

# Memorial Day ceremony at Punchbowl honors veterans

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Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle and Retired Army Gen. David Bramlett joined Adm. Samuel J. Locklear III, commander of U.S. Pacific Command and other dignitaries for the Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony held May 28 on the grounds of the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

The ceremony honored veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their nation, and each of the 34,000 graves at Punchbowl was decorated with an American flag and a Hawaiian lei.

"It is often said that the price of freedom is eternal vigilance," said Carlisle. "Honolulu is uniquely posi-



tioned to facilitate both military preparedness and international dialogue. And that famous harbor not far from here will always evoke powerful memories of tragedy and resilience. It is my sincere hope that our city will always continue to foster peace and security."

Bramlett was the master of ceremonies for the event. Chaplain Lt. Col. Ken Bellinger, deputy command chaplain, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, U.S. Army, provided the invocation.

Junior Reserve Officer Training Command cadets from Campbell, Kaiser, McKinley and Waianae High Schools marched and posted the 50 state flags of the United States, and the Joint Military Color Guard posted the national colors.

Numerous wreaths were

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# Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam holds safety and security town hall

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Hickam Communities LLC

A town hall meeting May 22 at Hickam Communities Earhart Community Center focused on the safety and security of residents who live in military housing at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Navy Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Gimbrone, JBPHH security officer and commander of the 647th Security Forces Squadron, addressed approximately 75 residents about a recent rash of thefts in the housing areas. They updated the

group on efforts they are taking to ensure the safety and security of residents.

Gimbrone outlined the nature of the approximately 20 incidents that took place from mid-April to mid-May. The thefts included one motor vehicle, three motorcycles, several bicycles, helmets, electronic devices and surfboards. Many of the incidents were crimes of convenience and opportunity, where items were taken from unsecured areas. Gimbrone reiterated that every reported incident is taken seriously and investigated and that patrols have recently been increased. In addition, a theft response task force has been created, involving other base



Patrolmen Petty Officer 2nd Class Tim Moss and Seaman Scott Meyer speak to a resident as they go door-to-door during Operation ENLIGHTEN II, May 9. Airmen and Sailors went to more than 2,000 homes to hand out information about safety and security.

enforcement groups and agencies.

Recently, members of the JBPHH Security Department, joint base leaders and Hickam Communities representatives also delivered a memorandum door-to-door in the Hickam Communities and Forest City housing areas to alert residents to recent events.

They emphasized that there are things everyone can do to be more secure in their personal life and their homes. This includes locking homes and vehicles, observing the curfew policy, being aware of teen/dependent activity, and immediately reporting any suspicious activity.

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## 15th Wing leadership observes Memorial Day



Col. Sam Barrett, 15th Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Robert Rodewald, 15th Wing command chief, place flowers during a Memorial Day ceremony May 28 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii.

U.S. Air Force photo

## Navy Region Hawaii will implement 10 percent buffer for Resident Energy Conservation Program in October

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The pilot Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP) that began in January 2011 for Navy Region Hawaii's public-private venture (PPV) housing residents was a huge success, according to Commander, Navy Installation Command (CNIC). As a result, CNIC announced recently that RECP will be rolled out to the rest of the Department of Navy's PPV housing beginning in October.

The rollout mandated that all RECPs will use a 10 percent buffer above and below the average monthly electricity usage by PPV residents. The 20 percent buffer currently applied to local Forest City Residential Management (FCRM) electric bills will be adjusted to 10 percent this October.

The Navy and Marine Corps pilot RECPs saw electric utility consumption decrease by approximately 10 percent as residents became more aware of their usage and adjusted their behavior to earn rebates and avoid payments. CNIC determined that utilizing a 10 percent buffer will increase conservation by creating more resident awareness of their utility usage.

FCRM will include a note on resident monthly bills starting with electric bills received in July that will prepare residents for the Oct. 1 buffer change. Navy Region Hawaii and FCRM will ensure command and residents understand the impact of this change. Community meetings will be held in the coming months.

RECP will remain the same other than changing the buffer size: like-type groups of homes are metered and their utility usage is measured monthly (water excluded) to develop an average usage. In October, a buffer of 10 percent

will be applied above and below the average to create an average usage band. Residents with usage above the band for their like-type group pay, and those under will receive a rebate.

RECP is in alignment with the Office of Secretary of Defense and Department of the Navy energy conservation initiatives to reduce dependence on foreign oil and other fossil fuels and over-use of electricity.

"Combined with our alternative/renewable energy initiatives, the Residential Energy Conservation Program is helping us achieve our goals of greater energy security and energy independence through tried and true methods of conservation," said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

"RECP is an incentive program that rewards people for being conscientious, careful and concerned about their own energy use, and we see it as a win-win for everyone involved, especially for our warfighters' families," he added. "I encourage everyone to learn more about how to conserve energy and support RECP. This is a readiness issue."

Hickam Communities, LLC, the other PPV housing project at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam began its first phase of RECP in April 2012 (see Ho'okele article, May 4, 2012) and is also utilizing a 10 percent buffer around resident monthly electricity averages.

Forest City's website at [www.fcnavyhawaii.com/recp](http://www.fcnavyhawaii.com/recp) provides tips on reducing energy usage. Questions regarding the RECP can be addressed to Darryl Nii at Navy Region Hawaii at 474-1825 or Tom Carter at Forest City Residential Management at 830-8610.



# Pacific submarine community honor war heroes

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The Pearl Harbor Submarine Park and Parche Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam was the setting for a Memorial Day ceremony held May 28 as retired and active duty submariners and guests gathered to pay tribute to the World War II submarines on “eternal patrol” and all those service members who defended the country.

The ceremony opened with the parading of the colors as the Pacific Fleet Band performed the National Anthem followed by the ceremony invocation by Chaplain Cmdr. Steven Moses, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Force.

A roll call was announced, consisting of a tolling of the bell for each submarine lost and a presentation of a special lei to the USS Growler (SS 215), the Hawaii chapter of U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII designated state submarine lost in WWII.



(Left) The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Regional Ceremonial Guard Honors and Ceremonies Detachment stands ready to perform the 21-gun salute during the Memorial Day ceremony held May 28 at the Pearl Harbor Submarine Park and Parche Memorial. (Center) Guest speaker, Adm. Cecil Haney Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, reflects on the World War II submarines on “eternal patrol.” (Right) Retired submarine veteran Master Chief (SS) John Dugan of the U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc. places a lei on the plaque of each World War II submarine during the ceremony.

Adm. Cecil Haney, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet and guest speaker, reflected on the World War II submarines on “eternal patrol” and the sacrifice and heroism of their

crews as well as all the submariners who have followed their paths.

“Today, as we gather at this unique submarine memorial park, we observe the plaques of these lost

boats and their heroic Sailors. We recognize those lost in the sub service during WWII. We recognize the importance of their sacrifice and the legacy they have bestowed

upon us,” said Haney.

“For it was through their effort and ultimately their sacrifice that our submarine force has become what it is today, a formidable force capable of protecting the very nation that they gave their lives to defend. Today we have gathered to honor and remember not only those brave men of the submarine force who paid the ultimate price in service to our country, but all who gave their lives throughout the history of our grateful nation,” Haney said.

The conclusion of the ceremony included the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Regional Ceremonial Guard Honors and Ceremonies Detachment performing a 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps by Musician 1st Class Justin Skorupa from U.S. Pacific Fleet Ceremonial Band.

Memorial Day is a federal holiday observed annually in the U. S. on the last Monday of May. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union Soldiers who died in the Civil War. By the 20th century, Memorial Day had been extended to honor all who have died in all wars.

# Hawaii Federal Fire Department pays tribute to fallen

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Personnel from Federal Fire Department (FFD) Hawaii held a wreath-laying ceremony May 29 at the USS Arizona Memorial to commemorate Memorial Day.

The event was the second wreath-laying ceremony that FFD has held at the memorial.

“We decided to do this annually – laying a wreath – on this particular memorial for remembering not only those that lost their lives on the Arizona, but also those that lost their lives in the many wars around the United States,” said FFD Fire



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham  
Members of the Federal Fire Department participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at the USS Arizona Memorial.

Chief Glen DeLaura.

FFD Fire Inspector Angela Sanders gave some insight to the important of holding the wreath laying at the memorial, explaining that she wanted people to remember the true meaning of Memorial Day and honor it as it should be.

“Memorial Day is a time to honor those who have lost their lives to serve and protect our great nation. Memorial Day has been ignored by too many of us, and we often do not observe the day as it should be,” Sanders said.

“I believe the true meaning of Memorial Day is when we actively remember our ancestors, our family members, our loved ones, our neighbors and our friends who have given the

ultimate sacrifice,” she said.

The phrase “Protecting Those Who Defend America” was placed across a ceremonial wreath that was presented and displayed at the memorial. The ceremony ended with personnel of the FFD scattering flower petals off the memorial into the waters beneath it.

“Protecting Those Who Defend America is our motto at the Federal Fire Department, and because of those brave individuals we are proud to display this on our trucks and within our hearts. To those who lost their lives and served on the Arizona, you have truly given the ultimate sacrifice, and for that you will never be forgotten. Thank you,” Sanders said.

# JBPHH civil engineers conduct PRIME BEEF exercise at Bellows

Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

15th Wing Public Affairs

The 647th Civil Engineer Squadron from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam brought the “bull” to Bellows Air Force Station, Hawaii from May 21 to 25 to practice their ability to respond to contingency operations worldwide.

In times of crisis or military need, base engineer emergency force, or PRIME BEEF, teams deploy to austere locations and provide runways, water supply facilities, electricity, housing and other essential facilities to support joint and coalition forces worldwide.

During the recent exercise, Airmen from all career fields within the Civil Engineer Squadron were brought

together to perform a task, regardless of their individual Air Force specialty code—a dynamic synonymous with the real-world demands of a PRIME BEEF team.

“On a deployment, all you have out there is each other,” said Tech. Sgt. William DeGuzman, a 647th CES structural craftsman. “This exercise really sets the tone to make people more comfortable with working together and doing whatever needs to be done, even if it’s outside of your specialty.”

While Airmen participating in PRIME BEEF largely put their specialties aside to accomplish tasks, there is still individual career field value to be garnered from the event, according to Airman 1st Class Raymart De Asis, 647th CES contract inspector.



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Jessica Rowe  
Airmen from the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, lay asphalt May 23 at Bellows Air Force Station as part of the squadron’s Prime BEEF exercise.

“Being able to get out of the office and learn the work behind what we inspect is really nice,” De Asis explained. Likewise, the most impor-

tant purpose of this exercise may be exposing new civil engineers to the correlation between the exercise and real-world deployments, said Tech. Sgt. Robert Finton, 647th CES pavement construction equipment craftsman.

“It’s very beneficial to people who haven’t been deployed,” he said. “It ensures we remain a highly mobile contingency unit.”

The work of PRIME BEEF teams can be seen throughout U.S. military history in countries like Lebanon, Germany, Cuba, Vietnam, Thailand, Korea, the Federated States of Micronesia and domestically in recovery efforts for natural disasters, including Hurricane Camille in 1969 and Hurricane Agnes in 1972.

# Hawaii Energy and Forest City Military Communities launch Energy Smart Initiative

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Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, joined Hawaii Lt. Gov. Brian Schatz, Marine Corps Base Hawaii commanding officer Col. Brian Annichiarico, Forest City Military Communities and Hawaii Energy as they launched Hawaii’s Energy Smart Initiative during a ceremony at the Navy’s Catlin Park neighborhood May 29.

“The Energy Smart Initiative represents the state of Hawaii’s first large-scale effort in transforming two entire residential communities to achieve an energy-efficient lifestyle,” Schatz said. “I applaud each and everyone involved in this project as it will serve as a wonderful model for others to follow.”

Hawaii Energy is the energy efficiency and conservation program for Hawaii, Honolulu and Maui counties. The program is in align-



Capt. Jeffrey James congratulates Senior Chief Information Systems Technician (SS) Benjamin Daniels of Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific, wife Ronalee and son Brenden, who were selected as the first “Energy Smart ambassadors” at Forest City Military Communities. The family lives at Catlin Park in the neighborhood’s first “net zero” energy home.

ment with the Department of Defense and Department of the Navy’s energy conservation initiatives to reduce dependence on foreign oil and other fossil fuels and to curb the overuse of electricity.

“In addition to the rising

cost, America’s dependence on foreign oil poses a significant threat to national security,” James said. “I encourage every household to participate in the Energy Smart Initiative and help conserve energy. Reducing electricity consumption helps to secure

our energy interests locally and nationally and improves our security posture.”

James said the military is leading change and recognized a Navy family at Catlin Park that lives in the first “net zero” energy home at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Providing deck-place leadership, Chief Benjamin Daniels, assigned to Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific, and his family of four became the first “Energy Smart ambassadors” to share and lead an energy-efficient lifestyle in their community. The Daniels’ home is equipped with rooftop photovoltaic panels, triple insulation, solar and energy smart appliances.

“We’ve done a lot of research online to further reduce our energy consumption,” said Ronalee Daniels. Their average monthly consumption has been under 900 kilowatt hours for their 1,900 square-foot home, she said.

James said conservation is about preserving the bottom line. “It forces you to take a look at your energy

bill. More importantly, when military families leave PPV housing, their good energy habits can put money back into their accounts.”

Through the Energy Smart Initiative, Hawaii Energy and Forest City expect to achieve a minimum 1.3 million kilowatt energy reduction per year. With Hawaii residents paying the highest electricity rates in the nation, Forest City military family residents will contribute to significant energy and financial savings and provide a large contribution to helping the state of Hawaii achieve its clean energy goals.

“Forest City Military Communities and the Navy and Marine Corps are truly leading by example through this initiative,” said Ray Starling, Hawaii Energy Program manager. “The best way for Hawaii to achieve its energy efficiency goals is one community at a time.”

By participating in the Energy Smart Initiative, Forest City residents will learn about three easy ways

to become more energy efficient. The goal of the initiative is that residents will decrease their electricity consumption every month and quite possibly earn a rebate.

“We are excited about partnering with Hawaii Energy to help our residents and our communities operate more energy efficiently,” added Will Boudra, Forest City vice president. “By helping build energy smart communities, Forest City residents can not only save money, they will aid in the energy security of our state and our nation.”

Forest City Military Communities, in partnership with the Department of the Navy, manages, maintains and revitalizes neighborhoods on and around military bases in Hawaii, including Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Marine Corps Base Hawaii and neighboring installations.

For more information about the Energy Smart Initiative, Forest City or Hawaii Energy, visit HawaiiEnergy.com/ForestCity.



Commentary

# Keep ‘safety first’ in mind this summer

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds

Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

Navy Region Hawaii/Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific friends, families and shipmates, the below is a personal message from me to you. I ask that you read and heed to its call.

First, thank you all for achieving an overall very safe and healthy Memorial Day weekend. Now, we have begun the “101 days of summer.” I ask that you continue your commitment to safety from now through Labor Day – and beyond.

Last year’s 101 days did not start out well at all. Last Memorial Day two Sailors and two Marines lost their lives during what was supposed to be an enjoyable holiday weekend.



The two Sailors were killed while riding their motorcycles, and one Marine lost control of his automobile and was ejected after he struck a tree. Another Marine fell from the 17th

story of a hotel. All four of these mishaps were completely preventable. Of the motor vehicle mishaps, two were single vehicle crashes, and one was the result of a motorcycle losing control

and crossing into oncoming traffic.

Just recently this month, two Sailors lost their lives in a fatal traffic accident. Indications were they were fatigued.

To curb the enthusiasm for accidents and incidents that take our Sailors and families away from us, I urge you to stop and take note of personal and family summer activities. A few minutes of careful planning and risk management assessment can go a long way in avoiding incidents.

• This past Memorial Day weekend marked the beginning of the fleet’s annual summer safety campaign, “Live to Play, Play to Live.” The good news is the vast majority of both major and minor mishaps that occurred last year were completely preventable with solid risk management practices. Tools to

manage risks are available at the Naval Safety Center’s website, [www.public.navy.mil/navsa fecen](http://www.public.navy.mil/navsa fecen).

• If you plan to take advantage of summer to travel outside of the local area, use the Travel Risk Planning System (TRIPS) to enhance your chances for success on the road. This online risk assessment tool will help identify and mitigate potential risk factors associated with your planned travel. To date, more than 380,000 Sailors and Marines have filled out assessments and zero have died while traveling on a TRIPS-assessed journey.

• If you’re visiting the beach, be sure everyone knows how to swim. If you need lessons, contact MWR or a community pool. Obey posted signs and lifeguards and keep a close eye on small kids.

• Those who choose to drink and serve alcohol during the holiday weekend or anytime must remember moderation and responsible drinking are keys to success in the social arena. The vast majority of Sailors and Marines do a great job of this.

Alcohol-related incidents are going down across the fleet; however, overconsumption remains a concern.

For all of you and for all of us, I ask that we pause for a moment to ensure that our summer vacations are filled with fond memories and not long-lasting regrets.

Please see the Navy Safety Center website link below. It has a long list of how to “play-it-safe.” <http://safetycenter.navy.mil>

Thank you and enjoy your most-deserved summer.

## Air Force Assistance Fund drive at JBPHH exceeds goal

1st Lt. Kathleen A. Eisenbrey

15th Medical Group

The 2012 Team Hickam campaign for the Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) recently concluded with \$131,061.08 in total contributions, exceeding the Air Force recommended goal of \$110,585 by 20 percent.

“This year’s campaign was a great success because of the efforts and generosity put forth by the Airmen of Team Hickam,” said Col. Dann Carlson, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam deputy commander and 647th Air Base Group commander. “The charitable contributions highlight the installation’s commitment to ‘Airmen Always’ and the level to which our Airmen take care of their own.”

Funds raised during the campaign will directly benefit the Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Villages, Inc., the Gen. and Mrs.

Curtis E. LeMay Foundation and the Air Force Enlisted Village.

There were several outstanding highlights among the Team Hickam units that donated. The largest contribution came from the 13th Air Force, donating \$31,545.04. Pacific Air Forces Headquarters and the 15th Wing each contributed more than \$29,000. The 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron was the unit that most exceeded their goal amount of \$1,248, by collecting \$3,504.

“I am deeply impressed by the dedication of the Hickam community to support fellow Airmen and their families through the Air Force Assistance Fund,” said Col. Sam Barrett, 15th Wing commander. “The campaign does an outstanding job of giving back to our Air Force family year after year.”

According to the AFAF website, the campaign was established to provide an annual effort to raise funds for the charitable affiliates

that provide support to the Air Force family – including active duty, reservists, Guardsmen, retirees, dependents and surviving spouses – in their time of need.

“Hard work has paid off,” said 1st Lt. Jeremy Walker, Team Hickam unit project officer. “The Air Force Assistance Fund will continue to greatly benefit our Airmen and their spouses for years to come due to our installation’s contributions.”

Walker stressed the importance Team Hickam played in contributing to the record year of donations, totaling \$7.6 million raised Air Force-wide.

“Airmen came through with an impressive overall contribution directly supporting the fellow Airmen and families of Team Hickam,” said Capt. William “Jack” Glojek, 647th Air Base Group AFAF unit project officer.

For more information on the 2012 AFAF campaign, visit [www.assistancefund.org](http://www.assistancefund.org) or the AFPC personnel services website.

## Diverse Views



**Hurricane season stretches from June 1 through Nov. 30. What preparations are you taking in the event a hurricane hits Hawaii?**



**Teresa Cintron**  
*Makalapa Clinic*

“It’s hard for me because I was born and raised here. But you have to make sure you have everything you need. Food, water and a radio so you can hear everything. I don’t know why people put gas in their car because they can’t go anywhere.”

**Maydeen Malka**  
*735th Air Mobility Squadron*

“I have a land line, extra batteries, water and food for at least three days.”



**Hospital Corpsman Seaman Abigail Doromal**  
*Naval Health Clinic Hawaii*

“I have a stock of water and food in my barracks room. I stock up in case of emergencies. I have a candle, a flashlight and we got a hand-book in case of disaster for Pearl Harbor.”

**Command Chief Master Sgt. Sharon Box**  
*515th Air Mobility Operations Wing*

“Currently lodged at Tripler lodging in a ‘safe zone.’ Ensure wing has contact information for recall.”



**Navy Diver 2nd Class Daryl Waldrup**  
*Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNSY) and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (IMF)*

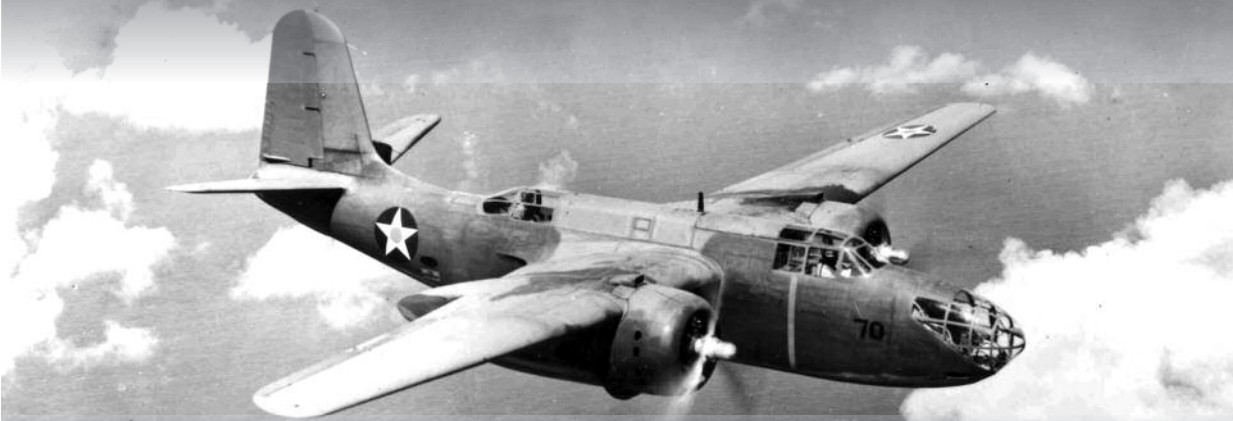
“I keep a supply of enough fresh water and canned and dry food for a few days. I also have a basic disaster supplies kit with a flashlight, first aid kit and other emergency stuff.”

(Provided by Jazzmin Williams and David Underwood Jr.)

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## Douglas A-20A saw duty on Oahu



U.S. Air Force photo

The Douglas A-20A of the 58th Bomb Squadron is shown here over Oahu, Hawaii, on May 29, 1941. The Douglas A-20A Havoc was the first production in the A-20 series, differing from the A-20 primarily in the engines used. The A-20 was designed as a high-altitude, light attack bomber and was fitted with turbosupercharged radial engines that allowed the aircraft to operate efficiently at high altitude.



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# OAHU OBSERVES MEMORIAL DAY

*Clockwise from top left*

Hawaii's Rolling Thunder - Vietnam Vets, Legacy Vets, and Street Bikers United - kicks off Memorial Day eve event.

Hawaii-based chief petty officers commemorate the Year of the Chief on the grounds of the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

Adam Hew Len, a cub scout from Pack 488 in Aiea, gives a scout salute after placing lei at a grave May 27 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. About 2,000 boy scouts from the Aloha Council participated in the annual Memorial Day Good Turn ceremony.

The newly formed Women Military Veterans Task Force was among those who honored veterans and military service members during the Governor's Memorial Day ceremony May 28 at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe. Hawaii. Lt. Gov. Brian Schatz hosted the annual ceremony in collaboration with the Office of Veterans Services, a division of the state of Hawaii, and the Department of Defense. The ceremony focused on the theme, "Honoring Their Sacrifices."

The Vietnamese Today's Vision (VNTV) Ohana in traditional costumes await the start of Memorial Day eve event May 27 at Punchbowl.



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Photo by Maj. David Eisenbrey



U.S. Navy photo by Grace Hew Len

# Preschoolers 'graduate' at historic Pearl Harbor chapel

**Story and photos by MC2 Ronald Gutridge**  
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The Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) Pearl Harbor branch preschool conducted a special graduation ceremony May 23 for 37 preschool children at the historic Submarine Memorial Chapel at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

ASYMCA offers about 20 different programs, most of which are for strengthening families. Their motto is "serving those who serve America."

The parent participation preschool is a program that benefits both the child and the parent. Parents form support systems with other parents and thus reduce isolation and depression, and children receive a solid foundation that prepares them for kindergarten and beyond.

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and

Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, spoke about the importance of preschool.

"I have attended many graduations, and I am here today because this is most important to me on many levels on how you as teachers and parents have given these wonderful little adults a great start," Ponds said.

"For our nation, our most valuable asset is our children, so on behalf of the Navy I am honored to say thank you for all that you do to educate these children."

Elizabeth Bynum, the Pearl Harbor branch director, was instrumental in strengthening the preschool enrollment from 10 children to more than 100 in a two-year span.

"The experiences that I have [had] during the past two years has certainly been the highlight of my teaching career," said Bynum.

"This is the second graduating class of this program, and the best

part of today's ceremony is seeing the expressions on the parents' faces as their children get their diploma and walk down the aisle."

ASYMCA serves more than 40,000 military families each year, offering low or no-cost programs and services.

Located in downtown Honolulu, the ASYMCA Hawaii office opened in 1917 and is operated in the building that was the original Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

*Photo illustration*

(Top) Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, hands out diplomas at the Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) preschool graduation ceremony May 23 for 37 preschool children at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Submarine Memorial Chapel.

(Bottom) Children show off their diplomas during the.



# USS Bremerton Sailors visit namesake city

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BREMERTON, Wash. (NNS) - The Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Bremerton (SSN 698) returned for a visit to its namesake city May 25.

The submarine, which is homeported at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was recently adopted by the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the Navy League and welcomed upon arrival to Naval Base Kitsap's pier with a formal ceremony.

"We're very happy to be here. The Navy League and the mayor of Bremerton have shown great support to this ship and its crew, and it's just been outstanding," said Cmdr. Caleb Kerr, commanding officer of Bremerton.

The visit marks the subma-



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Ed Early

Sonar Technician (Submarines) 3rd Class David Burrell receives an autographed poster from members of the Seattle Seahawks cheerleaders, the SeaGals, on the mess decks of the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Bremerton (SSN 698). Bremerton is making its first visit to its namesake city since 2009.

rine's first return to its namesake city in approximately two years.

"Anytime we get a chance to have our namesake come back, it's just wonderful," said former USS Bremerton commanding officer (1985-1988), retired Capt. Alan Beam of the Bremerton-Olympic Navy League.

"Our goal is to support the troops and the Sailors and make sure they know how much we appreciate their work," Beam said.

The submarine is visiting Bremerton before its upcoming deployment.

"This is a great opportunity for some outreach with the city that shows us so much support," said Kerr.

Bremerton is the 11th submarine of the Los Angeles-Class and is the oldest submarine in the U.S. Fleet, commissioned March 28, 1981.



# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

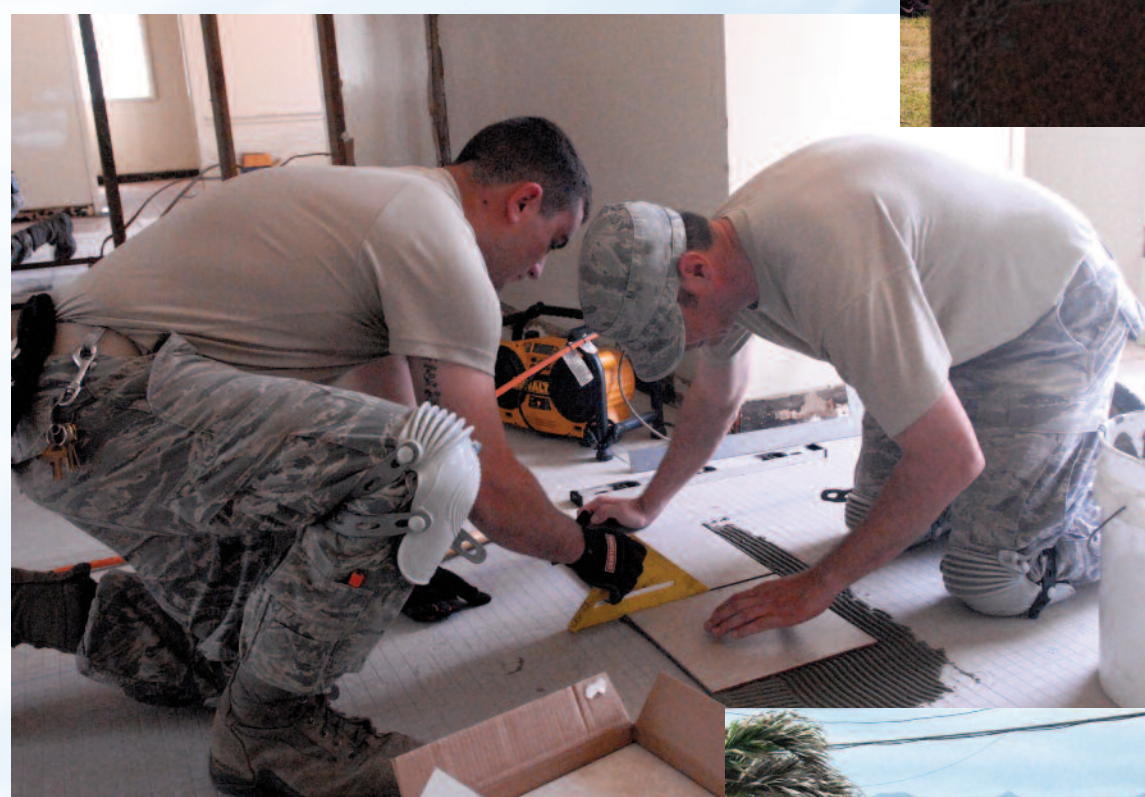


(Top three photos) A retreat ceremony was held May 18 in honor of National Police Week events. Members of both the Air Force and Navy attended the ceremony to pay tribute to fallen security force personnel. The event was hosted by Lt. Col. Michael Gimbrone, JBPHH security officer. Lt. Cmdr. Mark Kern, deputy joint base security officer, read the names of fallen security force Airmen and Sailors who died in the line of duty as a dual service color guard folded and retired the Ensign.

U.S. Navy photos by ET2 Allyson Khou

(Right) Sailors from USS Chosin (CG 65), USS Croomelin (FFG 37), and USS Hopper (DDG 70) raise the Ensign over the Oahu Cemetery during a community service project. This volunteer project was part of the scheduled events on Oahu over the Memorial Day weekend.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham



Senior Airman Leonard Thibodeaux (left) and Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Bopp from the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, lay tile on the floor of a cabin at Bellows Air Force Station on May 23 as part of the squadron's Prime BEEF exercise.

U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Jessica Rowe

Airmen from the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, paint a fence May 23 at Bellows Air Force Station May 23 as part of the squadron's Prime BEEF exercise.

U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Jessica Rowe





# Oliver relinquishes command of 515th AMOW to Lamberth

Chad J. Dull

Historian, 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing

Col. Stephen W. Oliver Jr. relinquished command of the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing (AMOW) to Col. Douglas K. Lamberth during a change of command ceremony May 30 at the Missing Man Formation Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

“You have accomplished much in the last two years. The mission results in support of our customers that Maj. General Bender just reviewed are impressive,” Oliver said to those who attended the ceremony.

“You have answered the call of others so that they may prevail, and it has been amazing to watch you accelerate global mobility for the warfighter throughout the Pacific in order to fuel the fight, deliver hope and save lives.”

“There are two words that sum up how I feel today, and that is ‘proud’ and ‘thankful.’ I am proud of all that you have accomplished, and I am thankful for the great Airmen and their families who make our mission go safely, by the book, and on time, even as we gather here today,” Oliver said.

“It has been the privilege of a lifetime to serve as your wing commander. You are all our family, our *ohana* as we say here in Hawaii,



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

Brig. Gen. William Bender (left), commander of the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., passes the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing guidon to Col. Douglas K. Lamberth during a change of command ceremony May 30.

and we will miss you greatly. Thank you and God bless you.”

Among the many highlights of Oliver’s tenure as commander, the

515th AMOW provided disaster relief to Japanese citizens after a devastating earthquake, tsunami and emergency at the Fukushima

nuclear reactors. He led the Joint Task Force-Diego Garcia air-sea multi-modal deployment and redeployment of 105 Army helicopters to and from Afghanistan, saving the Department of Defense approximately \$20 million in transportation costs and focused on multiple command improvement initiatives, including \$94 million of infrastructure projects.

“The flag that we are passing today is significant ... it is a flag, it is a guidon, it is the colors of the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing,” said Brig. Gen. William Bender, commander of the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center.

“It’s significant because of the responsibility that goes along with the position. It represents what Col. Oliver has done so well and what Col. Lamberth is about to do,” Bender said.

The incoming commander, Lamberth, most recently served as vice commander of the 22nd Air Refueling Wing at McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas. Prior to that, he was U.S. Transportation Command’s liaison officer to the United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and United States Forces Korea at Yongsan U.S. Army Garrison in Seoul, Korea.

“I promise you that I will give you everything I have, and although I carry the title of commander, understand that I work for

you. I will work hard every day, look out for our best interests, and ensure that we are organized, trained and equipped to continue to be the best in the business,” Lamberth said as he took command.

“Our focus will be on mission, people and excellence. We will be disciplined, and we will continue to professionally and safely deliver en route airlift, air refueling and aeromedical evacuation support as only you know how,” he said.

“It is with a deep sense of pride and humility that I am able to call myself a warrior today, a Pacific mobility warrior. And there is no place that I would rather be,” Lamberth said.

The 515th AMOW is headquartered at JBPHH and serves as the Pacific arm of the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center and Air Mobility Command. Its mission is to provide agile en route capability to accelerate global air mobility for warfighters throughout the Pacific, utilizing command and control, aerial port operations and aircraft maintenance.

The diverse wing is comprised of two air mobility operations groups, six air mobility squadrons, three detachments and six operating locations. In total, the 515th AMOW contains nearly 1,800 geographically separated personnel across nine time zones.

# Sailors volunteer to clean military plots at Oahu Cemetery

Story and photo by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West, Detachment Hawaii

U.S. Navy Sailors volunteered May 25 to clean up cemetery plots of fallen service members at Oahu Cemetery.

Service members from the guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65), guided-missile frigate USS Crommelin (FFG 37) and guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) took time away from their Memorial Day weekend to volunteer for the community relations project.

The group of approximately 30 Sailors came

out with hoses, shovels, gloves, brushes, trash bags and rakes to lend a hand in maintaining the military plots.

“The Sailors are out here cleaning and making sure everything looks good for the weekend just to pay their respects,” said Chief Personnel Specialist Jackie Stover, assigned to Hopper. “We’re here to pay tribute to those who have gone before us and to just make sure their graves are taken care of for the Memorial Day weekend.”

For some Sailors, it was more than just taking their time to volunteer but also had more meaning behind it.

“It shows camaraderie between the ships,” said



Chief Logistics Specialist Quentin Newsom, assigned to USS Hopper. “We have USS Chosin, USS Crommelin and USS Hopper here helping out, making sure that everyone has a great start to their Memorial Day weekend.”

“It’s also a lesson so that the Sailors can understand the meaning of giving back to those who have come before us,” said Newsom.

Sailors from USS Chosin (CG 65), USS Crommelin (FFG 37), and USS Hopper (DDG 70) clean plots of fallen service members at Oahu Cemetery during a community service project.

# Sailors keep memorial neat and clean



(Left) Senior Chief Information Systems Technician (SS) Scott Bailey from Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet power washes the sail of the former Balao-class diesel submarine, USS Parche (SS 384) during a clean up May 23 at the Pearl Harbor Submarine Park and Parche Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The cleanup was in preparation for the 2012 Memorial Day ceremony.

(Below) Electrician’s Mate 1st Class (SS) Chris Cozart of the Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific uses a leaf blower to clean up the Pearl Harbor Submarine Park and Parche Memorial.

U.S. Navy photos by MC2 Ronald Cutridge





# Book review of ‘Joe Rochefort’s War’

Review by  
Bill Doughty

May 12 was the 112th anniversary of the birth of Joseph John Rochefort. On the day after his 42nd birthday in 1942, through code-breaking and analysis, Rochefort discovered the Imperial Japanese Navy's (IJN) plan to attack Midway Atoll 70 years ago.

The Battle of Midway altered the course of World War II and saved Hawaii, Australia and perhaps the west coast of the United States from further attacks by Japan.

With a reporter's skills, Elliott Carlson shows the influence of one man on the outcome of Midway in "Joe Rochefort's War: The Odyssey of the Codebreaker Who Outwitted Yamamoto at Midway."

Carlson employs dogged research, personal interviews, presentation of facts and a resistance to speculate. Thanks to his access to Rochefort's family members and Navy archives, he is able to paint a picture of the complicated man and the political intrigue that marked his naval career.

Rochefort is revealed as a "restless maverick" – caustic, acerbic, sarcastic. But he was also gifted with extraordinary memory, able to solve puzzles and synthesize complex shifting information.

These abilities proved indispensable in the Pacific War. Rochefort implemented actionable intelligence in an independent, decentralized setting at Pearl Harbor's Station Hypo, predicting the future for Adm. Nimitz and Adm. King and allowing them to develop strategies to defeat the enemy.

Rochefort, the youngest of seven children, was born May 12, 1900 to Irish immigrant parents. To put things into historical context: His father, Frank, was born in Dublin 160 years ago (1852), only 40 years after the War of 1812 and nine years before the American Civil War. One hundred years ago (1912), the Rochefort family moved from Dayton, Ohio to Los Angeles, where Joe was recruited into the Navy.

With no college or even a high school diploma, Joe Rochefort joined the Navy in 1918. His science and math abilities propelled him to the rank of ensign, and he served on training ships, tankers, a mine sweeper and a destroyer. He served aboard the cruisers USS New Orleans and USS Indianapolis, as he was recruited into the intelligence field, and on several battleships, including USS Maryland, USS California, USS Pennsylvania and USS Arizona.

Author Carlson shows how Rochefort was haunted by the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941. Rochefort felt a sense of guilt for not being able to predict the attack. But Pearl Harbor motivated him, as it did for the rest of the nation.



Janet Rochefort, the daughter of Joseph Rochefort sits next to a plaque outside former Station Hypo during a visit Jan. 6 with family members. Rochefort, a cryptanalyst, played a pivotal role at Station Hypo during WWII.

efforts to crack the JN-25(b) code, analyze radio transmissions, and track the Imperial Japanese Navy. Carlson provides just enough information about the art of codebreaking, in an era of nascent computing and related technology, to show how daunting the task was for Rochefort's team: 50,000 possible meanings of 33,333 five-digit codes with an indeterminate, shifting beginning.

Despite the challenges, Rochefort correctly predicted the location of the Imperial Fleet in the western Pacific as early as January 1942. He gave Nimitz information that proved correct in the Battle of the Coral Sea, setting the stage for Midway.

"Gains registered in cryptanalysis and codebreaking permitted Rochefort to practically look over Yamamoto's shoulder as he moved his forces around the Pacific," Carlson writes.

On May 13, 1942, Rochefort decrypted information that the IJN was focusing on areas near Midway and the Aleutians. Rochefort analyzed the information and made a case for an impending attack on Midway, suspected as being "AF" in the Japanese code. He presented his analysis on sheets of paper on plywood and wooden sawhorses; PowerPoint would not be available for decades.

With help from former submariner, engineer and University of Hawaii faculty member Jasper Holmes, who knew Midway's infrastructure, Rochefort devised a ruse so the Japanese would reveal their plans. Nimitz approved the plan, and a fake message was issued that Midway was running short of fresh water. The IJN then sent out their own message about the water shortage in code, thus confirming that "AF," "Affirm Fox," was indeed Midway.

Nimitz carried out his own subterfuge, directing fake carrier transmissions in the Coral Sea and a bombing of Tulagi by PBVs that fooled the Japanese into thinking that U.S. aircraft carriers were still on location.

With intelligence, guts and luck, the United States Navy defeated the Imperial Japanese Navy at Midway. Carlson writes: "Eventually the Battle of Midway would be compared with Trafalgar, Jutland, and other major campaigns at sea that turned the tide of history. The battle transformed the conflict between the United States and Japan. Many agonizing years of combat loomed ahead, but after Midway the United States would remain on the offensive. 'Midway was the crucial battle of the Pacific War, the engagement that made everything else possible,' Nimitz said after the war."

Rochefort's contributions continued despite political intrigue and infighting within the intelligence community and a resistance to innovation and free-thinking by some leaders and colleagues.

Rochefort tracked Japanese action in Guadalcanal, acoustic mines, oil supplies and access to sea lanes and even the Japanese view of the situation in Germany late in the war. He had other challenging assignments, as well, including working on floating drydocks, but he soon retired on Jan. 1, 1947 at the rank of captain and at 46 years old, returning to the Navy briefly during the Korean War.

The attack of Dec. 7, 1941 brings inevitable comparisons to Sept. 11, 2001 and though he does not make the comparisons himself, several jump out in Carlson's book. Among the biggest: a lack of imagination in predicting the attack and a failure for agencies to share information, what Carlson quotes as "fatal defects in the Army-Navy relationship."

Interservice rivalry continued to challenge Rochefort when the Army's 7th Air Force doubted Hypo's information analysis and resisted the evidence that Midway would be a target in June 1942.

Another 9/11 comparison comes after the war when conspiracy theories abounded. Groups targeted FDR, accusing former President Roosevelt of knowing about the attack on Oahu and allowing it to happen in order to push the country into WWII. Carlson shows the lack of evidence for the conspiracy theories and gives credit to Rochefort for resisting political and peer pressure to fix blame.

Time and perspective, combined with evidence and good sources, are a strong combination, and Carlson wields a deft pen in describing the life and impact of Joe Rochefort and his role in winning the Battle of Midway.

The book is made even better with the inclusion of photos, including rare family pictures. Among the more fascinating are photos of a young Rochefort in Tokyo, 1929-32, where he studied Japanese and gained an understanding of the culture.

"Joe Rochefort's War" is a tour de force and a top 10 read for the history of the Battle of Midway.

(For the full review and other book reviews and commentaries, including a recent post by James D. Hornfischer, visit [http:// bit.ly/ NReads](http://bit.ly/NReads).)

## Memorial Day observed

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presented and displayed by veterans' organizations in the U.S. and other countries. The Hickam Base Honor Guard fired a 21-gun rifle salute during the playing of Taps.

The service included music from the Navy Band, the Royal Hawaiian Band and Sounds of Aloha Choir. F-22 Raptors assigned to the Hawaii Air National Guard and 19th Fighter Squadron Air Force performed a "missing man" formation flyover.

As the keynote speaker, Carlisle emphasized the purpose of Memorial Day and the events taking place that day.

"As we embrace hope for our future, let us remember and honor each and every person who has made the ultimate sacrifice in our defense," Carlisle said.

"They answered the call of duty and served our

great nation in all corners of the globe. They served our nation far above the clouds and deep beneath the waves. They were parents, siblings, sons and daughters. They were farmers and factory workers, teachers and accountants, doctors, nurses, welders, journalists and lawyers. And for our nation, they became warriors.

"We remember each of them today, and we remember all those resting on foreign shores and at the bottom of the seas," Carlisle continued.

"We remember those who perished in combat and those who were starved in captivity, those who remain missing in action, those who came home to become great leaders, and those who were never quite whole again."

"We owe a place in our hearts to those who have served our nation," Carlisle said.

## Residents hear safety tips

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Gimbrone addressed questions from the audience and covered topics related to solving the thefts, the base fence line, ID card checks, drug activity, graffiti and speeding.

He also discussed the facts related to the recent "blue van" incidents. He covered their efforts and responses to all these issues and urged everyone to check the base website

and the Honolulu Police Department website when they need accurate information about incidents/crimes.

Base personnel, including juveniles, who commit crimes on base will face prosecution, possible eviction from base housing and other sanctions. James announced that JBPHH will be setting up an on-base juvenile misconduct board process to address juvenile crimes.

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

**June 7:** Battle of Midway – Commander Pacific Fleet (role of cryptanalysis, legacy of Midway)

**June 14:** JEMS

**June 21:** RIMPAC: Partnerships

**June 28:** MCBH: Air show coming

**July 5:** Summer Safety

**July 12:** 21st Century Sailor/Fitness

**July 19:** Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

**July 26:** Medical Service Corps 65th Birthday

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# MILITARY FAMILIES DESERVE HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT THEY CAN TRUST



America's military families deserve the best health care management we can provide. But Washington's decision to award UnitedHealthcare a \$20 billion contract for the TRICARE West Region without looking closely at the company's past performance and integrity raises serious concerns.

UnitedHealthcare's well-known difficulties with doctors, patients, governmental authorities, and even their own shareholders have resulted in \$2 billion in fines, penalties, and legal settlements.

Unfortunately, Washington ignored this troubling record and selected UnitedHealthcare to manage the health care of 2.9 million active duty military, retirees and their families in the TRICARE West Region.

According to published reports, Washington overlooked:

- UnitedHealthcare paid \$350 million to settle a class action lawsuit alleging failure to properly reimburse doctors and health plan members.
- Texas Health and Human Services Commission ended a contract with a UnitedHealth company in 2009, after more than 1,300 formal complaints were filed, according to published news reports.
- Andrew Cuomo, then NY Attorney General, in connection with an investigation into UnitedHealthcare's reimbursement database, said "...when insurers like United create convoluted and dishonest systems for determining the rate of reimbursement, real people get stuck with excessive bills..." (Feb. 2008)
- UnitedHealthcare was rated below average in health plan member satisfaction in the states surveyed within the TRICARE West Region by J.D. Power and Associates (2011-2012).
- Consumer Reports concluded in Nov. 2011 that UnitedHealthcare is the nation's largest health insurer; however, none of its private plans rank among the top 50 private plans, only three are in the top 100, and most occupy the bottom half of the rankings.

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## 'Take a hike'

**Don Robbins**

*Assistant Editor*

Hiking along trails on the island of Oahu serves as a way to keep fit, experience the island's beauty and get out of the house.

Throughout the past month and a half, Ho'okele layout and design graphic artist Patrick Murray has hiked the following trails: Lanikai Pillboxes in Kailua, the Manoa Falls Trail, Makapuu Point and Aiea Loop Trail.

There are various trails on Oahu for beginner, intermediate or advanced hikers.

In addition, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Outdoor Activities

Center and Outdoor Recreation program offer dozens of nature-oriented activities including hiking.

Upcoming MWR June adventures include a June 9 family hike of Diamond Head, a June 13 hike of the Nuuanu Judd/Hidden Palace area and a June 24 Mariners Ridge hike.

For a full description of these and other nature activities, pick up an adventure booklet at one of the outdoor facilities locations at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam or visit the website [www.greatlifeohawaii.com](http://www.greatlifeohawaii.com).

For more information, call the outdoor adventure center at the Pearl Harbor Fleet Store at 473-1198 or outdoor recreation at Hickam Harbor at 449-5215.



# Pound Town wins Memorial Day Softball Tournament

Story and photos by  
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The 647th Security Forces Squadron Pound Town softball team broke out the bats early and crushed Dem Dudes, 19-4, to capture the Memorial Day Softball Tournament on May 26 at Hickam Softball Complex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The mercy-run victory capped off a perfect four-for-four tourney for Pound Town en route to their second consecutive Memorial Day series crown.

Dem Dudes, a makeshift joint forces team that was mostly stocked with Army personnel, was sent to the loser's bracket by Pound Town earlier in the day but bounced back in the double-elimination tournament to beat RAM, 14-8, and earn the right to square off for the title.

While the Dudes, which were

playing in their third straight game, matched the defending champs run for run in the first couple of frames, the team wilted under the barrage of Pound Town hits in the bottom of the third inning that produced 12 runs for a 16-4 lead.

In the decisive frame, Pound Town smashed 12 hits and almost batted around the order twice to gain the commanding lead.

Among the big hitters in the inning were Tech. Sgt. Devin Stuckey, who led off with a single and later drove in a run with another single, and Department of Defense civilian Eddie Silva, who clubbed a double and an inside-the-park home run.

However, Airman 1st Class Tweeter Riddle had the most impressive two at-bats of the inning, when he stepped up to the plate and jacked two shots out of the park for a total of five RBIs.

Riddle, who spent a year and a half playing minor league baseball with the Texarkana Gunslingers, a non-affiliated Double-A professional team in the Continental Baseball League, said that a few adjustments helped him come up with powerful results.

"At the beginning of the tournament, I wasn't hitting that

great at all," Riddle recalled. "I was getting base hits, but I didn't have any power in my bat. In between games, I went over and hit a little BP. I found out what the problem was and tried to show what I found out."

Although Riddle questioned whether the first one was going out, he said that there was no doubt about his second long shot.

"The first one that I hit today, I hit it on the end of the bat," Riddle admitted. "The second one was, whatever you could imagine what a good pitch could be, that's what it was."

Riddle said that once the bats started coming around for the Pound Town, everyone seemed to get in on the feeding frenzy.

"If we get a big play, it's just straight momentum," he said. "It gets nuts in the dugout, start playing music as loud as we can, and then all of a sudden, it just goes boom."

Later in the third, Senior Airman Ender Castro drove a pitch deep enough for a two run shot, but was robbed by 1st Sgt. Hector Medina, who leaped up at the fence and gloved the ball just before it went over the left-field fence for the third out.

Medina, who is with the 84th Engineer Battalion at Schofield Barracks, said that playing three games in a row might have caught up



The 647th Security Forces Squadron Pound Town softball team clutches championship T-shirts to celebrate winning this year's Memorial Day Softball Tournament. This was Pound Town's second consecutive Memorial Day title.

with his team. But even in defeat, he said that he was extremely proud of the way his team dug in until the end.

"I think it (three straight games) had a small factor," Medina said. "Sitting out in the sun all day takes a lot out of you, but for this team to be just put together, I think we did a great job. These guys showed a lot of character. In the end, I couldn't ask for anything more."

While Pound Town hitters were taking care of business at the plate, pitch-

er Master Sgt. Robert "Woody" Wooderson did an excellent job on the mound in allowing only four runs in four innings, with two shutout frames.

Following the game, Silva said that while winning the Memorial Day tourney was great, the team has bigger fish to fry as it focuses on repeating as the joint base champions.

"This was good for confidence, and you know, everything is confidence," Silva said. "Once you get it down, it just continues on. I'm fortunate to get on with

these guys. The guys are motivated, they're young and they're hungry – that's the key right there."

Pound Town coach Staff Sgt. Brad Sears added that winning the Memorial Day tournament puts the team right on track for a repeat.

"This helps us get motivation to defend our championship," Sears said. "After doing what we did today, we're ready to take the championship again this year. I don't think anybody out here can touch us because we're a family and that's what it's all about."



Photo Illustration



# Kavemen club 735th AMS in miraculous comeback

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

A matchup of epic proportions unfolded as the Kunia Kavemen overcame deficits of 6-0, 11-3, 16-9 and 21-16 to beat the 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735 AMS), leaders of the Gold Division, 22-21, in a donnybrook May 29 between two of the division’s top teams at Hickam Softball Complex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The Kavemen entered their final at-bat needing five runs to tie but instead rallied for six runs to walk off the field with their eighth win of the season against only two losses.

The 735 AMS, which entered the game harboring a 9-1 record and the top spot in the Gold Division, dropped their second contest of the season – tightening the race for the pennant.

“You just got to keep your heads up and keep swinging the bat,” said Kavemen pitcher Senior Chief Master-at-Arms Chris Ray, who helped his own cause by going 5-for-5 at the plate with four singles, a double and three RBIs.

Right from the start, the Kavemen were thrust into a hole as the 735 AMS opened up the top of the first inning by smashing seven hits to score six runs.

Big hits in the opening frame came off the bats of Tech. Sgt. Bill Vanek, who blasted a three-run shot over the right-field fence, and Senior Airman Rich McGraw, who followed the jack with a ground-rule double.

The Kavemen cut the lead in half in the bottom of the inning on a sacrifice fly by Master Chief Cryptologic Technician (Collection) (SW) Steve Pitzen and RBI singles from Ray and Senior Chief Cryptologic Technician (Collection) Todd Strebin.

However, the 735 AMS continued their torrid pace with McGraw driving in two runs in the top of the second, with a leadoff solo jack by Tech. Sgt. Jeff Taylor and a two-run single by Vanek for three more runs in the third and an 11-3 advantage.

Down by eight runs, the Kavemen began to peck away at the lead and batted



Senior Chief Master-at-Arms Chris Ray, pitcher for the Kunia Kavemen, blasts a game-tying double in the bottom of the sixth against the 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735 AMS) in an intramural Gold Division softball game.

around the order in the bottom of the third – scoring six times on seven hits.

In the third, Kunia got back-to-back, two-run singles from Chief Cryptologic Technician (Collection) Jake Turner and Lt. Cmdr. Troy Smith to help the Kavemen get back into the game at 11-9.

Once again, the 735 AMS stepped up and answered with run-producing singles from Taylor and Senior Airman Brian Pomeroy in the fourth and a two-run triple from Tech. Sgt. Steve Davenport and an RBI single from Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Braga in the fifth to gain a 16-9 lead.

Up in the bottom half, the

Kavemen came all the way back and posted their biggest inning of the day by scoring seven times to wipe out the debt and tie the score at 16-16.

Turner sparked the rally by stroking a leadoff triple and was driven home on a single by Smith before a double by Chief Cryptologic Technician (Networks) Joey Legnon sent Smith all the way home for the second run of the inning.

With the score tied, the 735 AMS went up by a run in the top of the six on four singles.

Then with the bases loaded, Vanek delivered a bomb for a grand slam and a seemingly insurmountable 21-16

lead with the Kavemen coming up to bat for their final time in the bottom of the sixth.

Instead of rolling over, the Kavemen got a leadoff single from Legnon and then proceeded to score four runs on four more singles and an error before Ray drove in the tying run with a double to right field.

With no outs and runners in scoring position on second and third, Strebin delivered the final dagger into the heart of the 735 with a bloop single into shallow center field for the winning run.

“Anytime your leadoff hitter gets on base, it’s a good sign,” said Ray about the team’s miraculous sixth-

inning comeback. “You build confidence from that and you go from there.”

In defeat, Vanek, whose box score totals read: 4-for-5, two home runs, two singles and eight RBIs, said a five-run lead just wasn’t enough against a team like the Kavemen, but promised that the 735 will bounce back.

“Those guys were hitting a lot of base hits,” Vanek pointed out. “So four or five runs is not enough against that team.”

“We play softball as a fun game, so we’ll brush it off and go to the next game. This just fuels the fire. We’ll just come out next time, play a little harder, and hopefully we’ll win.”

Ray said that the comeback for the Kavemen was significant not only for beating the top team in the division, but also it’s a great way to send off starting first baseman Senior Chief Cryptologic Technician (Technical) Michael Smith, who is being transferred and played in his final game for Kunia.

Even though the game was huge for Kunia, Ray said that the team must move on and keep its eyes focused on the next game.

“We got to forget about this game,” Ray noted. “Each game in itself, we have to worry about. What we did, that’s what we need to do.”

## Hickam Communities historic rehab project receives top honors

Story and photos by  
Hickam Communities, LLC

The highest recognition in Hawaii for historic preservation was presented to Navy Region Hawaii, NAVFAC Hawaii, J.M. Waller Associates, Inc., Mason Architects, Inc., Lend Lease and Charles Pankow Builders Ltd. at a reception held May 11 in Honolulu.

The Historic Hawaii Foundation recognized the group with a Historic Preservation Honor Award for rehabilitation of 89 historic homes within Hickam Communities located in the historic district at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The homes are part of an initiative to rehabilitate more than 600 historic



Tree-lined streets complement homes in the historic district. More than 600 homes built in the 1930s and 1940s are being rehabilitated. The project is one of the largest historic residential rehabilitation efforts in the nation.

homes, which is one of the largest historic residential rehabilitation efforts in the nation. The team has successfully preserved the homes’ historical elements while adapting it for modern-day families.

“As you can see by the number of organizations receiving this award, it has taken a tremendous amount of effort to rehabilitate these homes,” said Jerry Schmitz, project director of Hickam Communities.

“Our team of profession-

als in architecture, architectural history, planning and rehabilitation haven taken great care and pride in this culturally and historically significant project.”

The rehabilitation of the original late-1930s-to-early 1940s homes included removal of various modifications, such as lanai additions, that occurred over the years. Rehabilitation involved the removal of non-historic materials while saving historic material such as built-in dining-room cabi-

nets, wood floors and original doors. Some of the rehabilitation work was extensive, requiring changes to the floor plan to make the units more useable for today’s families. New, contemporary-styled kitchens were installed to meet family needs.

“Things were brought up to code as much as possible. Modern amenities were included to meet the family needs while being balanced with the historic character of the home,” said Julianne

Polanco, director of cultural resources for Lend Lease. “Families living in the homes become stewards of the house. General information is provided to each family when they move in that explains some of the basic maintenance of the historic materials, such as the acid stained concrete floors.”

“I’m often asked why anyone would want to live in a historic home when there are new homes available,” Polanco said. “People spend

their entire lives dreaming of living on a particular street or in a particular neighborhood. This is living in a piece of history. It’s part of a lifestyle. It is extremely desirable, especially to people who defend our country, to be given an opportunity to live in a piece of history, to contribute to a place that holds the collective memory of an honorable legacy.”

More than 170 homes have been rehabilitated, and the project is scheduled to wrap up in 2013.



The original entry doors reminiscent of the era were refinished, as were the acid-stained concrete floors that were discovered under carpeting.



# Pearl Harbor survivor visits Fleet Week

Story and photo by  
MC1 Patrick Gordon

*Fleet Week New York 2012  
Public Affairs*

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. — The last known Staten Island resident survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack visited Fleet Week New York 2012 at the The Sullivans Pier on May 27.

This year, Fleet Week New York is one of the signature events around the country commemorating OpSail 2012, the bicentennial of the War of 1812, and the Star-Spangled Banner.

Former Chief Boatswain's Mate Alf Kongsle and three generations of his family visited Fleet Week and were treated to a tour of the pier and USS San Jacinto (CG-56) as a small token of their gratitude for his service. Seventy-one years ago, Kongsle was a crew member aboard USS Saint Louis (CL-49) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

On the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, Kongsle thought his Sunday routine began like any other.

"I saw guys going across the harbor in a liberty boat," Kongsle, 91, said. "I figured they were going to church. Then I saw them jumping off into the water. I didn't know what was going on."

What happened was the Japanese attack on the U.S. Pacific Fleet that would pull the United States into World War II. During the confusion of the attack, he

did his best to remain calm and perform his duties during the emergency.

"I kept trying to climb my way up ladders to get to my battle station, but guys kept knocking me off coming down the other way," he said. "I finally got to my station and got to work."

After the attack, Kongsle continued serving in the Navy until 1947. "We were honored to have Mr. Kongsle and his family here today," said Navy Lt. Jared Jalbert, Fleet Week Staten Island officer in charge. "It was a great experience to show our appreciation to such a distinguished veteran."

Cmdr. Rick Potter, executive officer of San Jacinto, met Kongsle and his family to personally present the World War II veteran with a San Jacinto command ball cap and challenge coin before bringing him aboard the ship.

"I never thought I'd ever see a boatswain chief bonged aboard a ship," Kongsle said with tears in his eyes.

During the ship's tour, crew members and civilians alike constantly approached Kongsle to shake his hand and thank him.

"It's a real honor to meet you, sir," said Fire Controlman 2nd Class (AW) Jennifer Thomas. "I just wanted to say thank you for your service."

"I'm thankful for yours," Kongsle humbly replied before adding with a grin, "Where were gals like you in the fleet 70 years ago?"

Kongsle, who has spoken to students about his experiences as a Pearl Harbor survivor for years, maintains that his efforts are not extraordinary.

"I consider myself an ambassador to all Pearl Harbor survivors to make sure no one ever forgets," Kongsle said. "When we talk to the schools, we tell them we're not heroes. We're there for the heroes."

Kongsle said that he was so happy he was able to come out to Fleet Week and meet those who continue to serve after him.

"I'm very proud of today's service members," he said. "And they should be proud, too. They have never had more to be proud about than being a service member today."

As Kongsle was escorted down the gangplank by San Jacinto Sailors, a crowd of about 25 people gathered at the foot of the stairs. As one last honor before he left the pier, the visitors to Fleet Week Staten Island saluted Kongsle's visit and service with a round of applause.

Held nearly every year since 1984, Fleet Week New York is the city's celebration of sea services.

Fleet Week New York provides an opportunity for the citizens of New York City and the surrounding tri-state area to meet Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, as well as see, first-hand, the latest capabilities of today's maritime services. More than 6,000 service men and women from the U.S. and coalition



Cmdr. Rick Potter, executive officer of the guided-missile cruiser USS San Jacinto (CG 56), presents Alf Kongsle, Pearl Harbor survivor and former chief boatswain's mate, with a command ball cap.

are participating.

The commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 is a salute to all Sailors and Marines

who fought gallantly in that conflict, who served in all our nation's conflicts since then, and who are defending freedom around the

world.

For more information, visit [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil), [www.facebook.com/usnavy](http://www.facebook.com/usnavy), or [www.twitter.com/usnavy](http://www.twitter.com/usnavy).

## WHO SAID IT?

"I wish to have no connection with any ship that does not sail fast, for I intend to go in harm's way."

*Last Week's*

### WHO SAID IT?

"Offense is the essence of air power."

Gen. H. H. "Hap" Arnold



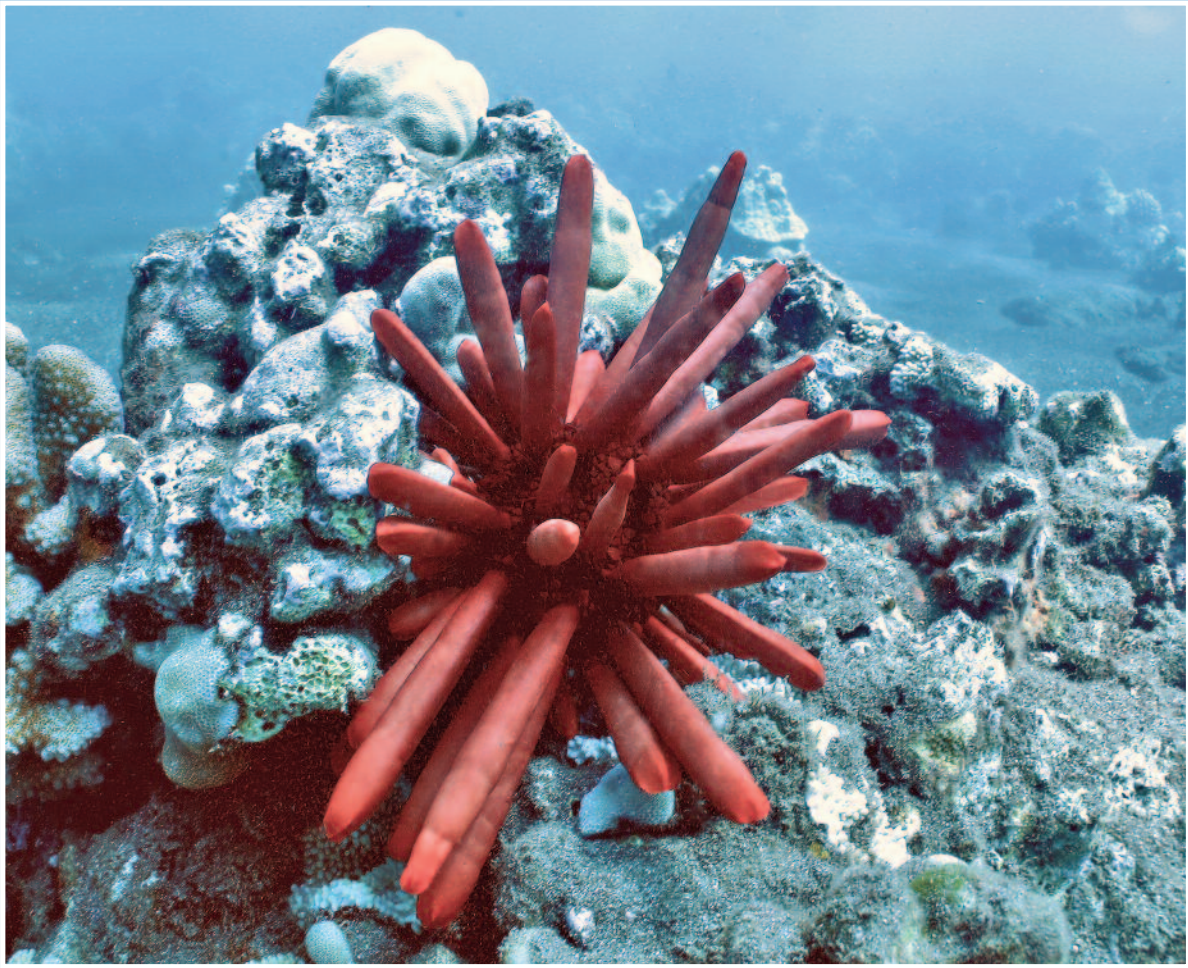
## This Week's Trivia

Who was Henry Eckford, and what was his role in the War of 1812?

**Last Issue's Question:** When were the first flight surgeons assigned at U.S. airfields?

**Answer:** On May 8, 1918, Capts. John F. Gallagher, Robert J. Hunter and Claude T. Uren became the first medical officers to be assigned as flight surgeons at U.S. airfields.

## My favorite photo...



While on the island of Maui recently, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Allen Unger took this underwater photo at Molokini. Sitting on top of the coral is a slate pencil urchin. They are abundant in clear shallow water but rare outside the Hawaiian Islands. Unger works at Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor.



PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM Maniawa Nanea LEISURE

Morale Welfare & Recreation

Community Calendar

⚔️ BATTLE OF MIDWAY MOVIE

There will be a free movie screening at Ward Field on Saturday to mark the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Midway. Gates open at 7:30 p.m. and the movie begins at 8:11 p.m. Popcorn, hot dogs and drinks will be available for purchase. This event is free to active-duty members, their families and all other authorized patrons and sponsored guests. FMI: greatlifehawaii.com.

⚔️ SUMMER JUNIOR GOLF SPECIAL

Juniors 7 to 17 years are eligible for half-price green fees all day from June 4 to 8 at the Kealoha Golf Course. FMI: 448-2318.

⚔️ TEEN SUMMER CAMPS

Teen Camp is a half-day program of supervised activities for youth ages 13 to 18 at the Hickam Teen Center and around Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. It runs from 8 a.m. to noon Monday to Friday, June 4 to 27 at the center. Teen Camp costs \$90 per week per youth. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

⚔️ ADULT SWIM LESSONS

Adult swim lessons take place at Hickam Pool 2 from June 4 to 14. Classes are Monday through Thursday from 7 to 7:45 p.m. The class is for swimmers ages 16 years and older and is \$40 per person per session. Sign up at pool 2 during normal business hours.

⚔️ DISCUSSION AND TRIVIA CONTEST

There will be a free “Hunger Games” discussion and trivia contest from 2 to 4 p.m. June 6 at Hickam Library. Parents with teens enrolled in the summer reading program will be entered into a prize drawing if their teen attends and refreshments will be served. FMI: 449-8299.

⚔️ ALL-MILITARY SURF MEET

The HIC/Quiksilver All-Military Surf Meet will take place at 7:30 a.m. June 9 at White Plains Beach. Sign up by June 7. The cost is \$35 for the open division, \$25 for active duty military with valid ID and \$10 for children ages 12 and under. Contestants receive a T-shirt. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or 682-4925.

⚔️ PEE WEE FLAG FOOTBALL

Pee Wee flag football registration for ages 3 to 5 ends June 8. The season runs from June to September and costs \$35 per youth. Register online. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

⚔️ DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

A digital photography course will be held at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center on Thursdays from June 7 to 21. The class runs from 6 to 8 p.m. and is for participants ages 16 and older. The cost of the course is \$45 per person. Students must bring their own digital SLR camera and manual. FMI: 448-9907.

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

🌺 June

🌺 Today ~ A Battle of Midway Heritage event will be held in recognition of the impact the Battle of Midway on the Navy and nation as part of the 70th anniversary of the battle. From 2 to 3 p.m. a Battle of Midway Heritage event will be held at Kilo piers 7/8 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. All hands are invited and encouraged to attend a presentation on the Battle of Midway, Station Hypo and the successes of the Pacific Fleet intelligence team during World War II. Retired Rear Adm. Donald Showers will speak. FMI: shawn.modisette@navy.mil or joe.romero@navy.mil or call 474-4452.

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

🌺 12 ~ The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association buffet luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. at the Fort Shafter Hale Ikena Club. The guest speaker will be Col. Kent Simon, commander, DISA-PAC, discussing the latest developments affecting the Pacific area of responsibility. FMI: www.afceahawaii.org or Ken at 441-8524 or Barry at 284-2464.

🌺 13 ~ Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will host a “Space Available” brief from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Hickam Theater to anyone interested in exploring the benefit. FMI: 448-9949 or the terminal Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/#!/HickamAMC.

🌺 At a glance

🌺 Classes at the Makalapa Clinic, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam include a two-part “sleep better now” class by Dr. Melissa Belanger from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 4 and 18 in classroom B. A “take 20 seconds to relax” class will be held from 11:30 a.m. to noon June 5 in classroom B. Service members, their families and retirees are welcome to attend. FMI: 473-1880, ext. 2276 or email melissa.belanger.ctr@med.navy.mil.

🌺 The Department of the Interior has started to offer free annual passes for national parks to active duty military and their dependents with ID cards. This promotion is in conjunction with the “Joining Forces” initiative. FMI http://store.usgs.gov/pass/military.html.

Movie Showtimes



The Pirates! Band of the Misfits (PG)

With a rag-tag crew at his side, and seemingly blind to the impossible odds stacked against him, the captain has one dream: to beat his bitter rivals Black Bellamy and Cutlass Liz to the much coveted Pirate Of The Year heroes from the shores of exotic Blood Island to the foggy streets of Victorian London. Along the way they battle a diabolical queen and team up with a haplessly smitten young scientist but never lose sight of what a pirate loves best..

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY  
7:00 PM American Reunion (R)

SATURDAY  
2:30 PM The Pirates! Band of the Misfits (PG)  
4:45 PM The Three Stooges (PG)  
7:00 PM The Five-Year Engagement (R)

SUNDAY  
2:30 PM The Three Stooges (PG)  
4:45 PM The Pirates! Band of the Misfits (PG)  
7:00 PM The Lucky One (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY  
6:00 PM The Pirates! Band of the Misfits (PG)  
8:30 PM The Cabin in the Woods (R)

SATURDAY  
4:00 PM The Pirates! Band of the Misfits (PG)  
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2:00 PM The Pirates! Band of the Misfits (PG)







# Compliments to the chef

Chef Alicia Boada demonstrates contemporary chocolate techniques to military specialists and military spouses recently at the Silver Dolphin Bistro at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. As a technical consultant for the Chocolate Academy USA, Bouda trained and certified eight military chefs in advanced food preparation techniques.



U.S. Navy photos by MC2 Daniel Barker





# CEC spouses decorate graves of children for Memorial Day

Don Robbins

Assistant Editor

Spouses of the Civil Engineer Corps (CEC) officers continued their annual Memorial Day weekend tradition of decorating the graves of CEC officers' children May 25 on Oahu.

Annually for more than six years, the spouses' group has decorated the graves of the children who died while their families were stationed in Hawaii. There are six such graves in Hawaii located at Schofield Barracks and Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe.

The spouses take photos of the decorated graves and send the pictures to the children's families, assuring them that their child's grave was visited and attended.

CEC officer's spouse Lauran Thomas, accompanied by her daughter Savannah, participated in the gravesite effort this year



Photo courtesy of Lauran Thomas

Lauran Thomas, a spouse of a CEC officer, with daughter Savannah Thomas, places a lei on the grave of a child of a Civil Engineer Corps officer.

along with four other spouses and their children.

The Memorial Day lei remembrance has become a

priority for the club, Thomas said.

"Each family's story is different, but we recognize

them all the same by going to the grave site and placing a lei on each individual grave," Thomas said.

## This Week in USAF, PACAF History

Charles Nicholls

PACAF historian

- On May 31, 1915, the German Zeppelin LZ-38 dropped bombs on London for the first time. About 150 small bombs set approximately 41 fires that killed seven people and injured 35. More bombing raids followed on London and Paris.

- On May, 31, 1935, Hawaii's newest airfield was officially dedicated as Hickam Field in honor of Lt. Col. Horace Meek Hickam, a distinguished aviation pioneer who was killed in an aircraft accident on Nov. 5, 1934 at Fort Crockett in Galveston, Texas.

- On June 2, 1958, the first PACAF fighter symposium took place. Through June 6, PACAF held a U.S./Asian Fighter Weapons Symposium at the mountain resort of Baguio in the Philippines. PACAF staff officers met with their counterparts from the Chinese Nationalist Air Force, Korean Air Force,



On May 31, 1996, the USAF awarded multi-year contracts to McDonnell-Douglas and Pratt & Whitney for 80 C-17 Globemaster III aircraft and engines.

Philippine Air Force, Royal Thai Air Force and the Vietnamese Air Force. It was the first such conference on operational requirements and problems.

- On June 3, 1959, the Air Force Academy graduated its first class. Of the 207 graduates, 205 were commissioned as regular USAF officers.

- On May 31, 1967, a KC-135 Stratotanker from the 902nd Air Refueling

Squadron carried out a series of emergency refuelings that saved six fuel-starved Navy aircraft. A crew consisting of aircraft commander Maj. John H. Casteel, copilot Capt. Richard L. Trail, navigator Capt. Dean L. Hoar and boom operator MSgt. Nathan C. Campbell was assigned a refueling track over the Gulf of Tonkin. Casteel's crew all received Distinguished Flying Crosses for the action, and they

were subsequently awarded the Mackay Trophy.

- On June 1, 2005, the "Gen. George C. Kenney Headquarters (Provisional)" was activated at the former Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii and attached to HQ PACAF. On the same day, the 13th Air Force moved to the Kenney Headquarters as the core of an operational-level component headquarters organization.

## Five ways you can prevent deadly skin cancer

Shari Lopatin

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

Yes, it's true—skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States.

That means more people get skin cancer than breast cancer, lung cancer and colon cancer. And while not all forms of skin cancer are deadly, they can disfigure your skin and cause much discomfort.

**Melanoma: Watch out for it**

Melanoma is the most deadly form of skin cancer. That's because it affects skin cells called melanocytes, which add color to your skin and hair. Melanoma can spread very quickly to other tissues in your body, which is why it's deadly.

A government study published recently showed that while most common cancers are declining, cases of melanoma are increas-

ing. Experts attribute this rise to the use of tanning beds, which is very dangerous to the skin.

For best results, you need to detect and treat melanoma as early as possible—and avoid tanning beds altogether.

**Prevent cancer with these five tips**

Everyone knows to wear sunscreen. But beyond that, leave it to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to offer the best tips for preventing skin cancer. They are:

- Seek shade, especially during midday hours.
- Wear clothing to protect exposed skin.
- Sport a hat to shade the face, head, ears and neck.
- Wear sunglasses that block both ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) rays.
- Avoid indoor tanning.

For more healthy living tips, follow TriWest on Facebook or Twitter: Facebook.com/ TriWest and Twitter.com/ TriWest.

## Navy in Hawaii marks 70th anniversary of Battle of Midway

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The Navy is honoring the memory of those who fought in one of the most storied battles of naval history with several commemorative activities in early June. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Midway, a battle that demonstrated the flexibility and forward presence of naval aviation as a unique strength of the Navy and essential to ensuring the security, prosperity and vital interests of the United States and its allies.

On June 1, a ceremony at U.S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters will feature retired Rear Adm. Mac Showers, 95, the sole surviving member of Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz's Pacific Fleet Intelligence Staff.

Midway clearly demon-

strated the value of communications intelligence when Nimitz's staff was able to intercept Japanese communications and tell him debarkation points of Japanese forces, their rendezvous points at sea and their intended targets. Nimitz also had a good idea of the composition of the Japanese forces and other details of their plans. Most importantly, Midway showed the value of employing combat assets to take advantage of possessing such information.

Also on June 1, a naval heritage event will be held at the Kilo 7/8 pier on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. This event will allow Showers to share his first-hand recollections of World War II and the critical intelligence support to Nimitz. The event is being led by the chief petty

officers, who will provide information on the Battle of Midway, the role of Station Hypo, and Showers.

On June 4, the Pacific Fleet commander, Adm. Cecil Haney, will fly to Midway Atoll to commemorate the battle there along with veterans of the battle, others who were stationed at Midway throughout the years following the war, and members of the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service, which administers what is now Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge.

Also on June 4, Navy Region Hawaii and the Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, will hold a wreath-laying ceremony aboard the USS Arizona Memorial at 8 a.m. WWII vintage aircraft are scheduled to conduct a flyover of the memorial. Immediately

following the ceremony, invited guests will participate in a boat tour of Pearl Harbor highlighting the efforts of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and the 14th Naval District Combat Intelligence Unit during WWII.

And for those with military identification and base access, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will host a free outdoor viewing of the

1976 movie "Midway" with Charlton Heston and Henry Fonda at 7:30 p.m. June 2 at Ward Field. The movie is free to active duty members, their families and all other authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Bring your beach chairs and blankets. Pop-corn, drinks and hot dogs will be available for purchase. For more information, visit: www.greatlife.hawaii.com.



## NEX holds holiday activities

(Right), Zumba instructor Yolanda McSwain led military families in exercise routines May 25 to 27 at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX). (Below), “Hello Kitty” appeared May 26 at NEX for a meet-and-greet with military children and their parents. NEX hosted a series of special events over the Memorial Day weekend, including entertainment, a movie night, giveaways and health education.

Photos by Justin Elona and Stephanie Lau



## Thrift shop welcomes donations of items

**Rebecca Hommon**

*Navy Region Hawaii  
Environmental Counsel*

Earth tip: One man’s trash is another man’s treasure.

While it may be an old saying, it contains contemporary environmental wisdom.

With the arrival of spring, it’s time to empty the house and carport of what’s not needed.

One option is the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop which has a 24-hour drop off shed and is open for shopping or donations Monday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The shop is on Battleship Drive near the Utah and Arizona Halls.

The thrift shop welcomes clean clothing, books, CDs, uniforms, household goods, furniture, knickknacks, and working electronics, but not car seats. For more information, call the thrift shop at 422-4691.

## Pearl Harbor shipyard divers innovate new waterborne repair process

**Erik Hauptman, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard**

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard divers recently pioneered a new process for waterborne replacement of an electrical hull fitting (EHF) on Los Angeles-class submarines. The first job was completed on USS Olympia (SSN 717). It used a small fraction of the resources a dry-docking would have taken and the submarine was returned to full mission readiness.

An EHF repair typically requires main ballast tank (MBT) flood hole covers to be installed by divers. After the patches are installed, the MBT can be vented to atmospheric pressure. The topside access covers are then removed and repair personnel can enter the MBT to conduct work.

Because Olympia has no topside access covers, her

MBT is only accessible by personnel (other than divers) in dry dock. An unscheduled dry-docking for Olympia would have caused scheduling conflicts and was not a viable option.

Deferring the repair until the next docking would have limited the ability of the submarine to complete her mission. Shipyard divers proposed a method to change the EHF waterborne by venting the tank and replacing the EHF without the use of patches or cofferdams.

Ship Safety Officer Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jeffrey Stephens coordinated the effort and supervised the evolution. Lead project engineer Chris Young wrote technical guidance for performing the repair. The electronics shop was the lead trade and coordinated the work among all assist trades.

Navy Diver 1st Class

Landon Vanvalkenburg supervised the divers as they accessed the flooded tank and made their way to the damaged EHF. The divers measured the water level in relation to EHF penetration, and determined it was safe to remove the EHF for repair.

The removal took less than one hour. After repairs were completed, the divers reinstalled the EHF in one-and-a-half hours. The entire job took less than a month from planning until the job was complete.

“This effort reflects a willingness to work together to find solutions,” said Thomas Glazier, rigger/diver general foreman. “This is an excellent example of deck plate innovation that maximizes resources while maintaining readiness. I congratulate them all for a job well done.”

## June Armed Services Blood Program drives scheduled

Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has updated its schedule of upcoming blood drives, as part of the Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP). Dates and locations are updated regularly online as new drives are scheduled. Donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment online, call to make an appointment and check the website for the latest information.

Currently scheduled drives include:

- June 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Seal Division Team-1 classrooms.
- June 6, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hickam building 1235, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).
- June 8, 6:30 to 10:30 a.m., 715th MI Battalion, B Co. Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific gym.
- June 11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe chapel.
- June 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tropics, Schofield Barracks.
- June 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pollack Theater, Camp Smith.
- June 14, 9 a.m. to noon., Tripler Army Medical Center Veterans Administration.
- June 18, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Schofield Exchange, Schofield Barracks.
- June 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fort Shafter U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- June 22, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pearl Harbor Shipyard building 2, JBPHH.
- June 25, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., U.S. Coast Guard Sand Island Club 14.
- June 26, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., NEX, Tripler Army Medical Center.
- June 27, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Makalapa Naval Clinic, JBPHH.

For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email [michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil](mailto:michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil)