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RIMPAC 2012 concludes



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Sailors man the rails aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68), as the ship returns to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam following operations supporting RIMPAC.

MC1 Ernesto Bonilla

RIMPAC Public Affairs

The world's largest international maritime exercise, Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC), officially concluded Aug. 3.

The 23rd exercise in the biennial RIMPAC series, this year's version involved 22 nations, more than 40 ships and submarines, and more than 200 aircraft that operated in and around the Hawaiian Islands. The exercise is designed to foster and sustain the cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans.

Part of that cooperation involved more than 25,000 personnel working together



from Australia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Republic of Korea, Republic of the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Thailand, Tonga, the United Kingdom and the United States.

"It is a testament to the power of RIMPAC that we can bring a record number of nations together and then con-

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U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jacquelyn Childs

Sailors move cargo during a vertical replenishment at sea as an MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 6 places a load of supplies onto the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68).

General Carlisle takes command of Pacific Air Forces Aug. 3

Staff Sgt. LuCelia Ball

Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

Gen. Herbert "Hawk" Carlisle took command of Pacific Air Forces from Gen. Gary North during a change of command ceremony Aug. 3 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Presiding over the ceremony, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz praised North's past accomplishments and Carlisle's future potential as the commander of PACAF.

Schwartz addressed a crowd of more than 500 people in historic hangar 35, with a C-17 Globemaster III, KC-135 Stratotanker and F-22 Raptor posted just outside. During the ceremony, four formations of Airmen stood at attention to represent the Airmen of



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jerome S. Tayborn

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz presents the Pacific Air Forces flag to new PACAF commander Gen. Herbert "Hawk" Carlisle, signifying the transfer of command at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Aug. 3.

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University of Hawaii Warriors football will conduct fall camp Aug. 12-18 at JBPHH

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

The University of Hawaii (UH) Warrior football team will move their fall camp to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during Aug. 12-18.

The Warriors opened fall camp on Aug. 2 and will hold their practices for the first time at Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Practices will be



held throughout the week at Earhart Field. Members of the base community are invited to see the Warriors in action during their practices: 8:55 a.m. and 4:50 p.m. Aug. 13, 2:20 p.m. Aug. 14, 8:55 a.m. Aug. 15, 2:20 p.m. Aug. 16, 8:55 a.m. Aug. 17 and 8:40 a.m. Aug. 18. Guests may observe the practices from the sidelines. Recording of the practices, photography

and video, will be limited.

Those who are interested in meeting the players and coaches are invited to attend a University of Hawaii Warrior Football autograph signing at 1:15 p.m. Aug. 18 at Tradewinds Enlisted Club. The event is free and open to military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests.

Following their week-long stay at JBPHH, the Warriors will resume practices Aug. 20 at UH, the first day of the fall semester.

535th Airlift Squadron flies with RIMPAC



(Above) The view of an A-10 Thunderbolt II "Warthog" flying over the Big Island as it follows a C-17 Globemaster III during RIMPAC 2012 aerial exercises. The flights were part of an air drop event during the biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise.

(Above) A parachute pulls cargo out of the back of a C-17 Globemaster III as the 535th Airlift Squadron participates in an air drop over Pohakuloa, Hawaii.

(Right) Cargo simulating humanitarian assistance supplies drops from a C-17 Globemaster III as the 535th Airlift Squadron participates in an exercise over Pohakuloa, Hawaii.

U.S. Navy photos by MC2 Daniel Barker



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Air Force ‘POLcats’ fuel RIMPAC planes

Story and photos by
Staff Sgt. Mike Meares

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-
Hickam Public Affairs

The Air Force fuels flight “POLcats” have a saying: “Without POL, pilots are pedestrians.”

During the 2012 Rim of the Pacific exercise, the world’s largest international maritime exercise, the men and women from the petroleum, oil and lubricant (POL), or fuels flight, who were responsible for getting fuel to the aircraft, pumped more than 10 million gallons of fuel into airplanes, making sure to keep pilots flying.

“Each RIMPAC gets bigger and bigger,” said Alphonso Parks, Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor fuels department division chief and a retired Air Force chief master sergeant. “At Hickam, it’s our primary mission to put gas on airplanes.”

Twenty-two nations gathered in the Hawaiian Islands beginning June 29, bringing more than 40 ships and submarines, more than 200 aircraft, and 25,000 personnel to Hawaii. Of the more than 200 aircraft participating in RIMPAC, the fuels flight hooked up to them more than 1,500 times during the month to refuel.

Master Sgt. Tony Karpenko, 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron and Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor fuels department quality control inspector, is the lone active duty Airman of 42 total people in the section. Their section has more than three centuries of flight fuel operations



Airmen from the 47th Fighter Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, La., refuel an A-10 Thunderbolt II.



(Lower left) Airmen from the 47th Fighter Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, La., prepare an A-10 Thunderbolt II on July 25 while supporting the 2012 Rim of the Pacific exercise at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (Lower right) Dana Vuong, U.S. Naval Supply Fleet Logistic Center Pearl Harbor fuels department laboratory technician, samples fuel July 27 during a bottle method test analysis to test for solids content in the fuel.



among the members.

“I love the smell of jet fuel in the morning,” Karpenko said. “Essentially, our role in RIMPAC is the same as it would be any other day. Right now, we are busier because we have ramped up operations because Rim of the Pacific operations is happening in and around Hawaii,” he said during the exercise.

The month-long exercise

provided 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 was the 23rd exercise in the series that began in 1971.

“RIMPAC brings us a chance to work with other services, other organiza-

tions, other countries, and allows us the chance to train and better equip the warfighter for when they have to actually do it for real,” Karpenko said. “If they don’t get their gas, they can’t hone their skills to take the fight to the enemy and POL plays a big part of that.”

With nearly 70 years of Air Force fuels experience between Parks and

Karpenko, the Airmen said they understood they were going to work harder while RIMPAC was going on. According to their calculations, they pumped an average of 246,688 gallons per day, with their busiest day to date of 386,545 gallons. That was more than double their typical 120,000 gallons a day.

“Along with servicing three times the number of

aircraft, we have been supporting tank truck filling operations for the Pearl Harbor Fuel Department,” Karpenko said. “These tank trucks deliver JP-8 to several locations throughout Oahu who are also fulfilling RIMPAC taskings. To date during RIMPAC, we have filled 385 tank trucks with 3,080,000 gallons of fuel,” he said during the RIMPAC exercise.

Through management, operations, administration and accounting, compliance and environmental, the fuels service center, training, distribution, preventive maintenance, bulk storage and their laboratory, the unit has been able to keep up with the demand of fuel, working seven days a week on 24-hour operations.

“We love it,” Karpenko said. “RIMPAC gives us a chance to shine.”

In recognition of their efforts, the fuels flight was recently awarded the U.S. Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor 2011 American Petroleum Institute Award for the “Best Navy Retail Fuel Activity for Airfield Operations.” The API awards recognize the most significant contributions to Department of the Navy bulk fuel operations and fleet fuel support. The institute sets standards and provides technical direction for all aspects of petroleum production, refining, measurement, and fuel handling.

As RIMPAC operations came to a close Aug. 3, the fuels flight will continue making sure pilots don’t become pedestrians.

Drivers: Exercise caution, school is back in session

Don Robbins

Assistant Editor

With schools back in session, it’s time to remind drivers to use extreme caution since many students will be walking or riding their bikes to and from school.

Drivers can expect large numbers of students going to school beginning just before 7 a.m. and continuing through 8 a.m. After-school traffic will wind down after 3:30 p.m.

“I can’t emphasize enough the importance of drivers to be on the lookout for children as they are walking or riding their bikes to school. There is always an adjustment period when classes resume,” said Darren Dean, school liaison for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

There are many students who are new to JBPHH and are not familiar with the traffic patterns.

“The best advice I can give is for drivers to slow down and give themselves more time to get to their destination. The extra time is certainly worth avoiding accidents,” Dean said.

Air Force Master Sgt. Patrick Nededog of the



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

Jennifer Barientos, educational assistant at Hickam Elementary School, stops traffic so children can safely cross the street at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

647th Air Base Group is a parent of three children who attend Nimitz Elementary and Aiea High School. “Safety is about being vigilant when we drive. As adults, we should always have our situational awareness of our surroundings. Our youngsters tend to run in the streets.

As parents, we need to ensure that we look out for the *keiki* [children],” Nededog said.

Parents and their students should map out the safest route to school, including any alternate routes. Parents should discuss proper safety practices with their children,

including how to use crosswalks and proper bicycle safety.

Parents are encouraged to have children wear bright clothing to increase visibility for drivers.

Children should not walk to school wearing headphones or playing portable video games because this

makes it difficult for them to hear the traffic around them.

Careless drivers who ignore “do not pass” signs, or speed through crosswalks, make the area around buses and school loading zones dangerous.

Here are some school bus safety tips from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam safety office

- Get to the school bus stop five minutes early.
- Stand away from the curb.
- Stay at least 10 feet from the bus, and do not stand behind the bus where the driver cannot see students.
- Sit quietly in the seat on the bus.
- Be careful when getting off the bus so nothing snags on the door.
- When stepping off the bus, look to make sure that no cars are passing on the shoulder.
- Learn and obey the school bus laws.

Wherever your child goes to school, these rules are good guidelines to follow. Here are some additional safety rules for drivers:

Vehicle operation and parking:

- Do not make illegal U-turns in the roadway.
- Drop off/pick up stu-

dents at the designated curb. Wait in the designated waiting zone.

- Do not park (or stand) within 15 feet of any stop sign or yield sign.
- Do not park (or stand) within four feet of any parking area entrance or exit (i.e., driveway).

- Do not park (or stand) within 15 feet of any intersection or corner.

Crosswalks:

- Vehicles must not be parked within 20 feet of a cross walk.
- When vehicles are parked in a crosswalk, bicyclists and pedestrians have to jaywalk to cross the street.
- When vehicles are parked too close to the crosswalk, other drivers won’t see a small child walking on the obscured crosswalk.

Bicycle safety:

- Stop at intersections.
- Cross the street only at established crosswalks.
- Walk bicycles across the crosswalk; don’t ride.
- Avoid weaving in and out of traffic.
- In a group, ride single file, not side-by-side.
- Ride at a safe speed.
- Wear a helmet (properly fastened, of course).
- Once on school property, walk the bike to the bike rack.



15th Medical Group holds change of command ceremony

Lt. Col. Michael J. Fea salutes Col. Robie V. Hughes, commander, 15th Medical Group, as he assumes command of the 15th Medical Operations Squadron (MDOS), during a ceremony Aug. 2 at Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

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

Commentary (from blog post)

Navy housing – helping us help you

Vice Adm. Bill French

Commander, Navy Installations Command

As a Navy leader – and someone who lives in Navy housing – I am committed to ensuring service members and their families have suitable, affordable and safe housing. Recent events pertaining to mold in Navy barracks, and government-owned and family-privatized housing, have indicated a need to more clearly communicate assistance available on all issues, but particularly when pertaining to health or safety issues.

This is a personal issue for me. I am determined to ensure we are providing the very best housing throughout the fleet, but I also need your help. If you help me by reporting your housing issues, we can help ensure you maintain a house or barracks room that you can feel proud to say is your home.

Should a health or safety issue arise during a Sailor’s stay in Navy barracks, government-owned, or privatized family housing, we’ll work with the Sailor as an advocate for their needs until we find a solution. If the issue cannot be resolved, we will work with the Sailor to find alternate accommodations.

Whether in a barracks room or home, if you live in Navy housing and suspect a health or safety condition exists, please report it to the

local private-public venture (PPV) office, the local Navy housing office or your barracks manager.

Use your chain of command; talk to your LPO, LCPO, division officer, ombudsman and even your commanding officer until you feel you’re getting the right amount of attention on your issue.

If you feel you are having health issues that may be related to conditions in your home or barracks room, see your medical provider immediately and then report the issue to your command medical officer or representative and your chain of command.

Taking personal responsibility to prevent issues like mold before it gets out of hand is essential. In many environments, mold can grow, no matter how well we maintain the home or condition of the air quality.

Be vigilant and ensure areas of your home or barracks room that tend to have more moisture, like kitchens and bathrooms, are kept clean on a regular basis. Oftentimes, all it takes is a once weekly wipe down with mold/mildew cleaner.

As a ready and resilient force, 21st Century Sailors and their families must feel confident they can report personal and housing concerns in order to stay safe and healthy in the places they live so we can all focus on our mission our duties and those we care about.



U.S. Navy photo
Vice Adm. Bill French

Commentary

A commitment to readiness

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

Aloha, team!

Last week, our Navy concluded a very successful Rim of the Pacific Exercise — the biggest and most comprehensive RIMPAC ever. The Sailors, civilians and family members of region and MID-PAC can and should be very proud of their contributions and hard work that made for a successful RIMPAC 2012.

Congratulations to USS Lake Erie, USS Chosin, USS Port Royal, USS Paul Hamilton, USS Chafee, USS Chung-Hoon, USS Crommelin and USS Reuben James for your stellar performance in RIMPAC, working alongside our allies, friends and partners.

This year’s theme was “capable, adaptive partners.” It is a theme that can apply to everything we do this year, even after RIMPAC.

The CNO says in his tenets that we must “be ready to fight and win today, while building the ability to win tomorrow.” We must operate forward to “provide options to deter, influence and win in an era of uncertainty.” And we need to be ready at all times. We must “harness the teamwork, talent and imagination of our diverse force to be ready to fight and responsibly employ our resources.”

USS O’Kane is currently forward-deployed, working with international partners and



U.S. Navy photo

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds

part of our Navy’s leading edge in deterring aggression and keeping the sea lanes free and open.

USS Hopper began a major selected restricted availability July 26 in the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, one of the largest tenant commands at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The maintenance period is needed to keep Rear Adm. “Amazing Grace” Hopper’s namesake on the cutting edge of technology—innovative, modernized and ready.

USS Russell completed an extended deployment just 16 weeks ago, and the ship and crew, and families, are to be commended for their commitment to national security in real-world operations in the western Pacific, East Asia, Indian Ocean and Middle East.

I recognize the long deployment, long hours and extra workload USS Russell has endured and the dedication by

everyone involved, from the deckplates to the bridge, from every Sailor and family member. You have my deep gratitude.

It’s not easy being on the front lines, which is where our MIDPAC warships operate routinely. Our Sailors and families make sacrifices every day to preserve peace, ensure the free flow of commerce, and protect the safety of our nation.

Our Sailors’ and families’ commitment to readiness, as demonstrated on deployment, during RIMPAC and all along the waterfront, is in keeping with the highest ideals of Navy Ethos and our core values.

Our ships, guests and visiting dignitaries received the best possible welcome and assistance from our installations.

Thank you, Pearl Harbor-Hickam and PMRF—military service members and civilians alike—for your red carpet treatment to our visitors and excellent training support that helped make the exercise so successful.

RIMPAC 2012 is in the history books, but our optempo and pace of change here in Hawaii will continue. As CNO Adm. Greenert says, Hawaii is the gateway to all of Asia and beyond. The work you do is strategically important to our Navy and our nation. The Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific team is making a global difference in protecting maritime freedom and preserving peace.

Mahalo nui loa.

Diverse Views



What book or books are on your summer reading list? Why?

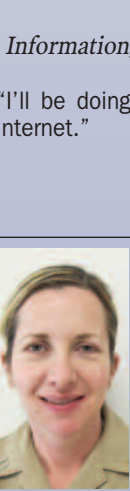
QM2 (SW/AW) Brittany Addair
JBPHH Transient Personnel Unit

“I’ve been reading the ‘50 Shades of Grey’ trilogy.”



Maj. Regina Berry
HQ HIANG

“‘Honolulu,’ by Alan Brennert, because I read ‘Molokai’ and thought it was beautifully written, and ‘Game of Thrones’ because I just started watching the series and don’t have the patience to wait to watch each episode.”



Paul Domingo
Information, Tickets and Travel agent

“I’ll be doing a lot of browsing on the Internet.”



Lt. Tatiana Doran
Region Legal Service Office Hawaii

“I’m going to be busy reading mostly legal stuff this summer.”

Olivia Hutchinson
McDonald’s employee

“I like to read cook books. I love to cook, and I am good at it!”



Master Sgt. Michael McCarty
8th Intelligence Squadron

“‘Game of Thrones,’ the HBO series has sparked my interest.”

Capt. Aaron Sherman
535th Airlift Squadron

“‘As The Minstrel Playeth,’ by David J. Napier. The author is a good friend of mine from high school and this is his first published book. I am excited to read his analysis of the joy and influence of music in our lives.”



(Provided by MC2 Heidi McCormick and David Underwood Jr.)

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‘Bird of Paradise’ arrives in Hawaii



U.S. Air Force photo

An Atlantic-Fokker C-2 “Bird of Paradise” arrives in Hawaii as shown in this photo. The first flight from the U.S. to Hawaii was accomplished by Lt. Albert F. Hegenberger and Lt. Lester J. Maitland on June 28-29, 1927. The flight left Oakland, Calif. and arrived at Wheeler Field in Hawaii. The plane was an Atlantic-Fokker C-2 named Bird of Paradise, specially modified at Wright Field for this particular flight. It remained in service in Hawaii as a transport plane for about 10 years.



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Canadian military members train with U.S. Navy at Pearl Harbor-Hickam

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Crew members from Canadian Forces frigate HMCS Regina (FFH 334) recently had the opportunity to attend a chemical, biological, radiation and nuclear (CBRN) refresher course at U.S. Navy facilities at Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

As part of their preparations for Operation ARTEMIS, the Canadian Forces contribution to counter terrorism operations in the Arabian Sea, 35 sailors successfully completed their CBRN defense qualification.

This course was conducted jointly by instructors primarily drawn from CF Fleet School Esquimalt's damage control division and the U.S. Navy's Surface Warfare Officers School, engineering learning site at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The course also provided a unique opportunity for sailors from the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) to work alongside their counterparts from the U.S. Navy. Although HMCS Regina did not officially participate in this year's Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise, this joint day of training matched the theme of RIMPAC 2012, which is "Capable, Adaptive Partners."



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Barker

Canadian crew members from frigate HMCS Regina (FFH 334) attend a joint training exercise at U.S. Navy facilities on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The joint training matched the theme of the biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise, "Capable, Adaptive Partners."

"It was very interesting to see the Canadians conduct their drills," said Damage Controlman 1st Class Terrance Artis, one of the U.S. Navy's instructors. "While the masks are different, there are many similarities between the training standards

used by both navies."

This sentiment was echoed by the lead U.S. instructor, Chief Damage Controlman Joe "Tommy" Thompson. He described the course taught as being "almost identical to the courses we teach here on a daily basis. I didn't really see

any significant differences."

According to Lt. Cmdr. Iain Meredith, commander of damage control division at CF Fleet School Esquimalt, Regina's visit to Pearl Harbor opened some doors to cooperation in the area of naval damage control training.

"To my knowledge, the completion of their CBRN qualification at a U.S. Navy facility by the crew of Regina is a first in the RCN. The quality of the facilities and the warm reception provided by the American hosts was outstanding. In addition, it has established bilateral contacts between the USN and RCN in the area of training practices in CBRN and all areas of naval damage control, which we hope to build upon in the months ahead," Meredith said.

Despite the tropical location of the sun-drenched Hawaiian island and the hot temperatures, the training differences and similarities were also noticed by the crew of HMCS Regina. As Capt. Ian Halliburton, commander of the unmanned aerial vehicle detachment, explained, "In the Army, we normally conduct CBRN in the middle of winter, so this is my first time doing these drills in such hot weather. But the course and individual drills taught were the same as back in Canada."

On July 22, HMCS Regina left Hawaii to continue her transit across the Pacific Ocean. Once the Esquimalt-based frigate reaches the Arabian Sea, she will replace HMCS Charlottetown as part of Combined Task Force 150, an international coalition of ships conducting maritime interdiction to fight against terrorism.

RIMPAC Reservist helps avert crime, comes to rescue of tourist

Story and photo by
Jim Murray

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Logistics Center Pearl
Harbor Public Affairs*

Sunset in Waikiki is supposed to be a time of romance and serenity as visitors gather on the beach to watch for the green flash that is sometimes seen when the sun disappears over the horizon. For a group of young, female visitors from Japan, however, the only green flash they saw was the sight of their hard-earned dollars disappearing into the pocket of a stranger.

The women were on the beach with their belongings alongside them in the sand when a brazen man who was passing by scooped up one of their wallets and hurried off.

The women saw it happen and they began to yell, but the man who took their wallet was frightening, and they were hesitant to do anything more than to try and follow him.

Fortunately, a short distance down the beach from the women was Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Ricardo Martinez, who was taking photos of the sunset.



Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Ricardo Martinez

Martinez, a naval Reservist with Navy Reserve Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor (FLCPH) Det A, located in Denver, Colo., was

in Hawaii for the RIMPAC exercise. Assigned to Naval Supply Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor, his duties primarily involved

moving cargo—not apprehending criminals. Despite that, Martinez, who was once a police officer in Aurora, Colo., was not about to stand by and do nothing.

"I thought he was going to hurt one of the Japanese ladies and my training kicked in," Martinez said. "It was automatic."

Martinez crossed the sand and approached the suspect, intending to see if he could protect the ladies and also get the wallet returned.

Initially, things did not go well. The suspect had no plans to give up the wallet so easily, and he threatened Martinez and told him that he and his friends would kill him.

As a RIMPAC naval Reservist and a representative of the U.S. Navy, Martinez knew he should not be getting into an altercation in the middle of Waikiki Beach, so he did the right thing—something that is easily overlooked in the heat of the moment. He whipped out his cell and called 911.

"I just wanted to ensure the Japanese women were safe," said Martinez.

At that point, the suspect made his getaway . . . but

he was too late. Honolulu Police Department (HPD) has a substation on Waikiki Beach and in no time, the police had nabbed the suspect and recovered the wallet and the hundreds of dollars inside it.

HPD officers asked Martinez to come to the station so he could give his account of what happened. The suspect was arrested for theft and assault.

"I didn't do that much," said the humble Martinez, playing down his role in the event. It seems likely, however, that had he not intervened, a young Japanese visitor would not have recovered the money she had saved for her Hawaii vacation.

"LS2 Martinez safely intervened during a tense situation and took appropriate action," said Capt. Paul Verrastro, commanding officer of NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor as he congratulated Martinez on his good deed.

"Other people might have remained on the sidelines, but Martinez stepped forward, and there is a young lady who is certainly happy that he did," continued Verrastro.

Lt. Cmdr. Al Unger, Reserve coordinator for NAVSUP FLCPH, had lots of praise for Martinez and for the other Navy Reserve personnel who help support the Fleet Logistics Center:

"One of the many benefits of Reserve Sailors is the wealth of knowledge, training and experience they bring from their civilian careers," Unger said.

"For example, Petty Officer Martinez is supporting RIMPAC as a logistics specialist, but he is also a certified police officer in Colorado. That civilian training allowed him to act immediately to stop a crime in progress and possibly prevent an escalation to physical harm," Unger said.

This was the first time Martinez has been to Hawaii, but he said the event on the beach did not detract from the warmth and beauty he has found in the 50th state.

"It's really nice here," he said. "The weather is beautiful. I hope to see more of the island, but I've been busy with RIMPAC and my naval Reserve qualifications."

As for his intervention in a dangerous situation, he said, "I'd do it all over again."

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard supports RIMPAC ships

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility Public Affairs

The mission of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) is summarized in its motto: "We keep them fit to fight." The term "them" refers to the surface ships and submarines of the U.S. Navy. That meaning takes on an expanded international flavor to the maintenance and repair work done at the shipyard every two years during the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise.

RIMPAC is the largest multi-

national maritime exercise in the world and this year's was the biggest in the 41 years since the first one was held in 1971. More than 40 ships from 22 nations, including Russia for the first time as an active participant, were involved in RIMPAC 2012, which increased activity and the sight of foreign ships and uniforms at Pearl Harbor.

Participating ships began arriving in Hawaii in late June during a period of high workload



at the shipyard concurrent with the start of the USS Texas (SSN 775) availability, a major Virginia-class maintenance milestone for the shipyard.

In the two-week period before and after the June 29 exercise start date, the shipyard responded to more than 60 service requests from the U.S. Navy and ships and from other countries participating in RIMPAC.

Most of the maintenance sup-

port the shipyard provided was to surface ships in the form of technical assistance on communications and other electronics gear. Other support covered a wide range of work, such as repairing several small holes in a hull, fixing an awning, analyzing lube oil, refilling nitrogen bottles, weight testing decoy launchers, and clearing propellers fouled with nets.

"Our role as maintenance providers enabled RIMPAC ships and their crews to more fully take part in various combat and other exercises," said Capt. Brian Osgood, PHNSY & IMF commander.

"In a larger sense, the shipyard's contribution extended

beyond repairs to pieces of equipment. We were also supporting the beginning of new partnerships and the strengthening of existing partnerships among nations, which is in keeping with this RIMPAC's theme of 'Capable, Adaptive Partners,'" he said.

"The sight of flags and ships of other countries in Pearl Harbor reminds us that the work we do has an impact far beyond the shipyard. When we keep the U.S. Navy's ships – and those of our partners and allies – fit to fight, we are also contributing to the future peace, prosperity and security of the Asia-Pacific region," Osgood said.

RIMPAC provides opportunities for militaries to work together

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duct complex and purposeful training in challenging scenarios like humanitarian assistance operations," said Adm. Cecil Haney, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. "The partnerships, cooperation and camaraderie forged during this exercise are essential to the promotion of peace in the Pacific region and will be invaluable during future contingencies, wherever and whenever they might be."

RIMPAC 2012 demonstrated a variety of exercise firsts, including the first time non-U.S. officers commanded components of the combined task force during the exercise. Commodore Stuart Mayer of

the Royal Australian navy commanded the maritime component, and Brig. Gen. Michael Hood of the Royal Canadian Air Force commanded the air component.

Other key leaders of the multi-national force included Royal Canadian navy Rear Adm. Ron Lloyd, deputy commander of the combined task force (CTF), and Japan Maritime Self Defense Force Rear Adm. Fumiyuki Kitagawa, vice commander of the CTF.

"I am truly pleased with what we have achieved as part of this exercise," said Rear Adm. Ron Lloyd, the deputy combined task force commander. "The challenging scenarios allowed Canadians and our Pacific Rim partners to develop the skills

we will need to work successfully with each other, wherever we may be called upon to deploy," said Lloyd.

The U.S. Navy also demonstrated its "Great Green Fleet" with surface combatants and aircraft, functioning on biofuel blends for the first time in an operation. The demonstration highlighted Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus' energy goals to reduce the Department of Navy's consumption of energy, decrease its reliance on foreign sources of oil, and significantly increase its use of alternative energy.

"If you talk to anyone who lives within the rim of the Pacific they will tell you, it's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when the next natural disas-

ter or crisis may affect one of the countries," said Vice Adm. Gerald R. Beaman, commander of U.S. 3rd Fleet. "We (RIMPAC participants) are forming a team. In the event of the next crisis or disaster, this team will have worked with each other and understand the processes that a coalition will have to go through in order to form and be able to accomplish whatever mission we may be asked to do."

For the first time during RIMPAC, the exercise featured a humanitarian assistance/disaster relief event that facilitated training and certification for expeditionary forces to respond to foreign disasters as a crisis response adaptive force package. Also conducted were three

SINKEXS, multi-force military operations on urban terrain training, live-fire exercises, surface-to-air engagements, air-to-air missile engagements, surface-to-surface engagements, amphibious assaults, vessel boardings, explosive ordnance disposal, diving, salvage operations, conducted air-to-air refuelings and mine clearance operations.

"Watching this 22-nation coalition come together, each with their own individual training goals and objectives, watching the team put a plan together that accounted for each one of those training goals and objectives, and then for the last three weeks watching it all unfold, for me, that will be a lasting memory," Beaman said.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam*Highlights*



Staff Sgt. Jacquelyn Gausemel, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam honor guard member, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Gen. Gary North, former Pacific Air Forces commander, place a wreath Aug. 1 at the USS Arizona Memorial JBPHH.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jerome S. Tayborn

(Below) Service members from Navy Region Hawaii attend a motorcycle safety conference held on Ford Island. With personal motor vehicle accidents having the second highest fatality rate amongst Sailors, and motorcycles being the primary factor, the conference provided information on training requirements and classes, required personal protective equipment and other useful information for new and experienced riders who attended.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jon Dasbach

(Below) Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Brandon Healy, Aviation Support Equipment Technician 2nd Class Henry Seeger and Aviation Support Equipment Technician Airman Joshua Joiner serve patrons at the Salvation Army Food Kitchen in Hanapepe, Hawaii. Sailors from the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai donated and served more than 50 plates of homemade chili in support of the community service project.

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



(Right) Rear Adm. Frank Caldwell, commander of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, speaks Aug. 1, at the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Training for Leadership (SAPR-L) at Sharkey Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, emphasized that sexual assault prevention is everyone's duty. SAPR-L course is designed for the Navy's leadership, E7 and above, to raise awareness about the reality of sexual assaults in the Navy, provide tools and techniques to prevent sexual assaults, and educate Sailors about their response roles in the event that a sexual assault does take place.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Ronald Cutridge



(Above) Candian crew members from frigate HMCS Regina (FFH 334) attend a training exercise at U.S. Navy facilities at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Barker

(Right) Chief Damage Controlman Joe Thompson inspects his equipment during a joint training exercise with Candian crew members from frigate HMCS Regina (FFH 334) at U.S. Navy facilities at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Barker





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A Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) CC-150 Polaris air-to-air refueller from 8 Wing Trenton, Ontario refuels RCAF CF-18 Hornets from 425 Tactical Fighter Squadron in Bagotville, Quebec, over the Pacific Ocean near Hawaii July 24.

Canadian Forces photo by MCpl Marc-Andre Gaudreault



(Left) Members of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force prepare to fly a P-3 Orion.
Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force photo by Photographer LS Tetsuya Sekino

(Below) A Royal Canadian Air Force CF-18 Hornet from 425 Tactical Fighter Squadron in Bagotville, Quebec flies along the Oahu coast, July 24.

Canadian Forces photo by MCpl Marc-Andre Gaudreault



(Above) Two U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 144th Fighter Wing, California Air National Guard fly a mission July 30 near the Hawaiian islands.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Robertson



Airman Apprentice Colt Colvin tightens bolts on catapult 3 on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68).

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Eva-Marie Ramsaran



Sailors assigned to Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 117 monitor an E2-C Hawkeye during a communications check on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68).

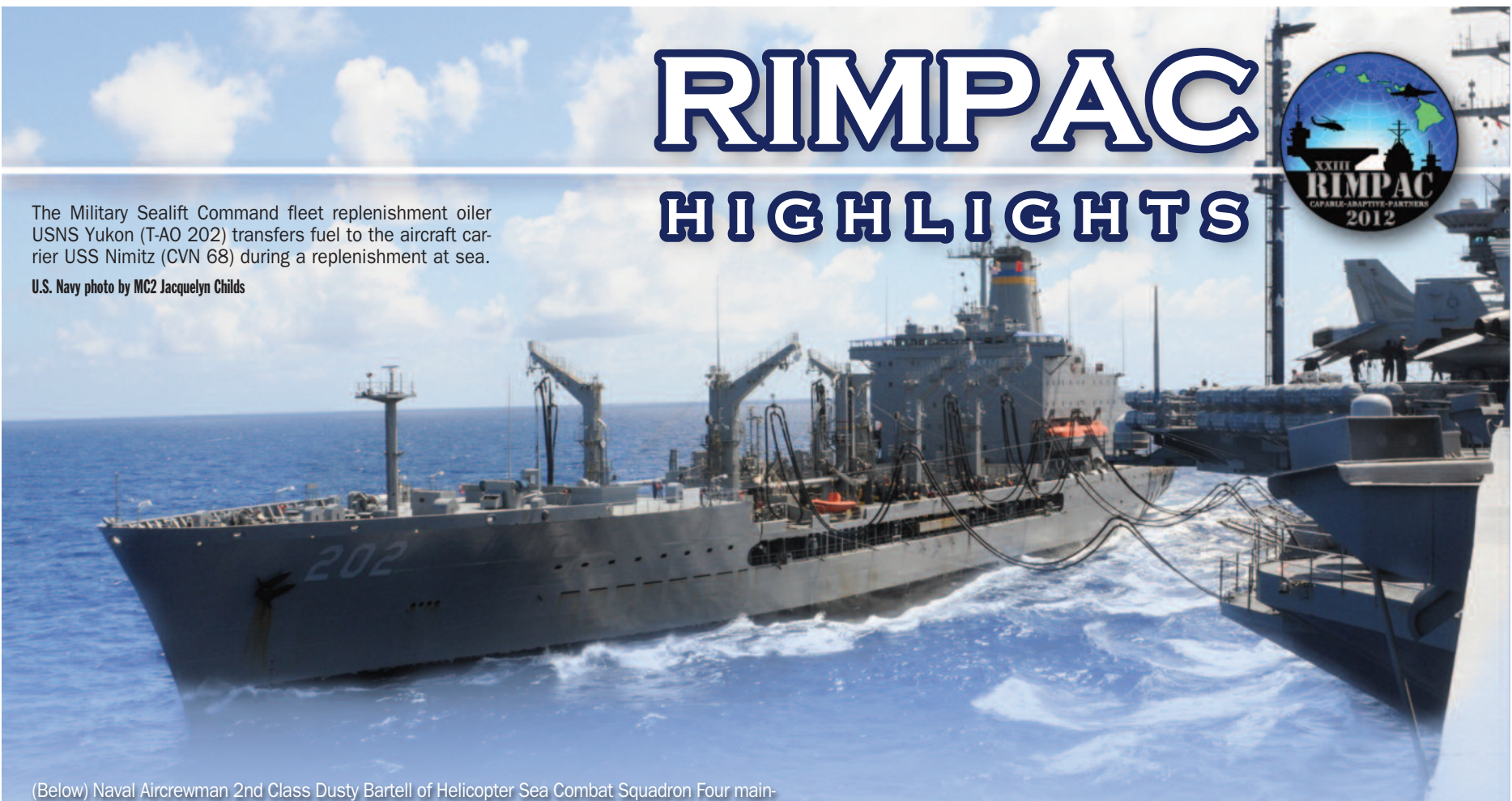
U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Eva-Marie Ramsaran

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The Military Sealift Command fleet replenishment oiler USNS Yukon (T-AO 202) transfers fuel to the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68) during a replenishment at sea.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jacquelyn Childs



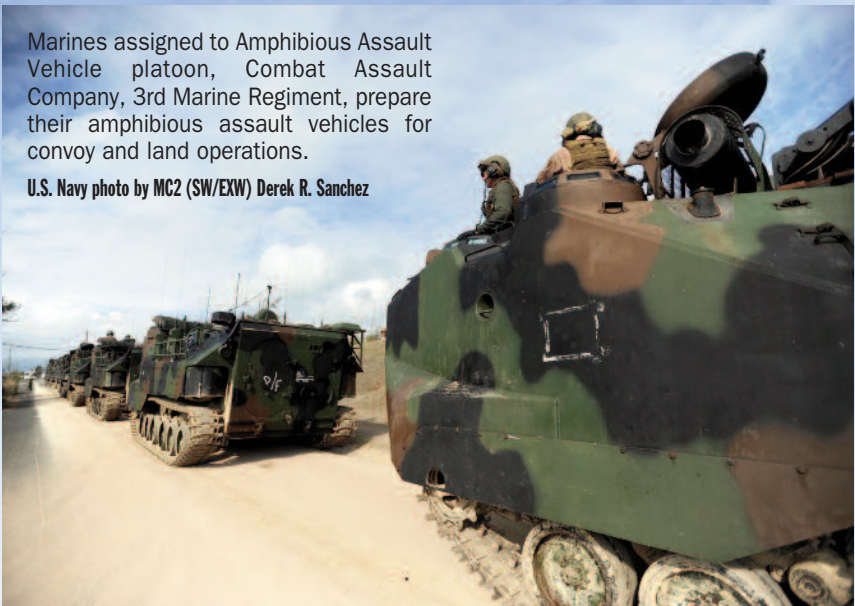
(Below) Naval Aircrewman 2nd Class Dusty Bartell of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Four maintains control of a hoist cable while lowering priority repair parts to HMCS Victoria (SSK 876)

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (SW/EXW) Derek R. Sanchez



Marines assigned to Amphibious Assault Vehicle platoon, Combat Assault Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, prepare their amphibious assault vehicles for convoy and land operations.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (SW/EXW) Derek R. Sanchez



Marines assigned to Amphibious Assault Vehicle platoon, Combat Assault Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, storm a beach during RIMPAC.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (SW/EXW) Derek R. Sanchez



(Above) Marines from 1st Battalion 3rd Marine Regiment and soldiers from the Republic of South Korea and New Zealand army enter the Kahuku Training Area.

New Zealand Defence Force photo by LAC Amanda McErlach

(Below) Marine Corps CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters approach for a landing at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows.

Canadian Forces photo by MCpl Marc-Andre Gaudreault



Stoner relieves Pitts as commander, Submarine Squadron 7

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Capt. Rick Stoner relieved Capt. James Pitts as commander of Submarine Squadron (COMSUBRON) Seven during a time-honored change of command ceremony Aug. 3 at the submarine piers at Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Rear Adm. James Caldwell, commander of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, was the guest speaker at the event. He spoke about Pitts’ exceptional performance with his responsibilities as commodore of the submarine squadron.

“You have led the way for submarines in the Pacific and lived up to the legacy of Squadron Seven,” said Caldwell. “You left a mark on the professional development of every Sailor under your command, and you leave a legacy as a leader who is well respected by his peers.”

Following his remarks, Caldwell presented Capt.



Capt. James Pitts is piped ashore after being relieved by Capt. Rick Stoner as Commander, Submarine Squadron (COMSUBRON) Seven at a change of command ceremony Aug. 3 at the submarine piers at Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Pitts with the Legion of Merit for deploying nine successful submarines to the western Pacific and conducting seven deployments “vital to national security.”

In his closing remarks, Caldwell expressed his satisfaction and appreciation for the crew on the squadron staff as well as the crews of the nine submarines that fell

under Pitts’ leadership.

“Getting these submarines underway and mission capable for any tasking takes incredible leadership,” said Caldwell. “While I can’t divulge the details, I can assure those here today that this team has conducted numerous missions that directly support the defense of our nation and their collec-

tive work will have a major impact in the Pacific for years to come.”

Pitts expressed his gratification and appreciation to his squadron staff as well as the crews of the submarines of Squadron Seven.

“The submarines in this squadron are magnificent marvels of modern technology, and that power would be

useless without the most import element, the professionals that make it happen,” said Pitts.

“The best part of my job was the opportunity to work with the tremendously talented commanding officers and their crews. It is these professionals that deploy forward and carry out the tasking. They absolutely do their part to live the design for undersea warfare and maintain our pre-eminence as the world’s best submarine force,” Pitts continued.

As Stoner assumed command of Squadron Seven, he focused on the assignment and command to which he is now assigned.

“I would like to first thank Capt. Pitts and the entire Squadron Seven team for their exceptionally warm welcome and professional turnover. I am impressed with your hard work and enthusiasm,” said Stoner.

“One of the squadron’s success areas had been training and mentoring the submarine crews. I want to continue this emphasis, with a particular focus on mastering the fundamentals. I believe that by mastering the fundamentals, we establish a

firm foundation for excelling at the more challenging aspects of submarine operations,” he said.

Pitts will transfer to Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group for his next duty assignment. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1986 with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.

Pitts also attended the Naval Postgraduate School where he earned a master’s degree in national security affairs. His submarine assignments include USS Grayling (SSN 646), USS Plunger (SSN 595), USS Hammerhead (SSN 663), USS Hyman G. Rickover (SSN709) and USS Tucson (SSN 770).

Through the years, 59 submarines have been assigned to COMSUBRON Seven with nine Los Angeles-class, nuclear-powered fast attack submarines currently assigned. The squadron has been commanded by 41 different commodores, including Medal of Honor recipient Rear Adm. Richard H. O’Kane and former Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Frank B. Kelso II.

Cambodian students learn casting techniques aboard USNS Mercy during Pacific Partnership

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SIHANOUKVILLE, Cambodia (NNS) -- Cambodian students gained valuable medical knowledge in casting techniques Aug. 4 while aboard the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) as part of Pacific Partnership 2012 (PP12).

Forty-one students from International University and the University of Health Sciences joined PP12 medical professionals in the subject matter expert exchange (SMEE) aboard USNS Mercy to learn and apply new techniques in splinting arm fractures.

International University student Tan Indravina said the hands-on learning experience was a lot different than sitting in a room and listening.

“I actually learned how to do it and use the tricks the doctors showed us and learned how to put the wrist in the right position to properly splint it,” Indravina said.

The students spent most of the day learning and practicing splinting by applying the techniques on each other while PP12 doctors and hospital corpsmen watched and helped.

Capt. David Tanen said the goal with working with the students was more than just teaching them new techniques.

“It wasn’t so much about what we were teaching today, but the fact that we were working with them and sharing experiences,” he said. “The biggest thing is long-term relationships. These are people we are



U.S. Navy photo by Kristopher Radder

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Nina Thomas shows a Cambodian medical student how to make a temporary splint while others practice making casts aboard the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) during Pacific Partnership 2012.

able to work with in the case of future disasters and interactions.”

The students are working with PP12 over the duration of two weeks where they learn various medical skill sets as well as gain experience from doctors from around the world.

“The skills they have learned, whether it be ultrasound, IV, casting or some of the various other skills, they will be able to apply them in every day practice,” said Tanen.

Indravina said the experience has been very important and informative for her and the other students who participated.

“I think that exchanges like this are important because every country has a different style of teaching and doing things,” she said. “We went a lot of places on the ship and got a chance to see a lot. I am really glad that I could be a part of this training, a part of the ship’s crew and a part of

the whole mission. I learned a lot, and I actually got to participate and have a really good time.”

SMEEs are a major part of PP12’s mission. They create an interaction where U.S. military, host and partner nations and non-governmental organizations can work together to learn from each other and create lasting relationships that could prove vital in the case of a natural disaster response.

Now in its seventh year, Pacific Partnership is an annual U.S. Pacific Fleet humanitarian and civic

assistance mission. U.S. military, host and partner nations, non-governmental organizations and international agencies designed the mission to build stronger relationships and disaster response capabilities in the Asia-Pacific region. For more news from Pacific Partnership 2012, visit <http://1.usa.gov/P10HUy>.

(Editor’s note: Medical students from University of Hawaii in Hawaii are among those participating in the last leg of Pacific Partnership 2012 as it visits Cambodia.)

JBPHH will celebrate Women’s Equality Day on Aug. 14

Joint Base Pearl
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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) will observe Women’s Equality Day at a brown bag luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 14 at the 15th Wing conference room.

The Federal Women’s Program (FWP) at JBPHH will host the event highlighting the history of voting rights and the voter registration process.

“The Federal Women’s Program would like to use this event to recognize Women’s Equality Day, August 26, 2012. On this day in 1920, women were given the right to vote by the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution being signed,” said Jenny Crippen, special events coordinator of FWP.

“Since 1971 when legislation was first introduced in Congress by Bella Abzug, every president has published a proclamation for Women’s Equality Day. So men and women, exercise your right, get out there and vote,” Crippen added.

Col. Eva Jenkins, commander of the 692d Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Group, will be the keynote speaker for the event.

A local voting action officer will present information at the event regarding how to vote via absentee ballot for the upcoming presidential elections.

Each year, Aug. 26 is pro-

claimed as Women’s Equality Day by the president. The observance commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which granted women the right to vote in 1920.

Prior to the 1912 national elections, women had equal suffrage to men in only six states. For the first time in history, presidential candidates of the 1912 elections treated women as vital to victory.

The Heroes Vote Initiative website noted that, “Unlike many Americans, military families are constantly on the go, moving from one duty location to another. For most military families, the frequency and unexpected nature of these moves have increased. If [military members and their spouses] have any hope of voting, they are forced to navigate a confusing state absentee ballot process.”

According to information on the website, a recent study concluded that less than 20 percent of 2.5 million military voters successfully voted by absentee ballot in 2008. In 2010, participation by military voters sank to less than five percent.

Voters may request an absentee ballot and register to vote by completing the Federal Post Card Application (SF-76). Voter applications should be submitted the January after a voter changes his address or at least 90 days prior to an election.

For more information, visit www.fvap.gov.

North’s accomplishments praised

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Pacific Air Forces. The military formation was comprised of the PACAF vice commander, the four numbered Air Force commanders, and four flights of Airmen representing the nine wings and more than 43,000 active duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen who serve across Pacific Air Forces.

“We are here to acknowledge the past accomplishments of two of the Air Force’s most accomplished, inspirational and respected leaders,” Schwartz said. “They are exactly the kind of leaders we need at the helm of Pacific Air Forces as the command conducts its very important mission in a very important region.”

During his command, North executed PACAF’s primary mission to provide U.S. Pacific Command integrated expeditionary Air Force capabilities to defend the homeland, promote stability in the region, dissuade and deter aggression, and swiftly defeat enemies.

Schwartz described the critical contributions that PACAF has made under North’s command, including the notable Operation Tomodachi and Pacific Passage, in which PACAF flew more than 850 sorties, delivered 5 million pounds of U.S. relief supplies to Japan, and evacuated approximately 7,400 American citizens from potential hazard zones.

Navy Adm. Samuel Locklear III, commander of Pacific Command, also presided over the ceremony, as the PACAF commander also serves as PACOM’s air component commander.

“The joint commitment to the rebalance [toward the Asia-Pacific region] has been boldly led by General North, who personally assured that U.S. Air Forces in the Pacific remain ready and capable of

guaranteeing the security and stability that this region must have for our success,” Locklear said.

North was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his accomplishments as commander and then received his final salute from the men and women of PACAF as he relinquished command.

“We are truly grateful for the wonderful showing of support, the trust we have received, and the friendships we’ve made during the last three years in the Pacific,” North said. “To the men and women of Pacific Air Forces, we have been privileged to have served alongside you and our total force partners, sister services of the Pacific Command and certainly our friends, allies and partners - some of which are represented here today - and many others,” he said drawing attention to the representatives in the audience from Japan, Australia and Singapore.

Carlisle comes to PACAF from his prior position as the deputy chief of staff for operations, plans and requirements at Headquarters U.S. Air Force in Washington, D.C. He was also a prior commander of 13th Air Force here.

During his time at the Pentagon, Carlisle oversaw the fielding of the F-35 Lightning II and played an instrumental role in advocating for the full range of Air Force operational capability and capacity.

“[His] forging of close and cooperative relationships with his service counterparts in the Pentagon will reap great rewards for our Air Force in the form of even stronger, more enduring relationships and enhanced operational collaboration with our joint partners,” Schwartz said. “Clearly, we can see that Hawk is a forward-looking leader who is a perfect fit for command of PACAF.”

Directly addressing Carlisle, Schwartz said, “PACAF is ready to benefit from your breadth of experience, your depth of leadership and your passion for our Airmen.”

Locklear echoed Schwartz’s outlook on the future.

“He’s an impressive leader with a distinctive career and significant experience in this region,” he said. “I’m confident that you will continue to build upon the accomplishments of PACAF.”

Carlisle then received his first salute as the new PACAF commander and expressed his thanks to Schwartz and Locklear.

“I am incredibly humbled to stand before you here today as the commander of Pacific Air Forces,” said Carlisle. “Thank you for your trust and faith in me and giving me this incredible opportunity. Your Pacific Air Forces provide unrivaled combat power, capability and capacity in air, space and cyberspace.”

Carlisle also thanked North.

“Thank you for handing me a command that is at the top of its game and for leading our Pacific Airmen to great accomplishments,” he said.

Carlisle assured the men and women of PACAF that as the nation increases its focus on the Asia-Pacific region, PACAF Airmen would stand shoulder-to-shoulder with their fellow Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen to face these challenges head-on.

“I am incredibly humbled to be leading the great Airmen and families that make up PACAF,” he said. “We are all in this together and will face our challenges with dedication, discipline and courage. We will devote ourselves to this great nation we serve and hand to our children, and our children’s children, a better, safer world where freedom prevails.”

Lehua Avenue to be repaved into Pearl City Peninsula

From Aug. 27 to Oct. 31 repaving of Lehua Avenue into Pearl City Peninsula will take place. This reconstruction will take place Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 27 to Sept. 28, from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. Oct. 1 to 15, and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 to 31, unless otherwise posted. Vehicles will have limited turn movements during the construction operation. Contraflow will be provided at all times. A police officer will be on-site directing vehicle and pedestrian traffic. All personnel should seek alternate routes during this time or plan accordingly for delays.

Lane closures will take place on Valkenburgh Boulevard

From Aug. 19 to 24, between 6 p.m. and 4 a.m., roadway reconstruction will take place on Valkenburgh from Warden Court to Radford Drive. Unless otherwise posted, reconstruction will take place during the aforementioned hours on Sunday through Thursday. The recommended detour route is Bougainville Drive. All personnel should seek alternate routes during this time or plan accordingly for delays.

Road closures in effect for half-marathon Aug. 11

In support of the sixth annual Circle, Mills Boulevard and Fox Morale, Welfare and Recreation Half-Marathon on Aug. 11, the following road closures will be in effect from 5 to 10 a.m.: O’Malley Boulevard and Apollo, O’Malley Boulevard and Freedom Avenue, Atterbury Circle and “F” Street, Vickers Avenue and Atterbury

KHON (FOX) TV 2 Hawaii Navy News upcoming segments

- Aug. 23:** Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard/Apprentice Program
- Aug. 30:** STEM
- Sept. 6:** Back to school/Job Fairs JEMS
- Sept. 13:** National Preparedness Month
- Sept. 20:** War of 1812/USS Lake Erie
- Sept. 27:** Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Air Show “Navy Leap Frogs”
- Oct. 4:** Makahiki festival
- Oct. 11:** Navy birthday

(The segments currently air between 6:20 and 6:30 a.m. each Thursday. Previous segments can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/KHONNavy>)

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Hatchling honu head home

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Pacific Missile Range Facility Public Affairs

For the third consecutive year, green sea turtles have nested at the protected beaches of Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF).

The night of July 23, green sea turtle hatchlings emerged from the underground nest and made their journey to the ocean.

Don Heacock, Kauai District Fisheries biologist, arrived at PMRF on July 26 to excavate the nest that hatched three nights prior. John Burger and Dennis Rowley, range complex sustainment coordinators at PMRF, assisted in the search for hatched turtle eggs.

Heacock began to dig in the area where the nest was believed to be located. After 30 minutes of digging Rowley saw a live hatchling emerge from under the sand right behind Heacock's foot. Heacock placed the tiny turtle into a bucket then continued to dig and locate remaining turtle eggs.

In addition to the live hatchling, Heacock recovered fragments of more than 60 turtle eggs.

"No dead hatchlings were found on the morning of the 24, so we can all presume that, minus the live turtle we uncovered, the ones that hatched exited the nest and reached the ocean," said Burger.

"The eggs are collected to check for emerging and hatching success. Some of the shells are also sent off for DNA analysis," Rowley said.

After removing all of the fragmented egg shells from the nest, the two young daughters of Cmdr. Garron Morris, PMRF executive officer, were allowed the rare opportunity to release the live hatchling into the ocean.

According to "Sea Turtles, An Ecological Guide," written by David Gulko and Karen Eckert, most green turtle nests are laid in an open sandy beach habitat, with the female digging a pit two to three feet in width and depth.

Females will lay a typical clutch of 75 to 150 eggs. Throughout the breeding season they will lay up to six clutches. Individual females do not breed every year but return faithfully to their nesting grounds every two to five years.

Heacock gave a few tips to keep the tur-

tles coming back to Kauai to nest and help the population flourish.

"Make sure people report any nesting activity so the nests can be protected. We can also look at the things that are negatively impacting the turtles like marine debris such as fishing lines and nets. If a fisherman catches a turtle on their fishing line they should try to reel the turtle in and remove the hook. If the turtle swallowed the hook, the fisherman needs to cut the line as close to the mouth as possible," Heacock said.

When it comes to vessel strikes, speed kills on the water just like it kills on land.

"Turtles are close to shore, they feed on the seaweed that grows on boulders and the reef, and they are not a quarter of a mile off shore. So boats that are 'pedal to the metal' going to Na Pali should try to stay away from the reef. Where it's an all sand bottom you're not going to find turtles," Heacock said.

Heacock also said the [young] turtles' instinct after reaching the surface of the sand is to go straight to the first light source they see. Sometimes that can be fatal to the turtles if they see artificial

lights from street lights, a car's headlights or even bon fires.

"To see and know there are new turtles out there, it's a magic feeling, makes you really appreciate how special this place is," Rowley said. "It's a blessing to work here."

PMRF Barking Sands has been recognized by the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) many times as one of the best installations in the Navy for environmental and cultural stewardship.

In 2008 PMRF won the CNO Environmental Award for Cultural Resources Management, and in 2009 PMRF was recognized for the Natural Resources Conservation.

In February of 2012 it was announced that PMRF was again a winner in two categories for 2011, Natural Resources Conservation – Small Installation, and for Natural Resources Conservation – Team.

The annual CNO Environmental Awards program is designed to recognize Navy ships, installations and individuals or teams for exceptional environmental stewardship.



Photo illustration

Photos by MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf and Dennis Rowley



PAM flight school graduates 'earn their wings'

Brandon Bosworth

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The Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor's (PAM) "flight school" for girls concluded July 26 with a winging ceremony at the museum's hangar 79.

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, served as the featured speaker. After being introduced as a "special guest," Ponds kicked off the event by telling the class, "I'm not the special guest... you are." Gazing out at the girls awaiting their wings, Ponds said, "I am very proud of America's history, but when I look at you, I see our future."

The museum's "flight school" program is specifically tailored for girls in grades six through eight. The program involves exploring aviation history and flight science over a period of three days through a variety of activities, including learning to "fly" in a flight simulation lab and operating remote controlled aircraft.

"We just started this summer," said Dr. Shauna Tonkin, director of education at the museum. "There was a lot of interest in the program. Classes were full, and we're still getting calls from parents wanting to

enroll their kids even though the final session of the summer is over."

There were four sessions this summer, and about 100 girls completed the program.

The girls-only classes came about as a result of the museum receiving a grant from the Hawaii Women's Fund. However, a program for boys is being considered. "We would like to start a program for boys, but middle school girls do face unique developmental challenges," Tonkin said. "This program helps them to discover opportunities in the fields of science and technology."

To give the girls an idea of the opportunities available to them, the winging ceremony featured many volunteers who came and shared their stories. There were female pilots, mechanics, FAA inspectors and more, both military and civilian.

During the final winging ceremony July 26, Ponds presented each graduate of the program with her wings and a certificate.

"Don't let anyone tell you your generation isn't capable of doing great things," he told the girls. "You have already done great things."

For more information on the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor's "flight school" program, call 441-1005 or email ShaunaT@PacificAviationMuseum.org.



Lynch clinches the RIMPAC sailing regatta championship

Story and photos by
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Skipped by Cmdr. Arturo Oxley, CS Almirante Lynch (FF 07) of Chile sped past an international field of boats Aug. 3 to capture the 2012 RIMPAC sailing Regatta at Rainbow Bay Marina, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win topped off a full four rounds of sailing with teams comprised of sailors from seven countries that included Japan, Chile, United States, Australia, New Zealand, Korea and Canada.

Joining Oxley on the Lynch's three-man crew were his brother Lt. Jose Oxley and Lt. Cmdr. Jorge Ibarra.

A total of six sailing ships punched their ticket to the championship race,

which accepted the top-two finishers from the day's three earlier heats.

Finishing just behind Lynch was the Royal New Zealand Navy HMNZS Te Kaha (F 77), captained by Leading Combat Systems Specialist Shane Greaves, while Japan's JS Myoko (DDG 175), skippered by Lt. j.g. Keiishiro Iwamura, came in third.

In a recap of the competitive but friendly race, Pearl Harbor Yacht Club (PHYC) Staff Commodore Dean Smith said that he was impressed at the level of skills displayed by each entrant.

"I thought they did very well - especially the last race," Smith said. "We plan for a variety of sailing skill levels because you never know. Sometimes, even myself, I was active duty, but I'd go years before I'd sail. I suspect some of these folks were rusty, but I was very impressed."

Greaves agreed with Smith and admitted that he and his crew might have been a little out of practice before the first heat began at 9 a.m., but ultimately, once a sailor always a sailor.

"It's alright because we're all



The three-man crew from CS Almirante Lynch (FF 07) of Chile celebrates after crossing the finish line first at the 2012 RIMPAC Sailing Regatta at Rainbow Bay Marina.

sailors anyway," he noted. "There is no specialty to it. It's just being mates, mates talking to each other, getting along and having a good time."

Outside of a few adjustments to the course, Smith said that the competition was standard and held just like the club's other races.

"The international rules of sailing are very much the same as U.S. rules of sailing," Smith stated. "The basic rules of sailing are international. That's why the sailing that's going on in the Olympics right now is basically the same rules that we use here."

Although the day's sun-filled weather seemed to provide perfect

sailing conditions for all of the participating countries, Smith pointed out that it could have been a bit more challenging had the winds been gustier.

"Today was less than normal," he explained. "Most of the local sailors are used to heavier winds because we do get heavier winds than back on the mainland. I suspect that it's also heavier than they get back in Japan or Korea because we got trade winds. Today the winds were about 15 knots. Sometimes, you get down here and you get honking winds."

Still, Greaves admitted that the course was challenging enough and complimented PHYC and Morale, Welfare and Recreation for staging the event.

"It was good to get out there and do this kind of stuff," Greaves said. "It's been awesome and the hospitality has been really great."

While the race was competitive throughout the course, all of the sailors easily exchanged smiles and handshakes following the championship race.

The crew of the victorious Lynch even took a dive into the harbor in celebration of winning the cup.

"I was very impressed," Smith said about the camaraderie shared after each race. "The Chileans, you saw how passionate they were. My gosh, they jumped in. The Japanese were as excited as they can be. It was a real international competition."

Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel welcomes South Korean sailors

Brandon Bosworth

Contributing Writer

Sailors from around the Pacific converged on Pearl Harbor during the recently completed RIMPAC exercises. For the chaplains and congregation of Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, that meant services became a bit more cosmopolitan as new parishioners from other nations came to worship during their time in Hawaii.

South Korean sailors were particularly enthusiastic about worshipping at the chapel and joining in on chapel activities. "The moment their ships pulled

in, the sailors immediately came and expressed interest in participating in our services," said Navy Lt. Richard Tiff, Chaplain Corps. "They joined in for both our Sunday services and our midweek vertical services."

Even the language barrier didn't keep Korean sailors from taking part in Bible study sessions. "They weren't entirely comfortable at first, but there was still lots of interaction between the Koreans and our regular congregations," said Tiff.

Things were a bit easier when it came time to singing hymns. "They sing many of the same hymns in

South Korean churches," said Tiff. "The language is different, but the music is the same."

Unlike most East Asian nations, the population of South Korea is about 25 to 30 percent Christian. Tiff noticed some interesting things in the Korean approach to Christianity. "For one, they are fervently into prayer. It isn't unusual for Korean Christians to spend all night praying," he said. "They also really see themselves as missionaries."

Members of the chapel were impressed not only by the enthusiasm of the Korean visitors, but by their generosity as well. The Korean sailors regular-

ly brought in cookies, candies and other food items to share with the congregation. Two of the chaplains

were treated to a tour of a South Korean ship.

Sunday was the last service at Pearl Harbor

Memorial Chapel attended by visiting South Korean sailors before their ships disembarked.



Photo courtesy of Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel

South Korean sailors sing hymns with members of Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

Sam Choy's Island Style Seafood Grille holds blessing, reception

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Sam Choy's Island Style Seafood Grille opened its doors to the military community at Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) during an Aug. 6 blessing and reception.

Mark Whitely, general manager, opened the ceremony, thanking all those in attendance and welcoming distinguished guests Deputy Joint Base Commander Col. Dann Carlson, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Director Frank Faria and several active duty servicemen and women.

"We are very excited to open our doors and become a part of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Community," Whitely said.

Whitely said he wants to serve the best possible food with premier aloha service.

"We are very excited to have Sam Choy's on our base. Our service men and women deserve the best, and to bring in a company with this name to this installation is great. Thanks for taking a chance on us, and bring great services to our community," said Carlson, speaking on behalf of joint base Commander Capt. Jeffrey James.

Lena Marcus, a line cook at Sam Choy's, sang at the blessing ceremony. Participants cut the ribbon lei and welcomed everyone inside to view the restaurant and



Active duty service members try the buffet at the new restaurant.

sample the food on the buffet.

"This blessing [reception] has finally given us the chance to say we are here, we have arrived and are open for business. It gives us a stamp of approval," said Robert Los Banos, executive chef.

Los Banos and his staff provided a buffet that included crab cakes, Big Island beef sliders, BLT & C (a new take on the BLT plus cheese), ahi poke, Waimanalo salad, smoked copper salmon, shrimp cocktail and a selection of desserts.

"A buffet like this makes patrons return to the buffet over and over again. They can't just

pile food on their plate," Los Banos added.

"We are finally opening our doors to share our food and our aloha," Los Banos said.

"This reception has brought together all groups, all those who have helped us open Sam Choy's together as a family to better serve this community," said Whitely.

Sam Choy's Island Style Grille is located at 3465 Mamala Bay Drive, just past Hickam Harbor. Sam Choy's can accommodate 275 people. Call 422-3002 and visit greatlifehawaii.com to view lunch, dinner and sunset menus.



Photos by Sheri Cavalieri

Mark Whitely, general manager of Sam Choy's Island Style Seafood Grille, speaks at the Aug. 6 blessing and reception at the restaurant.

New Zealand battles Team Hawaii in rugby showdown

Story and photos by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The sounds of hits and clashes sent shock waves throughout Ward Field, but the smiles of each player following the game summed up the respect and camaraderie shared between combatants at the first Goodwill Rugby League showdown Aug. 4. The contest was between personnel from the Royal New Zealand Navy HMNZS Te Kaha (F 77) and Team Hawaii at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Team Hawaii, a squad comprised of local military personnel and civilians with rugby union experience, held only three practices before taking on the more experienced rugby league players from New Zealand.

Still, Team Hawaii put up a good fight and matched Te Kaha goal for goal before succumbing to New Zealand by a score of 7 ties to 5.

"It was a very good game," said Master-at-Arms John McKinney, coach of Te Kaha and a 37-year member of the Royal New Zealand navy. "We saw that there was going to be a lot of Polynesian boys, so we knew it was going to be a pretty tough game. It was a hard game, but played



A Team Hawaii player dives for extra yards after being tackled by shipmates from HMNZS Te Kaha (F 77). Te Kaha edged Team Hawaii by a score of 7 tries to 5 in the first Goodwill Rugby League game.

in good spirit too."

In putting together Team Hawaii, Equipment Operator 2nd Class Sean Strickland said that he was very pleased at the way the squad performed against New Zealand.

While most players on Team Hawaii were familiar with rugby union style of play, only a few were acquainted with the rugby league game.

"It was first time for a lot of these guys to play rugby league," Strickland said. "In

all essence, though, these guys are rugby players. They got some good players."

To the casual observer, the fact that rugby is a full-contact sport

seems to immediately stand out.

Both Team Hawaii and Te Kaha played with sportsmanship throughout their battle, but none of the players shied away from delivering hits and tackles at full speed.

"I think it's just the spirit that you don't want to come in second," McKinney said. "It doesn't matter if it's a fun game or whatever, someone's got to be a winner."

Although rugby wasn't included in the official rotation of RIMPAC sports events this year, Strickland said that he hopes it will be added in 2014.

With so many countries already competing in the sport, Strickland said it would be a natural fit in RIMPAC.

"That's our goal," Strickland acknowledged. "It would be fantastic because Japan has rugby, Canada has rugby, Australia and New Zealand has rugby. All of these different countries and most of the navies have a rugby team. We would really like to get a U.S. Navy

idea and one that he fully supports.

"It would be great to get everyone going," he said. "I think the more it gets played, the more interest will come and you'll get more people."

Beyond RIMPAC, Strickland, who is originally from New Zealand, said that he envisions a time when Hawaii will become the hotbed for rugby league football.

The sport is growing internationally, Strickland said, and Hawaii has the perfect location and population to become the mecca of rugby in the USA.

Early this year, the ball got rolling toward that goal, when Team USA visited Hawaii to play against the No. 8 ranked Tonga squad.

In addition, Strickland said that Team USA, with several players from Hawaii, qualified to participate in the rugby league World Cup for the first time in history.

"For us, personally, we see that Americans are more suited for rugby league because it's so much more closer to football – you grab the ball, pick a hole and run," Strickland said. "Our vision is that Hawaii becomes the leader in the sport in the United States. That's where we're going."



Players (in stripes) from HMNZS Te Kaha (F 77) try to beat a member of Team Hawaii to the ball during the Goodwill Rugby League game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Mexico beats Essex for RIMPAC soccer title with 2-0 victory

Story and photo by
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Sports Editor

Two goals in the second half was enough to raise ARM Usumacinta (A412) of Mexico to a 2-0 victory Aug. 4 over USS Essex (LHD 2) and win the second-round championship of the 2012 RIMPAC Soccer Tournament at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Usumacinta broke a 0-0 halftime deadlock early in the second half on a goal by Seaman Miguel Gomez before the team secured the win when Seaman Arturo Soleto booted in another shot.

"We prepared ourselves since the beginning of RIMPAC," said Cmdr. Francisco Arce, executive officer of Usumacinta. "We knew that we were going to be playing against pretty good teams, and the Essex was definitely a strong team."

Essex head coach Senior Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) David Bello commented that while his team was able to hold its own against Usumacinta early in the game, things got progressively difficult as time moved on.

Earlier in the tournament, Essex fought through a tough opponent in round one before winning two more games to reach the finals.

On the other hand, Usumacinta entered the showdown well rested after two



Aviation Support Equipment Technician 2nd Class Edwin Rodriguez of USS Essex (LHD 2) tries to keep the ball away from an ARM Usumacinta (A412) defender during the championship final of the 2012 RIMPAC Soccer Tournament. Usumacinta of Mexico shut out Essex, 2-0, to win the title.

of its opponents forfeited – clearing the way for Usumacinta's entrance into the title game.

"We played our first game at 9 o'clock against one of the Canadian ships and then after that we played back-to-back games. I think that played a big part in the loss," Bello said. "This was their first game because they won their last two games by for-

feit. So they were fresh."

In addition, Bello explained that having to make adjustments to an international style of play made things even more difficult for his team.

"We're used to playing 11-on-11 back home," he said. "We get over here and it's nine-on-nine. That's a bit of adjustment that we had to do because it's a faster game.

It's also a shorter game, so we needed to adjust our strategy."

Arce said he could sense that Essex was tiring at halftime and decided to press the attack coming out of the break.

Using liberal use of his bench, Arce kept the pressure on Essex and the strategy paid off.

"It was pretty hard in the

beginning because Essex was defending very good," Arce noted. "So we had to put in more forwards to get to the ball first. We put in fresh players, so we could use our speed on Essex."

In the end, Bello admitted that the combination of speed and team depth was just too much for Essex to overcome - especially after playing so many games ear-

lier in the day.

"They were very fast," Bello pointed out. "And like I said, this was their first game, so they were fresh and had more numbers than we did."

Even Arce had to agree that coming into the championship game well rested did play a big role in the team's win.

However, Arce praised Essex for its strong effort and was impressed with its never-say-die attitude.

"It was probably hard for their players morale," Arce said. "But eventually, they came around and played very well."

Despite the loss, Bello said that he was very pleased with the way his team performed and was thankful that Essex had the opportunity to compete in RIMPAC sports.

"To come out here and show support and participate is huge for the ship and the guys," Bello acknowledged. "It's good that the base holds these tournaments every RIMPAC because it promotes camaraderie."

With the Usumacinta leaving the islands, Arce said that he and his players will savor the win and hopes that they will come back to defend their title in the next RIMPAC.

"The players deserve it. The team definitely worked hard for it," Arce said. "We're looking forward to the championship for the 2014 RIMPAC."

PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM
Maniawa Nanea LEISURE

Morale Welfare & Recreation

🏏 BACK TO SCHOOL BOWLING SPECIAL
A special evening for students from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday will take place at the Naval Station Bowling Center. For \$10, students get two games of bowling, shoe rental, a hamburger combo from the Harbor Grill and billiards. FMI: 473-2574.

🚗 MWR SUPER GARAGE SALE
The MWR Super Garage Sale will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at Richardson Field. Admission is free. The event is open to the public. FMI: 473-0792.

🥊 UFC 150 IN HD
On Saturday, J.R. Rockers will show the lightweight title rematch between current UFC champion Benson Henderson and former champion Frankie Edgar. Doors open at 2 p.m. The fight starts at 4 p.m. The event is free for members, \$10 for non-members. FMI: 448-2271.

🛶 PADDLEBOARDING HALEIWA WITH LIBERTY
A free paddle-boarding trip to the North Shore with Liberty will be held Sunday. Departures are from Beeman Center at 8:15 a.m., Instant Liberty at 8:30 a.m., Makai Rec Center at 8:45 a.m. and Liberty Express at 9:30 a.m. This event is for single active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

🤿 SNORKELING KO'OLINA
There will be a snorkeling excursion to Ko'olina from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday. The four coves at Ko'olina feature many types of sea life. The cost is \$20 per person. FMI: 473-1198.

🏊 ADULT SWIM LESSONS
Adult swim classes will be held 7 to 7:45 p.m. Aug. 6 to 16 at Hickam pool 2. This class is for swimmers ages 16 years and older and includes both "learn to swim" basic skills for beginners and advanced stroke techniques for students at higher levels. The cost is \$40 per person. Register at the pool during normal business hours. FMI: 448-2223.

🏊 JUNIOR LIFEGUARD/OCEAN SAFETY
Registration for the junior lifeguard class runs now through Sept. 7. This program will give youth the opportunity for hands-on training that provides a foundation to become a junior lifeguard. The session runs Sept. 24 to Oct. 19. The cost is \$95 per student. This program is for ages 11 to 17. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

🏈 UH WARRIOR FOOTBALL AUTOGRAPH SIGNING
Meet this year's University of Hawaii Warrior football team at an autograph signing 1:15 p.m. Aug. 18 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. This is a free event. Note that all players and coaches will leave the signing promptly at 2 p.m. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

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

Community Calendar

🌴 August

🌴 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. Register for the event by Aug. 11. FMI: www.bellowsaifs.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.

🌴 20, 21 ~ A Hawaii supply enlisted road show will take place from 10 a.m. to noon at Sharkey Theater. The event is open to all Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Navy supply enlisted personnel E-9 to E-1, supply enlisted community managers, supply enlisted detailers and the Naval Supply Systems Command, command master chief will discuss the issues that affect careers and answer questions. FMI: Ted A. Paro at 473-7691 or (619) 838-7854.

🌴 20-30 ~ Navy College will host a basic skills/ASVAB test prep class from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Navy College Office, Bldg. 679, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The fee is \$20 per student. FMI: 473-4766 or 837-8466.

🌴 21 ~ The Hickam Officers' Spouses Club will hold its annual Aloha Expo and Information Fair from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Hickam Officers' Club lanai. There will be many different vendors and home-based businesses represented, as well as food and prizes. The event is free. The club is open to anyone who is a spouse of O-1, GS-7 WO-1 and above. FMI visit www.hickamosc.com or email info@hickamosc.com.

🌴 21 ~ The Hickam Enlisted Spouses Club will hold its annual "aloha social" at 6:30 p.m. at Earhart Community Center. The event will include luau-style pupus, the company of other spouses and vendors. The social is open to spouses of enlisted or retired members of all branches of the services. FMI: visit www.hickamesc.com

🌴 24 ~ A Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam military graduation ceremony will take place at 11:30 a.m. in Sharkey Theater. An education fair will be held from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Lockwood Hall lanai. FMI: nco.hawaii@navy.mil, visit NCO Hawaii or 473-4586.

Movie Showtimes



The Amazing Spiderman (PG13)

Peter Parker finds a clue that might help him understand why his parents disappeared when he was young. His path puts him on a collision course with Dr. Curt Connors, his father's former partner.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY
7:00 PM Ted (R)

SATURDAY
2:30 PM Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG)
4:45 PM Brave (PG)
7:15 PM Ted (R)

SUNDAY
No movies will be shown
6:30 PM Craig Karges show (Free to the first 400 authorized patrons. Show is not appropriate for youth under 10 years of age.)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY
6:00 PM The Amazing Spiderman (PG-13)

SATURDAY
4:00 PM The Amazing Spiderman (PG-13)
7:00 PM Magic Mike (R)

SUNDAY
2:00 PM The Amazing Spiderman (PG-13)



Navy fitness app now available on iPhone

MC2 Heidi McCormick

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

In June, Navy Fitness introduced the new Navy Operational Fitness and Fueling Series (NOFFS) application (app) for iPhone. The app was designed to provide service members with an easy-to-use performance tool, assisting Sailors and Marines in achieving their required high physical standards.

The app offers a complete fitness program. It includes a virtual trainer and injury prevention techniques. Exercises are demonstrated through clear video and instructional photos. The virtual meal builder feature of the app includes nutritional guidance, helping Sailors keep good eating habits as well as stay physically active.

Mark McFarland, Pearl Harbor-Hickam fitness training director, said this program is an important asset to service members. "This app gives them the fitness tools needed and empowers them when they forward deploy so they can succeed on the battle field. With a higher level of physical fitness, they will have a higher level of success on the battle field," McFarland said.

Chief Gunner's Mate Bennoit Surge said the app is an essential tool both for himself and the modern Sailor.

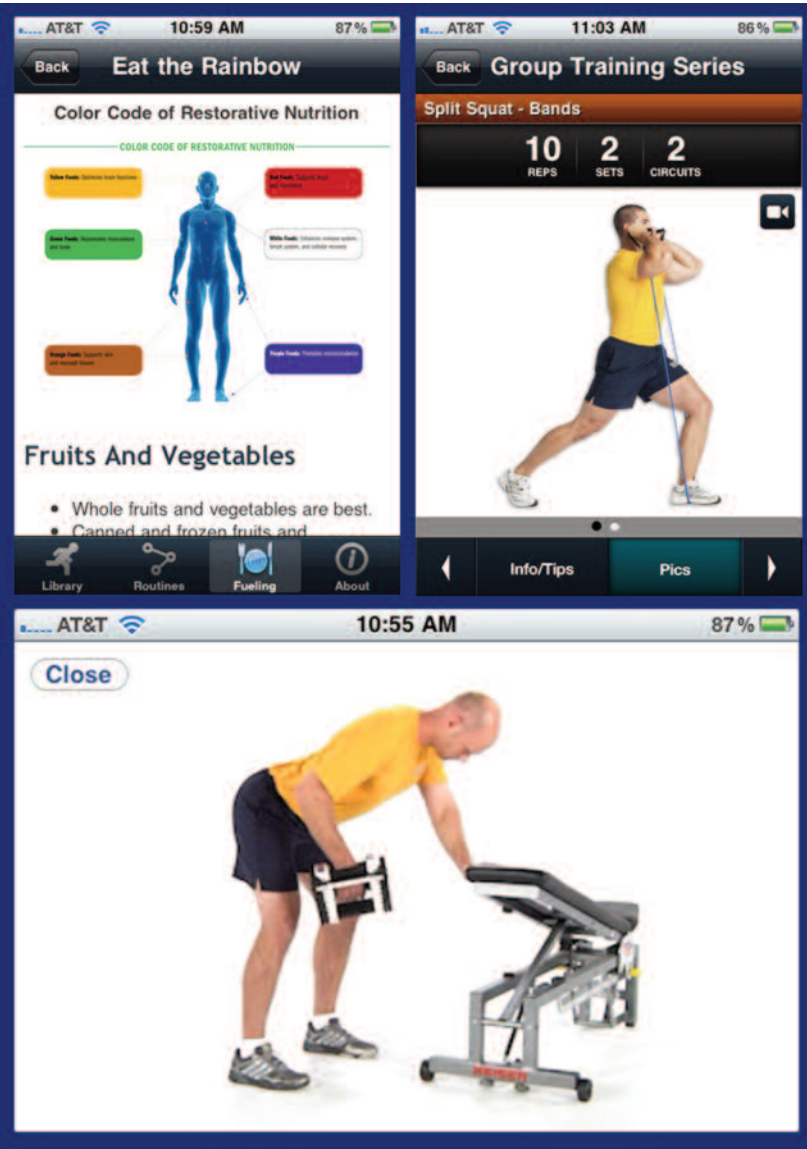
"The convenience of having 1,700-plus exercises at your fingertips has made getting physically fit much easier to do in the limited time that busy

Sailors have," Surge said.

The NOFFS program is free and can now be accessed anywhere via mobile device, regardless of environment or location. It can be downloaded on all iPhones and iTouches via the app store. McFarland facilitates a local month-

ly operational fitness and fueling series (OFFS) class available to all service members. To sign up for a class or for more information call 471-2021.

To learn more about NOFFS, visit the Navy Fitness website: <http://navyfitness.org/>



Craig Karges to perform Sunday at Sharkey Theater

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Contributing Writer

Illusionist Craig Karges will perform at 6:30 p.m. this Sunday in Sharkey Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

A self-described "extraordinist," Karges is an award-winning entertainer, speaker and author.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The event is free, and admittance is on a first-come, first-served basis. Seating is limited to 400.

No tickets are necessary, and the performance is open to military-affiliated Department of Defense ID card holders and their guests. The show is not appropriate for children under 10 years of age.

Karges's performances combine elements of an old-fashioned magic show—levitating objects, bending metal objects, mind reading—with the science of psychology. He clearly states that he makes no claims of supernatural powers or psychic abilities, emphasizing that his focus is on entertainment and empowerment.

Craig Karges first became popular touring college campuses and was named entertainer of the year six times by the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA). He has also established



Photo courtesy of Craig Karges
Craig Karges

himself as a performer for corporate clients and on television.

Karges is also no stranger to performing for U.S. service men and women. Earlier this year, he kicked off his ninth tour for the United States military. He performed on mainland Japan, Okinawa and Korea. He also traveled to the Middle East, where he performed for the Fifth Fleet — U.S. Naval Support Activity Bahrain.

In previous years, he has performed for American military audiences in the Balkans, Italy, Spain and Guam. The day before his Hawaii performance, Karges will be performing for U.S. Sailors in San Diego.

For more information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Ombudsmen will be recognized at Sept. 7 appreciation dinner

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Military and Family Services Center (MFSC) will recognize 80 ombudsmen at a Navy Family Ombudsman Program appreciation dinner from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sept. 7 in the Hickam Officers' Club at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Service members and senior leaders will gather at the Hickam Officers' Club to pay tribute to their command-specific ombudsman.

Last year's event featured more than 370 attendees, said Teresa Espiritu, the MFSC ombudsman coordinator and trainer, as Navy commands from around the island showed support for their own respective ombudsman.

Military volunteer ombudsmen provide a link between families and commanding officers. They provide communication support to family members, especially when commands are deployed.

The U.S. Navy established the ombudsman program in September 1970, under the direction of Adm. Elmo Zumwalt. An anniversary recognition ceremony is held annually each September.

"The program has evolved tremendously over the years," Espiritu explained. "It has helped to improve mission readiness through improved family readiness. The ombudsman is there for the families, to ensure families have the most updated information to meet the

challenges of the military lifestyle."

Other branches of service have patterned programs similar to the ombudsman program, indicating the Navy ombudsman program's level of success and effectiveness, she said.

Rear Adm. James Caldwell Jr., commander of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, will be keynote speaker for the dinner.

Other participants will include Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and Capt. Christopher Ramsden, commander of Command Patrol Reconnaissance Wing Two.

Espiritu said that the command master chiefs of the three local assemblies work hand-in-hand with the ombudsman assembly chairs. They are Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Marc. F. Sibal of Navy Region Hawaii, Force Master Chief Michael "Cash" Caldwell of COMSUBPAC, and Command Master Chief Bill Reed of Command Patrol Reconnaissance Wing Two.

Through the Navy ombudsman program, communication between the spouses of active duty personnel and the command is kept open, thereby improving the quality of life for everyone involved.

The purpose of the program is to ensure the families of active duty personnel have a channel of resources for their needs and quality of life. The ombudsmen can offer guidance and assis-



U.S. Navy file photo by MC2 Mark Logico

Participants attend last year's ombudsmen appreciation dinner. This year's event is scheduled for Sept. 7.

tance before, during or after a deployment.

They meet with department heads aboard a naval installation to find out the latest news and pass it on, including news on ship deployments and helping to ensure operational security.

Stephanie Schultz serves as the ombudsman assembly chairperson for Navy Region Hawaii and the ombudsman for the USS O'Kane (DDG 77). She is a liaison between the command and the families.

"Keeping the families informed of how the crew is doing eases some of the stress during a deployment. Keeping the command informed allows them to talk to the crew and let them

know what is happening at home," Schultz said.

Schultz volunteered as an ombudsman to support the command that her husband is stationed with.

"I have had great ombudsman in the past and decided that I would love the opportunity to give back to the Navy and the families," Schultz said.

Schultz emphasized that she wants people to know that the ombudsman program is in place so that families have a place to turn when they need help. "We enable people to find the resources available to them, to find the answers they need," she said. "If you need assistance, all you have to do is ask."

Leah Bruno is the Kaneohe Bay Ombudsman Assembly chairperson. She said she volunteered because she had a friend who was an ombudsman.

"I saw the joy and satisfaction she got from helping others, and I wanted to get involved and help the families in my command. I volunteer because I love working with the Sailors and their family members," Bruno said.

Bruno said ombudsmen are dedicated and loyal individuals who will help you in every possible way they can.

"We truly have a great group here in Hawaii that is 100 percent dedicated to their Sailors and family

members. If you are interested in becoming an ombudsman, contact the command officer at your command. It is a great opportunity to get involved, meet others, and help the people around you," Bruno added.

The \$35 tickets to the Sept. 7 event can be purchased until Aug. 24, Espiritu said. Commanding officers, executive officers, command master chiefs, their spouses, along with ombudsmen and their spouses, are invited to attend the event.

For more information on the upcoming event, call 474-1999. For more information on the ombudsman program, visit www.cnic.navy.mil.

Wife of retired Navy commander shaves her head to help with childhood cancer research efforts

Don Robbins

Assistant Editor

Laurie Paganelli, a mother from Ewa Beach and the wife of recently retired Navy commander John Paganelli, shaved her head a few weeks ago to raise money for childhood cancer research.

Laurie took the stage with other mothers as part of the 46 Mommas team, in honor of her son Jordan, who passed away in 2009 at age 17 after battling a rare form of cancer for 23 months.

In 2008, Jordan was diagnosed with a cancerous (malignant) tumor of the muscles that are attached to the bones. By his mother's description, "Jordan was the very definition of grace, courage and strength under pressure, and he was the purest, most magnificent embodiment of selflessness and love that anyone had ever witnessed."

"My only child, Jordan, was diagnosed with cancer shortly after turning 16 years old and fought courageously through 58 weeks of in-patient chemotherapy and 12 weeks of daily radiation. Despite this 23-month battle,

he was taken from us just five days shy of his 18th birthday," Laurie said.

The 46 Mommas hosted their third annual Shave for the Brave event in Hollywood, Calif. where team members traveling from cities across the U.S. and Canada gathered together to shave their heads to raise funds to support the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a volunteer-driven charity dedicated to funding life-saving pediatric cancer research.

The team name "46 Mommas" represents the statistic that each weekday 46 families receive the news that their child has cancer. With a goal of raising \$1 million for research, the 46 Mommas team has raised more than \$700,000 since its inception in 2010.

Each member has personally been affected by childhood cancer or knows a family that has been affected, and many have a child who has fought or is currently fighting this disease.

Some have lost a child to cancer but said they are committed to raising awareness and funds for a cure so that other families don't

have to face such a loss.

"On that cold winter day in November of 2009, the world lost a pure and shining soul. I still have flashbacks of the torture he endured before being told

that he would not survive. Fortunately, we had the opportunity to bring him home to die while being surrounded by family and friends. He died in our arms: in his house, in his

bed, on his terms," Laurie said about her son.

"Simply put: My son lost his life because he ran out of treatment options. Additional options can only be developed through research

and funding," she said.

For more information, visit the 46 Mommas website at www.the46mommas.com or <http://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/510743/2012>.



Photos courtesy of the Paganelli family

Laurie Paganelli has her head shaved to help childhood cancer research.

Boots still sought for Tripler Fisher House remembrance event

Pacific Regional Medical Command News Release

The Fisher House Hero and Remembrance Run, Walk or Roll, scheduled to begin at 7 a.m. Aug. 18 at the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island, will include a keiki fun run. A military ceremony will be held to honor the fallen and recognize the Gold Star families and friends left behind.

In memory of fallen service members, the Tripler

Fisher House is also collecting more than 6,500 pairs of boots for the event. The original deadline for collecting boots was Aug. 4, but in order to meet their goal of more than 6,500 pairs, the Fisher House is still accepting boots.

Following the 8K run, attendees can enjoy the museum's Biggest Little Air Show Family Fun Day, which will feature interactive military static displays and information booths including the Fisher House,

an air show and entertainment. There is no cost to register for the run, but shirts will be available for purchase.

The military unit which has the most participation will be awarded the "bronzed traveling boots" for this year.

Registration on-site is from 5 to 6 a.m. The route starts at the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island. This is not a timed-event.

No pets are allowed at the event. This is the first year the Tripler House has orga-

nized the run, but they plan to make the event an annual occurrence.

The Fisher House Hero and Remembrance Run, Walk or Roll is being held to raise awareness of the Fisher House and the importance of supporting military families during a medical crisis or loss. The event and family fun day are open to service members, Department of Defense civilians, families and the general public.

Fisher House is a comfort home for families of patients

receiving medical care at major military and Veterans Affairs medical centers. They are given to the U.S. government as gifts and are built by the Fisher House Foundation, a non-profit organization that builds the houses and assists in the coordination of private and public support for the homes.

Tripler Army Medical Center is home to two Fisher Houses and provides lodging to service members, retirees and their families from all over the Pacific Region.

Register online for the Hero and Remembrance Run, Walk or Roll at <http://www.active.com/running/honolulu-hi/tripler-fisher-house-hero-and-remembrance-run-walk-or-roll-2012>.

For more information, contact Theresa Johnson, Fisher House manager, at 561-7423 or theresa.m.johnson2@us.army.mil. Visit the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/triplerfisherhouse for up-to-date information about the event.

Committee adjusts ticket prices for Hickam's 2012 Air Force Ball

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The Air Force Ball committee has adjusted the ticket pricing for the Air Force's 65th birthday celebration as a way to "Say Thank You to an Airman," the overall theme of this year's event. It will be held Sept. 14 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Waikiki.

The Air Force Ball committee re-evaluated the previous ticket price structure and found that Airmen

had "sticker shock" when it came to buying a ticket for the Air Force Ball. The new tiered ticket prices steers away from the flat \$95 ticket price, toward a price that starts at \$30 for lower enlisted Airmen.

The tiered ticket prices are E1-E4/GS3-GS4/cadets - \$30, E5-E6/GS5-GS7 - \$60, E7-O3/GS8-GS11 - \$90, O4-O5/GS12-GS14 - \$115, O6/GS-15 and above - \$125, O7-O10 - \$135. The committee believes the revised ticket price structure enables more junior Airmen to attend the birthday celebration.

"The tiered ticket pricing means people know up front what they are expected to pay," said Lt. Col. Robert Carneal, the Air Force Ball committee president.

Those individuals in the ranks O3 and below who have already paid for their tickets at the original \$95 are due an adjustment. Those O4 and above who jumped in on the \$95 sticker price do not have to pay the difference.

The AF Ball Committee still has obligations and per person costs to pay in order to put on this annual event.

To meet this demand, they are asking for help in upcoming fundraising events.

The price of the ticket includes meal, commemorative coin, wine and the evening's festivities. For the meal, an island mesclun greens with champagne dressing, duo of seared taragon scented chicken breasts and lemon garlic roasted shrimp, chocolate ganache cake with dark chocolate Sauce.

"The O4 and higher ticket pricing does ask a little more from our senior ranking Airmen, while making

it affordable for our junior members," Carneal said. "This (revised) approach is in line with this year's theme, 'Say Thank You to an Airman.' This annual celebration of our AF heritage should be inclusive of all ranks since it is our Air Force. I hope more Airmen are encouraged to attend."

Fundraising by the 2012

Air Force Ball committee and individual units including T-shirts and tiki coins are now underway to help alleviate the cost per-person.

For more information, call a unit representative. More information can be obtained as it becomes available at <http://www.15wing.af.mil/library/airforceball.asp>.

My Favorite Photo...

Frank J. Ziemba, Ford Island resident and husband of Navy Cmdr. Marcia L. Ziemba, took this photo recently near the Navy Brig. He titled this photo "the flower and the bee." He decided to take a few flower pictures and was able to catch a bee getting a little nectar.

Photo courtesy of Frank J. Ziemba



How to submit photos

Send your (non-family and non-posed) photos to editor@hookelenews.com.

WHO SAID IT?

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

Last Week's WHO SAID IT?

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."

Hellen Keller

This Week's Trivia

When did word of the U.S. declaration of war in 1812 reach Great Britain?



Last Issue's Question: Who was the first American woman to fly in space as an astronaut?
Answer: Sally Ride flew into orbit in the space shuttle Challenger in 1983 to become America's first woman in space.

Commentary

War veteran has role in gaining women the right to vote

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At gravesite 1620 in south section three at revered Arlington National Cemetery rest the remains of Col. Robert G. Ingersoll.

Ingersoll was born in 1833 in rural New York. His father, a minister with strong views against slavery, moved to Illinois when Ingersoll was young.

At 21, Ingersoll became an attorney, taking advantage of his gift for motivating others through his speech or oratory, based on his early love of Shakespeare and the Scottish poet Robert Burns.

Ingersoll ran for Congress at 27 but did not succeed. The Civil War began and at 29, as a supporter of the Union cause and sharing his father's abolitionist views, he organized the 11th Regiment of the Illinois Volunteer Cavalry.

The regiment fought at the grisly battle at Shiloh or Pitt's Landing. When seeking to intercept a raiding party in Corinth, Miss., Ingersoll and the hundreds under his command were overwhelmed by a force of 10,000.

He was captured and placed in charge of a camp in St. Louis, Mo. After the war's end, he returned to political life, was appointed as the



Photo courtesy of Rebecca Hommon
Marilla Ricker

first attorney general of Illinois, and gained a national reputation for public speaking.

In a time before television and electronic means of communication, Ingersoll was reportedly the most well-recognized speaker in the United States, drawing 50,000 to a single lecture in Chicago. At more than 1,500 presentations across the country, he spoke on a variety of social issues of the day, including the need for equal rights for all.

He is quoted as saying, "The true civilization is where every man gives to every other every right that he claims for himself." His friends included abolitionist orator Frederick Douglass and suffragette Elizabeth Cady Stanton. He died in 1899.

Why should Ingersoll be mentioned in the context of celebrating Women's Equality Day, the day in 1920

when the 19th Amendment was finally added to our Constitution mandating that women in this country not be denied the right to vote?

He serves as an example of a young patriot, a veteran, who served honorably, and then lived a most active life of service to the public. He also serves as an example of someone who not only provided inspirational, thought-provoking words, but one who was known for his courageous deeds.

In the 1880s, before the U.S. Supreme Court, he successfully represented a number of men, including a United States senator, famously charged in a bribery scheme regarding federal postal route contracts. Ingersoll took the bold and courageous action of choosing as his co-counsel a woman, one of my ancestors, Marilla Ricker.

Ricker, a widow, was first allowed to practice law in the District of Columbia and eight years later, in 1890, became the first woman allowed to serve as an attorney in my home state of New Hampshire. She was allowed to own real estate, required to pay taxes on that real estate, allowed to provide legal representation to others, but not allowed to vote.

By choosing her as co-counsel in a complex high-profile case, Ingersoll com-

municated his confidence in her abilities. Both Ingersoll and Ricker were widely known as advocates for voting rights for women.

By the colonel's actions, he

demonstrated to the nation that women were qualified to make important decisions and that continuing to deny women basic legal rights was based on something other than the mental capa-

bilities of women.

Women did not win the right to vote until 1920. Ingersoll and Ricker were but two of the warriors in that fight. Happy Women's Equality Day.



Photo courtesy of Rebecca Hommon

At grave site 1620 in south section three at the Arlington National Cemetery rest the remains of Col. Robert G. Ingersoll.

Women's Equality Day event to be held Aug. 14

To honor Women's Equality Day, a "brown bag" event will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 14 at the 15th Wing Conference Room, building 1110, second floor, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The topic will feature the history of voting rights and the voter registration process. Guest speakers will be Col. Eva Jenkins and Robert Lauderdale.

The event is sponsored by the Federal Women's Program. RSVP by today.

Aug. 26 of each year is designated in the United States as Women's Equality Day.

For more information, contact Jenny Crippen at jennifer.crippen@us.af.mil or Serena Thomas at serena.thomas@us.af.mil

Navy League plans ninth annual golf tournament

The ninth annual Navy League Golf Tournament will take place on Aug. 31 at the Mamala Bay Golf Course located at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Check-in is at 10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The entry deadline is Aug. 20.

The event is presented by SAIC and hosted by the Honolulu Council of the Navy League and the Veterans United Foundation. Proceeds benefit the local programs, Navy League Sea Cadets and

Wounded Warriors.

"The Navy League is honored to be able to host this golf tournament every year because it helps fund important organizations that support youth programs and Soldiers wounded in combat within the local community," said David Livingston, Navy League president. "It's great to see people come together for a good time and a good cause."

Individual golfers are \$150 each or teams of three are \$450 each.

The cost includes green fees, cart, lunch, refreshments, buffet dinner and prizes. Sponsorship opportunities are available including: prize sponsor, hole sponsor of \$500, bronze level of \$1,000, silver level of \$2,500, and gold level of \$5,000.

There are 40 Wounded Warriors and military dignitaries who have been invited to participate in this year's tournament. Last year's event featured 140 players at the Klipper Golf Course on Marine Corps Base Hawaii at Kaneohe Bay.

For more information on registering and sponsorship opportunities, call Bob McDermott, Navy League executive director, at 422-9404 or email NavyLeague@hawaii.rr.com.

The Navy League was founded in 1902 by Teddy Roosevelt. Its mission is to educate the public on a need for a strong sea service, to include the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and the Merchant Marine.

For more information, visit www.HonoluluNavyLeague.org/.

Highlights from this week in USAF and PACAF history

Charles Nicholls

PACAF historian

- Lt. Harold Geiger from Fort Kamehameha piloted the first military airplane flight in Hawaii on Aug. 8, 1913. The aircraft, a Curtiss E two-seater, soared over Pearl Harbor.
- On Aug. 10, 1944, U.S. forces overcame Japanese resistance on Guam, allowing construction of B-29 bomber bases on three of the Mariana Islands — Guam, Tinian and Saipan.
- A B-29 crew flying the “Enola Gay” from the Marianas island of Tinian made the first atomic bomb attack on Aug. 6, 1945. A single bomb called “Little Boy” destroyed Hiroshima, Japan.
- Three days later, a B-29 crew flying “Bock’s Car” bombed Nagasaki in the second and last atomic bomb attack. The weapon, named “Fat Man,” largely destroyed the city.



Photos courtesy of Pacific Air Forces
The first intercontinental ballistic missile.



A B-29 (left) sits next to an early B-36.

The atomic bombs were the primary reason that Japan surrendered and an Allied invasion of Japan was never launched. Estimates of expected casualties in such an invasion varied widely.

However, forecasts based on an expected mobilization of Japanese civilians for combat predicted death for more than one million Americans and five to ten million Japanese citizens.

- The first flight of the Convair XB-36 Peacemaker took place Aug. 8, 1946. The B-36 was designed in 1941 when it appeared England might fall to Germany and the U.S. would need a trans-Atlantic bomber in a war against the Nazis.

With a length of 160 feet and wings spanning 230 feet, the B-36 was the largest bomber ever built. Equipped with six propeller engines, early versions of the B-36 did not meet performance requirements and burned fuel too fast.

In 1949, four jet engines were added to solve these problems.

- On Aug. 12, 1946, President Harry Truman signed a bill authorizing an appropriation of \$50,000 to establish a National Air Museum in the Smithsonian Institute

in Washington, D.C. The small museum became the National Air and Space Museum, the most visited museum in the world.

- Operation Big Switch launched Aug. 6, 1953. Through October, the USAF airlifted more than 800 former prisoners of war from Korea to the U.S. after the end of the Korean War.
- A major rescue operation took place in Japan on Aug. 11 and 12, 1958. Torrential rain over northern Honshu, Japan, raised the Iwaki-Gawa River over its banks and flooded the city of Hirosaki. Fierce currents prevented the use of rescue boats, so city officials asked the 6139th Air Base Group at Misawa Air Base for help.

USAF H-19 helicopters from the 6139th saved 133 passengers, airlifting stranded flood victims by cable from roofs, bridges, vehicles, trees, and islands of higher ground and taking them to relief centers.

- On Aug. 10, 1961, a F-105 lifted the largest load ever carried aloft by a single-engine aircraft, dropping more than seven tons of bombs on a target.
- Operation Desert Shield was launched Aug. 7, 1990. In response to Iraq’s invasion

of Kuwait on Aug. 2, the U.S. military initiated deployment actions to protect Saudi Arabia from Iraqi aggression and to liberate Kuwait.

The 71st Tactical Fighter Squadron deployed 24 F-15C Eagles on a non-stop, 15-hour, 8,000-mile flight from Langley AFB, Va. to Saudi Arabia. This mission included 12 in-flight refuelings.

- Dr. Sheila E. Widnall became the first woman secretary of the Air Force and the first woman to head any of the military services on Aug. 6, 1993.
- On Aug. 9, 2000, Andersen AFB, Guam, became

the first installation outside the continental United States to store conventional air-launched cruise missiles (CALCM). The 3,150-pound CALCM was capable of flying 600 miles to strike targets while keeping the launch aircraft and crew out of harm’s way.

The storage of CALCMs at Andersen was part of a continuing effort to build up the base’s role as a bomber forward-operating location.

- The USAF stood up Air Force Global Strike Command - its first completely new major air command in 27 years — on Aug. 7, 2009.

AFGSC’s mission is to “develop and provide combat-ready forces for nuclear deterrence and global strike operations.”

The command provides a single organization responsible for the oversight of two-thirds of U.S. nuclear capabilities through two numbered Air Forces: 20th Air Force with responsibility over the United States’ three intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) wings, and 8th Air Force with responsibility over America’s two B-52 bomber wings and the nation’s only B-2 bomber wing.



Photos courtesy of Pacific Air Forces
The Enola Gay dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945.