

## Hawaii Medal of Honor ceremony honors the fallen

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HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Senate and House of Representatives convened in joint session March 28 to award the Hawaii Medal of Honor to recognized military service members who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Recipients of the medal included members of the United States Armed Forces, the United States military reserves and the Hawaii National Guard who were residents of the state of Hawaii, attended an educational institution in Hawaii, or who were stationed in Hawaii by order of the United States Department of Defense.

“Those who we honor today, those who we acknowledge today, are those who are rich in character,” said Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie. “Their circumstances in terms of their material life may be humble, but they are rich in character.”

The Hawaii Medal of Honor was created to recognize the heroism of Hawaii’s armed forces, and this year 24 recipients were honored, including U.S. Navy Senior Chief



Service members, families, friends and other supporters gather at the Hawaii State Capitol for the Hawaii Medal of Honor awards ceremony. The Hawaii Medal of Honor was created to honor those with Hawaii ties who were killed in action while serving as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Petty Officer Kraig Vickers. The medal was awarded on behalf of the people of the state of Hawaii to honor those with Hawaii ties who were killed in action while serving our country as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation

Enduring Freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Families of some of the fallen service members were on hand to receive the Hawaii Medal of Honor on behalf of their loved ones.

“My duty today is to, in some

small way, to try to comfort those when comfort may not be enough and to massage the pain of a broken heart,” said Air Force Maj. Gen. Darryll D.M. Wong, state adjutant general. “While I may fall short in this endeavor, I can at least take

solace in knowing that the state of Hawaii has provided some closure to these families by recognizing the supreme sacrifice made by their Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines on behalf of this grateful state.”

## Joint medevac team transports critically-ill Marine from Japan to Hawaii

Master Sgt. Kerry Jackson

13th Air Force

A joint military and civilian medical team evacuated a U.S. Marine, via a C-17 Globemaster II, March 26 from Japan to Hawaii. He required urgent cardiac and respiratory care due to severely infected lungs.

The 12-person Pacific Air Forces medical transport team, comprised of medical personnel from Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC), PACAF’s Critical Care Air Transport Team Element-East and the Kapiolani Medical Center, provided the patient extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) during the trans-pacific flight — medical treatment that provides both cardiac and respiratory support to patients whose heart and lungs are so severely diseased or damaged that they can no longer function.

“The patient remains critical but stable on ECMO,” said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Melissa Tyree, a staff neonatologist and neonatal/pediatric ECMO specialist at Tripler Army Medical Center. “He is responding very well to ECMO support and his



U.S. Navy photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

A team of Air Force, Army and civilian specialists (from Kapiolani Medical Center) and an Air Force critical care air transport team bring a critical care patient from Okinawa to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to be transported to Tripler Army Medical Center.

lungs are already beginning the slow process of recovery nicely.”

The ECMO is most commonly used in neonatal intensive-care

units, for newborns in pulmonary distress. However, this transport marks the Pacific theater’s first-ever military “Adult” ECMO transport using

a USAF “Grey Tail” (global airlift aircraft) with aeromedical evacuation system support.

“The ECMO system performed flawlessly during flight.

The mission was complex, with many logistical and technical challenges. However, the team was hand-picked to cover the full spectrum of required expertise so that every obstacle was overcome and the patient received seamless, safe world-class medical care,” Tyree said.

The U.S. Marine patient was initially medevac’d from a ship 13 days ago to the United States Naval Hospital Camp Lester, Okinawa, Japan, where he received initial stabilization and was cared for in the intensive care unit. The patient was found to have a severe lung infection (pneumonia) that caused diffuse lung injury and a progressive challenge to exchange oxygen and eliminate carbon dioxide as the patient’s heart pumped blood through the lungs, necessitating the use of ECMO technology.

There is no formal adult ECMO program, or even one physician specializing in adult ECMO, anywhere in Hawaii. According to Tyree, only a handful of the approximately 130 ECMO programs worldwide are set up to handle adult patients.

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## Remain vigilant for signs of suspicious activity

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam officials are reminding all personnel to exercise prudent security measures following two recent incidents involving school children. The youth were reportedly spoken to by strangers who were driving in the vicinity of their schools.

On March 20, a student from Mokulele Elementary School reported that the driver of a passing blue minivan asked some students a question as they walked to school in the morning. On March 27, a student at Hickam Elementary School reported seeing a dark colored utility van while she was walking back to class during the

school day and said that the driver of the vehicle spoke to her. In both instances, the students immediately reported the incidents to their teachers, and school administration contacted JBPHH Security.

Base security personnel responded promptly by initiating proper procedures to ensure the safety and security of the children and all base personnel. They have increased patrols of the area school zones and residential areas. If you witness any suspicious activity, you are encouraged to contact joint base security personnel by calling 911. According to security, there is no indication that any of the reported incidents are related.

“JB Security Department personnel continue to remain vigilant for any signs of suspicious activity



Photo by David D. Underwood, Jr.

Hickam Elementary School on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

throughout the base,” said Capt. Jeff James, JBPHH commander. “We welcome all base personnel to help serve as ‘sensors’ in observing and immediately reporting anything out of

the ordinary.”

In a letter to parents, Hickam Elementary School principal John Erickson stressed that student safety will continue to be the priority. “Please continue to

remind your children to take all safety precautions as they come to and from school, such as not talking to strangers, always walking with a buddy, and reporting any unusual activity to a

responsible adult,” he said.

Safety and security of all children, housing residents and base personnel remain priorities for JBPHH. Families are urged to follow these safety tips to create a safer community:

- Use the buddy system. Children should play or walk in a group whenever possible.
- Don’t talk to strangers or get close to a stranger’s vehicle, even if the driver promises to give you something.
- Take the safest route to and from school.
- If you see someone at school who doesn’t belong there, tell an adult right away.
- Join your Neighborhood Watch Program.
- Report suspicious activity in your community immediately by calling 911 and reporting it to your housing community.



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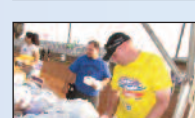
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# NAVFAC Pacific holds energy conference

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MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII, Kaneohe Bay – Energy industry companies attended a Renewable Ocean Energy Conference on March 26, hosted by Navy Facilities Engineering Command Pacific (NAVFAC) at the Koa Malina Officer's Club at Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), Kaneohe.

The conference provided an opportunity for ocean energy technology developers and suppliers to discuss testing and operating systems at coastal Navy and Marine Corps installations.

It will solicit commercialization plans of ocean energy technology companies to assist the Department of the Navy (DON) with resourcing potential future DON energy suppliers and



Guests of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific (NAVFAC) Renewable Ocean Energy Conference visit the wave energy test site on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe, on March 26.

will explore the potential to incorporate sea water air conditioning systems at appropriate coastal naval facilities.

“It’s all about partnerships,” said David Stiner, the energy project manager at NAVFAC. “What we’re trying to do is get DoD and industry to partner together and come up with some solutions for potential renewable energy.”

Data gathered at the conference will allow DON to assess if there is further interest in using wave energy conversion systems on MCBH.

The ultimate objective of this effort is to support development and utilization of ocean energy technologies as a means to reduce dependence on fossil fuel and associated emissions.

“So what we’re trying to do is get people interested in what we’re doing and show our interest,” Stiner added.

## Navy’s first alternative fueling station is open in Hawaii

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Naval Facilities  
Engineering Command  
Hawaii

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii officially opened the first of three Ethanol 85 (E85) fueling stations planned for the Navy’s fleet of flex-fuel vehicles March 22 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

“The addition of this E85 fueling station to our fueling options directly addresses the energy mandates set forth by the secretary of the Navy and the president,” said Capt. John Coronado, commanding officer, NAVFAC Hawaii. “We have over 1,000 E85-capable vehicles at JBPHH that will be able to take full advantage of this station and the two others to be installed.”

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus has directed the Navy to reduce its consumption of petroleum by 50 percent before 2015, while the president’s Executive Order 13514 calls for a 28 percent reduction in green house gases, such as carbon

dioxide, by 2020.

Flex-fuel vehicles commonly use E85, an alternative fuel of 85 percent plant-based ethanol blended with 15 percent gasoline, that performs as efficient as unleaded gasoline would in regular vehicles. Ethanol is environmentally friendly, produces less carbon dioxide emissions, and helps reduce Hawaii’s dependence on foreign oil.

In September 2010, NAVFAC Engineering Service Center (ESC) awarded a \$315,767 contract to the Honolulu office of Innovative Technical Solutions, Inc. (ITSI) to develop and construct a 10,000-gallon, above ground fueling station adjacent to the existing government fueling station on Paul Hamilton Avenue, JBPHH. NAVFAC Hawaii assisted ESC in executing the project.

The contractor broke ground in April 2011 and completed all mechanical and electrical work on July 15, 2011. Next, Space and Naval War Systems Command (SPAWAR) installed the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Fuel Master system, owners of the



U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley

Capt. John Coronado, commanding officer of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii, fills up his government sedan March 22, pumped from the Navy’s first E85 station in Hawaii at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

E85 fuel. After further adjustments, repairs and final checks, the station became operational this month. This means all government gas cardholders and their government-owned flex-fueled vehicles are now

expected to fill up with E85. “Our E85 station may not have the amenities of some commercial fueling stations, but it will provide alternative fuel for personnel at JBPHH,” Coronado said. “All passenger-carrying

vehicles can pull in and fill up.”

The Navy’s E85 fueling station is the second of its kind in Hawaii to come online after one on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe opened in November 2010.

### Attention: Government fuel (VIL) key holders

With the official opening of the new E85 fueling station March 22 on USS Paul Hamilton Street, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, all Navy government vehicles (non-GSA) requiring the use of Flex-Fuel (E-85) have been disabled until the user brings the vehicle identification link (VIL) key (known as PROKEE/black plastic chip) to the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii transportation compound on Russell Avenue, building 35, to have it re-programmed. This is necessary to manage the dispensing of the Flex-Fuel (E-85) vehicle fleet. Please come by at your earliest convenience to have your VIL adjusted accordingly. Questions? Please call 474-0663.

Both are for government use only. The Navy is currently evaluating other potential sites across the island.

## 15th Wing kicks off 2012 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign

Story and photo by  
Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

15th Wing Public Affairs

The 15th Wing is marching in step with the annual six-week long Air Force-wide campaign which began March 26 to raise money for the Air Force Assistance Fund.

The AFAF is an annual effort to raise funds for charitable affiliates that provide support to active duty Airmen, retirees, Reservists, National Guardsmen, dependents and surviving spouses in need. The official AFAF organizations include the Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Villages, Inc., the General and Mrs. Curtis LeMay Foundation, and the Air Force Enlisted Village, Inc.

While the three latter charities focus primarily on providing quality of life services and aid to retirees and the widows and widowers of retired Air Force personnel, the Air Force Aid Society helps more than 35,000 Airmen, both active and retired, and eligible family members with financial assistance programs totaling nearly \$20 million.

“Airmen need to know that the money they donate is being used in



Attendees of the 2012 Air Force Assistance Fund kickoff breakfast March 22 discuss the history of the AFAF at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawaii.

more positive ways than they can imagine,” said Tech. Sgt. Melissa Rohloff, 15th Wing Staff Agencies AFAF unit project officer. “Donating to the AFAF is much more meaningful than just filling out a piece of paper. The lives of

our peers and the lives of those who have made the Air Force what it is today depend on the donations we all make.”

Gary Hasegawa, an AFAS officer, said two of the many places Airmen can see donations in action

are the interest free “Falcon” loans offered by the Warfighter and Family Services Center and the Spouse Tuition Assistance Program (STAP).

“We provided loans of \$105,000 last year alone from basic living,

vehicle repair and emergency leave,” he said. “We also granted \$42,000 through the STAP program. All the money is used for a great purpose here.”

Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, chief of staff of the Air Force, said that many generations of Airmen depend on the generosity of the current one.

“Our Air Force active duty, Guard members, Reservists, retirees and family members have relied on our four AFAF affiliate charities for nearly four decades,” he said. “Over that time, the charities have provided a full range of much-needed services—over \$22.2 million in 2010 alone. This year, it is not about Airmen giving more, but about more Airmen giving.”

The goal for Team Hickam is \$110,585 dollars raised in total. Other objectives include 100 percent contact with all service members by April 6, one organized fundraiser per unit, and 100 percent accountability of all funds and forms. The campaign ends May 6.

To donate to the AFAF, contact a respective unit project officer. For more information about the Air Force Assistance Fund, visit [www.afassistancefund.org](http://www.afassistancefund.org).

## Historic Hawaii Foundation awards announced for JBPHH

Naval Facilities  
Engineering Command  
Hawaii

For the second consecutive year, and the second time since the awards program began 37 years ago, the Navy and Air Force will be honored by the Historic Hawaii Foundation with several preservation honor awards in recognition of projects to “perpetuate, rehabilitate, restore or

interpret the state’s architectural, archaeological and/or cultural heritage.”

Annually the Historic Hawaii Foundation, a statewide non-profit organization, advocates the preservation of historic buildings, sites and communities relating to Hawaii’s history. It recognizes projects/efforts that perpetuate, rehabilitate, restore or interpret the state’s architectural,

archaeological and/or cultural heritage. The JBPHH was awarded for these seven projects:

- Hickam Field Entry Gates, exterior restoration, including custom fabrication of historically accurate letters.
- Hickam building 1102 (PACAF HQ), documentation of damage sustained during the attack of Dec. 7, 1941.
- Antennae at Lualualei

Radio Transmitting Facility, short documentary film on the historic and design.

- Pearl Harbor Wayside Exhibits, permanent interpretive signage that captures the history of the U.S. Navy in Pearl Harbor (and of a design similar to signage at the former Hickam Air Force Base, helping to strengthen links within the Joint Base).
- Hickam Historic Housing

(PPV), rehabilitation of non-select homes.

- “Wooden Structures Repair Manual,” a reference guide and preservation training aid for historic wood buildings in the Navy inventory.
- “Historic Assets Management Process,” a survey and assessment tool to incorporate historic preservation considerations into facilities planning.

The foundation has selected seven projects in the three categories, including documentation/interpretation of historic resources, development of cultural resources management tools, and rehabilitation of the original entry gates to Hickam Field.

A formal awards ceremony will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 11 to recognize all awardees.



# USS O’Kane Sailors leave joint base on deployment

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Guided-missile destroyer USS O’Kane (DDG 77), commanded by Cmdr. Michael Ray, departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on March 23 for a deployment to the western Pacific.

The crew of more than 250 Sailors plans to conduct integrated operations in conjunction with coalition partners in the U.S. 7th Fleet and Fleet areas of operation.

“O’Kane has prepared for this deployment for more than a year, and we are returning to a theater we know well,” Ray said. “The unique capabilities of this ship afford us the opportunity to make a

real contribution to the peace and security of that region. I am extremely proud of the crew for the work they have done to prepare for this day and feel honored to stand beside them as we head over the horizon.”

O’Kane is deploying under the Middle Pacific Surface Combatant (MPSC) deployment concept in which Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam-based ships deploy in support of operations primarily in the western Pacific under U.S. 7th Fleet.

“I am really excited about all of our port visits because I have been to none of them before. My goals for this deployment are to get my surface warfare pin and make rank,” said Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Donovan Nuusolia.

Nuusolia’s wife Lynne and their children were at pier-side to see him off.

“I plan to keep my kids healthy and be both mom and dad,” Lynne said. “I want to take care of everything so he has nothing to worry about and can concentrate on his objectives.”

Guided-missile destroyers are multi-mission, anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare surface combatants.

Master Sgt. Desmond Yogi (left) along with family members of Sailors aboard guided missile Destroyer USS O’Kane (DDG 77) render a salute as the ship sets out on deployment from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham



## Diverse Views

“Why do you think it’s important to do community service and community outreach? What are the benefits?”

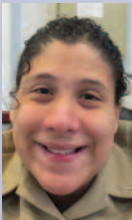


Master Sgt. Chandra Mark  
HQ PACAF/SG

“It’s an opportunity to do something for someone other than yourself. A moment of your time could really mean the world to someone else. A homeless person you serve a meal or an Airman, Sailor or Soldier whose young family could use your old appliances, or the kid’s clothes you were going to throw out. The benefits include feeling great about yourself, and for me, it’s teaching the spirit of service to my children.”

GSE3 Dina Chelewitte  
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

“We live here, we should do something to help our community get better and do better. If everyone just did one or two things to help out, it would make a difference.”



Tech. Sgt. Greg Brown  
647th Civil Engineer Squadron

“To show the community that we care just as much for them as they do for us.”

Gemma Oba-Ob  
JBPHH uniform shop

“(I do it) to influence the younger generation. I always go to school. My main thing is chaperoning.”



Lt. Col. Roger Gibson  
Commander, Det. 1, 713th Combat Operations Squadron

“If everyone contributes to the local community, it benefits everyone, gives individuals a sense of worth and improves the environment for all to enjoy.”

HMC Andrew Jenkins  
COMPACFLT

“We all know the military is a direct reflection of the U.S. We are the best of the best. We feel the need to help and guide each other. It’s important to reflect that.”



(Provided by AMEI Calori Mullins and David Underwood Jr.)

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Commentary

## It’s important to vote - make your voice heard

Ramona Miyagishima

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This is an important year for you, the voter. This year you will vote for the U.S. president and vice president who will serve our country for the next four years.

You will vote for one-third of the seats in the U.S. Senate. You will vote for all 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. Eleven states and two U.S. territories will hold their gubernatorial elections, and many elections for state legislatures will also take place this year.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau ([www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)), in the 2008 presidential election, 64 percent of voting-age citizens voted. Service members have a history of greater-than-average participation in elections.

Data from the Federal Voting Assistance Program ([www.FVAP.gov](http://www.FVAP.gov)) indicates that 77 percent of the military registered to vote in the 2010 election, compared to 65 percent of the civilian population. Throughout history, people have fought and died for your freedom to vote.

Our Constitution has five amendments (15th, 17th, 19th, 24th and 26th)

that pertain to voting. Voting is an essential part of our democratic process.

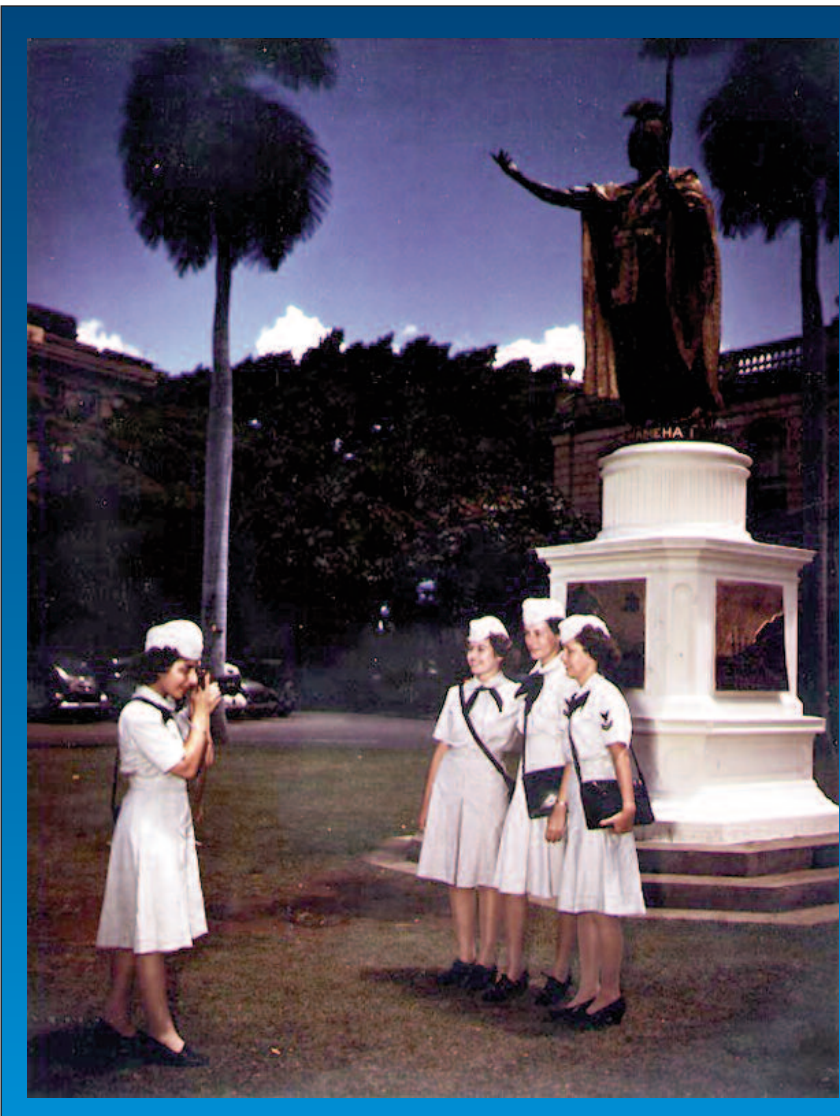
Abraham Lincoln called democracy “government of the people, by the people and for the people,” in his Gettysburg Address. Living in a democracy means we have the privilege to decide who will represent us and how they will represent us. We have the right to vote. Your vote sends the message to your elected leaders that they are responsible for the decisions they make on issues that are important to you.

Why vote? Because you can. For more information on voting, please contact your unit’s voting assistance officer.

## Porter Gate to be closed Sunday morning and afternoon

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii (NAVFAC Hawaii) will be conducting maintenance at the Porter Gate of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Sunday.

Expect one lane at a time to be closed for this maintenance, with traffic routed through one side of the gate at a time during the maintenance period.



## WAVES shown on liberty in Honolulu during 1945

Yeoman 3rd Class Margaret Jean Fusco photographs three friends by King Kamehameha’s statue in Honolulu, circa spring 1945. Posing from left to right are Yeoman 2nd Class Jennie Reinhart, Yeoman 2nd Class Muriel Caldwell and Yeoman 2nd Class June Read.

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# VP-9 Golden Eagles celebrate 61st birthday at MCBH, Kaneohe Bay

**Lt. j.g. Ryan Jones**

*Patrol Squadron Nine  
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MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII, KANEOHE BAY, Hawaii – Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) was commissioned on March, 15 1951 at Naval

Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island, Wash. In July 1992, they moved to NAS Barbers Point and in 1999, VP-9 transitioned to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The Golden Eagles are part of the rich history of Maritime Patrol and

Reconnaissance Aviation (MPRA). They initially started flying the P-4Y2 “Privateer,” followed by the P-2V “Neptune” in 1955 and eventually the P-3C “Orion” in 1966.

Within a few years, VP-9 will take possession of the Navy’s newest aircraft, the P-8 “Poseidon.”



U.S. Navy photo by AWF2 Amanda De Welles

One of Patrol Squadron Nine’s (VP-9) youngest Sailors, Aviation Machinist’s Mate Airman Brittney Mueller, cuts the cake with VP-9’s commanding officer, Cmdr. Richard Prest, in celebration of the Golden Eagles’ 61st birthday.



Sailors from Patrol Squadron Four’s Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions take part in a cleanup of He’eia Stream.

## VP-4’s CSADD helps protect He’eia Stream

**Story and photo by  
Lt. j.g. Jenna Rose**

*Patrol Squadron Four Public Affairs*

Patrol Squadron Four’s (VP-4) Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) chapter recently partnered with the He’eia Stream Restoration project to protect the He’eia Stream.

Continuing to strengthen community relations, the CSADD chapter worked with more than 30 people from the local Kaneohe area, clearing areas of non-native species and debris, spreading mulch, planting native species, and maintaining planted areas. “There were many invasive species taking up too much water, so it was important to eliminate those plants while ensuring the native

plants are able to grow in the area,” said Aviation Electronics Mate 3rd Class (AW) Edrico Garcia, a CSADD member.

The He’eia Stream Project started in 2010 to restore 4,000 feet of riparian habitat in He’eia Stream. In addition to rejuvenating the area, the future goal of the He’eia Stream Restoration project is to allow community groups to utilize the project as an educational experience. “It’s a great opportunity to volunteer and give back to the community, while spending time outdoors,” Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class Karah Mabry, VP-4 CSADD president.

VP-4’s CSADD chapter was established in July 2011. While adhering to its mission statement, “Shipmates Helping Shipmates,” the organization works to create a culture in which its members maintain a course of success through good decision making.

# Cell phones can be used on base with ‘hands-free’ devices

**Navy Region Hawaii**

The following instruction applies to people driving on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam: “Per IAW Navy HHQ regulations (CNICI 5530.14, CNIC Ashore Protection Program), cellular phones can be used on

base when using hands-free devices.

Hands-free devices include console/dash mounted or otherwise secured cellular phones with integrated features such as voice activation, speed dial, speaker phone or other similar technology

for sending and receiving calls.

There is no requirement that it be built into the vehicle. However, driver use of any portable, personal listening device worn inside the aural canal, around or covering the driver’s ear (including

wired or wireless earphones and headphones, Bluetooth® or similar technology) is not authorized on base while operating a motor vehicle, except for fire and emergency response or law enforcement/security purposes.

Hearing aids or devices designed and required for hearing enhancement are exempt from this prohibition.

As for the penalty, violation of the cell phone policy on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) warrants a mandatory joint

base traffic court appearance. It is up to the traffic court administrator to determine what sanctions to impose. However, three points will be assessed against a driver’s base driving record for violations of the cell phone policy.”



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# Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



John Lenyo, president and general manager for CAE USA, talks to commanders and state representatives at the March 26 opening ceremony for the new KC-135 flight simulator at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

The guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57) conducts operations off the coast of Hawaii.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Class Sean Furey



(Above) A spouse and daughter of a Sailor assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77) hold up a sign as the ship departs March 22 from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a deployment to the western Pacific. The crew of more than 250 Sailors will conduct integrated operations in conjunction with coalition partners.

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



Photo courtesy of City and County of Honolulu

Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle recently signed a Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2012 Proclamation at his office at Honolulu Hale. Representatives from the Navy's Sexual Assault Prevention Response program at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam participated in the event. Left to right are Operations Specialist 2nd Class Shavone Garnett, victim advocate; Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Timothy Magee, victim advocate; Shari Freeman, Sexual Assault Response coordinator; Mayor Carlisle; Louella Cazimero-Bactad, Sexual Assault Response coordinator; and Master-at-Arms 1st Class Laurie Taylor, victim advocate. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65), (left) and the guided-missile destroyer USS Benfold (DDG 65) are moored side-by-side at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Benfold, which shares the same hull number as Chosin, is scheduled to participate in the upcoming Koa Kai exercise in April.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Donald W. Randall





# Yellow fever mosquito: It's back – after 63 years

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The recent re-emergence of the yellow fever mosquito, *Aedes aegypti*, which hasn't been an inhabitant of the island of Oahu for more than 63 years, has caused quite a stir in a normally laid back community.

Well-known on the Big Island, its re-emergence is a cause for concern on Oahu as the mosquito is known to transmit debilitating diseases like dengue fever, yellow fever, chikungunya fever, and other pathogens.

Unlike its more Oahu-established "cousin," the Asian tiger mosquito, *Aedes albopictus*, it is a much more efficient vector of disease due to its biology and behavior, especially its preference for feeding on humans indoors. This is of particular concern due to



File photo

*Aedes aegypti* is back.

last year's outbreak on Oahu of dengue fever and the more recent outbreaks of dengue as seen in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Yap, Federated States of Micronesia.

The yellow fever mosquito is very similar in appearance to the Asian tiger mosquito, with a dark

body and white stripes or markings on the legs and abdomen. A trained entomologist can easily tell the difference between the two, but others may find it challenging to separate them, especially if it's been recently swatted.

Dengue is a mosquito-borne viral infection found

in tropical and subtropical climates worldwide. It causes a severe flu-like illness also known as "break-bone fever" and sometimes develops into a potentially lethal complication called dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF). There is no specific treatment or vaccine for dengue, but appropriate

medical care frequently saves the lives of patients with the more serious form, DHF. The only way to prevent transmission is to combat the disease-carrying mosquito.

Infected humans are the main carriers and multipliers of the virus for uninfected mosquitoes. The virus circulates in the blood of infected humans for two to seven days, at about the same time that they have a fever. Female *Aedes* mosquitoes may pick up the virus when they feed on a sick individual during this period. Once a female mosquito becomes infected, she can transmit the virus for the rest of her life. Male mosquitoes do not bite and are not blood-feeders.

Prevention is key. U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit 2 Pacific, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, the 15th Medical Group and the State of Hawaii want to remind

everyone to clean up trash and empty any water containers (plant pots, jars, cups, plastic dishes, etc.) found around your home to prevent mosquitoes from breeding.

Protect yourself by wearing personal insect repellent such as those containing DEET (20-30 percent) or picaridin. Repair window and door screens to keep mosquitoes from entering your home. Wearing lighter colored clothing that covers and protects skin can also help prevent bites. The appropriate application of larvicides can be especially useful in long term control. Natural larvicidal products containing Bti and mosquito-eating fish or copepods may also be helpful. However, during outbreaks, emergency control measures can also include broad application of adult insecticides by ULV using portable, truck or even airplane-mounted machines.

## *This week in* **USAF & PACAF** *History*

**Charles Nicholls**

*PACAF historian*

On April 1, 1952, Korean War aerial victories took place. Fifth Air Force Sabre pilots in the Korean War destroyed 10 MiGs while losing one F-86. Col. Francis S. Gabreski, U.S. Air Force, commander of the 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing, destroyed a MiG to become the eighth jet ace of the war.

On Dec. 7, 1941, Gabreski was on Oahu pushing airworthy aircraft away from flames and explosions after the Japanese attack. He was one of the few P-36 pilots to get airborne in case the Japanese attackers returned. During World War II, Gabreski scored 28 kills in the European theater – the most of any pilot fighting the Luftwaffe. In the Korean War, Gabreski scored 6.5 kills and was one of only seven pilots to become an ace in two wars. Gabreski stated about

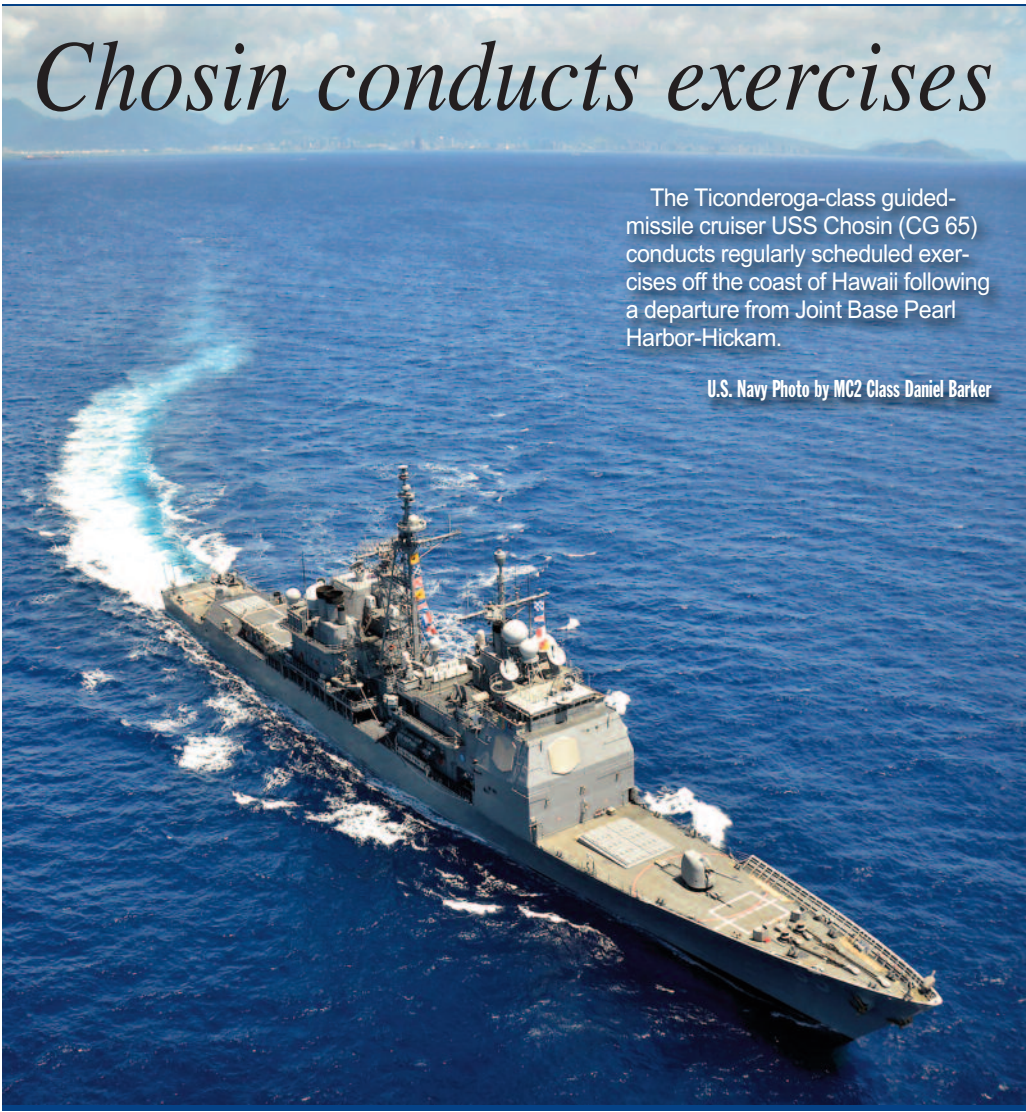


wingmen: "The wingman is absolutely indispensable. I look after the wingman. The wingman looks after me. It's another set of eyes protecting you. That's the defensive part. Offensively, it gives you a lot more firepower. We work together. We fight together. The wingman knows what his responsibilities are, and knows what mine are. Wars are not won by individuals. They're won by teams."

## *Chosin conducts exercises*

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

U.S. Navy Photo by MC2 Class Daniel Barker





# First Air Force female four-star general confirmed

## Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Senate confirmed Air Force Lt. Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger for promotion March 26, making her the first female four-star general in Air Force history. Wolfenbarger currently serves as the military deputy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition here, and she is one of four female lieutenant generals in the Air Force. “This is an historic occasion for the Air Force,” said Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley. “General



U.S. Air Force photo by Michael Pausic

Wolfenbarger’s 32 years of extraordinary leadership service, highlighted by and devotion to duty, make

her exceptionally qualified for this senior position and to serve as the next commander of Air Force Materiel Command [AFMC].” “I am honored to have been confirmed by the Senate for promotion to the rank of general and to serve as commander of Air Force Materiel Command. Until I take command of AFMC, I will continue to focus on the important Air Force acquisition work here at the Pentagon,” said Wolfenbarger. Wolfenbarger, a native of Beavercreek, Ohio, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1980 after graduat-

ing in the first class with female cadets at the Air Force Academy. The general has held several positions in the F-22 System Program Office at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, served as the F-22 lead program element monitor at the Pentagon, and was the B-2 System program director for the Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB. Prior to her current assignment, Wolfenbarger was the vice commander of Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB. Wolfenbarger received her third star in December 2009

and became the Air Force’s highest-ranking woman in January 2010. Women currently make up 9.1 percent of the Air Force’s general officer ranks. In addition to the four female lieutenant generals, there are 12 major generals and 11 brigadier generals. “This is an exciting time that pays homage to the generations of female Airmen, whose dedication, commitment and sacrifice helped open the doors for General Wolfenbarger and other female Airmen who will follow,” said Air Force Chief of Staff General Norton Schwartz.

# Sky is limit for Air Force women today

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*(Editor’s note: This article commemorates Women’s History Month. This story deals with the contributions women made to the Air Force during the years following the end of the Korean War up until shortly after the Gulf War. Please see the March 23 Ho’okele for an additional story.)*

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. (AFNS) – By the end of the Korean War (1953), 12,800 WAF officers and enlisted women were serving worldwide, and in 1955, Air Force nurses experienced a moment of turnabout when men were accepted into the Air Force Nurse Corps. The Vietnam War (1965-75) numbers reveal a different story than the Korean War. American women military serving in Southeast Asia numbered 7,000, with 600 to 800 reported to be WAFs. No longer thought of only as nurses or medical evacua-

tion personnel, WAFs also served in a variety of support staff assignments, in hospitals, with MASH units, in service clubs, in headquarters offices, intelligence and in a variety of personnel positions throughout Southeast Asia. With the 1967 repeal of the two percent cap on the number of women serving, and the lifting of the restriction on the highest grade women could achieve, the first of many glass ceilings was shattered. Then in 1968 the passage of Public Law 90-130 allowed women to enlist in the Air National Guard, and on campuses in 1969, Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFROTC) opened to women. Perhaps the most notable (to date) women’s accomplishment came in 1971 when Jeanne M. Holm was promoted to brigadier general. She was the first female Airman to reach that rank. It was an achievement that would serve as inspiration for women throughout the WAFs for two years until 1973 when she was promoted to major general.



Maj. Gen. Jeanne M. Holm

Brig. Gen. Susan J. Helms

It was that same year, 1973, that the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Air Force Lt. Sharon Frontiero and changed military life forever. The Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional the inequities in benefits for the dependents of military women. Until then, military women with dependents were not authorized housing, nor were their dependents eligible for the benefits and privileges afforded the dependents of male military members, such as medical, commissary and post exchange benefits. By the end of the Vietnam

War (1975), the Department of Defense had reversed policies and provided pregnant women with the option of electing discharge or remaining on active duty. Previous policies had required women to be discharged if they became pregnant or if they adopted a child. By the conclusion of the WAF program (1976) when women were accepted into the Air Force on an equal basis with men, women were laying a solid groundwork for attaining leadership positions and equal opportunities.

It was that year, our country’s bicentennial and more than 200 years since women first served on the battlefield of the American Revolution as nurses, water bearers, cooks, laundresses and saboteurs, that women were admitted to the service academies. After that, the sky was the limit. In 1976, the Air Force selected the first woman reservist for the undergraduate pilot training program, and the Air Force Strategic Air Command (SAC) assigned the first woman aircrew member to alert duty. In 1980, the first women graduated from the service academies, and just two years after that (1982), the Air Force selected the first woman aviator for test pilot school. Six Air Force women served as pilots, copilots and boom operators on the KC-135 and KC-10 tankers that refueled FB-111s during the raid on Libya in 1986. That year was a banner year academically for women as, for the first time in history, the Air Force Academy’s

top graduate was a woman. The war in the Persian Gulf (1990-91) deployed 40,000 American military women during Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. At the end of that war, the Air Force Reserve selected its first woman senior advisor, and Congress repealed laws banning women from flying in combat. It wasn’t until 1993 that women stood on the threshold of space. In that year, Brig. Gen. Susan J. Helms (then Maj. Helms), a member of the first class of the U. S. Air Force Academy (’80) to graduate women, became the first American military woman in space as part of the Space Shuttle Endeavor team. By then, the Civil War had been over for 125 years and our nation had seen, endured and survived two world wars, the riots of the ‘60s, the war protests of the ‘70s, and the Space Shuttle Challenger setback of the ‘80s. *(Martha Lockwood is the chief of Air Force Information Products for the Defense Media Activity.)*



# Joint medevac team provides state-of-the-art care for patient

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The ECMO system was one fraction of a very complex system that comprises the USAF aeromedical evacuation system infrastructure. In less than 24 hours, the medical team was organized, a C-17 was secured by the 613th Air Mobility Division's aeromedical evacuation control team, and multi-institutional equipment and supplies were all coordinated. In addition, a special ECMO stretcher, full of tubes, wires and medical devices, was constructed for what one Soldier described as a successful mission.

“For us, a successful mission is any mission where we can retrieve a patient anywhere in the Pacific theater, bring them back here to Tripler Army Medical Center, without any degradation in patient condi-

tion and no adverse events before, during or after the flight,” said Staff Sgt. Brendan Beely, Joint Medical Attendant Transport Team non-commission officer in charge at TAMC.

The core medical transport team included perfusionists (a specialized health professional who operates the ECMO heart-lung machine), pulmonologists, a cardio-thoracic surgeon, registered nurses and respiratory therapists.

“The critical care air transport teams are part of what has revolutionized air evacuation here in the United States and around the world,” said Col. Paul Friedrichs, Pacific Air Forces command surgeon. “We now can provide the same level of care in the air that you can get in any intensive care units in the United States. This mission today is a great example –

this is the first time in the Pacific Air forces where we have been able to take a patient whose lungs were not working, put them on a lung bypass machine called an ECMO machine, fly them all the way from Okinawa to (Hawaii) and save their life.”

The colonel added, “What’s particularly impressive to me about this, that I’m so proud of, is that this is a joint team of medics. We’ve got Army, Air Force and Navy medics as well as some of our civilian experts helping us provide state-of-the-art ICU care for this patient, and we are making sure that wherever the warfighter goes he or she can get the best care in the world.”

Aeromedical evacuation dates back to World War II where injured patients weren’t transported by fixed wing aircraft until they were stable,

requiring about 45 days on average during the Vietnam War to evacuate patients from Vietnam to the United States. Today, patients can be evacuated within three days from point of injury all the way through the air evacuation system and back to the United States.

Tyree, who previously worked in the neonatal/pediatric ECMO program at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, says even when a patient dies despite the best efforts of a military medical team, “what gives families the greatest sense of peace is that the government cares. It’s as if the president himself has reached out to them.”

Tyree added, “This mission would not have been possible without the tremendous multidisciplinary effort put forth by so many including 13th Air

Force, United States Transportation Command’s Theater Patient Movement Requirements Center Pacific, 535th Airlift Squadron, TAMC, PACAF CCATT Element East, and the Hanuola ECMO program of Hawaii. The family greatly appreciates the special care taken by the U.S. military to try to save their son.”

The medevac team was led by Army Lt. Col. (Dr.) Erik Osborn, a staff pulmonologist and critical care specialist at Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii. Osborn’s previous assignment was at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany where he has transported Wounded Warriors from Iraq and Afghanistan on extracorporeal membrane oxygenation as a member on the acute lung rescue team.



# Radford High School students get 'hands-on' experience at JBPHH career day

David D. Underwood Jr.

Students from Adm. Arthur W. Radford High School spent the morning of March 22 on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam getting an up-close and personal look at various career fields the students are interested pursuing.

The students were separated into different groups based on their career interest, and visited that particular career function on the base.

Areas visited included airfield vehicle maintenance, the Hale A'ina Dining Facility, the base fitness center, C-17 Operations, 647th Security Forces, the child development center, 647th Contracting Office, 747th Communications Squadron, airfield management and the medical clinics.

There was more hands-on experience for students at the medical clinics, according to Guerrero.

Balbino Barrientos, a retired Air Force master sergeant, gave his perspective on being a mechanic in the military.

Joshua Leineweber, a 10th grade Radford student, wants to be a fighter pilot. He went on a tour and received some hands-on experience in the C-17 flight simulator.

First Lt. Michael Hank, a pilot with the 535th Airlift Squadron, said task management and hard work is what it takes to become a pilot. He said, you have to be able to learn and pick up on things quickly and know what to focus on, and to determine what to do right now and what can wait.

The students were asked by Capt. Sharon Cortney, 535th Airlift Squadron, what they thought about their experience after touring a C-17 on the flight line. They responded, "Awesome!"

Cindy Mochida Schrock, CTE/Discovery Center coordinator for Radford High School, said, "It was such a wonderful experience for all of us. I am most pleased that our students were given the opportunity to shadow careers that are not so easily attained outside of our connections with the military, for example computers and communications, pilot and law enforcement.

Schrock added, "The students all had a wonderful experience and felt as if this information

helped them to move forward in pursuing the career that they shadowed."

Schrock said it was very interesting to learn about the different types of aircraft that are on the base, how the base is responsible to host many VIPs such as President Barack Obama, and how vital the department's role is in getting things to and from Hawaii via an aircraft.

"The other students that I spoke with especially loved their pilot

experience and the demonstration with the dog in the law enforcement department," she added.

Schrock emphasized, "We are just

so thankful for our partnership with the military and want to thank the Navy and Air Force for allowing us to participate in such a wonderful day of careers."





# Team NIOC outlasts Koa Kai to win base championship

**Story and photos by  
Randy Dela Cruz**

*Sports Editor*

Epic is the only word that can describe the final battle for hoop supremacy at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, as Team Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) sneaked past USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) Koa Kai, 40-38, to win the 2012 intramural basketball championship at Bloch Arena on March 26.

In a game that saw six lead changes in the final minutes of the second half, the showdown was finally decided on a late steal and assist by Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 2nd Class J'mese White, whose kick-out pass to Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 3rd Class Michael Lyles led to a winning lay-up with .3 left on the clock.

"J White was able to get the steal, and I just went out and got the lay-up," said Lyles, who scored nine points that included two big treys and the game-winner. "I felt like we had enough time. I was wide open for the lay-up with 3.8 seconds left and I made it. It was game over, as simple as that."

For teammate Cryptologic Technician (Networks) 2nd Class Reauthtie Yun, he said that the final shot of the game was the culmination of four years of playing intramural basketball, and it couldn't have come at a better time.

"My heart stopped," said Yun about watching Lyles go up for the shot. "I was, like, please make this and please don't let the time run out. He made it, it was over and I was so happy. I've been playing hard for four seasons and I finally won one. I can go to my next command happy."

While the shouts of joy were coming over loud and clear from Team NIOC after securing the title, the scene over at the Koa Kai bench was a stark contrast to the celebration.

Despite playing an outstanding game and leading his team with 11 points, Koa Kai guard Yeoman Seaman Courtney Sims was especially grief-stricken following the heartbreaking defeat.

In the second half, with Koa Kai down by seven points at 26-19, Sims went on a tear to pump in six straight points on two free throws and a pair of baskets to put his team



Team Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) point guard Cryptologic Technician (Networks) 2nd Class Reauthtie Yun goes up for a shot against the defense of USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) Koa Kai center Operations Specialist 3rd Class Byron Jones.

back in the game at 26-25.

However, with time running out and Koa Kai playing for final shot, Sims was trapped near center court and had the ball stripped by White, which led to the Lyles lay-up.

"We figured that since we stopped them defensively, we'd hold the ball and possibly get the last shot," Sims recounted. "I went to drive and kick, but the ball just got away. My foot just gave away."

Koa Kai head coach Lt. j.g. Travis Harlow said that he should have done more to prevent the game-ending play.

"What I'm trying to do

is put it on me," said the coach, whose team went down to its only defeat of the season. "I should have called a timeout and settled them down. At the same time, they had a good rhythm, and I was hoping to just go with that. Seaman Sims has been taking everyone off the dribble all year. I should have seen that everyone was unsettled, and I didn't call a timeout. It's on me. They are still champions to me."

On the other side, NIOC head coach Master Chief Yeoman Darrin Bobbitt said that he was already thinking about overtime, until Lyles' stuck the dagger in Koa

Kai's heart.

"I was like, what?" said Bobbitt about seeing Lyles out in front and going in for the lay-up. "Then I said, 'Please don't miss it. Put it on the glass.' And that's all I was thinking."

Once the game was over, Bobbitt praised his team not just for winning the championship, but also for its undefeated season.

"This feels real good," Bobbitt stated. "A lot of hard work, these guys put in, it was even guys that sacrificed that didn't even play today, but yet they supported the team. It's just an awesome feeling."

Besides Sims, Koa Kai was also led by center Operations Specialist 3rd Class Byron Jones and Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Jacob Bigley with 10 points apiece, while NIOC got a big effort from center Senior Airman Sean Caddell with 16 points.

With Bobbitt still clutching the team's new hardware, he said that he was already thinking about doing it again, and called out a few fresh faces that he is counting on to provide support next year: players such as Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Gabriel Young, Yeoman 2nd Class Adriel Frazier, Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 2nd Class Chris Smith, civilian Department of Defense Mark Moore, and Cryptologic Technician (Technical) Seaman Brittany Thomas, who was the team's lone female on the squad.

"This feels great," said Thomas, who added what it's going to take to repeat. "I'll be back in the gym shooting. We'll just work together. Work on our shots, skills and fundamentals."



Members of Team NIOC celebrate after capturing the 2012 intramural basketball championship with a 40-38 win over Koa Kai.



# Fast start leads 647 LRS season-opening victory

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Big hits by Staff Sgt. Mike Alfred led to three runs in the first inning and four runs in the second March 27, as the 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (647 LRS) built up a 7-0 lead, then hung on for a 14-10 season-opening win versus Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC). The intramural softball Gold Division game was held at the Hickam softball complex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Alfred stroked a leadoff inside-the-park home run to fuel the team's first-inning rally, then came back in the top of the second inning to blast a bases-loaded double that drove in two more runs.

"Everyone thinks I'm a soft hitter," Alfred said. "So I just wanted to come out and surprise hitting lead-off. I got lucky, I guess."

The LRS also received offensive support from the bat of Tech. Sgt. Chris Sage, who drove in a run in the first inning with a triple and followed up in the second inning with another three-bagger that drive in two runs.

Sage's second shot was a rope that nearly cleared the center-field fence.

Alfred said that the early lead was a big factor in the LRS walking off the field with a win in their first try this season.

"We've been playing in past tournaments and not doing so good," he stated. "We're a last-minute-put-together team and our



Staff Sgt. Mike Alfred, center fielder and leadoff hitter for the 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (647 LRS), takes a swing at a pitch during the team's intramural softball Gold Division matchup against Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC).

squadron deploys a lot, so we had to come out and show force that we're top dogs and not some scrub."

Following the outburst by the LRS, the cold bats of JPAC finally started to heat up in the bottom of the third.

With two outs and no

one on base, JPAC put runners on first and second on a single and walk, before Department of Defense civilian Ryan Taira banded double to drive in the team's first two runs of the game.

However, JPAC might have started to swing the

bat a little too late, as the LRS came back with a vengeance in the top of the fourth with a huge inning to double their run total.

In the fourth, the LRS quickly loaded the bases on two singles and an error, before JPAC relief pitcher Nicole McMinamin served

up a walk to give up the first run of the inning.

Then with the bases still choked with runners, LRS third baseman Lt. Devon Ford delivered what might have been the game's deathblow, when he clubbed a double to send all three runners home and

an 11-2 lead.

Much to her credit, McMinamin settled down to retire the side, and then went on to pitch back-to-back shutout innings to give JPAC a chance to mount a comeback.

"As someone put it to me, I had to pretend like I was pitching to my grandmother," said McMinamin about keeping the LRS hitters off-balance. "I pitched it slower and slower, so that they could hit it and someone could catch it."

With the LRS bats in check, JPAC hitters started to find their stroke and tallied four runs in the bottom of fourth, three runs in the fifth and a final run in the sixth, before the game's time limit expired.

"For me, it (the 647's big lead) wasn't a big deal because you still have to play your best no matter what," said McMinamin about falling short. "This is the first time that we've all played together, so we all have to get used to each other. The more we play, the better off we're going to be."

Although JPAC shrunk what seemed to be an insurmountable lead by the LRS, Alfred said that it was still good to get the first win of the season.

He added that he hopes the team will use the win as its first step toward the ultimate prize.

"Hopefully we'll win the championship," he said.

"We obviously need to get back together and start practicing a little more. A lot of us have been here for about three years, so we're like family. As long as we can keep the competitive attitude and keep the family together, we should be

# Undefeated NIOC plays Chosin to 2-2 deadlock

Story and photo by  
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A goal midway through the second half by Cryptologic Technician (Technical) Seaman Apprentice Dylan Harris helped the unbeaten Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) "A" squad salvage a 2-2 tie against USS Chosin (CG 65) in an intramural soccer battle of Gold Division March 24 at Ward Field, on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

NIOC entered the game at the top of the division with a record of 4-0, but barely escaped Ward Field with the tie, while the Chosin kept their place at No. 3 with a current record of 2-1-1.

The shot by Harris turned out to be huge for NIOC, which found the going tough against a quick and scrappy Chosin team.

Teammate Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 3rd Class Ian Vecino, who scored in the first half on a corner kick, explained that the Chosin defense was difficult to crack.

"We couldn't finish on a lot of goals that we usually do. That's why we didn't score too many," he said. "They were one of the best teams that we've played so far."

Although NIOC took the field with the better record, it was Chosin that seemed to gain a quick foothold in the matchup, as they consistently beat the division's top team to the ball in the early moments of the game.

Chosin's aggressive approach paid off minutes into the first half as striker Culinary Specialist Seaman Christian Diaz took advantage of a break in the NIOC defense and scored the first goal of the game on a crosskick that traveled past the goalkeeper and into the right corner of the goal.



Culinary Specialist Seaman Christian Diaz, forward for USS Chosin (CG 65) intramural soccer team, kicks the ball past Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) "A" defenders.

With NIOC still struggling to get past the Chosin's midfield, Vecino came up with a big play to tie the score at 1-1.

In bounding the ball from the left corner near the Chosin's goal, Vecino delivered a perfect boot that sailed above the outreached arms of Engineer Fireman Jeremy McCabe, Chosin goalkeeper, and hooked into the goal.

"I was looking to do that," Vecino admitted. "It was an open spot, so I

decided to try and place the ball as close to the net as possible."

While the shot seemed to invigorate NIOC's attack, the moment was lost just before halftime, when Diaz struck again.

This time, Chosin forward took a pass down the right sideline and kicked a line-drive shot into the left corner of the goal to give his team a 2-1 advantage going into the break.

"All game long we were building up really good, and I saw the opportunity

to shoot, so I just took a shot," Diaz said. "The first one was a bang-bang play. I didn't expect something like that to come off my left leg. The second one was an awesome play. It was a give-and-go. I got one touch to me, and I saw the goal wide open."

After Harris tied the scored, the game remained in a deadlock, but not before Diaz had one final opportunity to win it all for Chosin.

With less than a minute remaining in the game,

Diaz booted in what appeared to be the game-winner, but the officials, who ruled that Chosin committed an offside violation, called off the shot.

"I'm confused," said Diaz about the infraction. "I think he called it offside or hand-ball, either way I'm always going to say that he was wrong. But you got to play with what you got."

Following the tough matchup, Vecino said that he wouldn't be surprised if his team met up with Chosin later in the postsea-

son.

Diaz acknowledged that while there is a good possibility that it could happen, he believes that Chosin has a lot to work on before that day comes.

"To come up against a team like that and play the way we did shows a lot, but there is so much room for improvement," he noted. "We have the talent - midfield and up. We just got to work on the third of the field."



# Military families support Relay for Life

Story and photos by  
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Gathering under this year's theme of "iRelay," members of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam community volunteered to help out at this year's American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Leeward Oahu held March 23 and 24 at Kapolei High School.

Relay is an overnight event consisting of teams of people camping out around a track. Members of each team take turns walking around the track during the duration of the event in support of those whose lives have been affected by cancer.

Wearing a bright yellow T-shirt emblazoned with the word "committee" on the back, Air Force Master Sgt. Jeffrey Wurn served as acting logistic chairperson and sponsorship/fundraiser for the relay. Wurn is stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam PACAF headquarters. Although he



Wearing his yellow T-shirt, Air Force Master Sgt. Jeffrey Wurn helps out at the registration table during the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Leeward Oahu.

labored for 24 hours straight to make the event a success, he had no regrets. "It's worth it," he explained.

Wurn's wife, Delores, served as the survivorship chairperson. She ran the survivor dinner held to honor survivors of the disease, which took place right after survivor's ran the first lap of the relay to start the night's festivities. She also made gifts and goodies for

the survivors. "I just enjoy being part of the big family here," Delores explained.

Their son, Dexter Wurn, a seventh-grader at Aliamanu Middle School, served as the youngest team captain at the relay. "I volunteered because my grandmother died from cancer," Dexter said.

Members of another Air Force family, the Hartleys, also volunteered to help out at the survivor registration



Air Force families from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam greet survivors during the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Leeward Oahu.

tent, the dinner tent and in a variety of other capacities.

They included mom Melissa Hartley, wife of (Select) Master Sgt. Chad Hartley, and their children, including 13-year-old Alyssa, 10-year-old Christopher, 15-year-old Victoria and 14-year-old Chad Junior.

"I like volunteering. I

think helping others makes a difference. It can also affect you personally. I think it's fun," Victoria said.

Cancer survivor and Navy spouse Ronnalee Daniels attended the Relay for Life at Kapolei High. "This is my third Relay for Life. There's a lot of spirit here, a lot of love, a lot of aloha," Daniels said.

Retired U.S. Marine and disabled American veteran John Lessory joined fellow cancer survivors in being honored as they made the first lap of the night around the track, while being cheered on enthusiastically by a throng of supporters. "This makes me feel very honored and very comforted," Lessory declared.

## 'Incident and injury free' promoted at *keiki* safety fair

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LLC

Putting out cooking fires with pan lids, using fire extinguishers to spray at the base of a fire, learning to stop-drop-and roll, and bandaging "injured dummies" were among the activities at the *keiki* (child) safety fair held at Ka Makani Community Center March 16 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The fair was organized by Hickam Communities' resident advisory panel (RAP) members who brought the idea to their resident services team. Residents sought to



Battalion Chief Al Balderama of the Federal Fire Department at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam addresses junior firefighters at Hickam Communities *keiki* safety fair held March 16.

reinforce safe behavior by teaching children the important basics about what to do in the case of fire or injury, including how to summon help and what information to provide to first responders.

"Our RAP members came up with a great idea for an event that could benefit the community, and they volunteered their time to help make it happen," said Loreen Hulihe'e, community manager. "With the success of this event, we look forward to more residents getting involved in their RAP to share their ideas and help bring meaningful programs and activities to their neighborhood."



PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM **Mariawa Nanea** LEISURE

Morale Welfare & Recreation

🏆 APRIL FOOL’S DAY FUN

There will be an April Fool's Day celebration from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday at Scott Pool. There will be games and prizes. FMI: 473-0394

🏆 NCAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The NCAA basketball championship will be shown at J.R. Rockers on Monday. Tip off is at 3:21 p.m. There is no cover charge. FMI: 448-2271.

🏆 BEGINNER’S SAILING CLASS

A month-long beginner's sailing course is running from April 2 to 25 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Available times are noon to 2 p.m. or 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Rainbow Bay Marina. The course is for children ages 10 and older and consists of two hours of classroom theory along with 14 hours of on-the-water group instruction. FMI: 473-0279 for pricing. .

🏆 HAWAII ALL-MILITARY BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Hawaii's military bowlers will be competing for the Hawaii All-Military bowling championship from April 3 to 6. The tournament will be held at Hickam Bowling Center, at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Schofield and Naval Station Bowling Center. Admission is free. FMI: 448-9959 or 473-2574.

🏆 DAY HIKE

A day hike will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. April 4 on the Nuuanu-Judd/Hidden Palace trail. The cost is \$10 per person and sign-ups must be completed by April 2. FMI: 473-1198.

🏆 LIBERTY TEXAS HOLD’EM TOURNAMENT

A free Texas Hold'em tournament will be held at the Beeman Center on April 4. Registration is at 5:30 p.m. and the tournament runs from 6 to 9 p.m. This tournament is open to all active duty single Sailors/Airmen E-1 to E-5 as well as geographic bachelors. The tournament is limited to 50 participants. FMI: 473-2583.

🏆 SHREDDING SERVICES

In honor of Earth Day, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is providing free paper shredding services to the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam community and its residents from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 6 and 7 in the Bloch Arena parking lot. Shredding will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The following items are authorized to shred: any color and style of paper to include paperclips, staples and rubber bands. Items not authorized include CDs, DVDs, hard drives, cardboard boxes, hanging file folders and three-ring binders. This even is open to Department of Defense cardholders for business or personal use. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

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

Community Calendar

🌸 March

🌸 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. Tickets are on sale at the NEX Aloha Center Main Mall rotunda first floor. FMI: 423-3287.

🌸 31 ~ Discover your future in aviation at an event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. The event is for students and anyone interested in aviation as a career, for networking and meeting mentors. Exhibitors are invited to participate. FMI: 441-1007 or visit [PacificAviationMuseum.org](http://PacificAviationMuseum.org).

🌸 April

🌸 1 ~ The City & County of Honolulu will conduct the monthly statewide outdoor warning siren test at 11:45 a.m., Sunday. The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam “Giant Voice” works in conjunction with Honolulu's outdoor warning sirens and will sound a steady tone for 45 seconds.

🌸 5 ~ The Navy College Office Hawaii will conduct an ESO (Education Services Officers) workshop from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 5 in room 24 of the Navy College office, building 679. FMI: [Lawrence.d.Blackmon@navy.mil](mailto:Lawrence.d.Blackmon@navy.mil) or call 473-1278.

🌸 6 ~ A free information session will be held for military members to learn more about the teaching profession from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Navy College, 1260 Pierce St., building 679. Other sessions during the same time period will be held Monday at Fort Shafter Flats 9th Mission Support Command Theater Support Group; Tuesday at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay at the Club at Koa Malina; and April 4 at Schofield Barracks Warrior Assistance Center. Lunch is provided, but an RSVP is needed. FMI: 1-800-438-6851 or [info@mptht.org](mailto:info@mptht.org) [http://www.active.com/event\\_detail.cfm?event\\_id=2006042](http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=2006042)

🌸 At a glance

🌸 As of Monday, all pass and ID operations will be conducted from Nimitz Gate pass and ID office. Vickers Gate Pass and ID will be closed indefinitely.

Movie Showtimes



Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (PG-13)

Johnny Blaze, still struggling with his curse as the devil's bounty hunter, is hiding out in a remote part of eastern Europe when he is recruited by a secret sect of the church to save a young boy from the devil. At first, Johnny is reluctant to embrace the power of the Ghost Rider, but it is the only way to protect the boy and possibly rid himself of his curse forever.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY  
7:00 PM Safe House (R)

SATURDAY  
2:30 PM Big Miracle (PG)  
4:45 PM Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG-13)  
7:00 PM Man on a Ledge (PG-13)

SUNDAY  
2:30 PM Big Miracle (PG)  
4:45 PM Safe House (R)  
7:00 PM Woman in Black (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY  
6:00 PM Ghost Rider : Spirit of Vengeance (PG-13)  
8:30 PM Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13)

SATURDAY  
4:00 PM Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG)  
7:00 PM This Means War (PG-13)

SUNDAY  
2:00 PM Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG)





# Child of active duty Navy Sailor is a professional dancer

**Jazzmin Williams**

*Contributing Writer*

Before even being able to call herself a teenager, the animated Camren Bicondova has managed to dance her way onto the Kid's Choice Awards, the Disney Channel, and a principal role in the upcoming film "Battlefield America." Her most recent accomplishment is a spot on the internationally aired MTV dance show, "America's Best Dance Crew (ABDC)" with her eight-girl crew, "8 FLAVAHZ." Bicondova, age 12, is the daughter of a Navy chief stationed at Pearl Harbor

"She had seizures until she was seven years old," said Camren's mother and former Information Systems Technician Jessi Bicondova. "So we put her in dance just because she didn't really have a lot of social skills.... she was very shy and would always look down at the ground."

After putting Camren in both ballet and hip-hop at the age of 6, she grew to love dance and found out she was good at it. She now describes herself as a hip-hop dancer, but enjoys all styles.

Starting her dance career

## Easter sunrise service to be held April 8

Easter services have been announced for April 8 for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

They include:

- 6:30 a.m., Easter sunrise service at the Battleship Missouri Memorial (Protestant Service).
- 9 a.m., Easter Sunday at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel (PHMC) (Catholic).
- 11 a.m., Easter worship at PHMC (Protestant Service).

The PHMC non-seasonal Catholic services schedule includes: 11:30 a.m., daily Mass from Monday through Friday, 4:15 p.m.; confessions every Saturday, 5 p.m.; Mass every Saturday and 9 a.m.; Mass every Sunday.

Protestant services include: fellowship and Bible study at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday and worship service at 11 a.m. every Sunday.

For more information, call 473-3971.

Easter services for the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam have also been announced. They include:

Catholic services at the Hickam Chapel Center are:

- Palm (Passion) Sunday, at 10:30 a.m. April 1.
- Holy Thursday, 7 p.m. and Eucharistic Adoration at 8 p.m. April 5.
- Good Friday, 7 p.m. April 6.
- Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil Mass), 7 p.m. April 7.
- Easter Sunday, 10:30 a.m. April 8.

Catholic services at Nelles Chapel are:

- Living Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m. today.
- Palm Sunday Vigil Mass, 5 p.m. Sunday.

Daily Mass is also held at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

Protestant services at the Hickam Chapel Center include:

- Contemporary service Palm Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday.
- Contemporary Easter service, 8:30 a.m. April 8.

Protestant services at Nelles Chapel include:

- Palm Sunday traditional service, 9 a.m. Sunday.
- Palm Sunday gospel service, 10:45 a.m. Sunday.
- Good Friday Tenebrae service, 7 p.m., April 6;
- Easter morning traditional service, 9 a.m. April 8.
- Easter morning Gospel service, 10:45 a.m. April 8.

For more information, call 449-1754.



Photo courtesy of the Bicondova family

Camren Bicondova, the daughter of a Navy chief, is an accomplished dancer.

in San Diego (where the

family was previously stationed) allowed Camren to join not only a large dance community but also a lifestyle of sorts. Jessi compared it to the solidarity of the military's family-like community. When the family transferred to Oahu just before Camren's 10th birthday, her first reaction was-

n't an excited one.

"It was hard for me at first because when you're still young you're like 'I don't want to leave my friends,'" Camren said. "But then I realized Hawaii is a good place, so I was okay with it then."

After being recommended by her previous dance coach to try the Kaneohe dance

studio 24VII Danceforce Performing Company, Camren met dance coach and studio founder Marcelo Pacleb. He was impressed on first sight.

"She was only 9 years old but I could see that fire and that passion inside of her," Pacleb said. "She's a natural performer and entertainer."

Pacleb is responsible for organizing "8 FLAVAHZ." Out of the eight girls, four are from Hawaii and four are from California, with ages ranging from 10 to 17. A majority of their practices are done over Skype. They also send each other routines and correspond constantly to keep the adhesiveness that other teams have automatically.

America's Best Dance Crew held four auditions across the country throughout the month of January, with thousands of teams attempting to impress the judges to receive a spot on the show. Before the audition, Camren made a shout out to her father, saying, "I love you dad! I wish you were here."

After getting a callback, the crew found out they would be one of the top 10 crews competing on national television, with their fate being decided by the viewers.

"I am very honored and proud for them and just excited for the opportunities that can come of this," Pacleb said. "They're very versatile girls and I cant wait."

Even after all of the success that dancing has brought her, Camren said both of her parents have

been role models to her work ethic. She is homeschooled and said, she attempts to train harder whenever her father is away from home because she knows he is working just as hard.

"I'm hoping that it [8 FLAVAHZ] goes farther than Hawaii and JBPHH because they work really hard and we're really proud of her," said Jessi, who will be traveling with Camren for the length of the competition. "It's not easy."

As far as how dance has impacted her life, Camren said that it allowed her to meet new people and helped her to learn she could do things she thought she couldn't. The girl who was once a shy and introverted who struggled to meet people is now a professional athlete, both eloquent and confident.

She has had no problems with seizures since she started dancing.

"If you have a thing that you really want to do, don't stop it just because your parents aren't there," Camren said. "Just work harder so that they know that you're doing well."

The new season of America's Best Dance Crew, featuring "8 FLAVAHZ" premieres April 11.



# Springfest will include Earth Day, child abuse prevention themes

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

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) will hold Springfest from 3 to 6 p.m. April 7 at Ward Field.

The free event is open to all military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests. The event will observe the Month of the Military Child and Easter, Earth Day. Entertainment will include: •3:30 p.m., “One Strong Ohana” pledge in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month. •4 p.m., “Hypersquad” high-energy dance group performing the hippest moves. •5 p.m., “The Day Prevails,” band members from the MWR Teen Center.

### Activities will include:

- Bounce houses, basketball and batting cages;
- United States Tennis Association

(USTA) madness and fitness challenge. • Crafts and “food faces” for fun. •Eggland — MWR's Easter fun. •Easter bunny photo booth. •Pinwheels for Prevention. •Earth Day celebration, featuring learning how to prepare, protect and restore the earth and its natural resources. • Sponsor's row, featuring local organizations that support the military.

In addition, in honor of Earth Day, free community shredding opportunities for business or personal use will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 6 and 7 at Bloch Arena parking lot.

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

U.S. Navy file photo

This years Springfest will include “Eggland,” MWR's Easter fun,



## Pacific Aviation Museum plans variety of events this spring

### Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Upcoming events at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor have been announced. They include:

- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday –“Discover your future in aviation.” The event is free with paid museum admission. Special discounts are available for school and scout groups. A career fair, interactive science exhibits, trade show, aviation demonstrations and seminars about the contributions men and women have made to aviation will be featured. The event is for students and anyone interested in aviation as a career, an opportunity to network and to meet aviation mentors. Enter to win aviation prizes. Exhibitors are invited to participate.
- 1:30 to 3 p.m. May 19 – “Inside look at the Blackbird with and without a pilot” hangar talk by museum associate curator and aviation author Jim Goodall at museum education center. The event is free with paid museum admission.
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 28 — “Home of the Brave Quilt Project.” The event is free with paid admission. See quilts being made and sign one that will be presented to the family of a fallen Hawaii Soldier.
- June 2 and 3 –The Battle of Midway commemoration. These events will mark the 70th anniversary of this “turning point in the Pacific” epic battle with two days of speakers, panel discussions and the dedication and unveiling of the museum’s new “Battle of Midway” exhibit. The events are free to active duty military service members with ID, museum members, and free with regular museum admission.

Tickets are available online or at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Go to [SpecialEvents@PacificAviationMuseum.org](mailto:SpecialEvents@PacificAviationMuseum.org). Events include a symposium from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. A “Battle of Midway” new exhibit opening and cocktail reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. June 2 at the museum’s hangar 79. The museum’s new interactive diorama will be dedicated to Fred L. Turner, former chairman and CEO of McDonald’s Corp.

For more information on all museum events, call 441-1007. Tickets are available at [PacificAviationMuseum.org](http://PacificAviationMuseum.org)

## WHO SAID IT?

“I may be compelled to face danger, but never fear it, and while our Soldiers can stand and fight, I can stand and feed and nurse them.”

Last Week's

## WHO SAID IT?

"The free flow of commerce is absolutely essential for our prosperity and that of other nations ... as the past continues to inform the present and guides us to the future, the War of 1812 celebration will commemorate our rich history and heritage, positively influence the millions of Americans who come to see us, and showcase and demonstrate the capabilities of today's Navy."

Retired Adm. Gary Roughead

## This Week's Trivia

What happened March 27, 1799 in U.S. naval history?

**Last Issue's Question:** When did the Joint Chiefs of Staff give the United States Air Force formal and exclusive responsibility for strategic guided missiles in a basic decision on the role and mission of guided missiles?

**Answer:** On March 15, 1950, the Joint Chiefs of Staff gave the Air Force that responsibility.