

## Hawaii based Airmen deploy to RED FLAG-Alaska

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At 3:45 a.m. June 7 the text messages begin to roll in; the anticipated 5:15 a.m. show time for RED FLAG-Alaska is moved up to 5 a.m. sharp. Anyone hoping for a little more sleep is out of luck. Before the sun begins to light the beaches of Oahu, the flight crews are rolling into the 535th Airlift Squadron's parking lot for a pre-flight briefing.

By the time the aircrews reach the awaiting C-17 Globemaster III, aircraft maintainers from the 15th and 154th Wings have preparations well underway. It is obvious that their morning started much earlier but everyone is focused on the task at hand - now is not the time for a break.

Wake an Airman early in the morning; they work without complaint. Watch customs confiscate their awaiting breakfast banana -

be prepared for a scowl.

Nevertheless, the aircraft is soon loaded with 35,000 pounds of equipment and fold-down jump seats for the passengers that will make the seven-hour flight from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to drop-off points in Alaska. Some of the maintainers remain in sunny Hawaii, others deploy with the aircraft - a two-week multi-flight mission is an impossible undertaking without skilled maintainers close at hand.

Once the aircraft reaches its cruising altitude, the roulette of passing out boxed lunches begins. Some people quickly find

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Capt. Eric Ziessler, a pilot from the 535th Airlift Squadron, studies while nearby Airmen get some rest during the seven-hour flight from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, to the RED FLAG-Alaska military exercise in Alaska. The flight was June 6 aboard a C-17 Globemaster III.

A 535th Airlift Squadron C-17 Globemaster III is fueled on the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii flightline June 6 prior to an early morning departure to Alaska for the RED FLAG-Alaska military exercise.

## Dedication of JBPHH Fitness Center launches new era of fitness, wellness

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From its opening in August 1941, Bloch Arena served the armed forces with entertainment and as a meeting place for physical fitness and wellness education.

While it won't be easy to forget about the grand old lady's history-filled past, a sparkling new state-of-the-art Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Fitness Center is set to usher in a fresh timeline - ready to take service personnel and their families into the future.

Open since May 21, the JBPHH Fitness Center celebrated its official grand opening on June 12 with a dedication attended by Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; Col. Dann Carlson, deputy commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and commander, 647th Air Base Group; Frank Faria, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) director; Theresa Phillips, Fleet and Family Readiness director; and Mark McFarland, JBPHH MWR fitness director.

The event also included a blessing ceremony that was conducted by Kahu Kordell Kekoa and the untying of a maile lei to signify the opening of the fitness center.

In his keynote address, James talked about the colorful history of Bloch Arena with its appearances of Elvis



Dignitaries prepare to untie the *maile lei* that signifies the grand opening of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. Standing, (from left to right), *Kahu* Kordell Kekoa; Frank Faria, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) director; Theresa Phillips, Fleet and Family Readiness director; Rodney Gouveia, MWR athletic program director; Mark McFarland, JBPHH MWR fitness director; Capt. Jeffrey James, commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; and Col. Dann Carlson, deputy commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and commander, 647th Air Base Group.

Presley, roller derby, pro wrestling and the Harlem Globetrotters.

However, he added that the new 62,413 square feet fitness center, stocked with the most modern and updated equipment, represents the military's strong commitment to wellness.

McFarland, who was involved with the center's development from day one, said that the facility, from its energy-saving operation to its fully stocked exercise area, was designed to help service personnel reach and maintain the highest level of mission preparedness.

"To reiterate what Capt. James said, this is a state-of-the-art facility to close one chapter of our history and open a new one to keep our Sailors and Airmen fit to fight all year around," McFarland said. "This is

the hub and will continue to be the hub for many years."

McFarland pointed out that the center is so big—the facility is larger than four times the area of Bloch Arena—that it should cover just about everyone's fitness needs.

"Our second floor has two racquetball courts, two state-of-the-art classrooms, admin space, a very large group exercise room, a spin room that houses 55 spin bikes, and a structured activities room for yoga and pilates," McFarland stated. "Down here (first floor) we have two basketball courts, a large cardio, gym and functional movement area, and our two restrooms. Even when you compare locker rooms from Bloch to here, our locker rooms are way larger. Our ladies' locker room has 55 more lockers and even

large lockers that we never had before."

The 20,000-square-foot workout area, said McFarland, is stocked with 68 cardio pieces, more than 100 strength machines, three sets of dumbbells from five all the way up to 150 pounds, a cardio rock climbing wall, along with several other specialty pieces and a one-of-a-kind Kinesis machine.

"We're the only command in the islands that has a Kinesis machine," McFarland claimed. "It's a functional movement machine that basically allows you to move in 360 degrees. It allows you to move in all directions, which is cool."

Carlson said that he and his family have already made good use of the fitness center and calls it a win-win situa-

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## RIMPAC to begin June 29

**U.S. Third Fleet Public Affairs**

SAN DIEGO – Twenty-two nations, 42 ships, six submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel will participate in the biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise, scheduled June 29 to Aug. 3, in and around the Hawaiian Islands.

The world's largest international maritime exercise, RIMPAC provides a unique training opportunity that helps participants foster and sustain the cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans. RIMPAC 2012 is the 23rd exercise in the series that began in 1971.

Hosted by U.S. Pacific Fleet and led by Vice Adm. Gerald Beaman, commander of the U.S. Third Fleet (C3F), RIMPAC 2012 marks the first time non-U.S. officers will command components of the combined task force during the exercise.

Commodore Stuart Mayer of the Royal Australian Navy will command the maritime component and Brig. Gen. Michael Hood of the Royal Canadian Air Force will command the air component.

Other key leaders of the multi-national force include Royal Canadian Navy Rear Adm. Ron Lloyd, deputy commander of the Combined Task Force (CTF), and Japan Maritime Self Defense Force Rear Adm. Fumiyuki Kitagawa, vice commander of the CTF.

The theme of RIMPAC 2012 is "Capable, Adaptive, Partners." The participating nations and forces will exercise a wide range of capabilities and demonstrate the inherent flexibility of maritime forces. These capabilities range from disaster relief and maritime security operations to sea control and complex warfighting.

The relevant, realistic training syllabus includes amphibious operations, gunnery, missile, anti-submarine and air defense exercises as well as counter-piracy, mine clearance operations, explosive ordnance disposal and diving and salvage operations.

RIMPAC 2012 will feature the first demonstration of a U.S. Navy "Great Green Fleet," during which U.S. surface combatants and carrier-based aircraft will test, evaluate and demonstrate the cross-platform utility and functionality of biofuels. This demonstration will also incorporate prototype energy efficiency initiatives such as solid state lighting, on-line gas turbine water-wash and energy management tools.

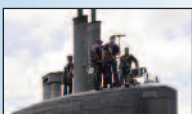
This year's exercise includes units or personnel from Australia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Thailand, Tonga, the United Kingdom and the United States.



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# 15th Medical Support Squadron welcomes new commander

1st Lt. Kathleen Eisenbrey

## 15th Medical Group

Command of the 15th Medical Support Squadron (MDSS) transitioned from Lt. Col. Chris Dun to Lt. Col. Mark Lamey during a change-of-command ceremony June 12 at the Missing Man Formation Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Col. Robie Hughes, 15th Medical Group commander, highlighted Dun's accomplishments as the 15th Medical Group deputy commander and 15th MDSS commander since July 2010.

"When supporting our medics on the front [lines] - who support America's heroes - it was thanks to [efforts by] Lt. Col. Dun," said Hughes. "Today we say goodbye to a fine officer, warrior, leader and medic."

In the two years of his tenure, Dun's accomplishments included increasing squadron manpower by 69 percent, enabling 10,000



U.S. Air Force photo by Ed Foster

Col. Robie Hughes, 15th Medical Group commander, takes the 15th Medical Support Squadron guidon from Lt. Col. Christopher Dun, outgoing 15th Medical Support Squadron commander, during the 15th MDSS Change of Command ceremony June 12 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

patient visits, and earning the Air Force Medical Service Management Office of the Year for 2011. His outstanding leadership was crucial to the 15th Medical Group, earning Air Force Medical Service Patient

Safety Program of the Year in 2010, an "excellent" rating on the 2011 Health Service inspection, and Department of Defense Clinic Patient Safety Program of the Year in 2011.

Dun reflected on the squadron's accomplishments during his tenure as commander.

"Our squadron is very unique," he said. "The time of great demand for medical group could not have been accomplished without the teamwork and dedication of the fine Airmen of the Medical Support Squadron. I saw Airmen up at 2 a.m. to bring this squadron from excellent to outstanding. I was touched, moved and proud."

According to Hughes, Lamey brings a wealth of experience to the command position at the 15th Medical Support Squadron.

"Lt. Col. Lamey is a legacy in the field of resource management," she said, noting his accomplishments in the force management

structure of the Medical Service Corps.

Lamey most recently served as the chief of the budget and executions branch at the Air Force Medical Operations Agency (AFMOA) at Lackland-Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. Prior to his tenure at AFMOA, Lamey was the resource management flight commander at the 3rd Medical Group at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. He also has experience providing medical support as well as administrative and information systems expertise in the Pacific and European theaters of operation.

"I am exceedingly proud to support you ... to lead you," said Lamey as he assumed command of the 15th Medical Support Squadron.

"I look forward to becoming acquainted with each and every Airman. This squadron is comprised of quality, top-notch Airmen who provide exemplary medical support."

# Naval Health Clinic Hawaii holds change of command

## Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

Naval Health Clinic (NHC) Hawaii held its change of command ceremony June 1 with the Battleship Missouri Memorial and USS Arizona Memorial in the background as Capt. Kevin T. Kalanta, Dental Corps, assumed command of NHC Hawaii from Capt. Anne M. Diggs, Nurse Corps.

Diggs took command of NHC Hawaii on March 26, 2010. As commanding officer, she led more than 675 active duty and civilian personnel and oversaw six clinics, providing health care to 61,000 beneficiaries.

"NHC Hawaii has a fabulous

reputation of taking care of those who have entrusted their health care to us. This is because the staff care deeply about what they do," Diggs said to those attending the ceremony.

She asked the staff to do only three things during her command, "Be prepared, take care of those who rely on us, and take care of each other. NHC Hawaii, you did that and did that superbly," Diggs said.

Rear Adm. Forrest Faison III, commander of Navy Medicine West, was the guest speaker. Faison commented on Diggs' many outstanding achievements during her command, which included dramatically improving clinic efficien-

cy to expand care access for the 61,000 patients who depend on the clinic for their health care and consistently exceeding clinic productivity expectations by more than 15 percent.

This directly translated to more appointments and care for patients who depend on NHC Hawaii. He noted that Diggs significantly expanded wounded warrior care services and enhanced partnership with Tripler Army Medical Center to provide seamless care to those who sacrificed for our freedom.

Faison noted that she increased fleet readiness more than 10 percent for the 34 shore-based Navy commands in the Hawaii region

while providing rapid and responsive medical support to homeported and visiting ships.

"The list of achievements goes on, but all characterized by one thing, selfless service to others," said Faison. In addition, under Diggs' leadership, NHC Hawaii earned re-accreditation by the Joint Commission which acknowledges the commitment of NHC Hawaii to continuously meeting national and worldwide health care standards.

Diggs next assignment is deputy M9 for wounded, ill and injured at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, D.C.

Faison congratulated Kalanta on his assumption of command.

"Kalanta brings a wealth of knowledge, expertise and talent to lead the NHC Hawaii team and continue building on the great work of Capt. Diggs," Faison said.

Kalanta is reporting to NHC Hawaii after his tour as executive officer for NHC Corpus Christi, Texas.

NHC Hawaii is a part of the Navy Medicine enterprise which is comprised of 63,000 personnel that provide healthcare support to the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, their families and veterans in high operational tempo environments, at expeditionary medical facilities, medical treatment facilities, hospitals, clinics, hospital ships and research units around the world.

# Mackey is new 65th Airlift Squadron commander



(Left) Lt. Col. Brian Mackey assumes command of the 65th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 11.

(Right) Lt. Col. Brian Mackey salutes Col. David Baldessari, commander of 15th Operations Group, as he assumes command of the 65th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 11.

U.S. Air Force photos by David D. Underwood Jr.



# Federal Fire Department hosts wildfire press conference

Fire Inspector  
Angela Sanders

## Federal Fire Department

Federal Fire Department Hawaii officials hosted a press conference at its headquarters June 13 to ask for public cooperation and support in the prevention of wildfires.

Representatives from the Oahu Wildfire Information and Education (OWIE) Group include working group members from Honolulu Fire Department, Federal Fire Department, Army Wildfire Management, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and Honolulu Police Department.

The group convenes each year to formulate ways to promote public awareness and education about the prevention of wildfires.

OWIE's mission is to create a seamless, cooperative interagency working group, establish a joint information center to disseminate coordinated information during incidents and prevent wildfires. It also promotes public safety and confidence through unified public education efforts and develops a common set of reporting requirements.

"Be vigilant at all times and report any suspected activity," said Fire Chief Kenneth Silva from the Honolulu Fire Department in seeking the public's help during the current dry and active wildfire season.



U.S. Navy photo by Al Balderama

Fire chiefs from Honolulu Fire Department, Federal Fire Department, Army Wildfire Management, Deputy from Department of Land and Natural Resources and Honolulu Police Department speak at a press conference held at Federal Fire Department headquarters June 13. The press conference was coordinated by the Oahu Wildfire Information and Education Group to promote awareness, education and prevention of wildfires.

Federal Fire Department Fire Chief Glenn DeLaura advised the public to, "Ensure your property is cleared of unnecessary shrubbery and debris and call 911 immediately."

Each agency exhibited their wildland firefighting apparatus in front of a fence which displayed a key message, "Prevent Wildfires." The sign was assembled by the fire prevention division fire inspectors from Federal Fire Department.

The working group offered some planning and safety tips for wildfire prevention:

- Report unauthorized dumping of rubbish and vegetation.

- Report overgrown, dry, and tall vegetation.
- Protect your home by cleaning the roof and gutters regularly.
- Ensure that fire apparatus can get to your home.
- Install smoke detectors on each level of your home and in every sleeping area.
- Create a safety zone around your home.
- When wildfires are threatening your area, if you are advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

For more information on wildfire prevention and safety tips, contact Fire Inspector Angela Sanders at 471-3303, ext. 617.

# Prepare now for hurricane season

April Phillips

## Naval Safety Center Public Affairs

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) -- June marks the start of the hurricane season, and the time to prepare is now before the season heats up, according to the commander of the Naval Safety Center.

Rear Adm. Brian C. Prindle, commander, Naval Safety Center, says preparations should include the whole family during the hurricane season, which continues through the end of November.

"While the forecast calls for a relatively light hurricane season, it only takes one storm making landfall on our coast to wreak havoc," Prindle said. "The time to prepare for a hurricane is now, not the day before a storm hits when store shelves are bare and checkout lines are long."

The National Hurricane Center advises there are two stages to hurricane safety. Prepare for a storm well ahead of time, and then act on those preparations when alerted by emergency offi-

cials. The preparedness stage starts now with having a basic disaster kit on hand, including items such as water, non-perishable food, flashlight and batteries, manual can opener and solar cell phone charger.

Once it appears likely that a hurricane landfall is imminent, add items such as prescription medications, glasses, pet food and extra water, cash or traveler's checks, and important family documents.

"Involve the entire family in disaster plans as well, and know where you will all evacuate to should it become necessary. A little planning now will ensure the safety of your family with fewer headaches later," Prindle said.

The dangers posed by a hurricane are not just high winds, but also heavy rains and flooding and tornadoes.

For more information about hurricane safety, visit the National Hurricane Center at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>.

(Editor's note: A hurricane pullout section was published in the May 25 edition of Ho'okele. You can access it online at <http://www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii>.)



# State task force addresses needs of women veterans

1st Lt.  
Kathleen A. Eisenbrey

15th Medical Group

The newly formed Hawaii Women Military Veterans Task Force continues to progress in efforts to identify the unique needs of women veterans through strategic development with national partners.

"[The] first thing we can do for women veterans is to raise the awareness that women are veterans," said Maj. Gen. Irene Trowell-Davis, director of the Center for Women Veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs, who was a keynote speaker at the recent National Association of State

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- Maj. Gen. Irene Trowell-Davis

Women Veteran Coordinators (NASWVC) symposium in Sacramento, Calif.

Veterans' coordinators from the nation attended the symposium, including Hawaii Office of Veterans' Services Coordinator Carswell J. Ross Jr. and Hawaii Women Military Veterans Task

Force chair, Air Force 1st Lt. Kathleen "Kat" Eisenbrey, stationed at the 15th Wing at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"The NASWVC conference was a tremendous opportunity to interface and network with benchmark women's programs across the nation," according to Ron P. Han Jr., director of the Hawaii Office of Veterans' Services.

Notable topics presented at the symposium included information regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs initiative to establish a Women Veterans Task Force. Since its inception in July 2011, the national task force has worked to "identify gaps in services and identify opportunities to better serve women veterans, and then develop

results-oriented recommendations to decisively advance the VA's efforts to address women veterans' needs."

Coalescing with the NASWVC conference, recommendations from the Department of Veterans Affairs were released on May 15, 2012. According to the VA press release, "The draft report is an interim step prior to VA finalizing its overall plan ... to address key issues facing women veterans."

"We are seeking feedback from all stakeholders, most importantly women veterans themselves," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki, founder of the task force.

Answering the national call to service, the 14-member Hawaii Women Military Veterans Task Force has provided comments to

the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding medical and mental health care, child care services, housing and financial assistance. Noteworthy comments include addressing the needs of homeless women veterans, which is an increasing concern in Hawaii.

According to its mission, the Hawaii Women Military Veterans Task Force aims "to improve the lives of women who are serving or have served in the military, to identify and address the unique needs of women veterans, and to harness the power of women, influencing change."

The draft report can be accessed from the VA's website at <http://1.usa.gov/K73JCn>. The final action report is due for publication by July 16.

# Bell tolling ceremony memorializes lost submariners

MC1 Ronald Gutridge

Commander Submarine  
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Public Affairs Office

A special bell tolling ceremony was held at the Submarine Memorial Chapel on June 13 to perpetuate the memory of the

submariners and the submariners that were lost in the month of June throughout World War II.

Submariners past and present gathered to honor and remember their costly sacrifices for our nation. Retired Lt. Cmdr. Paul Jurcsak of the Bowfin Base Submarine Veterans

spoke on behalf of all who were lost and the significance of the ceremony.

"The bell tolling ceremonies help us remember and share the proud tradition of the U.S. submarine force," said Jurcsak. "It's through the memory of the great submariners who have gone before us that gives us strength to pursue what we do today."

The month of June also marks the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Midway, and the ceremony included a special tolling in its remembrance.

"Although there were no U. S. submarines lost during the Battle of Midway, it is remembered as one of our most historically significant naval engagements in the Pacific, one that changed the tide of the war and the course of world history," said Jurcsak.

"Today we are fortunate to be able to recognize the significance of this battle, and it is a worthy tribute to all of those who turned the war around and put us on a path to victory," he said.

The bell that hangs in the steeple of the Submarine Memorial Chapel, and tolled in remembrance, was donated from the crew of USS Argonaut (SS 166) right before her last patrol, one from which she never returned.



Sailors and veterans attend a monthly bell tolling ceremony as a special observance at the Submarine Memorial Chapel at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (Additional photos on page A-5.)

On Jan. 10, 1943, the entire crew of 105 Sailors was lost when the submarine was sunk by Japanese destroyers. Each time the Argonaut's bell tolls, it is in remembrance of all Sailors and lost crews at a time of war and peace.



## Diverse Views

Summer is almost upon us, which means an opportunity for countless outdoor activities. What are some ways military members and their families can have an enjoyable, yet safe, summer?



**Maj. Anadis Colladovalentin**  
13th Air Force

"Spend time with your kids, hydrate and use sun block at all times. Take time to visit all the great military recreational facilities that this island has to offer."



**Navy Diver 2nd Class Blake Flohre**  
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility

"Summer is almost upon us, so I would suggest doing some of MWR's activities. They have a list of many activities that are cheap and inexpensive. There are plenty of hikes, trails and beach opportunities that not a lot of other states can offer, so I'd suggest getting out and doing all of things that Hawaii offers that you can't do anywhere else."




**Senior Master Sgt. Chad Nixon**  
735th Air Mobility Squadron

"Hawaii has some great supervised beaches. We love the calm waters at Bellows seems to be good for all ages. With 365 days of summer here, outdoor activities are great. Just remember the sunscreen!"



**GM2(SS) Rick Stafford**  
USS Santa Fe (SSN 763)

"Here in Hawaii, families have a great opportunity to experience the outdoors. Such activities as hiking, camping, and going to the beach are safe and exciting ways to enjoy the summer."




**Retired Navy Senior Chief Jun Liwanag**

"Summer is here, so the only thing I can think about is to be safe. If you're trying to go to the beach, be safe. Make sure to drink plenty of water, and stay hydrated before you do any sports. Just because it's summer, doesn't mean it's safe to drink and drive. Many people are on summer vacation, so just be careful."

**Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Ashley Stevens**  
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility

"Some ways my family and I enjoy a safe summer is by going to things like the Banana Man 5K run or a lot of the trail hikes like Aiea Loop where you can bring your dog and bring your kids. ... We make sure (our son is) strapped in and occupied on our nature hikes."



**Charlene Fukushima**  
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility

"This summer, I'm looking forward to PHNSY & IMF MWR's Summer Splash and Movie Night. It's being held at Wet'n'Wild in Kapolei on Aug. 11. It will be open to all shipyard employees and guests. Tickets go on sale in July. I expect to see about 1,500 people this year!"


(Provided by David Underwood Jr. and Electronics Technician 3rd Class (SS/DV) Rory Teehan)


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## Stars pinned on Air Force leader

Maj. Gen. Clarence A. Tinker, commanding general of 7th Air Force, pins stars of brigadier general on Col. William Farthing, commander of the 7th Air Force Base Command, at the former Hickam Field, Oct. 1, 1941.

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# 535th Airlift Squadron begins RED FLAG-Alaska flight operations

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JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska – Aircrews from the 535th Airlift Squadron (AS) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam flew their initial sortie here June 8 as part of the second-largest RED FLAG-Alaska, international-air-combat-employment exercise ever assembled.

While the 535th AS aircrews will receive a large amount of C-17 Globemaster III tactical airlift and airdrop training during the 10 flying-days that encompass the exercise, the main focus of RED FLAG-Alaska extends well beyond this solitary topic.

“The RED FLAG-Alaska exercise is a great opportunity for us to hone the skills essential for success during low-level tactical ingress into drop zones and landing zones in a hostile area,” said Capt. Eric Ziessler, a pilot from the 535th AS. “By incor-



(From left) Capt. Mat Klingenberg and 1st. Lt. Nick Fine, pilots from the 535th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, steer a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft through a turn during a low-level orientation flight June 11 as part of the RED FLAG-Alaska military exercise.

porating Mobility Air Forces’ aircraft into a large Combat Air Forces’ exercise, it forces everyone to focus on the combined objectives involved during a complex wartime scenario.”

U.S. Air Force historical studies have shown that the combat survival rate for an aircrew increases dramatically after their first 10 combat

sorties. It is thought that an experience gap may be responsible for many of the past losses.

RED FLAG-Alaska is designed to simulate these earlier missions through a controlled environment with the intent to increase future survival rates in initial combat engagements.

This iteration of the exer-



cise itself is a unique blend of joint U.S. forces and coalition partners, involving a multitude of different airframes and approximately 1,800 participants. Perhaps the best example of this operating environment is the crew of a North Atlantic Treaty Organization E-3 Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft who, by agreement,

cannot ever exceed 50 percent from any single country. In addition, international partners from Japan, Poland, Germany and Australia are integral parts of the mission.

Many of the participants highlighted the range here as being perfect for an exercise of this magnitude due to its size. The Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex pro-

vides the space, varied terrain and weather necessary to stage a complex exercise, such as this. Combined with the vast variety of airframes present, additional types of training can occur that would not otherwise be feasible.

Throughout the course of the exercise, many different core capabilities for each aircraft will be practiced from airdrop of cargo, airborne tanker refueling, defensive response by aircraft to ground-based threats, and counteracting enemy air defenses to defensive tactics against enemy aircraft.

Simply put, the exercise has one primary goal, “taking what your tactical capabilities are from the unit you brought here and taking them up a notch,” said Col. Keith McBride, the deployed forces commander.

For the Airmen from the 535th AS, it is just the beginning of a two-week cycle of intensive planning, executing a mission, evaluating, and striving to do it more effectively the next day.

# USS Greeneville leaves for western Pacific deployment

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Friends and families of the crew of USS Greeneville (SSN 772) gathered June 5 at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to say goodbye as the Los Angeles-class submarine departed for a scheduled western Pacific (WEST-PAC) deployment.

“We are fully ready to deploy and execute whatever tasking the operational commander requires,” said Cmdr. Martin Muckian, USS Greeneville commanding officer. “We expect to be busy conducting both real world operations in support of U.S. national objectives and exercises with other U.S. forces and our allies in the region.”

Since returning from her last western Pacific deployment in March 2011, Greeneville has undergone maintenance and conducted training in preparation for this deployment.

“Greeneville is in outstanding condition from a material, personnel and training standpoint,” said Muckian. “The crew is very excited for the deployment. They have worked extremely hard to prepare the submarine, and they are ready to execute a wide range of missions.”

This will be the first time deploying for many of Greeneville’s Sailors, according to Muckian. This will be the first deployment for Machinist’s Mate Fireman Robert Quinsberry from Olathe, Kansas, who has been in the Navy for two years.

“I really don’t know what to expect with this being my



Friends and families of the crew from the USS Greeneville (SSN 772) gathered June 5 at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to say goodbye as the Los Angeles-class submarine departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled six-month western Pacific deployment.

first deployment,” said Quinsberry. “My goal is to further my training and become submarine-qualified, and I know that I will succeed with the help of my fellow submariners.”

Measuring 362 feet long, weighing 7,038 tons when submerged and with a crew size of 152, Greeneville is one of the Navy’s most technologically sophisticated submarines.

Greeneville is the 61st Los Angeles-class submarine and the 22nd improved Los Angeles-class attack submarine. Commissioned in 1996, Greeneville is the first ship of the U.S. Navy to be named

after a small town in eastern Tennessee.

Los Angeles-class submarines are ideally suited for covert surveillance, intelligence gathering and special forces missions. This

stealth, when combined with the submarine’s Tomahawk cruise missiles, mines and torpedoes, provide the operational commander with an unseen force multiplier.



# Pearl Harbor-Hickam*Highlights*



Senior Airman Genevieve Ramsey, an aerospace propulsion journeyman, and Staff Sgt. Joseph Leugers, a hydraulic systems craftsman, both from the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, perform maintenance on an engine of a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft from the 535th Airlift Squadron. The airlift is deployed to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, as part of RED FLAG-Alaska on June 8.

U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Ben Sakrisson

(Right) Sailors and Marines render a hand salute, as the multi-purpose amphibious assault ship USS Makin Island (LHD 8) passes the USS Arizona Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Makin Island and embarked Marines assigned to the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit are deployed to the U.S. 3rd Fleet Area of operations.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Dominique Pineiro



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (SW/AW/SCW) Ronald Cutridge  
Chaplain Capt. Sal Aguilera, Navy Region Hawaii command chaplain, presides over Catholic Mass in the historic Submarine Base Memorial Chapel on June 2 while the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel is being renovated. The Submarine Base Chapel was built by volunteers in 1944 to honor submariners who lost their lives serving in submarines during World War II.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Barker

Members of the Bowfin Base Submarine Veterans attend a monthly bell tolling ceremony June 13 as a special observance at the Submarine Memorial Chapel on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



Photo by Kristopher Radder

Indonesians listen to the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band play a concert in Indonesia during Pacific Partnership 2012. Now in its seventh year, Pacific Partnership is an annual U.S. Pacific Fleet humanitarian and civil assistance mission U.S. military, host and partner nations, non-governmental organizations and international agencies designed to build stronger relationships and disaster response capabilities in the Asia-Pacific region.



# Pacific Partnership Siau concludes with great results

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SIAU, Indonesia (NNS) -- The third medical civic action project (MEDCAP) conducted during Pacific Partnership 2012's (PP12) visit to Indonesia came to a successful close June 10 on the island of Siau.

The five-day Siau MEDCAP was one of seven medical projects the PP12 crew took part in during its 2-week stay in Indonesia, providing medical services for thousands of locals.

"We treated patients with the help of the host nation's physicians and saw a total of 1,745 patients," said Lt. Matthew Hitchcock, officer in charge of MEDCAP 3.

According to Hitchcock, their MEDCAP saw 415 adult patients, 230 pediatric patients, 225 dental patients and 880 eye patients, with the optometry team passing out about 800 pairs of sunglasses and close to 700 prescription glasses.

"One of the big things we had to offer was optometry," said Hitchcock. "We were able to screen for eye diseases and also give out prescription glasses to help with vision."

The dental crew also committed to the task with a full-force effort.

Using a team of two Australians, three non-governmental organizational members from the University of California San Diego Pre-dental Society, two U.S. service members and two



U.S. Navy photos by MC3 Laurie Dexter

(Top) Capt. James Morgan, mission commander of the Military Sealift Command USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), helps transport cases of water in Siau. (Above left) Capt. James Morgan, (second from left) speaks with Siau Bupati (regent) Toni Supit during an island welcome ceremony for Pacific Partnership 2012. (Above right) Senior Chief Culinary Specialist Guy Gagui dances the "ampap loayek" dance with a civil servant from the regency of Siau as part of Pacific Partnership 2012.

translators, the dental professionals extracted hundreds of problem teeth to the relief of their patients. "We averaged about 50 to 60 patients a day and primarily performed teeth extractions," said Lt. Cmdr. David Allen, U.S. Navy dentist.

# Success comes naturally to Reserve canoe paddler

Tech Sgt.  
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419th Fighter Wing Public  
Affairs

It's only natural Staff Sgt. Albert Van Gieson is incredible at canoe paddling. He has the pedigree and the physique: long arms and lean muscles (think Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps).

Van Gieson started paddling at eight years old and found it easy to climb into a canoe because his family ran the local paddling club.

"My grandma and grandpa started a canoe paddling club back in 1967, and I was born in '81," Van Gieson said. "So they were going full force with running the paddling club when I was growing up."

Hawaii is home to the best canoe paddlers in the world; Van Gieson is one of those paddlers.

"For sure, he's a top five paddler in the world," said Jenn Lee, Van Gieson's girlfriend. "And I'm not saying



Staff Sgt. Alfred Van Gieson, 48th Aerial Port Squadron aerial transportation specialist, who desires to excel as a top competitive canoe paddler and as an Air Force reservist in Hawaii.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kyle Brasier

that because he's my boyfriend."

Van Gieson has the trophies to prove it.

"This year, I haven't finished anything worse than fifth place in all the races I've done," Van Gieson said.

Paddling his carbon fiber canoe that weighs just 16 pounds, Van Gieson can aver-

age between 7.5 and 8 miles per hour in a canoe. For perspective, he can paddle faster than more than half the men his age can run the Air Force physical fitness test.

"When it comes to technique, you want to get good leverage with your canoe paddle. People don't think about the angle the paddle

blade enters and exits the water and where your body sits to give you good balance and center of gravity. It's just little things you put together to make a big difference," said Van Gieson.

The canoe paddling race season runs from December to early May, although Van Gieson trains year round.

The circuit starts with several eight-mile races. Each race progresses in length throughout the season to 16, 18 and 20 miles races with a 31-mile season finale. Lee and Van Gieson agree canoe paddling is Hawaii's biggest sport, but it hasn't received the same commercial success as surfing.

"It's really strange how paddlers don't get paid because it's one of the biggest sports," Lee said.

"If I could do this professionally, that would be awesome, but the reality is nobody is getting paid to do this," Van Gieson said.

The military helped with that. After seven years in the Army Reserve, Van Gieson joined the Air Force Reserve in 2008 and works as an aerial transportation specialist with the 48th Aerial Port Squadron. It's not the most lucrative job, but Van Gieson is just as motivated to be successful as an aerial porter as he is with paddling.

"I want to gain more

knowledge and progress in my sport and in the military as well. I want to show [my leadership] I'm serious about staying healthy, showing initiative, and asking for more training opportunities," Van Gieson said.

For Van Gieson, it seems excelling in paddling and the Reserve just comes natural.

"I do want to become a mentor to my community, especially because I'm a reservist so I'm a citizen Airmen like they say," Van Gieson said.

"It doesn't pay the bills," said Van Gieson.

"I told them this is a big part of my life, and they've been so supportive of me."

His canoe measures 21 feet in length and weighs just 15 pounds. The *ama*, a small pod to help with balance, and the *iakos*, aluminum pipes connecting the *ama* to the canoe, add another pound to the setup.

"He was raised in this, so it's only natural for him to be good at it," said Lee.

# State-of-the art fitness center represents military commitment to wellness

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tion for the military and its personnel.

"It's state-of-the-art, huge with room for growth and absolutely beautiful," he said. "As Capt. James spoke to, fitness is

at the core of everything we do. It's one of the main areas that we focus on. It is important for us to be mission ready. It's very refreshing, compared to when I came in the Air Force, to see the importance of how fitness has become in keeping our

Airmen ready to fight."

While the opening ceremonies may have signaled the start of a new age of fitness for JBPHH, McFarland said that the real beauty of the facility is that it will continue to be current for many generations to come.

"We prepped this facility in preparation for change," he revealed. "Most of our machines, with the exception of our 19 treadmills, is energy efficient, running off of batteries or its own energy on an alternator to keep the battery charged. We

have a whole new functional movement area, so when you put all those together with a state-of-the-art facility, it makes for a great atmosphere, a great training environment and great platform for many, many years to come."



# Chung-Hoon Sailors commemorate Battle of Midway

Lt. j.g. William Tessman

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) Public Affairs Officer

USS CHUNG-HOON, At Sea -- Seventy years after one of the most influential battles in America’s history, the crew of USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) honored the memory of the Soldiers, Marines and Airmen who fought to defend the small Pacific island of Midway on June 4-7, 1942.

The crew dressed out in their summer white uniforms for the ceremony, and Cmdr. Justin Orlich Chung-Hoon’s commanding officer, gave an address and a brief history lesson on the flight deck of the guided missile destroyer.

After singing of the national anthem and a 21-gun salute, a wreath of flowers was presented in homage to those who lost their lives at Midway. The mountains of Oahu served as the backdrop, as the ceremony was conducted just south of the Hawaiian island, home to USS Chung-Hoon.

Orlich reminded the crew why their service is so important to the country and its future success. “We commemorate the Battle of Midway because it bridges the gap from our past to present and helps us better appreciate our service by remembering those who came before us. Your willingness to serve our country today is what will continue to ensure our nation remains strong for the next generation.”

Historians often regard Midway as one of the most decisive naval battles ever fought. Many Sailors lost their lives during the battle, and it is to them that the crew of the USS Chung-Hoon paid tribute.

For more information about Hawaii’s Destroyer, visit <http://on.fb.me/LF3TTq>.



Photo courtesy of USS Chung-Hoon

Off the coast of Oahu, the crew of USS Chung-Hoon held a Battle of Midway commemoration ceremony June 7. The ceremony included remarks from Cmdr. Justin Orlich as well as a wreath laying and a 21-gun salute. Chung-Hoon is currently underway for local operations.



# MIA bracelet connects Airmen across decades

2nd Lt. Sara Harper

82nd Training Wing Public Affairs

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) -- Twenty-two years ago, Air Force Academy cadet Amy Santmyer, now Lt. Col. Amy Young, decided she would wear an MIA bracelet honoring Lt. Col. Charles Walling, an F-4C Phantom pilot who was shot down Aug. 8, 1966, during a close air support mission in the Dong Nai province northeast of Saigon, Vietnam.

“MIA bracelets were developed in the 1960s as a way to ensure that fallen service members who are still missing were not forgotten,” Young said. “I thought it was a very fitting tribute for any particular individual that no matter what else goes on, by wearing an MIA bracelet you ensure that at least one person will remember that individual who’s missing, and keep the faith and not give up hope that they’re going to come home.”

Young has been one of those people for Walling, who left behind a pregnant wife and a 2-year-old son after volunteering as a replacement pilot. He had hopes of returning home in time for the birth of his second son. His body was not found, which left unanswered questions and a lifetime without proper closure for his loved ones.

But in a remarkable turn of events, Young—now with the 80th Operations Group here—will lead a four-ship Missing Man flyover June 15 honoring the fellow Airman whose name she has worn

and remembered for more than two decades.

As the chief of the scheduling division and a T-6 instructor pilot, Young oversees the 80th Flying Training Wing’s flight orientation program, coordinating support and approval for aerial events and flyovers.

Young said periodically the Air Force watch cell at the Pentagon sends out requests for volunteers to support upcoming funerals and memorial services.

“On the day this particular request came in, I just happened to be at my computer and the one to open the email,” she said. “As I was scrolling through the attachment, I immediately recognized the name: Lt. Col. Charles Walling.”

“I was absolutely shocked to see his name,” Young said. “As soon as I processed that he had been recovered, I immediately started making phone calls to confirm that they had actually found him and brought him home.”

She immediately initiated the approval process for the flyover, routing it through her chain of command. Within 24 hours the flyover was approved. The 80th Flying Training Wing’s leadership’s decision was quick and easy: “Absolutely. Let’s put him to rest properly.”

It was a surreal moment for Young. She had always intended to return the bracelet to the family, but not in her wildest dreams did she think she would have the opportunity to help lay him to rest.

“Never would I have imagined to have been fortunate enough to be in a position to be able to do some-



Courtesy photo

MIA bracelets were developed in the late 1960s as a way to ensure that fallen service members would never be forgotten. Lt. Col. Amy Young, of the 80th Operations Group at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, has worn Lt. Col. Charles M. Walling’s name for the past 22 years. She will lead a four-ship Missing Man flyover at Arlington National Cemetery for his funeral June 15.

thing like this for the family, to help lay him to rest the right way and in an honorable way, and to show some tangible thanks from a grateful nation,” Young said.

Walling’s funeral will have full military honors and a four-ship missing man flyover of T-6 Texans led by Young. But Young also wanted to offer the Walling family her MIA bracelet so they could lay it to rest with him if they wanted to. So she contacted the family.

The Walling family was thrilled to hear from Young, for they share a special bond. Now Young will be traveling not only for the flyover, but will attend the visitation and

the wake with his family as well.

As a combat pilot herself, Young has always found great comfort in the fact that even if something unspeakable were to happen, without a doubt she knows that her country would come looking for her.

“One of the greatest commitments our country has made that people may not be aware of is that we will not leave a fallen Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine behind,

and this story is a testament to that fact, that after 46 years we finally brought this particular Airman home, to his family,” Young said. “And the entire time

that the family was waiting, they were not waiting alone.”

The mission of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is to search for, recover and identify missing service members from past conflicts so that their families can lay them to rest.

“I can’t imagine sitting in that awful reality for 46 years of knowing that your loved one is gone, but you can’t put them to rest, so you don’t have any closure,” Young said. “But we are finally able to give this family some closure because of the efforts of JPAC.”

When asked how she felt about Walling finally being brought home and the opportunity to participate in his homecoming, Young’s answer was simple.

“I’m absolutely thrilled for the family. To be able to give them closure is tremendous, and I feel honored to be a part of that,” Young said. “We can honor his service and sacrifice but also the service and the sacrifice that his family has made for the past 46 years.”

Young has learned a lot from this whole experience and wanted to leave a message of hope for those families who are still waiting on loved ones to return.

“I think my biggest take away from this whole experience is that people and families that are still waiting and don’t have that closure yet, they should remember and know that they are not alone,” she said. “There are men and women working tirelessly to bring them home, and people wearing bracelets keeping the faith with them every day.”



# NAVFAC Hawaii officer receives civilian, military community service awards

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Command Hawaii

Cmdr. Eileen D’Andrea of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii became one of 47 recipients of the President’s Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition (PCFSN) Community Leadership Award on June 4 for her inspiring commitment to fitness within the Boy Scout troop she leads.

“It is our pleasure to present this award to Eileen D’Andrea,” said Shellie Pfohl, executive director of the PCFSN. “Individuals like D’Andrea are working tirelessly to encourage physical activity and proper nutrition to positively impact the health of their communities. Together we are all working to make our nation a healthier one.”

On May 31, D’Andrea also received a Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (Gold Star in lieu of second award) from Capt. John Coronado, NAVFAC Hawaii commanding officer, for her community service with the Boy Scouts of America between March 2009 and March 2012. During that time, she was selected as the 2011 Scoutmaster of the Year



Rear Adm. Kate Gregory, commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, presents Cmdr. Eileen D’Andrea with a Navy and Marine Corps Meritorious Service Award at an aloha luncheon held recently at Fort Shafter.

and received the Boy Scouts America District Award of Merit.

“The position of scoutmaster is the most rewarding volunteer job I have ever had,” said D’Andrea. “The Boy Scout program teaches not only life skills, such as first aid and communica-

tion, but it establishes the foundation of serving the community and has provided me the unique privilege of helping to mold the future leaders of our country.”

During her tour at NAVFAC Hawaii, D’Andrea used her leadership skills to help shape the future of Joint Base

Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) through the many command positions she held. In her role as the historic preservation officer, she helped create the Navy’s first historic preservation division.

“It was the first time in my Navy career that I really had the opportunity to put my architecture background into practice,” D’Andrea said. “As a registered architect, I can speak the historic preservation language and having someone in uniform leading the way allowed historic partners to see that the Navy is serious about improving its consultations.”

The division identifies specific projects and facilities in the JBPHH area that are historical in nature and consults with historic partners, such as the Hawaii State Historic Preservation Division and the National Park Service, in an effort to maintain their significance while keeping them in active service.

Since the division’s standup, it has won 12 historic preservation awards for various projects on JBPHH from the Historic Hawaii Foundation, another first for the Navy.

D’Andrea’s next job involved the creation of NAVFAC Hawaii’s second integrated

products team for utilities and transportation which strategically combined the former Hickam Air Force Base’s utilities and transportation divisions with the Navy’s existing ones, unifying major operations for the joint base.

During this time, she was also tasked to fill in as the joint base facilities and environmental public works officer (JB4) while Air Force Lt. Col. Bradley Waters deployed to Afghanistan.

“The JB4 position was perhaps the most challenging of all the jobs I held here at NAVFAC Hawaii,” D’Andrea said. “The opportunity to work as closely as I did with the Air Force broadened my perspective on their mission needs, something that will pay good dividends down the road.”

On May 31, D’Andrea received another important award, a Navy and Marine Corps Meritorious Service Medal for her inspirational leadership, team-building skills and loyal devotion to duty, presented by Rear Adm. Kate Gregory, commander of NAVFAC Pacific.

This summer, she starts her next tour as the executive officer of Amphibious Construction Battalion Two (ACB2) in Norfolk, Va.

## Airmen to fly variety of missions

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what they want to eat; others wander aimlessly trying to find their misplaced sandwiches. Sleep rapidly becomes the overriding priority, and most of the tired passengers crash out wherever they can find space inside of the packed cargo plane, be it in their seat or contorted around the outline of equipment.

Soon the time for sleep is over and the warrior passengers come to life, unloading some of their brethren and cargo at Eielson Air Force Base before continuing on the last leg of the journey to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and the grueling endurance test that is RED FLAG-Alaska.

Over the next couple weeks, the Airmen will fly a variety of missions during the RED FLAG-Alaska international air-combat employment exercise. Their skills will be tested in operations of a grander scale than in nearly any other arena outside of actual combat operations.

“In the end, the experience the Airmen gain through this exercise is awesome,” said Capt. Mat Klingenberg, C-17 mission commander. “This unique opportunity provides us realistic training with our coalition partners that cannot be duplicated anywhere else in the world. Ultimately, it gives the C-17 the ability to practice and test our combat capabilities in a controlled environment.”

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- July 26: Medical Service Corps 65th Birthday
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# Military takes competition to the waves

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BARBERS POINT, Hawaii – Members of the U.S. military, Department of Defense (DoD) and their families attended the 2012 All Military Surf Classic at White Plains Beach on June 9.

The all-day event, hosted by the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Outdoor Adventure Center and Hawaiian Island Creations and Quicksilver, gave the military and DoD families a fun way to enjoy the sun and beach. The competition held both short board and long board divisions and included the *keiki* (children).

“Surfing is always good

for physical training,” said Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd class Joseph Hudgins, “People that don’t do it, don’t realize that it’s a workout. It helps endurance, cardio, shoulders and the back.”

While the waves were uneven and not more than two to three feet, the competitors still showed their enthusiasm in the preliminary, championship and final rounds.

Throughout the competition, surfers had 15 minutes to complete up to 10 waves with their top two waves being judged on length and maneuvers.

As in other sports, physical fitness plays a big part in the overall accomplishment during a surfing contest and involves energy, strength and cardio.

“It requires you to swim a lot. If you haven’t done it before and try to go up for the first time, you will definitely

experience some exhaustion,” said Army Chief Warrant Officer Boddy Irvin. “After time you get used to it, and it can actually turn into a physical fitness, workout and exercise routine.”

Hudgins finished third in the active men short board, 17-29 age group behind Mark Peer in first place and Matthew Gordon Dawson in second. Bobby Irvin finished fourth in both the active short and long board competitions for the 30 and over age group.

## Surf contest 2012 results

Open short board *keiki* 12 and under:

1. Timothy Schiller
2. Jessica Sawai
3. Colin Ferguson
4. James Oleary
5. Roxanne Gates
6. Katie Pothier

Open short board, 17 and younger:

1. Christopher Bluthardt
2. Blake Bass

3. Keliko Gonsalves  
Open short board, 18-29:

1. Don Untalan
2. Mark Peer
3. Mathew Dawson
4. Gino Morales
5. Joseph Hudgins
6. Michael Zullo

Open short board, 30 and older:

1. Macy Mullen
2. Rod Behrend
3. Morris Niibu
4. Jerry Gibson
5. Charles Helsey
6. Romar Corpus

Open short board, women

- all ages:
1. Brandee Schiller
  2. Suzy Seolas
  3. Daryl Dawson
  4. Jade Villanueva
  5. Cailyn Gibson

Open long board, 17 and younger:

1. Christopher Bluthardt
  2. Marciano Whitford
- Open long board, 18-39:
1. Kona Tauani
  2. Jody Dessicino
  3. Darwin “DJ” Naigan

4. Bryan Racca
  5. Joshua Tobasa
  6. Shawn Spotts
- Open long board, 40-49:
1. Wendell Villanueva
  2. Damon Duhaylonsod
  3. Layne Fitzpatrick
  4. Mike Donnelly
  5. Matt Pothier

Open long board, 50 and older:

1. Buster Kellum
2. John Weikum
3. Michael Nii
4. Calvin Ahinaga
5. Henry Kiaana
6. Herb Pruse

Open long board, women

- all ages:
1. Hannah Fenton
  2. Victoria Baughn
  3. Ashley Cornelio
  4. Dee Marques
  5. Shina Ducosin
  6. Taylor Martell

Active men short board, 17-29:

1. Mark Peer
2. Matthew Gordon Dawson
3. Joseph Hudgin

4. Gino Morales
  5. Marty Ponder
  6. Ekahi Lee
- Active short board, 30 and older:

1. Macy Mullen
2. Morris Niibu
3. Rod Behrend
4. Bobby Irvin
5. Darwin “DJ” Naigan
6. Jerry Gibson

Active long board, 17-29:

1. Ekahi Lee
2. David Strickler
3. James Knudson
4. Michael Bell
5. Joshua Tobasa
6. Lester Mandang

Active long board, 30 and older:

1. Edwin Nakazato
2. Wendell Villanueva
3. Damon Duhaylonsod
4. Bobby Irvin
5. Dawrin Naigan
6. Nathan Garcia

Active long board, women

- 18 and older:
1. Shaina Ducosin
  2. Analee Huffman
  3. Marisa Flores



Photo Illustration



# One-hit shutout brings PCP closer to playoffs

Story and photo by  
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Sports Editor

With only one more week in the regular season, the Pearl City Peninsula (PCP) softball team inched one game closer to lock down a spot in the upcoming play-offs after beating the Direct Support (DIRSUP) Drillers, 15-0, in a mercy-rule-shortened Gold Division game June 12 at Hickam Softball Complex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

This season, only the top four teams from each of the four divisions will gain admission to the postseason, which is scheduled to be held from June 30-July 1.

Sitting in the Gold Division’s No. 4 spot with a record of 8-3, PCP now only needs to knock off the 1-10 Killer Bees on June 19 to ensure their place in the playoffs.

While not taking anything for granted, PCP was beginning to feel the excitement of challenging for this year’s base championship.

“I think we have a solid chance of making a good run in the playoffs,” said PCP leadoff hitter Machinery Repairman 2nd Kenneth Sturdivant. “We’re sitting fourth and we’ve already beat two of the top three teams.

“And looking at the brackets, at who we’re going to play in the play-offs, we got a good shot at taking it deep. I’ve been here two years and this is the best team that has been put together,” he said.

Against the Drillers, PCP went to work right away and delivered five runs in the first and second innings to jump out to a 10-0 lead.

In the first inning, after a single by Machinist’s Mate 1st Class James Kuechmann drove in the team’s



Machinist’s Mate 1st Class James Kuechmann congratulates Lt. j.g. Doug Hawk after Hawk rounded the bases for a three-run, inside-the-park homer that gave Pearl City Peninsula (PCP) a five-run lead in the first inning against the Direct Support (DIRSUP) Drillers.

second run, Lt. j.g. Doug Hawk came up to the plate with two runners on base and drilled a line shot that got past the DIRSUP left fielder and skidded toward the fence.

The drive drove in three runs with Hawk circling around the bases for an inside-the-park home run.

“I was trying to get on it,” said Hawk, who went 4-for-4 at the plate with five RBIs. “I actually hit it off the handle. It was surprising that it went as far as it did.”

Then in the second inning, after the first two batters got out, PCP mounted another five-run rally.

This time, the big hit came off the bat of power-hitting shortstop Gunner’s Mate 1st Class Frank Kuras, who smashed a towering shot over the left-field fence for a two-run jack.

“It’s almost effortless,” said Hawk about Kuras’ pretty swing. “He’s a good ballplayer. He can do everything. He hits from both sides of the plate and is a

real asset for us.”

PCP put the game away for good by posting their third straight five-run inning with a total of seven hits in the top of the third.

While the PCP bats were taking care of business, Hawk, in his first start on the mound this year, was impressive in keeping the DIRSUP hitters off-balance.

Hawk set down the Drillers in order in the bottom of the first and fourth innings and allowed only

one hit, a single by Army Spc. Jerry Furst in the third inning, in throwing a four-inning shutout.

“I haven’t pitched since last year,” Hawk said. “I was working on the knuckleball and trying to get them to hit it – relying on the guys behind me. Defense did a good job. Defense gets going and that gets the sticks going.”

The lopsided victory by PCP, a team that is comprised of personnel from SEAL (sea, air, land) Deli-

very Vehicle Team-One (SDVT-1) and Logistic Support Unit Three (LOGSU 3), should give them a boost as they enter the crucial game against the Killer Bees.

In order to seal a win next week and beyond, Sturdivant said that PCP will have to rely on one key component.

“Batting,” Sturdivant announced. “The games we’ve lost we batted like garbage, three runs one game and six runs another game.”

# Late goal saves 17th OWS from first defeat

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Senior Airman John Steigerwald scored with less than two minutes remaining in the game to help the 17th Operational Weather Squadron (17 OWS) avoid their first loss of the soccer season in a 1-1 tie versus USS Chosin (CG 65) on June 9 at Earhart Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The deadlock was the second in consecutive weeks for the 17 OWS, but the team remained as the only undefeated squad in the Gold Division with a record of 8-0-3 and 27 points.

Meanwhile, Chosin, last season’s Blue Division champions, entered the game in fifth place and picked up a point with the tie to see their current record stand at 6-3-3 with 21 points.

The game-tying shot was set up by a midfield pass from Ashley Dolan to Aerographer’s Mate 2nd Class Dan Hicks, who forwarded the ball to Steigerwald for the kick and goal.

“Hicks really isn’t a soccer player, but he is a hell of an athlete,” Steigerwald said. “I knew that as soon as he got the ball, he knew where I was. As soon as I hit, I knew I got the shot.”

Retired Master Sgt. Jerry Dolan, head coach of the 17 OWS, said that a small adjustment may have contributed to the team’s game-tying goal.

“I had to bring my better players upfront to make a last ditch run at the game and they came through,” Dolan admitted. “Ashley makes a great pass to Hicks, Hicks makes a move and pass to the open guy, and the open guys scores. That’s called soccer. We weren’t doing that in the early part of the game.”

Although both teams struggled with their offense throughout the game, it was Chosin that posted the first goal on a kick from the foot of Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Christian Diaz.

The shot came midway through the first half, with Diaz taking a pass from Engineman Fireman T.J. Smith, who spotted his teammate with a pass from the right wing to the middle of the field.

“We had a soft cushion here the whole time. It was just wide open,” Smith pointed out. “He (Diaz) came across, no one picked him up, I saw he was in the perfect position to make a shot, and I let him have it. The whole thing worked out perfectly.”

While Chosin was able to take the lead into halftime, the team, while playing great defense, just couldn’t

seem to duplicate its goal-scoring play for the remainder of the game.

Diaz, who helped lead Chosin to an undefeated regular season last year, said that the team is struggling to get into sync this time around.

“It’s a simple thing. We lost a lot of chemistry from last year,” he said. “We need to put more goals into the net. That’s about it.”

Still, after gaining a tie with the No. 1 team in the division, Diaz said that he thinks that Chosin may be getting back on track soon.

“We should have won, but it’s

a good sign,” he said. “Who knows? If people take it seriously, we might make an actual push in the play-offs.”

Following the game, Steigerwald acknowledged that the 17 OWS may have dodged a bullet. He added that the strain of maintaining an unbeaten record might be taking its toll on the squad.

“For us to come from behind is big because this is the first time that we’ve had to do it this year,” Steigerwald noted. “It (undefeated record) kind of plays on me. Last week, we played and got a tie against one of the lower

teams in the bracket. We need to just come out here and play past that and get physical again.”

After coming off of two straight ties, Dolan said he isn’t about to panic just yet. The team will assess its progress, make improvements and continue on with the season.

“This is good because it’s close to the playoffs and we’ll have to work these issues out,”



Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Christian Diaz, forward for USS Chosin (CG 65) soccer team, tries to maneuver the ball past 17th Operational Weather Squadron (17 OWS) Staff Sgt. Andres Aponte during a Gold Division intramural game.





## ‘Biggest Little Airshow’ to celebrate Marine aviation, women

### Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Visitors are invited to attend Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor’s fifth “Biggest Little Airshow” from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 18 and 19. Admission is free. This year, the airshow celebrates the Centennial of Marine Aviation and the Centennial of Women in Aviation.

Guests will be greeted by 100 aircraft on the tarmac, both real and remote control models, “candy bombings” over Luke Field for the chil-

dren, hangar 79 tours to see the new MiG Alley Korean War exhibit, the restoration shop, the P-40 Kittyhawk and Flying Tigers exhibit, helicopters, jets and aircraft displays in the 85,000-square-foot battle scarred hangar.

Free concerts will happen each day at noon with bands Loaded Dice and Wet on stage.

For two days, the presenting local radio-control organization, the Birds of Paradise, and mainland pi-lots from the Academy of Model Aeronautics will pilot their

remote controlled 1-to-5 scale planes in the skies above the museum.

Specialty acts to be performed by the Birds of Paradise include: pattern, 3-D fixed wing and helicopter aerobatic flights, South Pacific battles and a skycam helicopter.

There will be remote control aircraft in the air and on static display, including jets, helicopters, F-22s, warbirds, B-17s, P-38s, Corsairs, OV-10s and more.

Call 441-1008 for more information or visit [www.PacificAviationMuseum.org](http://www.PacificAviationMuseum.org)

## OSHA renews Pearl Harbor shipyard’s top safety rating

### Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) presented Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard its official recertification as a “Star” work site during a ceremony at the shipyard June 5.

The “Star” rating is the highest under OSHA’s Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) that recognize private industry and

federal agencies with exemplary safety and health management systems. The shipyard is the only federal activity in Hawaii currently designated as a VPP Star site.

Barbara Goto, OSHA Region IX assistant regional administrator, presented letters to Capt. Brian Osgood, shipyard commander, and Don Bongo, Hawaii Federal Employees Metal Trades Council, AFL-CIO (HFEMTC) president, approving

the shipyard’s continued status as a “Star” site.

“I applaud you for the work you’ve done,” Goto said. “I congratulate you on your recertification.”

Osgood described the OSHA approval as “a very significant achievement earned by every person in the shipyard working together.”

“You can’t buy safety. It has to come from personal attitudes, beliefs and conduct,” he said.

Bongo said, “The recertification and recognition of the shipyard as a “Star” work site is a reaffirmation of the labor-management partnership required to become an OSHA-approved VPP work site. Safety is the union’s No. 1 priority, and the HFEMTC will continue to work to improve safety on the waterfront.”

The shipyard first attained “Star” status in 2007. VPP participants must undergo a review every

three to five years to remain in the program. An OSHA team visited the shipyard last November to determine whether the command should be recertified.

Among the team’s findings was that the shipyard’s three-year injury rate was 68 percent below the industry average.

Goto noted that the ship-

yard’s decision to take part in VPP about eight years ago required a huge culture change. “As a former shipyard employee, I’m really proud of what the shipyard has done over the years,” she said.

For more information on the shipyard, go to [www.navsea.navy.mil/shipyards/pearl/default.aspx](http://www.navsea.navy.mil/shipyards/pearl/default.aspx).

## Battleship Missouri Memorial announces ‘free pass’ days for military

This year, the Battleship Missouri Memorial will commemorate the official birthdays of each branch of the U.S. military by offering free “Mighty Mo” passes to respective active duty and retired members and their dependents.

Mighty Mo passes will be free for:

- Army from now through June 17 (birthday is June 14).
- Coast Guard from July 28 to Aug. 5 (birthday is Aug. 4).
- Air Force from Sept. 15 to 23 (birthday is Sept. 18).
- Navy from Oct. 13 to 21 (birthday is Oct. 13).
- Marines Corps from Nov. 10 to 18 (birthday is Nov. 10).

• National Guard from Dec. 8 to 16 (birthday is Dec. 13).

In addition, general admission to the Missouri is free for all guests attending the following two annual ceremonies held on the battleship:

- 67th anniversary of the end of the war in the Pacific, Sept. 2, from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.
- Battleship Missouri Veterans Day sunset ceremony, Nov. 11, from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

Mighty Mo passes are all-in-one tickets to the Missouri, including admission and choice of a guided tour. Qualified visitors must present a valid military I.D. upon purchasing their Mighty Mo pass, available

at the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center or onsite at Battleship Missouri Memorial ticket window.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For those without access into Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, shuttle buses provide roundtrip transportation from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center during operating hours.

Standard admission, which includes choice of a guided tour, is \$22 per adult and \$11 per child 4-12. For more information or to reserve a tour, call 973-2494 on Oahu, toll-free at 1-877-MIGHTYMO (1-877-644-4896) or visit [www.ussmissouri.org](http://www.ussmissouri.org).



### WHO SAID IT?

“For once you have tasted flight you will walk the earth with your eyes turned skywards, for there you have been and there you will long to return.”

### Last Week’s WHO SAID IT?

“The only man who makes no mistakes is the man who never does anything.”

Theodore Roosevelt



### This Week’s Trivia

On June 2, 1812, President James Madison sent Congress a message. What was the message about?

**Last Issue’s Question:** When did the Air Force Academy graduate its first class?

**Answer:** It graduated the first class on June 3, 1959. Out of the 207 graduates, 205 were commissioned as regular United States Air Force officers.



# What's Cookin'?

Karen S. Spangler

Managing Editor

The staff at Ho'okele is launching a new feature, What's Cookin'?, for our readers who enjoy collecting recipes, sharing recipes, and turning those recipes into yummy dishes.

How many times have you attended an office potluck or a family gathering and tasted a unique dish that you just had to make for yourself? And what about those sumptuous dishes that you create for the holidays?

Do you have a recipe passed down through your family for generations that you would like to share with our readers? Great Aunt Sue's plum cake? Grandma's toad pie?

Are you a military spouse or family member who has enjoyed the excitement of traveling around the United States and the world and had an opportunity to sample varied cuisines? Then share those culinary delights from around the world with our readers.

Or perhaps you are looking for a special recipe and despite your efforts, you haven't been able to find it. Maybe our readers can help.

Although What's Cookin' may be of interest to primarily our female audience, we know there are many great cooks out there who are guys. So don't be bashful. What about those great dishes that you create on the grill?

We would also like to have photos so if you make a dish that you would like to share with our readers, take a photo of it and send it along with the recipe.

Calling all cooks - send your *ono* recipes, photos, queries and comments to us at karen.spangler@navy.mil and also "cc" editor@hookelenews.com. Please be sure to include your name and contact information.

Mahalo and let's see What's Cookin'?

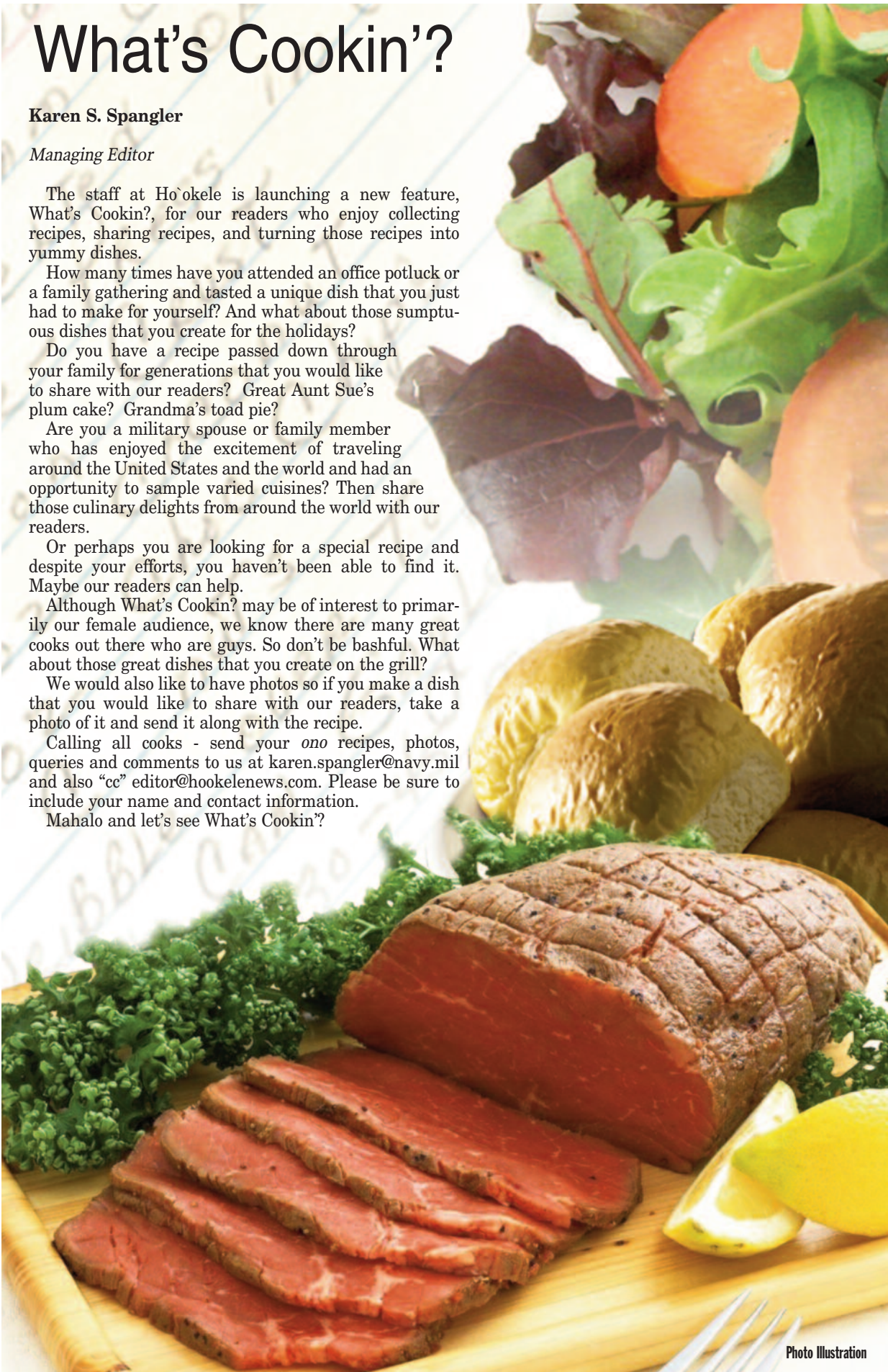


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## TRICARE travel tips keep you covered

Brian P. Smith

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

When you're leaving on vacation or changing duty stations, TRICARE is your medical coverage. These five small steps can help you avoid unexpected issues during your travels, even if you change TRICARE regions.

### Keep DEERS updated

No matter which TRICARE program you use, your Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) record is the key to your military health care eligibility. If your address changes for more than 60 days, you can log into milConnect (milconnect.dmdc.mil) to update DEERS.

When moving to a new location, don't disenroll from

TRICARE Prime before you move. You can transfer your enrollment if TRICARE Prime is available at your new location. You will have to choose a new primary care manager (PCM). No matter if you're moving across town or across the county, you can find instructions for transferring your enrollment at TRICARE.mil/moving.

### Get routine care at home

Before you hit the road, take care of your family's routine health care like annual exams or required immunizations. Getting routine care at your new location before your enrollment is transferred can lead to claims issues and out-of-pocket expenses.

### Know your urgent and emergency care options

But what about those unexpected issues? Emer-

gency care is covered for conditions that could result in a loss of life, limb or sight. Urgent care covers those issues that require medical attention in 24 hours, such as a rising fever or something like a sprain. Remember to follow the TRICARE Prime rules for urgent and emergency care. You can read more at TriWest.com/UrgentCare.

### TRICARE pharmacy delivers

For medications you need on the road, remember to order your refills before you leave. If you move, TRICARE home delivery moves with you, too (and can even deliver to a temporary address). You can manage your TRICARE home delivery account at [www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE](http://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE).

### Access your important information on the move

If you're going to travel within the TRICARE West Region, make sure you stay connected to your health care while you're on the go. Visit TriWest.com/Mobile to learn how you can:

- Find a TRICARE network provider or urgent care center near you from your phone.
- Download the TriWest mobile app and have TRICARE info at your fingertips.
- Log into your secure account.
- New to the west region? Register for an account today.

Long trips and short ones, roundtrip or one-way, TRICARE has you covered during your travels. For questions before, during or after a vacation or a move, find your answers at TriWest.com.

## 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 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)

## Fitness and wellness fair at new center to be held June 27

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold a fitness and wellness fair at the new Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center, building 1338 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 27.

View and share the new state-of-the art "green" center with the Department of Defense (DoD) and families. The event is free and open to all DoD cardholders.

The event will highlight fitness and group exercise classes with demonstrations and food samplings included.

Healthy food and drinks will be provided by the Pearl Harbor and Hickam Defense Commissary Agency.

Speak to experts about recycled materials, rock-scapes, maintenance-free plants and the center's 1,400 photovoltaic cells.

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

## Hawaiian luau planned for June 29

Celebrate a Hawaiian luau from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 29 at Ward Field at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, hosted by Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Celebrate RIMPAC Hawaiian style with an evening of aloha spirit and local fare.

Enjoy Hawaiian activities, a kalua pork sampling, hula dancers and a Polynesian fire knife show.

The cost is \$40 for adults and \$20 for children ages 4 to 10. The luau is free for children ages 3 years and under.

Get your tickets at Information, Tickets and Travel-Fleet Store, ITT-NEX and ITT-Hickam offices.

For more information, call 448-4608 or visit [www.greatlife.hawaii.com](http://www.greatlife.hawaii.com).

## Basewide cleanup to take place June 21

A basewide cleanup of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) will take place from 8 to 11 a.m. June 21.

Command-wide participation is highly encouraged. Focus on high-visibility areas, waterfront, along the perimeter of the base and your respective areas.

After the cleanup, stop by Ward Field for a base family picnic from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with burgers, hot dogs and drinks.

The JPBHH first lieutenant shop can provide cleaning supplies and equipment. Call 471-3521 for information.



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Morale Welfare & Recreation

FATHER’S DAY BRUNCH

A Father’s Day barbecue brunch will be held with seatings at 10 a.m. and noon Sunday at the Hickam Officer’s Club. The cost is \$28.95 for adults, \$14.50 for children ages 7 to 12, \$7.25 for children ages 4 to 6, and free for children ages 3 and under. There is a \$2 members first discount on the adult price. Wright Brothers Café will be closed due to the Father’s Day event. Reservations are required. FMI: 448-4608.

FATHER’S DAY BOWLING

Take your dad bowling from noon to 3 p.m. on Father’s Day, Sunday, at the Hickam Bowling Center and Naval Station Bowling Center. He will bowl free with one paying family member and get a free medium soft drink free from the snack bar. FMI: 448-9959 or 473-2574.

FATHER’S DAY MOVIE SPECIAL

Dad gets a free movie pass with one paying family member at the 4:45 p.m. show Sunday at Sharkey Theater. FMI: 473-0726.

KENTUCKY DERBY NIGHT WITH LIBERTY

Celebrate a free Kentucky Derby Night with liberty at 6 p.m. June 19 at Beeman Center. This event is for single active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

SNORKELING SHARK’S COVE

Snorkel Shark’s Cove on the North Shore from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 23 through the outdoor adventure center at the Fleet Store. The cost is \$20 per person. Sign up by June 21. FMI: 473-1198.

FITNESS AND WELLNESS FAIR

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold a fitness and wellness fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 27 at the new Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center, building 1338. The event will highlight fitness and group exercise classes, with demonstrations and food samplings included. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

RIMPAC HAWAIIAN LUAU

Celebrate RIMPAC Hawaiian-style with an evening full of aloha spirit and local fare from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 29 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. There will be Hawaiian activities, a kalua pork sampling, a feast of local cuisine, hula dancers and a Polynesian fire knife show. Get your tickets at Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT)-Fleet Store, ITT-NEX and ITT-Hickam offices. The cost is \$40 for adults, \$20 for children ages 4 to 10 and free for children ages 3 and under. FMI: 448-4608.

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

Community Calendar

June

15 ~ Former UFC heavyweight champion Rashad “Suga” Evans and Hawaii’s undefeated Travis “Hapa” Browne will appear from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange for a meet and greet and autograph session honoring service members. This is a free event for authorized patrons only. FMI: 423-3287.

18, 19 ~ Navy sexual assault prevention and response training for leadership and department heads will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Navy Lodge on Ford Island. All hands training will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Hickam Memorial Theater. Both sessions will be held on June 18 and 19. FMI: Louella Cazimero-Bactad, 474-1999, ext. 6205 or Shari Freeman, 474-1999, ext. 6220.

21 ~ A basewide cleanup of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. The first lieutenant shop can provide cleaning supplies and equipment. After the cleanup, stop by Ward Field for a family picnic. FMI: 471-3521.

At a glance

Navy Region Hawaii and Forest City Residential Management (FCRM) will hold several community meetings to present the changes to the Resident Energy Conservation Program being implemented Navy-wide. The meetings will be held:

- June 19, 5:30 p.m., at FCRM Moanalua Terrace Community Center.
- June 21, 6 p.m., Pacific Missile Range Facility, Shenanigans Restaurant, Kauai.
- June 25, 5:30 p.m., FCRM Hokenani Community Center.
- June 27, 5:30 p.m., Wahiawa Annex Chapel.
- June 28, 5:30 p.m., FCRM Pearl City Community Center.
- July 10, 5:30 p.m., FCRM Moanalua Terrace Community Center.
- July 12, 5:30 p.m., FCRM Hokenani Community Center.

FMI: Darryl Nii at Navy Region Hawaii at 474-1825 or Tom Carter at Forest City Residential Management at 839-8610.

The Department of the Interior has begun offering its 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>.

Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel will hold a Vacation Bible School for children in kindergarten through sixth grade from 9 a.m. to noon July 16 to 20. Visit <https://overboard.cokesburyvbs.com/pearlharbormemorialchapel> to register your child or to volunteer. FMI: 473-3971.

Movie Showtimes



Think Like A Man (PG-13)

Four interconnected and diverse men have their love lives shaken up after the ladies they are pursuing buy Harvey’s book and start taking his advice to heart. When the band of brothers realize they have been betrayed by one of their own, they conspire, using the book’s insider information to turn the tables and teach the women a lesson of their own.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY  
7:00 PM The Three Stooges (PG)

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

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

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY  
6:00 PM Dark Shadows (PG-13)  
8:30 PM Think Like a Man (PG-13)

SATURDAY  
4:00 PM Dark Shadows (PG-13)  
7:00 PM Think Like a Man (PG-13)

SUNDAY  
2:00 PM Dark Shadows (PG-13)



# This Week in USAF and PACAF History

Charles Nicholls

*PACAF historian*

- On June 14,1912, after training at the Army Air School in the Philippines, Cpl. Vernon Burge became the Army’s first enlisted pilot.
- On June 16, 1936, Seversky Aircraft Company won the contract to provide P-35 airplanes—the Army’s first all-metal, single-seat fighters with enclosed cockpits and retractable landing gear.
- In action against the Japanese in the Philippines early in World War II, P-35s shot down about 60 Japanese aircraft and destroyed another 30 on the ground. However, their lack of armor and self-sealing fuel tanks made them vulnerable.
- After two days of battle, only a few remained, and those were unfit for combat. The P-35 was the forerunner of the P-47 Thunderbolt.
- On June 16, 1941, the B-24 Liberator, a four-engine bomber that could fly faster and farther than the B-17, entered the Air Corps inventory. B-24s were produced in larger numbers than any other U.S. aircraft and employed on more fronts than any other Allied or enemy bomber in World War II.
- On June 11,1943, after a month-long aerial bombardment, some 11,000 Italian troops on Pantelleria, an

- island between Italy and Tunisia, surrendered to the Allies. It was the first large defended area to fall to air power, and allowed the Allied move north from Africa to Sicily and Italy.
- On June 15,1944, 68 B-29 Superfortresses took off at night from staging bases at Chengdu, China, to bomb the Imperial Iron and Steel Works at Yawata on Kyushu, more than 1,500 miles away.
  - This was the first raid on the Japanese home islands since the Doolittle attack of April 1942, but they caused little damage because of poor aiming. This mission marked the beginning of the strategic bombardment campaign against Japan. Coincidentally, on this same day the U.S. Marines invaded the Marianas Islands – which would serve as more effective B-29 bases.
  - On June 15, 1944, the Far East Air Forces (Provisional) was established at Brisbane, Australia as the single air headquarters in the Southwest Pacific Area. It became Far East Air Forces (FEAF) on June 20, 1944 with War Dept. approval of its designation. FEAF was formally activated on Aug. 3.
  - Lt. Gen George C. Kenney, commander of 5th Air Force, became FEAF’s first commander, and he remained commander until Dec. 30, 1945. FEAF was the predecessor to Pacific Air Forces (PACAF).



**Pacific Air Forces**  
The B-24’s lightweight construction optimized assembly line production.

- On June 11, 1948, the USAF revised its aircraft designation system. “P” for pursuit changed to “F” for fighter. Thus, the P-51 became the F-51; the P-80 became the F-80, etc.
- On June 16, 1948, Col. Geraldine May became the first director of Women in the Air Force. The WAF program ended in 1976 when women were put on an equal basis with men in the USAF.
- On June 11, 1957, the first U-2 high-altitude, long-range reconnaissance aircraft was delivered to the 4080th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. The U-2 could fly 10-hour missions at exceptionally high altitudes.
- On June 16, 1963, Jr. Lt. Valentina Tereshkova , a

- Soviet cosmonaut, became the first woman in space with her three-day flight on Vostok 6. Twenty years later, on June 18, 1983, Sally K. Ride became the first U.S. woman in space. She was a crew member on Challenger during the seventh space-shuttle mission.
- On June 16,1966, a Titan IIIC boosted seven experimental communications satellites and one gravity-gradient satellite into orbit 18,000 nautical miles above the equator. The satellites demonstrated the feasibility of a global military communications satellite system.
  - On June 17,1968, the first C-9 Nightingale aeromedical-evacuation aircraft rolled out at McDonnell Douglas Corporation, Long Beach, Calif.



**Pacific Air Forces**

The C-17 increased the Air Force’s airlift capability into relatively small airfields.

## MWR plans holiday celebrations

- Two days of events are planned at Hickam Harbor to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday.
- Watch a movie on the beach beginning at 7:30 p.m. July 3.
- In addition, join Hickam Harbor Marina for a “beach blast” from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. July 4 to celebrate with activities including music and a DJ. Events happening include:
- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., touch pool.
  - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., banana boat ri-de.
  - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Lou Foster regatta.
  - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., live DJ and paddle board demonstration.
  - Noon motorcycle show (Registration for this will be on-site at day of event).
  - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Discover scuba (single dive for \$20 per person for certi-

- fied and non-certified divers.) Minimum age to participate is 12. Signups for this will be on-site at the day of the event. For more information, call 947-6583.
- For more information on the two days of activities, call Hickam Harbor Marina at 449-5215.
- Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will also hold a Fourth of July celebration with free admission at the Hickam Officers’ Club from 2 to 9 p.m. The event will include a concert by David Cook, winner of “American Idol” season seven, at 7:15 p.m. and a fireworks display at 8:30 p.m.
- Free activities include an “xpress train,” airbrush tattoo, petting zoo, pony rides, inflatables, games, mini golf and prize giveaways. Food from local vendors will be available for purchase.

Event and parking access is very limited. The roads and parking near the Hickam Officers' Club will be closed with limited

access. Free shuttles will be available. For more information, visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

## Tickets now available for 2012 Air Force Ball

- Tickets are now available for the Air Force’s 65th birthday Sept. 14 at the Air Force Ball in Waikiki. The theme is “Say Thank You to an Airman.” The cost is \$95 per person.
- Fundraising by the 2012 Air Force Ball Committee and individual units are now underway to help alleviate the cost per person, especially so that lower ranking Airmen can attend.
- Sticking with the theme, the committee decided to have Airmen help Airmen in the form of fundraising.
- This event will also be the last one for 13th Air Force as it will be inactivated just two weeks after the Air Force Ball on Sept. 28.
- For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Theodore Guillory at (808) 233-9436. More information can be obtained as it becomes available by visiting [http:// www.15wing.af.mil/library/airforceball.asp](http://www.15wing.af.mil/library/airforceball.asp).

## Navy and Forest City announce RECP community meetings

- Navy Region Hawaii and Forest City Residential Management (FCRM) will hold several community meetings to present the changes to the Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP) that will be implemented Navy-wide.
- Residents in Navy Region Hawaii’s public-private venture homes are invited to attend one of the meetings listed below. Questions regarding the below schedule can be addressed to Darryl Nii at Navy Region Hawaii at 474-1825 or Tom Carter at Forest City Residential Management at 839-8610:
- June 19, 5:30 p.m., FCRM Moanalua Terrace Community Center.
  - June 21, 6 p .m., Shenanigans Restaurant, Barking Sands, Kauai.
  - June 25, 5:30 p.m., FCRM Hokulani Community Center.
  - June 27, 5:30 p.m.,Wahiawa Annex Chapel.
  - June 28, 5:30 p.m., FCRM Pearl City Community Center.
  - July 10, 5:30 p.m., FCRM Moanalua Terrace Community Center.
  - July 12, 5:30 p.m., FCRM Hokulani Community Center.

## Career fairs will be held this month

- Hawaii defense technology and intelligence career fairs will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as follows:
- June 18, Schofield Barracks, Nehelani Banquet & Conference Center, 1249 Kolekole Ave.
  - June 19, Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay, Kahuna’s Sports Bar & Grill, Building 1629.
  - June 22, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Bloch Arena Fitness Center, 915 North Road, building 161.
  - June 21, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Tradewinds Enlisted Club, 150 McClelland St, building 1804.
  - June 20, Camp H.M. Smith, MARFORPAC building 4, Pollock Theatre, 2nd Floor.
- The career fair is only open to job seekers who already have access onto the military installation (Military ID or CAC Card).
- Transition Careers can’t provide access for job seekers regardless of pre-registration.
- For more information visit the website <http://www.TransitionCareers.com>
- Editor’s note: “There is no endorsement of the Transition Careers, career fair and employers implied or made by Department of Defense and the federal government.”*

## This Day in Navy History

**Navy Region Hawaii**

**Plan of the Week**

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# JOINT BASE *Sports*

## PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM



Photos by Randy Dela Cruz

Clockwise from top left

Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class Dan Hicks, forward for the 17th Operational Weather Squadron (17 OWS), heads off a pass during the team's showdown against USS Chosin (Cg 65).

Pearl City Peninsula (PCP) shortstop Gunner's Mate 1st Class Frank Kuras strong arms a throw for a putout at first.

Fire Controlman 3rd Class Kevin Neal, USS Chosin (C 65), heads the ball out in front of the 17 OWS defense in a Gold Division intramural soccer game.

Army Spc. Jerry Furst, shortstop for the Direct Support (DIRSUP) Drillers, forces out PCP Machinery Repairman 2nd Kenneth Sturdivant, before making the throw to first.

Photo Illustration

Machinist's Mate 1st Class James Kuechmann, outfielder for PCP, is about to put the squeeze on the ball for a putout.

Senior Airman John Steigerwald is first to the ball, as 17 OWS teammates 1st Lt. David Moreno and Ashley Dolan watch.



# Online

<http://www.hookelenews.com/> or visit

<https://www.cnmc.navy.mil/Hawaii/index.htm>



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# Tax scam targets military members, retirees and civilian employees

## Internal Revenue Service

HONOLULU - The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is warning taxpayers to be on the lookout for a new, email-based phishing scam that targets Department of Defense military members, retirees and civilian employees.

According to the IRS, the email appears to come from Defense Finance and Accounting Services and displays a .mil email address.

"The email states that those receiving disability compensation from the De-

partment of Veterans Affairs (VA) may be able to obtain additional funds from the IRS," said David Tucker IRS spokesman.

Email recipients are then asked to send various VA and IRS documents containing their personal and financial information, such as copies of VA award letters or their income tax returns, to an address in Florida. The information on these documents is then used by the scammers to commit identity theft.

Typically, identity thieves use someone's personal data to empty the victim's finan-

cial accounts, run up charges on the victim's existing credit cards, or apply for new loans, credit cards, services or benefits in the victim's name.

"The IRS does not send unsolicited e-mail to taxpayers and never asks for personal and financial information such as PIN numbers, passwords or similar secret information for financial accounts," said Tucker.

For more information on phishing scams, please see Suspicious e-Mails and Identity Theft on the IRS website at <http://1.usa.gov/M3oS39>.

# Financial education classes scheduled for June

Upcoming Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) financial education classes include:

- Financial readiness for Air Force supervisors, June 19, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Hickam MFSC;.
- Managing money and credit, June 20, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Pearl Harbor MFSC.
- For richer or poorer financial premarital class, June 21, 5 to 8 p.m., Pearl Harbor MFSC.
- Million dollar Sailor/Airman, June 27 and 28, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Hickam MFSC.

Register for the classes at [www.greatlife.hawaii.com](http://www.greatlife.hawaii.com) or call 474-1999, Ext. 6103.



# Make use of rain barrel water

## Earth tip

Use rain barrels. A heavy-duty plastic trash can, with a tight-fitting cover, can work to collect rain for use later on a sunny day.

The water can be used on plants rather than drinking water. Keep the can tightly covered and wired closed so children don't fall in.

Before closing, float something on top of the water so that it doesn't become a mosquito-breeding site. When the dry season comes, add one watering can, such as a recycled plastic milk jug, and you have saved water.

More sophisticated versions with spigots are available online, but this system can serve the purpose.

# My Favorite Photo...

Photo by Lt. Cmdr. Allen Unger

During his recent visit to the 50th State Fair at Aloha Stadium, Navy Lt. Cmdr Allen Unger took this photo of the ride. Unger is employed at Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor.

## How to submit

Do you enjoy taking pictures and have a favorite photo? Would you like to see it featured in Ho'okele? Here is your opportunity. Submissions must be from people affiliated with the military services, including active duty, family members, Reserve, retired and Department of Defense civilians, etc.

Your favorite photo can be just about anything, but keep in mind that it should be in good taste. We aren't looking for posed family shots or group shots. But if you have a photo that you think is interesting and creative, here is your chance to see it published.

Photo submissions will be reviewed by Ho'okele editors who will determine if/when they will run in the newspaper. Along with your photo, please send a little bit of information about the photo, such as where it was taken or any interesting details. Also include the name of the photographer and contact information.

Please send your photos to [editor@hookelenews.com](mailto:editor@hookelenews.com) and "cc" Karen Spangler, managing editor, at [karen.spangler@navy.mil](mailto:karen.spangler@navy.mil) and Don Robbins, assistant editor, at [drobbins@hookelenews.com](mailto:drobbins@hookelenews.com).

Brush up on your photography skills. Ready, set, shoot!

