



USS Russell returns home to Hawaii

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Families and friends welcomed back the guided-missile destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59) to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 23, following completion of a successful eight-month deployment to the western Pacific and Arabian Gulf.

“I am exceptionally pleased and proud of the tremendous performance of every Sailor aboard Russell during this challenging deployment,” said Cmdr. Joseph Carrigan, Russell’s commanding officer. “I believe I speak for each member of the crew when I say that we are thrilled to be home with our families, friends and the greater Pearl Harbor *Ohana*.”

Russell and her crew of nearly 300 Sailors conducted a wide range of operations, including ballistic missile defense, maritime security operations and oil platform defense. Additionally, the ship and her crew participated in multi-national exercises with NATO allies and Gulf partner nations in sup-

port of theater security cooperation and operations.

Mike McGuinness, the father of Seaman Matt McGuinness, flew all the way from New Jersey to greet his son at the pier as the ship pulled in.

“I thought it would be a good idea to come out and surprise him,” Mike said. “This is his first deployment. He has been in the Navy for one and a half years.”

While in the Arabian Gulf, Russell integrated with Carrier Strike Groups George H. W. Bush, John C. Stennis and Abraham Lincoln, supporting a variety of missions. Additionally, Russell served as the ballistic missile defense command platform for Commander Task Force 50 for two months, participating in 15 system operability tests, two joint air defense exercises, and a bilateral amphibious exercise with Saudi Arabia.

“While deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations, USS Russell consistently demonstrated unparalleled operational excellence and mission accomplishment while conducting maritime security operations, ballistic missile defense operations, maritime

infrastructure protection, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance support,” Carrigan said.

The officers and crew enjoyed several port visits in the western Pacific, East Asia, the Indian Ocean and the Middle East, including Guam, the Philippines, the Maldives, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, and Hong Kong and continued the U.S. Navy’s long-standing tradition of ambassadorship.

During the ship’s visit to Gan, Maldives, Russell Sailors connected with their Maldives National Defense Force (MNDF) counterparts and interacted with the local community. Russell Sailors participated in soccer matches and culinary exchanges where coast guardsmen from the Maldivian Coast Guard Ship (CGS) Shaheed Ali taught Sailors how to cook traditional Maldivian dishes aboard Russell.

Guided-missile destroyers are multi-mission anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare surface combatants. They operate independently for support of carrier and expeditionary strike groups and surface strike groups.



Airmen receive medals for bravery, valor

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Four medals were presented to three Airmen for their actions while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom during a ceremony April 20 at the Hickam Memorial Theater. The Bronze Star Medal was presented to Lt. Col. Jason J. Bock, commander, 647th Contracting Squadron (CONS), and Master Sgt. Matthew G. Kredell, 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES), explosive ordnance



Lt. Col. Jason J. Bock, commander, 647th Contracting Squadron; Staff Sgt. Darryl J. Dutton, 647th Civil Engineer Squadron; and Master Sgt. Matthew G. Kredell, 647th Civil Engineer Squadron; display their medals and citations after an awards ceremony April at Hickam Memorial Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

disposal craftsman. The Purple Heart and Air Force Combat Action Medal were awarded to Staff Sgt. Darryl J. Dutton, also of the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron.


Dutton and his team were en route to clear an improvised explosive device (IED), along with an Army infantry unit, who was their security, to an area to meet with the unit that discovered the IED. While at the location, an Army infantryman stepped on a pressure plate that detonated an unknown IED.

Dutton was thrown in the air and was unconscious for

an unknown period of time. The blast injured seven personnel including Dutton, whose left leg and arm were degloved and required eight surgeries, and who suffered a ruptured eardrum. “Fortunately, throughout this whole ordeal, I was able to come home to my wife and two children,” said Dutton.

During a routine quick response force (QRF), Dutton’s team had to walk approximately one kilometer to dispose of an IED where an Army unit was located.

See Medal, A-8









Battleship is here!

A free advance screening of “Battleship,” filmed on location at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), will be held April 28 at Sharkey Theater. Tickets will be given on a first-come, first-served basis to the first 400 authorized patrons. The ticket booth opens at 4 p.m. and the show begins at 6 p.m. There is a limit of four tickets per military service members and two tickets per authorized civilian.

In the movie, a fleet of ships is forced to do battle with an armada of unknown origins in order to discover and thwart their destructive goals. Some of the ships homeported at JBPHH are featured in the movie, and some scenes were filmed during RIMPAC 2010.

The premiere of “Battleship” will be May 10 in Los Angeles. The movie opens nationwide May 18. To see the movie trailer, visit <http://www.facebook.com/Battleship>

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Hickam spouses help raise money for a cure... one step at a time

Jane West

Contributing Writer

A team from the Hickam Officers' Spouses Club was among those who participated in the annual "Walk MS" event held April 21 at Aloha Stadium.

The nine-member team raised more than \$1,100 in pledges. Liz Ladd, team leader, said she became involved after her younger sister was diagnosed with MS. "I just want to do everything I can to ensure that she gets help to manage the symptoms and hope that one day there is a cure," Ladd said.

The annual "Walk MS" event locally raised more

than \$48,000. MS is the primary fundraising vehicle for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society with events held around the country and throughout the year.

Families, friends and work teams gathered to walk in support of finding a cure for MS, a chronic disease which attacks the central nervous system. Symptoms such as numbness in the limbs, partial paralysis, and vision difficulties are common for those inflicted with this disabling disease.

To find out more about multiple sclerosis and upcoming events, visit www.nmss.org.



Photo by Liz Ladd

A team from the Hickam Officers' Spouses Club was among those who participated in the annual "Walk MS" event held April 21 at Aloha Stadium

Navy spouse is Mrs. Hawaii 2012

Jazzmin Williams

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The new Mrs. Hawaii 2012 pageant winner is Stacey Snee, a Navy spouse. Snee was crowned Mrs. Hawaii during the pageant April 15 at the Outrigger Waikiki Hotel.

"I was shocked to take the title of Mrs. Hawaii," Snee said. "Winning was an amazing feeling. I feel so honored to have the opportunity to serve this state in the year ahead and represent Hawaii

at the Mrs. America pageant."

"It was definitely a step out of my comfort zone to compete as the oldest contestant this year," Snee said. "But with challenges comes growth and I feel that more than anything I grew in my faith and my security with who I am and the values that I represent."

Snee, 35, is in Hawaii for her second time along with her husband, Cmdr. Dave Snee, executive officer for the USS Hopper (DDG 70). A graduate of the U.S. Naval

Academy, Stacey is no stranger to the military lifestyle. She served as an officer in the Navy for five years. During her time in the Navy, Snee was named Junior Officer Shiphandler of the Year for the U.S. Navy Atlantic Fleet.

Her stylist, part-time coach and friend, Carol Rowles, said Snee's diverse resume is part of the reason for her success.

"She can reach military spouses, she's even a veteran herself," Rowles said. "She's a wife, she's a stay-at-home mom. She can reach such a broad range of women that I really see her as a tiptop candidate for this [Mrs. America]."

Rowles, the mother and coach of Miss Preteen Hawaii winner Emilee Rowles, put out a community-wide message with information about the pageant and an offer for anyone interested. After running into Snee on a walk and hearing her goals to use her platform to combat childhood obesity, a unique partnership was born.

The Mrs. Hawaii pageant was Snee's first pageant, and Rowles assisted in a coaching capacity, but with Snee being so well rounded, Rowles said she didn't really need it.

Snee received a master of science degree in nutrition

from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

She worked as a nutritionist in Japan as well as a consultant for multiple corporate wellness programs. Snee is a registered dietitian and now serves as a nutrition consultant, stay-at-home mom to her two children and volunteer.

A keen athlete, she enjoys surfing, playing basketball, running marathons and hiking.

"You would never know when she gets the whole makeup and crown and dress, but her whole persona is really more of a sporty girl," said Rowles. "She truly is a humble and incredible person. It's cool to be beautiful, but she's just so much more."

If Snee succeeds in claiming the Mrs. America crown, she will be following in the footsteps of Lara Leimana Fonoimoana, who was crowned Mrs. America 2011 after being named Mrs. Hawaii 2011.

"It's nice to think that I will not only represent married women and mothers in Hawaii but also female veterans, registered dietitians and military spouses worldwide," Snee said.

For more information on the Mrs. America pageant, visit the website www.mrsamerica.com.



Courtesy photo provided by Rick Bernico

Stacey Snee, Mrs. Hawaii 2012, (in the foreground) is crowned April 15 at the Mrs. Hawaii competition at the Outrigger Waikiki Hotel

Victim advocacy program empowers Airmen

1st Lt. Kathleen Eisenbrey and Airman 1st Class Jaclyn Malbrough

15th Medical Group

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and is an important opportunity to raise awareness about preventing sexual violence and the impact on its victims.

Many victims of sexual assault feel they have no voice due to overwhelming shame and stigmatization. Some military victims fear irreparable harm to their career prospects for reporting rape and sexual assault.

The Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program office is progressively influencing the way the military

responds to sexual assault and rape by changing the perceptions of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen. Since 2005, the Department of Defense has focused upon establishing local grassroots programs such as the victim advocacy program to recruit, retain

and inspire young troops while revising social mores.

"The victim advocacy program has been immensely successful as it empowers Airmen to help fellow Airmen," said Col. Joe Dague, 15th Wing vice commander.

"Advocacy programs offered by the SAPR program are critical to mission readiness and success as they help change the command climate," said Col. Dann Carlson, deputy commander at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) and 647th Air Base Group commander.

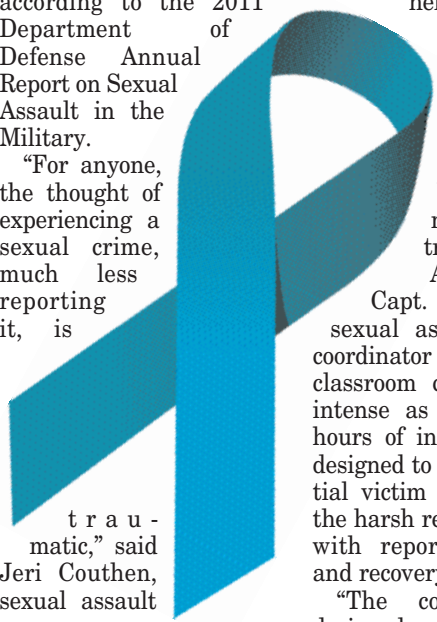
An inherent step in changing the command climate is providing immediate response and support to victims.

"The physical and mental injury of sexual assault is not a wound that can be covered by a band-aid," said Dague to participants at the SAPR's Victim Advocate Classroom Course on April 17. "It's not like a cut that can heal overnight [as victims] may carry it for the rest of their lives. What you do as a victim advocate

is so very important because you affect their recovery and promote the healing process."

The SAPR program has assisted tens of thousands of victims nationwide since its inception in 2005. Support ranges from confidential counseling to "activities that enhance victim assistance and augment the military justice process," according to the 2011 Department of Defense Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military.

"For anyone, the thought of experiencing a sexual crime, much less reporting it, is



traumatic," said Jeri Couthen, sexual assault response coordinator for U.S. Coast Guard Base Honolulu. "The victim advocacy program's goal is to act as an immediate support for victims when they need it most."

Attendees of the SAPR Programs's victim advocate course are required to complete a rigorous application process, which includes completing a comprehensive interview and criminal background check as well as obtaining a commander endorsement before beginning classroom training.

Capt. Russell Payne, sexual assault response coordinator at Hickam, the classroom course is quite intense as it involves 40 hours of in-depth training designed to acquaint potential victim advocates with the harsh realities involved with reporting, response and recovery.

"The course is not designed around the com-

fort of participants," he said. "We present difficult concepts and promote dynamic discussions in order for victim advocates to comprehend what challenging scenarios they may potentially face."

The Hickam SAPR Office has trained 71 victim advocates in its Joint Service Victim Advocacy program since June 2011; 20 of them were Air Force members. The Air Force currently has 30 active victim advocates assigned to Hickam and supports a population of more than 5,400 active duty Airmen and 8,000 dependents.

"The victim advocate's job is to support and inform, ensure safety, and be a companion to the victim," said Cori Cushman, Hickam SARC assistant. "For those who complete the training, they may be utilized as advocates who work one-on-one with victims. Victim advocates may also provide educational outreach, including bystander intervention training," Cushman said.

Help does not stop at the

Hickam SAPR Office. There are a myriad of programs available for victims, including confidential counseling in both the military and local communities. The DoD Helpline can be contacted 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 877-995-5247. The Hickam SAPR Office encourages phone calls from the community and can be reached at 449-7272.

"We are willing to give advice on hypothetical situations," said Cushman. "I'd rather people make decisions with the right information versus guessing about what options there may be."

During April, the SAPR Office has been involved in various community outreach efforts including information booths at the Hickam Base Exchange and a "clothesline" project which highlighted the impact of sexual assault among military ranks. To close out the month, a free 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk will begin at the Hickam Fitness Center at 7 a.m. April 28.

Hawaii service members volunteer at Special Olympics

Story and photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

More than 20 service members volunteered April 21 to assist in the Special Olympics Hawaii swim meet at the Henry J. Kaiser

High School in Hawaii Kai.

"We are so grateful because every year, without fail, not only do personnel from the military show up, but they show up with enthusiasm," said Mei Nakamoto, the deck referee at the swim meet. "They are always willing to help, and they are always willing to

cheer. They are the best cheerleaders, and we want them to come back every year."

During the swim meet, Sailors, Airmen and Marines were assigned to time the athletes who participated in several swimming events.

Engineman 1st Class

(SW) Tanner Baku, assigned to Navy Region Hawaii, was one of the volunteer timers.

"I've done it a few times, and I enjoy it," Baku said. "That's why I keep doing it, coming out here. I've done three full events in the past and a few practices. Coming to the events, and



Steelworker 2nd Class (SCW) Jaime Calle and Engineman 1st Class (SW) Tanner Baku (right) volunteer as timers at the Special Olympic Hawaii swim meet April 21.

to see it all come together is awesome."

Swim events varied from 10-meter distances all the way up to 50 meters, each with varying swim styles—freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke.

Special Olympics Hawaii serves more than 2,100 adults and children.

According to its website, Specialolympics.org, "The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them con-

tinuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community."

Approximately 50 competitions are held yearly through various sports activities for Special Olympics Hawaii. Special Olympics Hawaii depends on the efforts of more than 6,000 volunteers yearly. Volunteers represent corporate sponsors, civic groups, military groups and individuals.



A Special Olympic athlete performs a 25-meter swim at a swim meet held April 21 at the Henry J. Kaiser High School, Hawaii Kai. More than 20 service members volunteered to assist in the Special Olympics Hawaii events over that weekend.

How Battle of Coral Sea led to victory at Midway

Bill Doughty

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Craig Symonds, professor emeritus of history at the U.S. Naval Academy, brings his nuanced insights and context to a full study of the Battle of Midway, published in 2011 by Oxford University Press. This review focuses on one key event leading up to Midway but in another corner of the Pacific Ocean almost exactly 70 years ago: the Battle of the Coral Sea.

Symonds devotes an entire chapter of his great work "The Battle of Midway" to the Battle of the

Coral Sea, one of the key sea battles of World War II, occurring in early May, one month before Midway.

"The Coral Sea is one of the world's most beautiful bodies of water," writes Symonds. "Named for the coral reefs that guard Australia's northeast coast, it is bordered by Australia on the south, New Guinea on the west, the Solomon Islands on the north, and the New Hebrides on the east." That area was key to Imperial Japan's attempt to control the sea lanes for commerce and logistics.

On May 1, 1942, Adm. Halsey's Task Force 16 left Pearl Harbor, while the

Yorktown and Lexington carrier task forces joined to become Task Force 17 southeast of Guadalcanal. On that same day, the Imperial Japanese aircraft carriers Shokaku and Zuikaku and their escorts got underway from Truk and headed toward the Coral Sea.

Symonds writes, "Also on that busy May 1st, eighteen hundred miles further north, a group of senior officers met on board the Combined Fleet flagship Yamato, anchored in

Hashirajima Harbor near Hiroshima, to participate in a war game for the attack on Midway."

Symonds shows how logistics-related issues—particularly access to fuel oil—were among the biggest challenges for the American fleet, who didn't have the same proximity to island footholds and captured foreign ports as their enemy.

The author dissects the battle of May 7 and the death of USS Lexington on May 8. He analyzes the strategy, tactics and mixed result: despite the significant losses to the

Americans, the United States

Navy had stopped the Imperial Japanese Navy's advance toward Port Moresby.

"Over time, the assessment of historians has been that the Battle of the Coral Sea was a tactical victory for the Japanese but a strategic victory for the Americans," Symonds writes.

Navy pilots gained experience. Japanese aircraft were destroyed. The United States gained a better advantage in the Pacific, where carrier-based aviation surpassed battleship firepower in strategic importance.

The Battle of the Coral Sea also proved the value of radio intelligence, particularly as interpreted in the

Pacific. Symonds shows how Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Rochefort demonstrated his superior codebreaking abilities and analysis to Adm. Nimitz, first by predicting an invasion of Rabaul in January and then revealing the Japanese fleet's plans in the Coral Sea in May.

Credibility created confidence.

The credibility earned by Pearl Harbor's Station Hypo, the team of codebreakers under Rochefort, would lead directly to success in the Battle of Midway, June 4 - 7, 1942.

(This review comes from the "Navy Reads" blog: <http://bit.ly/NReads>)



USS Lexington off Diamond Head, Oahu, Feb 1933

Schoeler relieves Hathaway at NAMRU-2 change of command

Story by MC1 (EXW) Donald W. Randall and Don Robbins

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Capt. George B. Schoeler relieved Capt. Gail L. Hathaway as commanding officer of Naval Medical Research Unit No. 2 (NAMRU 2) during a change of command ceremony April 20 alongside the Battleship Missouri Memorial at Joint

Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

The mission of NAMRU-2 is to identify infectious disease threats of military and public health importance and to develop and evaluate interventions and products to mitigate those threats.

"NAMRU 2 has been on the cutting edge of disease discoveries and has recently diagnosed diseases thought dormant for more than 50 years," said Hathaway.

Hathaway assumed command of the United States



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (EXW) Donald W. Randall

Capt. Gail Hathaway places the Naval Medical Research Unit (NAMRU) 2 command pin on Capt. George Schoeler during their change of command ceremony. The ceremony took place aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

Naval Medical Research Unit Number 2 – Pacific on June 17, 2010. "Almost two years ago, I assumed command," said Hathaway. "At the time it was me, here in

Hawaii, and three officers located in Southeast Asia. Our staff also included a cadre of about 70 international researchers and support staff.

"Today we have a staff of 17 outstanding professionals here in Hawaii, four officers in Southeast Asia and the same 70 international staff," Hathaway said.

About 100 guests attended the ceremony including guest speaker, Rear Adm. Michael H. Mittelman, Navy deputy surgeon general.

"Your work, led by Capt. Hathaway and Schoeler, are truly force multipliers," said Mittelman. "Regardless of the challenges ahead, and there are many, Navy medicine is well-positioned for the future because of the work you and your team have done and because of leaders like these two."

During the ceremony, U.S. Pacific Band played music and Navy Region Color Guard presented the colors. Aaron Mahi, special guest and friend of Hatha-

way, gave a Hawaiian blessing according to the NAMRU-2 website, 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.

Diverse Views



"What are the challenges and opportunities facing today's military spouse?"



Lt. Cmdr. Cody Lallatin
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"With the longer deployment cycles that we've been hearing about, the biggest challenge is single-parenting challenges that come with deployments."

Tech. Sgt. Alaysha Clark
15th Medical Group



"Military spouses deserve every opportunity to have meaningful jobs and careers and should not be hindered by the financial or administrative burden of getting a new license in their chosen career field with every PCS move across state lines. Though this opportunity is not available in all states, few do provide a temporary or provisional license to allow military spouses to work while fulfilling new requirements."



Aviation Technician Airman Sarah Burke
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"Since he's on the sub (my fiancée), they're gone all the time. In the past two months I've only seen him for a week. In the past three weeks, I've talked to him twice. The only good thing is we don't fight because what little time we have together, we enjoy every second of it. Our biggest fight is whether our kids are going to be Alabama or North Carolina fans."

Master Sgt. Donna Mottley
13th Air Force
First Sgt.



"One challenge is when the spouse left behind doesn't know where or who to ask for help, and if they do, they may be hesitant to ask for help. There are many opportunities such as the unit's key spouses, the Military and Family Support Center, and the first sergeant who will reach out and help families of deployed members and provide information on upcoming events, support and dinners."



Senior Master Sgt. Josh Turnier
HQ PACAF

"Opportunities for steady employment are a challenge facing military spouses. In today's economy, it's difficult for long-time residents of a particular area to find a good job, let alone a military spouse who is forced to move every few years."

(Provided by Jazzmin Williams and David Underwood Jr.)

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Navy commemorates Battle of New Orleans from War of 1812



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The photo above is from a lithograph by artist Hyacinthe Laclotte titled "Battle of New Orleans" depicting the famous War of 1812 fight. The people of New Orleans and visitors to the city toured 11 ships from six nations that arrived in New Orleans April 17, to participate in the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration and "Star Spangled Banner" Navy Week 2012.

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Joint base MFSC hosts National Volunteer Week appreciation event

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The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) hosted JBPHH's second annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony April 18 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. The ceremony took place during National Volunteer Week 2012.

"It's very important to recognize volunteers because these are people who might not necessarily have the time to give but they've got the heart," said Capt. Jeffrey James, JBPHH commander. "We owe them a debt of gratitude for stepping up to the plate ... There's no greater gift than giving of ourselves."

Close to 100 volunteers plus family members and supporters attended the event. The year 2012 is the second year that volunteers in and around JBPHH are being recognized collectively. Volunteers included

active-duty service members, spouses, children and retirees.

James also recognized the various military-affiliated organizations that are run in large part by the efforts of volunteers, as well as the individual volunteers' efforts.

Some of those organizations include the MFSC, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, Sailor's Attic, Airman's Attic, the Hickam Officer's Spouses Club, the USO and the American Red Cross.

"They [volunteers] contribute to the U.S. and save us lots," said Le'Etta Garbett, work and family life specialist for the MFSC and volunteer coordinator for the event. "We would be paying a great deal for the services they provide. We appreciate everything they do for us, no matter how big or small."

Each individual received a certificate from James, after being called up to the stage. Other categories such as Volunteer Spouse of the Year and Volunteer Family of the Year nominees and award winners

also earned recognition.

The Steele family received the Volunteer Family of the Year award. They consist of Staff Sgt. Joseph Steele and his wife Marcia. Together they volunteer with at least four different organizations and listed an empty nest and a giving spirit as inspiration for their volunteer efforts.

"There's always somebody away from home that can use help or a smile," Marcia said.

National Volunteer Week began in 1974, growing every subsequent year since then and drawing support from U.S. presidents, mayors and governors. President Barack Obama released a proclamation April 9 in honor of National Volunteer Week 2012. The proclamation reads, "Service is a lifelong pursuit that strengthens the civic and economic fabric of our nation. With every hour and every act, our lives are made richer, our communities are drawn closer, and our country is forged stronger by the dedication and generous spirit of volunteers."



Senior Master Sgt. Adrian Bandhu receives his certificate of recognition April 18 from Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, at the second annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. Bandhu is president of the Hickam Airman's Attic, which also won Volunteer Community/Nonprofit Agency of the Year

COMSUBPAC pins new information dominance warfare officers



Capt. Daryl Caudle, chief of staff for Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC), awards Lt. j.g. Roderick Smith with the information dominance warfare officer (IDWO) designation at a pinning ceremony April 20 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

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Four officers from Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) were awarded the information dominance warfare officer (IDWO) designation at a pinning ceremony April 20 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Capt. Daryl Caudle, COMSUBPAC chief of staff, pinned Cmdr. Jimmie Jones, Lt. Daniel Fugett, Lt. j.g. Roderick Smith and Lt. Gregory Miller and expressed the importance of this to the submarine force and the Navy.

"Submarine warfare of the future must include a deep understanding and

application of the cyber techniques, capabilities and tactics that our information dominance warfare officers have mastered," Caudle said. "By coupling the clandestine nature and persistent presence, the submarine force already provides combatant commanders with the force multiplication effects that information and cyber operations enable, our information dominance warfare officers will play an essential role in the transformation of traditional submarine warfare across all levels of the electromagnetic spectrum," Caudle said.

The U.S. Navy's vision for information dominance highlights capabilities that are already evolving, from the 20th century supporting functions to a main battery of 21st century American sea power.

"With this program, we are continually increasing our proficiency in qualifying individuals who are specialized in information dominance," said Smith. "I cannot express enough how important this is for the future of the submarine force and its ability to combat cyber warfare."

CNO directed that the Navy position itself to remain pre-eminent in the fields of intelligence, cyber warfare, command and control, electronic warfare and other battlefield and knowledge management disciplines. Members of the intelligence, information warfare, information/network management, oceanography and space cadre comprise the Information Dominance Corps and are eligible to qualify for the IDWO pin which was established in February 2009.

COMSUBPAC supports SAAM on Denim Day

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Sailors and civilians from Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) continued support of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) with an outdoor luncheon and banner unveiling on Denim Day on April 25 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Sexual assault awareness materials were also given out during the event.

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the Department of Defense's SAAM theme this year is, "Hurts One, Affects All. Prevention of Sexual Assault is Everyone's Duty." The Navy is focus-

ing its efforts on awareness and prevention of sexual violence through the use of command-level education and special events throughout the month of April with a different theme each week.

Rear Adm. Frank Caldwell, commander of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific, spoke during the luncheon, emphasizing that sexual assault prevention is everyone's duty.

"I thank you for taking the time out of your busy day and for being here to show our commitment to making sure we take care of our shipmates," said Caldwell. "The only way the Navy is going to stamp out sexual assault is going to be a combination of efforts: treating each other with respect, a commitment from all to get involved and stop behavior that does not

meet our standards, protect our shipmates and prevent sexual assault."

To help spread awareness at the function and to continue to promote Sexual Assault Awareness this month, two teal ribbon banners were made by Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard for COMSUBPAC. These banners will be displayed on the top of the escape training tank by the submarine piers. The banners depict a teal ribbon which is symbolic of the fight to end sexual assault.

Additionally, all COMSUBPAC commands and units within Navy Region Hawaii were authorized to participate in Denim Day. As mission allowed, commands were authorized to allow personnel to wear jeans to work April 25 during regular duty hours as a symbol against erroneous

and destructive attitudes about sexual assault.

Denim Day began as a demonstration by female parliamentarians in Italy against the Italian Supreme Court of Appeal's decision to overturn a convicted rapist's sentence.

In 1998, a teenage girl in Italy was raped by her driving instructor. The man was convicted, but his case went to the Supreme Court of Appeals in Rome. The court overturned the conviction, arguing that because the girl wore very tight jeans she must have had to help remove them, thereby giving consent to have sex.

The case made international headlines, and the young woman's jeans became a symbol of awareness that what someone wears is never an excuse for rape. In April 1999,

California established the first Denim Day in the United States as a visible means of protest against myths that surround sexual assault.

The 'silent service' took a stand by visibly speaking out against sexual assault when they showed up to work Wednesday wearing blue jeans.

"Events like today are a great way to educate people on how serious this matter is and what is being done to prevent sexual assault," said Master Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate Marion Rush Jr, COMSUBPAC Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program manager. "The turnout was great. I know that everyone that participated takes sexual assault seriously and will continue their support in the fight to end it."

Sexual assault prevention is an important element of the readiness area of the 21st century Navy and Marine initiative which consolidates a set of objectives and policies, new and existing, to maximize Sailor and Marine personal readiness, build resiliency and hone the most combat-effective force in the history of the department. Scripts and videos for each week's theme have been provided to commanding officers to help facilitate discussion throughout their commands. These engagement products, in addition to talking points, posters and other tools, are posted to Navy Personnel Command's Sexual Assault and Prevention website, <http://www.sapr.navy.mil>.

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Pearl Harbor-Hickam*Highlights*

Photo courtesy of JPAC
An honor detail made up of joint military members escorts two flag-draped caskets containing unknown remains to JPAC's Central Identification Laboratory on April 20.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham
Sailors including their family members and civilians participate in the third annual Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Earth Day fair on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The theme for this year's Earth Day fair was "Partnering for a Greener Future."

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico
The crew of the guided-missile destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59) man the rails as the ship arrives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam following completion of a successful eight-month deployment to the western Pacific and Arabian Gulf.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 John M. Hageman
Chief Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician Matthew Harrison, assigned to Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, scans for metal while conducting recovery operations in the Gai Lai province of Vietnam. In 2011, destroyers USS Howard (DDG 83) and USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) visited Da Nang as part of the 2011 naval exchange activities while USNS Bowditch (T-AGS 62) supported Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command missions with survey support.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Ronald Gutridge
Electronics Technician 1st Class (SS) David Carlisle (left) and Electronics Technician 1st Class Casey Weihert of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet's First Class Petty Officers Association unveil a teal ribbon banner representing Sexual Assault Awareness Month during an outdoor luncheon April 25 on Denim Day at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



Navy Region Sailor receives Operation Mahalo award

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A Sailor from Navy Region Hawaii received the Operation Mahalo Award from the Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) during a ceremony April 23.

Stanley W.O. Lum, the executive director of ASYMCA, surprised Religious Program Specialist 2nd Class (FMF) Brian Schoffstal with the latest Operation Mahalo award. Lum said Schoffstal is an exceptional Sailor, one with strong leadership qualities, standing head-and-shoulders above his peers.

“What this person does is supports thousands of personnel throughout the Navy Region,” Lum said. “He has been described as a team player, leading and serving as a mentor to other Sailors who face tough choices. He is sought after by his peers mainly because of his knowl-



Religious Program Specialist 2nd Class (FMF) Brian Schoffstal, assigned to Navy Region Hawaii, receives the Operation Mahalo Award from Stanley Lum, executive director of the Armed Service YMCA, as his wife Tarese looks on..

edge, and he donates many hours of community service and voluntary support.

“He has been the driving force behind the Feds Feed Families Food Drive. Above all, he is a good role model, a good role model for all of us to emulate whether you are in the military or not.”

“I had no idea what this was about,” Schoffstal said.

When asked why he thinks he received the award, Schoffstal said, “I just try to do my best every day and keep putting one foot in front of the other, and I want to thank [my wife] Tarese. She is a great listener and is very supportive. We are taking leave later this week to go to a wedding, and when we come back we will put it to

good use, a little R&R time for us.”

Schoffstal, the most recent Operation Mahalo awardee, was presented a certificate and received a certificate for a free complete hair and makeover from Paul Brown for Schoffstal’s wife Tarese, a dinner for two at Roy’s Restaurant in Waikiki, and two nights in an ocean view

room at the Waikiki Marriot.

On April 10, spouses of chief petty officers (CPO) and active duty members were invited to a resource education (CORE) workshop held by the Leadership Continuum for master chief and senior chief petty officers (MCPO/SCPO) spouses at Lockwood Hall, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The workshop informed CPO spouses and active duty members about the Operation Mahalo program and explained that it is a program through which active duty military and dependents can be nominated by their family or peers for an award.

“This program is a huge morale booster for our Sailors,” said Navy Region Hawaii Command Master Chief Marc Sibal. “They are being recognized for their hard work and sacrifice and also for their dedicated service to our country. I want to thank the Armed Services YMCA and Mr. Paul Brown for their service and their recognition of our Sailors and

their families is second to none. Thank you.”

The Leadership Continuum holds two to four workshops a year to tackle current leadership issues facing their spouses. “Our mission is to reach out and help provide information and resources to help our senior leadership teams. Funding for our workshops comes from the Friends of Military Family Services,” said Cathy Knudsen, steering committee member, an executive board that oversees their programs.

Knudsen, chairperson for the workshop, discussed the Operation Mahalo presentation. “This program was created to say mahalo to service members and their families for all the sacrifices that they have made while serving our country. Paul Brown and his staff came to demonstrate each step of the makeovers and did makeovers on spouses and provided consultations to those in attendance,” Knudsen said.

JPAC disinterment held to support effort to identify fallen military personnel

**Story and photo by the
Joint POW/MIA
Accounting Command**

HONOLULU, Hawaii — Members of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), based at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, disinterred remains April 20 from the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) to support JPAC’s continuous efforts to identify fallen U.S. personnel from the Korean War whose identities remain unknown.

An honor detail consisting of joint military members escorted two flag-draped caskets containing unknown remains from the cemetery to JPAC’s Central Identification Laboratory, where the process of forensically identifying the individuals began.

The remains receiving full military honors represent losses associated with the Korean War.

There are more than 2,900 unknown burials at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific from the Korean War and

World War II; some caskets may contain commingled remains. Since 1984, 39 caskets have been exhumed and 39 individuals have been identified.

Once the transfer cases arrive at JPAC’s laboratory, the process of forensically identifying the individuals will begin. If and when identifications are established, the names will be announced following next-of-kin notification.

Falling directly under the U.S. Pacific Command and employed by more than 400 joint military and civilian personnel, JPAC continues its search for the more than 83,000 Ameri-

cans still missing from past conflicts.

The ultimate goal of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, and of the agencies involved in returning America’s heroes home, is to conduct global search, recovery and laboratory operations in order to support the Department of Defense’s personnel accounting efforts.

An honor detail made up of joint military members escorts two flag-draped caskets containing unknown remains to JPAC’s Central Identification Laboratory on April 20.



USS Chung-Hoon Sailor returns from IA assignment

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Sailors from USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) were at Honolulu International Airport to greet a ship-mate, Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Matthew Jones, when he returned April 19 from an individual augmentee (IA) assignment in Kuwait.

Jones served a year in Kuwait with Naval SG 4C Company at Naval Base Kuwait. During his IA, he performed inspections of outbound vehicles and equipment such as tanks, light armored vehicles, mine resistant ambush protected vehicles, trucks, trailers and containers.

"My IA was a great experience. It was nice to do something different," Jones said.

Jones discussed one of the things that was most



Photo by STGI Chad Carter

Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Matthew Jones was welcomed home by USS Chong-Hoon Sailors on April 19 at Honolulu International Airport from an individual augmentee assignment in Kuwait.

important to him in serving his IA duty. "It was the feeling of knowing that we were keeping people safe back home," he said.

"It was a good tour and

the people over there made sure the quality of life was above adequate while troops were away from home," Jones said.

Jones, from Loveland,

Colo., served on Chung-Hoon for about 10 months before leaving for his IA assignment.

"As his Navy family, we are all very excited and

thrilled he is back home safe and sound. Sailors with the positive spirit that GM2 Jones has don't come around very often. It is a blessing to have him back where he belongs," said Chung-Hoon Command Master Chief CMDCM(SW) Chris Detje.

Cmdr. Justin Orlich, the commanding officer of Chung-Hoon, was among those at the airport to say aloha to Jones and welcome him back to the islands. "It's a great feeling to see a Sailor return to their command with a big smile on their face after a challenging, year-long IA. We are very proud of GM2 Jones for all of his hard work while deployed, and we are glad to have him back," Orlich said.

"It's extremely important to welcome these Sailors back and recognize their service. Individual augmentee assignments are not easy. Petty Officer Jones made direct, significant impact on operations overseas. We're very glad for him to be back after a

long, arduous tour far from home," Orlich said.

One of the things that Jones missed while he was away from Hawaii was seeing movies on the big screen when they were released. "I looked forward to coming home to see movies," he said, explaining that movies in Kuwait didn't play until two or three months after they were released.

"I like movie theaters here because of the sound quality and big screen," he added.

The Chung-Hoon Sailor said he also missed being able to drive his car while he was away and helping people.

Jones will soon return to his normal job aboard Chung-Hoon after an extended period of leave. Chung-Hoon is an Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer based at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

For more information on USS Chung-Hoon visit <http://www.facebook.com/pages/USS-Chung-Hoon-DDG-93/122211737802543>.

NMCRS extends fund drive through May 4

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The 2012 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Fund Drive began March 19 and has been extended to run through May 4. This year's theme is "It Takes All Hands."

"Our goal is to have 100 percent contact to ensure all Sailors and Marines have the opportunity to learn what the NMCRS can do for them and contribute to the cause," said Capt. Paul

Verrastro, Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor commanding officer.

The NMCRS drive began in 1904 when Adm. "Bull" Halsey donated half the proceeds of the Army-Navy game to create the organization. Today, the NMCRS is a private, non-profit organization that derives all its money from private donations. It receives no money from the government, and all of its programs are funded totally through charitable contributions. Most overhead expenses are covered by proceeds from the Reserve Fund, established during World War II.

The mission of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is to provide, in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps, financial, educational and other assistance to members of the naval services of the United States, eligible family members and survivors, when in need, and to receive and manage funds to administer these programs.

"When a Sailor or Marine is down to the last measure of financial assistance, this gives them the means to get back on their feet again," said FLC Pearl Harbor Command Master Chief John Andoh.

Some of the emergencies covered by NMCRS include emergency transportation, urgent medical and dental care, funeral expenses, home disasters, essential vehicle repairs, food needs, and payment for rent, utilities, or basic living expenses.

The society is appreciative of all donations to be able to continue assisting military members and their families.

Every penny that is donated will go to someone facing an emergency situation or a temporary hardship. NMCRS does not provide supplemental income

to those who lack sufficient discipline to live within their means; however, it will provide them with budget counseling.

Last year, the NMCRS raised \$516,349.10 collectively from afloat and shore commands located in Hawaii. The final awards ceremony will be held in May, with prizes awarded based on highest donation per capita, most improved, highest contributor and team spirit.

For military service members, donations can be made through payroll deductions as well as cash and check. Civilian employees can

donate by cash or check only.

For more information, contact your command representative or this year's fund drive coordinator, Lt. Michael Lancaster, at 473-7581 or via email at michael.g.lancaster@navy.mil.



Senior Airman honored at volunteer recognition ceremony

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Senior Airman Steven Montgomery of the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam earned an award as an exemplary volunteer from the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s Army Community Service. The directorate hosted the 2012 Installation Volunteer Ceremony April 19 at the Nehelani at Schofield Barracks.

Montgomery received the Volunteer of the Year Award in the “Purple” category. The award recognized his work at countless Army Morale,

Welfare and Recreation events along with his contributions to the Air Force and Navy communities.

Montgomery said, “The military has helped me, and I just feel the need to give back. It was cool to be awarded, but I don’t do it for the recognition.”

Each year during National Volunteer Week, military communities around the world take time to honor their volunteers.

In 2011, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii volunteers offered time and commitments worth more than \$4.43 million, as estimated by independent sector quotes about the average value of a volunteer hour.

Each year, the people of ACS and the installation



Senior Airman Steven Montgomery of the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, holds his award naming him an exemplary volunteer.

devote thousands of hours holding and staging events and activities for the Army-Hawaii community. This awards ceremony recognized the people who live a life of service to others, both inside and outside USAG-HI’s gates.

This year’s theme was “Volunteers: The Force Behind the Force.” Volunteers received awards in eight categories, including Soldier Volunteer of the Year; Spouse Volunteer of the Year; Youth/Young Adult Volunteer of the Year; Civilian Volunteer of the Year; Family Volunteer of the Year; Retiree Volunteer of the Year; Purple Volunteer of the Year, for volunteers from sister services like the American Red Cross; and the Volunteer Ambassador of the Year, for

those who go the extra mile to extend their volunteer partnership outside the installation’s gates.

“Each of you here tonight are truly ‘the force,’ and you have contributed your time and talents to help build our strong communities, both on and off post, and improved the quality of life for our Soldiers and their families,” said Maj. Gen. Gary Beard, commander, USARPAC Reserves, during his remarks. “Please know it would be difficult, if not impossible, for our many Army family programs to offer the variety and quality services that they provide without our dedicated volunteers.”

(Don Robbins provided additional information for this article.)

Medals are presented

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While at the location, they received enemy fire from about 500 meters away.

“The first bullets I heard buzzed right over my head, and then I witnessed two or three shots in front of my teammates, approximately two to three meters away,” said Dutton. They were in an open field with little cover but managed to dispose of the IED while the Army engaged the enemy.

Kredell was with the 466th EOD, Operating Location Delta and demonstrated exceptional meritorious service as a team leader while deployed. He contributed to more than 100 route clearance missions which cleared 18,000 miles of critical supply routes and disposed of 8,500 pounds of IEDs. During a convoy, a vehicle struck an IED, and Kredell quickly dismounted and cleared a path for medical personnel and aided in crew extraction. His quick actions also minimized injuries when two other vehicles struck IEDs and the convoy came under enemy fire.

Bock demonstrated exceptional leadership and meritorious service as chief of contracting, Regional Contracting Command, Forward Operating Base Sharana, Afghanistan, while engaged in ground operations against the enemy. While there, he provided strategic guidance to two task force commanders, managed 163 construction projects, improved the force protection and quality of life for U.S., Polish and Afghanistan National Army

Forces, led the way in counter insurgency efforts by connecting the community with four new roads, refurbished and staffed an engineering skills center, and trained local vendors in the procurement process.

“It definitely was a great honor to support the Army,” said Bock. “It was a great group of joint personnel that I had the privilege of being in charge of.”

Col. Dann Carlson, commander, 647th Air Base Group, and deputy commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, was the presiding officer for the medal presentations. “I’m truly humbled to present these awards,” said Carlson. “This is a great example of what we bring to the fight and a reason to be proud to be in the air base group. I’m honored to be a part of this.”

“It’s not every day we have a chance to recognize our combat warriors,” said Tech. Sgt. Philip Andrews, an EOD craftsman with the 647th CES.

“It’s always humbling to receive an award,” said Kredell. “It’s bittersweet. We lost 20 EOD brothers and sisters in Iraq and Afghanistan. I wear this for them.”

“It’s an honor to receive the Purple Heart,” said Dutton. “It’s an award you don’t want to receive, but glad the Air Force recognizes for the injuries.”

Dutton is a native of Milton, Vt., Kredell is a native of Arlington, Texas, and Bock is a native of Brooklyn Park, Minn.

Federal Fire Department fire warden training scheduled

Fire Inspector Angela Sanders

Each unit/activity is re-quired by base regulation to have a primary and alternate fire warden assigned.

All fire wardens shall be appointed on orders by their unit commander and a copy of the order will be provided to the Federal Fire Department Fire Prevention Division when attending the fire warden training.

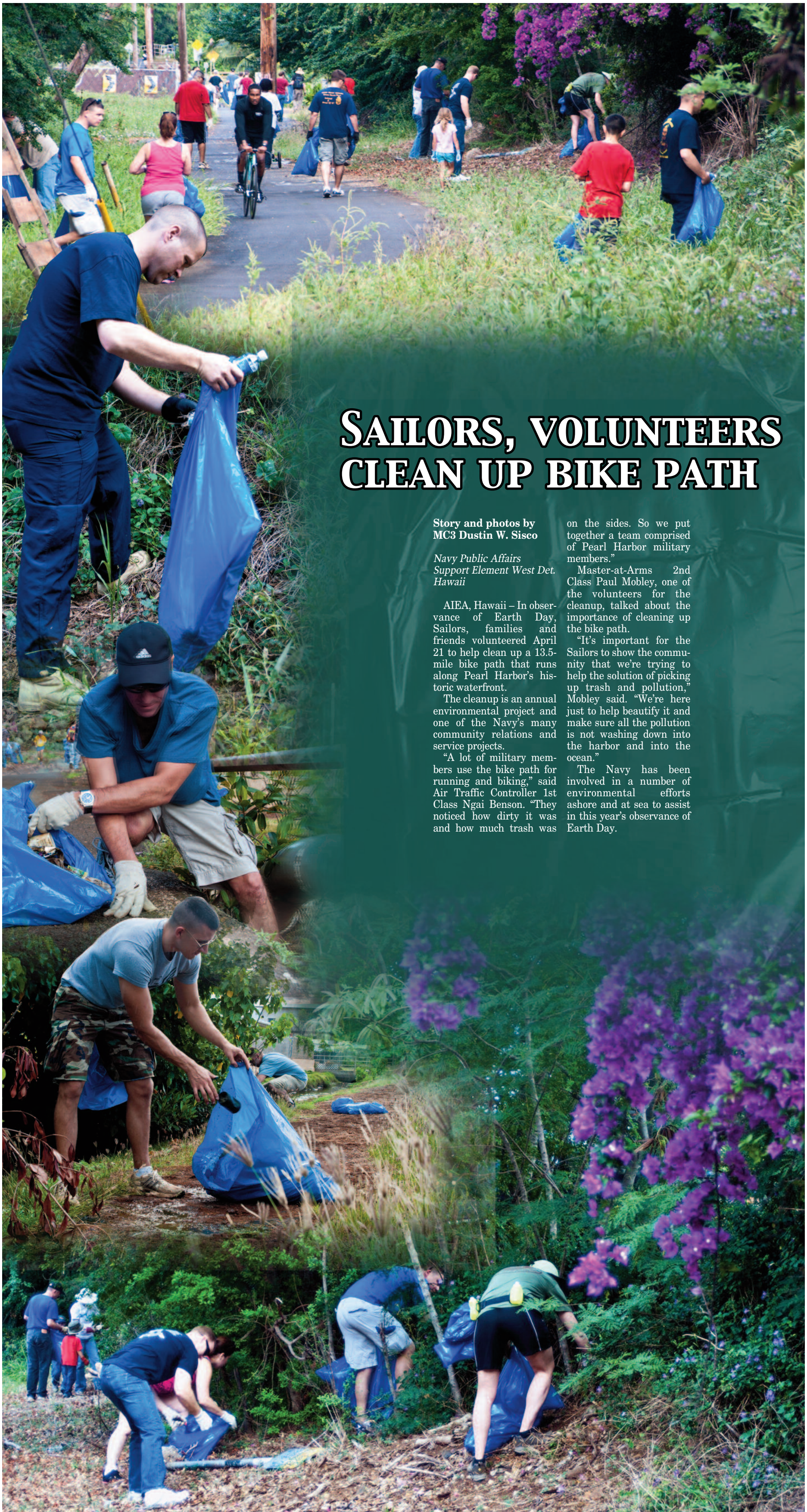
The Federal Fire Department is requesting your assistance to help fulfill this requirement for your unit/activity. Listed below are scheduled classes designed to educate participants on the importance and responsibilities of a fire warden.

All fire warden training classes will be held at Schofield Barracks, building 560, Sergeant Yano Library. The building is located on the corner of Kolekole Avenue and Humphreys Road. Class starts promptly at 10 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m. The library will be closed during these hours. Walk to the far left of the building. The first door will be open where the fire warden training class is held.

Contact Kevan Miller, fire inspector, at 754-4382 or at work 471-3303, ext. 611 or email him at kevan.miller@navy.mil to confirm attendance in the next available class.

The 2012 fire warden training is on the following Tuesdays: May 8, June 5, July 3 and 31, Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.

For more information about the Federal Fire Department or the fire warden program, call Angela Sanders, fire inspector, at 471-3303, ext. 617, or email angela.sanders1@navy.mil.



SAILORS, VOLUNTEERS CLEAN UP BIKE PATH

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AIEA, Hawaii – In observance of Earth Day, Sailors, families and friends volunteered April 21 to help clean up a 13.5-mile bike path that runs along Pearl Harbor's historic waterfront.

The cleanup is an annual environmental project and one of the Navy's many community relations and service projects.

"A lot of military members use the bike path for running and biking," said Air Traffic Controller 1st Class Ngai Benson. "They noticed how dirty it was and how much trash was

on the sides. So we put together a team comprised of Pearl Harbor military members."

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Paul Mobley, one of the volunteers for the cleanup, talked about the importance of cleaning up the bike path.

"It's important for the Sailors to show the community that we're trying to help the solution of picking up trash and pollution," Mobley said. "We're here just to help beautify it and make sure all the pollution is not washing down into the harbor and into the ocean."

The Navy has been involved in a number of environmental efforts ashore and at sea to assist in this year's observance of Earth Day.

Last-minute goal helps NCTAMSPAC beat Lake Erie

Story and photo by
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A breakaway goal with under two minutes remaining in the game by Army Spc. Luis Avila helped Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMSPAC) overtake and defeat USS Lake Erie (GC 70), 2-1, April 21 in a Blue Division intramural soccer matchup at Earhart Field, Joint

Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Avila, who scored earlier in the game to tie the score at 1-1, took a pass and led a breakaway to the Lake Erie goal, before sideswiping a shot past the goalkeeper and into the net for the game-winning shot.

The win helped NCTAMSPAC catch Lake Erie in the standings, with both teams holding identical 3-2-2 records.

"I had to be confident. The pressure was on," said Avila about his game-win-

ner. "I'm like, 'Come on, just score this and it's over. The game is on you. You just got to push it off on the last second, give it all you got.'

"This is great. We break up the tie, we were like 2-2-2, so we get another victory and now we're up."

While Avila and his teammates celebrated on the sideline, a dejected Interior Communications Electrician 3rd Class J.J. Perez, striker for Lake Erie, said that this was just one of those games that got away.

Although Lake Erie spent the majority of the game in NCTAMSPAC territory, the team just couldn't seem to find the mark when it needed it.

"We took our heads out of the game and beat ourselves," Perez said. "We had some mistakes that cost us two goals. I think more of it just comes from us not being aware of what we're doing. We're looking for someone to kick it to the goal, instead of looking to set it up."

At first, it seemed like Lake Erie entered the game with the stronger attack, after the team scored on its second possession.

On just their second kick on goal, Lake Erie took a 1-0 lead when Perez broke away from the pack and rambled all the way down to the left corner of the goal, where he booted it into the net.

"I saw that their defense was playing more the position vice playing the man, and I took advantage of it,"

said Perez about the team's only score of the game. "Somebody passed the perfect ball through and they just got beat."

However, moments after the Perez shot, Avila found himself at the right place at the right time and hooked in a perfect shot for the tie.

"One of our guys actually missed the kick," Avila explained. "Nobody responded to the ball, so I just came in, attacked the ball, the keeper hesitated, and that's how I ended up scoring. I was just hoping it goes between his legs. It did, so I was like, 'Yes!'"

Following NCTAMSPAC's first goal, the game remained in the deadlock until Avila came up with the second score of the day to wrap up the win.

For Perez, the Lake Erie defeat represents the way things have gone for the team since the beginning of the season.

Still, with a lot of games remaining on the schedule, Perez said that he believes that Lake Erie will turn things around.

"I think our biggest issue is we psych ourselves out," he said. "We get ahead and we coast. We have the caliber and skills to be the best team out here. We'll make some changes, and then it will be easy money. We'll make a good run in the playoffs."

As for NCTAMSPAC, Avila said that he hopes the gutsy win over Lake Erie will be an omen for good things to come.

"This will give us a stronger finish because it gives us confidence," Avila noted. "The last couple of games, we were just tired and couldn't win. Here, we kept it cool. We told ourselves that we got to finish strong and we finished strong."



Army Spc. Luis Avila of Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMSPAC) breaks ahead of the pack before booting in the game-winning goal with under two minutes on the clock.

NIOC hurler superb in tossing 8-0 shutout

Story and photo by
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Master Sgt. P.J. Nichols threw a complete-game shutout April 23 to propel Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) to their fifth win in a row by beating 647th Civil Engineers Squadron (647 CES), 8-0, in an intramural softball White Division game at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

With the victory, NIOC, the base runner-up last year, maintained their hold on first place with a 5-0 record, while the 647 CES saw their mark dip under .500 at 2-3.

In tossing the seven-inning gem, Nichols faced only one batter above the minimum in the third, fourth and fifth innings, before allowing two base hits in the sixth and seventh, but with no damage to preserve the win.

Nichols, who is going through his first season as a pitcher, said that the windy conditions at the park helped his cause, but it was his teammates who really came to his aid.

"I was trying to hit spots – inside and outside," he said. "But the secret was that I had a good team backing me up. It was all them and wasn't me. I was just trying to get it over the plate, and they were all catching them."

With Nichols holding down the CES, NIOC hitters took awhile to come around, but finally got things going with a big hit in the bottom of the second inning.

Tied at 0-0, Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Zac Metz led off the inning by driving a pitch up the middle of the field. The ball screeched past the CES fielders all the way to the center-field fence.

Metz, a first-year player for NIOC, got on the horse



Master Sgt. P.J. Nichols, pitcher for Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC), releases a pitch during the team's intramural softball White Division game against the 647th Civil Engineers Squadron (647 CES).

and touched them all for an inside-the-park home run and a one-run lead.

"I was just trying to hit the ball hard," Metz said. "I saw a hole and got lucky, I guess. The ball rolled to the fence and that's a run."

Then in the bottom of the third inning, Nichols helped his own cause when he stepped up to the plate, with a runner on second, and slapped a base hit to drive in the team's second run of the game.

The teams traded zeroes

in the top and bottom halves of the fourth and fifth, before Nichols put out the fire in the top of the sixth after a CES runner reached third base.

Following the close call, NIOC hitters immediately went to work in the bottom of the frame with Staff Sgt. Luis Torres grinding out a double, before being driven home on a single by Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 2nd Class Bryan Butz.

A force out at first on a

grounder hit by Metz moved Butz to third, from where he scored the team's fourth run of the game on a sacrifice fly from Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Daniel Cerda.

Then with the bases cleared and two outs, NIOC hitters broke the game wide open by banging out five straight singles to post four more runs in a six-run explosion that sealed the game.

Among the five hits was

another RBI single by Nichols and a two-run hit by Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 3rd Class Jarrett Bennett.

"That was really nice," said Nichols about the additional cushion going into the final inning. "We had some breathing room, so that was good."

After walking off Millican Field with the win, both Nichols and Metz said that while the game was tight, the team is right where it needs to be to make another

er run for the base championship.

Although neither Nichols nor Metz was on the squad last year, the pain of falling short in the championship game seemed to have rubbed off onto the new additions.

"I've heard lots of stories about losing in the championship game last year," Metz said. "So I fully expect to be there playing for this year's championship. Hopefully, it will turn out differently this year."

Ten-run first inning steers 747 CS to upset win

Story and photo by
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The 747th Communications Squadron (747 CS) scored 10 runs in their first at-bat April 24, and then hung on to defeat the 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (647 LRS) April 24 in a slugfest, 17-11, during a matchup of Gold Division squads at Hickam Softball Complex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Aided by five errors from the LRS infield, the CS added five hits, two from leadoff hitter Staff Sgt. James Goodman, to bat around the order and gain the huge 10-run advantage.

Remarkably, nine of the team's early 10 runs came after Goodman scored the first run on a two-out grounder.

The LRS, which entered the game as one of the top teams in the Gold Division, dropped their second game of the season against three victories.

Meanwhile, the struggling CS may have saved and rejuvenated their season by improving their record to 2-3 after their upset victory.

"We definitely had our reservations coming into this game," said CS pitcher Master Sgt. Mark Mitchell, who admitted that the team had its back up against the wall. "They (LRS) got some good ballplayers on their team. We saw them play last week, and they put on a good show. We knew we had our hands full, so we just came out and did what we did at practice, get some



Staff Sgt. James Goodman of the 747th Communications Squadron (747 CS) slides into second base as 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (647 LRS) shortstop Tech. Sgt. Chris Sage prepares to receive the toss during a Gold Division intra-mural softball game.

base hits and focused on making good plays."

Uncharacteristically for the LRS, blunders on field in the first inning added to the damage that was done by the CS.

The usually slick-fielding shortstop Tech. Sgt. Chris Sage, an all-star-caliber player, committed four of the 647's five first-inning errors on errant throws.

He explained that once

the fielding mishaps started, things just seemed to get out of control.

"It wasn't throws that I shouldn't have made, but they were just bad throws and guys not being able to field the ball when I threw it," Sage said. "And then everybody started throwing the ball (away). It was like a snowball fight in the middle of the infield."

Still, battling back from a

huge hole, the LRS slowly dug their way out to make a game out of what could have easily been a blowout.

The LRS, led by the bat of Sage, who clubbed two ground-rule doubles, scored three runs in the bottom half of the first and, after pitcher Master Sgt. Tony Karpenko set the CS hitters down in order in the top of the second, added six more tallies to pull to within a run

at 10-9.

On the verge of losing their once seemingly insurmountable lead, the CS retook control of the game by scoring five times in the top half of the third.

While the LRS responded with two runs in their turn at-bat, the team hit a major roadblock in the form of Mitchell, who was masterful in his final innings on the mound.

With the LRS hot on his heels, Mitchell stepped up his performance and closed out the game with four shutout innings by retiring the final 12 batters he faced in a row.

"The strike zone was really small, so I had to be really accurate with my pitches," Mitchell said. "I noticed that they (LRS) were taking the outside pitches, so I tried to cram them on the inside, and that would cause them to pop up every time."

Although the LRS erased the 747's early lead, Mitchell said that it did nothing to take away his team's focus.

"I knew that it was a close game, but we don't think about that stuff," he admitted. "We just go out there and play ball just as if it's 0-0 every inning."

Sage said that the fight to come back might have taken the wind out of the players' sails in the later innings.

Still, the LRS shortstop said that while the loss is disappointing, he knows that the team will bounce back.

"This team has a good attitude," Sage acknowledged. "We know we can win, we know we're a good team, and we're just going to fight back. We put stuff like this behind us and keep on pressing. I definitely think we can win a championship with this team."

Mitchell was equally confident about the CS and said that he feels the team might have turned the corner with its win over the LRS.

"I think we're definitely in the top three," he said. "As long as we have everybody continue to come out and make good plays, we should be able to stick up there."

PMRF opens fitness and skateboard park



(From left) Paul Banasihan, Capt. Nicholas Mongillo, commanding officer of Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Stephen Taylor, and Erick Greffrath cut the ribbon April 19 to the newly installed fitness equipment in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Fitness and Skateboard Park at PMRF.



Roslynn Samio (left) pedals with Alyssa Rodriguez on the newly installed fitness equipment at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Fitness and Skateboard Park at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF). The equipment was officially dedicated April 19 during a ribbon cutting ceremony.

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):

- 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., April 30, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Makalapa Naval Health Clinic.
- 6 to 9 a.m., May 2, University of Hawaii Air Force, 1460 Lower Campus Road, Honolulu.
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 3, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station (NCTAMS) gym, 500 Center St., Wahiawa.
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 7, Marine Corps Base Hawaii chapel, Kaneohe.
- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 8, Schofield Barracks Tropics.
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 9, Fort Shafter 205th.
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 10, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Personnel Support Detachment, Moanalua Center.

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 14, Naval Submarine Support Command (NSSC), 822 Clark St., Ste. 400, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 15, Schofield Barracks 65th Engineers.
- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 16, Schofield Barracks Main Exchange.
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 22, SPAWAR Hawaii, Victor Wharf Access Road, building 992, Pearl City.
- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 23, Hickam Exchange, building 1235, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 29, Joint Intelligence Operations Center (JIOC) building, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.
- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 30, Tripler Army Medical Center Exchange.

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

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii has limited services available today

Susan Schultz

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

Due to all Naval Health Clinic Hawaii staff participating in mandatory semi-annual training, limited health care services will be available April 27.

Beneficiaries are asked to take this into consideration when scheduling health care. All routine care should be planned prior to or after April 27.

For Makalapa Clinic, there will be limited health care operations. Services available are laboratory, pharmacy and radiology. All other services are closed.

For Kaneohe Bay, Camp Smith and Wahiawa clin-

ics, all health care operations are closed. Makalapa Clinic will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 28 and from 8 a.m. to noon April 29 for acute care needs. Kaneohe Bay, Camp Smith and Wahiawa clinics will open April 30 at their regular hours of operation. For NHCH hours of operation, visit the website at <http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhch>.

To speak to a medical care provider anytime the clinics are closed, call the "Provider After-Hours Advice Line" at 473-0247, ext. 3. For emergencies, go to Tripler Army Medical Center, dial 911, or go to the nearest emergency department.

Six ways to manage your health care on the go

Brian P. Smith

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

You can manage your family's health care without being parked in front of your computer all day. TriWest Healthcare Alliance has the mobile tools that let you get to your information whenever and wherever you need. You have your phone with you: why not put it to work? Start at TriWest.com/Go-Mobile and you can:

- Find a provider, military clinic or urgent care facility near you.

The complete Tricare West Region network provider directory was combined with the military clinic finder and optimized

for your phone or tablet. It can use your location to find the closest local Tricare network providers. You can also search by location, name and specialty.

- View specialty care referrals and authorizations and claims status.

Formatted to fit your phone, TriWest's mobile site (m.TriWest.com) lets you log into your secure TriWest.com account to view your specialty care referrals, authorizations and your medical claims.

- Register for a secure TriWest.com account.

If you haven't registered to get access to your health care information, register online from your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet.

- Access preventive care and wellness tips for you

and your family.

Tricare covers recommended clinical preventive services, and TriWest wants to help you keep your family healthy. Learn more about your Tricare benefit, and pick up some healthy living tips on the TriWest app for Android and iOS.

- Protect your Tricare coverage after a life changing event like a marriage, a new child or deployment.

You don't want to run into coverage or claims issues. Make sure you're taking the right steps with a new spouse, new child or new status with the TriWest app.

- Pay your fee or premium.

Do you have a payment due? Leave the checkbook

at home. Log into the secure mobile website and make a one-time payment for your Prime enrollment fee, your Tricare Reserve Select or Tricare Retired Reserve monthly premium.

- Bonus tip: save time, get text alerts.

Choose to receive text QuickAlerts and you are notified as soon as your referral, authorization or claim is processed or when a fee is due. Simply log into your TriWest.com account, and go to your communication preferences. The text will have a link to view your referral information right on your phone (with an Internet connection). Then you can contact your provider and make your appointment.

Boutiki donations benefit community



U.S. Navy photo by Jazzmin Williams

Capt. Lawrence Scruggs (right), chief staff officer for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, presents a donation check to Col. Paul Field (left), head of Navy junior ROTC at Radford High School. The presentation was made during the annual Boutiki check ceremony April 18. This year Boutiki donated \$40,000 in cash and \$3,600 in in-kind gifts, such as gift baskets for spouses' groups. Monetary donations were also given to 42 non-profit organizations with military affiliations. Boutiki has donated \$805,000 since 1973, according to Julie Smith, Boutiki chairwoman.

WHO SAID IT?

"Independence is happiness."

Last Week's

WHO SAID IT?

"Because a thing seems difficult for you, do not think it impossible for anyone to accomplish."

Marcus Aurelius



This Week's Trivia

When did Gov. James Barbour of Virginia issue a general order to the brigadier generals of the state militia establishment, calling them into service against the British?

Last Issue's Question: Edward Michael was an Army Air Force aircraft mechanic strafed at Wheeler Field on Dec. 7, 1941. In 1944, Lt. Michael was a B-17 pilot flying missions in Europe. What happened to Michael on April 11, 1944? **Answer:** Enemy fighters riddled his plane with shells. Fire filled the bomb bay, but the emergency release did not work. Michael belly-landed the B-17, saving the lives of his fellow crewmembers.

MY FAVORITE PHOTO



Navy Lt. Cmdr. Allen Unger took this photo a few weekends ago of a sea turtle at Kahe Point (Electric Beach) at Nanakuli in West Oahu. Unger works at Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor.

PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM Maniawa Nanea LEISURE

Morale Welfare & Recreation

🎬 ADVANCE SCREENING: “BATTLESHIP”
Universal Pictures and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) will host a free advance screening of the movie “ Battleship” at 6 p.m. Saturday at Sharkey Theater. The ticket booth will open at 4 p.m. to distribute 400 tickets on a first-come first-served basis. Active duty members in uniform, their families and all authorized patrons are welcome. Military uniform is service dress whites for Navy E6 and below, summer whites for Navy E7 and above, and the short-sleeved equivalent for all other services and ranks. The advance screening is being held in conjunction with Universal Pictures' promotion of the movie which was filmed in part at JBPHH. Battleship opens nationwide on May 18. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

🎬 MOVIE NIGHT
A Month of the Military Child free movie night will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Hickam Teen Center. A new release film will be shown and there will be refreshments. FMI: 448-0418.

🎨 SPRING CRAFT FAIR AND FAMILY FUN
The spring craft fair and family fun day will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 5 at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center lawn. Vendors will sell original, handmade art, jewelry and crafts. The event will also feature food booths, live entertainment, horse rides, youth activities and giveaways. Admission is free. FMI: 448-9907.

🍷 FATHER-DAUGHTER DINNER DANCE
A father-daughter dinner dance will be held from 4 to 7:30 p.m. May 5 at the Hickam Officers' Club lanai. The cost is \$15 for each father/daughter pair and \$5 per additional daughter. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 474-1999, ext. 0.

🎤 GABRIEL IGLESIAS COMEDY SHOW
Stand-up comedian Gabriel Iglesias, also known as the “fluffy” comic in a Hawaiian shirt, will perform a free show May 10 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Gates open at 5 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Blanket and chair seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. No pets, bottles or outside food are allowed. The show is recommended for audiences ages 16 years and older. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

🚗 SUPER GARAGE SALE
A super garage sale will be held from 8 a.m. to noon May 12 at Richardson Field at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. FMI: 473-0792.

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

Community Calendar

🌸 April

🌸 27 ~ The U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command will host an arrival ceremony at 9 a.m. in hangar 35 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to honor fallen U.S. personnel whose identities remain unknown. This event is open to the public. FMI: 448-1937 or visit the webpage at www.jpac.pacom.mil.

🌸 28 ~ Turn in your unused or expired medications for safe, anonymous disposal from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the National Take Back Initiative at Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) main lobby, 4725 Bougainville Drive and also at Schofield Barracks Exchange and Marine Corps Exchange Kaneohe Bay. FMI: www.dea.gov or 541-1930.

🌸 28 ~ “Paws and Patriots,” a free military appreciation event, will be held beginning at 3 p.m. at Hawaiian Humane Society, 2700 Waialae Ave., Honolulu. FMI: 946-2187.

🌸 30 ~ Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has scheduled an upcoming blood drive from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Makalapa Naval Health Clinic. FMI: 433-6699 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil.

🌸 May

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

🌸 1~ The Junior Officer (JO) Spouse Workshop Committee will host an event titled "Let's Talk" from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lockwood Hall at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam. All spouses of Navy and Coast Guard officers pay grade O-1 to O-4 and chief warrant officer (CWO-1 to 5) are welcome to attend. RSVP by April 28 by calling Military and Family Support Center at 474-1999 or email hawaiijspouse@gmail.com. Interested attendees can also obtain information by visiting the JO Spouse Ohana Hawaii Facebook page.

🌸 9~An Asian Pacific-American Month event will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Military and Family Support Center, Hickam lanai at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The theme is “Striving for Excellence in Leadership, Diversity and Inclusion.” Guest speaker for the event will be CWO3 Andrew Nguyen. Attendees must be seated 10 minutes prior to the start of the program. FMI: Kathryn Keatts at 449-0300 or kathryn.keatts.ctr@navy.mil

Movie Showtimes



Battleship (PG-13)

A fleet of ships is forced to do battle with an armada of unknown origins in order to discover and thwart their destructive goals. Much of this movie was filmed here in Hawaii and during RIMPAC 2010.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY
7:00 PM Dr. Seuss The Lorax (PG)

SATURDAY
6:00 PM Advance Screening of “BattleShip”
Free to the first 400 active duty in uniform and authorized patrons.
Tickets with assigned seating will be issued at 4 p.m from the ticket booth.

SUNDAY
2:30 PM Dr. Seuss The Lorax (PG)
4:30 PM The Vow (PG-13)
7:15 PM Gone (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY
6:00 PM Dr. Seuss The Lorax (PG)
8:30 PM Project X (R)

SATURDAY
4:00 PM Dr. Seuss The Lorax (PG)
7:00 PM John Carter (PG13)

SUNDAY
2:00 PM John Carter (PG13)



NAVSUP hosts Earth Day Fair

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Navy and other military commands around the world are participating in Earth Day activities throughout the month of April.

Sailors and Airmen, along with their family members and area civilians, participated in the third annual Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center (NAVSUP FLC) Earth Day fair April 20 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

“Every year we try to put on a good event,” said Lt. j.g. Luke Dragovich, a Seabee with NAVSUP FLC. “We invited different organizations to come out and talk about oil spills, endangered species, green energy and similar topics.”

“We also had alternative fuel vehicles here, including hydrogen vehicles and electric vehicles,” Dragovich added.

This year’s theme, “Partnering for a Greener Future,” highlights the Navy’s part-

nerships with other military services, government agencies, local schools, non-governmental organizations and the public.

The Earth Day Fair at JBPHH featured exhibits by several local organizations, including Navy Region Hawaii Federal Fire Department and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The Navy continues to

fund millions in research and collaborate with academic institutions to study the ecology of marine mammals and to minimize the potential effects of Navy training and testing activities on the marine ecosystem.

The Navy is working with government agencies, industry and local communities to determine how to support renewable energy projects, such as wind projects, while

minimizing training impacts.

The official Earth Day date was April 22, and military commands participated in Earth Day activities on that date and throughout April. Many installations celebrated by hosting beach cleanups, information sessions, classroom visits, nature hikes, poster contests and many more activities.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tiarra Fulham

Winning coloring contest submissions are on display at the Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Earth Day fair on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The theme for this year’s Earth Day fair was “Partnering for a Greener Future.”

Shipyard apprentices inducted into honor society

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Eighteen Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard second-year apprentices were inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa international honor society at an April 13 lunchtime ceremony in training building 2.

The apprentices were eligible to join the organization after attaining grade point averages of 3.5 or above in academic courses from Honolulu Community College (HCC). Earning a two-year degree in applied science from HCC is one of

the requirements for completing the shipyard’s four-year apprentice program.

The actual number of shipyard apprentices who qualified for admission to the honor society was much higher-72 trainees out of a class of 95.

“You should take pride in what you do at the shipyard,” said deputy shipyard commander Capt. Lawrence Hill, to the inductees. Very few industries have standards as high as those in naval shipyards, he noted. “Many of you have families, and to uphold those standards while still

keeping up a 3.5 grade point average is quite an accomplishment. Congratulations to all of you.”

When asked what motivated him to stand out academically, Marine Machinery Mechanic Apprentice Brandon Kachi answered, “It’s important to me to do the best that I can.”

Pipefitter apprentice Ricky Ancheta considers classroom work a challenge to achieve and a way to set an example for his children. “I want to excel in school to show my kids I can do it,” he said. “I know I can balance family, school

and work and still do good.”

Machinery Mechanic Apprentice Nicole Teixeira saw honor society membership as “something I thought would further my career... I’m looking at trying out for the A2E,” she said. A2E is the shipyard’s Apprentice to Engineer Program that provides high-potential graduates of the apprentice program with a four-year scholarship to go to the University of Hawaii and earn an engineering degree.

Combined Military Band Concert set for May 2 at Hale Koa

Navy League of the United States, Honolulu Council

As part of the National Military Appreciation Month, the Navy League Honolulu Council will host the 27th annual Combined Military Band Concert at 7 p.m. May 2 at the Hale Koa Luau Garden.

David C. Livingston, president of the Honolulu Council of the Navy League, announced that the event is free and open to the public. Open seating will begin at 6 p.m. on a first come, first served basis.

This year, the United States Army will be the military lead. They will be led and conducted by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Lisa M. Guynn, U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division Band. The combined band features out-

standing service members from each branch of the military, with each respective conductor taking turns overseeing a myriad of patriotic songs. There will also be performances by the U.S. Navy Pacific Band, U.S. Marine Forces Pacific Band and U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific.

For more information about the Hawaii Military Bands Appreciation Concert, call the Honolulu Council at 422-9404. Event parking will be available in the Hale Koa hotel garage.

The Navy League was founded in 1902 by Teddy Roosevelt. Their mission is to educate the public on a need for a strong sea service, including the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and the Merchant Marine. For more information, visit www.HonoluluNavyLeague.org/

‘Hiring Our Heroes’ job fair to take place May 16

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

A “Hiring Our Heroes” veterans event titled “Shipmates to Workmates” will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 16 at Neal Blaisdell Center, 777 Ward Ave. in Honolulu.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce event is a hiring fair for veterans who are job seekers, active duty military members, National Guard and Reserve members, and eligible spouses.

The event is designed as a one-of-a-kind free hiring fair for naval Sailor job seekers referred by the Shipmates to Workmates program.

The fair is part of the larger Workforce 2012 event being conducted by Hawaii Hires Heroes, in partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Shipmates to Workmates civil service hiring initiative, it is spearheaded by Naval Sea Systems Command, Naval Air Systems Command, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Naval Supply Systems Command, Military Sealift Command and Commander Navy Installations Command, the Department of Labor’s Veterans Employment and Training Service, Hawaii Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, NBC News and other local partners.

Employers must call 536-7222 or email margarete@successshi.com. Job seekers register free at HoH.GreatJob.net to guarantee admission.

For more information, visit the website www.uschamber.com/hiringour-heroes

Holocaust Days of Remembrance pays tribute

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Training and Readiness

(See the April 20 edition of Ho'okele for a related article by Michael Smith on the Holocaust Days of Remembrance.)

Our nation commemorates the Holocaust with the Days of Remembrance. The actual Holocaust Day was April 19, but observances and remembrance activities often occur during the week of remembrance that runs from the Sunday before Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah) through the following Sunday.

State and local governments, military bases, workplaces, schools, churches, synagogues and civic centers observe days of remembrance. For many, unless you are old enough to remember WWII or your family was directly affected by the Holocaust, you may not be completely aware of

the horrific suffering that took place during the Holocaust. This brings to mind a famous quote by Madame Chiang Kai-Shek who once said, "We live in the present, we dream of the future and we learn eternal truths from the past."

According to information obtained from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum website, holocaust is a word of Greek origin meaning "sacrifice by fire." The Nazis, who came to power in Germany in January 1933, believed that Germans were racially superior and that the Jews, deemed inferior, were an alien threat to the so-called German racial community. The Nazis embarked on a Holocaust or the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of approximately six million Jews.

In 1933, the Jewish population of Europe stood at over nine million. When we talk about a number this large, it

is often hard to imagine exactly what nine million looks like. If you combined the entire populations of Road Island, New Hampshire, Maine, Hawaii, Idaho and Nebraska, you would have roughly nine million people.

By 1945, the Germans and their collaborators killed nearly two out of every three European Jews as part of the "final solution," nearly six million people brutally killed, simply for being Jewish. Six million people is more people than the entire population of Alabama or Colorado. The Nazis killed more people in concentration camps than most of us can imagine, and this is exactly why we must always remember and learn for the eternal truth of the past.

Increasingly in the years before the outbreak of WWII, SS and police officials incarcerated Jews and other victims of ethnic and racial hatred. To concentrate and monitor the Jewish popula-

tion as well as to facilitate later deportation of the Jews, the Germans and their collaborators created ghettos, transit camps and forced-labor camps for Jews during the war years. The German authorities also established numerous forced-labor camps for non-Jews whose labor the Germans sought to exploit.

These concentration camps became an almost accepted way of life. Sara Bloomfield, director, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, reminds us that this cataclysmic event happened in the heart of Europe, in a very civilized and advanced country. Germany was a young democracy that quickly descended into not only social collapse, but also a world war and eventually mass murder.

Near the end of WWII, as Allied troops moved across Europe, they began to encounter tens of thousands of concentration camp prisoners. Soviet forces were the

first to encounter the camps and killing centers and in January 1945, liberated the infamous Auschwitz, the largest extermination camp. For the first time, the world was beginning to see the carnage. Although, in an attempt to hid evidence, the retreating Germans destroyed most of the warehouses camp, they left behind personal belongings of the victims, hundreds of thousands of men's suits, more than 800,000 women's outfits, and more than 14,000 pounds of human hair.

Allied forces continued to liberate camps as they moved across Germany and were horrified with what they found. They confronted unspeakable conditions in the Nazi camps, where piles of corpses lay unburied. Only after the liberation of these camps was the full scope of Nazi horrors exposed to the world.

Those who survived resembled skeletons because of the demands of forced

labor and the lack of food, compounded by months and years of maltreatment. Many were so weak that they could hardly move. Wide spread disease remained an ever-present danger, and many of the camps had to be burned down to prevent the spread of epidemics.

Today, while little remains of the Nazi concentration camps some 700,000 tourists visit the concentration camp at Dachau every year and Auschwitz receives another 600,000 people a year. But why? Some visitors are survivors or descendants of those slaughtered, but the majority comes to see the unthinkable, to see what humanity is capable of doing when left unchecked. People follow orders without question, bystanders watching and do nothing, ordinary men and women simply going with the flow. They come to remember because it is an unthinkable scar on humanity.

Doolittle Raiders honored at ceremony marking 70th anniversary of historic mission

Tech. Sgt. Matthew Bates

Defense Media Activity

DAYTON, Ohio (AFNS) -- The five remaining members of the famous Jimmy Doolittle Tokyo Raid were recently honored in a banquet at the National Museum of the United States Air Force here.

Four of the Raiders were in attendance: Staff Sgt. David J. Thatcher, Maj. Thomas C. Griffin and Lt. Cols. Richard E. Cole and Edward J. Saylor. The fifth, Lt. Col. Robert L. Hite, was unable to attend for health reasons.

The banquet commemorated the 70th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid, where the crews of 16 B-25 bombers



Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Bennie J. Davis II

Lt. Col. Richard E. Cole, co-pilot of Gen. Jimmy Doolittle's B-25 plane #1, signs autographs during a meet and greet with the Raiders for their 70th reunion on April 19 at the Hope Hotel, Fairborn, Ohio. At 96, Cole is the oldest of the remaining five Raiders and says the attention they receive still surprises him.

took off from the deck of the USS Hornet and dropped bombs on several locations in mainland Japan. After the mission, the crews didn't have enough fuel to return home, and 15 of the B-25s either crash-landed in Japanese-occupied China or abandoned when their crews bailed out. The final B-25 landed safely within the borders of the Soviet Union and was the only plane to survive the mission.

The mission, though daring, was important because it marked the first time the United States was able to take the offensive against Japan after the Japanese military attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The raid forced the Japanese to change their tactics and

boosted the morale of America and its allies.

"It was a hard mission, but we got away with it," said Saylor, who served as a gunner with crew 15. "And we always knew it would help morale."

The banquet not only honored the brave men of the Doolittle Raid but also gave those in attendance a chance to show their respect and meet the living legends.

"We are honored to host the raiders on the 70th anniversary of such a historic event," said Lt. Gen. (ret.) Jack Hudson, the museum's director. "And we are grateful these amazing men chose to come here to commemorate this famous World War II mission."

During the banquet, the

Raiders were honored with a special movie featuring Hollywood stars such as Gary Sinise and Jon Voight, who all thanked the Raiders for their service and praised them for their courage.

Several representatives from the Chinese Embassy were also on hand as well as Hu Daxian from Zhejiang, China, whose husband, Li Senlin, aided the rescue of Doolittle Raider crew number two, after they landed in Japanese-occupied China.

The banquet culminated a week of events held at the museum and throughout the area, including a flyover of 20 B-25s, the most in one flight since World War II, and several autograph sessions and luncheons with the Raiders.