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## JBPHH celebrates grand opening of child development center for *keiki*

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Navy officials gathered at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) to celebrate the grand opening June 20 of the new joint base child development center (CDC) at Center Drive.

The new facility is the largest CDC on the island of Oahu, measuring more than 30,000 square feet.

"Our men and women, whether on the flight line or out at sea, they need to be at ease knowing their children are being taken care of," said Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. "There's nothing more distracting

than wondering if your children are being taken care of," he said.

"These types of facilities allow Sailors and their families to deploy and go in harm's way, for the spouse to continue his or her career, with the knowledge that their kids are properly and safely being taken care of," said JBPHH Command Master Chief Brian Ortega.

"We offer facilities for six weeks old to five years old, so for infants to pre-school," said Margarita Robbins, the facilities assistant director. "It [the CDC] will consist of 304 children and a staff of about 100."

Not only is the new facility the largest on the island, but it is also environmentally friendly. The CDC

is able to generate its own power and creates all of the energy that it needs to operate.

"It's all energy sufficient, and that will help us a lot. I mean, that's what we teach the children, to recycle. This will give us inspiration to recycle more," Robbins said.

The new facility is the first military CDC to receive the Leadership and Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) Platinum certificate, which is a national certification system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council.

The CDC has an open house policy. Parents can come and visit with their children

anytime throughout the day, including breakfast, lunch and during activities.

"That's how we are here. We treat the parents just like our big ohana," explained Robbins.

Hours of operation are from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"To our *keiki*, welcome to your new home," said James, prior to untying the Hawaiian maile lei and officially opening the new facility.

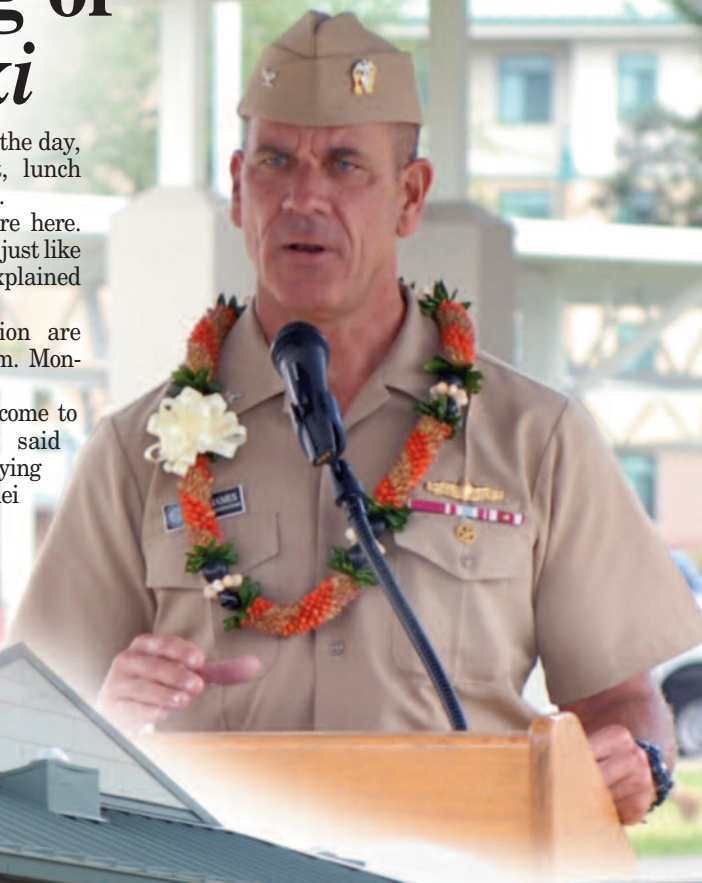


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## Hickam Airmen bid farewell to Bert, military working dog

Story and photo by  
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Following his last command, Military Working Dog (MWD) Bert leaped through a building window to subdue a perpetrator while training for a fourth deployment May 25 at Creech Air Force Base, Nev.

In moments after he emerged from the building with his partner, Staff Sgt. Paul Cruz, a 647th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) military working dog handler, the 9-year-old German shepherd collapsed.

"Initially we thought it was a leg issue or some-

thing," Cruz said. "When I noticed his tongue starting to turn blue, I knew it was a bigger problem."

The handler immediately started performing first aid while they rushed Bert to a nearby veterinary hospital for medical attention. After removing more than 600 milliliters of fluid and blood from around his heart, the doctor spelled out the worst case scenario—a tumor on his heart.

"You really can't tell sometimes that a dog is in pain or there is something big wrong with them," Cruz said. "They can't tell you, and they are working so hard to please you."

Cruz spent that night lying on the veterinarian

hospital's hard floor with MWD Bert. Cruz worried about the words of the veterinarian and what the future held for his K9 partner.

"I was trying to stay positive and get him back so he could live out the rest of his days on the couch in Hawaii or at the very least find him a good home," Cruz said. "I knew he wasn't going to work again."

In the morning, Cruz noticed MWD Bert seemed like he was back to normal as he was eager to get out of the clinic and get back to work.

"He didn't look like anything was wrong the next day," Cruz said. "I was feeling a little better and was

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## Forest City residents invited to meet, speak with leaders

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Community meetings in or near Forest City residential housing areas next week are providing an opportunity for residents to offer their ideas to housing representatives and Navy leaders, including Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii.

"The feedback we're receiving from residents is extremely important to us,"

said Ponds. "It's been two years since we conducted town hall meetings with residents to hear their voices. This is a tremendous opportunity to foster dialog, appreciate various issues and develop mutual understanding," he added.

The Department of the Navy and Forest City Residential Management (FCRM) entered into a partnership several years ago to provide quality man-

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Photo courtesy of Forest City Residential Management

A Navy housing family enjoys the outdoors in a Forest City community.

### Happening today

The Navy Region Hawaii team will conduct a presentation on summer safety. The session is open to all hands and will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. today at Sharkey Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Participation is strongly encouraged.



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# Wisconsin Pearl Harbor survivors return to Pearl Harbor on ‘Old Glory Honor Flight’

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Eighteen Pearl Harbor survivors from across the state of Wisconsin, along with their caregivers, volunteer medical team and support staff, visited the USS Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor Visitor Center and other historic sites on Oahu

on June 15. The private boat tour to the USS Arizona Memorial was led by Capt. Larry Scruggs, chief staff officer for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, during a special visit hosted by the Navy and the National Park Service. “Today the National Park Service is honored to welcome Pearl Harbor survivors visiting from the state of Wisconsin. We welcomed them at World War II

Valor in the Pacific at our visitor’s center,” said Kelsea Holbrook, a National Park Service ranger. “They visited the museums and saw the documentary film that precedes the beginning of the USS Arizona Memorial program.” The tour was part of “Old Glory Honor Flight, Return to Pearl,” a program dedicated to transporting World War II veterans to see the memorials built in their honor.

“The power of that day was the power of people coming together to do what God and country had put them together to do” said Navy Chaplain Cmdr. Jon Brzek during a ceremony on the Arizona Memorial. This year marks the 71st anniversary of the bombing of U.S. armed forces in Hawaii. “Some of you spent three or five years away from home,” said Randy Myszka, guest speaker and medical

volunteer for the group. “Most of you endured incredible hardship, but you persevered. Long before it was a buzzword, you showed us what it was like to be resilient.” There was a special presentation at the memorial for 89-year-old Mark Schaitel, one of the Wisconsin Pearl Harbor survivors on the trip, who passed away during the plane flight on the way to Hawaii. A ceremonial wreath and flag

were dedicated to him at the memorial. The veterans also paid their respects at other historical sites including the USS Oklahoma Memorial, USS Utah Memorial, Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Field, Fort Shafter, Pacific Aviation Museum and the National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl). This special “Old Glory” mission gave the survivors one last chance to say goodbye to their fallen comrades.

# USS Tucson returns to Pearl Harbor after deployment

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Public Affairs Office

Friends and families of the crew from the USS Tucson (SSN 770) gathered at the submarine piers June 14 to welcome back the Los Angeles-class submarine as she returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after completing a six-month deployment to the western Pacific region.

"Tucson had a very successful deployment supporting the theater commander's operational priorities for the western Pacific region," said Cmdr. James O'Harrah, USS Tucson commanding officer. "The crew performed in an outstanding manner, and I am very proud of their accomplishments and their professionalism."

Tucson successfully conducted missions vital to national security and participated in challenging fleet



Los Angeles-class submarine USS Tucson (SSN 770) returns to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after completing a six-month deployment to the western Pacific region.

exercises. Tucson also executed numerous theater level missions and conducted several port visits, which included Okinawa, Guam, Sasebo and Saipan, throughout its six months away from Pearl Harbor.

During the deployment, 22 submariners became submarine-qualified and are now entitled to wear the enlisted submarine warfare insignia also referred to as "dolphins."

A majority of the crew also completed advanced qualifi-

cations, including engineering watch supervisor, diving officer of the watch and chief of the watch. These qualifications provide greater watch bill flexibility and helped ensure that Tucson's performance will remain

strong after the upcoming departure of many senior personnel and into her next deployment.

"This deployment provided excellent training to all of our crew by providing them valuable experiences to complement their extensive professional knowledge," said O'Harrah. "These experiences will serve them well as they continue their naval careers."

This was the first deployment for about one-third of the 137 crew members, according to O'Harrah. Electronics Technician Seaman (SS) Eric Ramirez from Hermiston, Ore., who has been in the Navy for two years, described his first deployment as something he will never forget.

"This was a great learning experience for me. It enabled me to further my knowledge on submarine operations and become submarine-qualified during my first deployment," said Ramirez.

"The port visits also provided a great and unique cul-

ture observance being this is my first time traveling outside the U.S. I really enjoyed learning new things about different parts of the world."

This was Tucson's second western Pacific deployment since she underwent a 23-month depot modernization period at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Va. Improvements included upgrades in all of her electronic systems, a complete overhaul of all machinery systems, and a full external refurbishing. During that time, she conducted numerous sea trials and a port visit in San Diego before conducting an inter-fleet transfer back to the former Naval Station Pearl Harbor in 2008.

Tucson is the second ship of the United States Navy to bear the name of the Arizona city. It is the 59th Los Angeles-class attack submarine and the 20th of the improved Los Angeles-class attack submarine to be built.

(See additional photo on page A-5).

## 15th Wing vice commander receives Legion of Merit

The Legion of Merit decoration is presented to officers and enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces of the United States and nationals of other countries who have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements.



Photos courtesy of 15th Wing

Col. Joe Dague, 15th Wing vice commander (right), listens as Col. Sam Barrett, 15th wing commander, speaks to Airmen from the 15th wing during Dague's Legion of Merit presentation ceremony June 15 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



(Right) Col. Sam Barrett, 15th Wing commander, presents the Legion of Merit decoration to Col. Joe Dague, 15th wing vice commander, during a ceremony June 15 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

### Diverse Views



Many nations, ships, submarines, aircraft and personnel will participate in the biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise scheduled June 29 to Aug. 3 in and around the Hawaiian islands. Why is it so important to provide this training and partnership opportunity?



Aviation Structural Mechanic Safety Equipment Airman  
Tina James

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"I think RIMPAC is important to promote stability in the region and benefit all participating nations to prepare international forces for military readiness in case of conflict."

Fire Controlman 2nd Class  
Stephanie Harrod

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"Most of the time, our exercises involve just one or two commands. RIMPAC gives us a chance to interact with other commands, even other nations! It gives us a feeling of international oneness."



Aviation Boatswain Mate Fuels 3rd Class  
Kimberly McElroy

Navy Operational Support Center  
Charlotte, N.C.

"RIMPAC is important so that the public and the military can be more informed about what our Navy and partner nations do. This biannual exercise strengthens cooperation among nations to ensure safety on the seas and operations."

(Provided by MC1 Donald Randall)

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### Enlisted crew member wears historic uniform



Photo courtesy of [www.ourflagwasstillthere.org](http://www.ourflagwasstillthere.org)

This photo is of a watercolor illustration depicting an enlisted member of a barge crew in typical dress uniform during the War of 1812. This year commemorates the bicentennial of the War of 1812. More than 40 tall ships and naval war ships arrived in Baltimore's inner harbor last week to begin the city's "Star Spangled Sailabration," the national launch of the War of 1812 and the writing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

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# Navy Region Hawaii admiral takes ‘global force for good’ message to Alabama

Bill Doughty

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific is back at work June 18 after four days of community partnership-building in his home state of Alabama.

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds’ visit to Selma, Birmingham, Montgomery and Tuskegee was part of the Navy’s 50 flag officers in 50 states community outreach initiative.

Ponds met with mayors, business leaders and educators. He visited the Birmingham VA Medical Center, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, University of Alabama and Tuskegee University, and he spoke to Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary clubs about the Navy’s mission of protecting commerce on the world’s oceans.

Millions of tons of cargo are shipped through the Alabama State Port Authority each year to more than 175 locations worldwide. More than 100,000 jobs in the state are linked directly to trade.

“Alabama is important to the Navy, and the Navy is important to Alabama,” said Ponds.



U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Myron Johnson

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, meets and shares sea stories with former World War II Prisoner of War Fred Frey during the admiral’s visit to the Birmingham VA Medical Center.

His message to each group included the CNO’s sailing directions, Navy’s commitment to renewable energy and other global issues and how they related locally.

“I spoke about what the Navy is doing, especially in the Pacific, as a global force for good - in partnership building, maritime security and humanitarian /civic assistance support, such as Pacific Partnership. The partnerships we build

help us promote understanding and cooperation that ultimately helps businesses in Alabama,” Ponds said.

Ponds also spoke about the context and consequences of the War of 1812 (200 years ago this year) and Battle of Midway (70 years ago this month), two pivotal events that shaped the Navy and the nation.

He engaged with school administrators, educators

and students at various levels.

At Tuskegee University, Ponds met with professors and students at the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences.

“I showed him the work we have with the Navy and some other research related to STEM - science, technology, engineering and mathematics,” said Heshmat Aglan, professor and associate dean. “The admiral met with Ph.D. students and also high school students who are part of our program.”

“We had very fruitful discussions, and we hope we can develop an even greater partnership with the Navy,” Aglan said.

Ponds stopped at Birmingham’s Horizons School, whose mission statement reads, “preparing young adults with learning difficulties for an independent life.”

“Our students were very impressed,” said Dr. Jade Carter, school director. “What Adm. Ponds was able to do was give concrete specifics about very global concepts - and they got it. Rarely is someone so able to communicate a global message in a way that students can really connect with.”

At a Kiwanis Club talk, he spoke about the Navy’s

importance and relevance to Alabama.

John “Lex” Williamson Jr., youth scholarship committee chairman for the Boys and Girls Club of Central Alabama, sent an email to Ponds after the talk.

“As you know, Alabama has a long history of leadership in the Navy,” Williamson wrote. “My father, from Birmingham, retired as a captain, but was the creator of the Williamson Turn while at sub chaser training school in Miami in the early ‘40s. He was also the executive officer on the USS England which sank six Japanese submarines in 12 days in the Pacific. I am bragging, but he would have enjoyed your representing the Navy.”

During his visit June 11-14, Ponds gave several media interviews and spoke about the people who comprise today’s Navy.

“Right now, we have the most highly educated, highly trained and highly patriotic individuals serving as we have ever had in the history of this country,” he said.

“The generation that is serving today are a fabulous bunch. And their families are committed to that service as well.”

Ponds credited his Alabama roots for his work ethic,

family values and commitment to service.

Ponds was raised in western Autauga County. He graduated from Autaugaville High School in 1977 and earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Alabama in 1982. He received his commission from Officer Candidate School in 1983.

From his office window at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Ponds can look at the 11 surface warships that comprise Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific. Dozens of ships will be arriving next week for the Rim of the Pacific exercise which starts June 29.

As commander of Navy Region Hawaii, where he leads more than 3,200 civilian and military personnel, Ponds provides support at JBPHH on Oahu and Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai to units assigned to Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet, providing readiness support that enables warfighters to operate forward.

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# Meetings will provide opportunities for residents to give feedback

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agement of the Navy’s military family homes.

“Forest City is committed to providing exceptional customer service to our residents,” said Tom Carter, vice president of military housing for Forest City. “We are listening very carefully to the messages our residents are giving us at these meetings, and their input will help us focus on the areas we need to improve in,” he added.

Ponds and Carter will be joined by Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-

Hickam, in leading the community meetings scheduled for next week:

June 26, 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.

Additionally, two meetings will be held in July:

July 10, 5:30 p.m., FCRM Moanalua Terrace Community Center.

July 12, 5:30 p.m., FCRM Hokulani Community Center.

Two more meetings will be held in September, with specific

dates and times to be announced at a later date.

In addition to the opportunity to provide feedback to Forest City and Navy leaders about general issues, the community meetings will present information about the recent changes to the Residential Energy Conservation Program that will be incorporated Navy-wide this year.

The pilot RECP program launched in January 2011 at Navy Region Hawaii and at Marine Corps Housing at Parris Island and Beaufort, S.C. and

was considered very successful. Commander, Navy Installations Command announced that RECP will be rolled out to the rest of the Navy’s public private venture (PPV) housing beginning in October.

At that time, all RECPs will use a 10 percent buffer above and below the average monthly electricity usage by PPV residents. As a result, Navy Region Hawaii’s current 20 percent buffer will be lowered to 10 percent in October. Residents can learn more about RECP at one of the community meetings or visit

the Navy Region Hawaii website at <http://bit.ly/Mysetx>.

“These community meetings provide opportunities for residents to discuss other residential issues pertaining to safety, comfort and quality customer service, even if those issues are not part of the Residential Energy Conservation Program,” Ponds said.

“I hope residents will come out and share their opinions because that’s the best way for Forest City to learn how they are doing,” he added. “Good communication builds greater understanding.”

# Pearl Harbor-Hickam*Highlights*



(Above) Staff Sgt. Ricky Renfro, 6547th Security Forces Squadron military working dog (MWD) handler, and MWD Jimmy, honor Military Working Dog Bert during a memorial ceremony June 13 at the Missing Man Memorial, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Bert died May 25 due to complications from a tumor found on his heart. (Story on page A-1)

U.S. Navy photo by David Underwood Jr.



(Left) Friends and families of the crew of USS Tucson (SSN 770) gathered June 14 at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, to welcome back the Los Angeles-class submarine. Tucson completed a six-month deployment to the western Pacific region.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Ronald Gutridge

(Below) An unexpected highlight of the 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron change of command June 14 was the appearance of the USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52), which edged down the channel as it returned to sea.

U.S. Navy photo by Jim Murray



Pearl Harbor survivors visit the USS Arizona Memorial during a private tour hosted by JBPHH and the National Park Service. The tour was part of the Old Glory Honor Flight "Return to Pearl" in which the World War II veterans from Wisconsin were able to pay their respects at historic sites on Oahu.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 David Kolmel



# 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron holds change of command

Jim Murray

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In a change of command held June 14 at the Missing Man Formation at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Lt. Col. Mark Clifford relieved Lt. Col. Andrew “Grumpy” Hunt as commander of 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Clifford reports from the U.S. Air Force Academy where he was the deputy department head for physical education as well as the deputy commander of Cadet Group Four.

Hunt, who took the helm of the 647th LRS in June 2010, is bound for Joint Base Lewis-McChord near



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

Lt. Col. Mark B. Clifford takes the guidon from Col. Dann Carlson, commander of 647th Air Base Group and deputy commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, as he assumes command June 14 of the 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Lt. Col. Andrew W. Hunt (right) is the former commander.

Tacoma, Wash.

A 1997 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Clifford also earned a Ph.D. in sport administration from the University of New Mexico. He is a logistics readiness officer who has served in a variety of squadron and staff positions.

Most notably, he served as the fuels support officer for Air Force One and as a logistics plans and operations officer for the Joint Special Operations Command. He has deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

As the head of the 647th LRS, Clifford will lead more than 150 personnel, manage a 300-vehicle fleet, and oversee a \$65 million supply inventory. In addition, he

will serve as the logistics readiness division (Code 450) department head and senior Air Force officer under the NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor. He will also be the joint base 41 department head.

The 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron provides logistical management and support to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, the 15th Air Wing, Headquarters Pacific Air Command and more than 140 associate organizations. On an annual basis, the 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron moves more than 19,000 passengers, 7,294 short tons of cargo, 2,500 personal property shipments, and processes in excess of 215,000 supply transactions.



## C-17 lands on gravel-surfaced semi-prepared airstrip for RED FLAG-Alaska

RED FLAG-Alaska is one of the largest international air-combat employment exercises in the world and is designed to test the specific capabilities of the military units that take part in the exercise and increase their chance of survival during actual combat.

A C-17 Globemaster III aircraft from the 535th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, awaits takeoff from a gravel-surfaced semi-prepared airstrip after landing there for a delivery mission June 15.

(Upper right) Capt. Adrian Martin, a pilot from the 535th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, turns a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft on a gravel-surfaced semi-prepared airstrip.

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

## Farewell to MWD Bert: ‘good job buddy’

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already thinking about planning for his retirement.”

That early afternoon, MWD Bert collapsed again with no hope of resuscitation.

Fallen Warrior remembered “Those who call themselves dog handlers are truly the only ones who understand the bond between a military working dog and his handler,” said Tech. Sgt. Roy Barden, 647th SFS Military Working Dog section NCOIC. “It is a bond that cannot be broken, even in death.”

Military Working Dog Bert’s “end of watch” was honored in a ceremony June 13 at Hickam’s Missing Man Memorial where base leadership gathered to pay their respects to a fallen warrior.

“Bert’s dedication to his work, even to the end, is continued proof of how stoic and driven these dogs are to ensure mission success,” Cruz said. “I will always remember him as a fighter.”

Military Working Dog

Bert, whelped in April 2003, was certified as an explosive detector dog in April 2006 at the Department of Defense Military Working Dog School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He was trained to detect a myriad of explosive ordnance.

During his seven-year career as an Air Force military working dog, Bert deployed with his handlers multiple times: Forward Operating Base McHenry, Iraq, January to July 2008, and two undisclosed locations in Southwest Asia in 2009 and 2010.

During the June ceremony, Lt. Col. Michael Gimbrone, 647th SFS commander, pointed out the rarity of having every MWD handler who had ever worked with MWD Bert in attendance: Staff Sgt. Bradley Sears, Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Nichols, Tech. Sgt. Nathan Combs, Tech. Sgt. Roy Barden and Cruz.

“Like other defenders, MWD Bert gave many years of faithful service to the

Department of Defense and our great nation,” Gimbrone said. “Throughout the years, he faithfully stood by the side of (his) handlers, engaged in missions of national and strategic importance.”

Like humans, a dog’s personalities and quirks earn them reputations. Cruz spoke of the time he spent with MWD Bert and his easygoing personality. He said the first time he saw Bert he thought, “This has to be the laziest dog I’ve ever seen,” because Bert was laying down eating.

A seasoned veteran of the force, Bert will also be remembered for another quirk, “crazy eyes,” as Cruz called it. The German shepherd’s eyes didn’t point in the normal direction, but Cruz said that didn’t stop him from always looking out for his handler.

“Good job buddy,” Cruz said in his closing remarks. “Please look out after our military working dog teams deploying in harm’s way.”



Albatross wake up during the sunrise on the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge and the Battle of Midway National Memorial.

## Former site of military battle doubles as nature's playground

Story and photos by  
MC2 Daniel Barker

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More than 1,200 miles northwest of Honolulu lie the lands and waters of the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge and the Battle of Midway National Memorial.

The population of the Midway Atoll more than doubled June 4 when the 60 people who live and work on the island were greeted by 72 people arriving by plane for a special ceremony honoring the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Midway.

Twelve years ago Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt designated the national memorial "so that the heroic courage and sacrifice of those who fought against overwhelming odds to win an incredible victory will never be forgotten." This is the first National Memorial to be designated on a National Wildlife Refuge.

Historically known for the battle that was the crucial World War II turning point in the Pacific, Midway Atoll is now famously known

for its wildlife population. Midway hosts the world's largest population of albatross. Approximately 72 percent of the entire population of Laysan albatross worldwide nest on the island atoll.

Nearly three million seabirds can be found all over the island, on roadways, sidewalks, beaches and grasslands.

In addition to seabirds, there are many species of coral and fish found at Midway as well as threatened green turtles and endangered Hawaiian monk seals. Midway is part of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument and is one of the oldest atoll systems in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, originating as a volcano approximately 27 million years ago.

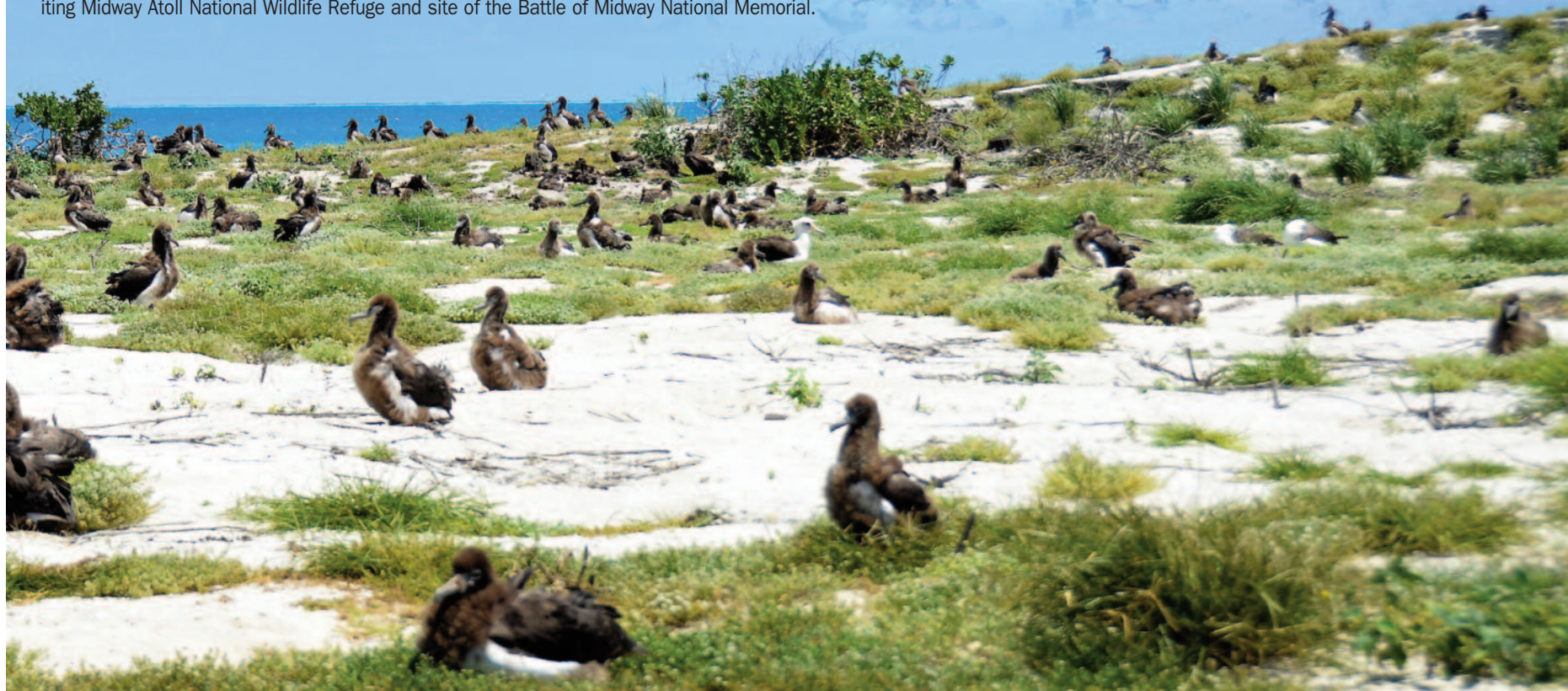
Midway Atoll is an unorganized, unincorporated territory of the United States and is the only atoll/island in the Hawaiian archipelago that is not part of the State of Hawaii. Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on behalf of the American people and has international significance for both its historic and natural resources.



A Laysan albatross feeds her chick as part of the world's largest population of albatross inhabiting Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge and site of the Battle of Midway National Memorial.



An albatross crosses the Battle of Midway National Monument.



# Big win catapults 692nd ISRG into third place

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

*Sports Editor*

The 692nd Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group (692 ISRG) took a 3-1 lead into halftime and made it stand to beat the 352nd Network Warfare Squadron (352 NWS) June 16 in a Blue Division intramural soccer matchup at Earhart Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

With the victory, the 692 ISRG leapfrogged over the 352 NWS to claim third place with a record of 9-4-1 and 28 points, while the 352 dropped to fourth with a mark of 8-3-3 and 27 points.

“This was insanely crucial,” said 692 ISRG co-captain Senior Airman Randy Kelso. “When we sent out our e-mails and texts, we pointed out that if we win, we get third, but if we lose, we go to fifth. So please, everybody, show up and play as hard as you can. We did just that, so everything went well.”

At first, things didn't go as hoped for the 692 as the 352NWS matched their opponent kick for kick before taking the first lead of the game on goal off the head of Senior Airman Chris Voigt.

The scoring play was set up by Airman 1st Class John Barlow, who blasted a kick from the corner that was passed toward the goal by teammate Tech. Sgt. Jason Maldonado before Voigt



Senior Airman Randy Kelso of the 692nd Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group (692 ISRG) battles 352nd Network Warfare Squadron (352 NWS) Senior Airman Chris Voigt for a 50-50 ball during a Blue Division intramural soccer showdown.

connected on a head shot into the net.

“It was just a team effort,” said Voigt about the goal. “We had Barlow run in. They thought it was a corner ball, he hit it back and Maldonado headed it, and I ran in and just took advantage of the goalie not paying attention.”

The lead didn't last long. Moments later, the 692 tied the score on a straightaway shot by 1st Lt. Leon Hontz at the midway point of the first half.

Then on the next trip down the field, the 692 went ahead for good on a shot by Kelso, who first kicked the ball off the goal's left upright before booting it back into the goal.

Hontz got the assist on the goal after finding Kelso on the left side of the field with an accurate touch pass from the right.

The score remained 2-1 in favor of the 692 until just before halftime, when Airman 1st Class Lothar Reck scored the team's third and final goal of the game.

After getting off to a slow start, better passing helped open up the team's offense, according to Kelso.

“Our passes were more on key,” Kelso explained. “Leon would slow the pace of the game, so we could get open and a lot of give-and-goes, things like that.”

While the 692 ISRG was picking up their offense, the team also began asserting itself on the defensive side.

Defensive back Senior

Airman Thomas Reiter anchored a tough 692 secondary, which shut down the 352 attack after allowing just one goal.

Following the first goal of the game, the 692 held the 352's offense to only one more shot on goal in the first half and two more in the second.

“We started communicating a little better and paid more attention to what they were doing that was getting past us,” Reiter said. “Their center striker was really good at orchestrating their passing. We had to pay more attention to that.”

With nine wins in their back pocket, the players on the 692 ISRG are beginning to believe that the team is peaking at the right time.

Reiter said that team cohesiveness is a big reason for its success.

“We've had a couple of years with the same group of guys and girls,” he pointed out. “We get along pretty good, so when things aren't going real well, we support one another.”

Kelso said that besides camaraderie, the players are getting excited about the playoffs and a big win over a tough team like the 352 will go a long way towards building their confidence.

“This picks our spirits up,” he said. “People are getting off work and taking their Saturday to come out in the middle of the day. They know that it's important and it's awesome that they can get out here.”

# Bats come alive in decisive win for NIOC

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) exploded for 16 runs in the fourth inning to run away from the 25th Air Support Operation Squadron (25 ASOS) June 18 by a score of 35-15 in a White Division intramural softball game at Hickam Softball Complex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

NIOC batted around the order twice in the decisive inning to pull away from the 25 ASOS and clinch their place in the upcoming play-offs, which is scheduled for June 30 and July 1.

The win raised the joint command's record to 10-1, while the 25 ASOS fell to 9-3 and must win over the Tigers on June 25 in order to secure its place in the postseason.

In scoring 35 runs, NIOC scored five in the top of the first, eight in the second, six in the third, before erupting for 16 runs on 15 hits in the fourth to put the game away for good.

NIOC batters had the bases full of runners in the first three innings of the game.



Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Zac Metz is congratulated at home plate by a teammate after blasting a two-run homer for Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) in a White Division intramural softball game versus the 25th Air Support Operation Squadron (25 ASOS).

In a night full of hitting stars, Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Zac Metz, NIOC's number three hitter, was among the top batters in the game.

Metz drove in the team's first run with a single in the first and

came back to spark NIOC with a two-run jack in the second after the team fell behind, 8-5, in the first inning.

He also blasted a two-run double in the top of the third and another double to drive in a

run in the fourth.

"It was one of those things where we looked out, and I felt like every-one hit the ball where they wanted to hit it," Metz said. "Last week we did the exact opposite. So it was good to get some confidence behind us going into the last game of the season plus the playoffs."

At first, it appeared that the game would turn out to be a slugfest as the 25 ASOS kept it close for the first couple of innings despite 13 runs scored by NIOC.

Down 5-0 after the top of the first, the 25 ASOS, aided by a couple of fielding errors from NIOC, went out in front by scoring eight times on six hits in the bottom of the frame. All of the team's eight tallies were scored with two outs.

After losing their lead to NIOC in the top of the second, Master Sgt. Jason Meinders brought the 25 ASOS back to within striking distance by swatting a two-run shot over the left-field fence.

However, a two-run single by Tech. Sgt. Brian Badstibner, a run-scoring single by Master Sgt. P.J. Nichol, another RBI single by Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 2nd Class Bryan Butz and the two-run double by

Metz put NIOC up by nine runs at 19-10 in the top of the third.

Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Daniel Cerda said that once the team got rolling with its bats, the momentum just took over.

"The emotion of the team, we're all high spirited, just kept it going," Cerda noted. "That and we had batting practice before the game. Everybody felt like they were comfortable and he (25 ASOS pitcher Tech. Sgt. Timothy Evans) was giving us good pitches to hit."

While Cerda said that NIOC could only take it one game at a time from here, the big win over a solid team like the 25 ASOS should establish NIOC as a contender.

"We got to show everyone that we are a playoff team," he said. "We're going to play for the championship and we're going to compete."

The keys to a successful run in the postseason, Cerda said, are going to come down to the basics.

"Just keep hitting the ball and a lot of fielding practice," he pointed out. "The last game we lost, we lost to errors. So we're going to keep working on our infield and outfield, and make sure we keep the ball in front of us."

# DIRSUP Drillers surprise division-leading 613 AOC

Story and photo by  
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Sports Editor

Sitting in 10th place in the Gold Division with a record of 4-8, no one informed the Direct Support (DIRSUP) Drillers that they weren't supposed to be a problem for the 10-2 division-leading 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC), as the very next batter, Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Daniel Nelson got on-board on an error to score another run and keep the bases jacked full of runners.

The error proved costly for the 613 AOC, as the very next batter, Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Levon Panhorst, stepped up to the plate and crushed a shot to right-center field that rolled all the way to the fence.

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"I was looking for my pitch and what I noticed was that he (613 pitcher) was throwing a low spin ball," Panhorst said. "When I saw that, I was pushing right field the whole way. I wasn't trying to kill the ball. I just tried to hit it hard and wherever the ball was at, that's where I tried to place it. It hit the sweet spot, and I knew that they weren't getting it. I just turned on the burners."

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Technician (Collection) Seaman Matthew Justus, who stepped to the plate with runners on first and third and one out.

Then with two outs and the bases loaded, pitcher Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Daniel Nelson got on-board on an error to score another run and keep the bases jacked full of runners.

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Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Daniel Nelson, hurler for the Direct Support (DIRSUP) Drillers, delivers a pitch during the team's game against the 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC).

Later in the bottom of the fourth, Panhorst led off the inning with a triple before touching home with the team's 10th run of the game on a single by Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Tyler Muenink.

While the Drillers were taking care of business at the plate, Nelson, after giving up three runs in the first, a single tally in second

and a leadoff home run to Maj. J.B. Wills in the third, settled down on the mound and kept the 613 AOC bats in check by throwing goose eggs in the next three frames.

Nelson was especially good at getting the power-hitting 613 to pop out as he retired the side in order on three straight fly outs in the fourth and induced five more

hitters to pop up over the next two innings.

"I was just making them hit my junk," Nelson said. "On every right hander, they like to hit them on the inside. That's a pop up all the time."

In the bottom of the fifth, the Drillers took a nine-run lead after scoring four times on four hits and a couple of 613 AOC errors.

The big hit of the frame came off the bat of Muenink, who stroked a single with the bases loaded to drive in two runs.

The 613 AOC, which came back from a two-run deficit in the final inning of their earlier game with Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC) to win by a score of 15-12, tried to mount one final rally in their last turn at-bat.

The team managed to scratch out three runs before Nelson got Master Sgt. Thornton Thompson on an infield fly to end the game.

"I had no idea they were the top team. It was a lot of fun," admitted Panhorst after his team got the final out. "All of us guys, we're just out here to play for fun. It's been pretty hard this season because of our Direct Support people going out on deployment. It's been challenging, but it's been a lot of fun."

## June 27 fitness, wellness fair to center around state-of-the art facility

Don Robbins

Assistant Editor

Filled with the most modern and up-to-date equipment, the new Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Fitness Center embodies the U.S. military's focus on wellness. That's why it's the perfect location for this year's JBPHH Fitness and Wellness Fair, which takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 27, said Mark McFarland, joint base fitness training director. "We want to utilize this state-of-



Photo courtesy of Sheri Cavalieri

the-art center to its maximum capacity," he explained.

The free event is open to all Department of Defense

demonstrations. Samples of healthy food and drinks will be provided by the Pearl Harbor and Hickam commissaries.

The event will also feature a three-point basketball shootout, a massage therapist on location providing "chair massages," music and giveaways.

Besides the demonstrations and activities, the fair will focus on unique aspects of the new building, which opened May 21.

"Our second floor has two glass racquetball courts which are heavily

utilized," McFarland said. The first floor includes two basketball courts, a cardio and gym area, restrooms and ample locker room facilities.

Other segments of the facility include classrooms, administrative space, huge group exercise room, a spin room filled with 55 spin bicycles, and an activities room for pilates and yoga.

Besides serving as a modern place to become physically fit, the new center features environmentally friendly "green" construction, including a

solar hot-water heating system and 1,400 photovoltaic cells to generate energy.

"There is also natural ambient light included into the building to reduce the impact on energy," McFarland said.

Experts on hand at the fair will speak about recyclable materials such as carpeting and tiles used in building the center. The center's landscaping also includes maintenance-free plants and rockscaping.

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

# THIS WEEK IN USAF AND PACAF HISTORY

Charles Nicholls

PACAF historian

- On June 23 and 24, 1952, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps aircraft in coordinated attacks virtually destroyed all the hydroelectric power plants of North Korea. The two-day operation, involving more than 1,200 sorties, was the largest single air effort since World War II.

This bombing campaign was designed to apply political pressure against the communists at a time of stalemate in both the ground war and the truce talks.

- Arc Light began on June 18, 1965. There were 30 B-52Fs from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, refueled by 30 KC-135s, that bombed a Viet Cong stronghold near Saigon.

This was the first use of B-52s in combat, the first bombs dropped by B-52s in war. However, two B-52s were lost in a collision in the air refueling area.

In the first three years of opera-

tions in Vietnam, B-52s flew more than 25,000 sorties and dropped more than 630,000 tons of bombs. Enemy ground forces could not see or hear approaching B-52s, which typically released bombs from 30,000 feet.

- On June 19, 1970, the Minuteman III missile first became operational at Minot Air Force Base, ND. Minuteman III test launches were done into Pacific ranges from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

The missile had been airlifted to Minot in April and placed in its silo a few days later. Minuteman IIIs went on alert in August.

Each Minuteman III carries three independently targetable warheads. The LGM-30G Minuteman III is the only operational land-based ICBM in the United States' inventory.

- On June 19, 1973, the United States Congress passed the Case-Church Amendment banning any further U.S. military involvement in Southeast Asia, effective Aug. 15, 1973. The veto-proof vote was



U.S. Navy photo

The Kitty Hawk, Ronald Reagan and Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Groups sail in formation, while Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps aircraft fly overhead during the photo portion of Exercise Valiant Shield 2006.

278-124 in the House and 64-26 in the Senate. On Aug. 14, U.S. bombing of Khmer Rouge forces in Cambodia was halted in accordance with the ban.

With U.S. airpower gone, North Vietnam invaded and conquered South Vietnam in 1975.

- Final U.S. base closures in

Thailand took place June 20, 1976.

The last two U.S. facilities in Thailand closed, U Tapao Royal Thai Naval Air Field and the Ramasun electronic monitoring facility. The last scheduled C-130 service from U Tapao departed on June 19.

At U Tapao, facilities valued at

an estimated \$102 million were given to the Thais. After nearly 26 years, the U.S. Military Assistance Command Thailand also ceased to exist.

- On June 18, 1981, the F-117 Nighthawk, the world's first stealth combat aircraft, flew for the first time at Tonopah Test Range, Nev. on June 18, 1981. The revolutionary aircraft presented very little radar image.

- Exercise Valiant Shield was conducted as the largest joint exercise in the western Pacific on June 19 to 23, 2006. More than 290 aircraft, three carrier strike groups and approximately 22,000 U.S. military personnel participated in the exercise. Valiant Shield focused on joint training among U.S. military forces while responding to a range of mission scenarios.

B-2 and B-52 bombers; F-15C, F-15E, F-16CJ, and F/A-18 fighters; E-3 AWACS aircraft as well as KC-10 and KC-135 tankers launched from Andersen Air Force Base to support exercise events.

# Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam MWR to hold Fourth of July spectacular

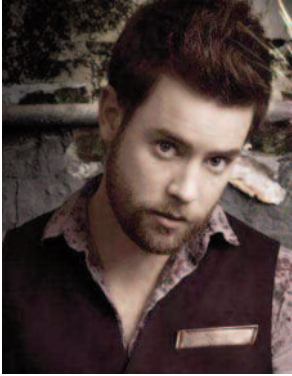
## Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host a Fourth of July celebration from 2 to 9 p.m. July 4 at the Hickam Officers' Club.

The event features David Cook in concert. Cook is the American Idol season seven winner. A D.J. will entertain the crowd for the afternoon, prior to Cook's performance.

The event will also include free activities such as an "xpress train," air-brush tattoo, petting zoo and pony rides.

Enter for the chance to win a five-night Las Vegas



David Cook

getaway for two.

Food and drinks can be purchased from local vendors.

Inflatables, rides, games, mini golf and other activities will be available at an additional cost. The night will wrap up with one of the largest fire-

works displays on Oahu starting at 8:30 p.m.

Event and parking access will be limited. Shuttle service will be provided to and from the event.

This event is free and open to all military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests.

The schedule of events is subject to change without notice.

For safety reasons, barbecues, tents, umbrellas, glass, animals and outside alcoholic beverages are not permitted at the event. No official endorsement of sponsors is intended.

For more information, including shuttle service drop offs and pick-ups, visit [greatlifehawaii.com](http://greatlifehawaii.com).

# Girls can learn to fly high at new 'flight school'

## Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Sixth through eighth grade female students have an opportunity to soar at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor's new "flight school" program this summer.

Developed by Dr. Shauna Tonkin, director of education the museum's program introduces girls to the history and science of flight on three consecutive weekdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 26 to 28, July 10 to 12 and July 24 to 26.

"It's a program aimed at helping girls discover the importance of flight for the growth and development of our society," Tonkin explained.

The program consists of immersive, hands-on activities with an emphasis on

Pacific aviation—and fun—while exploring scientific principles of flight through demonstrations and experiments. Participants will learn to "fly" in the museum's flight simulation lab, operate remote controlled aircraft, and meet the pioneers of aviation through presentations by costumed interpreters.

Cost is \$120, which includes all materials, lunch, snack and a "flight school" logo T-shirt. Upon successful completion of "flight school," the young women will receive a "license" that confirms their participation and gives them free admission for a future visit to the museum.

Call 441-1005 or email [ShaunaT@PacificAviationMuseum.org](mailto:ShaunaT@PacificAviationMuseum.org) for more information and reservations, or if you would like to volunteer to assist the program.

## STORY IDEAS?

Contact the Ho'okele editor for guidelines and story/photo submission requirements

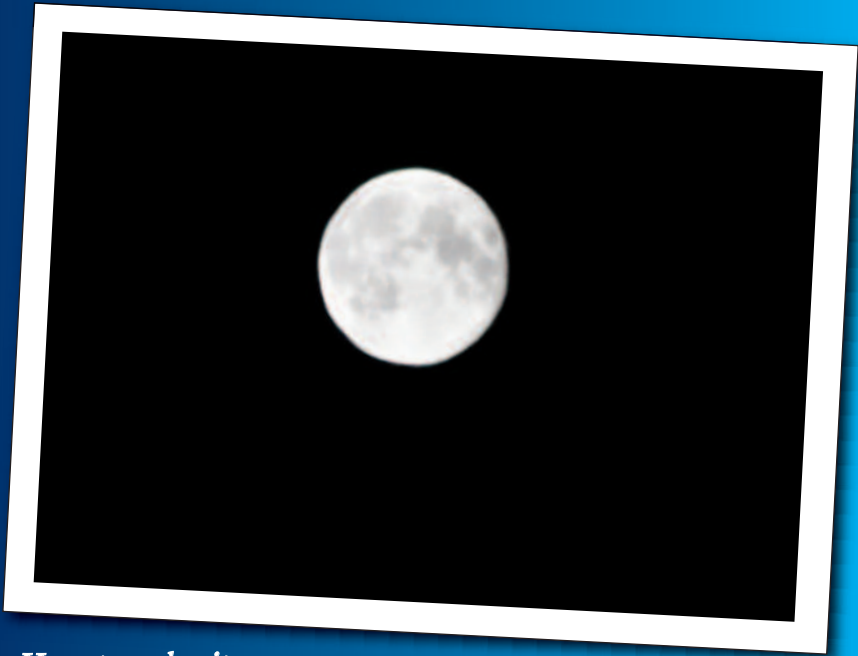
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## My Favorite Photo...

Photo courtesy of USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93)

A Sailor aboard the USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) took this photo of the moon and it was posted on their ship's Facebook page recently.



### 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 [drobins@hookelenews.com](mailto:drobins@hookelenews.com).

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

## Earth tip: legal consequences

Recent headlines remind us that there are rules to guide our behavior as we enjoy Hawaii's natural environment.

The state of Hawaii issued citations to several young people, one who had fallen and needed to be rescued, who entered Sacred Falls State Park which has been closed since 1999 when eight people were killed when rocks fell after heavy rains.

In another situation, a young man was fined and sentenced to community service for landing at Rabbit Island, also

known as Manana Island, offshore of Waimanalo, which is posted as a wildlife area and closed to humans.

The man was photographed throwing rocks at an endangered Hawaiian monk seal. To avoid trouble, check out one of the more than 30 authorized hiking trails on Oahu described at [www.hawaiiitrails.org/](http://www.hawaiiitrails.org/).

The easiest rule for being with wildlife is to observe animals from afar and to not let your actions disturb their behavior.

PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM

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Movie Showtimes

🏆 ADULT OIL PAINTING

This course will introduce students 18 and older to basic methods of oil painting. It will be held Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. June 26 to July 24 or Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon June 27 to Aug. 1 at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center. A supply list will be provided at time of registration. The cost is \$50 per person plus the cost of supplies. FMI: 448-9907.

🏆 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.

🏆 PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Free preschool story time will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. June 27 at the Hickam Library. The theme will be “cookies.” FMI: 449-8299.

🏆 PODIUM RACEWAY WITH LIBERTY

Attend Podium Raceway with Liberty on June 28. Depart Liberty Express at 5 p.m., Beeman Center at 5:45 p.m., Instant Liberty at 6 p.m., and Makai Recreation Center at 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. This event is for single active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

🏆 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.

🏆 RIMPAC FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE

Oceans CPO Club will re-open temporarily for limited hours during the RIMPAC exercises from June 28 to July 9, except on weekends and on the July 4 holiday. Lunch, cocktails and dinner will be available for all E7–E9. Watch for entertainment on selected days. FMI: 448-2271.

🏆 YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Registration for the youth 3-on-3 basketball tournament for ages 9 to 18 ends on June 29. The cost is \$120 per team. The tournament will be held July 6–8. There is a maximum six players per team, four games guaranteed. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

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

Community Calendar

🌺 June

🌺 26 ~Military and Family Support classes include and anger management from 8 to 11 a.m. The class is free to Department of Defense civilian employees as well as military. Call the customer service desk to register for any class. FMI: 474-1999.

🌺 29, 30 ~ Miss Hawaii 2011, Lauren Cheape, will make a special appearance in honor of RIMPAC visitors from noon to 2 p.m. June 29 at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall. Authorized patrons will be able to meet and greet Hawaii’s ambassador. In addition, local artist Jeff Chang will provide a demonstration of his work from noon to 2 p.m. June 29 at the mall. Local photographer Kim Taylor Reece will be there from noon to 2 p.m. June 30 at the mall.

🌺 July

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

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

🌺 At a glance

🌺 Navy Region Hawaii and Forest City Residential Management (FCRM) will hold several community meetings as an opportunity for residents to offer their ideas to housing representatives and Navy leaders. The meetings will be held:

- June 26, 5:30 p.m., FCRM Hokuani 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 Hokuani Community Center.

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

🌺 Due to construction work being done on the building, the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop will have to change its hours until next spring when the project is expected to be completed. Effective June 25, the thrift shop will only be open on Thursdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The shop will also be open the second Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Marvel’s The Avengers (PG13)

The Super Hero team up of a lifetime, featuring iconic Marvel Super Heroes Iron Man, the Incredible Hulk, Thor, Captain America, Hawkeye and Black Widow. When an unexpected enemy emerges that threatens global safety and security, Nick Fury, director of the international peacekeeping agency known as S.H.I.E.L.D., finds himself in need of a team to pull the world back from the brink of disaster. Spanning the globe, a daring recruitment effort begins.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY  
7:00 PM Think Like a Man (PG-13)

SATURDAY  
2:30 PM The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG)  
4:45 PM Safe (R)  
7:00 PM Battleship (PG-13)

SUNDAY  
2:30 PM The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG)  
4:45 PM The Five-Year Engagement (R)  
7:15 PM The Avengers (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY  
6:00 PM Marvel’s The Avengers (PG13)

SATURDAY  
4:00 PM Marvel’s The Avengers (PG13)  
7:00 PM What to Expect when you’re Expecting (PG13)

SUNDAY  
2:00 PM Marvel’s The Avengers (PG13)

## Martial arts fighters make special appearance



Photo by Justine Elona

Former heavyweight champion “Suga” Rashad Evans, and undefeated local boy Travis “Hapa” Browne, made a special appearance at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange Mall to meet and greet authorized patrons as part of their military appreciation tour June 15. The grand prize winner received a dinner with both fighters at Giovanni Pastrami in Waikiki.

## Armed Forces Voters Week to take place June 28 to July 7

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The right to vote is a crucial element of our country’s system of government, and it is a right that the military defends at great cost. This is a presidential election year, so exercising that right is particularly important.

To assist those serving

abroad, the Federal Voting Assistance Program has designated June 28 to July 7 as Armed Forces Voters Week to encourage all military and civilians who are away from their home state to register to vote in the upcoming primaries and November election and request an absentee ballot.

Sailors, Airmen, their eligible family members and citizens overseas who

want to register to vote should complete their Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) (SF-76).

You can complete your FPCA by visiting <http://www.fvap.gov>, printing the completed form and then mailing it to your local election office, postage paid.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact your voting assistance officer.

## iPhone fitness app launched for NOFFS

Commander, Navy  
Installations Command

An iPhone fitness application (app) has been launched for the Navy Operational Fitness and Fueling Series (NOFFS).

The NOFFS provides the Navy with “best in class” physical fitness and nutrition information for Sailors, allowing the Navy to maintain peak physical readiness, which is a top priority of the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative.

NOFFS provides Sailors with an evidence-based performance tool that will address injury prevention by physically training the movement patterns of operational tasks.

The NOFFS iPhone application provides the complete NOFFS program in a convenient format that is readily accessible to Sailors and portable anywhere in the world.

The NOFFS program was developed as a partnership between Commander, Navy Installations Command Navy Fitness team and Athletes' Performance Institute.

The program was

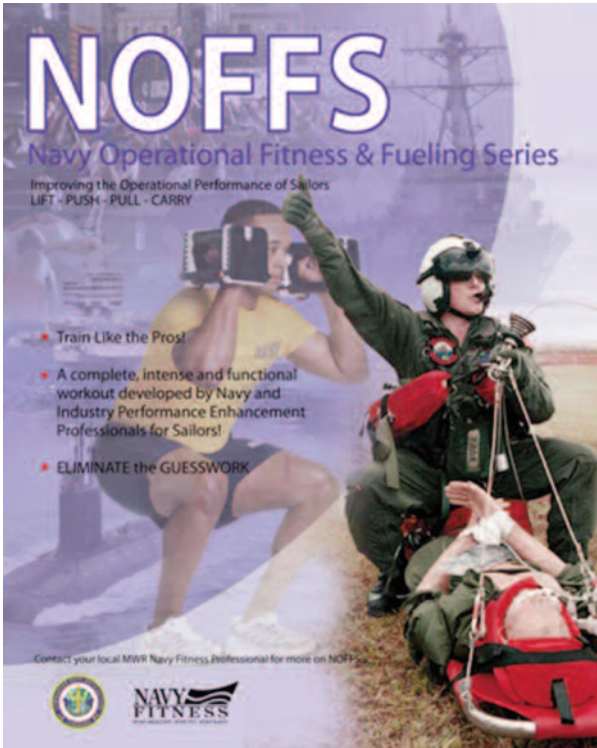


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launched via card sets available at all Navy Fitness Centers and as a downloadable program available at [www.navyfitness.org/noffs](http://www.navyfitness.org/noffs).

The NOFFS iPhone application can be downloaded via the app store on all iPhones and iTouchs and was launched in

January 2012.

The application greatly expands the program’s reach and capabilities in that it allows Sailors to download the program directly to a mobile device and then access it anytime, anywhere without the need to be online.

## Two educational health classes to be offered

Two Makalapa Clinic educational classes will be offered in July.

The first is “Sleep Better Now,” a two-part class by Dr. Melissa Belanger, clinical psychologist at Naval Health Clinic Hawaii.

The class will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays on July 9 and 23 at Pearl Harbor Makalapa Clinic, class-

room B. Both sessions must be attended.

Another class titled “Take 20 Seconds to Relax” will be held from 11:30 a.m. to noon July 10 at the Makalapa Clinic Conference Room.

Service members, their family members and retirees are welcome.

Call 473-1880, ext. 2276 to sign up or for registration information.

# 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.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).



## Upcoming construction on South Avenue starts early July

South Avenue will be repaired and repaved from Port Royal Street to Nimitz Gate beginning July 9. Work is expected to be concluded in September.

Construction will be phased to keep all lanes open during morning rush hour traffic. The contractor will start work at 7:30 a.m. each morning and will complete one lane of a 400-foot section of road per day throughout the duration of the project.

In order to have the road open for morning rush hour, the end of day traffic will be impacted by certain closed sections. There will be someone in place to direct traffic around road construction areas.

In addition, there will be two total road closures to place the final asphalt seal coat and stripe the road. These closures are scheduled for the weekends of Sept. 1 to 3 and Sept. 8 to 9 to minimize impacts on

normal daily traffic.

Drivers should obey all warning signs and take extra caution while driving near road construction. Direct all inquiries to Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii's Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Division point of contact Lt. j.g. Gil Barron at 341-2480 or email [gilbert.barron@navy.mil](mailto:gilbert.barron@navy.mil).

## Blood drive schedule

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 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, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

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

### WHO SAID IT?

“For in this modern world, the instruments of warfare are not solely for waging war. Far more importantly, they are the means for controlling peace.”

*Last Week's*

### 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.”

- Leonardo da Vinci

## This Week's Trivia

When did the War Department establish the Army Air Forces under Maj. Gen. Henry H. Arnold?

**Last Issue's Question:** On June 2, 1812, President James Madison sent Congress a message. What was the message about?

**Answer:** Madison sent to Congress his war message, laying out his case for war against Great Britain.