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PACIFIC OCEAN (NNS) - Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert visited the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68) for the Navy's Great Green Fleet demonstration July 18 during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2012.

The Great Green Fleet demonstration is a step toward the Department of the Navy's goal to reduce consumption of energy, decrease reliance on fossil fuels, and significantly increase the use of alternative energy.

Greenert emphasized the importance of the Navy's bio-fuel initiative and its importance for the Navy's future energy plan.

"Biofuel is made with algae, plants and animal fat. We'll be using a 50-50 mixture of that to show that in fact there is an alternative to petroleum products," said Greenert. "We've got to look for alternative fuels, we've got to look for alternative opportunities, and



U.S. Navy photo by MCC Sam Shavers

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert, (left) and Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus observe as the Military Sealift Command fleet replenishment oiler USNS Henry J. Kaiser (T-AO 187), (background) transfers biofuels to the guided-missile cruiser USS Princeton (CG 59) during a replenishment at sea. The fueling is part of the U.S. Navy's Great Green Fleet demonstration portion of the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2012 exercise.

we've got to be efficient in energy."

Nimitz took on more than 180,000 gallons of 50-50 bio-

fuel, a new blend of hydro processed renewable jet (HRJ-5) and aviation (JP-5) fuel July 17, in preparation

for the Navy's Great Green Fleet demonstration.

Mabus spoke about how biofuels are a "drop-in" fuel

and will not change operations at all.

"We don't have to change the operations, and we don't

have to change anything that we are doing," said Mabus. "The fuel is used in exactly the same way, by the same platforms and by the same engines."

During an all hands call, Greenert took time to thank the crew of Nimitz and encouraged the crew to continue what they are doing.

"To the crew of the Nimitz I'd like to say thank you very much, you guys are awesome," said Greenert. "Every time I come aboard a great ship like Nimitz and talk to a great crew, it helps me understand what we've got to do and that's go back to Washington, make sure you are organized, trained and equipped to do the job you need to do."

For the demonstration, Mabus and Greenert also visited USS Chafee (DDG 90), homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and USS Princeton (CG 59) to see the biofuel on load and to observe how they will use the fuel on board.

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

## USS Chafee takes on biofuel

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USS Nimitz Public Affairs

PACIFIC OCEAN (NNS) - The guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90), homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, took on 250,000 gallons of alternative fuel, a 50/50 blend of advanced biofuel and traditional petroleum-based fuel, from the fleet replenishment oiler USNS Henry J. Kaiser (T-AO 187) as part of the Great Green Fleet demonstration during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2012.

The demonstration serves as another milestone in the Navy's pursuit to improve combat capability through improved energy efficiency measures.

Lt. j.g. Karen Smith, Chafee's fuels officer, said the use of biofuels on Navy ships further enhances the overall readiness of the fleet.

"Anything that takes away our need to use foreign fossil fuel is, I think, a step in the right direction," said Smith.

"It gives the Navy a little bit more flexibility, and they know where it's coming from. Thinking about it economically, yes, it's a little bit pricier on the front end, but everything new is. I think that, as time goes on, that cost will drive down. The added benefit of having that operational capability is a plus, and now it's not left in foreign hands to decide what our fuel costs are," she said.

The installation of an energy dashboard marks one more step in Chafee's move toward energy efficiency. The energy dashboard uses the integrated condition assessment system (ICAS) to collect data from shipboard equipment.

"The energy dashboard has been a big help," Smith

said. "It gives us instantaneous data of what we're doing, so we've been utilizing that tool to make sure that we're burning as little fuel as possible."

The dashboard includes the fuel management system (FMS), which assists pre-underway planning by recommending efficient equipment lineups. Along with energy dashboard, a series of light emitting diodes (LED) have been installed on board Chafee to replace incandescent and fluorescent lighting fixtures. This will improve lamp lifespan and drive down maintenance and sparring costs, as well as a stern flap, which will increase propulsion exhaust emissions to foster fuel cost savings while increasing both ship speed and range.

USS Chafee is one of the five ships included in the Great Green Fleet demonstration.

## Arson investigation continues

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The Honolulu Police Department, in cooperation with NCIS, JBPHH, Forest City and Honolulu Fire Department, continues to investigate several arson fires that occurred July 15 at Pearl City Peninsula.

At approximately 3:30 a.m. on July 15, the Honolulu Fire Department responded to a house fire at Navy family housing on Pearl City Peninsula. The first floor and garage of one unit was heavily damaged; three adjoining units received smoke and water damage. No injuries were reported.

The fire began in a carport. The fire was extinguished at approximately 4:15 a.m.

"The Federal Fire Department is asking for support from the public by being vigilant at all times. We encourage the public to report any suspicious activity by calling 911 immediately," said Angela Sanders, fire inspector for Federal Fire Department Hawaii.

Sanders also offered some fire prevention tips. "Be safe; clean it up. Clean it up before it burns. The Federal Fire Department says that trash and clutter are responsible for causing a large number of home fires," she said.

"Take some precautions at your home. Clean out storage area like garages, sheds and closets. Get rid of old magazines, newspapers and items you aren't using anymore. Store combustibles like gasoline, kerosene, paint and cleaners in approved containers outside of the house. Get rid of leaves and debris around the yard. Remember, trash and clutter give a fire a place to start. Clean it up today so you will be safe tomorrow," Sanders recommended.

Residents are advised to use VEST—Vigilance, Engagement, Speed, Together—if they notice anything suspicious. Be vigilant in watching out for your own family and your neighbors. Call 911 if you see any suspicious activity in your neighborhood. Make an immediate response in a crisis, emergency or suspected criminal activity. Work together to prevent incidents and respond appropriately when they occur.

Anonymous tips may be submitted to HPD at <http://www.crimestoppers-honolulu.org/> or by calling 955-8300 and to the NCIS Web and Text Tip Hotline at <http://www.ncis.navy.mil/ContactUs/Pages/ReportaCrime.aspx>.



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# Navy, Forest City leaders reach out to housing community

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Managing Editor

Approximately 25 housing residents attended a community meeting hosted by Navy leaders and Forest City representatives July 12 at Hokulani Community Center. Another community meeting last week was held July 10 at Moanalua Community Center.

The venue provided an opportunity for residents to ask questions and express concerns about housing issues. Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific; Tom Carter, vice president of military housing for Forest City Residential Management; and Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, were available to present information about future changes in the Resident Energy Conservation Program.

They also addressed resident questions.

“We are here for you. We can help each other more than anyone else can help us,” Ponds said as he opened the meeting.

“We are committed here. What is the issue? Where did it come from? Who has responsibility for that action? When can we get it done?” Ponds told those in attendance.

Using a slide presentation



Tom Carter (center), vice president of military housing for Forest City Military Communities, and Rear Adm. Frank Ponds (right), Commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, speak to military housing residents during a community meeting July 12 at Hokulani Community Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Residents had an opportunity to ask questions and share concerns with Navy leadership and Forest City representatives.

about the Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP), encouraged residents to use the Forest City Residential Management website as a tool to determine their electric usage and how they are trending in relation to the buffer.

Under the current RECP program, PPV residents must pay for any electric use that exceeds 20 percent of an established average for their like-type group of homes. Residents who do not exceed this buffer are not billed for electricity. A rebate is given to residents whose monthly electrical use is more than 20 percent below the average.

Carter explained that beginning Oct. 1, the current 20 percent buffer will change to a 10 percent buffer as the Navy implements RECP at

other installations.

“If you don’t think something is operating correctly and your energy usage is still high, contact Forest City and request an energy audit,” Carter shared with residents. He also informed them that as Forest City does meter readings, they will be looking for anomalies, such as sudden spikes or drops in electric usage.

He noted that the largest users of electricity in the home are: (1) air conditioning, (2) hot water heater and (3) “plug loads” (televi-

sions, phone chargers, etc.). Part of the energy initiative is to ask people who are successful in their energy reduction efforts how they accomplished that result, he said.

Bridget Harman, a Navy spouse whose family moved

to Hawaii in February, explained that she was eager to attend Thursday’s community meeting because she is new to the area and to military housing. “Most helpful was being able to hear and ask questions about RECP. Many people had suggestions on how they keep their usage down, which I found beneficial,” she said.

One of Harman’s concerns was focused on the lack of a crossing guard at Aliamanu Elementary School for the upcoming school year.

Carter explained that due to a lack of funding, Forest City is not able to provide crossing guards.

Maj. William Chur from Kalihi District 5 of Honolulu Police Department, which serves many of the military housing communities, was on

hand to discuss security in military neighborhoods and how residents can help make their communities safer. “We need cooperation and the support and partnership of the community to make the community safe. People in the community know what’s going on,” Chur said.

“We encourage security watches and will work with anyone who wants to form one,” he added.

Carter also encouraged residents to form neighborhood watch groups. “The best way to protect yourself is yourself. HPD will set it up and get it organized and work with you. All you have to do is get the volunteers,” he said.

He recommended that residents check out HPD’s Facebook page to become aware of what is happening in their neighborhoods.

As the meeting progressed, residents posed a variety of questions – ranging from energy savings and security to barking dogs and playgrounds.

In response to a question from one woman about playground and fitness equipment, Carter explained that Forest City plans to spend a substantial amount of money this year to install new playgrounds. He said that they are looking at providing and/or updating playground equipment for all ages of children.

Navy and Forest City representatives asked for resident feedback and were receptive to suggestions for solutions. Carter encouraged residents to participate in housing surveys, which he said provide another vehicle for people to voice their concerns. “We need your feedback. It does help us,” he said.

Housing residents seemed to be pleased that Ponds, James and Carter were in attendance to field their questions and hear their concerns.

“It’s so wonderful to see you come out here and be so concerned,” one woman told the admiral.

“We need to see what your concerns are and operate ‘out of the box’ to see what we can do,” Ponds said.

“Nothing is more important in your community than what is important to you,” Ponds told the residents.

Information about RECP is available on the Forest City Residential Management website at [https://forestcitymgmt.propertiesolutions.com/media\\_library/2197/4fea5ad506463972.pdf](https://forestcitymgmt.propertiesolutions.com/media_library/2197/4fea5ad506463972.pdf).

Upcoming community meetings have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Sept. 6 and Sept. 13, both at Moanalua Community Center.

*(Watch future issues of Ho’okele for articles about issues of concern to housing residents.)*



## Ships participate in sea phase of RIMPAC 2012 exercises

MC2 Tiffany Sivels

RIMPAC CIB

More than 40 ships and submarines are currently participating in the sea phase of this year’s Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise.

“RIMPAC is currently in its second phase, also known as the ‘operational phase.’ It concentrates on a structured schedule of events,

which is essentially the beginning of the period where we will be working at sea,” said Cmdr. Charlie Brown, RIMPAC spokesman.

The events in this phase include live fire and missile exercises, maritime interdiction and vessel boarding, undersea warfare, naval maneuvers, air defense, explosive ordnance disposal, diving and salvage operations, mine clearance operations,

an amphibious landing and anti-surface warfare.

For the first time, a humanitarian assistance disaster relief (HA/DR) component is part of RIMPAC.

“The scenario provides a realistic, relevant challenge that will facilitate training and certification for expeditionary forces to respond to foreign disasters,” Brown said. “The event will aid

Hawaii-based medical facilities in their statewide mass casualty drills and certifications.”

The biennial exercise, with the theme, “Capable, Adaptive Partners,” is focused on enhancing the interoperability of participating forces and improving their ability to work together in missions ranging from maritime security operations to disaster relief.

“Roughly 70 percent of the world

is covered by water,” said Adm. Cecil Haney, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet. “Eighty percent of the world’s population lives on or near the coast, and 90 percent of our international commerce moves by sea. So it requires capable maritime forces to help ensure that stability and economic prosperity around the world. RIMPAC helps partnering nations prove that capability.”

## Deadline for Community Service Award nominees is July 31

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Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The deadline to submit nominees for the 2012 Navy Community Service Program (NCSP) is July 31.

The NCSP is a program that encourages service members to volunteer their time to help make a differ-

ence in the community. Volunteers donate their skills as well as their time by providing humanitarian assistance and promoting anti-drug and healthy lifestyles for the local communities.

All Navy commands are eligible to compete. The rating period for the award is from June 2011 to July 2012.

Sailors and Marines are

encouraged to work together with community organizations such as businesses, colleges or health care centers, striving to improve quality of life and education in the area.

“Community service is a vital part in our partnerships around the world. Positive interaction goes a long way in maintaining those relationships with the communi-

ties,” said Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Command Master Chief Brian Ortega as he explained the importance of the program.

According to the evaluation criteria, nominees should show hard work and dedication in five main categories, including personal excellence partnership. The youth partnership focuses on developing the community

youth’s potential in learning civic responsibility. Volunteers serve as role models, tutors and mentors, helping to improve social and life skills.

Other “flagship” categories include environmental stewardship, Project Good Neighbor, Campaign Drug Free, and health, safety and fitness.

“These awards exist to rec-

ognize not only the Sailors’ and Marines’ hard work, but also the time and effort the commands exhibit in their commitment to assist neighboring communities,” Ortega said.

For more information, call Ensign Michelle Downs at 473-2920. The nomination form can be found at Navy Region Hawaii’s website: [www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii).



# Airfield management is on overdrive during RIMPAC 2012

**Capt. Joe Blubaugh**

*190th Air Refueling Wing  
Public Affairs*

Parking normally isn't an issue for aircraft visiting Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), but that isn't the case during the Rim of the Pacific exercise now being conducted at JBPHH. Throughout the month of July—RIMPAC officially ends on Aug. 3—the 15th Wing will average an extra 55 sorties per day. That's on top of the approximately 30 sorties that fly from JBPHH on an average weekday.

The extra aircraft on the ramp, as well as the person-

nel that support them, has brought several unique challenges to the 15th Wing Airfield Operations Flight, according to Master Sgt. Jon Green, airfield manager. One of the first challenges was finding enough parking spaces for the influx of aircraft participating in the exercise.

"We also had to make sure that we parked the aircraft in a manner that would make it efficient for the maintainers," said Green.

The increased number of aircraft has also added to the number of flight plans the aviators file with the airfield management operations section. The flight plans must

then be checked for accuracy and filed with the Honolulu air traffic control center.

With the added personnel and aircraft also comes an additional focus on safety. Green said his staff spent extra time training each visiting driver on flightline procedures. They also do extra checks to make sure safety is the top priority during the exercise. "We perform random inspections to make sure maintainers are abiding by airfield rules," Green said.

Working through the challenges took maximum coordination between airfield management and three local partners – the Federal Aviation

Administration, the Honolulu Airport Authority and the Hawaii Air National Guard.

"Having all the extra fighter aircraft has been a large challenge for the civilian authorities," he said. "We have been in continuous communications with them, both leading up to and during the exercise. We have worked as a team to make sure the exercise is a success."

Green said a strong partnership with the various airfield support agencies has also been crucial, not only for the exercise, but also to sustain the existing JBPHH missions. "They are doing an

excellent job supporting the missions and the exercise. We haven't had any large issues and no significant negative impacts."

Green said all the extra challenges and extra hours does have a payoff for the airfield operations team. "RIMPAC is an excellent opportunity to work with several different countries as well as the Navy. It's a great opportunity to learn their systems," he explained.

Another benefit for Green's team is the experience they are gaining from working with the fighter community and helicopter operations. Although the team is normally focused on

large aircraft, Green said they had to establish arming and dearming areas on the airfield for forward firing ordnance as well as a helicopter landing point and parking location. Both were non-standard operations for the 15th Wing.

He said he also expects the exercise to pay off long term for his younger Airmen. "They have gained invaluable experience working with other organizations and foreign nations," said Green. "My expectation is that they will be able to take this experience on to their next duty station and be leaders in those organizations."

## RIMPAC ships sink ex-USS Niagara Falls, ex-USS Concord

**RIMPAC CIB**

A live-fire exercise, part of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2012, sank the ex-USS Niagara Falls (T-AFS-3) in waters 15,480 feet deep, 63 miles northwest of Kauai about 11:31 a.m. July 14.

A second live-fire exercise sank the ex-USS Concord (T-AFS-5) in waters 15,390 feet deep, 61 miles off the coast of Kauai at 4:12 p.m. July 18.

A sink exercise (SINKEX) benefits the U.S. Navy and participating allies and partners by providing crews the opportunity to gain proficiency in tactics, targeting and live firing against surface targets, which enhances combat readiness of deployable units.

"These exercises provide important opportunities for realistic at-sea training with live ordnance, conditions that cannot be duplicated otherwise," said Vice Adm. Gerald R. Beaman, commander,



Canadian Forces photo by 407 Long Range Patrol Squadron

EX-USNS Concord (T-AFS-5) is used as a target vessel for Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Victoria (SSK 876) during a sink exercise (SINKEX) July 17 at the Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands, Kauai.

U.S. 3rd Fleet.

Former Navy vessels used in SINKEXs are prepared in strict compliance with regulations prescribed and enforced by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Strict environmental compliance is observed during all SINKEXs. Each SINKEX is

required to sink the hulk in at least 1,000 fathoms (6,000 feet) and at least 50 nautical miles from land.

Surveys are conducted to ensure that humans and marine mammals are not in an area where they could be harmed during the event.

Ex-USS Niagara Falls was a Mars-class combat stores ship commissioned in April 1967, decommissioned and transferred to Military Sealift Command in September 1994, and deactivated in September 2008.

Ex-USS Concord was a Mars-class combat stores commissioned in November 1968, decommissioned and transferred to Military Sealift Command in October 1992, and deactivated in August 2009.

Twenty-two nations, more than 40 ships and submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel are participating in RIMPAC exercise from June 29 to Aug. 3, in and around the Hawaiian Islands.

## Screaming Eagles fly with new RIMPAC birds

**Tech. Sgt. Angela Brees**

*190th Air Refueling Wing  
Public Affairs*

The "Screaming Eagles" of the 96th Air Refueling Squadron (ARS) are really good at refueling C-17 Globemaster IIIs and F-22 Raptors – it's what they do every day. Based at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, the 96th performs most refueling missions with aircraft from the 15th Wing and 154th Wing of the Hawaii Air National Guard.

"Day-in, day-out, we refuel F-22s and C-17s, with some rare random refueling of other airframes," said Lt. Col. J. Wes Thompson, 96th ARS operations officer. However, that has changed with the start of the Rim of the Pacific exercise now being conducted at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and in the waters around the Hawaiian Islands.

Although it is still early in the exercise, the 96th

has already refueled A-10 Thunderbolts and Canadian F-18 Hornets – the latter requiring the use of a boom drogue adapter.

As a new squadron, which was commissioned late last year and serves as an associate unit to the HIANG 203rd ARS, opportunities to deploy are limited for 96th ARS members.

The squadron does not have its own maintenance personnel to date; it relies on the 203rd for maintenance support, which owns the aircraft as well. It expects to receive its first assigned maintainers late summer of this year. RIMPAC is helping to prepare Airmen for the operational tempo of their next duty station, Thompson said.

"Without a deployed mission, we are limited on how many airframes we see. RIMPAC is providing us with an opportunity to see new airframes and experience longer missions that are more typical of a deployed environment," he said.

## Diverse Views



**In recognition of the Great Green Fleet demonstration and new modes of energy and transportation:  
What is the most interesting mode of transportation you have ever been on?**

**Tech. Sgt. Levette Jimerson**  
*15th Operational Support Squadron*

"The most interesting mode of transportation I have ever been on was a horse. As a child, I enjoyed riding a horse at Girl Scout camp, but as an adult, I was scared, but still have a good time when I do get a chance to ride."



**Logistics Specialist Jacob Snodderley**  
*USS Oklahoma*

"A submarine. It's a pretty decent experience. Everyone has to work together and be at the top of their game."

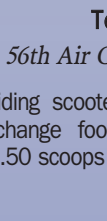
**Master Sgt. Steven Brettler**  
*HQ PACAF*

"I rode a camel and donkey when I was deployed to Kuwait and Jordan. The best thing about it, it was a smooth ride with no expensive gas fees."



**Cryptologic Technician (Collection) Seaman Warren Maddox**  
*NIOC Hawaii*

"It would probably have to be a unicycle. It was really hard."



**Tech. Sgt. Andre Christian**  
*56th Air Communications Squadron*

"Riding scooters with my children to the exchange food court for Tuesday night \$1.50 scoops of ice cream."



**Master Chief Machinist's Mate Craig Cook**  
*Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard*

"I was on a jeepney in the Philippines back in the '80s. It was like being in a cab in New York City."

*(Provided by Brandon Bosworth and David Underwood Jr.)*

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## Epperson shown off coast of Oahu



Official U.S. Navy photograph, from the collections of the Naval Historical Center

The USS Epperson (DD-719) is shown here operating off the coast of Oahu on Aug. 29, 1968. The ship was photographed by PHCM/AC Louis P. Bodine of squadron VC-1. Epperson was a U.S. Navy destroyer named for Marine Corps private Harold G. Epperson, who was posthumously awarded a Medal of Honor for heroism in the Battle of Saipan, which took place June 15 to July 9, 1944.

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Australian Army soldiers from Alpha Company, 1st Royal Australian Regiment, conduct a raid from Amphibious Assault Vehicles driven by U.S. Marines from Combat Assault Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, as part of Rim of the Pacific 2012, July 9.

## Visit RIMPAC Central to sign up for activities

**Don Robbins**

*Assistant Editor*

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation has scheduled many activities during the first week of August for all RIMPAC commands in Hawaii.

For complete and updated information on all of the activities, visit the website [www.greatlifeohawaii.com](http://www.greatlifeohawaii.com).

A few of the upcoming events include:

- Aug. 2**
- Snorkeling at Ko 'Olina in West Oahu will take place departing RIMPAC Central at 9 a.m. and returning at 1 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person and a minimum of six people is required.

- Aug. 3**
- Free "movies on Liberty" will take place with transportation to the the-

ater and participants will be able to pick the movie. A maximum of 40 people may participate. The activity departs RIMPAC Central at 4:45 p.m. and returns at 9:30 p.m. This is a Single Sailor program event.

- Aug. 4**
- Take a historical tour of the Arizona Memorial and visit the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. The cost is \$29 and a minimum of six people is required. The tour departs RIMPAC Central at 8 a.m. and returns at 3 p.m.

- Aug. 5**
- Hike the windswept cliffs of Makapuu Lighthouse at the easternmost point of Oahu. The cost is \$10 per person and a minimum of six people is required. The activity departs RIMPAC Central at 2 p.m. and returns at 6 p.m.

- Aug. 6**
- Hike the Waimano Pools includ-

ing a view of a three-tiered waterfall. A minimum of six people is required. The cost is \$10 per person. The activity departs RIMPAC Central at 10 a.m. and returns at 2 p.m.

- Aug. 7**
- Participate in a Bellows Beach day and barbecue at a cost of \$25 per person. A minimum of six people is required. The activity departs RIMPAC Central at 9 a.m. and returns at 1 p.m.

RIMPAC sports T-shirts can be purchased at the Information, Tickets and Travel Fleet Store NEX Mall and Hickam offices. These shirts bear the flags of all participating countries. Get a 2008 or 2010 RIMPAC coin free as a souvenir while supplies last. For more information, call 473-0792.



Sailors and Marines man the rails aboard amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise 2012.



# Pearl Harbor-Hickam*Highlights*



(Above) Marines of amphibious assault vehicle platoon, Combat Assault Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay, make their way to amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2) during Rim of the Pacific Exercise 2012 to meet the USS Essex (LHD-2) off shore.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Meares

(Left) Soldiers from multiple countries participating in the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise play rugby July 14 on amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2) hangar bay.

Canadian Forces photo by MCpl Marc-Andre Gaudreault



USS Essex (LHD 2) flight deck personnel proceed with the morning foreign object debris (FOD) walk down.

Canadian Forces photo by MCpl Marc-Andre Gaudreault



The dinghy used during dive training is offloaded from the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force minesweeper tender JS Bungo (MST-464).

Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force photo by P01 Takahiro Ito



A Mexican sailor aboard the ARM Usumacinta (A-412) guides a MI-17 helicopter to a deck landing during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2012.

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# USS Frank Cable (AS 40) arrives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



The submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) arrives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a port visit July 15, after completing a six-month dedicated maintenance period from February to July at Vigor Marine, Portland, Ore. The mission of the shipyard availability was to perform repairs to hull, engineering and propulsion systems which will improve the ability of the tender to provide continuous support to deployed surface and submarine units in the Pacific Fleet operating area. Frank Cable is currently homeported in Apra Harbor, Guam.

U.S. Navy photos by MCC Josh Thompson

## Midshipmen receive guidance from Rear Adm. Ponds

### Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Midshipmen from various commands and locations had an opportunity July 5 to meet with Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. The Midshipmen offered comments on the guidance and inspiration they received from the meeting with the admiral.

**What was Rear Adm. Ponds' message to you? What was your biggest take-away from the encounter?"**

MIDN Charmaine Tomlinson, Mobile, Ala.:

"Rear Adm. Ponds gave a speech about what to expect when we get to the fleet and the future in general."

"He mentioned establishing credibility, trust and confidence -- Credibility so that your superiors and subordinates know that you understand what you are doing, what you are talking about, and the reasons for doing what you are doing. The trust is for everyone else trusting that you were placed in your position for a good reason. And the confidence was the knowledge that your shipmates could



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Stephanie Menzen

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, meets with Midshipmen on July 5 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

see that you were competent in your ability to do your job."

MIDN Conor Wilkes, San Francisco, Calif.:

"He had a lot of confidence in our abilities even though he knew none of us personally."

MIDN Dianna Shafer, Bremerton, Wash.:

"His message to me was that the diversity of ideas was important to the success of the Navy."

"My biggest take away from the encounter was that every part of the Navy is

important, no matter what rank or job, and whether I continue on in the service to make it a career or I get out early, it is always important that I build credibility amongst my subordinates, peers and superiors. The time I spend becoming a good leader will always be valuable to me and will serve me well my whole life."

MIDN John Dunne, Southold, N.Y.:

"Rear Adm. Ponds' message to me was to always be credible for my actions. Also,

I took away that the Navy has entrusted us as future officers that we will complete the mission and in order to do so, one must be credible for his actions and responsible in the position given."

MIDN 1/C Jared Taylor, Judsonia, Ark.:

"There is no such thing as luck. 'Luck' is when preparation and timing meet. You have to show initiative and be ready when the opportunity presents itself. One has to build credibility and be prepared when the moment presents itself."

## Munitions teams 'check their guns at the door'

Tech. Sgt. Angela Brees

190th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

"Check your guns at the door." More than a philosophy in a Wild West saloon, it is the mission of the 15th Wing's munitions team for this year's Rim of the Pacific exercise. More than 50 aircraft to date have checked in their munitions at the flightline door of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Since the exercise began July 2, the 15th Wing's munitions team has seen its inventory increase by 20 percent. With a small team of 11, the team has broken into two shifts to tackle the workload.

"We typically only support the C-17s (Globemasters), so the operational tempo is much greater than normal," said Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Rico, non-commissioned officer in charge of the munitions flight. "But we're using this as a training opportunity for our team, an opportunity to grow our knowledge."

The team is housing GBU-38s, 500-pound joint direct attack munitions used by the F-16 Fighting Falcon; GBU-10s, a 2,000-pound bomb used by the A-10 Thunderbolt; chaff and flare used by various aircraft; and 50 caliber rounds used by the HS-60 as well as all of their associated components.

To ensure smooth operations, the team is working closely with its 32 aviation ordnance counterparts from the U.S. and Canadian Air Force, U.S. Navy and the Marines. Safety is the highest priority in working with the various service branches, all with different policies and procedures, said Rico.

"Whichever policy is the more stringent, that's the one we want to follow," he said.

For the exercise, Senior Airman Angelica Dealmeida has overseen the inventory of incoming and outgoing munitions. As the accountability representative, she is responsible for the storage, movement, build up and tear down of about 65 munitions on any given day during the exercise.

"This is my first RIMPAC, and it has been a great learning experience. Learning the new bombs, working with the various branches, it's been a blessing as I prepare to change duty stations and is helping me prepare for how a larger base operates," she said.

"It's a big responsibility, especially for a Senior Airman," Rico said.

"She has spearheaded each aspect of munitions accountability and has shown leadership aspects you don't typically see in a Senior Airman," he said. "(Her efforts) allow the flight to have up-to-date visibility on our assets. In turn, we are able to provide the status of allocated munitions for all units involved."

That workload is likely to increase. Another four units are expected to arrive over the next few days. But Rico and team are ready for it.

"We are integrating and working together now with the personnel who have already arrived. And while we maintain overall accountability and facility support, we are all using this time to gain training on how we complete the mission in the coming days," he said.

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# 15th Wing Airman steps up for RIMPAC exercise 2012

**Capt. Joe Blubaugh**

*190th Air Refueling Wing  
Public Affairs*

During a large-scale military exercise, there are always individuals that step up and perform at a level that is way above their pay grade. That's no different for the Rim of the Pacific exercise being conducted at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

One of those individuals is Staff Sgt. Daniel Baker, 15th Wing plans non-commissioned officer in charge. Normally a C-17 loadmaster, Baker was tasked during the early planning stages of this year's RIMPAC as one of the

personnel that would see the exercise through, from concept to execution.

Baker was the original planner for the 15th Wing and was tasked to provide input on behalf of the wing and gauge the impact the exercise was going to have on flightline operations. He has attended all the planning conferences leading up to the exercise and has been a consistent voice for the wing at those events.

The work Baker is doing hasn't gone unnoticed by wing leadership. Maj. Lloyd Richardson, 15th Wing executive officer, has also been involved with RIMPAC since the early planning stages.

"Staff Sgt. Baker has been

an integral part of the team as wing plans has been very heavily involved with the exercise," said Richardson. "It was natural for him to be in this job, but this is not a natural job just from the sheer magnitude of it. He has gone above and beyond with the work that he has done."

Now that the exercise is here, Baker's role has transitioned from a planner to a liaison. With 15 different units—including three from foreign nations—utilizing the ramp at Hickam, there are bound to be issues that arise every day.

"He is stretched so thin dealing with international units, and frankly he is

doing an amazing job—better than my expectations," added Richardson. "He is doing all this while maintaining his currency as an aviator."

"It adds a unique dynamic working with the foreign militaries," said Baker. "There hasn't been a language barrier, but it has been very interesting working with the different cultures they bring to the exercise."

Baker said the most difficult part of his job has been coordinating with the 15 units utilizing the airfield – and finding the time to give them the attention they need. "I've helped the visiting units work with airfield

management, the motor pool, logistics and maintenance," he said. "I try to give them whatever they need to get their issues resolved in a timely manner."

While Baker is now focusing on the minutiae of the day-to-day operations of the exercise, he is excited about the knowledge he gained during the planning stage. "I was able to see the exercise from a different perspective and see the impact of the various agencies involved. As a C-17 loadmaster, we sometimes have tunnel vision and don't have the opportunity to see the big picture."

Baker said RIMPAC has given the 15th Wing an opportunity to test the effec-

tiveness of the joint base concept and provide a chance to work with their sister service. "There have been a few hiccups as we worked through the different cultures we bring to the table, but we have been able to work through the issues and make the exercise a success," he said.

Baker, who is from Lynn, Ind., has been in the Air Force for more than seven years, all as a loadmaster. He has more than 2,800 flying hours in the C-17. Baker will graduate with a bachelor of science degree in management in May 2013 and is pursuing a commission with the hope of becoming a C-17 pilot.

# Panetta accelerates Stennis Carrier Strike Group deployment

**Jim Garamone**

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WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Navy will deploy the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis and its strike group four months early and shift its destination to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, Department of Defense officials said July 16 at the Pentagon.

The deployment late this summer is in response to Central Command's requirement for an extended carrier presence, Pentagon Press Secretary George Little said. The move affects 5,500 Sailors aboard the Stennis and the Aegis cruiser USS Mobile Bay.

Last week, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta approved a request from Central Command commander Marine Corps Gen. James N. Mattis to accelerate Stennis' deployment. "The decision will help support existing naval force requirements in the Middle East and reduce the gap caused by the upcoming



U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Nolan Kahn

An F/A-18F Super Hornet from the Black Aces of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 41 is directed onto the catapult on the flight deck of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74).

departure of the USS Enterprise Strike Group," Little said. "It is in keeping with our long-standing commitments to the region."

Aircraft carrier strike groups provide commanders with ample and flexible air assets to enhance interoper-

ability with partner nations and maintain strong military-to-military relations as well as respond to a wide variety of contingencies, Little said.

The Bremerton, Wash.-based Stennis strike group was due to deploy at the end

CENTCOM requirements, this is a very important region for our defense strategy," Little said. "We've had a presence in the region for decades, and we have a range of interests that this extension of our capabilities will support."

Nor, he said, is the deployment a direct response to tensions with Iran. The U.S. military is "always mindful of the challenges posed by Iran, but ... this is not a decision based solely on the challenges posed by Iran," Little said.

Currently the USS Enterprise and USS Abraham Lincoln carrier strike groups are deployed to U.S. Central Command. The USS Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group is due to relieve the Lincoln group shortly. The Stennis group will relieve Enterprise.

The Navy continues to operate at a high operational tempo in order to meet U.S. security needs around the world. "Our deployment strain is as great as or greater today than it has been at any time in the past 10 years," a Navy

official said.

Sailors and their families have been informed of the change, Little said. Navy officials looked at a wide range of options to ensure Navy commitments and combatant commander mission requirements are met and to lessen the impact of schedule changes.

The carrier strike group will be ready to deploy even given the accelerated timeline, Little said. "The U.S. Navy is well-equipped to ensure our Sailors are trained and ready for this deployment," he said.

Navy leaders understand the operational and personnel impacts this accelerated deployment will have. These include training cycle adjustments, crew and family uncertainty and reductions to quality of life port visits.

As more information becomes available, the Navy will release it, officials said, noting defense leaders are "committed to keeping Sailors and their families informed about current and future deployments to the best of our ability."



## Sam Choy arrives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Melissa Heintz

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Sam Choy, who is internationally known for his Hawaiian regional cuisine, makes his next appearance at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam with his brand new restaurant, Sam Choy's Seafood Grille and Hapa Bar. The restaurant makes its home on the waters of Hickam Harbor at 3465 Mamala Bay Drive, the former location of Sea Breeze and the Sand Bar & Grille.

The eatery provides a Sam Choy's inspired menu showcasing Hawaiian regional and Pacific Rim cuisine. Customers can enjoy a lunch, sunset and dinner menu. Lunch is served Sunday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner Saturday to Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m. Prices range from the low end of \$5 for an appetizer to fresh fish or a rib-eye steak for \$22.

Take your meal inside the restaurant or outside on the lanai. For a more casual environment, dine at the Hapa Bar. The Hapa Bar has a full-service menu Sunday to Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. with a daily sunset menu from 2 to 6 p.m. It features an aggressively priced pupu menu along with discounted specialty drinks, beers and wines.

The menu features items from poke appetizers, fish chowders and fresh island green salads to seafood, meat entrees and sandwiches. Most of the ingredients are fresh products from the Hawaiian Islands, including local fish, greens and beef from the Big Island, tomatoes and breads from Oahu, and sweet potatoes from Molokai.

"Sam's passion for food is shown with all his different *poke* and his love for seafood. At this restaurant, we have his simple dishes that we've all

grown up with that we've taken mainstream," explained Executive Chef Roberto Los Banos, who created the menu with this in mind.

Los Banos, who grew up on the North Shore of Oahu and refined his culinary skills at Johnson and Wales University in Rhode Island, hopes to share his love for food with all of the customers on base.

"My love for cooking has grown with the experiences I've had along my journey with all the aunties and uncles that have given me their recipes. Being the multicultural islands that we are, we all grow up with different ethnic backgrounds. I have the Filipino side from my father and the redhead from Minnesota from my mother, so it all brings everything together to influence my cooking. My love for serving others is first and foremost," he said.

For those who are easing themselves into Hawaiian cuisine, there is something on the menu for everybody.

"We're doing actually some of Sam's global experiences as well. We're bringing here the Louisiana shrimp boil and the crab boil, but then again we have all the way to the extreme great sashimi. There's a variety of dishes out there that can encompass many different palates and tastes, not only the Hawaiian cuisine type from the raw fish to the grilled *mahi mahi*," said Los Banos.

In its efforts to go green, Sam Choy's Seafood Grille does full kitchen and office recycling and is committed to maintaining and preserving the island with such a close location to the water. The restaurant also prides itself in what it calls "premiere *aloha* service" and strives to achieve a first class reputation for gracious and informed hospitality with *aloha*, the highest quality of food and beverage, and a beautiful and comfortable setting. All of this can be found right here on Joint Base

Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"So we basically take a slice of Hawaiian cuisine and high-level hotel or premier level *aloha* service here on base so they don't have to leave, don't have to worry about traveling to Waikiki and dealing with the parking and the hassle of all the hustle and bustle, they can just stay right here in their own safe environment," said Mark Whiteley, general manager.

Lt. Cmdr. Rhonda Bennett from the Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, who grew up in Kaneohe and has been away from the islands for 13 years, feels that eating here is like being home. Bennett introduced her co-worker, Lt. Cmdr. Marsha Collins, to the restaurant. Collins has been stationed in Hawaii for 10 months and enjoyed her experience.

"We had made reservations; they were honored. And then when I came in, they were very courteous and took care. It tasted well, no complaints," said Collins.

Capt. Todd Mainwaring, U.S. Army from the 8th TSC on Fort Shafter, and his wife Darcy enjoyed their kalbi beef plate and coconut shrimp sandwich at the Hapa Bar.

"There were lots of choices for fish and seafood on the menu, and I've definitely never seen a shrimp coconut roll sandwich before, so I thought that was unique," said Darcy.

As for the view, "It's fantastic. I mean it doesn't get much better than this. Even just waiting for a table, you're sitting right next to the water and everything. It's beautiful," said Todd.

In the months to come, customers can also look forward to Sunday and holiday brunches, expanded catering services, a takeout menu and more of Sam Choy's signature products. For more information, call Sam Choy's Seafood Grille at 422-3002 or visit [www.greatlifeohawaii.com](http://www.greatlifeohawaii.com) to download the full menus.





# Intelligence Squadron squeaks past Weather Squadron

Story and photo by  
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Sports Editor

The 324th Intelligence Squadron was pushed to the brink by the 17th Operational Weather Squadron (17 OWS) Geckos, but managed to hold on and win their intramural volleyball Blue Division July 11 matchup in three sets, 25-17, 17-25 and 15-13 at Hickam Fitness Center Gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

As in the first two sets, the final match swung back and forth until late in the game, when up by only a single point, 324 IS hitter Airman 1st Class David Morris nailed down the win with his fourth kill of the set.

The victory raised the 324's record to 2-0, while the 17 OWS dropped their second game of the season with no wins.

"It's teamwork," said 324 IS head coach Maj. Phillip Warner about the team's close win. "We've been practicing together for at least five weeks. My thing is communication, and every year, it's a new game, a brand new point, just shake it off."

In the first set, the 324 IS and the Geckos engaged in a give-and-take struggle until a kill by 1st Lt. Steven Tomaszewski started a four-point run that gave the 324 some breathing room at 16-12.

Another kill by Tomaszewski and a service ace by Morris kicked off another quartet of points that put the 324 in command at 23-15 before a kill by Master Sgt. Jeremy Price finished off the Geckos.

The 324 seemed to use the momentum from the first set to take the first four points of the second set, with Morris recording three consecutive kills during the run.

However, following the service of Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class George Langlois, the Geckos rallied



Master Sgt. Jeremy Price, hitter for 324th Intelligence Squadron, tries to slam through the block of 17th Operational Weather Squadron (17 OWS) Geckos Senior Airman John Steigerwald in an intramural volleyball Blue Division match.

for four straight points of their own to quickly tie the score.

The seesaw battle continued up until the Geckos, clinging to a one-point lead, got some welcome relief behind the service of Ashley Dolan, daughter of 17 OWS head coach retired Master Sgt. Jerry Dolan.

The younger Dolan got the hot hand and ignited a run of 10 consecutive points with her pinpoint serves that seemed to handcuff the 324's offense.

"I just kept serving it right in the middle," Dolan said. "It was in between the blockers, so I guess they didn't talk it up good."

The streak gave the Geckos a 19-8 lead and was enough to keep the 324 at bay before Staff Sgt. Kyle Keithley put the hammer down on back-to-back kills for the win.

Warner said that some experimentation with different players in the second match might have been the reason for the setback.

"I've been experimenting with different lineups – trying to find a lineup that we are going to take to the playoffs," Warner admitted. "And we went from a 5-1 to a 6-2 in the second game, so that kind of threw our rhythm off also. So we went back to a 5-1 in the third

game to try and take it home."

While the strategy did pay off, the payback wasn't immediately felt in the third set as the Geckos refused to go down quietly.

An ace by Stephanie Dolan, Ashley's sister, pulled the Geckos to within three points at 12-9, and after Morris collected a kill, the 17 OWS got even closer on the power of Senior Airman John Steigerwald, whose three kills reduced the 324's lead to one at 14-13.

Unfortunately for the Geckos, it would be as close as they would get as Morris got three of his four kills

late in the third set.

"All I was thinking was, it's really important to get every single point," said Morris, who also picked up four kills in the second set. "Every time I'd jump in the air, I immediately looked to see where the blockers were, and usually, they weren't going line. So that's pretty much what I hit all the time."

Although the Geckos fell short this time around, the team walked off the court knowing that it gave one of the division's better squads a run for their money.

Dolan said that she feels the Geckos are just a couple games away from putting

all the pieces together.

"We'll have a chance," she said. "We're getting better. We're getting better at passing, but we're just not getting the kills."

As for the 324, Warner, who played on last season's playoff qualifying team, said that this year's squad is definitely geared for the postseason.

"I think right now we're almost as good as last year's team," Warner claimed. "By late season, we'll be significantly better. We're going to be a playoff team. It's just a matter of who is going to be in my front row and who are my back-row players."

# Communication Squadron hangs on to beat Hopper

Story and photo by  
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The 747th Communications Squadron (747 CS) took a nine-point lead into halftime, then hung on to a 45-44 victory over USS Hopper (DDG 70) July 14 in the season opener of the Summer Basketball League at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center gym.

Balanced scoring helped spring the 747 CS into the lead, with seven players getting into the box score in the first half of play.

However, after a converted hook shot by Tech. Sgt. Steve Coleman put the 747 CS up by 13 points early in the second half, Hopper, on the strong inside play of Fire Controlman 3rd Class Jamel Andrus, fought their way back into the game.

Down by four points with 1:40 remaining on the clock, Andrus missed a golden opportunity to cut into the lead when he failed to connect on two free throws from the charity stripe.

The missed freebies turned out to be huge as Airman 1st Class Robert Light came back the other way on the 747's next possession and calmly sank a three-point bomb to raise his team's lead back up to seven.

Two more free throws by Light seemed to put away Hopper, but the ship refused to give up the battle and made one final push to steal the game away.

Five straight points by guard Gas Turbine System (Mechanical) 2nd Class Julius Gabat, which included a clutch three-pointer, helped Hopper cut the lead down to a single point with three seconds left in the game.

With one final chance to grab the win, Hopper threw the ball in and moved it to half court on a single pass. But a Hail Mary from midcourt hit the top of the backboard and ricocheted onto the floor as the buzzer sounded to end the game.

Light, who led all scorers with 14 points, said that while his late trey helped the 747 CS win the season opener, he admitted that the team should have put the game away much earlier.

"We were kind of slacking and looking like we were lacking energy," Light said. "We just got to do a better job of closing out our games."

Once the 747 got out in front, Light explained that the team lost its momentum after getting away from its original game plan.

Adjustments by Hopper forced the 747 into playing more one-on-one basketball and that, Light said, created problems for his team.

"We got a big lead and starting a lot of one-on-one ball," Light pointed out. "We weren't doing what got us the big lead to begin with. We weren't passing the ball, finding the open man, rather than swinging the ball. I think we got away from the fundamentals of basketball."

Although Hopper made a spirited attempt at coming back, guard Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Shaniqua Farlow said that the slow start in the first half may have cost her team the game.

"I think it gave them (747 CS) a huge advantage," said Farlow, who scored five of the team's 17 first-half points on a basket and a trey. "We had a lot of turnovers in the first half, but the second half, we kind of picked up our game."

Farlow credited the team's post players for leading Hopper's strong come back – especially Andrus, who after being shut out in the first half, came back to pump in seven points in the second.

"Our big men playing in the paint got a lot of rebounds," she said. "And we starting taking the ball to the basket. I think that helped us out a lot."

Farlow added that after playing together for the first time, she thinks that Hopper showed a lot of promise and should do well in future games.

Likewise, Light also believes that the 747 CS will continue to improve their game and will learn from their mistakes.

"This is our first time together," Light said. "We never even practiced and we've got key pieces that are missing as well, so I think we're going to be good moving forward through the rest of the season."

Bryce Ebron, civilian post-player for the 747th Communications Squadron (747 CS), goes up for two of his 10 points against USS Hopper (DDG 70) in a Summer Basketball League game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center gym.





# Team Ninja slices Wild Wahines in straight sets

Story and photo by  
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Sports Editor

Team Ninja combined a solid serving game with good passing and a tough front line July 14 to take care of Wild Wahines in straight sets, 25-9 and 25-8, in a Women’s Volleyball League (WVL) matchup at Naval Station Gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

The WVL is a pay-to-play league that is open to women 18 years and older, who are active duty and family members, and Department of Defense employees from JBPHH.

The win pushed Team Ninja past the .500 mark with a record of 3-2, while the Wild Wahines saw their record even out at 2-2.

"The serving, passing, communication, girls playing together as a whole team" were keys to the team's dominating win, said Team Ninja head coach Alan Fujii. "And we had some good serves and hits. When the girls know what they're doing, it actually makes the coach's job easy."

In the first set, both teams came out strong and traded points until Team Ninja, while holding a slim 6-5 advantage, began to make their move.

Using a strong service game, coupled with a timely kill by military spouse Alex Hardesty, Team Ninja collected seven out of the next eight points to take control of the game with a 13-6 lead.

Then, holding a 18-9 advantage, Team Ninja went on another roll behind the service of spouse Neritza Cherhoniak, who recorded two aces while leading the team on a run of seven straight points to close out the first set.

During the run, Marie Fujii, the coach's daughter,



Alex Hardesty of Team Ninja slams a shot through the front line of the Wild Wahines during a Women’s Volleyball League game at Naval Station Gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

aided the cause of Team Ninja by controlling the net with three kills.

"They can hit them, as long as the set is there," said the coach about the front line play of Hardesty and his daughter. "Basically, if you don't have a pass, you don't have a set and you don't have a hit. The passing got to be the one to create the hits."

While Team Ninja left no doubt about their win in the first set, the girls were even more in command in the second set.

Although Wild Wahines garnered the first point of the set on a service error, it would be the only lead of the match that they would enjoy, as Team Ninja immediately seized control of the set and game.

Up by a point at 3-2, Team Ninja, behind the service of spouse Dawn Scaramazzo, went on a run of eight consecutive points to open up an 11-2 lead.

Scaramazzo picked up three service aces during the stretch, while Hardesty

added two more kills to her total.

After an exchange of points between the two teams, Team Ninja began to pour it on Wild Wahines by taking the next seven of eight points for a 19-4 lead.

Wild Wahines temporarily kept Team Ninja in check by picking up their first set of back-to-back points in the second set, but the team's comeback was very short lived as Team Ninja finished off the set by winning six of the final eight points, with

the last two points coming on service aces by Logistics Specialist Seaman Andrea Gonzales, USS Arizona Memorial Detachment.

"We kind of learned to play together," said Gonzales about Team Ninja's strong showing. "In the beginning, our serves weren't the greatest, but as long as we work together, we're pretty good."

After starting the season at 2-2, Fujii said that he believes Team Ninja is start-

ing to put all the pieces together.

The team practices twice each week, Fujii said, and with the girls' willingness to compete, Team Ninja should be one of the squads to watch.

"We're kind of jelling now," he noted. "They kind of know what they're doing – the kind of habits each girl has – so they're covering for each other. They all want to win, but my theory is that everybody plays. I told them that from day one."

## Celebrate Amelia Earhart’s birthday July 24

Pacific Aviation  
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Earhart was born July 14, 1897. She visited Hawaii in 1934, 1935 and 1937 as part of her history-making flights.

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For more information, visit the website [www.PacificAviationMuseum.org](http://www.PacificAviationMuseum.org) or call 441-1007.



## My Favorite Photo...

Photo courtesy of Maj. Aaron Ogden

U.S. Air Force Maj. Aaron Ogden took this photo while on temporary duty on the island of Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. He took it at sunrise while jogging on the beach. Ogden is the PACAF environmental liaison officer with the Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

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## WHO SAID IT?

“Character is much easier kept than recovered.”

Last Week's  
**WHO SAID IT?**

“Always desire to learn something useful.”

Sophocles



## This Week’s Trivia

The National Security Act of 1947 became law on July 26, 1947. What did it create?

### Last Issue’s Question:

Why is a ship's sick-list called a “binnacle list?”

**Answer:** A binnacle was the stand on which the ship's compass was mounted. In the 18th century and probably before, a list was given to the officer or mate of the watch, containing the names of men unable to report for duty. The list was kept at the binnacle.





# Former PACAF vice commander will be keynote speaker at Air Force Ball

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The keynote speaker for the 65th Air Force Ball at Waikiki's Hilton Hawaiian Village on Sept. 14 will be Lt. Gen. (Ret.) David A. Deptula, a former vice commander of Pacific Air Forces.

Earning his wings in 1977, he has flown more than 3,000 hours (400 in combat), including multiple operational fighter command assignments. He has taken part in operations, planning and joint warfighting at unit, major command, service headquarters and combatant command levels.

He served on two congressional commissions charged with outlining America's future defense posture: the Commission on Roles and Missions of the Armed Forces and the National Defense Panel. He was the first deputy chief of staff for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance and has also served as commander of the General George C. Kenney Warfighting Headquarters.

Deptula has experience in combat and leadership in several major joint contingency operations. He was the principal attack planner for the Desert Storm coalition air campaign in



**Lt. Gen. (Ret.) David A. Deptula**

1991. He has twice been a joint task force commander – in 1998 and 1999 for Operation Northern Watch during a period of renewed Iraqi aggression where he flew 82 combat missions and for Operation Deep Freeze, supporting forces in Antarctica.

In 2001, the general served as director of the combined air operations center for Operation Enduring Freedom, where he orchestrated air operations over Afghanistan during the period of decisive combat. In 2005, he was the joint force air component commander for Operation Unified Assistance, the South Asia tsunami relief effort. In 2006 he was the standing joint force air component commander

for Pacific Command.

For Deptula's complete biography, see <http://1.usa.gov/NQ5Ni2>. To hear Deptula speak about his 29 years of experience on active duty in the Air Force, see an Air Force Ball unit representative for tickets. For more information, ask a unit representative. More information can be obtained as it comes available at <http://bit.ly/KYNfAn>. "Like" the 65th Air Force Ball on Facebook at 65th Air Force Ball (PACAF).

## Tickets

The tickets for the 65th Air Force Ball are \$95 each. Unit representatives are available to help raise funds to lower the cost of a ticket for Airmen. In addition to unit reps, the Air Force Ball committee has several events planned and commemorative items for sale.

The price of the ticket includes dinner, commemorative coin, beverage and the evening's festivities. The dinner menu includes island mesclun greens with champagne dressing, duo of seared tarragon-scented chicken breasts and lemon garlic roasted shrimp, chocolate ganache cake with dark chocolate sauce.

## T-shirts

The 65th Air Force Ball logo sits front and center in royal blue on a gray 100 percent cot-

ton shirt. On the back, the Waikiki beach scene of Diamond Head crater is the backdrop for a pair of tikis, a surfboard and some tiki torches. Shirts are for sale for a cost of \$20 with 100 percent of the proceeds going toward helping lower the cost of tickets for Airmen.

More events to further advertise support for the Air Force's birthday ball will be named in the future.

## Tiki coin

The tiki coin represents the Hawaiian warrior with the traditional designs. The Hickam tail flash from the C-17s adorns the bottom, and the open mouth serves as a bottle opener. The back of the coin honors the 65th Air Force Ball with the logo and theme. At the bottom is a blank engraving bar for these coins to be personalized.

Coins are for sale at a cost of \$10 with 100 percent of the proceeds going toward helping lower the cost of tickets for Airmen. A combination of T-shirt and coin is available for \$30. The 20&10 combo includes a car wash voucher to be presented at the July 21 or July 28 events at the Hickam Commissary parking lot.

## Car wash

Let the Air Force Ball committee, unit representatives and

volunteers wash the dirt off your car at the commissary parking lot July 21 and July 28. It's a donation car wash and any amount is accepted. Those who purchase a combination of T-shirt and tiki coin will receive a voucher for a car wash. See a unit representative for more details.

## Safe celebrating

The Air Force Ball committee has also secured a group rate and blocked off rooms at the Hilton Hawaiian Village specifically for the Air Force Ball. Book a room online booking is available from the Hawaiian Hilton at <http://bit.ly/LWqWNI>

## Child care

Child care is available in two locations for the 65th Air Force Ball. One location is at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; the other is onsite at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. If you need this service, make your reservation.

## Don't drink and drive

The discounted parking rate at Hilton Hawaiian Village is \$10 per vehicle for the event. Gray Line Hawaii bus, run by Polynesian Adventure Tours, is also providing transportation. The round trip cost per person is \$10. Pickup and return drop off will be at the Hickam Theater parking lot.

# Bellows to hold upcoming biathlon, children's bodyboard contest

Bellows Air Force Station will hold two upcoming sporting events, a biathlon and a *keiki* (children's) bodyboard contest.

The second annual biathlon will take place starting at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 18.

The biathlon consists of a 300-yard swim and three-mile run. The event is an open-ocean swim, and the run is

mixed asphalt and sand.

This is not a chip-timed race. The entry fee is \$25 for individuals and \$35 for teams. No refunds will be given.

There is a \$5 discount for entries received/postmarked by Aug. 4. Register for the event by Aug. 11. Entries include a competitor's T-shirt. Late entrants are not guaranteed a shirt. The event will

include refreshments and age group awards.

In addition, Bellows will hold the *Keiki* Bodyboard contest, starting at 10 a.m. Sept. 22. Entry fees are \$10 if postmarked by Sept. 2, \$15 if postmarked between Sept. 3 and 9, and \$20 after Sept. 10. No T-shirt is guaranteed after Sept. 9. No refund will be given.

Individual contest age groups are 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-17. Tandem competitors must be at least 18 years old to compete with a child age 6 and under.

All participants must be able to swim. Age group awards will be provided.

Visit the website [www.bellowsafs.com](http://www.bellowsafs.com) to register for either event.



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USTA JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS

Registration for USTA Junior Team Tennis runs through Aug. 17, and the season is from August to November. USTA Junior Team Tennis is open to ages 7-18; the cost is \$35. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

GLASS BOTTOM BOAT TOUR

A glass bottom boat tour of Kaneohe Bay will be held Saturday. The tour departs from Information, Tickets & Travel-Hickam at 9:15 a.m. and returns at noon. The cost is \$25 for adults, \$20 for children ages 3-11. FMI: 448-2295.

UFC 149 IN HD

On Saturday, come to J.R. Rockers to watch Jose Aldo take on Erik Koch and Mauricio Rua battle Thiago Silva in Calgary. Doors open at 2 p.m. and the fight starts at 4 p.m. The event is free for members, \$10 for non-members. FMI: 448-2271.

MWR NEWCOMERS LUNCH

A free Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Newcomers Lunch takes place at 11 a.m. July 24 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. This event features free lunch, MWR information booths and sponsor tables. At 12:30 p.m. there will be a tour of MWR locations around the base. Separate registrations are required for luncheon and tour. This event is open to all military-affiliated personnel during their first six months of arrival. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Preschool story time will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. July 25 at the Hickam Library. The theme for the day is "sports." FMI: 449-8299.

HIKE AIEA LOOP TRAIL

A hike along the Aiea Loop Trail will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. July 25. Water, sunblock and snacks are recommended for this hike. The cost is \$10 per person. FMI: 473-1198.

STAR & STRIPES 5K RUN/WALK

The monthly "Star & Stripes 5K Run/Walk" will take place at 7 a.m. July 26 at the Wahiawa Annex Fitness Center. Participation is free, and registration is at the fitness center. FMI: 653-5542.

FREE LADIES' GOLF CLINIC

Learn the basics of golf at a free ladies' introductory golf clinic at 4 p.m. July 27 at the Mamala Bay Golf Course. Space is limited. FMI: 449-2300.

DINNER ON LIBERTY

Try an all-you-can-eat buffet with more than 50 different types of food at Camellia's Yakiniiku on July 27. Departure will be at Liberty Express at 4:15 p.m., Beeman Center at 5 p.m., Instant Liberty at 5:15 p.m., and Makai Rec Center at 5:30 p.m. This free event is for single active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

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

Community Calendar

August

**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.

**6, 7, 20** ~ A two-part class taught by Dr. Melissa Belanger called "Sleep Better Now" will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 6 and 20 at Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, Makalapa Clinic classroom B. A class called "Take 20 Seconds to Relax" will be held from 11:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 7 in classroom B. Service members, their families and retirees are welcome to attend either class. FMI: 473-1880, ext. 2276.

**18, 19** ~Visitors are invited to attend the free Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor's fifth "Biggest Little Airshow" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year, the airshow celebrates the Centennial of Marine Aviation and the Centennial of Women in Aviation. FMI: 441-1008 or [www.PacificAviationMuseum.org](http://www.PacificAviationMuseum.org)

At a glance

Due to construction work being done on the building, the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop has temporarily changed its hours. The thrift shop is only 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. It will resume regular hours next spring when the project is expected to be completed. FMI: 473-0282.

South Avenue will be repaired and repaved from Port Royal Street to Nimitz Gate. Work began July 9 and is expected to be concluded in September. Drivers are expected to obey all warning signs and take extra caution while driving near road construction. FMI: Lt. j.g. Gil Barron at 341-2480 or email [gilbert.barron@navy.mil](mailto:gilbert.barron@navy.mil).

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>.

Movie Showtimes



Prometheus (R)

Ridley Scott, director of "Alien" and "Blade Runner," returns to the genre he helped define. With "Prometheus," he creates a groundbreaking mythology in which a team of explorers discover a clue to the origins of mankind on earth, leading them on a thrilling journey to the darkest corners of the universe. There they must fight a terrifying battle to save the future of the human race.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

**TODAY**  
7:00 PM Snow White and the Huntsman (PG-13)

**SATURDAY**  
2:30 PM Madagascar 3:  
Europe's Most Wanted (PG)  
4:45 PM Men in Black 3 (PG-13)  
7:00 PM Prometheus (R)

**SUNDAY**  
2:30 PM Madagascar 3:  
Europe's Most Wanted (PG)  
4:45 PM What to Expect When You're  
Expecting (PG-13)  
7:00 PM The Dictator (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

**TODAY**  
6:00 PM Madagascar 3:  
Europe's Most Wanted (PG)  
8:30 PM Prometheus (R)

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Europe's Most Wanted (PG)





# Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel holds vacation Bible school

Story and photos by  
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Contributing Writer

Vacation Bible school kicked off July 16 at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. The week-long session features activities involving art, drama, music and storytelling.

“It’s perfect for parents who want their children involved in a spiritually-based activity,” said Navy Lt. Richard Tiff, Chaplain Corps.

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- Lt. Richard Tiff

Every year features a different theme. This year, the theme is the undersea world with the motto “Go Deep with God.” There are also different daily themes. For example, one day it was “dare to care,” which stressed the importance of being helpful and responsible.

The low-cost Bible school is extremely popular, Tiff explained. “It takes about two weeks for all the slots to fill up,” he added. There are roughly 180 children in the program, ranging in age from kindergarten to fifth grade. The older kids assume active leadership roles in helping the younger children.

Most of the people running the program are volunteers. Some are military spouses or family members, while others are active duty personnel. This



(Top) Stephanie Durazo tells Bible stories at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. (Bottom left) Chaplain Sean Osborne and his wife Karen lead the children in a song. (Bottom right) Children learn crafts at vacation Bible school.

year, there are service members from the Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard working as volunteers while on leave.

One volunteer is Michelle Ragain, spouse of a Navy chaplain. “I

wanted my own children to be involved in vacation Bible school, so I stepped in to volunteer,” she said. One thing that draws her to the program is its ecumenical nature. “I love the fact that there are Protestants and Catholics

working together.”

Vacation Bible school isn’t just about fun activities for kids. The children also work to give back to the community. This year, they are collecting school supplies for a local elementary school

with high rates of poverty.

As this year’s Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel vacation Bible school draws to a close, the Navy Chaplain Corps is already looking ahead to next year. And while the focus

will always be on the children, Tiff said he sees the program as part of something bigger. “It’s for everyone, not just members of our chapel,” he said. “We want to reach out to the whole community.”



# Military children treated to a ‘moo-ving’ experience



Lani Moo from Meadow Gold and the Keebler Elf from the Acosta Company visited the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange on July 14 to wish all the military children a great new school year. Meadow Gold sponsored the event, gave away nearly 600 passion orange guava ice cream floats to the children and provided coupons for milk, ice cream and juices to military families for the back-to-school season.

Photos by Stephanie Lau



## Earth tip: Attend Aug. 4 open house, ‘unthirsty’ plant sale

Rebecca Hommon

Navy Region Hawaii  
Environmental Counsel

Potable water can be saved for drinking and bathing purposes by using plants that need little water to flourish. Creating a particular zone of dry-loving plants allows water to be concentrated in other areas.

A free Xeriscape Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 4 in near-

by Halawa Valley at the state’s Board of Water Supply Halawa Xeriscape Garden.

The event will feature an “unthirsty” plant sale, tours, free mulch, activities for children and food vendors.

Shuttles will be available on Iwaena Street to take guests to the end of the road at 99-1268 Iwaena St. For more information, visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com) or call 748-5041.

## Back-to-school means back to the doctor

Shari Lopatin

TriWest Health Care  
Alliance

That time of year is right around the corner: back-to-school madness. But when you’re driving around to pick up new clothes and pencils, don’t forget the most important stop for your child: the doctor’s office.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that most children be vaccinated against:

- tetanus
- diphtheria
- hepatitis B
- measles, mumps and rubella (all in one shot)

All of these diseases can cause serious health problems, and many schools won’t allow children to attend unless they are current on their vaccinations.

TRICARE will cover all age-appropriate vaccinations, as recommended by the CDC. If you’re not sure what the CDC recommends, visit [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines).

Even though flu season is still a few months away, remember to begin planning for your child’s seasonal flu shot. Nine out of 10 healthy people who get the shot don’t get the flu. TRICARE covers these vaccinations, too.

Before visiting the doctor’s office, remember to:

- Update DEERS: Always double check your information in DEERS and make sure everything is current—phone numbers, addresses, etc.
- Bring your military I.D. card. This will be used to confirm your TRICARE eligibility. And it’s fine for the staff at the office copy it.
- Look up your health care provider’s information on [TriWest.com](http://TriWest.com). If you haven’t already, register for a secure [TriWest.com](http://TriWest.com) account. Registered users can view all their primary care manager’s information online.

For more healthy living tips, visit the TriWest Healthy Living Portal at [TriWest.com/HealthyLiving](http://TriWest.com/HealthyLiving).

## Protestant women’s group to host Aug. 4 kickoff rally

Protestant Women of Chapel Pacific Region will host a kickoff rally from 9 to 11 a.m. Aug. 4 at Ka Makani Community Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH.)

Protestant Women of the Chapel is a women’s Bible study group that meets in the fall and spring of each year.

The kickoff celebration to launch the 2012-2013 sessions will include a special guest speaker, worship, fellowship, giveaways and refreshments.

Booths representing Aliamanu Military Reservation/Ft. Shafter, Tripler Army Medical Center, Schofield Barracks, Marine Corps Base Hawaii and JBPHH will be set up to share the vision and activities for each base. For more information, contact Laura Williams at [lauraservinghim2012@gmail.com](mailto:lauraservinghim2012@gmail.com).