

Chaplain accepts pie in face to sweeten chapel's community service project **See page B-2**



(Top) Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander (left), pilots a C-17 Globemaster III from the 535th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii with Maj. James Pasquino, 15th Wing executive officer, for an air-to-air refueling July 18. It was during Roscoe's first flight since taking command of the 15th Wing.

(Left) Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, and Maj. Alan Partridge, 15th Wing commander's action group, board a C-17 Globemaster III from the 535th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, after greeting the maintenance officer, 2nd Lt. Greg Hoyt, of 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. The flight was part of the Rim of the Pacific military exercise, the largest naval exercise in the world.

Photo illustration | U.S. Air Force photos by Capt. Ben Sakrison

U.S. Navy EOD unit shares training, fosters international partnerships

MC1 Ernesto Bonilla

RIMPAC Combined Information Bureau

Sailors from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 11 participated in joint training operations July 16-22 with Australian, Canadian and Russian explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) units during exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2012.

Training activities for the EOD members during the month-long RIMPAC include shooting drills, fast roping, simulated underwater demolition and improvised explosive device (IED) disposal.

Lt. Eric Bond, an EODMU 11 battle watch captain, said the exercise was an excellent opportunity to strengthen ties with participating countries and to share methods and training. He said that RIMPAC is not as much about the exercise scenarios as it is about bringing together military members from other countries and getting to know them.

"If we go to, or run, oper-

ations in Australia or Canada, we know exactly what these guys can do," said Bond. "We know their capabilities and we can seamlessly integrate."

During the first week, small familiarization operations were conducted "to assess each other's capabilities and TTPs (tactics, training and procedures) to make sure we're all playing the same game," said Bond.

While Sailors from EODMU 11 and participating nations share similar missions, there are some differences between the explosive ordnance disposal units and the types of missions each performs. These differences include equipment, techniques, logistics and locations for IED and ordnance disposal.

"Other units are a little more hands-on than we are," said Bond. "We try to do everything as remotely as we possibly can with the use of robots and pull lines. They have interesting ways of dealing with things remotely without the tools we use. It's a lot of fun to see."

Explosive Ordnance



U.S. Navy explosive ordnance disposal technicians show off their equipment during a distinguished visitor visit, while participating in Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2012.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Anderson C. Bomjardim

Disposal Technician 2nd Class Stephan Blanz, a member of EODMU 11, said the tactical differences

between the militaries were a catalyst for promoting knowledge sharing.

"During a shooting evo-

lution, we ran drills with Canadian and Australian personnel, demonstrating tactics such as barricaded

shooting, how to scope around cover, and how to take accurate shots while exposing as little of yourself as possible," said Blanz.

In addition to knowledge sharing, Able Seaman Clearance Diver Kevin McEwan, assigned to Australian Navy Clearance Diving Team Four, said he formed lasting friendships with the other divers during the exercises.

"When you work with other (foreign) operators, you also become mates and you never know, some day you might be somewhere like Afghanistan, and you'll have an idea of how they get things done," said McEwan.

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

'Dogs' lend invisible hand in saving lives

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

15th Wing Public Affairs

From ordering medical supplies and equipment for the 15th Medical Group (15th MDG) clinic, storing medical war reserve materials and homeland defense medical supplies, to inspecting first aid kits, "Log Dogs" of the 15th MDSS Medical Logistics flight do everything they can to make sure medical supplies are ordered, received and delivered in a timely manner.

"Without us, the clinic wouldn't be able to function," said Senior Airman Desiree O'Gwin, medical materiel journeyman. "Even though they don't actually see us doing what we do, we actually play a big part in the clinic."

Beyond providing clinics with in the 15th MDG the supplies



Members of the 15th Medical Logistics flight assemble a pallet in hangar 4 during a 15th Medical Group training day session July 19 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

they need to take care of patients, the medical logistics flight is responsible for ensuring deploying medical teams have everything they need to establish clinics in austere locations.

"It's important that if any of our assemblages do get tasked to go overseas, the medical tents, supplies and equipment we store are ready for any mission they get tasked for," said Staff Sgt. Freddy Arriaga, non-commissioned officer-in-charge of storage and distribution. "It's important because if it doesn't get done or if there are items that are unserviceable, then the medics can't do their job when they get into theater."

Arriaga said that, while a lot of people don't know or recognize the work that the "log dogs" do, anytime a lab technician draws blood or a doctor listens to a heartbeat, the impact of the medical logistic flight's

mission is felt. This fosters a partnership between the flight and the "custodians" who use the products they supply, O'Gwin said.

"I have contact with custodians, and I know what they need to function on a daily basis and what they're running out of," O'Gwin said. "I am their go-to person to get them the stuff that they need and to get it to them on time."

One thing the "log dogs" do have in common with other more visible medical personnel is the consistent focus on customer care and saving lives.

"If we don't supply the clinic here with everything that they need, if we're not able to do our job, then the med group can't do their job; they can't see patients," Arriaga said. "They'll be turned away, and that's something that we really don't want to happen."

Diamond Tips

Olympics ... it's about representing your country

Master Sgt. Eric L. Mixon

First Sergeant, 747th Communications Squadron

Well it's getting to be that time of year, which only occurs every four years, where I witness some of the greatest competition the world has to offer ... that's right, the Summer Olympics.

As I have been watching the Olympic trials for the past couple of weeks, I couldn't help but reflect back on some of the greatest Olympic moments I could remember: performances from Michael Johnson, Mary Lou Retton, Kerri Strug, Carl Lewis, the Dream Team, Flo-Jo, Rulon Gardner and Derek Redmond, just to name a few.

I remember watching

them as they competed and their reactions afterwards, win or lose. But it's not just reactions, pure emotion, passion, made manifest by tears of joy or sadness, collapsing in elation or anguish, embracing the American flag and running around the stadium waving the red, white and blue or clutching onto it in defeat, as if to say, I am sorry, I failed you.

So why? What would elicit such an emotional response? This is the question I was contemplating during my reflection, when the answer hit me ... and here it is: For 19.30 seconds, they get to do what you do every day. They get to represent their country. For one minute 42 seconds, they are able to feel what you are able to feel every day—pride because they symbolize what is great about their country. For three minutes 32 seconds,

they feel the weight, the responsibility, of being the few to represent the many—a weight and responsibility you bear daily.

So as you watch this year's Olympic Games, take note of the excitement you see in the athletes' faces, watch them as they walk proudly in during the opening ceremony, watch them as they put every ounce of effort in their being to achieve gold, and represent their country to the best of their ability.

And while you watch, remind yourself, I do that every day, and ask yourself, "How have I done? Have I given a gold, silver, bronze medal effort?"

(Diamond Tips are provided by Air Force first sergeants to address concerns in the Air Force community and provide guidance to Airmen.)



U.S. Navy photo

A live-fire RIMPAC 2012 exercise sank the ex-USS Kilauea (T-AE-26) in waters off the coast of Kauai July 22.

Third SINKEX during RIMPAC

RIMPAC Control Information Bureau

A live-fire exercise, part of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2012, sank the ex-USS Kilauea (T-AE-26) in waters 15,480 feet deep, 63 miles off the coast of Kauai at 9:32 a.m. July 22.

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.

"HMAS Farncomb's success reminds us yet again of the invaluable role submarines play in modern warfare," said Stuart Mayer, combined forces maritime component commander, commodore. "RIMPAC allows us to train with our allies

for a worst case scenario in a real life environment."

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

Strict environmental compliance is observed during all SINKEs. Each SINKE 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 Kilauea was an ammunition ship commissioned in August 1968, decommissioned and transferred to military sealift command in October 1980 and deactivated in September 2008.

Community Service Award deadline is July 31

MC2 Heidi McCormick

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

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

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

The NCSP is a program that encourages service members to volunteer their time to help make a difference 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.

Sailors and Marines are encouraged to work together with community organiza-

tions 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 communities," said Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Command Master Chief Brian Ortega.

According to the evaluation criteria, nominees should show hard work and dedication in five main categories, including personal excellence partnership. The youth partnership focus is 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. There is also a Bainbridge Award for overall excellence.

Commands can submit one package per flagship and must include a letter of endorsement from the commanding officer for regional award consideration. Packages must include a short detailed narrative describing the community service program.

To submit a nomination package, fill out the forms on the NCSP link, found on Navy Region Hawaii's homepage at <http://www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii>.

Message on Colorado shootings

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life, at the cost of his own.

"These acts of heroism and sacrifice are the essence of what military service is about — putting your life on the line to defend those who are part of the American family.

"Let us all honor the victims of this tragedy by committing ourselves to the hard work and sacrifice of protecting this country. Bravery, courage and dedication are the hallmarks of our men and women in uniform — our heroes.

"May God bless each and every one of you and the United States of America."

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta's message on the Colorado shootings

Memorial services planned

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sports offered on the installation. He rooted for the Denver Broncos, L.A. Clippers and L.A. Kings and was a big fan of comics and superheroes.

Larimer, 27, was a cryptologic technician assigned to the Naval Information Operations Command. He joined the Navy in 2011.

"I am incredibly saddened by the loss of Petty Officer John Larimer," said Cmdr. Jeffrey Jakuboski, Larimer's commanding officer, in a statement. "He was an outstanding shipmate. A valued member of our Navy team, he will be missed by all who knew him. My heart goes out to John's family, friends and loved ones, as well as to all victims of this horrible tragedy."

A memorial service is expected to be held for both service members. More information on dates and times will be posted on Buckley AFB's website when available.

Diverse Views



"What do you think could be done to prevent mass shootings like the Aurora, Colo. tragedy?"

Ship's Serviceman 2nd class Andre Bogus
Fleet and Family Readiness Program

"Not allowing costumes to be worn in movie theaters, especially masks."



Staff Sgt. Anastasia Christie
561 Network Operations Squadron Det. 1

"Doctors and psychiatrists could help to diagnose people who may be having mental problems and might be at risk to do something like this."

Culinary Specialist 1st class Jerome Condevillamar
Fleet and Family Readiness Program

"Always be vigilant no matter where you are, no matter if it's day or night, on duty or off duty."



Chief Culinary Specialist Nixon Galan
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"Always be aware of anything out of the ordinary. If someone is acting out of character, or doing things they wouldn't normally do, that should signal that something is wrong. It's the same principle we use in the Navy."

Brian Kelly
Analytical Services

"Any kind of behavioral changes should be reported to a higher authority. Don't overlook it, even if you think it might be nothing."



Senior Airman Brian Konvalin
96 Aircraft Maintenance Unit

"Actions like this might be brought on by a person's upbringing. Raising and teaching a person discipline from childhood would be a good place to start."

(Provided by MC2 Heidi McCormick)

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Flatbed takes fighter to theater premiere

In May 1950, the 199th Fighter Squadron of the Hawaii Air National Guard used a flatbed trailer to transport an F-47 "Thunderbolt" fighter aircraft from the former Hickam Air Force Base into Honolulu in the early hours of the morning. The fighter was displayed at a drive-in theater lot on Kapiolani Boulevard in conjunction with the premiere showing of the movie "12 O'Clock High."

Photos courtesy of T. Merrill



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Canadian Chief of Defense Staff Gen. Walter Natynczyk speaks with Canadian Army and U.S. Marines July 21, at Pohakuloa Training Area, (PTA) Hawaii, while touring the training area use during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2012.

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Welcome RIMPAC

Please respect Hawaii's *aina*

Becky Hommon

Navy Region Hawaii
Environmental Counsel

Many Hawaii residents believe in the concept of “*aloha aina*” – love of the land - which is marked by stewardship and reverence for the environment, attributing spiritual power to the earth and its features as well as wildlife.

- While on R&R or during an op, watch out for the highly endangered Hawaiian monk seal resting on beaches as well as turtles near coral or in the near shore. Both are endangered species and have the right of way. Don't get near them even though others might do so. Take pictures with high powered lenses.
- While snorkeling or diving, do not step on or hit coral with fins. Please watch where you put your feet. Coral is alive and hitting it breaks and kills it. Exposing your bare skin to coral can result in painful cuts and possible infection.

- Hiking near or in fresh water streams has two invisible risks beyond the usual “trip and fall”: flash floods and catching a disease called leptospirosis due to wild animals (pigs mostly) that live in the uplands. Their feces contain bacteria that drains into the streams. The disease can cause severe nausea, chills, high fever which manifests 7 to 14 days after exposure and, in worst cases, can be fatal.
- Hikes that lead off usual trails can lead to a very narrow, steep path where turning around is impossible. Deaths have recently occurred when hikers lost their way or tried to take short cuts only to fall to their deaths. Don't make a rescuer risk his or her life to come get you because of your bad choice.
- Kayaking to, or landing on, several of the islands offshore of Oahu is illegal as they are bird sanctuaries and monk seal resting places. People are on shore watching with binoculars and will

report the trespass. Authorities could be waiting upon your return to shore.

- Rip tides kill several every year as people swim far off shore and get caught, then try to fight their way back. Swim parallel to the shore until the tide shifts, which could be a very long time.
- Jelly fish can be seen in the water and cause burns as they tangle around feet or arms. Signs are usually posted when they are present. They usually arrive on the tides seven to 11 days after full moon.
- Reef fish are not good eating as they may contain a toxin (ciguatera) and are usually too small to be of much value. While no fishing license is needed to fish from shore in Hawaii, there are size minimums and catch limits for many kinds of fish. The best choice is to leave the fish in the sea and enjoy them while snorkeling rather than injuring and wasting them.



Amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2) hosted a hockey game on the flight deck between Sailors from the "Iron Gator" and marines from Canada while underway for the RIMPAC exercise 2012.

U.S. Navy photo by
MC2 Marcus L. Stanley

RIMPAC activities continue during first week of August

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

Visit “RIMPAC Central” located across the street from Bravo Piers 23 and 24 at Hotel Pier.

For complete and updated information on all of the activities, visit the website www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Some of the upcoming events include:

Aug. 2

- A Makapuu full-moon hike will be held along the eastern-most tip of Oahu. The cost is \$10 per person and a minimum of six people is required to participate. The hike departs RIMPAC Central at 6 p.m. and returns at 10 p.m.

Aug. 3

- Explore Oahu's most popular sites with an around-the-island tour. The cost is \$20 per person and a minimum of six people is required. The activity

departs RIMPAC Central at 10 a.m. and returns at 3 p.m.

Aug. 4

- Kayak Haleiwa River on Oahu's North Shore. The cost is \$20 per person and a minimum of six people is required. The activity departs RIMPAC Central at 10 a.m. and returns at 2 p.m.

Aug. 5

- Hike the Nuuanu-Judd forest and pond area. The activity costs \$10 person and departs RIMPAC Central at noon with a return time of 4 p.m.

Aug. 6

- Snorkel Sharks Cove on the North Shore of Oahu. The cost is \$20 per person and a minimum of six people is required. The activity departs RIMPAC Central at 9 a.m. and returns at 1 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.



Department of Defense photo by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth

Petty Officer 2nd Class John Wise, assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Eleven (EODMU-11), acts as safety observer while a Canadian diver fast ropes out of an MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 4 (HSC-4). Australian, Canadian and U.S. forces took part in the fast rope training over Marine Corps Base Hawaii during the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise.



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U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Bradley Washington from Company E, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay fires a 155mm white phosphorous round from a M777 Lightweight howitzer July 21, during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2012 at Pohakuloa Training Area, Hawaii.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



Col. Johnny Roscoe (right), 15th Wing commander, converses with David Johnston, governor general and commander-in-chief of Canada, upon his arrival July 19 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, for a visit during the Rim of the Pacific military exercise.

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

(Below) Sailors assigned to Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) pick up trash during an adopt-a-highway roadside cleanup. PMRF adopted four miles of highway adjacent to the base in support of the state of Hawaii Department of Transportation's adopt-a-highway program. More than 40 Sailors collected 20 bags of garbage.

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



Lt. Col. Randy Sauer and Maj. Jeff Milburn, both KC-135 Stratotanker pilots assigned to the 465th Air Refueling Squadron from Tinker Air Force Base, Texas, perform pre-flight checks during the Rim of the Pacific 2012.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Bradley C. Church

Native Hawaiian *kupuna*, "Uncle" Tom Takahashi blesses Richard Speer, vice president of the civil and transportation department manager for URS Corporation, during a cultural site dedication of the Aegis Ashore Missile Defense Test Complex (AAMDTC) at Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kauai. AAMDTC will be a joint venture between URS Corporation and Hensel Phelps Construction Company. The test complex at PMRF is critical to the development of the Aegis ashore capability.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf



(Left) The Virginia-class attack submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776) arrives in Busan for a routine port visit. Hawaii is on a scheduled deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Jared Apollo Burgamy



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 David Mercil

(Above) The Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Louisville (SSN 724) is moored at Fleet Activities Yokosuka as part of its deployment to the western Pacific region.

Year of the Chief flag travels to USS Arizona Memorial

Karen S. Spangler

Managing Editor

Navy chiefs and senior chiefs displayed the Year of the Chief flag July 16 on the USS Arizona as part of the Year of the Chief activities. Year of the Chief began April 1 and continues through March 30, 2013.

The Year of the Chief (YOTC) flag is a traveling flag that debuted at Navy Region Hawaii at the Fleet Store Navy Exchange on May 21. That venue provided an opportunity for Navy chiefs to educate the public about the focus of Year of the Chief—to honor all chief petty officers (CPO), past and present, who have served.

“The YOTC is designed to celebrate the life of a chief petty officer, both past and present. It is a true honor to be Navy Region Hawaii’s YOTC coordinator, to be able to play such a valued role in this region and be part of something as big as this is,”



Photo courtesy of Chief Civil Engineer (SCW) Rolando Cayetano

Displaying the Year of the Chief flag July 16 at USS Arizona Memorial: Senior Chief Navy Counselor (SW/AW) Tyrone Jiles, region career counselor for Navy Region Hawaii; Senior Chief Operations Specialist (SW/AW) James Hastings from U.S. Pacific Fleet, Year of the Chief coordinator for Navy Region Hawaii; Chief Boatswain’s Mate Maricel Julian, leading chief petty officer for JBPHH USS Arizona Memorial Det; and Construction Electrician Chief (SCW) Rolando Cayetano from CBMU 303 Det Pearl Harbor.

said Senior Chief Operations Specialist (SW/AW) James Hastings from U.S. Pacific Fleet, Year of the Chief coordinator for Navy

Region Hawaii.

Each year the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation selects a community to honor in “the year of” program. This is the

first time that the chief community has been selected.

“The Navy Memorial has, and continues to be, the driving force for us and, we will

continue to support them and the Wounded Warrior foundation for this year and the years to come,” Hastings said.

The YOTC flag at Navy Region Hawaii has previously been displayed in the CPO mess of the Battleship Missouri Memorial and Oceans CPO Club. The next proposed location for the YOTC flag is on the submarine side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

“The Year of the Chief is a historic event in our Navy, the first time the U.S. Navy Memorial is spotlighting the chief’s community and their contributions to our Navy. It makes me feel important to be part of the YOTC committee because it honors all chiefs who have served, past and present,” said Construction Electrician Chief (SCW) Rolando Cayetano from CBMU 303 Det Pearl Harbor.

According to Cayetano, the unique thing about the Navy Region Hawaii YOTC flag is that the CPO Messes

in the region have been ordering streamers to hang on the YOTC flag to show pride and represent their command/mess. He explained that the goal at the end of the Year of the Chief is to have all CPO Messes in the region represented on the flag on an embroidered streamer.

The region YOC committee has also proposed that the flag be donated to the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. at the end of the Year of the Chief.

“It makes me feel proud to be a chief, celebrating with other chiefs not only in [Navy] Region Hawaii but also all over the world. It does not matter what community you belong to, a chief is a chief ... the Year of the Chief should remind each and every chief of that September day we all don those anchors and from that day, we then were called ‘the chief,’” Cayetano said.

For more information about Year of the Chief, visit <http://on.fb.me/OFyrCT>.

Pacific Partnership 2012 concludes visit to Vietnam

MC2 Kristopher Regan

*Navy Public Affairs
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VINH, Vietnam (NNS) – Pacific Partnership 2012 (PP12) concluded its visit to Vinh, Vietnam on July 24.

Aboard Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), the PP12 team of more than 1,200 crew spent 14 days by the invitation of Vietnam to take part in a multitude of events.

While in Vietnam, PP12 providers conducted more than 12,000 medical treatments, performed 207 surgeries, conducted nearly 4,000 treatments on 1,600 livestock and domestic animals, and completed renovations and a new building for two health clinics.

“This particular mission had excellent collaboration with the



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Stephen M. Votaw

Rear Adm. Russell Penniman, the reserve deputy commander and chief of staff for U.S. Pacific Fleet, greets local Vietnamese women during the closing ceremony for Pacific Partnership 2012’s port mission in Vietnam.

Vietnamese — local government, national government, health care professionals and our planning teams,” said Capt. Timothy Hinman, commanding officer of

Mercy’s medical treatment facility.

“We truly learned from each other and had a professional exchange, each coming away better for the experience.”

In addition to saying goodbye to Vietnam, PP12 bid farewell to their Japanese counterparts as Mercy and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Ship Oosumi (LST 4001) sailed separate ways.

The mission’s operations officer, Lt. Cmdr. William Blodgett, worked closely during the initial planning of the mission and each day during mission execution.

“The JMSDF sailors are very professional, with a

distinct culture and strong work ethic,” said Blodgett. “There was good camaraderie, and we had a lot of fun working together on the mission. They will be missed; however, we look forward to working with them again soon.”

Oosumi and its crew joined PP12 for the two mission ports of the Philippines and Vietnam, bringing health care providers to the medical and dental sites and participating in cultural exchanges with youth and adults in Vinh.

The PP12 multinational, multi-organizational crew of host and partner nations and non-governmental organizations

(NGOs) worked in the fields of medical and dental, veterinarian and civil engineering and conducted community service projects and subject matter expert exchanges.

Among the participants in Vietnam were nurses from University of Hawaii.

“I would like to thank government of Vietnam, but also the local citizens for the incredible support they provided,” said Morgan. “Without the help and local knowledge, we would not have been able to accomplish so much.”

PP12 is now headed to Sihanoukville, Cambodia for its fourth and final mission port.



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Navy participates in 10th Annual DOD Hawaii Small Business Forum

Denise Emsley

Naval Facilities
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii and NAVFAC Pacific participated in the 10th Annual Department of Defense (DOD) Hawaii Small Business Forum held July 12 at the Honolulu Country Club.

"I was pleased to represent NAVFAC as part of the DOD discussion panel that covered 2013 planned procurements by federal



contracting offices," said Capt. John Coronado, NAVFAC Hawaii commanding officer. "Although there are fewer dollars for purchases, all federal agencies understand the need for continuing to support small businesses."

This annual forum, sponsored by Hawaii area DOD small business specialists, invited all

Hawaii business owners to a full day of learning about contracting opportunities within the local area.

It focused on educating local businesses on contracting opportunities with various military services.

The day's topics of interest included understanding the current federal financial contracting budget for fiscal year 2013, specific information on how to obtain General Services Administration Federal Supply Schedules, Safety Success by Gaining a Competitive Edge, the ABCs of Multiple Award Task Order Contracts, and Doing Business with the

Veterans Administration.

"The workshop I provided after the lunch break covered Safety Success on Navy Contracts – Gaining a Competitive Edge through Superior Safety Performance," said Michael Smat, NAVFAC Hawaii construction safety engineer. "It is extremely important for all of our contractors, especially those newly working for the government, to understand why they need to pay attention to safety, what the costs are for a proper safety program, and how it can save them money."

In addition, the afternoon provided opportunities for informa-

tion-seeking business owners to have one-on-one, or matchmaking sessions, with a combination of government contract specialists and large business owners to assist in finding the right fit for their provided service.

"This type of event is a wonderful way to bring the Hawaii business community together in a positive learning environment," said Jennifer McGuire, NAVFAC Hawaii deputy for small business. "The small business success stories shared at the forum provide inspiration to new business owners seeking to enter the government contracting arena."

Navy honors FEB executive director

Story and photo by
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Navy Region Hawaii Public
Affairs

Navy Region Hawaii honored Gloria Uyehara, executive director of the Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board (FEB), during a retirement ceremony held July 20 at the Honolulu Country Club. Uyehara has served 42 years with the FEB.

The role of the FEB in Hawaii is to assess local needs of federal agencies in the Pacific region and come up with ideas to improve them. According to Uyehara, "Our job is to partner agencies in promoting common work issues and bridge that communication gap in our local metropolitan area."

Some of the federal executive programs that benefit the Navy and the military include the emergency preparedness working group, Wounded Warrior Program, Combined Federal Campaign Working Group, diversity working group and human resources working group.

"Region personnel who have participated in these groups have appreciated your able guidance and direction. As you move into



Jon Isle (left) of Navy Region Hawaii presents Gloria Uyehara, executive director of the Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board, with an American flag flown over USS Arizona, Battleship Missouri and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

a well deserved retirement, please accept the thanks of myself and the many region personnel who have benefited from the success of these Federal Executive Board programs," said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific and an FEB member.

Uyehara received several commendations including letters from former presidents George W. Bush, George H.W. Bush and Jimmy Carter. She was also

presented with a special American flag in her honor.

"We were pleased to present Gloria with a flag that had been flown over the USS Arizona Memorial, Battleship Missouri Memorial and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam," said Nadine Bayne, director of total force manpower for Navy Region Hawaii.

"The flag was presented on behalf of all Navy employees in Hawaii but it represents the best wishes of all federal employees here in the Pacific. Gloria has been inno-

vative, hardworking and visionary. She was the recipient of the OPM's (Office of Personnel Management) first-ever FEB Federal Executive Director Award," Bayne added.

"I join other federal executives in thanking Ms. Uyehara for her tremendous support to Navy Region Hawaii over many years. We congratulate her on the occasion of her retirement and pledge to continue our collaboration with Honolulu's Federal Executive Board in the years to come," said Bill Grandrath, executive director for Navy Region Hawaii.

Uyehara thanked her staff for their support during her tenure as executive director. "In the last eight years, I've been blessed with an outstanding highly skilled and committed office staff," she said.

There are more than 80,000 federal workers in the Pacific and a network of 28 FEBs located in areas of significant federal populations throughout the United States. Honolulu's FEB continues to foster communication, coordination and collaboration with federal, state and local government agencies.

Alternative energy projects at JBPHH

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think there are some strategic tradeoffs we can begin to make in terms of how we look at energy and for our allies as well."


Guests were treated to a special private tour aboard U.S. Navy-operated ferry boats that use clean fuel technology to shuttle passengers between the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center and the USS Arizona Memorial. The Navy operates the boats, which transport more than 1.5 million people a year and are using a combination of clean fuel technology propulsion and a bio-diesel blend.

"The main difference between these new boats and the old boats is the quietness of them," said Aviation Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Sellers Jenkins, who is assigned to the USS Arizona Memorial Detachment and is one of the boat operators for the biodiesel ferries that shuttle pas-

sengers to the memorial.

"The old boats were old-school Detroit diesel engines. They emitted a lot of smoke; you could actually smell the fuel burning. With these boats, they actually do not have any type of emissions whatsoever. They're much more quiet, they run a lot cleaner, and the actual boat structure itself is much lighter than the older boats," Jenkins explained.

Visitors also participated in a guided tour in which a fuel cell car was in the process of being refueled at the renewable hydrogen fueling and production station at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. It is the only hydrogen station in Hawaii, and about 30 hydrogen-powered vehicles use the JBPHH station. Alternative energy test units, including solar and wind power, are also a part of the program of research and development at the station.




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Dream Chasers defeat Texas in battle of unbeatens

Story and photos by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The Dream Chasers extended a 32-17 halftime with a 15-0 run early in the second half to run away from USS Texas (SSN 775), 81-40, in a Summer Basketball League game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center gym July 21.

The Summer Basketball League is a pay-to-play league, which is open to active duty, family members and Department of Defense employees who are 18 years of age or older.

The Dream Chasers kept pace at the top of the league by winning their first two games of the season, while Texas dropped to an even .500 at 1-1.

Against Texas, the Dream Chasers, a team that is filled with players from the 2010 base intramural champions Threepat, opened up a blistering fast-break attack that seized control early in the game.

Texas stayed close in the opening minutes off of the inside play of Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Jessie Olstad, who paced his team with back-to-back baskets and a 4-2 lead.

However, the Dream Chasers' constant pressure began to take its toll, and when Sonar Technician (Submarine) 3rd Class David Tarallo connected on back-to-back long-range treys, the team got its first double-digit lead at 24-12 with 2:53 remaining in the half.

"We were just taking advantage of the open spots in their zone," explained Tarallo about the team's surge. "We like to move the ball around. If we got open shots, we don't discourage anyone to shoot the ball."

Back-to-back lay-ups by Marine Cpl. J.R. Martin gave the Dream Chasers a 30-15 lead with 25 seconds before the half.

Martin, who finished with 12 points in the first half and 19 for the game, said that with the team running on all cylinders, the Dream Chasers were just too hard to stop.

"Basketball is all about running," Martin stated. "So we

just run. That's all we do."

Following halftime, a lay-up by Olstad brought Texas a basket closer at 30-17, but that's as close as the team would get.

With only one reserve on the bench for the Dream Chasers, the team decided to step on the gas and put Texas away to prevent any comeback.

Up by 13 points, the Dream Chasers began zeroing in from downtown with a cluster of shots from beyond the 3-point arch.

The team got 3-point splashdowns by Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Eric Cotton, Department of Defense civilian Troy McCloud, Tarallo and finally Martin, whose trey at the 8:15 mark opened up a 30-point lead at 58-28.

"At halftime, we were talking about we were playing sloppy," Martin said. "So we were like, we're just going to put the game away before we got tired late. We just came out and tried to end the game early."

Besides finding their range from long distance, Tarallo credited the Dream Chasers' defense for helping the team make its run.

"Well, we play very scrappy defense, too," acknowledged Tarallo, who scored 20 points with 18 coming from shots beyond the arch. "So we cause a lot of turnovers, which got us a lot of easy buckets."

As time wound down, a putback by McCloud made it 71-32 before another trey by Cotton put the Dream Chasers ahead by 40 points with a 76-34 lead at the 2:30 mark.

For the game, Cotton finished with 15 points, McCloud had 14 points and Engineman 2nd Class Brandon Thomason chipped in with 13 to round out the team's scoring.

The dominating victory may have established the Dream Chasers as the team to beat in the summer league – something that both Tarallo and Martin believe.

"We're a very athletic team, so we get up and down the court very fast," Tarallo said. "We're going to win it all."

Martin added, "We play to have fun, but we play to win. So we're going all the way."



Photo illustration

Chaplain accepts pie in face to sweeten chapel’s community service project

Story and photo by Don Robbins

Assistant Editor

Navy chaplain Lt. James Ragain good-naturedly accepted a pie in the face July 20 to celebrate the culmination of a successful school supplies collection drive held by the children of Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel’s vacation Bible school last week.

Kids who attended last week’s vacation Bible school gave back to the community in a big way.

They collected school supplies for the students of Makalapa Elementary School. Leaders of the vacation Bible school decided to stir up additional interest in the collection drive by having the boys vie against the girls to see which group could collect the most supplies.

If the boys won, the chaplain’s wife, Michelle, would get the pie in the face, and if the girls won, the chaplain would be the recipient of the pie.

When the announcement came at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel last Friday that the girls had narrowly won by collecting the most supplies, the chaplain laughed and said, “I’m going to take one for the team.” Then his wife took the cream pie, as vacation Bible school children and their parents watched from the chapel’s pews, and she pushed it into her husband’s face for a good cause.

“Vacation Bible school went great. It was awesome. The volunteer staff and kids seemed to have fun every day. They were expecting the pie in the face all week,” the chaplain said.

The boys and girls filled two three-foot-high boxes full of school supplies, although the girls brought in just a bit more. The supplies included crayons, paper, folders and notebooks for the students of Makalapa Elementary.

The chaplain explained that they chose Makalapa because it has a significant military student population who needed help obtaining supplies and that they wanted to build a relationship with the school.

“It was a good competition. Raising school supplies kept their interest,” said Michelle.

The week-long vacation Bible school at the chapel included activities involving art, music, drama and storytelling for the children.

“I liked having them spend a week with God, knowing they had a lot of time every day,” said Navy parent Melissa Goretskie, whose daughter Hannah participated.

“I got my daughter enrolled to learn about the Bible and learn verses,” said John Menanno, Air Force Office of Special Investigation special agent . He said it was great that most of the children who participated were roughly the same age. “They easily interacted



Navy chaplain Lt. James Ragain gets a pie in the face, courtesy of his wife Michelle, on the last day of the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel’s vacation Bible school supplies fundraising drive.

together,” Menanno added.

Most of the people running the program are volunteers. Some are military spouses or

family members, while others are active duty personnel.

Among the volunteers was teenager Ashley

Koplin, who helped guide the younger children in their daily activities. “I liked that you actually get

to interact with the children and help them learn more about the Bible,” Koplin said.

Kunia Gallos avert loss in first game of season

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Playing in their first game after winning their second base intramural soccer championship in a row, the Kunia Gallos fought back from behind against the Divers to finish in a deadlock, 4-4, in a Summer Soccer League game July 21 at Quick Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The Summer Soccer League is a pay-to-play league open to active duty, family members and Department of Defense employees, who are 18 years of age or older.

Only three weeks after emerging from the base intramural league playoff as champions for the second consecutive season, the Kunia Gallos found themselves in deep trouble against the Divers, who held a 4-3 advantage midway through the second half.

Luckily for the Gallos, Senior Airman Akira Hose kicked in the game-tying goal late in the second half to keep Kunia from losing their first game of the summer season.

Kunia striker Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Ian Vecino, who scored the Gallos first two goals of the game, said that he wasn’t surprised by the stiff challenge from the Divers.

“They are just really put-out guys,” said Vecino about the Divers. “So we just had to put out at the same level that they did.”

Vecino got the Gallos on the scoreboard first when he swept around the right corner, beat a defender and tapped in a shot past the goalkeeper.

“I snagged it from one guy and then another came up to me and slipped,” Vecino recalled. “So then I put my body in front of the guy and tapped it a little bit and put it to the inside.”

The lead was very short-lived, as minutes later Navy Diver 2nd Class Matt Waldrop found himself alone near the middle of the Kunia goal and blasted in a shot to tie the score at 1-1.

In the back-and-forth contest, the Gallos went back on attack and after a shot by Staff Sgt. Winston Jackson ricocheted off the left upright, Vecino found himself in the right place and right time as he gathered the missed attempt



Navy Diver 3rd Class Chance Donnelly of the Divers soccer team battles Kunia Gallos goalkeeper Lt. j.g. Donny George for the ball during a Summer Soccer League showdown at Quick Field.

and sent it to the back of the net for his second goal of the game.

“He (Jackson) actually meant to pass that ball,” Vecino stated. “I couldn’t waste it, so I put it in the goal.”

Shortly after Vecino’s second goal, Waldrop matched his counterpart by knocking in his second score of the game.

As the Divers striker raced down the right side of the field, a long kick toward the

goal was inadvertently headed by Gallos captain Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 1st Class Steven Bloom right into the path of Waldrop.

Taking the ball on a bounce, Waldrop streaked past his defender and booted in a clear shot to retie the score.

“It’s really just playing their defense, when they make mistakes,” said Waldrop about his two scores. “It’s just getting down there

and capitalizing on their mistakes.”

Just before halftime, Hose knocked in a goal to put the Gallos back out in front at 3-2, but moments later, the Divers struck again as Navy Diver 2nd Class Robbie Kareyenhagen received an assist from Waldrop to tie the score.

Shortly after halftime, the Divers took their first lead of the game when Navy Diver 1st Class Mark Larribas took another

assist from Waldrop and kicked in a close-range shot.

However, the Gallos avoided defeat, when Hose booted in his second goal of the game to set up the stalemate.

Waldrop, who had a hand in every goal for the Divers, said that although he wasn’t satisfied to walk off the field with a tie, he was encouraged by the way his team matched up against the base champs.

“Especially after losing to them in the last championship series, they are the team to beat,” he said. “I didn’t even know that they were in this league, so this is good.”

Vecino also admitted that while it wasn’t the ending he would have wanted, it was better than starting off the season with a loss.

“It’s a good start,” Vecino said. “We’re not worried. We’ve got a lot of depth and a lot of energy.”

JPAC overcomes Hangar 5 for straight-set win

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC) fought off the Hangar 5 Volley Llamas in set one, then came back from a huge deficit in set two to earn a straight two-set victory, 25-19 and 25-24, in an intramural volleyball Gold Division game July 18 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center gym.

The win raised JPAC's record to 2-3, while the Volley Llamas dropped their fourth game of the season against one victory.

A playoff-qualifying team last season, JPAC used a solid frontline attack to hold off the advances of Hangar 5, but according to hitter Tech. Sgt. Aaron Allmon, it was the passing of its setters that turned the game around.

"You've got to have good setters," said Allmon, who accounted for a block and six kills in the first set. "If you can't feed the big guys, it doesn't matter."

Behind the play of Allmon, JPAC slowly built up a 14-9 lead in the first set, but the advantage quickly evaporated under the pressure of Hangar 5, which scored the next four points in a row to pull to within one at 14-13 after a block by Staff Sgt. Adam Delph.

A kill by JPAC hitter Staff Sgt. Paepae Tevaseu stopped the Hangar 5 run and turned the tide back in favor of JPAC, which took the next four out of six points for a 20-15 lead.

Later, back-to-back miss hits by JPAC allowed the Volley Llamas to narrow the gap once again at 22-19, but that's as close as Hangar 5 would get as JPAC picked up the next three points in succession to take set one.

The second set started off with Hangar 5 in total control after winning 10 out of the first 11 points of the match.

With Allmon and several other starters sitting on the bench, the Volley Llamas took advantage of the new lineup by stepping up their play at the net.

During the fast start, Hangar 5 knocked down four kills at the net with two slams coming off the hot hand of hitter Senior Airman Haile Davis.

However, slowly but surely, JPAC started to pick away at the lead with small runs of two and three points until the team found itself trailing by only two points at 24-22.

A kill by Tevaseu pulled JPAC to within a point and then with civilian Matt Cheser holding service, JPAC completed their dramatic comeback with a two-point rally for the win.

"I just think we had to warm up," said Allmon about the team's come-from-behind win in the second set. "A lot of the people didn't play in the first game, so they just had to warm up."

Delph, whose solid play at the net helped Hangar 5 stay close throughout the game, said that he felt a lack of concentration and the return of JPAC starters may have turned the set around.

"For one, I don't think our heads stayed in the game," he stated. "And then also, they subbed in their first string, once we got a lead on them."

Although Hangar 5 seemed to be troubled most by the frontline play of JPAC hitters, Delph pointed to other factors for his team's loss.

"They (JPAC) were good at positioning the ball where we weren't," Delph said. "That made us reach and grab for the ball instead of getting in front of it. We had a lot of miss hits – not allowing us to set up any place. We were giving them free balls all night."

While the team suffered its fourth defeat of the season, Delph said that he feels



Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC) outside hitter Tech. Sgt. Aaron Allmon tries to blast a shot past the block of Staff Sgt. Adam Delph of Hangar 5 Volley Llamas during an intramural volleyball Gold Division game.

that there is still time to turn things around.

More drills and less scrimmaging, Delph said, is what the team needs to do to get better.

"We're going to come back and win," he promised.

Meanwhile, after getting into the playoff last season, Allmon admitted that this

year's team might be a little behind its previous edition.

Still, Allmon added that he sees no reason why JPAC can't improve before the regular season is done.

"I think, right now, we're just learning to play together," he said. "We're trying to give everybody time. We just got to work out good matchups."

Hawaii's original mixed martial art taught at JBPHH Fitness Center

Brandon Bosworth

Contributing Writer

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Fitness Center is offering classes in the martial art Kajukenbo. Taught by Lee Manibog, an eighth degree black belt with more than 25 years of martial arts experience, this class stresses effective self-defense.

"We get right to the meat of it," Manibog said. "Hit fast, hit hard, and get out of Dodge!"

Kajukenbo was founded in Palama Settlement near downtown Honolulu. In 1947, several different martial arts masters came



together to pool their knowledge and develop an effective form of fighting.

The name of the art they

founded reflects the different styles it incorporates: *Ka=karate*, *Ju=Judo* and *jujitsu*, *Ken=kenpo*, *Bo: (Chinese) boxing*, aka *fung-fu*. They tested themselves in street fights, brawls and competitions.

Like Bruce Lee would do years later when he developed *Jeet Kun Do*, the Kajukenbo fighters absorbed what was useful and discarded what they thought was useless. The result was a streamlined, street-ready fighting system.

Even though Kajukenbo predates modern mixed martial arts by half a century, the popularity of events such as the Ultimate Fighting Championship means that many people overlook it

when they decide to learn how to fight, according to Manibog.

"Lots of people opt to train in MMA," Manibog said. "Kajukenbo is older and more self-defense oriented." It also involves quite a bit of direct contact. "The level of contact can be surprising for people," Manibog said.

The principles behind Manibog's Kajukenbo class are the same ones stressed all those years ago in Palama Settlement. "You want to deal with an attack quickly and then go home," he said.

He also stresses simplicity: "Do you want to have to use five moves to defend yourself, or just two?"

Currently, the JBPHH Kajukenbo classes are small

with less than 10 students. There are both men and women enrolled in the class. "The women are usually my better students," Manibog said. "They have focus because they know women are often the victims of violence."

Manibog said he believes everyone should know some form of self-defense. Yet he also believes in avoiding violence whenever possible. "Be prepared," he said. "But run away if you can."

Kajukenbo classes at the JBPHH Fitness Center are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Men and women ages 13 and older are welcome. For more information or to register call 471-2019.

Blessing of fitness center held at Camp Smith

Kahu Curt Kekuna of Kawaiahao Church led a blessing ceremony July 18 for a \$25.5 million physical fitness center at Camp H.M. Smith, Oahu, Hawaii. The facility will support more than 2,000 military and civilian personnel living and working on the Marine base which houses the headquarters of the U.S. Pacific Command and Fleet Marine Forces Pacific. Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii awarded the project to Nan-AMEC joint venture in June 2011 to construct the 29,826 square-foot, low-rise fitness facility that is expected to attain Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) Gold certification upon completion in June 2013.

The contract also includes repairs and improvements to an existing athletic field at Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe. Natural turf will be replaced with an artificial turf surface which will reduce maintenance and water usage costs.





Museum celebrates Amelia Earhart's 115th birthday

Pacific Aviation Museum

Visitors participated in a famous aviatrix's birthday party July 24 at Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island with cake, juice, an "Amelia Earhart in Hawaii" photo exhibit to view, and picture-taking with an Amelia Earhart impersonator. She was also on hand to help instruct the museum's "Flight School for Girls" that is in progress through the summer.

July 24 would have been Earhart's 115th birthday. Born July 24, 1897, she has a special connection with the museum where she ground-looped her plane near the museum on Luke Field on takeoff.

Seventy-five years ago, she took a leave of absence from her Purdue University job, hopped in her Purdue-funded "flying laboratory," and jetted around the globe. Then she disappeared.

Her Lockheed Vega 5B plane is housed at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. She set numerous aviation records, including being the first person to fly solo across both the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

The latest expedition that hoped to find the wreckage from her final flight ended this week without conclusive proof of her last days.

For more information on the museum, visit www.PacificAviationMuseum.org.



Photos courtesy of Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor
Visitors gather for Amelia Earhart's birthday celebration July 24 at Pacific Aviation Museum.

NEX plans series of Labor Day events

Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) has already begun planning for the upcoming Labor Day holiday with a series of events.

This year's third annual Labor Day Military Appreciation event will take place from Aug. 29 to Sept. 3 in the NEX parking lot.

There will be food booths by local family readiness and ombudsman groups, entertainment, Morale, Welfare and Recreation bounce houses, a car show and produce market.

A Honolulu Police Department *keiki* (child) ID night will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Aug. 31 at the NEX mall children's department. The identification consists of a picture, finger printing and descriptive information about the child in case of emergency.

In addition, a live concert by guitarist Michael Angelo Batio will be held at 7 p.m. Sept. 1 in the NEX parking lot stage.

This is a one-time only event, free for authorized patrons.

For more information, call Stephanie Lau, NEX customer relations manager, at 423-3287.

USO fundraiser event to be held Aug. 25

All proceeds from the upcoming "Late Summer Bash" from 2 to 6 p.m. Aug. 25 at Jimmy Buffett's at the Beachcomber will benefit USO Hawaii.

Raffle tickets for door prizes will be available and a silent auction will be held to raise funds for USO Hawaii.

The "Late Summer Bash" is the sixth annual fundraising event.

Entertainment for this year's event will be provided by John Friday from Bonita Springs, Fla.

Friday, also known as the Tropical Balladeer, is a "trop rock" singer/songwriter who takes his audience on a musical journey "of the Gulf Coast and down to the islands."

In addition to being a musician, Friday is a U.S.



Photo courtesy of the Pau Hana Parrot Heads
John Friday will serve as guest entertainer at the Aug. 25 USO fundraiser.

Army veteran, who served 13 years on active duty before becoming disabled during "Operation Desert Storm."

The USO's mission is to provide morale, welfare and recreation-type services to uniformed military personnel.

A nonprofit, congressionally chartered, private organization, the USO relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations and corporations to support its activities.

In 2011, USO Hawaii supported more than 30,000 Hawaii-based service members deploying to and returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

For more information, visit www.pauhana-parrotheads.org or call 754-2390.

My Favorite Photo...

Photo courtesy of Jenni Kay

Using a long camera lens at a distance, Navy spouse Jenni Kay took this photo of a sea turtle a few weekends ago at "turtle beach" on Oahu's North Shore.



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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.

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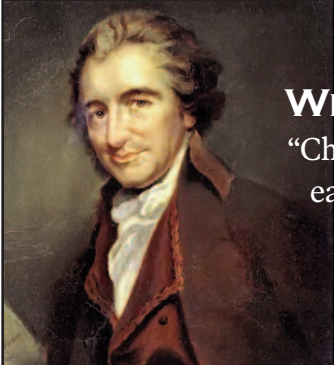
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Thomas Paine

This Week's Trivia

When did the USS frigate Essex capture the British brig Leander?

Last Issue's Question: The National Security Act of 1947 became law on July 26, 1947. What did it create?

Answer: It created the Department of the Air Force, headed by a Secretary of the Air Force.

YOUTH ADVENTURE SPORTS

Young people ages 12-16 can participate in sports such as surfing, stand-up paddleboarding, mountain biking, canoeing and kayaking. Registration is through Aug. 31, and the session runs September to November. The cost is \$120. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

CHINATOWN TOUR

A tour of Honolulu's Chinatown featuring a traditional dim sum lunch will take place from 8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. The cost is \$25 for adults, \$20 for children ages 3 to 11 years old, and departs from Tickets and Travel-Hickam. FMI: 448-2295.

FREE GOLF CLINIC

A free golf clinic will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday at Barbers Point Golf Course. FMI: 682-1911.

KAYAK FISHING

A kayak-fishing excursion will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, departing from Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. The cost is \$35 per person and includes transportation, gear and guides. FMI: 449-5215.

SUNDAY AT SHARKEY

Get free medium popcorn with a paid fountain drink at the 7 p.m. movie showing Sunday at Sharkey Theater. FMI: 473-0726.

SUBMARINE CRUISE

An Atlantis submarine cruise will take place July 31. The cost is \$10 per person. Depart from Liberty Express at 9:15 a.m., Beeman Center at 10 a.m., Instant Liberty at 10:15 a.m., and Makai Recreation Center at 10:30 a.m. This event is for single active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

INTRODUCTION TO CHILDREN'S DRAWING

Students ages 8 to 14 can learn to draw with pen, ink and charcoal. Classes are held Tuesdays from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. starting from July 31 through Sept. 4 at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center. The cost is \$85 per student plus the cost of supplies. Charcoal and pens will be provided. FMI: 448-9907.

MENTALIST CRAIG KARGES

Mentalist Craig Karges will perform at 6:30 p.m, Aug. 12 at Sharkey Theater. Karges has appeared on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "Larry King Live" and "CNN Headline News." Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. No tickets are necessary. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. This event is open to all military-affiliated personnel, including DoD ID card holders, and their guests. The show is not appropriate for youth under 10 years of age. FMI: 473-0606.

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

July

29 ~The Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) will host a car wash from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to raise funds for their family day. The car wash will be held at the Navy Federal Credit Union parking lot (behind Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange). FMI: LS1 (AW/SW) Tashena Wellington at 471-0091, ext. 232 or tashena.wellington@navy.mil.

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.

4 ~ Protestant Women of the Chapel Pacific Region will host a kickoff rally from 9 to 11 a.m. at Ka Makani Community Center on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The organization is a women's Bible study group that meets in the fall and spring of each year. FMI: Laura Williams at lauraservinghim2012@gmail.com.

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 ~ Bellows Air Force Station's second annual biathlon will take place starting at 7:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$25 for individuals and \$35 for teams. There is a \$5 discount for entries received/postmarked by Aug. 4. Register for the event by Aug. 11. FMI: www.bellowsafs.com.

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.

September

22 ~ Bellows Air Force Station will hold a *Keiki* (children's) bodyboard contest starting at 10 a.m. Entry fees are \$10 if postmarked by Sept. 2, \$15 if postmarked between Sept. 3 and 9, and \$20 after Sept. 10. FMI: www.bellowsafs.com.



That's My Boy (R)

While still in his teens, Donny fathered a son, Todd, and raised him as a single parent up until Todd's 18th birthday. Now, after not seeing each other for years, Todd's world comes crashing down on the eve of his wedding when an uninvited Donny suddenly shows up.

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TODAY

7:00 PM Prometheus (R)

SATURDAY

2:30 PM Madagascar 3:
Europe's Most Wanted (PG)
4:45 PM That's My Boy (R)
7:15 PM Rock of Ages (PG-13)

SUNDAY

2:30 PM Madagascar 3:
Europe's Most Wanted (PG)
4:45 PM Men In Black 3 (PG-13)
7:00 PM That's My Boy (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY

6:00 PM Rock of Ages (PG-13)
8:30 PM That's my Boy (R)

SATURDAY

4:00 PM Madagascar 3:
Europe's Most Wanted (PG)
7:00 PM That's my Boy (R)

SUNDAY

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Measles can travel: keep vaccinations current

Story and photo by
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15th Medical Group

A recent travel advisory published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services warned international travelers to ensure their measles vaccinations are current.

Measles is a highly infectious virus that is typically spread by coughing or sneezing. Symptoms of measles may resemble those of seasonal influenza as they include coughing, fever and a runny nose. Combined with upper respiratory symptoms, measles is characterized by a rash all over the body.

According to Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, there has been a significant spike in measles cases recently. Fauci attributed the sudden increase in cases to U.S. residents returning from abroad.

"People who live in the United States who go traveling come back and bring [measles] back, and they themselves expose other people who are unvaccinated," he said.

Reports by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) support Fauci's testimony.

"Virtually all measles outbreaks in the United States today are caused by someone bringing the disease in from another country and spreading it to others," stated a CDC report titled "Measles Can Travel."

Although the national incidence of measles has been relatively low in the past, there were 196 confirmed cases among U.S. residents in 2011. The CDC estimates that more than 30,000 people in Europe alone contracted measles in 2011. The World Health Organization describes measles as a common disease worldwide as some 20 million people contract measles each year.

"Many people have the misconception that these diseases are no longer present," said Lt. Col. Michelle Flores, a pediatrician assigned to the 15th Medical Group at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. "Many diseases are just a plane ride away and may arrive at our doorstep at any time."

Of the 196 cases among US residents in 2011, 166 persons were unvaccinated or had unknown vaccination status. The highly infectious nature of the preventable disease can also lead to additional illnesses and premature death.

"Measles is of significant concern because it is one of



Meagan Harp and her two children, Jillian (2 years old) and Lucas (3 years old), listen to Staff Sgt. Aimee Braxton as she explains the importance of receiving the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine. The MMR vaccination provides protection from the highly infectious measles virus.

the most highly communicable of all infectious diseases and can cause secondary infections such as pneumonia and encephalitis which may result in permanent brain damage," Flores said.

According to the CDC, approximately one out of 10 children with measles also gets an ear infection, and up to one out of 20 gets pneumonia.

"For parents, it can be a challenge to determine

when a child has contracted an illness that may be life-threatening," said Capt. Chelsea Payne, a family practice physician assigned to the 15th Medical Group. "It is important to monitor children and seek urgent care for alarm symptoms such as high fever, inability to tolerate fluids and inconsolability."

"The best way to protect yourself, your children and your neighbors is to ensure

that you have been fully vaccinated for measles," said Maj. George Tripp, a pediatrician assigned to the 15th Medical Group.

Flores suggested that parents consider vaccinating young children prior to receiving routine vaccinations that take place between 12 to 15 months of age. The CDC recommends the measles vaccination for infants between six to 12 months of age prior to tak-

ing an international trip.

Protection from contracting measles is available via the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination. Tricare beneficiaries are eligible to receive the MMR vaccine on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam at the Hickam immunizations clinic, Makalapa immunizations clinic and the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard immunizations clinic.

Highlights from this week in USAF and PACAF history

Charles Nicholls

PACAF historian

- On July 28, 1943, during a bombing mission in Europe, enemy fighters severely damaged Flight Officer (2nd Lt.) John C. Morgan's B-17. Hostile fire shattered the windscreen and split the pilot's skull open, leaving him in a crazed condition.

Morgan, as co-pilot, took the controls while struggling with the pilot who was still trying to fly the aircraft. For completing the bombing mission and returning safely to England, Morgan received the Medal of Honor. Morgan's feat was the basis for a plot element in the movie "Twelve O'Clock High."

As a Medal of Honor recipient, Morgan, could have returned to the United States. Instead, he volunteered for more missions and was on the lead aircraft during the first raid on Berlin on March 6, 1944. He was shot down that day and was a POW for the rest of the war.

- On July 25, 1944, in Operation COBRA, nearly 2,000 Eighth Air Force bombers conducted saturation bombing in northern France. Their objective was



Photo courtesy of Pacific Air Forces

On July 23, 1971, Hughes Aircraft Company was awarded a \$70 million contract to build 2,000 AGM-65A Maverick air-to-surface missiles for use on F-4E and A-7D aircraft. In the photo, an F-15E launches a Maverick.

to allow Allied land forces to break through German defenses in hedgerow country that had stymied the Allied advance after D-Day. The bombardment was an early example of "shock and awe," and greatly weakened German resistance.

- The Korean War ended on July 27, 1953. UN and Communist officials signed an armistice at Panmunjom. When the war ended, U.S. Air Force F-86 Sabre pilots enjoyed at least a 7-1 edge in air-to-air combat against MiG-15s. Just before the armistice, USAF Capt. Ralph S. Parr Jr., scored the last aerial victory of the Korean War by shooting down an Il-2, allegedly with a number of senior Soviet officers onboard. The shoot

down triggered a short-lived diplomatic protest from the USSR.

- On July 26, 1954, Lt. Gen. Hubert R. Harmon was appointed the first superintendent of the USAF Academy. In 1943, Harmon was appointed deputy commander for the air forces of the South Pacific area. In January 1944, Harmon assumed command of the 13th Air Force, and he commanded all Allied air units in the Solomon Islands campaign.

- On July 24, 1994, Operation Support Hope took place. USAF airlift aircraft started flying relief supplies to Rwandan refugees in Zaire in the wake of the Rwandan civil war. Through Sept. 11, AMC flew 700 air-

lift missions to transport more than 11,000 passengers and 23,000 short tons. Nearly 400 KC-135 missions refueled the C-5s and C-141s, while KC-10s flew several dozen missions to ferry fuel from Harare, Zimbabwe, to Entebbe.

- On 26, 2005, USAF Col. Eileen M. Collins, flew as mission commander for STS-114 on Discovery, the first "Return to Flight" mission after the Columbia disaster on Feb. 1, 2003.

In 1995, Collins became the first female pilot of a space shuttle. On July 23, 1999, Collins became the first female mission commander of a space-shuttle mission, commanding STS-93 on Columbia.

In the 2003 Columbia

tragedy, the shuttle's heat shield was damaged during liftoff by debris that broke off the external tank. The damaged heat shield did not protect Columbia during atmospheric re-entry, and it broke apart. Two and a half years were spent improving the safety of shuttle orbiters and

external tanks.

Before docking with the international space station (ISS), Collins performed the first R-bar pitch maneuver in a space shuttle. Known as the "rendezvous pitch maneuver," this became standard procedure for all space shuttles docking with the ISS.



Photo courtesy of Pacific Air Forces

USAF Col. Eileen M. Collins, (shown here) flew as mission commander for STS-114 on Discovery.



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Halealoha Haleamau platform is located on JBPHH

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The *Halealoha Haleamau* platform located on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) translates to “House of Aloha, House of Eternity.”

This platform contains *iwi*, or remains of ancestral Native Hawaiians discovered on JBPHH.

The Navy and Air Force have pledged to protect and care for the *iwi* of *kupuna*, or elderly, who have gone before, into perpetuity.

Editor’s note: This and other weekly “environmental scoops” can be found on the JBPHH environmental page.



Photo by David M. Sullivan

Volunteers consisting of members and families from active duty military, Department of Defense civilians and Kick-Start Karate Club work together trimming the Naupaka hedge, cutting grass, weeding and enhancing the platform with ti plants during National Public Lands Day 2011.

MCBH Keiki Tradewind Triathlon to be held Aug. 11

Brandon Bosworth

Contributing Writer

The Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) will hold its second annual *Keiki* Tradewind Triathlon on Aug. 11. This event just for children is broken up into two different groups: ages 7-10 and 11-14.

The first group starts with a 100-meter swim, followed by a 3-mile bike ride, and finishes with a .8 mile run. The second group starts with a 200-meter swim, followed by a 6-mile bike ride, and finishes with a 1.2 mile run. Both races start and finish at hangar 101. This race is open to the general public.

The first *Keiki* Trade-wind Triathlon was held in 2011. “People wanted us to do a kid’s version of the MCBH Tradewind Triathlon,” said Mike Li, varsity sports coordinator. “Once we had the idea, we just ran with it.”

Last year’s event attracted 40 young triathletes. This year, they are hoping for more. “We already have 27

kids registered,” Li said. “We’re aiming for at least 50 participants.”

Online registration for the *Keiki* Tradewind Triathlon closes Aug. 8. The fee is \$20 for each child with a \$10 late fee for those registering after Aug. 3. For more information, call 254-7590 or go to www.mccshawaii.com/zcgfit.s.html.

Redesigned Transition Assistance Program announced

U.S. Department of Defense

On July 23, President Barack Obama announced the launch of the redesigned Transition Assistance Program developed by an interagency team from the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, Labor, Education, and Homeland Security as well as the Office of Personnel and Management and the Small Business Administration.

The revamped program, called Transition GPS, is the first major overhaul of

the transition assistance program for military members in nearly 20 years. The effort began in response to a call from Obama in August 2011 to ensure all service members are “career ready” when they leave the military.

“I applaud the leadership of President Obama to bring together government agencies around the goal of enhancing career opportunities for service members,” said Leon E. Panetta, Secretary of Defense. “Our personnel have developed extraordinary technical expertise and world-class

leadership skills that are in high demand. Transition GPS will help military members apply their experience to additional training, formal education, and develop successful civilian careers.”

“One of our fundamental responsibilities as a government is to properly prepare and support those serving in our military so they are career ready as they transition back into civilian life. With this new initiative, we can better ensure veterans receive the care, benefits and employment services they have earned,” said

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “This collaborative effort will have an impact well beyond this current generation of individuals returning from combat.”

Sixth annual half marathon to be held Aug. 11 at JBPHH

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The sixth annual half marathon will be held Aug. 11 at Earhart Track at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Check-in is at 5 a.m. at the track located next to the Hickam Bowling Center, and the start time is 6:10 a.m. Runners, walkers, people with strollers and pets are allowed to participate in the 13.1-mile race.

Official entry forms are available at the Hickam Fitness Center or at www.greatlifehawaii.com. The deadline to register is Aug. 4.

Pick up race packets from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 8 to 10 at the Hickam Fitness Center or on race day starting at 5 a.m.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each category: youth (17 and younger), men and women (18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 and over), overall men, and overall women.

Note that the route is flat and fast. The half marathon is open to all authorized Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons and their guests.

Participants must arrive at the main gate prior to 5 a.m. on race day.

For more information, call the Hickam Fitness Center at 448-2214 or the race directors at 448-4640.

The entry form, waiver and route map are available at www.greatlifehawaii.com.

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:
- July 31, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., NEX, Tripler Army Medical Center.
 - Aug. 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Schofield Barracks Tropics.

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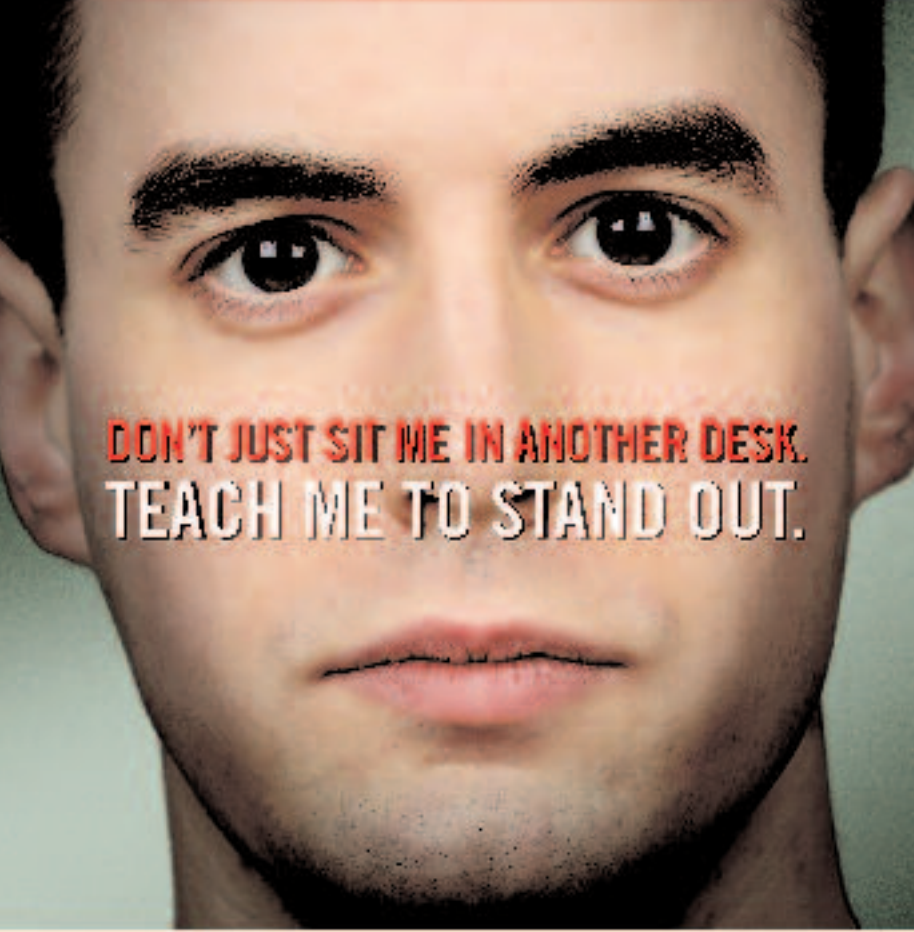
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