare home for boys in Bedot City," Hornbuckle said. "There are 70 boys who live at the home, and they really enjoyed the show."

How much the boys enjoyed the show came as a surprise to



Department of Defense photo by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Richard Vasquez, U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific, Hawaii, sings to a Singaporean girl in the audience during a performance Feb. 17, at the 2012 Singapore Airshow. The band provided entertainment during the week-long Singapore trade and air show performing 13 times.

Muhamed Rahim, deputy superintendent of the Muhammadiyah Welfare Home.

"I was surprised when one of the boys joined the band on stage to sing a song and knew the words,"

Rahim said. "It shows how music is universal."

His sentiment was echoed by

Master Sgt. Lara Murdzia, a 19-year veteran vocalist with the band.

"When performing in different countries, you hope to connect to your audience with the songs you've chosen to sing," Murdzia said. "Here in Singapore, we've found that the Singaporeans know a lot of American music and join in when we sing."

That commonality is apparent wherever the band goes.

"Singapore is nice. The city is beautiful and the people are friendly," said Tech. Sgt. Tamiko Boone, band vocalist. "We're welcomed everywhere we go. When people want you to return, you know you've done a great job entertaining them."

The Singapore Air and Trade Show 2012 welcomed more than 145,000 visitors from 128 countries that included the largest number of top level delegations with 266 from more than 80 countries.

Through participation in air shows and other regional events, the U.S. is able to demonstrate its commitment to the security of the Asia-Pacific region, promote the standardization and interoperability of equipment, and display capabilities critical to the success of current and future military operations.

# Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society hosts awards ceremony

Story and photo by MC3 Dustin W. Sisco

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Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NCRS) honored Sailors and civilians during an awards luncheon at the Hale Koa Hotel in Honolulu on Feb. 27.

The luncheon was held to honor the staff and volunteers of the NMCRS, as well as to reward guests for outstanding volunteer work.

After lunch and dessert were served, Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, gave a few remarks about NMCRS



Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, gives a few remarks to the guests at an annual Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) award luncheon at the Hale Koa hotel in Honolulu. The luncheon was held to honor volunteers of the NMCRS.

and its volunteers.

"I have long admired the work of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, and I have a profound respect for the society's volunteers and the outstanding services they provide our Sailors, Marines and their families," James said. "On behalf of all of the Sailors and Marines throughout Hawaii, I extend my sincere appreciation for your continued work and dedication."

"You do make a significant difference in their lives and are one of the Navy and Marine Corps' greatest assets," James added.

Once James was finished with his remarks, Paul Belanger, director of NMCRS Pearl Harbor,

awarded Jennifer Cox, chair of volunteers, with the volunteer of the year award.

The second recipient, Gea Carter, received the Kokua Award, which recognizes a volunteer who has performed outstanding service at NMCRS Pearl Harbor and who exemplifies the true spirit of aloha through his or her work as an NMCRS volunteer.

"You can certainly be proud of your accomplishments and of the fact that you have personally made a difference in the lives of many service members and their families," Belanger said. "Please accept this award as a token of our appreciation and mahalo for your contributions."

# JPAC strengthens cooperation with UH campuses

Story and photo by MC2 Daniel Barker

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Representatives from the University of Hawaii at West Oahu and Leeward Community College visited the Joint POW/MIA Command (JPAC) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and signed a memorandum of understanding Feb. 27.

The Memorandum of Understanding for Academic Exchange and Cooperation assists in the consultation and exchange of information between the three institutions.

"Today is an historic day," said Army Maj. Gen. Stephen Tom, commander of JPAC. "It is a win-win situation for JPAC and the academic institutions we have with us. We will have good cooperation and a good exchange



(Left to right) Joseph Mobley, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs at University of Hawaii; Army Maj. Gen. Stephen Tom, Commander, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC); and Michael Pecsok, vice chancellor for academic affairs, Leeward Community College, sign a Memorandum of Understanding for Academic Exchange and Cooperation at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

about a very important subject matter."

Some of the staff at the JPAC Central Identification Lab will be involved with lectures at both the University of Hawaii and Leeward Community College, while faculty

from those institutions will assist in the progress of academic development and the sharing of expertise at JPAC.

"I remember reading about the accomplishments of the laboratory and now it's great to actually be

able to see it," said Joseph Mobley, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs at University of Hawaii. "It is more impressive than I had imagined."

"We value this relationship," Mobley added. "It's nice to see it grow, nice to see it flourish, and we look forward to many years of affiliation."

Students and faculty of UH and LCC involved in the applied forensic anthropology program may be allowed to attend forensic science academy courses and proficiency training at JPAC in Hawaii.

The signed memorandum is effective for a trial period of five years and is designed to not involve any increase in the operating costs of the three institutions.

"We're very happy to have this agreement," said Michael Pecsok, vice chancellor for academic affairs, Leeward Community College. "That's really the heart of the academic enterprise, sharing, and that's what we do here."

# Secretary Mabus to address fleet worldwide March 5

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus will address the Navy and Marine Corps team from Norfolk, Va. on board USS Bataan (LHD 5) pier side at Naval Station Norfolk on March 5. This worldwide all hands call will be televised and web-streamed live to announce to the fleet a new program designed to maximize Sailor and Marine personal readiness to build resiliency and to hone the most combat effective force in the histo-

ry of the Department of Navy.

Personnel across the globe can watch the secretary's remarks live on American Forces Network, the Pentagon Channel (www.pentagonchannel.mil), Direct-to-Sailor (DTS) or streaming on the Navy's and Marine Corps' Facebook pages, www.navy.mil and the Defense Video and Imagery Distribution System (DVIDS) (www.dvidshub.net) at 3:00 p.m. EST.

Following his remarks, the Secretary, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert, Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command Lt. Gen. Dennis J. Hejlik, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick D. West. and Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Michael P. Barrett will answer questions from the audience, as well as questions from those watching throughout the fleet. Sailors and Marines can sub-

mit their questions live through the Navy's and Marine Corps' Facebook pages, or in advance by emailing them to USNtownhall@gmail.com. Electronically submitted questions will need the name, rank and command of the person submitting them.

You can find Navy's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/USNavy and the Marine Corps' at www.facebook.com/marinecorps.

# IAs honored

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when he finally came home."

Penniman also recognized Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Mark Cannon, who was killed in action during combat operations in Korengal Valley in Afghanistan. During an enemy engagement, Cannon ran to the aid of a fallen Marine. He was subsequently hit and killed by enemy fire.

"It was at the request of the Marines who served with HM3 Cannon in Afghanistan that he be recognized here this afternoon, and it is certainly fitting and proper that we do so," said Penniman.

Cannon received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star with a Combat "V" for Valor for his actions.

Since 2002, more than 100,000 active and Reserve Sailors have served on IA deployments. Today, there are about 6,500 Sailors deployed in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

More than 1,400 IA Sailors have been awarded the Bronze Star, and nearly 20,000 have been awarded meritorious service awards of various types. There are 62 Sailors who were awarded the Purple Heart.

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# Singapore Air and Trade Show wraps up

## JBPHH Airmen participate

Master Sgt. Ally Day

13th Air Force Public Affairs

CHANGI, Singapore -- Approximately 69 Sailors, Airmen and Department of Defense personnel from across the Pacific represented U.S. military forces at the largest air show in Asia and one of the top three aerospace and defense exhibitions in the world Feb. 14-19 here.

Held every two years, the Singapore Airshow 2012 drew thousands to the Changi Exhibition Centre.

“We are honored to have been invited by the government of Singapore to participate in the air show,” said Col. Marc Caudill, U.S. forces mission commander for the air show from Pacific Air Forces at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Hawaii. “As the mission commander, I’ve had nothing but smooth coordination with Experia and U.S. forces on the ground to make this air show a success.”

According to Experia, the show organizers, more than 149,000 people attended the trade and air show.

With so many people attending, security has played a vital part for the safety of everyone concerned, said Caudill. “Experia has done a great job working with us while maintaining their tight security measures.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth  
A U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III from the Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) Demonstration Team performs an aerial display during the 2012 Singapore Airshow on Feb. 15.

Visitors expressed their thanks and appreciation to service members, Caudill said.

Aircraft on display included a P-3 Orion from Patrol Squadron 16, a KC 135 Stratotanker and an E-3 Sentry from 18th Wing at Kadena Air Base, Japan.

In addition to the static display, there were flyovers by the B-52 Stratofortress deployed from Minot Air Force Base, N.D. to Andersen AGB, Guam. The demonstration team from JBPHH flew the C-17 daily during the air show, but was also able to join other aircraft in the static corral.

“I have always enjoyed sharing the many aspects of the C-17 and talking about its capabilities,” said Maj. Mike Pasquino, 535th Airlift Squadron C-17 pilot. “More than anything, being here has given me the opportunity to engage with members of our partner nations.”

Through participation in air shows like this, the U.S. is able to demonstrate its commitment to security in the Asia Pacific region, Caudill said.

An added dimension to the air show was the presence of the Band of the Pacific - Hawaii from JBPHH.

“It is important to highlight the band,” Caudill said. “Their involvement this week added a new dimension to our PACAF engagement strategy, both at the air show and numerous venues around Singapore. It was truly an extraordinary cohesion of aircraft, Sailors and Airmen projecting an endearing message of peace, security and goodwill across Asia-Pacific.”

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Commentary

# ‘Sea Change’ – Navy Region Hawaii Commander’s ‘First 100 Days’

Rear Adm. Frank L. Ponds

Team, This past Sunday marked 100 days since I became commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. These past few months have been a sea change for all of us, a time to see both great challenges and great opportunities.

Looking westward from the United States mainland, one cannot help but see the strategic importance of Hawaii. Today, the world, nation and region shifts more attention to the western Pacific, Asia and beyond. The Navy itself is undergoing a sea change, aligning assets and focus to Hawaii.

This past 100-day period has been exciting and eventful.

We conducted the 70th Pearl Harbor Day in December, hosted a visit by CNO Adm. Greenert last month, and welcomed a visit by the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) and the Carrier Strike Group last week. Last month we saw the opening of the new National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s marine science facility on Ford Island. We continue to see evidence of the importance of our mission here in Hawaii, both at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oahu and at Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai.

We are a vital strategic base-two installations focused on warfighting, forward operations and readiness—committed to modernization but only while



Rear Adm. Frank L. Ponds

respecting the customs and heritage of Hawaii and our own naval heritage.

In the next 100 days, you will see how we are planning to honor the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Coral Sea and Battle of Midway – key turning points, major “sea changes” for the United States in World War II. Throughout the year, you’ll see references to the War of 1812, speaking of a great and lasting change, which historians see as the birth of our Navy as a global force for good.

This is the bicentennial year of the War of 1812 and an opportunity to reflect on how far our Navy has come since then. It is a real honor to welcome the Indonesian ship KRI Dewaruci to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam this week. Crewed by Indonesian navy sailors, KRI Dewaruci was invited by then-CNO Adm. Roughead to participate in the International Operation Sail (OpSail) 2012 to commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812.

Our Navy continues to work together with other nations’ navies to keep the

oceans free for commerce and trade, building partnerships and cooperation in order to prevent war, and we are ready to operate forward, fight when necessary and win when challenged.

Here in the gateway to Asia-Pacific, we think globally and act locally. Ours is an important mission. One of our biggest goals for region and MIDPAC is to strengthen our local partnerships in the community and also with other area commands of all services. We’re conducting strategic planning in a “one team” concept, building trust, harmony and cooperation.

I am pleased to have good working relationships with Senators Inouye and Akaka, Representatives Hanabusa and Hirono, Gov. Abercrombie, Mayor Carlisle and community representatives. In my first 100 days, I’ve had the privilege of meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. The hospitality has been tremendous.

These first 100 days have also reinforced my first impression of you, my staff – that you are a first-class professional group of people who really know your jobs and understand our important mission. Since last November, Mrs. Ponds and I have had the opportunity to meet many of you. We appreciate the warm welcome you’ve given us and look forward to getting to know you better.

Thank you for a great first 100 days. Let’s work together to face other sea changes that lie ahead and meet those challenges together as one team.

## Diverse Views



In light of March as Women’s History Month, what do you think has been the most significant accomplishment (s) for women in the past decade?



Yeoman Seaman Mohamed Coxsaattaur

“Women can vote, and join the military. There are no barriers anymore. They cut the racial barriers a bit and now the sexist barriers are coming down. We’ll probably have a female president soon.”

Col. Ellen Moore  
PACOM JI



“The most significant accomplishment is the Air Force now lets women into 99 percent of their career fields—women are a true force multiplier.”



Engineer 2nd Class (SW) Mauricio Smith

“Women being able to vote. It affects elections and helps get people into office that probably wouldn’t before. Also more women getting into [government] office, and there are a lot more females in the military.”

Senior Master Sgt. Felica Young  
PACAF A4



“Women have been assigned to jobs other than administrative positions which they started their career in years ago. Also, women are being looked upon as competitors in a male-dominated Air Force. Equality is on the rise with more females in leadership roles.”



Fire Controlman 2nd Class Joshua Kampsen  
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

“Getting in the work place more. Women are accepting a lot of the same jobs men do and are being active in politics. Specifically in the Navy there are a couple of women I know that PT with the guys and aspire to do the best they can and are even better than the guys. There’s a lot of respect for them.”

Staff Sgt. Damion Scott  
647th Logistics Readiness Squadron



“I would say women being treated equally as men. There isn’t that much stay-at-home-moms anymore. Women are now CEOs and so forth.”

(Provided by David Underwood Jr. and Jazzmin Williams)

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## Amelia Earhart prepares to fly from Oahu



Photo courtesy of Hawaii Aviation state archive of historic photos and facts  
Famed aviator Amelia Earhart dons her flight suit at Wheeler Field before departing Jan. 11, 1935 for her record-breaking flight from Oahu to California. On that trip, she became the first person to fly solo across the Pacific from Honolulu to Oakland, Calif.



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# USS Columbus leaves for western Pacific deployment

MC2 Ronald Gutridge

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Friends and families of the crew of USS Columbus (SSN 762) gathered at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to say goodbye as the Los Angeles-class submarine departed for a western Pacific deployment Feb. 22.

“The submarine is in outstanding material condition, thanks to the recent installation of the most modern combat system and the hard work of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard,” said Cmdr. David Youtt, Columbus commanding officer. “Columbus is in better condition than when it was delivered to the fleet in 1994.”

Since undergoing an extended shipyard period in 2009 and returning from her last deployment in June 2010, Columbus has undergone several maintenance upgrades and conducted training in preparation for



U.S. Navy photo by MCC Josh Thompson

Los Angeles-class submarine USS Columbus (SSN 762) departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled six-month western Pacific deployment Feb.22.

this deployment.

“We are scheduled to conduct a western Pacific deployment; however, Columbus is capable and ready to execute missions anywhere in the world,” Youtt said. “We will be deploying with more than 130 Sailors and officers, and they are excited and enthusiastic to execute the tasking that they were

trained for and the ship was designed to do.”

With Sailors transferring to and from Columbus since returning from their last deployment, a large portion of the crew has never deployed, according to Youtt. Electronics Technician 3rd Class Kyle Lightell, who reported on board Columbus on September 2011, is really looking forward to getting underway since this will be his first deployment.

“I have done quite a bit of training and preparation for this deployment, and on that note, I cannot wait to further my knowledge by actually being able to get the hands-on experience doing my job at sea,” Lightell said. “Also, I am

excited about visiting different places during our port visits and experiencing their cultures and way of life.”

USS Columbus is the 51st Los Angeles-class submarine and the 12th improved version of this class, which includes a vertical launch system for Tomahawk cruise missiles and an improved hull design for under-ice operations. She completed a post shipyard availability in June 1994 in Groton, Conn. after initial construction and shakedown operations. In September 1994, the ship conducted an inter-fleet transfer to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and joined the U.S. Pacific Fleet Submarine Force.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Aries D. Early

Joseph Field, a Nimitz Elementary school student, helps Tech. Sgt. Stanley Johnson share a book with the class. Airmen of 13th Air Force visited Adm. Chester W. Nimitz Elementary School here and read books to kindergarten children on Feb. 16 as part of African American Heritage Month.

## Jungle Warriors help children ‘hit the books’

Tech. Sgt. Aries D. Early

13th Air Force Public  
Affairs

Airmen of 13th Air Force visited Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Elementary School at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and read books to kindergarten children on Feb. 16 as part of African American Heritage Month on Feb. 16.

This event was an opportunity for military members to interact with children and share the joy of reading as well as the diversity and richness of African American history.

“I’m really happy that members of the 13th came out today and showed the kids that they care,” said Technical Sgt. Dwana Bell, 13th Air Force, non-commissioned officer in charge of client systems. “Just by showing up, we might encourage a child to read a little more about the great accomplishments of all Americans.”

Bell purchased several books, which shedonated to the school, and organized the volunteers who would read to the stu-

dents.

Staff Sgt. Keenan Pullin, 13th Air Force, client systems technician, who read “John Henry: An American Legend” by Ezra Jack Keats, said he would have loved an opportunity like this one as a child.

“Growing up, not a lot of time was spent on the subject,” Pullin said. “We would quickly read over something about Frederick Douglas or Dr. George Washington Carver, but to have it read to us ... and even better by someone in the military ... would’ve been great.”

After the readings were over, the children were encouraged to keep reading whenever they could.

“Kids have a tendency to get wrapped up in television and video games, but there is so much you get from reading a book, and they don’t have batteries that you have to replace,” said Technical Sgt Stanley Johnson, 13th Air Force, unit training manager.

“It’s always a pleasure having the military stop by our classrooms,” said Meliffa Ishikawa, a Nimitz kindergarten teacher. “The children really enjoy their visits.”

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# Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights

Indonesian sailors aboard the Indonesian Navy tall ship KRI Dewaruci perform a traditional dance following the ship's arrival at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 29. Dewaruci will participate in the International Operation Sail 2012 as part of the commemoration of the War of 1812.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Barker



(Right) Rear Adm. Fernandez Ponds, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Hawaii Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, tours the Indonesian tall ship KRI Dewaruci. Dewaruci will participate in the International Operation Sail 2012 as part of the commemoration of the War of 1812.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Sean Furey



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Barker

(Right) Indonesian sailors aboard the Indonesian Navy tall ship KRI Dewaruci observe the Hawaiian shoreline as the ship arrives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 29 during a scheduled port visit.

(Below) Rear Adm. Russell Penniman, Deputy Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, presents a coin to Sailors and Marines who were individual augmentees (IAs) in 2011 at the 4th annual Boots on the Ground IA recognition luncheon at the Ala Moana Hotel Feb. 24. More than 140 Sailors and Marines with their families were recognized during the luncheon hosted by the Honolulu Council of the Navy League.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico



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Henry Kapono, Hawaiian musician dedicates a special song he wrote, , "I'm Coming Home," to service men and women attending the 4th annual "Boots on the Ground" individual augmentee recognition luncheon Feb. 24 at the Ala Moana Hotel.

The small boat crew aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) launches a rigid-hull inflatable boat while responding to a man overboard alert that turned out to be a false alarm. The ship, which visited Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, crossed over the international dateline earlier in the day and is en route to relieve USS Essex (LHD 2) in Sasebo, Japan.

U.S. Navy photo by MCCS Joe Kane





# New NAMRU-2 headquarters supports forward-deployed missions

Don Robbins

Assistant Editor

U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 2 Pacific (NAMRU-2) held a ribbon cutting and blessing ceremony as it moved into its new location at the site of the former Liberty in Paradise Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 29. Aaron Mahi performed a Hawaiian blessing and Chaplain Cmdr. Jon Brzek provided remarks at the ceremony.

The newly renovated building 584 will house the headquarters element of NAMRU-2 Pacific, which conducts forward-deployed infectious disease surveillance and research in Southeast Asia and Oceania, primarily through a large laboratory detachment located in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, as well as a detachment in Singapore.

"The building puts us all in one location in close proximity to each other," said Capt. Gail Hathaway, commanding officer of NAMRU-2. "As a headquarters staff, we work very closely to support our laboratory facilities in Southeast Asia."

"We support Adm. Willard's (commander, U.S. Pacific Command) theater security preparation initiatives in Southeast Asia and provide force health pro-



Photo courtesy of NAMRU-2 Pacific  
Capt. Gail Hathaway, commanding officer of U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 2 Pacific (NAMRU-2), and Capt. George Schoeler, executive officer of NAMRU-2, untie the lei during the ceremony for the new NAMRU-2 headquarters on Feb. 29.

tection information in the way of research data on infectious diseases. Our primary mission, and our function, is to study diseases that would be mission-abortive for U.S. troops. Primary diseases that we study are malaria, dengue, influenza, diarrhea diseases," she said.

The building will house the 15 people assigned to the headquarters element, including administrative, research, enlisted and civilian personnel. The Navy research and development command headquarters was relocated from Jakarta, Indonesia in June 2010 and has been co-located with Navy

Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit 6 (NEPMU-6). NAMRU-2 Pacific has since outgrown the workspaces provided by NEPMU-6.

"The staff is extremely happy that we have our own space," said Capt. George Schoeler, executive officer of NAMRU-2 Pacific.

"This building gives us a little bit more stability," said Lt. Dustin Harrison, a microbiologist in the research department of NAMRU-2 Pacific.

"We have quite extensive coverage throughout the PACOM AOR (Pacific Command area of responsibility)," Harrison added.

NAMRU-2 supports American interests in the Pacific Theater and advances U.S. diplomacy in the region by studying infectious diseases of critical public health importance to the United States and other regional partners.

NAMRU-2 provides the United States with a continued forward presence that combines virology, microbiology, epidemiology, immunology, parasitology and entomology into a comprehensive capability to study tropical diseases where they occur. In this environment, new preventive measures and treatments can be tested and evaluated to provide better health measures for U.S. government personnel working in the region.

NAMRU-2 received a Meritorious Unit Commendation from the Secretary of the Navy for "...unparalleled success in providing direct technical and medical support to the operating forces of the United States Navy."

## Army War College class learns a lesson on Lake Erie

Story and photo by  
Ensign Kelly Ruane

USS Lake Erie (CG 70)  
Public Affairs

The Advanced Operational Art Studies Fellowship (AOASF) visited USS Lake Erie (CG 70) on Feb. 22 for a ship tour as part of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College course.

The group consisted of senior officers from the Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Air Force, British army, Indian army,

Canadian army and FBI. According to Dan Fullerton, acting director for AOASF, the purpose of their visit was to "give some perspective on joint operations and how the Navy thinks, operates and lives."

Members of the fellowship often go on to be assigned at combatant commands worldwide where emphasis on joint military operations and understanding of national and international policies is essential.

"We really focus on



national and strategic levels of war," Fullerton said.

The class was greeted by Capt. John Barigan, executive officer, and escorted to key areas of the ship with special attention placed on war fighting capabilities, battle group operations and ballistic missile defense.

The Advanced Operational Art Studies Fellowship class visits USS Lake Erie (CG 70). Here, they take a moment for a glimpse of Pearl Harbor and the Arizona Memorial and the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

## Energy conservation program to begin at Hickam Communities

Hickam Communities  
LLC

Beginning in May, selected homes in Hickam Communities will begin receiving a monthly energy conservation statement. The statements are not bills, and no monies will be due. Their purpose is to familiarize families with their utility consumption and help prepare them for the Department of Defense's (DoD) Resident Energy

Conservation Program (RECP), which the Air Force will launch at Hickam Communities in 2013.

RECP is mandated by Congress to pursue conservation in all privatized military communities.

All residents are encouraged to attend a town hall meeting at 6 p.m. March 8 at Ka Makani Community Center to learn more about the Department of Defense's Resident Energy Conservation Program.

It will be hosted by Col. Dann Carlson, deputy commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Hickam Communities is responsible for implementing and managing the program on behalf of the Air Force, and Hickam Communities has contracted the utility management company Minol to help manage it. Minol was selected for its reliability and customer service to military families. It currently ser-

vices more than 44,000 military housing units. Minol will monitor home energy use and prepare monthly conservation statements.

Conservation statements will show electric and water use and compare a family's energy use to other families in similar homes. All new and renovated homes at Hickam have been outfitted with individual electric and water meters as part of construction to enable utility meter reads.

In preparation of tracking utility use, Hickam Communities and Minol will site check all meters to ensure they are properly connected and operating correctly. The Air Force and Hickam Communities will work to assure families that information on their conservation statements is accurate.

The first community to receive energy conservation statements will be Onizuka Village, along with select

units in Officer Field. Statements will be mailed in early May. Earhart Village is next, receiving its first statement in June, followed by Hale Na Koa in July, and Officer Field in August.

Hickam Communities looks forward to supporting the Air Force and its families to help meet DoD energy conservation goals. Residents with questions about the program can contact their resident services team at 423-2300.

## CNO Awards ceremony to be June 25

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off at the source.

"We have had great initiatives so far, and we continue to encourage everyone in the command to get involved. Instilling an environmental focus within the workplace encourages environmental best practices at home," noted Lt. Cmdr. Angela Watson, fuel director.

In another of the command's efforts, operation of a fuel oil reclamation facility has reduced disposal costs of off-specification fuel, reducing dependence on foreign oil. The annual CNO Environmental Awards program is designed to recognize Navy ships, installations and individuals or teams for exceptional environmental stewardship. "We are committed to a sustained effort of environmental stewardship at all levels here in Hawaii. By protecting our natural resources, we ensure that not only the heritage, but also the history that is uniquely Hawaii, is preserved for generations to come," Ponds said.

All CNO winners will advance to the Secretary of the Navy level of competition. A ceremony honoring the winners will be held June 5 at the United States Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C.

### KHON (FOX) TV 2 Hawaii Navy News upcoming segments

**March 8:** TAMC Trauma Center

**March 15:** Marine Corps Base Hawaii – Ospreys and H-1s

**March 22:** Historic preservation/adaptive reuse

**March 29:** Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard – Career Fair

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# Air Force network to migrate to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

## 747th Communications Squadron

Air Force Network (AFNet) migrations are part of an ongoing service-wide effort to transform cyber operations and establish a central Air Force network under the direction of a single commander. In today’s environment, each major command owns and operates individual network and e-mail service and has help desks located at every installation.

By consolidating these networks and centralizing services, the AF can significantly increase security, standardize operations and training, and reduce cost without sacrificing the quality and timeliness of information needed by war-fighters.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) will soon become the sixth Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) base to migrate its computer users into the central Air Force network.

Over a six-week period, beginning March 12, network technicians will migrate workstations, network users and email into the AFNet. The goal of this project is to collapse all individual Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard networks into the AFNet. To the majority of computer users, changes will be transparent and should not cause any interruption to network access or normal day-to-day operations. However, for the Air Force, this represents a major change to how computer networks are managed.

Over the years, the current approach led to standardization and security problems, high operation and maintenance costs, and a lack of enterprise situational awareness. In short, there was no single organization or commander responsible for the network.

The AFNet migration project addresses these issues and places Air Force cyber operations under the operational control of a single commander.

This approach promises to yield significant improvements in the Air Force’s ability to detect and mitigate daily virus activity and malicious intrusion attempts.

So how will this affect you? During the migration window, user impact will be minimal and in most cases transparent. The most visible change will be the designation of a new e-mail address that military, civil service, and contractors will keep for the duration of their Air Force career, regardless of the base or organization assigned.

The migration replaces the old first.last@hickam.af.mil e-mail address with a standard first.last@us.af.mil e-mail address, allowing central management of these accounts. As more bases join the AFNet, Air Force employees will be able to log in to their accounts from any AFNet base without requesting and creating an additional account.

This will allow easy access to the network during deployments, and throughout TDY and PCS moves. Sites such as the Air Force Portal, Air Force Personnel Center, Defense Finance Accounting Service, will also remain easily accessible regardless of your duty location.

Through the use of a common access card (CAC) and static e-mail account, Air Force members who are TDY, deployed, or in PCS status can communicate and manage personal information through any AF CAC enabled computer.

A team of Air Force Network Integration Center, 690th Network Support Group, and 747th Communications Squadron (CS) technicians are busy preparing equipment and resources to facilitate the migration of more than 9,000 users. To ensure a smooth transition to the AFNet, look for future 747th Communications Squadron generated eAdvisories for additional migration related information.

# Hickam Communities launches resident survey with ‘Gimme 5’ campaign

## Hickam Communities LLC

A “5” is what Hickam Communities wants to see on its annual resident satisfaction survey that launches tomorrow and runs through April 27. Staff will be out in force delivering surveys to families March 3 and encouraging them to provide feedback about their experience as part of the Hickam Communities *ohana*.

“Our annual survey is one of the most important ways for us to measure how we’re doing and helps us identify areas that might need improvement,” said Stephen Quinn, director of property management at Hickam Communities.

“Feedback from past surveys has helped us enhance and improve services and offer programs that our families really want and can benefit from.” The

“Gimme 5!” campaign will encourage residents to complete the survey and share their comments and suggestions throughout the survey period.

The survey, conducted by the real estate consulting firm CEL & Associates, Inc., will be delivered to residents tomorrow and takes about five minutes to complete. Upon completing the survey, residents are asked to seal it in the self-addressed, pre-paid return envelope and leave it at their front door.

Hickam Communities staff will collect the surveys a little later in the day and leave behind five ice cream coupons to thank families for sharing their comments. Surveys can also be dropped in the mail anytime before April 27. The surveys are confidential and anonymous. Barcodes on the survey only identify

the community.

A comment card will also be included with the survey. Residents who complete it and return it with their survey will be entered into a random drawing for a chance to win one of five \$250 cash prizes. One drawing will be held in each community. Surveys with comment cards post-marked no later than March 31 will be eligible for the drawing.

“It’s important our families complete and return the survey. Their comments and suggestions help our team plan and budget for valuable resident programs and services,” Quinn said.

The deadline to submit the annual resident survey is April 27. Residents who have questions about the survey process should contact their Hickam Communities resident services team at 423-2300.

# Pacific Angel takes wing in RP

## 13th Air Force Public Affairs

Approximately 58 U.S. military service members, along with local non-governmental organizations and host nation military forces, will kick off the 2012 Pacific Angel (PACANGEL) season in Legaspi, Bicol Province, Philippines, from March 5-10.

Operation PACANGEL 2012 includes humanitarian medical, dental and optometry care and engineering programs as well as various subject-matter expert exchanges and training opportunities.

Officially in its fifth year, Operation PACANGEL is a joint and combined humanitarian assistance operation led by 13th Air Force, headquartered at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The operation supports U.S. Pacific

Command’s capacity-building efforts by partnering with other governments, non-governmental agencies and multi-lateral militaries in the respective region to provide medical, dental, optometric and engineering assistance to their citizens. This training can be used during future humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts.

Three additional PACANGEL missions are scheduled this year. They include Laos from April 23 through 28, Vietnam from June 11-16, and Nepal from Sept.10-15.

Since 2007, U.S. military service members, together with host nation military personnel throughout the region, have improved the lives of tens of thousands of people through Operation PACANGEL missions.

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JBPHH CELEBRATES

## Gospel Festival & Taste of Soul

MC3 Sean Furey

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Service members, families and friends gathered for the third annual Gospel Festival and Taste of Soul at the Hickam Chapel at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on Feb. 25.

The Gospel Fest and Taste of Soul is the culmination of African American History Month events, hosted by the JBPHH African American Heritage Association.

"There is strength in diversity and our entire nation is built on diversity," said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. "This is just one example of us celebrating that diversity."

Local church choirs, praise dancers and singers from the community performed during the Gospel Festival, which was followed by a soul food tasting contest.

"It shows people who may

not have been around African Americans, or had the opportunity to share in our culture, and how it is that we celebrate," said Master Sgt. Chandra Mark. "We celebrate with music, we celebrate with dancing, we celebrate with food, and we want to share that."

In attendance were original members of the Tuskegee Airmen, Lt. Col Alexander Jefferson and Philip Baham, and Dr. Dorothy Goldsborough, the wife of original Tuskegee Airman Master Sgt. Romaine Goldsborough.

"It was a tremendous event," Ponds said. "I am just honored to be here, especially among so many historians. The folks that were part of the Tuskegee Airmen, their spouses and the member themselves just made me feel humble. I stood on their shoulders, I walked in their footsteps, and I could not have been here if it wasn't for them."

"I'm so grateful for our leadership for supporting us and the community for coming out and taking a part in the joint base Black History Month events," Mark said.



U.S. Navy Photos by MC3 Sean Furey and MC2 Tiarra Tuigham



# Dominating win keeps Maintenance Group perfect

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

With only a month remaining in the base's intramural basketball season, a few teams are stepping to the front, but none have been as impressive as the sizzling run put together by the 15th Maintenance Group (15 MXG), which cruised past their latest victim, the Fleet Family Readiness Program (FFRP) Bad Boyz, by a score of 47-22 in a Gold Division game at Hickam Fitness Center gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Feb. 28.

The win improved the Maintenance Group's division-leading record to a perfect 9-0, while the FFRP, which entered the showdown in fourth place, saw their mark fall to 5-2 after suffering their second defeat in a row.

Although a 20-point-plus margin of victory has been a common occurrence for the 15th in their past few outings, the talent-deep squad hasn't had to rely on the skills of any one single player.

While the team has enjoyed single-game heroics from players such as, Airman 1st Class Aaron Maxwell, Staff Sgt. Art Gandy and Senior Airman Nelson Blair, in the squad's latest runaway victory, the 15th got a monster effort from post-player Marine Cpl. J.R. Martin, who threw down 10 points in the first half and followed up with another eight points in the second for a game-leading 18.

Against the FFRP, the 15 MXG used a strong, pressure defense to stop their opponent's attack, before breaking the matchup wide open with a potent running game.

"Defense is the key," Martin pointed out. "The pressure that we put on every team is what we go by. Defense wins games."

The 15 MXG held the



Marine Cpl. J.R. Martin, forward for the 15th Maintenance Group (15 MXG) intramural basketball squad, slams down a dunk for two of his game-high 18 points in a Gold Division game against the Fleet Family Readiness Program (FFRP) Bad Boyz at Hickam Fitness Center gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Feb. 28.

FFRP scoreless for the first six minutes of the game until Yeomen 2nd Class Rob Surrency hit a jump shot at the 12:06 mark in the first half.

Then, with only 4:39 remaining until intermis-

sion, the 15th's offense seemed to put the icing on the cake, when point guard Staff Sgt. Joey Laybon got out in front on a fast break and purposely ricocheted the ball off the backboard and into the hands of an air-

born Martin, who caught the ball on the fly and hammered down a rim-tilting dunk to give his team a 12-point, 19-7, lead.

"I always try to get at least one dunk for the people that's watching the game,"

Gold Division standings (As of Feb. 28)		
	W	L
1. MXG	8	0
2. 647LRS/CODE 450	6	0
3. WILL FRANCIA	6	1
4. FFRP BAD BOYS	5	1
5. 561 NOS DET 1	5	2
6. NCTAMSPAC	5	3
7. CE BULLS	4	3
8. 17 OWS	4	3
9. JPAC	4	4
10. 96 ARS	2	6
11. 647 FSS	1	5
12. 8 IS 'B'	1	6
13. OUTKAST	1	6
14. CSS 1/3/7	1	7
15. 15 MDG	0	6

## Gold Division games

(Schedule is subject to change)

### March 6

#### Bloch Arena

5:30 p.m. 15 MDG vs. CSS 1/3/7

6:30 p.m. 8 IS 'B' vs. JPAC

7:30 p.m. 96 ARS vs. CE Bulls

8:30 p.m. FFRP Bad Boyz vs. Will Francia

#### Hickam Fitness Center

5:30 p.m. MXG vs. 17 OWS

6:30 p.m. 561 NOS DET 1 vs. OUTKAST

7:30 p.m. 647 LRS/CODE 450 vs. 647 FSS

### March 8

#### Bloch Arena

5:30 p.m. 561 NOS DET 1 vs. 15 MDG

6:30 p.m. 96 ARS vs. 647 LRS/CODE 450

7:30 p.m. CSS 1/3/7 vs. NCTAMSPAC

#### Hickam Fitness Center

5:30 p.m. 647 FSS vs. OUTKAST

6:30 p.m. Will Francia vs. 8 IS 'B'

7:30 p.m. JPAC vs. CE Bulls

8:30 p.m. 17 OWS vs. FFRP Bad Boyz

said the high-flying Martin, who entered the game nursing an injured leg. "It's so they just don't come and watch a bunch of shooters. I try to do something for the fans."

Moments before half-time, Laybon swished his second of two three-point shots to put the 15 MXG ahead at 25-7.

Not satisfied with their 17-point advantage going into the second half, the 15 MXG kept up their defensive pressure and, once again, shut out the Bad Boyz for the first six minutes of the half until Surrency came through with another jump shot to stop the drought.

However, when Gandy connected on a three-point shot to give the 15 MXG a 20-point, 30-10, advantage, the game was in the bag.

Culinary Specialist 1st Class Chad Bracewell, head coach for the Bad Boyz, said that the biggest mistake his team committed was to give the 15 MXG a chance to get out and run.

"The first few minutes, we let them run and weren't getting back," Bracewell said. "Their fast break and full-court press got to us. It was too hard to come back after that."

Still, Bracewell said that if the teams should meet again, he expects a much different outcome.

"If we can get some practice, I know we'll bounce back from this game," he said. "They're a good squad, but we're a whole lot better than this. We got to stay patient on offense. When we stay patient on offense, we've able to work our will and do what we got to do."

As for the 15 MXG, Martin said the team's biggest challenge will be to stay focused and not take anyone lightly.

"Not trying to be too overconfident, but not too many teams are going to be able to run with us," he stated. "We just keep playing our game, and our game is a fast simple game."

# Hickam bowlers shoot to repeat in All-Military tourney

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Only a handful of bowlers are back from last year's championship squad, but members of the current All-Hickam bowling team are feeling pretty good about its chances of capturing its second straight All-Military Bowling Tournament and third in four years. The annual roll off takes place over four consecutive days, April 3-6, at base bowling centers throughout the island.

Competition will begin with the doubles event on April 3 and will be followed up with mixed doubles at Marine Corp Base Hawaii, singles at Schofield Barracks and the all-important team finals at Naval Station Bowling Center on April 6.

Last week, Hickam wrapped up its tryouts, which ran for three days, with each hopeful rolling eight games per day for a total of 24 games.

At the end of the grueling schedule, six men and four women stood alone as members of the All-Hickam team that will represent the Air Force in the All-Military tournament.

Members of this year's squad include, returnees Staff Sgt. Art Hamabata (Headquarters Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG)), Senior Airman Alfred Chock (624th Aeromedical Staging Squadron), Staff Sgt. Rena Sunaoka (HIANG 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron) and Master

Sgt. Annette Gagarin (HQ HIANG).

Staff Sgt. Joshua White (324th Intelligence Squadron), Master Sgt. Bruce Hemphill (561st Network Operation Squadron Det. 1), Staff Sgt. Kenneth Dell (735th Air Mobility Squadron), Senior Master Sgt. Scott Fujioka (HIANG 199th Weather Flight) and alternate Senior Airman Robert Sherwood (324th Intelligence Squadron) were the other men qualifiers, while Era Chock (Alfred's wife) and Ashley White (Joshua's wife) rounded out the women qualifiers.

Hamabata, who qualified for his fifth All-Hickam team, said that this year's tryouts were much harder than previous years due to the additional two games per day.

In past years, competitors rolled off six games each day for a three-day total of 18 games.

"The extra two games is a killer," acknowledged Hamabata, who led all men with a three-day average of 213. "After the first day, it's all right, but come the second day, it takes a toll on you already. You can tell just by the scores. It gets lower and lower."

Gagarin, who led all women qualifiers with a 173 average, agreed with Hamabata and said that the new format was especially challenging for her.

"On the first day, it's fantastic because you're not hurting or anything," she said. "I didn't think it was going to be that difficult, but you had to be physically in shape. I only bowl once a week. Art, he bowls three



Five-time All-Hickam bowling team member Staff Sgt. Art Hamabata (Headquarters Hawaii Air National Guard) takes aim on the pins during last week's team tryouts at Hickam Bowling Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 23.

times a week. But still yet, eight games in one day, that's a lot."

In looking over this year's team, Hamabata said that while last year's squad may have been a tad more talented, he still believes that the Air Force should have a good shot at keeping the trophy at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Last year, Hickam dominated the All-Military showdown in leading from start to finish and grabbing nearly all of the event's top prizes.

Six of the 10 All-Tournament spots were claimed by the Air Force, which included Hamabata and Gagarin, while Alfred Chock rolled the men's high series with a pin count of 768.

"Compared to last year, I'd say last year, that team was better," Hamabata admitted. "But this year, I would say our team is pretty decent. Main thing is we pick up our spares. All experienced bowlers know that. You got to stay consistent with your spares. I can't guarantee, but of course, anything can happen."

With the remembrance of last year's decisive win still fresh in her mind, Gagarin said that she had such a fantastic time, she would like nothing more than to do it again.

Although she knows it will probably be harder this time around, she agrees with Hamabata that anything is possible.

"I think we got a pretty good chance," she stated. "I don't know about the Navy and Marine Corps, but the retirees and Army should be tough."

## 'Space Available' brief to be held March 13

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Passenger Terminal will host a "space available" brief to anyone interested in exploring this

benefit.

The brief will be held at the Hickam Theater from 2 to 3 p.m. March 13.

For more information,

call passenger operations at 448-9949 or visit the terminal Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/HickamAMC>.

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# Intelligence Squadron runs away from Hell Raisers

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The runnin' 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) Tigers finished off a close first half with an 8-0 run and never looked back, as the team lifted its unblemished record to 8-0 with a 45-27 rout of the Hell Raisers from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard in a Blue Division intramural basketball matchup at Hickam Fitness Center gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Feb. 27.

The division-leading Tigers got their first double-digit lead at 17-7, when center Airman 1st Class Lonnie George tossed in a lay-up with 6:52 remaining in the first half.

The lead stayed at 10 as Hell Raisers guard B.J. Fant, a Department of Defense civilian, and 324 IS guard Airman 1st Class A.J. Abuul exchanged three-point goals.

However, after the Hell Raisers capped off a five-point run with a basket-and-



Airman 1st Class Greg Jones, 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) Tigers guard, goes up for a shot from the baseline during a Blue Division intramural basketball game versus the Shipyard Hell Raisers at Hickam Fitness Center gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Feb. 27.

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Class Marcus Johnson to cut the deficit down to five at 20-15, the Tigers, led by two baskets from Airman 1st

Class Greg Jones, roared back to score eight straight points on fast breaks to take a commanding 28-15 advantage into halftime.

"That's our No. 1 strategy," said Tigers' head coach Airman 1st Class Jordan Hanks about the team's transition offense. "We're a running team, we can shoot and play half court. We're a balanced team, but if we can run them out of the gym, we'll run them out of the gym."

Following the break, the 324 IS continued to pour it on, as the team's stifling man-to-man defense stopped the Hell Raisers' attack dead in their tracks.

The Tigers were especially effective in holding Hell Raisers' big man Seaman Erieck Ausbey in check throughout the game.

After Ausbey scored four straight points to open the game, the former USS Lake Erie (CG 70) center was held to only one point the rest of the way.

"We just keep applying pressure to the ball," Hanks said. "We started playing smart, not bumping him

(Ausbey) as much, and we put our hands up. He thought we were going to up jump and we didn't. That kind of messed up his shot and got in his head a little bit."

With Ausbey neutralized, the Tigers unleashed their running attack and took a 35-17 lead on a basket-and-one by Airman 1st Class Tyler Cerney with 15:25 left on the clock.

Two minutes later, George went two-for-two from the charity stripe to give the 324 IS a 21-point advantage at 38-17.

The play of George was also instrumental in holding Ausbey to five points.

"He's been strong for us all year," said Hanks about George's effort. "He's very central to our offense and defense. He can run the floor; he's strong, he's fast, he's smart, and he's a very good basketball player for this team."

For the game, a total of 11 Tigers got in the scorer's column with Cerney leading the way with nine points, followed by George, who pumped in eight points.

Johnson, who led the Hell Raisers with six points, said that playing with only seven members on the team might have contributed to its tough night on the court.

"We just got lazy on coming back. We usually don't play like this," said Johnson, whose team entered the showdown versus the Tigers in third place. "This is a real setback, but at the same time, we're going to play our hardest every single game."

We only got six or seven players every game, so we're kind of hurting on that part, but I think, as a team, we can only get better from here."

In handily beating a solid team like the Hell Raisers, Hanks said that Tigers have earned their 8-0 record.

While staying undefeated would be a great accomplishment, Hanks said that the team has only one goal on its mind.

"I hope we can (remain unbeaten), but I'd rather get a loss out of the way before the playoffs," Hanks admitted. "A championship is a championship. I don't care how much wins or losses we got. That's our philosophy."

## Navy family member makes a difference as Miss Pre-Teen Hawaii

Story and photo by  
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Upon receiving her crown as Miss Pre-Teen Hawaii 2012, Emilee Rowles immediately started to make changes in both her school and community. Rowles is the 11-year-old daughter of Navy Cmdr. Douglas J. Rowles, orthopedic surgeon at Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC).

"Emilee has been watching pageants with me since she was two or three," said Carol Rowles, Emilee's mother. "This pageant was an opportunity for Emilee to get involved with making a difference in an area that was important to her."

Emilee decided to devote her status as a pageant winner to two of the things that are most important to her: rescuing animals and being the "peacekeeper" by combating bullying in schools.



Miss Pre-Teen Hawaii Emilee Rowles (right) holds one of the dogs up for adoption as her friend Pre-Teen Miss Moanalua Tianna Hall looks on (at left) during a National Adoption Weekend event at Petco in Pearl City on Feb. 18.

Her first act was to throw her support behind the Oahu Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), a no-kill animal shelter organization

that provides rescue, rehabilitation and adoption of dogs and cats in Oahu.

"Anything [volunteering] with the next generation is really great," said Candice

Ching, an SPCA volunteer. "To get them to reach out, it's good that she sets an example."

Along with numerous other events, the Oahu

SPCA holds an adoption event in Pearl City every Saturday. During the monthly National Adoption Weekend on Feb. 18 and 19, Emilee and Pre-Teen Miss Moanalua Tianna Hall, were in attendance. The two – with sashes and crowns on full display – handed out flyers, played with dogs waiting for adoption, and charmed prospective pet owners.

"We love animals," Emilee said. "We believe that they're innocent, and they can't really help themselves. They can't give themselves shots and food, and it's not right to hurt them."

The Rowles family, a 17-year Navy family who have lived near Pearl Harbor for almost five years, are all animal lovers. A miniature schnauzer and four feral cats are only part of their family.

"When you've been really blessed, you have to share," Carol said. "You can't just keep it all for yourself."

Emilee also chose to utilize her high profile position to combat bullying in schools, starting with her own. Working with her school counselor, she has already spoken to the kindergarten class at Alvah Scott Elementary about the dangers of bullying and is working on expanding to other grades and schools.

"I believe everyone should be accepted and not have to change themselves to fit into the group," Emilee said. "They can stand out."

Her goal is to impact her peers in a more substantial way than a teacher or parental figure could.

As she continues to enter higher profile pageants, she will be more recognizable and able to put her face and name to the organizations she cares about and make more of a difference, according to Carol.

"Winning the crown is one moment in time," Carol said. "It's everything else that matters."

## MFSC hosts Military Saves fair at NEX to disseminate information

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The Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) hosted a Military Saves fair Feb. 28 at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX), to culminate an entire month of Military Saves classes, seminars and information sessions.

Financial institutions in attendance included the Pearl Harbor Federal Credit Union, Navy Federal Credit Union, Bank of Hawaii and the Better Business Bureau. Attendees moved from table-to-table and received basic financial information on savings, retirement and paying off debts. The MFSC also offers financial classes and individual counseling.

According to Military Saves statistics, about 43 percent of American families spend more than they earn each year. Average households carry approximately \$8,000 in credit card debt. Personal bankruptcies have doubled in the past decade.



Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) patrons receive information about finances during the Military Saves Fair held Feb. 28.

Since 2007, the (Department of Defense) DoD-wide Military Saves financial readiness campaign has been working to change that.

Military Saves Week is a part of the national America Saves campaign and is aimed toward military service and family members and helping them to make informed decisions about finances.

"You can't get these years back," said Debra Blunt, Military and Family Support Center financial counselor. "If you don't start when you're young, you will have to work forever. I wish I had known this information when I was in my 20s. I would be retired by now."

"I spend a lot of time meeting young Sailors and I develop a

repertoire with these people," Blunt said. "They know they can call me any time. I'm not here to judge them. I'm here to guide them and offer them sound financial information."

Military Saves encourages service members to do a few basic steps in regard to their finances: develop a personal financial plan, establish a good credit check, and save a portion of each paycheck, according to their website [www.militarysaves.org](http://www.militarysaves.org).

Military Saves financial fairs reached more than 60,000 individuals across all the military services in 2011. Seminars and classes reached nearly 40,000 people. This year's goals for service members and their families include increased household savings for short and long-term needs, and decreased consumer debt, according to an article by Defense Media Activity-Navy on Navy.mil.

"It's probably over 4,000 people that we've reached [throughout the month of events]," Blunt said.

The financial counselors and

educators at the MFSC offer many financial education classes and workshops. Times vary monthly, to try and meet work schedules. Classes are offered for individuals, couples and children. All military family members, DoD civilians and contractors are welcome to attend the classes.

For example, among the many classes is "Million Dollar Sailor/Airman." This two-day class is designed for active duty personnel who will learn about proper budgeting techniques, credit management, savings and investment options, insurance, military pay and allowances, consumer rip-offs, how to obtain a loan, credit scores and reports, and new/used car purchasing techniques.

In addition, for assistance preparing a "spending plan," the accredited financial counselors at MFSC are also available for free, confidential appointments.

For information, call 474-1999 or check out [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) to see the financial classes that are being offered.

## U.S. Naval Academy Women's Glee Club plans spring break performances March 15 and 16

Navy Region Hawaii  
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The internationally acclaimed U.S. Naval Academy Women's Glee Club will appear in concert in Honolulu at 7 p.m. March 15 and 7:30 p.m. March 16 during their 10-day spring break performing tour.

The concert's theme is "A Salute to America's Heroes," and will be held at the First United Methodist Church, located at 1020 S. Beretania St. on March 15. The March 16 performance will be held at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, located at 229 Queen Emma Square. The concerts are free, and no tickets are required. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the performances.

The Naval Academy Women's Glee Club, under the direction of Cindy Bauchspies, regularly travels around the country representing the Naval Academy. The glee club has received national acclaim for public appearances in Phoenix, Ariz.; Chicago; and most recently, a national television broadcast of the Veterans Day Ceremony in New York City. A 10-day visit to Brazil in 2010 garnered international acclaim for the club from both ambassadors and state department officials.

"We are looking forward to bringing this premier women's choral ensemble back to Hawaii to perform in an area which has a large naval presence. It means a lot to our midshipmen to be able to perform a concert that honors



Photo courtesy of USNA Women's Glee Club

those who have served our country because they will each serve as officers in the Navy and Marine

Corps upon graduation from the Naval Academy," Bauchspies said.

Founded in 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy today is a prestigious four-year service academy that prepares midshipmen morally, mentally and physically to be professional officers in the naval service. More than 4,400 men and women representing every state in the U.S. and several foreign countries make up the student body, known as the Brigade of Midshipmen.

Midshipmen learn from military and civilian instructors and participate in intercollegiate varsity sports and extracurricular activities.

For more information about the Naval Academy, visit [www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu). For more information on the USNA Women's Glee Club, visit [www.usna.edu/music](http://www.usna.edu/music).





Photo courtesy of the Toy family

Shaun Toy hands a check for \$10,000 to Andre Smith, the Wounded Warrior Project manager for the San Diego office, resulting from Toy's efforts with the airsoft tournament.

## High school student helps Wounded Warrior Project

Shaun Toy, a senior at Moanalua High School, raised more than \$17,000 over President's Day weekend for the Wounded Warrior Project with an airsoft tournament at Schofield Barracks.

Nearly 600 people, both civilian and military, turned out for the weekend long airsoft tournament on Feb. 18-19. Airsoft is a sport in which participants shoot round nonmetallic pellets launched from replica firearms.

Toy, the founder of Airsoft Warrior of Hawaii (airsoft-warriors.org), started the airsoft tournament series in 2010 and has grossed more than \$30,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project to date.

The program is officially recognized as a contributing supporter of Wounded Warrior Project and is registered with U.S. Army Garrison- Hawaii (USAG-HI) Morale, Welfare and Recreation as a private non-profit organization.

### Armed Services Blood Program to hold upcoming drives

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:

- March 5 and 6, Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay.
- March 12, Schofield Barracks.
- March 13, Tripler Army Medical Center department "blood battle."
- March 14, the Federal Detention Center.
- March 15 and 21, Tripler Army Medical Center.
- March 28, Joint Intelligence Operations Center (JIOC).
- March 30, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

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

## SARP and behavioral health relocation announced

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii's Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program (SARP) has relocated to building 1535, on the corner of Makalapa Road and North Road behind Branch at Health Clinic Makalapa on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

On Feb. 22, behavioral health (also known as mental health) re-located from building one to building 1535. The moves were designed to have little to no impact on clinical services to beneficiaries.

SARP and behavioral health continue to utilize the same phone numbers (471-9002, ext. 450 for SARP and ext. 350 for behavioral health) until a new communication system is installed in the near future.

For more information, call Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Paul A. King at 471-9323.

## Ford Island Bridge Run set for April 7

The Ford Island Bridge Run will be held at 7 a.m. April 7. For the past 14 years, the Ford Island Bridge Run has been one of the largest 10k (6.2 mile) runs on Oahu.

Race walkers, leisure walkers, serious and recreational runners have all seen the scenic and historical sights along the run.

The run will start at entrance to Adm. Bernard "Chick" Clarey Bridge fronting Kamehameha Highway. Race across the bridge onto historic Ford Island, then circle the island clockwise on a flat

perimeter course. Run back across the bridge to finish on Richardson Center Field across from the Aloha Stadium.

Limited free parking at Rainbow Bay Marina (the site of packet pick-up) will be available. Additional parking will be available at the Aloha Stadium overflow parking lot across from the start/finish line.

There is an entry fee of \$20 for military or their family members and \$25 for non-military. Early entry deadline is March 19. Any entries postmarked after March 19 will be \$30.

Late entries will be accepted until April 6, and no entries will be accepted on race day.

T-shirts for late entries are based on availability. Late entrants may not get a shirt.

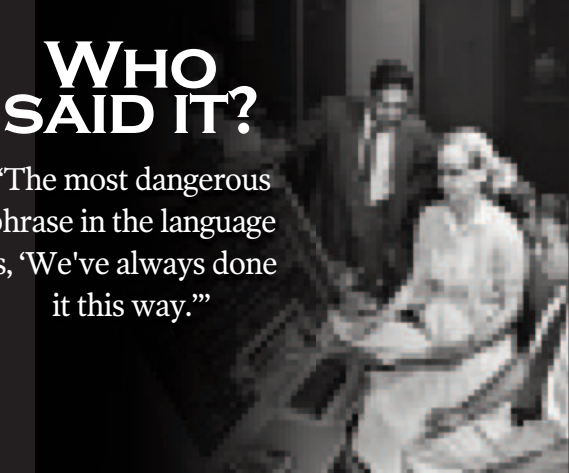
Runners, walkers and strollers (strollers will line up at the back of the pack) are allowed, but no pets.

Packet pick-up takes place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 31 at Rainbow Bay Marina, Building 610, located next to the Arizona Memorial complex. All pre-registered entrants will receive a pre-race postcard.

No packets will be issued without an ID or postcard. The race packet will include a race number and T-shirt.

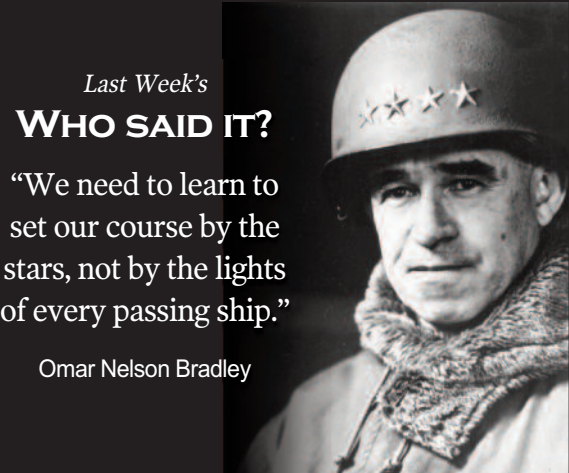
Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place overall, male and female military and non-military finishers. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in each age category. For more information, call 473-0784, 473-2494 or 473-2437.

Visit the website [www.greatlifeohawaii.com](http://www.greatlifeohawaii.com) or register online at <http://bit.ly/AEIOIRS>.



### WHO SAID IT?

"The most dangerous phrase in the language is, 'We've always done it this way.'"



Last Week's

### WHO SAID IT?

"We need to learn to set our course by the stars, not by the lights of every passing ship."

Omar Nelson Bradley

## This Week's Trivia

On Feb. 24, 1812, Congress passed what Act regarding support for the Navy?



**Last Issue's Question:** From February to April 2000, U.S. Air Force personnel and cargo aircraft participated in Operations Atlas Response and Silent Promise. What were the operations?

**Answer:** The operations airlifted humanitarian relief supplies to Mozambique and South Africa following severe flooding in those nations.



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Community Calendar

**WEST SIDE WHALE WATCHING TOURS**  
Join Information, Tickets and Travel-Hickam on a whale watching tour on the west side of the island from 12:15 to 3:45 p.m. Saturdays (March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31) and Sundays, (March 4 and 18). The cost is \$40 for adults and \$35 for children ages 3 to 11. The event is limited to 30 passengers per date. FMI: 448-2295.

**HAWAIIAN QUILTED PILLOW**  
Learn how to make a Hawaiian quilted pillow on Tuesdays (March 6 to 27) from 9 to 11 a.m. or 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center. The class is for ages 16 and older. he cost is \$30 per person plus the cost of supplies. FMI: 448-9907.

**WEIGHT MANAGEMENT CLASS**  
A weight management class will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays March 6 to April 12 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bloch Arena Fitness Center. The class includes physical assessment, nutritional guidance, and workouts to improve flexibility, strength, and cardio conditioning. The cost is \$75 per person. Register at the Bloch Fitness Center front desk. FMI: 473-0793.

**HICKAM HISTORICAL TOUR**  
A tour to relive history and to understand the important role Hickam Field played in World War II will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays: March 7, 14, 21 and 28. The tour includes a lunch buffet at the Hickam Officers' Club. Military ID is required. The tour departs Information, Tickets and Travel-Hickam (ITT-Hickam) and Royal Alakai Lodge. Pickup is available at Hale Koa Hotel for an additional \$10 per person. The cost is \$55 for adults, \$45 for children ages 3 to 11, and free for children under age 2 on an adult's lap. FMI: 448-2295.

**JUNIOR LIFEGUARD/OCEAN SAFETY**  
This program will give youth ages 11 to 17 the opportunity for hands-on training that provides a foundation to become a junior lifeguard. The program is designed to allow youth to gain a basic understanding of pool/ocean awareness, water rescue techniques, physical conditioning skills, general first-aid and overall self-confidence. The season runs April 9 to May 25. The cost is \$95 per youth. Register online by March 9. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY 5K**  
Hickam Fitness Center will hold its free St. Patrick's Day 5K run at 8 a.m. on March 17. Awards will be given to first, second and third place finishers for the men's, women and children's categories. Register at the Hickam Fitness Center. FMI: 448-2214.

For more information on events, visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

**March**  
**9** ~ Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will celebrate Women's History Month from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. This year's theme is "Women's Education, Women's Empowerment." The guest speaker is Beth Terry, a nationally recognized motivational speaker. FMI: 471-0229.

**9** ~ Air Force spouses are invited to join the Military and Family Support Center from 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. to meet other Air Force spouses. Spouses will participate in activities that will help them unlock the mysteries of the Air Force. Free lunch will be provided. With advance notice, free childcare may also be available. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) or call 449-0300.

**15** ~ The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club is now accepting applications for the 2012 scholarship award program. The deadline for submission is March 15. FMI: [www.hickamosc.com](http://www.hickamosc.com).

**24** ~ The Ms. Armed Forces Hawaii Pageant will be held at 5:30 p.m. March 24 at Mamiya Theater on the Chaminade University campus. There will be 13 contestants from different service branches competing in the pageant. Presale tickets cost \$25, and tickets will be sold at the door for \$30. FMI: 955-2271.

**31** ~ All military families (authorized patrons) and their children are welcome to join the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) for breakfast with the Easter Bunny from 8 to 9 a.m. at the NEX food court lanai. play games, win prizes, get a balloon and glitter tattoo, make crafts, and take home a goody bag. Tickets will go on sale the first week of March at the NEX Aloha Center main mall rotunda first floor. FMI: 423-3287.

At a glance

Participants will be guided through the Hickam Commissary by a Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) registered dietician each Tuesday in March at 3 p.m. The program is open to all commissary shoppers, and will include interactive learning activities, handouts and samples. FMI: 433-4950.

Movie Showtimes



Underworld: Awakening (R)

When humans become aware of the existence of Lycans and Vampires they perform purges that will rid the planet of both species. However, some survive and they continue fighting against human interference.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

**TODAY**  
7:00 PM Underworld: Awakening (R)

**SATURDAY**  
2:30 PM Joyful Noise (PG 13)  
5:00 PM Red Tails (PG-13)  
7:00 PM The Darkest Hour (PG-13)

**SUNDAY**  
2:30 PM Joyful Noise (PG 13)  
4:45 PM The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (R)  
7:00 PM The Devil Inside (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

**TODAY**  
6:00 PM Red Tails (PG-13)  
8:30 PM Haywire (R)

**SATURDAY**  
4:00 PM The Adventures of TinTin:  
The Secret of Unicorn (PG)  
7:00 PM Underworld: Awakening (R)

**SUNDAY**  
2:00 PM Red Tails (PG-13)

