

Lake Erie, PMRF Sailors complete successful BMD intercept test

Missile Defense Agency Public Affairs

FORT BELVOIR, Va. (NNS) -- The Missile Defense Agency (MDA) and U.S. Navy Sailors aboard USS Lake Erie (CG 70) successfully conducted a flight test of the Aegis ballistic missile defense (BMD) system May 9.

This test resulted in the first intercept of a short-range ballistic missile target over the Pacific Ocean by the Navy's newest missile defense interceptor, the Standard Missile - 3 (SM-3) Block 1B.

At 8:18 p.m. Hawaiian Standard Time (2:18 a.m. EDT May 10), the target missile was launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility, located on Kauai, Hawaii. The target flew on a northwesterly trajectory toward a broad ocean area of the Pacific Ocean. Following target launch, Lake Erie detected and tracked the missile with its onboard AN/SPY-1 radar. The ship, equipped with the second-generation Aegis BMD 4.0.1 weapon system, developed a fire control solution and launched the Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) Block IB interceptor.

Lake Erie continued to track the target and sent trajectory information to the SM-3 Block IB interceptor in-flight. The SM-3 maneuvered to a point in space, as designated by the fire control solution, and released its kinetic warhead. The kinetic warhead acquired the target, diverted into its path and, using only the force of a direct impact, engaged and destroyed the threat in a hit-to-kill intercept.

"Bravo zulu to the officers and crew of USS Lake Erie and the Pacific Missile Range Facility team for your out-

standing performance in the BMD FTM-16 test event 2a," said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

"Your meticulous planning and seamless sea/shore integration efforts helped set the stage for a flawless and extremely successful event. You can be justifiably proud of your performance with the first successful intercept using the certified 4.0.1 baseline and the SM-3 Block IB missile. Your detail-oriented mindset and steadfast focus during the entire evolution were key to the success of this live fire engagement," Ponds said.

The event, designated Flight Test Standard Missile-16 (FTM-16) Event 2a, was the first successful live-fire intercept test of its kind. Previous successful intercepts were conducted with the Aegis BMD 3.6.1 weapon system and the SM-3 Block IA interceptor, which are currently operational on U.S. Navy ships deployed across the globe.

"The Pacific Missile Range Facility and USS Lake Erie team of professionals continue to set a standard of excellence in the Aegis BMD community. Your shipmates on the waterfront and I are extremely impressed with your performance," Ponds said.

Aegis BMD 4.0.1 and the SM-3 Block IB interceptor improve the system's ability to engage increasingly longer range and more sophisticated ballistic missiles that may be launched in larger raid sizes. The SM-3 Block IB interceptor features a two-color infrared seeker, which improves sensitivity for longer-range target

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Photo courtesy of Missile Defense Agency

A Standard Missile - 3 (SM-3) Block 1B interceptor is launched from the USS Lake Erie (CG 70) during a Missile Defense Agency test in the mid-Pacific. The SM-3 Block 1B successfully intercepted a short-range ballistic missile target that had been launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai, Hawaii.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Jay C. Pugh

A target missile lights up the night sky at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Kauai, Hawaii. The target missile was intercepted over a broad ocean area by a Standard Missile -3 (SM-3) Block 1B, during a flight test of the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense system conducted by the Missile Defense Agency and the USS Lake Erie (CG 70).

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USS Carl Vinson visits Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

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The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) and embarked Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 17 arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled port visit May 15.

Vinson is currently in transition to its homeport of San Diego following a successful six-month deployment to the Pacific and Middle East areas of responsibility. Vinson supported maritime theatre security operations in the U.S. 5th and U.S. 7th Fleets.



Families and friends of Sailors aboard Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) observe the ship's arrival May 15 to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"The dedication demonstrated by every Sailor up and down the chain of command was the key factor in accomplishing every mission objective for our time in the 5th and 7th Fleets," said Capt. Kent D. Whalen,

Vinson's commanding officer. "With our return to 3rd Fleet, our focus may have changed but our mission-ready mindset continues."

Vinson served as the flagship for Carrier Strike Group One, under command of Rear Adm. T. K. Shannon, which also consisted of Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) One guided-missile destroyers USS Halsey (DDG 97), guided-missile destroyer USS Bunker Hill (CG 52) and CVW 17.

Carl Vinson was greeted at the pier by families and friends of Sailors on the ship. The family members prepared to embark for a traditional "tiger cruise," in which they will be allowed

to accompany their Sailors for the trip back to their homeport of San Diego.

"As soon as I heard the ship was off island, I began to cry," said Jean Teo-Gibney, whose son was on Vinson. "It's just so wonderful having him back. I just want to thank all the men and women in the military and all the families that make sacrifices, so we can enjoy the things here in America."

The carriers and their air wings are never scheduled to operate alone, but are the center of a carrier battle group that consists of cruisers, destroyers, frigates and submarines which safeguard the carrier and each other.

Carrier Strike Group One arrives at Pearl Harbor

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USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70)
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Sailors from Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 1 manned the rails in silent salute May 15, rendering honors to the fallen as they passed the USS Arizona Memorial en route to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), guided-missile cruiser USS Bunker Hill (CG 52), and guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97) arrived in port following five months of maritime theater security operations while deployed to the western Pacific and Middle East. This was their second deployment in 18 months, departing their homeport of San Diego most recently on Nov. 30.

"We had a job to do on behalf

of our nation, providing close air support for troops on the ground in Afghanistan and working with our coalition partners to deter criminal pirate activity" said Rear Adm. T. K. Shannon, commander of CSG-1. "We continue to demonstrate a global presence vital to international security and stability."

Sailors from Carl Vinson and the embarked Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 17 conducted more than 6,600 flight hours in 24/7 support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), launching more than 1,085 airborne missions, including airborne electronic warfare and airborne command and control. Although the primary mission of CVW-17's F/A-18 Hornets was to drop bombs on target in support of U.S. and coalition ground troops under fire in Afghanistan, the roaring presence alone of these supersonic jets was often enough to



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Nicolas C. Lopez

Sailors aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) man the rails while passing the USS Arizona Memorial as the ship arrives at Pearl Harbor.

get the job done.

Throughout deployment, the strike group also conducted military exercises with coalition and other nations, including Britain, India and Australia. In a his-

toric exercise with the Indian navy, Carl Vinson became the first ever U.S. aircraft carrier to connect to an Indian navy refueling ship.

While in Darwin, Sailors from

the USS Halsey joined the Australian navy to commemorate the Battle of Coral Sea and ANZAC Day, an Australian national holiday similar to Memorial Day. More than 800 Sailors added a personal touch by volunteering for 37 community relations projects and professional exchanges, such as the international chef's exchange, while on port visits in Hong Kong, the United Arab Emirates, India and Australia.

To cap off the deployment, CSG-1 will embark 1,200 family members and friends on a "tiger cruise" for the return transit from Pearl Harbor to San Diego. "Tigers" will be able to participate in various shipboard exercises and witness up-close air and sea power demonstrations, experiencing firsthand life aboard a Navy ship, and getting a small taste of the adventure their Sailors have lived for the past five months.

Door-to-door operation targets on-base crime

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

In response to a number of crimes ranging from petty theft and vandalism to a vehicle theft on base, officials engaged residents in a door-to-door, anti-crime campaign May 9.

More than 100 members of the Joint Base Security Department teamed up with base residents and leaders for the campaign in housing areas, to remind everyone of basic security guidelines. Similar to a neighborhood watch program, Operation Enlighten II is an awareness program bringing together law enforcement, base officials and residents in a joint effort to provide protection for their homes, families and communities.

"Joint base leadership and base security personnel are committed to keeping the residents of the base safe and secure," said Lt. Col. Michael Gimbrone,



Master Sgt. Tony Karpenko, 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron Fuels flight, and his wife Michele, speak to Petty Officer 2nd Class Tim Moss and Seaman Scott Meyer, Pearl Harbor harbor patrolmen, during Operation Enlighten II on May 9. Airmen and Sailors went to more than 2,000 homes to hand out information about safety and security.

647th Security Forces Squadron commander. "By working together with members of the base community, we feel confident they can make a difference in reducing or even eliminating inappropriate behavior on the base."

This is the second year in a row for an initiative of this type. The door-to-door campaign was dubbed Operation Enlighten II, to

highlight the primary purpose of informing Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam residents of actions they can take to help from becoming victims of crime. This was also an opportunity to advise residents of actions base leadership and security forces personnel are taking to keep the base secure.

"With regard to the rest of the island, the incidents

we've had on base represent a relatively low number, comparatively," Gimbrone said. "As far as leadership and base security are concerned, even one incident of theft or other criminal activity is one too many."

According to officials, from vehicle and several motorcycle thefts, many smaller items stolen, the illegal transport and use of drugs, leadership noticed a trend and decided to get in front of it before anything got out of hand.

"The base is relatively safe, and we want to keep it that way," Gimbrone said. "But with this recent spike in criminal activity, there are a number of initiatives that we as a security department and leadership have been taking to counter these incidents."

Operation Enlighten II is one such initiative to get the word out to base residents, reaching more than 2,600 people. Residents were made aware of new policies and reminded of standing guidelines with a

knock on the door and a letter to read. The letter reaffirmed off limits areas on base during the hours of darkness, reminded residents to secure vehicles at all times, and what numbers to call to report any illegal activity.

"There are things that you typically don't expect to happen while living on a military base," said Master Sgt. Tony Karpenko, 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels flight, a resident of the housing communities on base. "It kind of gives you a false sense of security when things like this happen here, around the corner from my house. I still enjoy living on base and the sense of community my family has here."

Karpenko also said he understands living on base is no different than living off base in regard to his family's responsibility to remain vigilant in the community.

"Leaving kids' toys laying out in the front yard or not locking your house and

vehicle doors invites people to take what they want," said Michele Karpenko, wife of Master Sgt. Karpenko. "Having lived both on and off base in our careers does not give us a different sense of security one way or the other. We take responsibility of our things and do our part to report any criminal activity we see. I can say it's nice to see base leadership knocking on doors to let us know they are aware of the problems and are working to fix them with the communities' help."

As a result, base police have increased their patrols and enforcement efforts in the housing areas, including off-limit areas during the hours of darkness. Appropriate actions will be taken against any identified violators of base regulations and Hawaii state laws.

"By working together, we can make a difference in reducing or even eliminating inappropriate behavior on our base," Gimbrone said.

National Police Week proclamation issued

(Editor's note: The following proclamation was issued by Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, in recognition of National Police Week. National Police Week was observed May 13 through 19. Coverage of some of the police week events held at JBPHH will be featured in next week's Ho'okele.)

Whereas, the Congress and president of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week; and

Whereas, the members of the security department of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; and

Whereas, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their security department, and that members of our security department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

Whereas, the men and women of the security department of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam unceasingly provide a vital public service;

Now, therefore, I, Capt. Jeffrey W. James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, call upon all citizens of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 13 through 19, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I further call upon all citizens of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to observe May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to be affixed.

Capt. Jeffrey W. James
Commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

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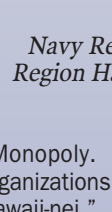


Filmed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, the movie 'Battleship' opens May 18. It was based on the game of the same name. If you could base a movie on any other board game, what game would that be and why?



Staff Sgt. Teranyeli Brooks
647th Force Support Squadron

"Risk. It shows how war planners develop strategies to defeat the enemy and/or invade a country."



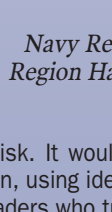
ITC Ethan Engbino
Navy Reserves, Commander Navy Region Hawaii Regional Operations Center

"Monopoly. Certain businesses and organizations have the 'monopoly' in Hawaii-nei."



Staff Sgt. Benjamin Morgan
515th Air Mobility Operations Wing

"One board game I would like to see made into a movie would be Clue. Even though it was already made into a movie back in 1985. I think it would be a really good recreation with today's computer-generated imagery effects!"



QM1 Sean Vis
Navy Reserves, Commander Navy Region Hawaii Regional Operations Center

"Risk. It would be about world domination, using ideas and themes from failed leaders who tried to take over the world, from early Greek to Pinky and the Brain."



Lt. Michelle Westhoff
Navy Reserves, Commander Navy Region Hawaii Regional Operations Center

"Candy Land. I think the special effects and imagination would be great!"

(Provided by MCI Donald W. Randall and David Underwood Jr.)

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Fire departments sign mutual aid memorandum

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In a reminder of the unique partnership between the U.S. Navy and the City and County of Honolulu, Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle signed a new memorandum of understanding (MOU) May 16 at Honolulu Hale.

The MOU supports mutual aid between Federal Fire Department (FFD) Hawaii and Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). It is a renewal of an existing agreement written originally in 2002 and includes changes made in each department's jurisdiction, such as the establishment of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) in 2010. Following the transition to JBPHH, a review of the MOU required updating and changes.

"This memorandum of understanding formalizes the cooperation and coordination between our two fire departments. It is the product of months of negotiations and revisions and establishes the framework for providing mutual aid in case of fires, emergency services or hazardous material incidents," Carlisle said.



Rear Adm. Frank Ponds (left), commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle (right) sign a memorandum of understanding May 16 at Honolulu Hale. The MOU supports mutual aid between Federal Fire Department Hawaii and Honolulu Fire Department.

Chiefs from both the Federal Fire Department and the Honolulu Fire Department were in attendance. Under the MOU, each fire department will decide when it can send equipment and personnel to assist the other department at an emergency but retain authority over their individual resources. Each fire chief will be allowed to pursue reimbursement for fire fighting costs that are above normal as a result of providing aid to the other department.

The MOU benefits both military and civilians since

both fire departments agree to provide not only personnel but fire fighting apparatus and personnel when requested.

"This ceremony is a tangible example of the value that we place on the life, the safety and the protection of our most valuable resource—our people," Ponds said.

Ponds remarked that although the MOU has undergone changes and the places covered by the MOU have also changed, the mission has not. It is focused on the commitment to fighting fires, providing emergency services, and responding to

hazardous materials incidents. In a time of strict funding constraints and budget cuts, cooperating with local fire departments ensures the best fire and emergency services to both military and civilian communities, Ponds said.

"The military is a vital part of our community and one of the most important pillars of our economy. We owe our freedom and liberty to their service and know that they will be there for us if we ever need help. We consider it a privilege to serve them if they ever need our assistance," Carlisle said.

VP-4 wins 2012 Anti-Submarine Warfare Fleet Challenge

Lt. j.g. Jenna Rose

Patrol Squadron Four Public Affairs Officer

Combat Aircrew One (CAC-1) of Patrol Squadron Four (VP-4) was recently named the winner of the 2012 Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Fleet Challenge, during the annual Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF) Symposium at NAS Jacksonville.

Nine CACs from across the fleet participated in the event including crews from CPRW-2 (Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Two) at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, CPRW-10 at NAS Whidbey Island and CPRW-11 at NAS Jacksonville.

In addition, a Canadian CP-140 Aurora 405 from Squadron 14 Wing Greenwood and the P-8A Poseidon, the replacement aircraft to the P-3C Orion, participated in the fleet challenge. Australian and Japanese riders observed the flights aboard

the U.S. P-3C Orions.

The ASW Fleet Challenge consisted of two evaluations. The first took place in the P-3C Orion simulator, known as the tactical operational readiness trainer (TORT). In this realistic trainer, crews executed standardized tactics in order to prosecute a diesel submarine. After completing the simulator portion, the CACs performed a flight event where they detected, localized, tracked and conducted simulated attacks on a Los Angeles-class attack submarine off the northeast Florida coast.

Naval Air Crewman 2nd Class Sean Wawrzyniec, CAC-1 acoustic operator, said, "It was good to go back to Jacksonville and visit with everyone. It was a great experience to be able to compete with my peers in other squadrons."

During the competition, each aircrew position, consisting of a plane commander, tactical coordinator, two acoustic operators and a radar operator, was evaluated on performance. "The evaluators looked very hard at our planning, prosecution and crew resource management (CRM), which

strengthens the fact that if a crew works well together, you get good results," said Senior Chief Naval Air Crewman Operator Stanley Lenover, CAC-1 radar operator.

"I was pleased to have a newly trained and qualified sensor one acoustic operator perform so well. It is a signature of our training plan when a brand-new sensor-one operator can compete with other seasoned operators. It is a privilege for us as senior operators and instructors to know how our training impacts our junior Sailors, ultimately paving the way for the future," Lenover said.

Rear Adm. Michael Hewitt, commander of Patrol and Reconnaissance Group, awarded the championship belt to CAC-1 at the MPRF Flight Suit Social.

Lt. Justin Jennings, tactical coordinator and mission commander, spoke about his team's performance.

"We were excited for our crew to represent VP-4 and Wing Two at fleet challenge. The competition was tough, and I'm proud of the job our crew did. It was an honor to be recognized as the fleet challenge champions."

Convair B-36A made non-stop round-trip May, 1948



U.S. Air Force photo

Shown here is a Convair B-36A-10-CF (S/N 44-92013). This aircraft completed a non-stop round-trip from Fort Worth, Texas to Hawaii, May 13-15, 1948.



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Cmdr. Gary Rogeness is piped ashore after being relieved as commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) by Cmdr. Noel Gonzalez at a change of command ceremony held May 11 at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Gonzalez relieves Rogeness as USS Cheyenne CO

Story and photo by
MC2 Ronald Gutridge

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Cmdr. Noel Gonzalez relieved Cmdr. Gary Rogeness as commanding officer of Los-Angeles-class submarine USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) during a time-honored change of command ceremony May 11 at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Retired Vice Adm. Jay Donnelly, guest speaker, praised Rogeness for his exceptional performance while commanding Cheyenne. He congratulated the crew on their accomplishments under Rogeness' leadership.

“Cmdr. Rogeness fostered a culture of high standards, individual empowerment and achievement. His steady strain on day-to-day performance resulted in a crew that was uniformly prepared for all missions. He put his Sailors first and, at the same time, achieved outstanding operational readiness,” said Donnelly. “Commander, you have performed marvelously as Cheyenne’s commanding officer, and you have made a positive difference.”

Rogeness acknowledged that the majority of the submarine’s success during his time as commanding officer could be attributed to the crew and their hard work.

“Sailors of Cheyenne, you have built a culture of getting it right the first time. It happens because you are committed to being brilliant at the basics, putting shipmate before self, and having integrity always. Continue to put those into practice, and you will never go wrong,” said Rogeness. “I am proud to have served you as your commanding officer. I will always treasure our time and experiences we shared as we ‘rode the legend’ together.

Following his remarks, Rogeness was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his exceptional performance as commanding officer from December 2009 to May 2012.

As Gonzalez assumed command of Cheyenne, he addressed the crew about the future.

“To the crew of USS Cheyenne, I stand here today, not as the best man that I can be, but one that will always be open to inputs to make myself a better man, a better Sailor and a better leader,” said Gonzalez. “I look forward to serving with you, and I am honored to command this great warship in protection of our nation.”

Rogeness’ personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (four awards) and Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal (five awards).

He will report for duty as commander, Pacific Fleet (N2B) deputy for battlespace awareness and special programs.

Mattingly takes command of Patrol Squadron Nine

Lt. j.g. Ryan Jones

Patrol Squadron Nine
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MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii – Cmdr. Craig T. Mattingly took command of Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) from Cmdr. Richard W. Prest during a ceremony May 3 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Capt. Christopher P. Ramsden, commander of Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Two (CPRW-2), presided over the ceremony. He welcomed Mattingly and praised Prest for his leadership during his tenure as the Golden Eagles’ commanding officer.

“Cmdr. Prest, I think I can speak for all us here. We are indeed impressed,” Ramsden said. “Rich, you can leave this squadron with your head held high, knowing you have fulfilled your stewardship in an outstanding fashion.”

VP-9 has logged more than 191,200 mishap-free flight hours since call-sign AF-586’s high seas ditch off the Russian Kamchatka Peninsula in 1978. One of the pilots who assisted in the rescue of AF-586, Bill Porter, was in attendance for the change of command.

“Bill Porter was a pilot aboard a US Coast Guard C-130 that flew a 17-hour search-and-rescue mission in support of AF-586,” Prest said. “Bill and his crew led a Russian trawler to pick up the surviving crew members. Bill, thanks for what you did for the Golden Eagles that day.”

“VP-9 is special to me. My crew was instrumental in saving 10 men’s lives. Everything worked out just right for the guys



U.S. Navy photo by AWF2 Amanda De Welles

Cmdr. Craig Mattingly, Patrol Squadron Nine’s new commanding officer, departs the change of command ceremony with side boys posted. Cmdr. Richard Prest, outgoing commanding officer, renders his respects in the background.

in the rafts. We were just a part of the total effort,” porter said.

“I have had a chance to meet the sons and daughters of those survivors. They would not be here today if not for this rescue. That makes it so important to me and being at your change of command reminds me of this event,” he said.

Prest, who is reporting to Commander, Naval Air Forces Atlantic, leaves confident that Patrol Squadron Nine is in good hands.

“I have not served with a finer naval officer than Cmdr. Craig Mattingly. He is the consummate professional and possesses an

energy level and drive that is unmatched.

He genuinely cares about people. [Craig], it’s your turn to lead VP-9, and there’s no question that you’re ready and that you’ll do it with vision, passion and class,” he said.

Mattingly became the 63rd VP-9 skipper since the squadron’s establishment in 1951.

“My navigation plan for the command is simple. Continue to do what you are doing. Remain focused, go slow to go fast and always by the book. Take care of your family. Our mission afar is better served when the needs of families are fulfilled at home.”

8th Intel Squadron changes command

(Far right) Lt. Col. James Weaver takes the guidon from Col. Eva Jenkins, commander of Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency (AFISRA), 692nd Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group (ISRG), and assumes command of the 8th Intelligence Squadron (IS) May 9 at the Missing Man Formation at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

(Right) Lt. Col. James Weaver assumes command of the 8th Intelligence Squadron.

Photo illustration | U.S. Navy photos by David D. Underwood Jr.



Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) pulls into port at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH). The Carl Vinson is making its final port visit in Hawaii before returning to its home port in San Diego following a six-month deployment to the western Pacific and Middle East areas supporting maritime theatre security operations in the U.S. 7th and U.S. 5th Fleets.

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

Sgt. 1st Class Leroy Arthur Petry (right), Medal of Honor recipient, explains to Pearl Harbor survivor, Sterling Cale (left) how his prosthetic hand works as they trade their stories during a tour of Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona Memorial. They were the guests of Capt. Lawrence Scruggs, chief of staff for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, who narrated the tour. Petry was presented the award July 12, 2011 for his actions during a firefight in Afghanistan. He is the second living recipient of the award for actions occurring since the Vietnam War and is the only one still on active duty.

U.S. Navy photo by ATAN Sarah Burke



(Right) Don J. Jenkins and Kenneth E. Stumpf, retired U.S. Army Soldiers and Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, listen to Airman 1st Class Aleksandar Joga, 535th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, on C-17 Globemaster III load capabilities May 14 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. The Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the armed services of the United States. It is generally presented to its recipient by the president of the United States of America in the name of Congress.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

Culinary Specialist 1st Class Lakia Davidson, assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, receives one of seven awards for outstanding service members in community service. The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii hosted the 27th annual Military Recognition Luncheon at the Hilton Hawaiian Village to honor Hawaii's military.

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



City transfers buses to Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange

Story and photo by
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Contributing writer

Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle met May 11 to exchange a symbolic bus wheel adorned with eight oversized keys. The keys symbolized the no-cost transfer of eight city buses to the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) shuttle bus program.

Sante Campanile, Navy Exchange vice president for the Hawaii district, also participated in the ceremony.

“The city has a good working relationship, I think that’s too mild, we have a wonderful working relationship with the military,” said Carlisle while speaking to the crowd at the



Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle (center) presents symbolic keys for eight buses to Sante Campanile (left), Navy Exchange vice president for the Hawaii district, and Capt. Jeffrey James (right), commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), during a ceremony May 11 at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange.

NEX Pearl Harbor. “I am pleased that the city can help and support transit service for members of Oahu’s military community.”

The eight buses first went into service in 1995 and can carry up to 45 seated and 20 standing passengers. The buses will replace an older fleet of five buses that were previously being used by the NEX and are updated models, which will mean better accommodations for riders with special needs.

The buses, retired from The Bus service in 2011, were obtained on the condition that the Navy takes over operating costs and maintenance. In a win-win situation, the Navy will benefit from the regularly scheduled shuttle bus service for military patrons, and the City and County of Honolulu will be saved the cost of dis-

posing of the buses.

“These buses, although they probably don’t have much utility for the city, provide a great utility for the base and the single Sailors and Airmen that live on base and don’t have vehicles,” James said.

NEX Pearl Harbor sales data has suggested that the shuttle bus service increased patronage at various NEX retail outlets, increasing sales and dividends paid to Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs.

The bus transfer is also timely. The biennial RIMPAC exercise will take place from June 29 to Aug. 3 and include 22 nations, 42 ships, six submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel.

“We, with much aloha, accept them [the eight buses],” James said.

POW/MIA teams search for unaccounted-for Americans in Laos, Guam

Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command

Specialized investigative and archaeological recovery teams from the U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) based at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam are deployed to Laos searching for Americans who remain unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War.

Two recovery teams with more than 35 JPAC personnel are excavating two aircraft crash sites in the Savannakhet province. The team is searching for evidence of eight Americans unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War.

Additionally, an investigation team is searching for clues by canvassing local villages for information, researching archives and interviewing witnesses. The team will search in the Savannakhet and Khammouan provinces for

information that relates to eight aircraft crash sites and 13 individuals.

The approximately 40-day deployment marks the 124th joint field activity in Laos.

Recovery teams search for human remains, life support items and other material evidence (personal and military issued items) that may lead to identification. Investigation teams authenticate leads from eyewitnesses, conduct field research and gather information throughout various locations to determine whether or not there will be a return visit for excavation at a later date.

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 Americans still missing from past conflicts. The ultimate goal of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and of the agen-



Local and U.S. team members with the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command screen dirt during an excavation in Madang, Papua New Guinea in March. POW/MIA teams are also searching for unaccounted-for Americans in Laos and Guam.

cies involved in returning America’s heroes home, is to conduct global search, recovery, and laboratory opera-

tions in order to support the Department of Defense’s personnel accounting efforts.

A specialized investigation team from JPAC also arrived in Guam last week to search for information

pertaining to American heroes who remain unaccounted-for from World War II.

“A research and investigative team will be on Guam for about two weeks searching for evidence of approximately 70 U.S. service members who remain unaccounted-for from the second world war,” said Dr. Rob Thompson, recovery leader for the Hawaii-based team.

Additionally, the seven-person team will develop and authenticate leads from eyewitnesses and conduct field research. JPAC personnel will attempt to locate wreckage, equipment or personal effects to specifically correlate sites to unaccounted-for Americans. This investigation will help set the groundwork for any future recovery teams by clearly defining the work that will be required to properly recover the site.

Warrior Run is ‘moo-ving’ experience

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The monthly Warrior Run of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) took place recently, complete with a real-live Texas Longhorn cow as a mascot. The 647 Civil Engineering Squadron (CES), nicknamed “Prime Beef,” hosted the first-Friday event on the Hickam side of JBPHH. Betsy, a cow from the

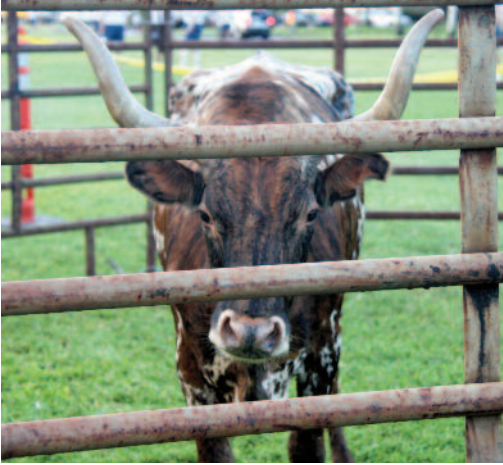
local Flying R Livestock ranch, was present and accounted for on the parade grounds to kick off the event. Contrary to popular belief, female cows of the Texas Longhorn variety can have horns, as did Betsy. Cattle from Flying R have been featured in movies filmed locally, such as “The Rundown,” said J.D. Cherry, an animal wrangler and former Army staff sergeant Reservist.

Under command of Lt. Col Brad Waters, the

monthly formation run also featured earth-moving equipment and explosive ordnance device (EOD) vehicles representing the varied duties of the squadron.

A recent Warrior Run of the 647 Civil Engineering Squadron, whose nickname is “Prime Beef,” included a Texas Longhorn as a mascot.

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Fishing tournament approaches

The deadline for registration for the 15th annual Friends of Hickam Keiki (children’s) Fishing Tournament is May 23.

The tournament will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 30 at Hoomaluhia Park in Kaneohe.

Mandatory bus transportation will be provided. The event is for children ages 5 to 12 years old, Hickam dependents only. For more information, see the website www.15wing.af.mil.

BMD test successful

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acquisition and high-speed processing for target discrimination. The SM-3 Block IB interceptor also features an upgraded onboard signal processor and a more flexible throttleable divert and attitude control system to maneuver the IB interceptor to intercept.

Initial indications are that all components performed as designed. Program officials will conduct an extensive assessment and evaluation of system performance based upon telemetry and other data obtained during the test.

FTM-16 Event 2a is the 22nd successful intercept in 27 flight test attempts for the Aegis BMD program. Across all ballistic missile defense system programs, this is the 53rd successful hit-to-kill intercept in 67 flight test attempts since 2001.

Aegis BMD is the sea-based midcourse component of the MDA’s ballistic missile defense system and is designed to intercept and destroy short to intermediate-range ballistic missile threats. The MDA and the U.S. Navy cooperatively manage the Aegis BMD program.

Cmdr. Strong becomes new commanding officer of VP-4

Lt. j.g. Jenna Rose

Patrol Squadron Four Public Affairs Officer

Cmdr. Brent M. Strong relieved Cmdr. Kevin D. Long as commanding officer of Patrol Squadron Four (VP-4) during a ceremony May 10 at hangar 104 on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe.

Long, originally from Eustis, Fla., reported to VP-4 as the executive officer. He became the squadron's 62nd commanding officer in May 2011. Under his command, the squadron completed a split-site deployment to the U.S. 5th and U.S. 7th Fleets.

On March 18, 2011, VP-4 forward-deployed to Misawa AB, Japan and in fewer than 24 hours re-established Commander Task Group 72.4 as an operational entity, flying the first U.S. humanitarian missions following the earthquake and subsequent tsunami in support of Operation Tomodachi. Under his command, the Skinny Dragons provided 254 hours of critical humanitarian and disaster relief support to the Japanese people.

The squadron was recognized for its success in numerous areas during Long's time as commanding officer, receiving the 2011 Jay Isbell Trophy for ASW Excellence, the Golden Anchor for retention excellence, the Golden Shutter award, the Medical Blue "M" for outstanding medical readiness, and the Battle Efficiency Award (Battle "E") for sustained superior per-



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Cmdr. Brent M. Strong, incoming commanding officer of VP-4, relieves Cmdr. Kevin D. Long, outgoing commanding officer, as Commodore Christopher Ramsden looks on.

formance in an operational environment.

"This has been one of the most rewarding tours in my entire 19-year career. The men and women of VP-4 are professional, hard-working Americans. I am very proud of each and every one of them," Long said.

His tours include assignments to VP-9, VP-30 and VP-46. He will continue his career in San Diego, Calif.

"I am thrilled for the opportunity to lead Patrol Squadron Four. This squadron has a long history of greatness, from fighting in every war since its com-

mission in 1928 to being recognized with the Battle Efficiency Award 11 times in the past 50 years. The Skinny Dragons is a blue collar squadron which is not afraid to roll up its sleeves and get to work," Strong said.

Prior to reporting to VP-4, Strong's additional tours and schools included flag lieutenant to the commander for the Ronald Reagan Strike Group.

Commenting on the future of the Skinny Dragons, "We are anticipating a deployment in about six months, but before departing, we have a number of inspections and two major exercises, including Rim of the



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Nathan Laird

Cmdr. Brent M. Strong, new commanding officer of VP-4, and his family witness his name for the first time on aircraft 775.

Pacific (RIMPAC) and Valiant Shield, to complete prior to obtaining our deployment certification," Strong said.

"I couldn't be more proud of the squadron having witnessed, as the executive officer, all it accomplished over the course of

the past year, and I truly believe it has earned its motto, 'Hawaii's Best,'" he said.

Cmdr. Jason C. Stapleton, who replaced Strong as executive officer, reported to VP-4 with more than 3,000 flying hours in the P-3C Orion.

New guide helps Airmen, families navigate social media

Tech. Sgt. Karen Tomasik

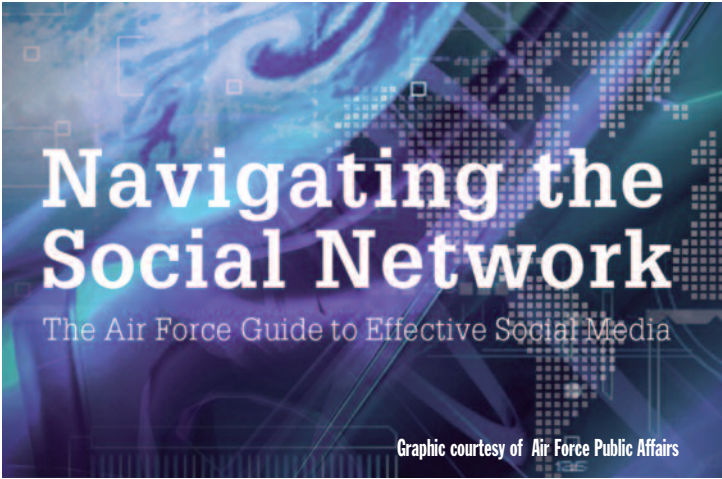
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO — LACKLAND, Texas (AFNS) — Airmen and families have a new resource at their fingertips with the recent release of an updated and revised social media guide by the Air Force Public Affairs Agency in San Antonio, Texas.

The guide features sections geared toward all Total Force members and their families as well as Air Force leaders. It highlights topics including using social media effectively, security awareness, social media platforms, public affairs programs and social media policy among others.

“Our social media team has made great strides in updating this guide,” said Larry Clavette, Air Force Public Affairs Agency director. “Airmen and families will see a lot of information they can apply to their social networking practices, whether they’ve been using social media for years or are just coming onboard with the technology.”

While information on social media has been around for several years, the types of platforms people use evolve and new ones



start up nearly every day. No matter which social media platform you use, and whether you use social media personally or professionally, many basic principles apply.

Operations security ranks first and foremost in the minds of many military members, but the casual nature of social media can easily lead to inadvertent sharing of sensitive personal information via personal profiles and accounts. Everyone should make sure they share personal information only with people they trust and understand that no matter how secure they set up their own accounts friends can unintentionally share details

about their lives with people who may have malicious intentions.

Though the desire to protect personal information is one reason people may not join social media platforms, unfamiliarity with the platforms is another commonly cited reason for staying out of the social media arena.

“By now, many people are already using social media so this guide doesn’t focus on how to set up new personal accounts,” said Capt. Amber Millerchip, the deputy director of public communications at AFPAA. “Instead, we focused on how to communicate more effectively on some of the most commonly used social media platforms. We hope every-

one finds something in the guide they can use in their personal or professional communications on these platforms.”

For most Airmen and family members, the first half of the guide, along with the social media policy references, frequently asked questions and glossary at the end, cover the basics they need to successfully navigate social networks. Unit leaders and public affairs Airmen will benefit from all those sections plus the sections addressing social media and a public affairs program and social media and AFPAA.

“Social media is another tool in a public affairs toolkit,” said Tanya Schusler, the chief of social media at AFPAA. “The new guide will help any Air Force public affairs office start or improve their social media program. The two most important things to remember are to have a communication plan and to engage with followers. Social media is supposed to be fun but that doesn’t mean it shouldn’t be a deliberate process.”

As units share their Airmen’s stories locally, they might also consider sending stories, photographs and videos with wider Air Force appeal to AFPAA so they can be featured on the main

official United States Air Force social media properties. The section in the guide discussing social media and AFPAA outlines how to submit those products and also touches on a growing area in Air Force emerging technology use, the development of mobile applications.

“We understand how mobile applications can help Airmen and families in the Air Force, and we encourage folks to leverage technology in accomplishing their jobs more efficiently,” said Clavette.

“What we ask everyone to do is be smart about developing applications for official use. There are many things to consider from impact on mission completion and potential risks to a variety of costs in development and maintenance of an app. AFPAA is the focal point for mobile applications development, so we need folks to contact us for guidance before jumping into this area.”

Airmen can download a copy of the guide from the social media tab at www.af.mil, the official website of the U.S. Air Force. Questions and comments about the guide can be directed to the AFPAA Social Media Division via the contact information on the guide’s back cover.

Safety is focus area for 21st Century Sailor, Marine initiative

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NEWPORT, R.I. (NNS) -- With 17 Navy off-duty deaths this year and the Memorial Day weekend commencing Navy Safety Center’s 101 Days of Summer campaign, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (ASN) for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Juan Garcia emphasized safety with Sailors at an all hands call in Newport, R.I.

Garcia toured Naval Station Newport and the U.S. Naval War College to learn more about the training and education facilities there and raise awareness of the Navy’s recent initiative to maximize Sailor and Marine personal

readiness: the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative.

“We’ve made great strides in motorcycle safety by requiring all riders to take the Basic Riders Course,” said Garcia. “But last year, of the 12 Sailors killed in motorcycle accidents, nine completed the Basic Rider Course but did not complete either the sport bike or advanced rider course. There was no requirement for them to take the second course. We’ve closed that loophole, and those are now requirements for active duty Sailors who ride motorcycles.”

Safety is one of five focus areas of the 21st century and Sailor Marine initiative designed to ensure every Sailor and Marine and their families have the tools they need to succeed and excel in their Navy career.



Before the all hands call held in Spruance Auditorium on the campus of the U.S. Naval War College, Garcia took advantage of his stop at Naval Station Newport to have breakfast with Sailors and Marines in Ney Hall Galley. There, Yeoman 1st Class Demont Michell, assigned to Naval Academy Prep School, asked about the availability of 100

percent tuition assistance for Sailors, E-6 and below, who want to pursue a master’s degree.

“Tuition is funded by DoD [Department of Defense], and we are trying to stretch tuition assistance as far as possible,” Garcia said. He also said approximately 8,000 Sailors graduated with degrees in 2011.

Garcia answered questions about the enlisted review board, Perform to Serve, high year tenure, Marine Corps manning, Helmets-to-Hard Hats and DDG ship manning.

“I hadn’t heard of the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative before today, said U.S. Naval War College’s Operations Specialist 2nd Class Steven Damsa. “I think it’s a good initiative because my wife follows me around and she’s part of my Navy career. What happens to me certainly affects her. It’s good to see the initiative consider her as well.”

For more information about the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative, visit <http://www.21stcentury.navy.mil>.

Gabriel Iglesias leaves JBPHH in 'stitches'

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Service members, families and friends gathered May 10 to enjoy a night of music and comedy headlined by comedian Gabriel Iglesias at Ward Field at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The event, which offered free admission to military personnel and their families, opened with a musical performance from the Air Force band High Flight.

"I think it's really cool that Gabriel Iglesias would come out here and do this for the

service members," said Electronic Technician 3rd Class Corey Nettles, who attended the show and is a devout Gabriel Iglesias fan. "It's good for the morale of everybody on base, and their families and children and everybody out here seem to be having a good time."

Prior to Iglesias taking the stage, two opening comedians warmed up the crowd for Iglesias, also known as "Fluffy."

"It's really nice to come and enjoy an event like this for free and be able to get our minds off work and not really have to go out and spend money," said Hospitalman Raymond Molina, one of Iglesias' biggest fans.



NIOC bounces back with decisive victory

Story and photos by
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Sports Editor

One week after Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) had their unbeaten streak snapped by 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS), the team stormed back May 14 to swarm the Shipyard Sharks, 15-4, in a White Division intramural softball game at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

In gaining their seventh win against only one defeat, NIOC bolted out in front on a leadoff fence-clearing jack by Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Zac Metz in the second inning and was supported by another sterling performance on the mound from pitcher Master Sgt. P.J. Nichol.

Meanwhile, the loss dropped the Sharks' current record in the White Division to 3-5.

Although Nichol was touched up for four runs in the bottom of the third, the NIOC hurler was sharp in four of the five innings he pitched.

While NIOC hitters were slow to pick up the pace, Nichol kept his team in the game by posting a zero in the first inning and pitched out of a jam with one out and runners on first and third to notch a scoreless frame in the second.

Tied at 0-0 going into the top of the second, the left-handed Metz jumped on the first pitch from Shipyard hurler retired Navy Chief John Dolloff and lofted a high fly ball that sailed over the right-field fence and onto North Road to put NIOC on the scoreboard.

"I was just trying to hit the ball hard somewhere, and it turned out a little better than I expected," Metz said. "The first pitch, I was waiting for, has got to be a perfect pitch. It came in and the first thing I thought was hit it down the line and



A NIOC base runner slides safely under the tag of Shipyard Sharks' pitcher retired Navy Chief John Dolloff in a White Division intramural softball game won by NIOC, 15-4.

it went. As soon as I hit it, I knew."

Then following the Metz blast, NIOC bats suddenly woke up in the top of the third to score a run on back-to-back doubles and a single, before runners crossed home four more times on three additional hits and an error to take a 6-0 lead.

To counter NIOC's breakout inning, Shipyard answered with a few big at-bats of their own in their turn at the plate.

Sharks shortstop Ensign Anthony Diblasi sparked a four-run rally in the bottom of the third by

bashng a Nichol offering for a triple to drive in the team's first run.

Diblasi's keystone counterpart second baseman Lt. Cmdr. Brian Easler delivered another big hit by stroking a single with the bases loaded to drive in the team's final two runs of the inning.

With NIOC clinging to a 6-4 advantage, the team, still energized by its five-run third, scored five more runs in the top of the fourth on six hits. Three of the five runs came after two outs.

Back on the mound in the bottom of the inning, Nichol regained his touch by retiring three out of four hitters

and allowed no runs.

"Because I was throwing a lot of balls at one point, I had to stop pitching junk and pitch it straight down the middle," Nichol explained about making adjustments on the mound. "Then when they started respecting my pitch again, I started pitching inside and pitching junk again."

After Nichol held down the fort, NIOC bats were at it again in the top of the fifth.

NIOC led off the inning with three straight singles by Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 3rd Class Jarrett Bennett, Nichol and Staff Sgt. Kevin Sunyak to

ignite a four-run rally for a 15-4 lead.

"It was rough going in 1-0, but it builds and everyone starts to hit," Metz said. "We know that we can score runs. As a team, we've been down before, but we know we can hit. We get three singles in a row, and then it starts to roll and we're comfortable again."

Nichol then mopped up in the bottom of the fifth to post his fourth shutout inning of the game and walk off the field with another

victory in his pocket.

Both Metz and Nichol agreed that following the loss to the 647 SFS, the team must win the rest of its games in order to ensure its spot in the playoffs.

"We know what a loss could do to us at this point," Metz admitted. "We lose one more game could put us in trouble for the playoffs. So we know every game is going to be important now."

Nichol said that as long as NIOC plays their game, the team should be all right.

"We just got to keep playing good," he said. "Keep making plays and I think we're good."



Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) outfielder Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Zac Metz focuses on a pitch before smashing it over the right-field fence for a solo home run against the Shipyard Sharks.

HIANG ‘B’ catches NIOC on last-minute goal

Story and photo by
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The Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) “B” squad saved themselves from defeat May 12 by scoring a goal with less than two minutes on the clock to tie the league-leading Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) “A” team, 1-1, in a Gold Division game at Earhart Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The tie completed a tough, but successful day for HIANG “B”, which fought off the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS), 1-0, in a matchup that was held only two hours prior to their kick-off against NIOC.

The HIANG “B” started off the day in eighth place with a record of 4-2 and 12 points, picked up four valuable points and improved their mark to 5-2-1.

NIOC, by virtue of their seven victories, began the day in a deadlock for first with the undefeated 17th Operational Weather Squadron (17 OWS) with 22 points.

Still, even with its stalemate with the HIANG, NIOC picked up a point and moved into sole possession of first, with the 17 OWS at a standstill due to a bye.

Against HIANG, NIOC appeared to be on their way to their eighth victory by holding a 1-0 lead with the game’s seconds ticking away.

On a dramatic turn of events, HIANG Tech. Sgt. Christian Nuno threw in the ball from the right sideline near the NIOC goal.

Nuno’s two-handed, overhead toss sailed toward the goal amid a swarm of NIOC and HIANG players positioning themselves to get a piece of the ball.

Goalkeeper Lt. Damall Martin, who was playing in his first game since returning from an 18-month



Tech. Sgt. Christian Nuno, forward for the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) “B” soccer squad, shoots a pass from the sideline during an intramural Gold Division game versus the league-leading Information Navy Operations Command (NIOC) “A” team.

deployment to Afghanistan, leaped to the ball and appeared to get his hand on it, but instead of knocking it down, the ball ricocheted off of his fist and crossed into the goal for the game-tying score.

“Overcompensated,” Martin explained. “When he (Nuno) threw it in, I thought they had a guy crashing the goal. And then on the last minute, when I saw that he wasn’t crashing, it was too late. I had already committed to the goal.”

HIANG forward 2nd Lt.

Jonathan Paterson said that he couldn’t get to the ball, but breathed a sigh of relief when he saw it go in.

“He had yelled at me to run in,” said Paterson about the pass from Nuno. “All I could think was thank goodness. It was a well-placed ball.”

The goal represented a game-long drive by HIANG which started off slowly, but seemed to pick up the pace in the second half.

The HIANG was out-kicked by NIOC, 7-2, on kicks on goal in the first half,

but came back to outshoot their rival by 5-3 in the second half.

“Playing back-to-back games is pretty tough, but we pulled it together at the end,” Paterson said. “We talked about it and got back to our passing game and got back to basics.”

NIOC scored their goal early in the first half on a picture-perfect play that started with a pass from Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Ian Vecino to Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 2nd

Class (SA) Dylan Harris, who finished off the play by kicking the ball over the outstretched arms of HIANG goalkeeper Staff Sgt. John Arakaki.

Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 3rd Class Jarrett Bennett, defender for NIOC, said that after getting out to a fast 1-0 start, NIOC didn’t push hard enough to close out the game.

“I just think we weren’t being too aggressive out there,” Bennett stated. “We came out strong, was looking like we were going to run up

the score on them, but kind of backed off the rest of the game. We got one and said that should be enough, but it ended up not being enough.”

Meanwhile, after defeating the third-place 324 IS in the first game and tying the division leaders in the team’s second game of the day, Paterson sounded very satisfied.

“We’ll take it,” Paterson said. “It feels good because, overall, we’re doing pretty good. It’s better than we thought we were going to do.”

Rejuvenated 735th AMS completes doubleheader sweep

Story and photos by
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After being surprised by the 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (647 LRS) one week earlier, the 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735 AMS) swept aside their first loss of the season by racking up back-to-back, mercy-rule victories in a twin bill May 15 against the Air Force and Gold Division rivals 561st Network Operation Squadron Det. 1 (561 NOS) and the 747th Communications Squadron (747 CS) at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The 735 AMS halted their game with the 561 in the fifth inning on a walk-off triple by Tech. Sgt. Steve Davenport that drove in Senior Airman Rich McGraw for a 16-6 win.

The team then followed up its first matchup by capturing its eighth victory



Tech. Sgt. Steve Davenport of the 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735 AMS) connects with a pitch for a single in a Gold Division game versus the 561st Network Operation Squadron Det. 1 (561 NOS). The base hit drove in two of the team’s six runs in the first inning.



Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Braga releases a pitch for the 735 AMS. Braga was the pitcher of record in the team’s doubleheader sweep over the 561 NOS and 747 CS. Braga allowed six runs in the first game and only a single tally in the second.

of the season with another five-inning-shortened game by crushing the 747 CS by a score of 12-1.

While 735 AMS manager Senior Master Sgt. Chad Nixon wasn’t totally happy with the team’s performance, he said that he was pleased with the way the team responded after suffering its first loss of the season.

“This was good,” Nixon said. “But we couldn’t string the bats together like we normally do and kept killing good run strings. Normally we could string much more base hits together.”

Nixon said that playing heads up ball was the biggest reason why the team bounced back from its defeat to take two.

“We talked about all the big-time errors we made last week,” Nixon admitted. “We had a lot of snow-

ball fights, we like to call it, throwing the ball around like a bunch of 10-year-olds, and that cost us numerous runs. We (today) got the ball to the infield much faster. The outfield played much better – we didn’t let any balls get past us.”

In the first game, the 561 broke out on top with a run in the top of the first. But the lead was quickly erased after the 735 put up six runs in their turn at bat, with the big hit coming off the bat of Tech. Sgt. Bill Vanek, who hit a line shot for a two-run, inside-the-park homer.

The team went up by a score of 7-1 after two complete innings, but the NOS took advantage of several fielding errors by the 735 to come back and post five runs in the top of the third.

“You get up six and then it’s like, ‘Oh no,’” said

Nixon, who flashed back to the previous week. “I thought we might get in trouble because we got four errors in one inning, and our third baseman got hurt. Once an error starts, it just dominates. Luckily after that, we were able to hold them and it was just one inning.”

The 735 quickly answered the NOS rally with two runs in the bottom of the inning, and after pitcher Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Braga tossed a shut out in the top of the fourth, the 735 extended their lead with six runs in the bottom of the frame.

Staff Sgt. Shawn Corral delivered a clutch two-run single with two outs for the team’s fifth and sixth run of the inning before Davenport sealed the game in the next frame.

“We’ve had a couple situations like that this year

where it really shows the team’s gumption,” said McGraw about the way the team picked up the pace. “We can dig down deep and whoever is pitching on the mound knows that people are going to make plays behind him. Everybody can play. It’s just a matter of piecing everything together.”

In the nightcap, the 735 scored three runs in the first against the 747, with Tech. Sgt. Bill Vanek driving in a run with a triple and Braga pushing across another run with a single.

Meanwhile, on the mound Braga was nearly perfect in the first two innings by retiring six out of the first seven 747 batters he faced.

Then in the third, the 735 added a run on a triple by McGraw that drove in Vanek, before running a merry-go-round and breaking the game wide open with seven runs in the top of the fourth.

The big inning was sparked by a bloop RBI single by Nixon, who was inserted into the lineup just before the start of the second game.

“We have a great team,” Nixon said. “Finding a good lineup is the big thing, so we string together our base hits. Focus on a level swing and avoid pop-ups.”

McGraw agreed with his coach, but stressed that teamwork will be the key to the team’s success in the future.

“Senior Nixon, our coach, really brings everyone together,” McGraw acknowledged. “He emphasizes that we need to play as a unit. Even though we have some really good players, when we all play together, that’s when we win. Once everyone comes together as a unit, I think we’re the best team in the league.”



Civil engineers raise the bar at Warrior Run

This event was sponsored by the 647th Civil Engineers Squadron and their Prime BEEF Airmen. Prime BEEF, a Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force, is a rapidly deployable, specialized civil engineer unit of the Air Force. Prime BEEFs provide a full range of engineering support required to establish, operate and maintain garrison and contingency airbases. The Prime BEEF motto is “If you mess with the bull, you get the horns.”



Col. Dann Carlson, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam deputy commander and 647th Air Base Group commander, leads a flight of Airmen and Sailors along the two-mile Team Hickam Warrior Run on May 3, at JBPHH, Hawaii.

In typical Prime BEEF fashion, the 647th Civil Engineers Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, brought the "bull" to the monthly installment of the Warrior Run on May 3.

U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Mike Meares and Jane West

WHO SAID IT?

"We have met the enemy and they are ours..."

Last Week's

WHO SAID IT?

“There are no traffic jams along the extra mile.”


Roger Staubach

This Week's Trivia

What World War II naval battle began on May 4, 1942?

Last Issue's Question: When did Lt. Edward V. Rickenbacker, the leading U.S. ace of World War I with 26 victories, shoot down his first airplane? **Answer:** He shot down his first airplane on April 29, 1918, and eventually became known as the “Ace of Aces.”

My favorite photo...



While on the island of Maui a few months ago, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Allen Unger took this photo of a waterfall on the road to Hana. Unger works at Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor.

PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM

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2012 AMERICA'S KIDS RUN

The 2012 America's kids run will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at Quick Field. The run is for children ages 5 to 13 and interested participants must register by today. Younger children run one-half mile, the 7-8 year olds run 1 mile, and the older children run 2 miles. Parents are welcome to run. FMI: www.americaskidsrun.org.

FREE GOLF CLINIC

There will be a free golf clinic at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Barbers Point Golf Course. FMI: 682-1911.

FLAG FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

Pee Wee Flag Football registration for youth ages 3 to 5 will be from May 20 to June 8. Cost is \$35 per youth. The season runs from June to September. Register on-line. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

NEW JBP HH FITNESS CENTER

The new Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center, building 1338, will open at 4 a.m. May 21. Features include two basketball courts, large gymnasium, cardio area, large group exercise classrooms and glass racquetball courts, as well as energy-efficient lighting and use of recycled materials to build parts of this facility. A grand opening ceremony will be held June 11. Morale, Welfare and Recreation's annual fitness and wellness fair will be held June 27 at the new fitness center. The last day that the Bloch Arena Fitness Center will be open for use is May 20. FMI: 473-0793.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Preschool Story Time will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. May 23 at the base library. The theme will be "pets." FMI: 449-8299.

FREE LADIES GOLF CLINIC

A free ladies golf clinic will be held at 4 p.m. May 25 at Mamala Bay Golf Course. Space is limited. FMI: 449-2300.

MEMORIAL DAY VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

There will be a Memorial Day 5-on-5 volleyball tournament from May 26 to 28 at the Wentworth Sand Volleyball Courts. The cost is \$80 per team, and teams must register by 4 p.m. May 22. The tournament is open to active duty, family members 18 years and older, and Department of Defense employees assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Registration forms are available at Hickam Fitness Center, Bloch Arena and Subase Gym. FMI: Tech. Sgt. Oliver or Staff Sgt. Ali at 448-2214.

'BATTLE OF MIDWAY' MOVIE

A free screening will be held June 2 at Ward Field to mark the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Midway. Gates open at 7:30 p.m. The movie begins at 8:11 p.m. This event is free to active-duty members, their families and all other authorized patrons and sponsored guests. FMI: greatlifehawaii.com.

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



The Hunger Games (PG 13)

Every year in the ruins of what was once North America, the evil Capitol of the nation of Panem forces each of its 12 districts to send a teenage boy and girl to compete in the Hunger Games. A twisted punishment for a past uprising and an ongoing government intimidation tactic, The Hunger Games are nationally televised events in which "tributes" must fight with one another until only one survivor remains. Pitted against highly-trained tributes who have prepared for these games their entire lives, Katniss is forced to rely upon her sharp instincts as well as the mentorship of drunken former victor Haymitch Abernathy. If she's ever to return home to District 12, Katniss must make impossible choices in the arena that weigh survival against humanity and life against love.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY

7:00 PM The Hunger Games (PG 13)

SATURDAY

2:30 PM Mirror Mirror (PG)
4:45 PM A Thousand Words (PG 13)
7:00 PM The Hunger Games (PG 13)

SUNDAY

2:30 PM Mirror Mirror (PG)
4:45 PM The Hunger Games (PG 13)
7:15 PM American Reunion (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY

6:00 PM The Hunger Games (PG 13)
8:30 PM American Reunion (R)

SATURDAY

4:00 PM The Hunger Games (PG 13)
7:00 PM American Reunion (R)

SUNDAY

2:00 PM The Hunger Games (PG 13)

Community Calendar

May

19- An "Inside look at the Blackbird with and without a pilot" hangar talk will take place from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. FMI: 441-1000 or www.pacificaviationmuseum.org.

19 ~ A Fort Derussy "Living History Day" will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hawaii Army Museum. FMI: 597-1341 or www.aadcch.org.

19 ~ A Military Appreciation Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Honolulu Zoo, 151 Kapahulu Ave., with free entrance to the zoo for all military card ID holders and free pizza, watermelon and entertainment. Free bus shuttles are available for the event from Pearl Harbor NEX. FMI: Gaylene Vedder at 423-3215.

21 ~ A "World War II West Loch Internees Ceremony" will be held at 3 p.m. at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, honoring Soldiers who died at West Loch Pearl Harbor on May 21, 1944. Philip Baham, an original Tuskegee Airman who resides on Oahu, will be presented with his Congressional Gold Medal by guest speaker Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. FMI: 597-1341 or www.aadcch.org.

22 ~ Hickam Communities will host a town hall meeting at 6 p.m. with Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam security forces at Earhart Community Center, 210 Kokomalei St. to address recent safety and security concerns on the installation. Security forces will provide an update on recent events and address safety and security efforts on base. FMI: Michael Turman at 853-3771.

25 ~ The 11th Hour Band will play free live music from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX). FMI: 423-3287.

25-26 The second annual free military kid's movie night will be held at the Pearl Harbor NEX parking lot with seating beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis at the NEX Aloha Center. FMI: 423-3287.

30 ~ The 15th annual Friends of Hickam Keiki (children's) Fishing Tournament will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 30 at Hoomaluhia Park in Kaneohe. The deadline for registration for the tournament is May 23. Mandatory bus transportation will be provided. The event is for children ages 5 to 12 years old, Hickam dependents only. FMI: www.15wing.af.mil.



Medal of Honor recipients visit NEX and JBPHH

Stephanie Lau

NEX Customer Relations
Services Manager

The Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) and Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam on May 13 and 14 hosted three Medal of Honor (MOH) recipients: Kenneth E. Stumpf, Allen J. Kellog and Don J. Jenkins.

Their first visit was to the Pearl Harbor NEX where they met and greeted active duty members and their families. While at the NEX, the MOH recipients were able to take photos, sign autographs and share their stories. Later that night, the recipients shared their military experiences with 10 active duty members during a luau at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

The next day, MOH recipients took a VIP tour of the Arizona Memorial where they were able to see exhibits and take a boat ride to the memorial.

After leaving the memorial, Stumpf said he was in awe and said, "That is truly an amazing memorial." Jenkins said he was grateful and honored that he went on the tour for the first time.

The MOH recipients also



Photos by CTIL Laurence San Juan

Three Medal of Honor (MOH) recipients, Kenneth E. Stumpf, Allen J. Kellog and Don J. Jenkins, visit the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during their recent stay at the base.

met with various Air Force members and took a tour of the Hickam side of joint base. Loadmaster Garrick Hiramoto of the 204th Airlift Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard, and Col. David "Dan" Baldesari, commander, 15th

Operations Group made arrangements for them [MOH] to visit a C-17 aircraft. Hiramoto said it was their pleasure to host honorable men and that they had a great time doing it.

The MOH recipients were escorted every day

during their visit by active duty volunteers from the Navy, Marines and Air Force. Cryptologic Technician Interpretive 1st Class Laurence San Juan of

JIATF – West Camp Smith, volunteered as one of their [MOH] escorts. It "was a

great once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and honor to meet with all of them... This was the best volunteer Navy experience I ever had."

Stumpf, who was with U.S. Army, Company C, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division distinguished himself while serving as a squad leader of the 3d Platoon, Company C, on a search-and-destroy mission in Vietnam.

The enemy's heavy volume of fire prevented the unit from moving to the aid of the injured men, but Stumpf left his secure position in a deep trench and ran through the barrage of incoming rounds to reach his wounded comrades.

With the elimination of this key position, his unit was able to assault and overrun the enemy.

Jenkins formerly of U.S. Army, Company A, 2d Battalion, 39th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division, distinguished himself while serving as a machine gunner on a reconnaissance mission in Vietnam.

While his company came under heavy crossfire from an enemy complex, he continued intense fire while ignoring his own painful wounds and hindered by

darkness, he made three trips to the beleaguered unit, each time pulling a wounded comrade back to safety.

Kellogg, formerly U.S. Marine Corps, Company G, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, led a small unit from Company G. He evacuated a fallen comrade when the unit came under a heavy volume of small arms and automatic weapons fire. Although suffering multiple injuries to his chest and his right shoulder and arm, he resolutely continued to direct the efforts of his men until all were able to maneuver to the safety of the company perimeter.

The Medal of Honor is the highest military decoration awarded by the United States government. According to the Department of the Army, it is bestowed by the president, in the name of Congress, upon members of the United States Armed Forces who distinguish themselves through "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his or her life above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States."

Shipyard Sailors wash cars, grill burgers to support victims of sexual assault

Marshall Fukuki

Pearl Harbor Naval
Shipyard Public Affairs

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Sailors washed cars and grilled hamburgers during fundraisers held recently as part of the command's observance of National Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). A total of \$2,000 was presented May 8 for use by the Military and Family Support Center at Pearl Harbor and the Sex Abuse Treatment Center at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children.

"I was amazed at the turnout when it came to training and the fund-raising events," said Chief Machinist's Mate (SW/AW) Maya Ault, shipyard sexual assault prevention and response command liaison. "(SAAM) has been a success, and it wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for this



Photo courtesy of Lt. Cmdr. Assunta "Cherry" Lopez

Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) 2nd Class David Valentini, (left) and Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) 1st Class Robert Geissinger of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard volunteer their services at a recent car wash, sponsored by the command's Chief Petty Officer Association.

supportive command."

The Chief Petty Officer Association, led by Senior Chief Electronics Techni-

cian (SW) Victoria Marino, sponsored a weekend car wash that netted \$1,100 in four hours. Gas Turbine

System Technician (Mechanical) 1st Class Robert Geissinger and the First Class Petty Officer Association held a lunchtime burger burn that brought in almost \$660.

The shipyard wardroom, comprised of the command's commissioned officers, chipped in \$241 to bring the total donations to an even \$2,000.

The burger burn was held on Denim Day, when Sailors wore blue jeans to work as a symbol against wrongful attitudes about sexual assault. They also collected

120 pounds of toiletries that were given to the Honolulu Domestic Violence Shelter.

"I feel that (sexual assault awareness and prevention) is a very important program," Ault said. "I want to help the survivors, the people who have the courage to come forward to get help. I want the command to know that we are here for them, and if we talk about (sexual assault) enough, maybe more people will step in and prevent things like this from happening."

Ault added, "I would like

to thank (shipyard commanding officer) Capt. (Lawrence) Hill for allowing the command to don jeans for Denim Day, the people who led the fund-raisers, and the shipyard for participating, by either volunteering or donating money for the cause."

Shari Freeman, installation sexual assault response coordinator with the Military and Family Support Center, said, "We certainly appreciate (the shipyard's) contributions and dedication to sexual assault awareness and prevention."

‘Sweet’ jazz tones enliven Pineapple Festival



U.S. Navy photo by Don Robbins

Members of the U.S. Pacific Fleet's Navy jazz combo performed May 12 during the Wahiawa Pineapple Festival at Wahiawa District Park. The combo consists of Chief Musician Scott Helwig on drums, Musician 1st Class Joe Mozika on bass, Musician 3rd Class Tyler Sharp on piano, Musician 3rd Class Trevor Shifflett on guitar and Musician 3rd Class Everett Cencich on sax.

‘Wild’ time planned May 19 at zoo for Military Appreciation Day

City and County of Honolulu

A Military Appreciation Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Honolulu Zoo, located at 151 Kapahulu Ave.

The event will feature free entrance to the zoo for all military card ID holders, including retirees and National Guard. The free entrance is located at the Monsarrat Gate Six across from the Kapiolani Park Bandstand before 2 p.m.

Entertainment will include performances by the Royal Hawaiian Band at 9:15 a.m., the Marine Band at 10:30 a.m., Chaotic Five at 11 a.m., a hula halau at

11:45 a.m., Island Storm at 12:15 p.m. and Odyssey at 1:15 p.m. The event also will include appearances by Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle at 10:15 a.m., the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii at 10:20 a.m. and Outrigger Enterprises at 10:25 a.m.

Volunteers will serve free pizza and watermelon.

Bus shuttles are available to the event from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay (MCBH) and Schofield Barracks.

Bus number one leaves JBPHH at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. It leaves the zoo at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1

p.m. and 3 p.m. Bus number two leaves JBPHH at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. It leaves the zoo at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

Regular admission rates apply after 2 p.m.

Pickup and dropoff at JBPHH is in the NEX parking lot southeast end near the big white tent. For more information on JBPHH shuttles, call Gaylene Veder at 423-3215, for Schofield Bar-racks shuttles call Amanda Montgomery at 655-0002, and for MCBH call Sgt. Daniel Woodall at 257-8832.

For more information on the event, contact Elaine Ota at ota.elaine@yahoo.com or call 486-9640.

‘Ryde’ against sexual assault held

Amy D. Powell

Oahu Ruff Ryders Public Relations Officer

The Oahu Ruff Ryders sponsored their second annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) “Ryde” held recently in conjunction with the Navy Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) office.

The Oahu Ruff Ryders are a part of the Worldwide Ruff Ryders Lifestyle, who have had a presence on the islands of Oahu and the Big Island since 2006.

They coordinated a motorcycle ride around a portion of the island with a barbecue at the conclusion of the ride. Oahu Ruff Ryders and the Navy SAPR team raised and donated \$410 from the motorcycle ride to the local sex abuse treatment center.

Approximately 110 people participated in the motorcycle ride and festivi-

ties, including several other motorcycle clubs on the island. Participants purchased teal-colored bands to wear on their wrists in support of sexual assault awareness. The day's events were not limited to motorcycle riders, but also included those who just wanted to support Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Prior to the motorcycle ride, Shari Freeman, U.S. Navy Sexual Assault Response coordinator, and Merranda Ryan, survivor of a sexual assault, made informational speeches. Ryan shared her story with participants.

“The “Ryde Against Sexual Assault” event today is a way for the military and local communities to get together and take a stand against sexual assault. The teal bands you are each wearing around your wrists makes the statement that sexual assault will not tolerated,” Freeman said.

“Sexual assault prevention shouldn't be focused on just in the month of April but throughout the year to effectively combat this pervasive issue,” she added.

The United States Department of Defense SAPR theme is “Hurts one. Affects all...Preventing Sexual Assault is Everyone's Duty.”

Taking its role in the prevention of sexual assault seriously, the Navy utilizes constant education and training to not only make people aware of what sexual assault is but also show how to prevent cases from happening. The training also teaches people what they or someone they know should do if they become a victim of sexual assault.

Sexual assault is not gender-based. However, males are less likely to report being victims of sexual assault due to the stigma that society places on them. Statistics also show most victims of sexual assault know their attacker.



Photo courtesy of Chris Black

The Oahu Ruff Ryders are shown here in action during the Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) “ryde” held recently in conjunction with the Navy Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) office.

Tripler opens doors to Oahu's first single room neonatal ICU

Jan Clark

Pacific Regional Medical Command Public Affairs

HONOLULU — The completion of the first of a two-phased renovation project for the first on-island single room neonatal intensive care unit at Tripler Army Medical Center was celebrated recently with a blessing and lei ceremony at the medical center.

In her opening remarks, Col. (Dr.) Sarah Lentz-Kapua, chief, pediatric inpatient services, spoke of the process of making the patient centered-family centered NICU a reality.

“Ten years ago in 2002, I made my initial request to the command at that time, for a little more space and a true renovation of our 1989 vintage NICU and was given approval to move forward,” Lentz Kapua said.

“Having to build in two phases has proven a challenge, but babies had to be left in place during construction of phase one. Our short-term goal was to build using the then relatively new concept of patient centered-family center care,” she said. “The long-term goal was to have a brand new neonatal intensive care



Photo courtesy Jan Clark

The completion of the first half of a two-phased renovation project for a new neonatal intensive care unit was celebrated with a recent blessing and lei ceremony. Tripler now has the first single family neonatal intensive care unit on island and also in the military.

unit. We spent countless hours with multiple consultants, bright minds from outside and inside the hospital who worked diligently to come up with the state-of-the-art design and the

state-of-the-art technology to make this NICU one of the safest patient care areas on the island.”

Patricia Wilhelm, nurse manager, NICU, echoed Lentz-Kapua words when

she spoke of the long hours of planning.

“From the very beginning, this has been a collaboration between the physicians, the nurses, the respiratory therapists, the phar-

macists (and) the social workers. Everybody has had a say in how we designed it, from the very beginning in 2007 to where we are at today.

“Every one of my nurses has trained on every piece of equipment, every device and participated in an eight-hour simulation training, which was phenomenal,” Wilhelm said. “It allowed us time to work out all of the kinks, learn the equipment, how to work it together as a team, so that the Team STEPPS concept played out very well. I know that when we open these doors today and move patients, we are ready.” Wilhelm explained.

In part, what makes this NICU unique is the noise reduction/sound proofing that has been installed in the ceiling and floor. Because most of the babies here would under ideal conditions still be in a mother's womb, sound levels are kept to neonatal standards. With dimmer light capabilities and a device to monitor sound level, the rooms provide the optimal environment for babies' hearing, growth and overall development.

Another key element allowing for private rooms

for baby and parents is the technology that allows nurses to monitor rooms from other locations on the ward.

“With the new monitor system, our nurses can be comfortable being in one room, knowing that they have another baby in another room that they are responsible for,” Wilhelm said. “We have built in the technology that allows the alarm system from the monitors to reach the devices our nurses carry that will tell them when there is an alarm and a baby needs them.”

Directing his words to the NICU staff, Brig. Gen. Keith Gallagher, TAMC commanding general, emphasized that “what we want to take away is that this was built with the patient in mind, with the patient at the center of everything we do. And as we migrate to a patient centered medical home model throughout the entire Army and Department of Defense, this certainly sets the tone.

“Lastly, it is all about saving lives,” Gallagher said. “You do that better than anyone else, I think, on the island, in the country and around the world. You save lives and you do it very well.”

Pacific Aviation Museum to commemorate Battle of Midway June 2, 3

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is featuring a Midway Symposium from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 2 and 3, commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Midway. The battle decisively and dramatically changed the course of the war in the Pacific. The symposium is included with museum admission, free to museum members, and open to the public.

Additionally, on June 2 the museum will unveil its new 40-foot diorama of “The Battle of Midway” being built in Glenview, Ill. by designer Karl Lau of On Final Approach.

Lau, 86, was a U.S. Navy pilot for the 94th Squadron from 1944 to 1946, and lost eight of his 10 crew members in the Battle of Okinawa, the largest amphibious assault in the Pacific War of WWII.

The keynote speaker at 1 p.m. June 2 is Gen. Gary L. North, commander, Pacific

Air Forces, air component commander for U.S. Pacific Command, and executive director, Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

A Battle of Midway new exhibit opening and reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. June 2 at hangar 79.

For the Midway symposium and exhibit opening, reservations are required by May 21 and seating is limited. For reservations and information, call 441-1007 or email SpecialEvents@PacificAviationMuseum.org.

Reservations are required to drive onto Ford Island or visitors may park at the Arizona Memorial parking area and use the Ford Island shuttle.

Purchase tickets online at PacificAviationMuseum.org, at the museum or Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.



This Week in USAF and PACAF history

Charles Nicholls

PACAF historian

• On May 19, 1908, Lt. Thomas E. Selfridge flew an airplane called the White Wing, designed by F. W. “Casey” Baldwin, thus becoming the first Army officer to solo in an airplane. It was Dr. Alexander Graham Bell’s second Aerial Experiment Association plane, and it had hinged ailerons controlled by wires attached to the pilot’s harness. When the plane’s wings tipped one way, the pilot leaned the other way, pulling the flaps, and leveling the plane.

• On May 19, 1918, Raoul G. Lufbery, who earned 17 aerial victories in World War I, lost his life in combat. Born in France, Lufbery became a citizen of the United States, graduated from the Nieuport School in France and was assigned to the Escadrille Americaine on May 24, 1916. Part of Lufbery’s success was due to his skill as a mechanic. He hand-loaded his own machine gun rounds into their drums to check for any slight imperfections that might cause his gun to jam. After transferring to the American Expeditionary Forces, he passed much of his knowledge of aerial warfare to fledgling American fighter pilots such as Eddie Rickenbacker.

• On May 19, 1919, Master Sgt. Ralph W. Bottriell became the first member of the Army to jump from an airplane with a backpack-type parachute. Bottriell designed, developed and tested the first free-fall parachute. He later received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his



T-28 in front of an O-1 Bird Dog.

life-saving work.

• May 16, 1940, in the months leading up to American involvement in World War II, President Franklin Roosevelt asked for the production of 50,000 airplanes a year.

• On May 15, 1942, interceptor and pursuit organizations of the AAF were redesignated as “fighter” units. The 15th Pursuit Group (Interceptor) was redesignated the 15th Fighter Group.

• On May 20, 1951, Capt. James Jabara, flying an F-86 Sabre from the 334th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, became the world’s first jet ace. On this date, he shot down his fifth and sixth MiG-15s in the Korean War.

Eleven days later, Jabara reported to USAF Chief of Staff Gen. Hoyt S. Vanden-

berg in his office, and met with Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, the leading American fighter ace of World War I.

• On May 18, 1953, Capt. Joseph C. McConnell Jr. downed three MiGs on his last day of combat flying. These kills brought McConnell’s total to 16 victories, making him the first “triple ace” of the Korean War.

On this day, McConnell and his wingman chased a couple MiGs across the Yalu River. When more MiGs showed up, McConnell quickly scored his 14th and 15th kills. With the staff back at home base monitoring their radio conversation, McConnell’s wingman told him that “there must be 30 MiGs.” McConnell’s reply: “Yeah, and we’ve got ‘em all to ourselves.”

Despite the bravado, the two American pilots were happy to get back south of the Yalu. Later that afternoon, McConnell went back up and scored his third kill

of the day, his 16th victory overall.

McConnell flew the F-86 jet fighter with the 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing. The 51st Fighter Wing at Osan Air Base, Korea traces its lineage to this unit.

• On May 17, 1964, Operation Water Pump took place. In March 1964, Det. 6 of the 1st Air Commando Wing had moved to Udorn Royal Thai AFB with four T-28s. Their mission was to train the Royal Lao Air Force (RLAF) for operations against the Pathet Lao. On May 17, the RLAF began flying operational missions. On May 18, the T-28s were painted with Laotian markings and turned over to the RLAF.

• On May 16, 1965, a tragic accident at Bien Hoa Air Base took place. A bomb on a B-57 acci-

dently detonated, causing a series of explosions which destroyed 10 other B-57s, 13 Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF) aircraft and a Navy F-8. Also, 25 VNAF Sky-raidiers were damaged. At least 28 Americans and Vietnamese were killed; 105 wounded. The accident investigation found that aircraft and ammunition were stored too close together. Air Force engineers initiated a major construction program to build revetments and aircraft shelters to protect valuable assets.

• On May 17, 1977, the Eniwetok Cleanup began. A joint U.S. task group was activated on Eniwetok Atoll for a two-year, \$20-million cleanup and decontamination project. Actual cleanup operations began on Nov. 15. PACAF served as the executive agent for the USAF.



(Center) Capt. James Jabara, flying an F-86 Sabre from the 334th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, became the world’s first jet ace.



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Help protect the Hawaiian monk seals

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Recently, a male monk seal was found dead of suspicious causes on the island of Kauai. It is the latest in a number of suspicious monk seal deaths that began in November 2011 on Molokai.

In spite of this marine mammal being protected under the powerful federal Endangered Species Act, fewer than 1,100 still exist in the entire world.

The Hawaiian monk seal is the official state marine mammal. “Monk seals are a vital part of Hawai’i’s marine and cultural environment,” said William J. Aila Jr., State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources chairperson. “We must all come together to share the message that harm to seals is unacceptable and that humans and seals must learn to co-exist peacefully together.”

Monk seals will sometimes come ashore to sun or rest. When you see one, and you might at White Sands or Nimitz Beach, federal and

state laws prohibit you from doing anything such as harassing it, throwing a rock at it, poking it with a stick, trying to sit on it, or even getting too close while trying to

take a photo.

The state considers those behaviors to be a class C felony in Hawaii that could be punishable with a fine of up to \$50,000 or five years in

prison. If you see anyone doing something that can harm the seal, call base security or 911.

If you see a seal in Pearl Harbor waters or along the

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam shoreline, call Navy Region Hawaii environmental counsel at 473-4731 or send a text to 864-2468 with the animal’s location. Pass

the word to others so that no harm comes to the seal. If the seal appears to be sick or has cuts or scrapes or is tangled in nets or rope, include that information.

Tripler residency program is accredited

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The department of psychiatry at Tripler Army Medical Center received notification recently that its residency-training program received a five-year reaccreditation by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education’s (GME) Residency Review Committee.

Tripler’s General Psychiatry residency training program is only one of two Army Psychiatry GME residency programs and produces 40 percent of all Army psychiatrists.

“This accreditation is important because it means our residency program has the highest standard a program can receive,” said Lt. Col. Stephen Morris, the residency program’s training director. “It’s an external validation of the good work that’s being done here, of the curriculum, the faculty, residents and the program overall.”

In addition to the reaccreditation, Tripler’s residency program was also granted a cohort increase from 28 total trainees to 32.

“Only one other psychiatry residency training program, military or civilian, in the entire country received an increase in total trainees,” said Col. C.J. Diebold, chief, department of psychiatry. “(This) will enable us to train more Army psychiatrists.”

This increase in cohorts and the ability to train additional Army psychiatrists is important because psychiatry continues to be at least 25 percent under strength Army-wide, according to Morris.

“After a decade-long war, behavioral health needs have really become the forefront of the Army,” Morris said. “As the needs have grown, our need for excellent psychiatrists has grown. It’s been hard to keep up with the demand.

“The ACMGE looked at our request to grow the program, and they approved it,” Morris continued. “Allowing more residents into the program will allow to better meet the need (for more psychiatrists.)”

The ACMGE is a private professional organization that ensures the quality of approximately 8,400 accredited residency and fellowship programs in 121 specialty and subspecialty areas of medicine.

“It’s that external validation, that a national accreditation body has given us their highest seal of approval,” Morris said.