



# USS Crommelin conducts final underway

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The guided-missile fri-gate USS Crommelin (FFG 37) conducted her final mission off the coast of Oahu on Aug. 27, returning for a final time to Pearl Harbor.

Crommelin is slated for decommissioning in late October.

“I’m sad but everything has to come to an end,” said Cmdr. Michael Johns, commanding officer of Crommelin. “The Crommelin had a great 30 years of operations; it has a great legacy. I’m really proud of everyone here on Crommelin and our family and friends that supported us over the last year and a half.”

After the Aug. 27 day-long underway, Crommelin will begin the weeks-long process of decommissioning.

“Today is our last underway,

the final voyage of the USS Crommelin. She spent a lot of hard years at sea,” said Chief Hospital Corpsman Hector Ortiz, the ship’s independent duty corpsman. “The unique challenges of this ship have been interesting. There have been some fun times, some bad times but it was a rewarding tour overall. She’s a great ship. We’re going to miss this girl.”

Crommelin was commissioned June 18, 1983 and originally homeported in Long Beach, Calif. in August 1983.

“It’s kind of a sad experience. I got to meet a lot of good people on board this ship. I learned a lot,” said Electrician’s Mate 2nd Class Christian Giron. “She will be missed, and the crew members will be missed.”

Sailors currently stationed aboard Crommelin will be dispersed throughout the fleet to different platforms where they are needed.

“I met a lot of good people on

the Crommelin. I learned a lot about my job,” said Cryptological Technician (Technical) Seaman Philip Wang. “This past year has been fun and interesting, I have learned the most out of my Navy career here.”

The final underway came close on the heels of a community outreach visit to Kauai, where the crew helped build homes with Habitat for Humanity and opened the ship to visitors.

“Within a short period of time, you found a way to make an impact and leave a lasting impression on our friends and neighbors,” said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, to the commanding officer and crew of Crommelin.

“The *ohana* spirit that you displayed will go a long way in ensuring that our island neighbors and communities understand that we are here for them and respect the heritage and the

culture that is uniquely Hawaii. Job well done,” the admiral said.

Upon return to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam from their final underway, Crommelin Sailors manned the rails.

“Our manning the rails was our opportunity for the crew to look back on our history, our name sakes,” said Johns. “It was representative of USS Crommelin’s motto, ‘Job Well Done.’ It was our way of thanking our former shipmates that have served the Crommelin.”

Over her long career, Crommelin has participated in more than eight deployments, been involved in such exercises as Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) and Koa Kai.

Crommelin has been actively involved in counter narcotics operations and tanker escort missions around the world including operations in Central and South America, the Caribbean, Middle East, Korea and the Persian

Gulf. She was a key player in four major cocaine seizures including more than 12 tons of narcotics in one of the largest drug interdictions in history.

She is also well known for her valuable assistance in several rescues at sea, including assisting fishermen from two fishing vessels in distress and the rescue of 174 Ecuadorian citizens from a leaky vessel at sea.

USS Crommelin is the 28th ship of the Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided-missile frigates, named for three brothers: Vice Adm. Henry Crommelin, who became a surface warfare officer, and Cmdr. Charles and Lt. Cmdr. Richard Crommelin, both of whom died in combat as naval aviators. All three brothers gained fame in World War II, attaining outstanding combat records and multiple decorations.

*(Editor’s note: Crommelin’s legacy will also be featured in an upcoming issue of Ho’okele.)*

# Chief selectees live Legacy Academy on Battleship Missouri

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Forty-three chief petty officer (CPO) selectees from around the Pacific Fleet graduated from the Missouri CPO Legacy Academy in a ceremony held Aug. 24 aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

The graduation ceremony marked the end of five days aboard Missouri for the lucky group of selectees chosen to participate in this year’s legacy academy.

Class 006 boarded Missouri on Aug. 19 and spent an entire week living, working and training aboard the ship along with a group of



U.S. Navy photo by Paula M. Ludwicko

Chief petty officer (CPO) selectees march to the grave site of Chief Boatswain’s Mate Harold Estes to pay their respects at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) as part of the USS Missouri CPO Legacy Academy.

chief petty officer mentors who provided leadership and lessons on Navy history and the heritage of the CPO community.

“When they stay aboard (Missouri), we remove all the other outside distractions from the CPO induction process, and we wind up with a core heritage event onboard the ship that culminated with a re-enactment of the surrender of the Japanese aboard Missouri at the end of WWII,” said Master Chief Fire Controlman Jason Dunn, this year’s legacy academy coordinator.

Throughout the week, class 006 participated in tours to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), histori-

cal civil defense battery sites at Diamond Head, the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum, the USS Arizona Memorial and the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island in addition to behind the scenes tours of the Missouri.

“You have to know where you came from to know where you are going. Chiefs are keepers of history and tradition, and living it here makes it easier to go back and instruct junior Sailors and junior officers what it means to be a Sailor in today’s Navy,” said Chief (select) Yeoman Glcie Planas of Mobile Underwater Diving and Salvage Unit One.

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# Vendors bring taste of Hawaii to ALA food show

Story and photos by  
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The unique flavors of island foods are probably more distinct and diverse than anywhere else in the United States and for the 15th time in as many years, much of those delectable tastes were found in one location.

The 15th Annual American Logistics (ALA) Hawaii Food Show once again gave local vendors the opportunity to audition their products before Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) buyers for a chance join the lucrative commissary marketplace.

This year, a total of 80 companies from Oahu and the neighbor islands received red-carpet treatment Aug. 22 at the Hawaii Prince Hotel to display and entice their way into serving Hawaii's 166,000 active-duty, reserve, National Guard members, retirees and their family members in the four DeCA commissaries on Oahu and possibly beyond.

The importance of the event was highlighted by a Who's Who list of dignitaries that included Congresswoman Mazie Hirono, City and County of Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle, Pat Nixon, president of ALA, and Keith Hagenbuch, DeCA executive director.

"It's gotten better every year, bigger every year, and there's more excitement surrounding it," said Nixon, who was attending his seventh ALA Hawaii Food Show.

"One of the reasons is that the military business is so important here in Hawaii, close to three-quarters of a billion dollars, when you look at commissaries and exchanges. So it's a great opportunity for a small company to get their products in a very dynamic retail system. Also, if you would happen to have your products make it all the way into the system for Europe and the



Dignitaries at the 15th Annual American Logistics (ALA) Hawaii Food Show untie the garland lei to signify the opening of the event at the Hawaii Prince Hotel.

mainland, that approaches 20 billion dollars," he said.

While the numbers are staggering to think about, the figures aren't lost to the many local vendors who had their eyes set on the big prize.

Back for a second time, local couple Lori and Tony Cardenas traveled from Kauai to feature another product in their long line of "Auntie Lilikoi" sauces, syrups, jellies, dressings and other specialty condiments, such as its Passion Fruit Kiawe BBQ sauce.

Tony, who spent six years in the Navy, said that besides the economic benefits of having their product in the commissary, he and his wife consider it an honor to serve military members and their families.

For Lori, she said that there is no better way for locals to connect with their military neighbors than with food.

"We were picked up by the Navy exchange, so we have our products in two of their stores – the one at Pearl Harbor and at Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands, which is just a few miles from our store," she

said. "It's important to tie the military population together and make them feel a part of us. The best way to do that is with food."

Hagenbuch stated that he is always delighted to see the variety of food products and can't wait to wrap his taste buds around some of the more exotic fare, even pork-rind pancakes.

"Here we have such a diverse group of stores, diverse palates, people looking for tastes, and you have so many unique items that come out of Hawaii," he said. "The four stores here do over 200 million dollars in sales. It's very important to keep our stock assortment fresh with new items. Every year, I see something new and interesting. I look forward to it because you definitely see some innovative product ideas."

Nixon stressed that the commissary system provides a

service to military members that ranks only second behind health care.

Because of the cost of living in Hawaii, Nixon pointed out that the local commissaries offer the highest savings in the world at 52 percent, with a family of four typically cutting their food bill up to \$7,000 per year.

Nixon advocated that the benefits of the commissaries far outweigh the cost of

operating them, but not everyone agrees.

"Something that is of great concern to us is that in this budget-cutting environment, there have been several proposals, over the course of the last year, to scale back, or even eliminate these military-resale benefits," Nixon announced. "There is about 1.5 billion dollars worth of taxpayer money that's used to support commissaries and exchanges. People look at just one side of the ledger and say that, 'Well, if we eliminate this system, we can save 1.5 billion dollars.' What they don't take into account is what the military family saves. By shopping in the commissary, they saved \$2.6 billion a year. And the largest employer of military family members and veterans is the military retail system."

In order to keep the commissaries and exchanges as a continued benefit for military families, Nixon has helped form an



Members of Hawaii Latino Distributors dish out a healthy helping of food at the 15th Annual American Logistics (ALA) Hawaii Food Show. The local company has been selling its line of gourmet Hispanic and Latino foods, such as Ramona's enchiladas, in the commissary for the past seven years.

# Chief Selects Academy

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tious beginning in 2007, the legacy academy has expanded from 22 selectees in class 001 to an anticipated 95 graduates this year, thanks to the addition of a second Legacy Academy class. On Aug. 26-31, class 007 consisting of 52 selectees will create their own legacy aboard USS Missouri.

"It was too great of an opportunity to limit it to just one class. Normally our maximum capacity is 60 Sailors, but by opening it up to two classes we can really hold up to 120," said Dunn.

While aboard, the selectees participated in battle drills which included scenarios on casualty care, weapons and ammo han-

dling as well as the World War II re-enactment ceremony. All of these activities helped emphasize the importance of coming together as a team to accomplish missions or tasks.

"(The team building exercises) really showed us that you can come together as a good and effective team very quickly. We were getting together that first night and our groups were performing well," said Chief Boatswain's Mate (select) Todd Welsh from Military Sealift Command Far East in Singapore.

Participants also conduct service projects aboard to assist with the preservation of the ship helping to ensure that "Mighty Mo" is around for future generations to experience the history and her-

itage of the Navy and the Pacific Fleet.

The guest speaker, U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief John Minyard, explained how the course provides the CPO selectees with a better sense of knowledge about Navy heritage and builds the camaraderie that will help them lead their Sailors and continue the Navy's mission throughout their career.

"Remember the lessons you have learned this week and the trust that has been placed in you," said Minyard in his address to the selectees. "Remember the chiefs who came before you, who walked the decks of Missouri, Arizona and Bowfin, and paved the way for all Sailors through their successes and their failures."



U.S. Navy phot by Paula M. Ludwicko

Chief Gunner's Mate Zachary Kotschwar pays his respect at the grave site of Chief Boatswain's Mate Harold Estes during a visit to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) as part of the USS Missouri CPO Legacy Academy.



Commentary

## Think ‘safety first’ in last days of summer

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

Region and MIDPAC Team, Last May, at the beginning of the “101 Days of Summer,” I asked you to think “safety first” during the critical period between Memorial Day and Labor Day. And you did!

Thanks to your efforts we achieved a safe and incident-free Memorial Day weekend. With only a few exceptions, this has been a safety-conscious summer here in Hawaii overall, despite the high operational tempo during the biggest RIMPAC (Rim of the Pacific Exercise).

Let’s keep up the effort through this Labor Day weekend – and beyond.

These are the last days of summer, but they must be the first days for reinvigorating safety in all we do.

The fleet’s annual summer safety campaign, “Live to Play, Play to Live,” reinforces prevention which is the key to enjoying a safe and healthy life.

We must begin with alcohol and drug abuse prevention. Many tragedies begin with impairment – of mental and physical abilities, judgment and reflexes.

The vast majority of service members “get it” when it comes to responsible use of alcohol. DUIs and other alcohol-related incidents are going down across the fleet; however, overconsumption remains a concern. Be alert for ways you can make a positive difference by offering a ride or taking the keys from someone who shouldn’t be driving.

A moment in time can affect a lifetime.

Think and plan before taking a trip, going boating, visiting the beach, or heading out on a motorcycle. Each year we lose shipmates to motorcycle accidents. We need to prevent those tragic losses.

As I mentioned in my safety message



U.S. Navy photo

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds

last spring, if you plan to travel outside of the local area, use the Travel Risk Planning System (TRiPS) to enhance your chances for success on the road. To date, more than 300,000 TRiPS assessments have been completed and no naval personnel have died while traveling on a TRiPS-assessed journey. TRiPS can be found at Navy Knowledge Online, [www.nko.navy.mil](http://www.nko.navy.mil). For additional resources I encourage you to visit the Naval Safety Center website at <http://safety-center.navy.mil>.

Please think of your families, shipmates and careers as you make your plans this Labor Day weekend. We need you to be safe, healthy and strong. We need our greatest resource, our most powerful asset: You! Each and every service member is important to the nation, to his or her unit, and to the families who love them.

Thank you, again, for your leadership and personal commitment to making this summer as safe as it has been. Please keep up the good work and “play-it-safe” this and every weekend.

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## MCPON sends 2012 Labor Day message

Special Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SS/SW) Rick D. West

WASHINGTON (NNS) – Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/SW) Rick D. West released the following Labor Day message to the fleet Aug. 27.

“Shipmates and Navy families, For 130 years, our great nation has celebrated Labor Day, the “working-men’s holiday” as it was referred to in the 1800s. Labor Day is, in fact, a celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers, those workers whose drive, determination and relentless strength made our nation into what it is today and those who continue on their path.

Labor Day weekend is also seen as the last “hooyah” before the end of summer ... a long weekend filled with various outdoor activities or one final road trip with the kids before school starts. Whatever your Labor Day plans happen to involve, be sure your holiday weekend includes risk management and preventive measures so it ends on a safe and positive note.

In 2011, between Memorial Day and Labor Day, 16 Sailors lost their lives: one in an ATV wreck, two drowned, one during recreational activities, five in four-wheeled motor vehicles and seven on motorcycles.

This year we have lost 15 Sailors in similar mishaps. Let’s not see the number rise this Labor Day weekend. You and your families are important to the Navy,

and the loss of just one trained and ready Sailor or family member is unacceptable and, in most cases, preventable with proper planning.

As you enjoy time off with family and friends this holiday weekend, keep in mind our shipmates who are deployed and in harm’s way. Their labor of keeping the watch for the safety and security of our nation is one we all share. It’s because of you that Americans can enjoy the freedoms and liberties we all hold so dearly. Thank you, shipmates, for your continued service and dedication to our great Navy and nation.

Stay focused, stay alert, stay safe, and let’s bring this summer to a close with zero fatalities or injuries. Enjoy your Labor Day weekend and hooyah!

Commentary

## SECNAV remembers legacy of naval aviator, pioneer, Astronaut Neil Armstrong

Secretary of the Navy Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) – “On behalf of the men and women of the Navy Department, I extend my deepest and most heartfelt sympathies to the family of Neil Armstrong.

“Mr. Armstrong rightly belongs to the ages as the man who first walked on the

moon, a pioneer of space exploration and science, a giant. But to those of us in his Navy family, he will also remain a shipmate—a naval aviator who flew nearly 80 combat missions during the Korean War, a leader.

“He never wanted to be a living memorial and yet to generations the world over, his epic courage and

quiet humility stands as the best of all examples. It is not merely his “small step” we admire; it is his very large and humble heart.

“The world has lost a legend. We have lost a friend, unique in our lifetime and never to be out of our minds.”

Ray Mabus  
Secretary of the Navy

## Diverse Views



“What are you doing to keep you and your family safe over the Labor Day holiday?”

Airman 1st Class Kevin Maloy  
56th Air and Space Communications Squadron



“I consider everyone in my unit family since we are all overseas. I keep them safe by having an open ear for anyone who may be having a hard time for whatever reason, Be it work, financial or marital issues.”



Fire Controlman Chief select  
Mario Brioli  
USS Chafee

“We make sure we have a plan. I do drink alcohol, so my wife usually acts as designated driver. On the ship we ensure our Sailors know who they can call to get a ride if they need it.”

Tech. Sgt. Ryder Hayes  
747th Communications Squadron



“This Labor Day weekend I will be spending quality time with family. I believe that is one of the best ways to make sure they are safe, to actually be with them and be there for them physically and mentally. Also, I believe in prayer, so I will pray for safety and let the Lord do his work.”



Chief Machinist’s Mate Doug  
Merryman  
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

“We conduct a liberty brief with Sailors and review responsible use of alcohol and recreational safety.”

(Provided by Brandon Bosworth and David Underwood Jr.)

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## WAVES shown en route to Hawaii



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Storekeeper 2nd Class Francella Leigh, Yeoman 2nd Class Patricia McRae and Pharmacist's Mate 3rd Class Suzanne Hosmer (left to right) remove knapsacks in their stateroom after arriving on board a transport. They and other WAVES were en route to their new duty stations at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii in 1945.



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# USS Columbus completes western Pacific deployment

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Friends and families of the crew from USS Columbus (SSN 762) gathered at the submarine piers Aug. 23 to welcome back the Los Angeles-class submarine as she returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after completing a six-month deployment to the western Pacific (WEST-PAC) region.

“Columbus’ 2012 deployment was very successful. We executed fleet and national tasking as well as numerous exercises and theater cooperation with our regional allies,” said Cmdr. David Youtt, USS Columbus commanding officer.

“Our crew gained extensive experience operating in vastly different environments and engaging with different cultures. We are a better ship and crew as a result and are better pre-

pared to face future operations,” Youtt said.

While deployed, Columbus executed a wide range of operations in support of U.S. 7th Fleet. In addition, she conducted several training exercises, contributing to the nation’s strategic posture in the western Pacific region.

“The crew performed superbly through deployment,” said Youtt. “Each Sailor faced every day with enthusiasm and professionalism that was second to none.”

During the deployment, 28 Sailors qualified in submarines and are now entitled to wear the submarine warfare insignia, also referred to as “dolphins” after completing a rigorous qualification process that included in-depth understanding of submarine construction and operations and also practical assessments of the Sailors’ ability to combat a wide range of casualties that could be encountered while aboard the submarine.

A majority of the crew



The Los Angeles-class submarine USS Columbus (SSN 762) returns to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after completing a scheduled deployment to the western Pacific Aug. 23.

also completed advanced qualifications, including engineering watch supervisor, diving officer of the watch and chief of the watch. These qualifications provide greater watch bill flexibility and help ensure that Columbus’ performance will remain strong.

“This deployment offered

significant experience and training for the young Sailors that will be the leaders of our Navy,” said Youtt. “More than half the crew deployed for the first time and are now experienced future deployers.”

Despite steaming more than 40,000 nautical miles in support of the nation’s defense, the crew enjoyed

several memorable port visits which included Guam, South Korea and Japan. Columbus also conducted a time-honored ceremony of “crossing the line” where 100 Sailors earned the title of “shellback” for crossing the equator for the first time.

“I really learned a lot about submarines and my

job on this deployment, but the best part is when I became submarine-qualified and got my dolphins,” said Electronics Technician Seaman (SS) Jonathan Di-quattro from Columbus, Ga. “The experience I gained and the places we visited makes my first deployment something I will never forget.”

## Military service members recognized for educational achievements

**MC2 Tiarra Fulgham**

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More than 40 military service members from all branches of military service participated in a military recognition ceremony Aug. 24 at Sharkey Theater at Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The ceremony honored those active duty and retired service members who have completed a United States Military Apprenticeship Program certificate or have earned, or will be earning, their associates, bachelors or masters degrees between July 2011 and September 2012.

“Navy College was not able to do it alone. It took all the different counselors and staff and facility,” said Gerald Gibbons, director of Navy College Office. “It’s truly a collective effort to get the Sailor, Airman, Soldier, Marine and Coast Guardman to get across that stage and achieve their dream.”

In fiscal year 2011, TA (tuition assistance) funded approximately \$3.8 million spread out between 2,200 Sailors in Navy Region Hawaii alone.

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Zainob Andu received a certificate for her bachelors degree at the ceremony. “It’s not easy but it’s not hard. It just takes focus, determination, you have to want it. It is very stressful. It’s a lot to try and do at one time, but I had a goal.”

Capt Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, was one of the guest speakers for the event and personally pre-

sented each recognized service member with a certificate.

“Taking on these challenges and obtaining a degree while on active duty isn’t easy, but these outstanding individuals know the importance of obtaining a good education. They know that in today’s world and in their military careers, it isn’t just something that is good to have, it is critical,” James said.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Barker

Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, presents certificates to more than 40 service members from all branches in a military recognition ceremony at historic Sharkey Theater.

## Learn from the Leaders event will to be held Sept. 11 at JBPHH

Juan M. Garcia III, assistant secretary of the Navy (manpower and reserve affairs), will be the guest speaker at a “Learn from the Leaders” event from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Sept. 11 at the Hickam Memorial Theater, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

In this capacity, Garcia acts on matters pertaining

to manpower and personnel policy within the Department of the Navy, including issues affecting active duty and reserve Sailors, Marines and Department of the Navy civilians.

The “Learn from the Leaders” events are speaker events sponsored by Navy Region Hawaii’s Workforce Development

Office/N16, which was established in 2004 to develop and manage a total force training and development program.

The event is open to military and civilian personnel and tenant commands.

For more information, contact Georgette Hughso at 471-1716 or email georgette.hughso.ctr@navy.mil.

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**Oct. 4:** Makahiki festival

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# Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



(Above) Sailors stationed aboard the Pearl Harbor-based guided-missile frigate USS Crommelin (FFG 37) prepare to hang a lei from the ship during the final underway of USS Crommelin before decommissioning.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Sean Furey

Chief (Select) Cryptologic Technician (Networks) James Davis commands the helm of the ship under the guidance of Senior Chief Navy Diver John Hopkins during battle scenarios aboard “Mighty Mo” as part of the USS Missouri CPO Legacy Academy. During the week the 43 selectees live and train aboard Missouri with chief petty officers who provide leadership and lessons on the history and heritage of the Navy and CPO community.

U.S. Navy photo by MCC Paula M. Ludwick



(Left) Chief Electronics Technician (SS) Robert Denbigh is greeted with a kiss as he is the first to disembark when the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Columbus (SSN 762) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after completing a scheduled deployment to the western Pacific Aug. 23.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Ronald Guttridge



(Right) Merchants display their products at the 15th Annual American Logistics (ALA) Hawaii Food Show, which was held Aug. 22 at the Hawaii Prince Hotel. A total of 80 companies from Oahu and the outer islands presented their products in hopes of gaining entry into the lucrative commissary marketplace.

U.S. Navy photo by Randy Dela Cruz







**Air Force News Service**

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy issued the following message to all Air Force personnel:

As our nation pays tribute to American workers during Labor Day weekend, we thank all Airmen for your dedicated ser-

vice and hard work every day of the year. While many of you enjoy a well-earned break to celebrate the last holiday of the summer season, we urge you to plan your activities with care and to make smart decisions that will keep you, your family and your friends safe.

Safety is a concern for all of us. Sadly, more than 40 Airmen have died in off-duty mishaps this year, including 27 Airmen killed in motor vehicle accidents. Many of

these tragic losses may have been preventable, the result of reckless behavior such as excessive speed, irresponsible alcohol use, failure to use proper safety gear, or inattention. Equally alarming, our Air Force family has lost 70 Airmen to suicide this year.

Our goal is to eliminate all preventable mishaps, and you can help by setting a standard of zero tolerance for reckless behavior and through awareness of subtle

behavioral changes that could indicate heightened levels of stress in yourself or others. Because one lost life is too many, we urge all Airmen to look out for one another, and remember that safety requires deliberate forethought.

Your family, friends and fellow Airmen depend on you. Please take time to consider safety as you enjoy Labor Day weekend and, as always, thank you for all you do for our Air Force and our nation.

**Most critical hours of the Critical Days of Summer**

**Chief Master Sgt. Ward Hanning**

*Air Education and Training Command*

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Please read the experience I received from a fellow AETC member regarding the Labor Day driving statistic. The intent here is to provide information and hopefully open everyone's aperture a bit. The sender's personal information was removed after he gave permission to send-on to all of you.

"My thoughts on the most critical hours of the Critical Days of Summer

Four years ago my son and his three best friends were killed at 10:10 p.m. on Labor Day. They were not impaired; they had ensured the vehicle was road-worthy. They planned their trip so the driver was well rested. They did everything possible to have a safe day.

The only thing they did not consider, nor had I, is that there are many in our culture that party to the point of impairment.

Needless deaths occurred when three people in another car crossed the median on a divided highway and crashed into my son's car.

The toxicology report indicated that the driver

had been doing drugs starting Friday. Additionally, the type of drugs that he used enabled him to continue partying without sleep through Monday night. After dark on Labor Day, while driving, the driver simply passed out from the drugs/exhaustion.

The last hours of the last days of summer are even more critical than the rest. Maybe not driving after dark on Labor Day could help. My intent is not to make people fearful of getting out and having a good time, but I do believe extreme caution is warranted.

I pray that no one's last party of the summer is truly their last."

**How to not mess up a perfectly good Labor Day holiday**

- Naval Safety Center**
- Labor Day: A great time to celebrate labor by getting a day off work.
  - Most Sailors and Marines succeed.
  - Some, however, end up making corpsmen, nurses and doctors busy.
- Severity of Labor Day weekend mishaps (2007-2011):**
- 11 fatalities (Class A - \$2 million or more in material property damage, fatality or permanent total disability)
  - 4 Class B mishaps (Class B - \$500K-1,999,999 material property damage, permanent partial disability, more than three persons hospitalized for inpatient care, beyond observation)
  - 88 Class C mishaps (Class C - \$50K or more but less than \$500k material property damage; work-related injury/illness causing time away from work )
  - 145 Class D mishaps (Other (Class D and all other injury/illness - medical treatment beyond first aid; limited, light or restricted duty or no lost work time)
- How personnel were killed:**
- Motorcycle wrecks (5)
  - Car/truck wrecks (one driver, one passenger)
  - ATV
  - Alcohol/accidental drug overdose (2)
  - Fall from hotel room

- The cost:**
- 5,108 days of light/limited duty
  - 1,242 lost days of work
  - 444 days in hospitals
  - Only about 20 percent of all injuries are reported
- What were injured people doing?**
- (Class B and C mishaps)
- Riding a motorcycle: 25
  - Driving or riding in a car: 17 (seven were passengers)
  - Bicycling, riding ATVs: 4 each
  - Playing football, hiking: 3 each
- Other Labor Day activities where people hurt themselves:**
- Ice skating
  - Burning trash
  - Tubing
  - Moving furniture
  - Roller skating
  - Wrestling (horseplay)
  - Personal watercraft
  - Grilling
  - Riding a horse
  - Chemical burn
  - Fall from roof
  - Skimboarding



# Sailor at Arizona Detachment is Operation Makeover honoree

**Brandon Bosworth**  
*Contributing Writer*

Logistics Specialist Seaman Andrea Gonzales received a big surprise when she came back from leave and returned to her command at the USS Arizona Memorial Detachment at Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. She is the latest person to be honored for Operation Makeover.

“I had no idea I had even been nominated until I came back from leave,” she said. “I just found out about it last week.”

This is Gonzales’s second big honor this year. In April, she was awarded Blue Jacket of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2012. The Blue Jacket award recognizes outstanding Sailors. A Blue Jacket of the Year is named annually.

Gonzales was nominated for Operation Makeover by her lead chief petty officer, Boatswain’s Mate Chief Maricel Julian. Julian

thought Gonzales was a natural choice for this honor.

“I nominated her because of her work ethic and because of all she’s done for us over the last few months,” said Julian.

“She is an outstanding Sailor who gets the job done. We depend on her a lot, especially for someone so junior,” he said.

Operation Makeover was launched by Paul Brown of Hawaii’s Paul Brown Salons in appreciation of the sacrifices made daily by military members and their families. Winners receive a personalized hair and body makeover as well as dinner for two at Roy’s and a two-night hotel stay at the Waikiki Marriott.

Gonzales isn’t sure when she is going to take the time to enjoy her prizes. “I just got my hair cut so I might wait a few months to do the makeover,” she said. According to Gonzales, the two-night hotel stay can wait until a special occasion. As for the dinner for two, she said, “I might do that one soon.”



Photo courtesy of Arizona Memorial  
Logistics Specialist Seaman Andrea Gonzales receives a lei from Carol Wear, outreach director at Armed Services YMCA during an Aug. 28 ceremony celebrating Gonzales as the latest Operation Makeover honoree.

# TV star visits USS Chung-Hoon to thank military members

**Story and photo by**  
**Brandon Bosworth**

*Contributing Writer*

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) hosted Richard Harrison of the popular reality TV series “Pawn Stars” Aug. 24. Harrison was in Hawaii on vacation and wanted to pay a visit to Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

“I wanted to thank service members,” he said.

Richard “The Old Man” Harrison is considered the expert appraiser on the History Channel’s “Pawn Stars.” He also served 21 years in the U.S. Navy.

“I primarily served on ASRs [submarine rescue ships] and fleet tugs,” he said.

Harrison opened his Gold

& Silver Pawn Shop in 1988. His recent television success is the result of long hours and hard work.

“We film 45 weeks a year,” he said. “No one thought the show would grow like it did. It’s shown in 140 countries.”

Harrison began his tour of the Chung-Hoon with a visit to the office of the ship’s commanding officer, Cmdr. Justin Orlich. They discussed their mutual fondness for diving, and Harrison talked about his time as a Navy diver.

“It was a good gig,” he said.

As Harrison left to see the rest of the ship, Orlich told him, “It’s great to have people like you come aboard ... It shows that there are many opportunities for Sailors once they leave the Navy.”

Harrison was then led

around the Chung-Hoon by Lt. j.g. Travis Harlow. The tour included visits to the ship’s bridge, combat information center, break room and galley.

Along the way, Harrison took time to talk to Sailors and pose for photos. The tour ended topside where Harlow showed Harrison the Chung-Hoon’s 5-inch gun.

As he left Chung-Hoon, Harrison commented about how important it was to take time and honor Pearl Harbor’s Sailors while he was in Hawaii.

“I love the Navy,” he said. “I had a great time when I served.”

Lt. j.g. Travis Harlow shows Richard Harrison the USS Chung-Hoon’s bridge.





# PMRF Fire Department earns reaccredited agency status

**MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf**

*Pacific Missile Range Facility  
Public Affairs*

PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE FACILITY, Barking Sands, Kauai - The fire department at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) recently received reaccreditation status by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI), following their initial accreditation in 2007. The department is one of only three in the state of Hawaii and 150 worldwide to achieve this elite status.

“This accreditation really brings up the morale of the department,” said Janis Kimata, PMRF assistant fire chief who has been a PMRF firefighter for 11 years.

The Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) is committed to assisting and improving fire and emergency service agencies around the world in achieving orga-

nizational and professional excellence.

The CFAI program uses a self-assessment evaluation that enables fire and emergency service agencies to examine past, current and future service levels and performance and compare them to industry best practices. This process leads to improved service delivery by helping fire departments determine community risk and safety needs, evaluate performance of the department, and establish a method for achieving continuous organizational improvement.

The accreditation process demands substantial amount of time to achieve and from 700 to 1,000 hours to complete.

“The process breaks down into 10 general categories,” said Manuel Neves, PMRF fire chief. “Included in those 10 categories there are 253 performance indicators, 82 of the indicators are core competencies, which means that they need to be

completed. We go through this process of looking at ourselves as a fire department in how decisions are made, how long it takes to respond to a fire and what each individual in the department does during a call. Everything we say we are doing has to be documented,” Neves said.

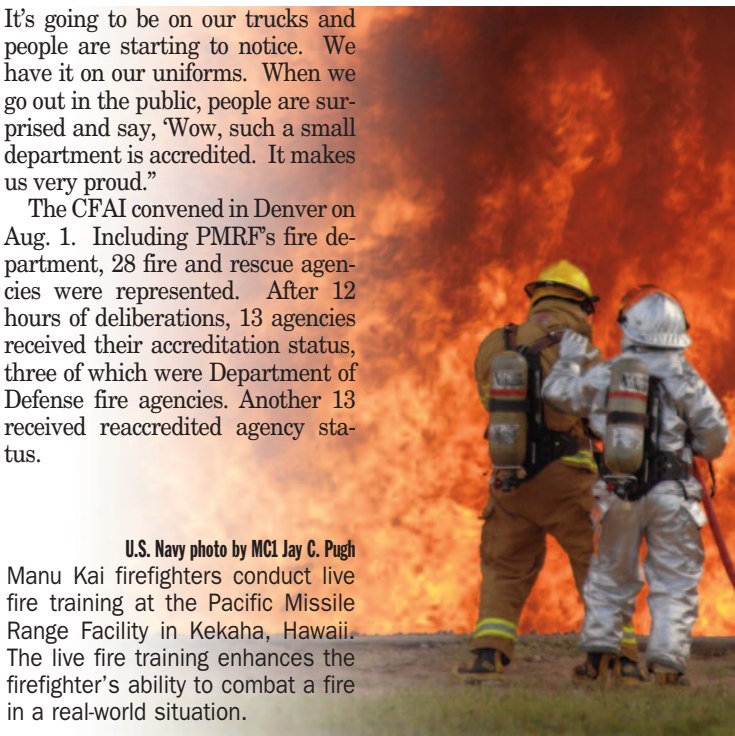
The accreditation process results in the development of planning documents, standard operating procedures, short-term and long-term strategic plans. Accreditation has the potential to dramatically improve a department, its services and its vision for the future.

CFAI commissioners ask challenging and direct questions to agency representatives before a vote is taken. “I was really nervous going before the commission,” Kimata said.

“You don’t know what they are going to ask you, but we answered the questions to their approval. I’m glad we received the accreditation.

It’s going to be on our trucks and people are starting to notice. We have it on our uniforms. When we go out in the public, people are surprised and say, ‘Wow, such a small department is accredited. It makes us very proud.’”

The CFAI convened in Denver on Aug. 1. Including PMRF’s fire department, 28 fire and rescue agencies were represented. After 12 hours of deliberations, 13 agencies received their accreditation status, three of which were Department of Defense fire agencies. Another 13 received reaccredited agency status.



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

Manu Kai firefighters conduct live fire training at the Pacific Missile Range Facility in Kekaha, Hawaii. The live fire training enhances the firefighter’s ability to combat a fire in a real-world situation.

## Parents urged to return federal survey cards by next day

**Karen S. Spangler**

*Managing Editor*

It’s that time of year again. On Sept. 5, school children in Hawaii public schools will take home federal census survey cards. Parents are asked to fill out the cards and return them to the schools the next day.

The data collected from these forms determines the funding received by the Hawaii Department of Education (DOE). Non-response could result in the loss of millions of dollars in federal funds that benefit both our military and local communities.

With approximately 15,000 military dependent students in the Hawaii public school system, Hawaii has the highest number of military dependent children per capita of any state in the nation. This makes the completion and return of federal survey cards even more important in helping to support the local communities.

“Completing the Federal Impact Aid card for each federally connect student is essential in ensuring Hawaii schools receive the millions of dollars in federal reimbursement payment,” said Darren Dean, school liaison officer for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Since 1950, the federal government has paid a share of the cost of educating each child whose parent or legal guardian either

lives on or works on federal property. These funds are authorized under Public Law 103-382.

“Each service has drafted a letter encouraging parent to complete these very important survey cards. It is very important that we get the most accurate count possible of federally connected students enrolled in Hawaii public schools,” Dean said.

- Why fill out the card?
- Federal Impact Aid is a partial reimbursement to the school district for educating federally-connected students who attend public schools.
  - Families of federally-connected students pay less in taxes into the school district than local residents. These are taxes that help fund education.
  - Federal Impact Aid funds pay for teacher salaries, school programs, materials, equipment and supplies.
  - Every card not returned means funds lost to Hawaii classrooms statewide.
  - Hawaii has the highest number of military dependent children per capital in the nation (the greatest impact on local schools).

The cards take only a couple minutes to compete and all information is kept confidential.

If you have any questions or need more information, contact Dean at 449-1577 or darren.dean@us.af.mil.

## Immunization clinics prepare children for school year round

**1st Lt. Kathleen Eisenbrey**

*15th Medical Group*

For parents, back-to-school season is preceded by a flurry activity including, but not limited to, purchasing children’s school supplies and back-to-school clothing for the new school year.

For medical providers at the Hickam, Makalapa and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard clinics, the month of August, recognized as National Immunizations Awareness Month (NIAM), has been filled with immunizations and physicals for school-aged children.

Throughout the year, as new families move into the state, there are immunizations that may be required in order for children to enter Hawaii schools for the first time.

According to the Hawaii State Department of Health, children entering kindergarten through high school are required to have vaccinations for DTaP (diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis), polio, MMR (measles-mumps-rubella), hepatitis B and varicella (chickenpox). Two doses of the varicella vaccine are required if the first dose was administered after a child’s 13th birthday.

For parents who desire to update their

child’s annual flu vaccination, the Stop Flu at School program offered through local schools is an excellent opportunity. Through this program, children enrolled in kindergarten through eighth grade at participating schools are offered free flu vaccine(s) during a standard school day.

A complete list of schools participating in the Stop Flu at School program can be accessed at [http://flu.hawaii.gov/SFAS\\_schedule.html](http://flu.hawaii.gov/SFAS_schedule.html).

According to the “Stop Flu at School’s Summary Report” by the Disease Outbreak Control Division at the Hawaii Department of Health, a total of 66,230 school children, ages 5 to 13, participated in the program at 331 public and private schools during the 2010-11 school year.

Consent forms and additional information about the Stop Flu at School program are now being distributed through participating schools. Parents are requested to complete the appropriate consent form (nasal spray or shot), sign, date and return the consent form to their child’s teacher by Sept. 7.

Department of Defense beneficiaries who wish to obtain annual flu vaccinations may attend influenza clinics at the Pearl Harbor NEX from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 4 and 5 and at the Hickam BXtra from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 27.





## NAVY CHIEFS, SELECTEES COMPLETE ANNUAL FORD ISLAND HERITAGE RUN

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Chief petty officers (CPOs) and CPO selectees from more than 30 Hawaii-based commands participated Aug. 24 in the annual Ford Island Heritage Run at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The Ford Island Heritage Run

spans more than three miles around the perimeter of Ford Island with brief stops and historic briefings at historically significant locations including the Battleship Missouri Memorial, USS Utah Memorial, USS Arizona Memorial and the USS Oklahoma Memorial. The route of the run also passed other notable Ford Island sites such as the mooring quays of USS West Virginia, USS Nevada and USS California.

The Heritage Run is an event

designed to reinforce history, heritage and tradition in the new selectees. The run allows the commands to assemble as a unified chief's mess and contributes to the overall culture of fitness in the Navy.

As Capt. Kurt Scott, the behavioral health programs director, Bureau of Naval Personnel said, "Our people are our greatest asset. We're promoting a lifestyle of total fitness, physically, mentally, socially and spiritually, to ensure our Sailors

are best able to meet the challenges they will face in today's Navy. These efforts reinforce the Secretary of the Navy's 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative, as well as support the Chief of Naval Operation's directions."

The event was one of the highlights of the transition period for prospective chiefs who have spent the last few weeks receiving training on their new responsibilities from their designated mentors.





# Kunia Gallos put big chill on Blue Penguins

Story and photo by  
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Sports Editor

After getting off to a rough start to kick off the Summer Soccer League, the two-time base intramural champions Kunia Gallos have reasserted themselves as a force to be reckoned with.

Last Saturday, Aug. 25, the Gallos overcame a 1-0 deficit to storm past the Blue Penguins, 5-2, at Quick Field, Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and raise their league record to 4-0-1.

"We started out against our arch rivals, the divers, and it was just a tough way to start," admitted Staff Sgt. Winston Jackson, striker for the Gallos. "It looked rough, but we've been playing the same soccer every day, every time we're out here."

Like their start of the season, the Gallos began slowly against the Blue Penguins, whose team is mostly comprised of members from the 15th Operations Group.

The Blue Penguins, which entered the showdown versus the Gallos with a record of 2-2-1, got on the scoreboard first when 1st Lt. Jason Taylor followed up a shot on goal by sticking it in back of the net for a 1-0 lead.

The shot was the fifth attempt on goal by the Blue Penguins in the early minutes of the game.

"We got the ball down one-on-one on the keeper," said Taylor about the game's opening goal. "One of our

guys put it on, it bounced off the keeper, I just followed it up and pushed it back in."

The goal seemed to awaken the Gallos as the team immediately picked up the pace and quickly tied the score when Jackson snuck in a straightway shot about 20 yards from the goal.

Jackson initially thought that the shot hit the goal's upright, but was pleasantly surprised when his teammates told him to count the goal.

"They had great defenders, so I only had a couple of seconds," Jackson said. "I made a move, took a shot. I saw it go through the goalie's hands and hit the crossbar. I threw my hands up in disgust, but it turns out it bounced in."

Then, just before halftime, Jackson got support from teammate Senior Airman Akira Hose, who weaved through the Blue Penguins defense before shooting the ball in from the right side for a 2-1 lead.

Once the Gallos broke out in front, the team kept the pressure on and began attacking the goal and Blue Penguins goalkeeper Maj. Sam Ensminger who, despite coming up with big play after big play, couldn't keep Kunia shooters from scoring.

Jackson said a change in the Blue Penguins defense opened the door for the Gallos to take control.

"The number-one thing for them is that they pulled their sweeper," Jackson pointed out. "They put him up top



Staff Sgt. Winston Jackson, striker for the Kunia Gallos, gets past Blue Penguins defensive back Maj. Tom Flowers and goalkeeper Maj. Sam Ensminger en route to his second goal in a Summer Soccer League game at Quick Field, Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

and that opened up the field for us. Our dribblers were able to just go at them and catch them out of position."

Jackson was the first player in the second half to exploit the Blue Penguins new defensive formation.

The Kunia striker moved into position down the left side of the field, beat a defender, then killed a shot for his second goal of the game and a 3-1 lead.

The Gallos raised the advantage on an assist from Hose to Senior Airman Justin Cameron before Staff Sgt. Matt Frengs booted in a penalty kick for a 5-1 lead.

The Blue Penguins got one final goal late in the game on a breakaway by Ensign Jamie Gaines.

Taylor said that, while Kunia is filled with great players, injuries and a lack of substitutions may have hindered the Blue Penguins attack.

"We had two guys that, we had to pull up because of injuries and we had no subs," he said. "We were getting tired and injuries with no subs, that starts hurting you quick. They had some good players, but a mistake here, good play there and that's it."

Jackson said that he believes that the win proves that the Gallos are 100 percent back after the rough first game.

"It's pretty much a matter of time," he said. "We start off slow, but we get to our level and we don't drop. That's normally what sets us apart."

## Hickam Field survivor will be honored at Air Force Ball

Story and photo by  
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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam  
Public Affairs

A U.S. Army Air Corps veteran who survived the Dec. 7, 1941 attacks on Hickam Field and Pearl Harbor will return to the island of Oahu to see the place where he was forced to become a man so early in his life.

Durward Swanson, a 91-year-old native of Georgia, is returning to be the guest of honor and the "oldest Airman" at the 65th Air Force Ball, scheduled for Sept. 14 at the Hawaiian Hilton Resort in Waikiki. He will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the youngest Airman at Hickam and cut the Air Force's birthday cake with an honor guard saber.

"It will be truly an honor to be in the presence of today's Airmen and socializing with them," Swanson said. "They are the backbone of our defense program."

On a previous visit to Hickam, he went on a walkabout to remember the events that brought the U.S. to the forefront of World War II, to remember those men and women who gave their lives to their country and to pay tribute to the friends and family he lost.

"I just missed my death by about 10 minutes," he said as he told his story to the security forces Airmen who currently work in the same room where he slept so many years ago. "It brought back some memories, it did. It kind of brought back



Durward Swanson, a Dec. 7, 1941, Hickam Field survivor, holds a photo of himself taken when he was here in the 1940s.

what I had been through."

Swanson was on duty the night of Dec. 6 as a military policeman on a motorcycle patrol. He finished his breakfast in the dining facility and retired to his quarters, which was a dormitory for the Hickam guards on the second floor of the fire station (building 1001). His downstairs section of the building served as the guardhouse for the military police.

He said seeing the historic buildings still riddled with pockmarks and the still torn and tattered flag encased in the Pacific Headquarters Building reminded him of the physical and mental scars he has carried most of his life. He said the events were best described as chaos. There were 184 Airmen, two civilians and three Honolulu firefighters killed on what was formerly Hickam Field.

"I lost some good friends here," he said. "I have a cousin and a good buddy still entombed in the USS Arizona."

In the days and weeks afterward, Swanson re-entered his first career field as a B-17E Flying Fortress crew chief. Called to action during the Battle of Midway on June 5, 1942, his plane was shot down. His plane riddled with holes and missing sections, Swanson was among the three survivors, leaving seven friends perishing in the Pacific Ocean. He suffered severe injuries to his left leg, arm and face.

Swanson, bleeding profusely from multiple places, was pulled from the sinking wreckage as the air and sea battle raged around them.

"(They) pulled me out and my leg was shattered," Swanson said. "I don't know what hit me, if bullets hit it or shrapnel or what."

The battle in the sky above him was the last thing on his mind as he was treading water and waiting for a rescue boat. There was not a safe place anywhere in the area. Shot out of the sky, severely injured and bleeding, Swanson said he was more worried about the sharks.

A small U.S. Navy patrol torpedo boat picked the three men up after they were in the water less than 10 minutes. Once in the boat, they immediately worked on his leg, putting on a tourniquet to help stop the bleeding, which helped save the badly damaged limb.

More than 70 years later,

Swanson said returning to Hickam was a dream come true. He visited his barracks and the dining facility which once had a bomb rip through it and saw the torn and tattered flag he and his best friend pulled down from the pole.

"I can't believe I was standing in the same spot I was more than 70 years ago," he said. "I was just doing what I should have done, what anybody would have done. If you'd been here during that time of the attacks, you'd have done the same thing."

"People have labeled me a hero because of the attacks and the Midway battle, but I don't consider myself a hero," Swanson said. "I consider myself a protector of America like every Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine and Coast Guardsman that's serving today."

It was because of his story and willingness to make the journey back to Oahu that the Air Force Ball committee chose Swanson to be the guest of honor at the Air Force Ball. For Swanson, this will be a first in his lifetime as he served before the Air Force became an official entity of the Department of Defense.

"I am delighted and happy to be back at Hickam where I was stationed," he said. "I am especially delighted to attend the Air Force Ball. This will be my very first one."

*(This is an excerpt of Staff Sgt. Meares' story. To read the complete story, visit <http://1.usa.gov/PQY71W>.)*

## Hispanic Heritage Month celebration planned for Sept. 21

A Hispanic Heritage Month celebration will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sept. 21 at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

Planned activities include a speech by the keynote speaker, Capt. Robert A. Espinosa, chief of staff, Navy Region Hawaii.

The national anthem will be performed by vocalist Sr. Airman Letha Brown.

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam cere-

monial guard will parade and retire the colors.

Capt. Sal Aguilera will offer the invocation and benediction. Following the official ceremony, refreshments and a dance exhibition will take place at the chapel lanai.

For more information and to participate, call committee chairman QM1 (SW) Julian Pardal at 474-0302 or email [julian.pardal1@navy.mil](mailto:julian.pardal1@navy.mil).

### Blood donor center updated schedule announced

Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has updated its schedule of upcoming blood drives as part of the Armed Services Blood Donor Program (ASBP). Dates and locations are updated regularly online as new drives are scheduled. Donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment online, call to make an appointment, and check [www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil) for

the latest information.

Currently scheduled drives include:

- Sept. 11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, 667 Safeguard St.

- Sept. 25, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., NEX, Tripler Army Medical Center.

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

## 'First Friday' Sept. 7 event to feature Pacific Fleet rock band

The Pacific Fleet Band will perform a rock and roll concert from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Hawaii State Art Museum at its First Friday event.

This event will include music through the 1960s, such as Van Morrison's "Brown Eyed Girl," Eddie Floyd's "Knock on Wood," Jason Marz' "I Won't Give Up," Lady Gaga's "Paparazzi," and IZ's version of "Rainbow."

The Pacific Fleet Band performs on the mainland United States, as well as in Asia and the Pacific. The fleet band performed during the Pacific Friendship gathering in Indonesia, and in the Philippines. Their most recent concert was in Washington, D.C.

The Pacific Fleet Band is based at Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"To have our Navy's Pacific Fleet Band perform in a historic site that currently houses the state's art museum, once home to our military during the Pacific War makes the First Friday, Sept. 7 fleet's concert event more significant," said Eva Laird Smith, executive director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Museum chairs are limited. Folding chairs and mats are recommended at the second-floor open courtyard, overlooking the newly opened sculpture garden.

For more information, call 586-9959 or 586-0301. Email [scott.m.young@hawaii.gov](mailto:scott.m.young@hawaii.gov) or [eva.laird.smith@hawaii.gov](mailto:eva.laird.smith@hawaii.gov).



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# Pound Town chasing dream after win over Port Royal

Story and photo by  
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Sports Editor

Representing the 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS), the Pound Town basketball squad remained in contention for the top spot in the Summer Basketball League by beating the previously unbeaten USS Port Royal (CG 73), 44-32, in a matchup on Aug. 25 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

The win kept Pound Town trailing the Dream Chasers by a single game in the league standings with a record of 5-1, while Port Royal dropped their first game of the season and saw their mark fall to 2-1.

Forward Airman 1st Class Vincent Kruzona led the charge for Pound Town by leading all scorers with 18 points, which included a buzzer beater at the half that gave his team a 25-14 edge at the break.

The heroics by Kruzona offset a tremendous shooting day by Port Royal guard Operations Specialist 2nd Class Kevin Henderson, who pumped in 14 points on four three-pointers and a basket.

"I think we're right there at the top with everyone else," said Kruzona following his hot performance. "There are some really good teams. I think it's going to be a really good season and good playoffs. I'm excited for it."

At first, the battle between Port Royal and Pound Town was neck-and-neck as both teams traded baskets throughout the early minutes of the game.

An exchange of treys by



Pound Town Senior Airman Chris Haire and Henderson kept the margin of difference at only four points, but that's when Pound Town slowly began to pull away.

A three-point shot by Airman 1st Class Adrian McNeil extended Pound Town's lead to nine at 21-12 before Kruzona began to take over.

The Pound Town forward calmly sank a jumper to take a 23-14 lead and then came back on the next trip down to swish a shot at the buzzer for the team's first double-digit advantage at 25-14.

"I think it definitely gave us some momentum going into the second (half)," Kruzona said. "I just wanted to control the clock. I was looking to pass, actually, and I saw the open shot, so I took it."

Coming out of the break, Kruzona continued his torrid shooting by zeroing in a bulls-eye from beyond the three-point arch that doubled Port Royal at 28-14.

Again, Kruzona said that the open shot was too nice to pass up.

"We were looking more to keep attacking the basket. It was working for us in the first half," Kruzona said. "But it was an open shot, so I took it."

The shot seemed to have stopped Port Royal in their tracks as Pound Town

Operations Specialist 2nd Class Kevin Henderson, guard for USS Port Royal (CG 73), tries to block a lay-up from 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) Pound Town guard Airman 1st Class Marshaun Roan during a Summer Basketball League game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

managed to keep their double-digit lead for the rest of the game.

A three-pointer by Airman 1st Class Marshaun Roan kept Pound Town ahead by 14 at 31-17 and another trey by Kruzona made the score 38-26 with 8:21 left on the clock.

Less than a minute later, Kruzona got an assist on a pass to teammate Airman 1st Class Jordan Arredondo for a basket and a 40-26 lead.

"It was just attacking the boards," said Kruzona about how the team maintained its lead. "They actually had size on us, but we just tried to move the screens and attack the basket."

Henderson said that once Pound Town began to pull away, Port Royal just wasn't patient enough to mount a comeback.

"It was a little frustration on our part," he stated. "I think we needed to pass it more and we were trying to do way too much than what we needed to do. It just got to us in the end."

After suffering their first loss of the season, Henderson said that he and his teammates would be back stronger than ever.

"Just practice," Henderson said. "We'll go through a week of practices and just learn from it and come back next weekend."

In picking up the Pound Town's fifth win of the season, Kruzona said that teamwork is the key for their continued success.

"Just playing strong basketball," Kruzona noted. "We're a shooting team, but today, we showed that we can actually drive, shoot and penetrate. That was a good sign for us."

# Motorcycle safety gear saves NASIC Airman

Staff Sgt.  
Veronica Pierce

National Air and Space  
Intelligence Center Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Senior Airman David Steele stood on stage in front of his fellow Airmen from the National Air and Space Intelligence Center here recounting his story during a recent commander's call.

"According to the doctors, the crash would have killed me had I not been wearing my gear," he said.

In June 2011, Steele was heading to Baltimore, Md. on a 500-mile motorcycle journey to visit his family. He stopped every few hours to stretch and update his aunt and uncle in Baltimore on his whereabouts.

Nearly half way into the trip his bike ran off a turn and crashed into a boulder on Highway

50 in West Virginia.

Steele's recollection of the accident is hazy.

"I don't remember why I ran off the road, just that it was a blind corner," he said. "The authorities could only speculate what may have happened."

Steele remembers lying on the ground in shock, not knowing how he got there. He looked up and saw a man standing over him. When he asked the stranger what happened, the man told Steele he was in a motorcycle accident.

A medical evacuation helicopter flew Steele to Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, W. Va. The in-flight medical team stabilized Steele with 25 units of blood and plasma.

During the nine-minute flight he gave emergency crews his Social Security number and his family's contact information.

At the hospital doctors saw the full extent of his injuries. Besides a



Senior Airman David Steele

broken hand and jaw, the motorcycle brake lever punctured Steele's spleen resulting in the majority of the blood loss. The spleen was removed. He spent 19 days in the hospital.

Doctors told Steele his protective

gear limited the damage to his other internal organs, which enabled him to survive.

A year before the accident Steele took all the mandatory precautionary measures before riding his motorcycle. He took the mandatory motorcycle safety courses and purchased all the required safety gear.

"You can do everything right on your motorcycle and still crash because someone didn't check their blind spot or use a turn signal," Steele said. "You don't have a seatbelt, an airbag or a crumple zone to protect you. Your only protection is what you're wearing. And that's why motorcycle safety gear is so important."

Following a year of recovery, Steele's life and Air Force career are back on track. He persevered to score a 90 percent on his most recent physical fitness test.

Asked if he would still ride motorcycles, he said he'll purchase a new bike soon.

Steele is the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency representative for the 2012 Airman-to-Airman Safety Advisory Program. The Air Force Safety Center initiative features major command-nominated enlisted and officers.

The Airmen, all 20-26 years old, each have had a mishap and are turning their careers around for the better. Their mission is to communicate safety messages Air Force-wide.

Steele speaks to fellow wingmen about the dangers of motorcycle riding and the importance of being prepared.

His bottom line message?

"Crashing a motorcycle is just a matter of time. Always wear your gear."

*(Editor's note: Although this incident took place in Ohio, wearing safety gear can help reduce motorcycle injuries anywhere, including Hawaii.)*



## Operating a motorcycle takes proper skills, training

Maj. Gen. Gregory A. Feest

Air Force Chief of Safety

Operating a motorcycle is a high-risk activity and takes different skills than driving a four-wheeled vehicle.

Airmen all over the world take the necessary safety precautions and enjoy riding their motorcycles.

Unfortunately, every year

we lose Airmen to motorcycle accidents. Each motorcycle fatality impacts our units, communities and the Air Force family.

Most of our accidents are due to a lack of training, poor riding skills and a risky attitude, most notably driving too fast for conditions.

Here is what I need from our riders: as our greatest asset, we believe you will

develop the right skills, the right training and the right attitude.

As your chief of safety, I believe Airmen at all levels will adopt and practice the concept of being a professional military rider.

Remember, we need you here to get the mission done. Stay in the fight, and help spread the word to your fellow military riders.

## Naval website has tools to stay safe during Labor Day weekend

Naval Safety Center

Labor Day weekend is the unofficial end of summer and marks the end of the Navy and Marine Corps Summer Safety Campaign.

The holiday commemorates the accomplishments of the American worker, among the hardest working people in the world, which well describes Sailors and Marines.

So it's a good time when we have the opportunity to take a few days off to relax and enjoy time with family and friends.

For tools the safety center has prepared to help all of us stay safe while enjoying a fun weekend, visit the "what's new" section on the Naval Safety Center's website at [www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen](http://www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen).

You'll find informative presentations, briefing points and videos for use in daily quarters and safety stand downs that serve

as a timely reminder not to let our guard down.

Unfortunately, off-duty activities often hurt far too many Sailors.

While you enjoy the end of summer, rest assured that the safety center team is already preparing risk-management tools for the winter season. This year, commands will receive a package in the mail containing presentations, posters, pamphlets and more. Packages will be disseminated in October to allow safety offices plenty of time to prepare.

There's no reason to try to cram an entire season's worth of fun into one weekend. We all need to work together to end the fleet's summer safety campaign on a high note with zero fatalities or preventable mishaps.

Take advantage of some well-deserved time off during the last holiday weekend of summer and take care of each other.

# Labor Day weekend activities at NEX approaching soon

Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) has announced its Labor Day weekend schedule of activities. They include:

- A military appreciation event will take place from Aug. 29 to Sept. 3 in the NEX parking lot. There will be a tent sale, food booths by local family

readiness and ombudsmen groups, Morale, Welfare and Recreation bounce houses, an exotic car show, games and a Taste of NEX event.

- A Honolulu Police Department/keiki (child) ID night will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Aug. 31 in the NEX mall. Free IDs for

children will consist of a picture, finger printing and descriptive information about a child in case of emergencies.

- Authorized patrons are invited to a free movie night featuring the movies "The Lorax" and "Tin Tin" Aug. 31 in the NEX parking lot. Seating is at 5:30

p.m. and the movies start at 7 p.m.

Due to limited seating, tickets to the show can be picked up at the aloha center on a first-come, first-served basis. Patrons are responsible for their own chair, beach mat, etc. for seating. Those with higher chairs will be asked to sit

further back from the screen so patrons with beach towels and mats will be able to view the screen as well.

- Ukulele performer Kalei Gamiao will play at a free performance 6 p.m. Sept. 1 on the NEX parking lot stage.
- Rock guitarist Michael

Angelo Batio, voted the "number one shredder of all time by Guitar One magazine," will perform free at 7 p.m. Sept. 1 at the NEX parking lot stage.

For more information, contact Stephanie Lau, NEX customer service manager at 423-3287 or email [stephanie.lau@nexweb.org](mailto:stephanie.lau@nexweb.org).





Photo courtesy of Imagination Movers

Children's music group Imagination Movers will perform at this year's Day for Kids celebration Sept. 9 at Ward Field.

## Imagination Movers to perform at Day for Kids Sept. 9 at Ward Field

**Brandon Bosworth**

*Contributing Writer*

This year's Day for Kids celebration Sept. 9 at Ward Field at Pearl Harbor-Hickam will feature a 4 p.m. performance by children's music group Imagination Movers.

Gates open at 2 p.m. In addition to the performance by Imagination Movers, there will be free inflatables, crafts, activities and food from Defense Commissary Agency. Snacks will be available for purchase.

Four friends in New Orleans formed the Imagination Movers band in 2003: Rich Collins, Scott

Durbin, Dave Poche and Scott "Smitty" Smith. They wanted to create their own children's television show.

The local PBS station was interested in producing the program, but due to budget constraints had to decline. Imagination Movers ended up releasing a series of self-produced CDs and DVDs. To date, they have sold more than 250,000 copies.

The Movers soon came to the attention of Disney, who offered them their own show. They have filmed three seasons of their music-and-comedy series for Disney Junior. The program takes place in an "idea warehouse" and was inspired by earlier kids'

shows such as "Captain Kangaroo" and "Mister Rogers Neighborhood."

Through a series of songs and dances, the Imagination Movers teach children that with imagination anything is possible. Their motto is "Reach high, think big, work hard, have fun!" The Imagination Movers TV show currently airs in more than 55 countries and territories in 12 languages.

The Imagination Movers also tour extensively. Their 2011 "In a Big Warehouse" tour attracted 150,000 fans. Musically, their sound is pop and rock-oriented, and has drawn comparisons to both the Beastie Boys and the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

## Inexpensive activities are available on Oahu

Ho'okele readers in search of leads for inexpensive outings on Oahu have options. They can serve as an alternative way to spend a Saturday and meet others.

One example of an inexpensive outing available on Oahu is no-admission-fee hiking.

For example, John Burns, Navy Region Hawaii administrative support assistant, has posted videos on youtube providing a new perspective on urban Oahu. Find the trail at <http://youtu.be/50ALXHmEXGs>.

A second activity is a Navy/Air Force/Boy Scouts event including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Hawaii Nature Center. The event will take place Sept. 15 at a Pearl Harbor site in Waipahu known as Pouhala Marsh.

Volunteers will work in the mud to remove brush and weeds from an area that was a dump and landfill. It is being restored to provide habitat for Hawaii's endangered water birds. Due to develop-

ment, muddy habitat was lost along the shore. Hawaii's wading and mud-loving birds, the Hawaiian duck, coot, moorhen and the long-legged Hawaiian black stilt declined.

By removing plants that cover the mud, the birds have places to feed. The Hawaii Nature Center uses Pouhala Marsh as a place to teach children about the value of wetlands.

The marsh is on Waipahu Depot Road across from the police academy training center.

Wear long sleeves, long pants and boots and bring hand tools if you have them as well as a bottle of water and perhaps a change of clothes.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam volunteers should sign up with CSC Daniel Schaeffer, TPU, [daniel.schaeffer@navy.mil](mailto:daniel.schaeffer@navy.mil) or call 473-0686.

*(Editor's note: information was submitted by Rebecca Hommon, Navy Region Hawaii environmental counsel.)*



Photo courtesy of Rebecca Hommon

Hawaiian stilts are an example of the state's wading birds. Pouhala Marsh is being restored to provide habitat for these waterfowl.

## Labor Day commissary hours announced

In observance of Labor Day Sept. 3 the Pearl Harbor Commissary store hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Hickam Commissary will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, call the Pearl Harbor Commissary at 471-8402 ext. 101 or the Hickam Commissary at 449-1363.

## Volunteers sought for Medal of Honor Convention

USO Hawaii will be part of the team for the Medal of Honor Convention 2012.

The convention will be held in Honolulu from Oct. 1 to 6.

There are many volunteer opportunities from Sept. 28 to Oct. 10.

For more information on how to volunteer, visit the website <http://bit.ly/N0j78F> or call 422.1213.



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YOUTH ADVENTURE SPORTS

Young people ages 12-16 can experience sports such as surfing, stand-up paddleboarding (SUP), mountain biking, canoeing and kayaking. Today is the last day to register, and the session runs September to November. The program meets on Wednesdays for training and education and on Saturdays for sport participation. Cost is \$120. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com)..

FREE GOLF CLINIC

The Mamala Bay Golf Course is hosting a free golf clinic at 4 p.m. today. FMI: 449-2300.

CRUD TOURNAMENT

There is a “crud” tournament from 5:30 to 11 p.m. today at the Hickam Officers’ Club (Koa Lounge). No experience with the game is necessary, and all branches and skill levels are welcome. This is a free event. FMI: 448-4608.

TUESDAY LUNCH AND FREE BOWLING

Receive up to two free games of bowling from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays at Hickam Bowling Center and the Naval Station Bowling Center when you purchase your lunch from the Kālu Kau Korner or Harbor Grill snack bar. FMI: 448-9959 or 473-2574.

BENCH PRESS CONTEST

The Pearl Harbor Fitness Center will hold a bench press contest at 10 a.m. Sept. 1. Weigh-ins begin a 9 a.m. Men will bench press 100 percent of their body weight, and women will bench press 50 percent of their body weight, as many reps as possible in good form. The entry fee is \$5. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

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 and provides a foundation to become a junior lifeguard. The program is designed to allow young people to gain a basic understanding of pool/ocean awareness, water rescue techniques, physical conditioning skills, general first-aid and overall self-confidence. The session runs Sept. 24–Oct. 19. The cost is \$95 per student. This program is for ages 11 to 17. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

FAMILY/GROUP SAILING INSTRUCTION

Sailing instruction is offered 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays at the Rainbow Bay Marina. This course offers a brief introduction to sailing and includes an overview in the classroom, demonstration of rigging and some time on the water. The class is open to eligible adults and family members 10 years and older. The cost is \$10 per person. FMI: 473-0279.

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

Community Calendar

September

1 ~ Navy Operational Support Center fiscal year Chief Petty Officer selectees will hold a car wash from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Makalapa Clinic parking lot. Food and beverages will be provided. Donations will be accepted.

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

5 ~ Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel will kick off its “vertical mid-week” program on at 5:30 p.m. starting with a fellowship meal and praise and worship music. A nursery is available for infants up to children age 3. FMI: 473-3971.

6 and 13 ~ Military housing residents can meet with Navy leadership and Forest City representatives at upcoming community meetings scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Sept. 6 and Sept. 13, both at Moanalua Community Center. Residents will have an opportunity to ask questions and address concerns. Information will also be provided on the Resident Energy Conservation Program which will implement a 10 percent buffer beginning Oct. 1.

14 ~ The Air Force Ball will be held at 6 p.m. at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Waikiki. Ticket prices for the event are tiered. FMI: call a unit representative or visit <http://www.15wing.af.mil/library/airforceball.asp>.

20 ~ The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam passenger terminal will hold a “space available” brief from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Hickam Memorial Theater. FMI: 448-9949 or visit the terminal Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/HickamAMC>.

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

26 ~ The 25th annual Joint Employment Management System (JEMS) Job Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Club Pearl at Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Preparatory classes are being offered throughout September in advance of the job fair. FMI: 474-1999 or 449-0300 or visit [www.jemsjobs.com](http://www.jemsjobs.com).

Movie Showtimes



The Watch (R)

Four everyday suburban guys come together to form a neighborhood watch group but only as an excuse to escape their humdrum lives one night a week. But when they accidentally discover that their town has become overrun with aliens posing as ordinary suburbanites, they have no choice but to save their neighborhood – and the world – from total extermination.

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SATURDAY  
2:30 PM Ice Age 4: Continental Drift (PG)  
4:45 PM People Like Us (PG-13)  
7:15 PM The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13)

SUNDAY  
2:30 PM Ice Age 4: Continental Drift (PG)  
4:45 PM Tyler Perry’s Madea’s Witness Protection (PG-13)  
7:15 PM The Dark Knight Rises (PG13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY  
6:00 PM The Dark Knight Rises (PG13)

SATURDAY  
4:00 PM The Watch (R)  
7:00 PM The Dark Knight Rises (PG13)

SUNDAY  
2:00 PM The Dark Knight Rises (PG13)





# End of World War II ceremony to take place Sept. 2

## Battleship Missouri Memorial Association

Battleship Missouri Memorial will commemorate the 67th anniversary of the end of World War II from 8 to 9 a.m. Sept. 2 at the memorial at Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

James Zobel, senior archivist, MacArthur Memorial, will be the keynote speaker.

The ceremony is free and open to the public. A shuttle from the visitors' center will be available.

Zobel has been the archivist at the General Douglas MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk, Va. for the past 20 years. He obtained a bachelor's and master's degree in history from Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va.

The MacArthur Memorial



Archives is an international research center dedicated to the preservation and research of materials related to the life and times of general of the Army Douglas MacArthur. As archivist, he has collected, organized and catalogued the papers of MacArthur, 18 of his subordinate generals and thousands of veterans who served in World War I, World War II and the Korean War.

Christian Wells of Roosevelt High School, win-

ner of the "MacArthur's Words" essay contest will also be a guest speaker. Wells is an 11th grader. Wells' essay explained the relevance and applicability of MacArthur's famous change "of the spirit if we are to save the flesh" quote in today's world. Samantha Peterson and Corey Snider's essays earned them second and third place respectively.

Mark Polivka, USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc. board member will offer remarks on behalf of the nonprofit organization entrusted with the care and operation of America's last battleship.

The ceremony also will feature a patriotic music performance by the Pacific Fleet Band, a rifle salute, echo Taps and a special Old Glory detail by the Naval Health Clinic Hawaii.

Photo courtesy of U.S. National Archives  
View of the surrender ceremonies, looking forward from USS Missouri's superstructure, as Adm. Conrad E.L. Helfrich signs the Instrument of Surrender on behalf of The Netherlands. General of the Army Douglas MacArthur is standing beside him.

## Sept. 8 Siller Tunnel to Towers Pearl Harbor run honors firefighter

This year's second annual Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Pearl Harbor 5K run will take place at 7 a.m. Sept. 8 across the Ford Island Bridge at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The race is affiliated with the national Tunnel to Towers Foundation, created in honor of New York Fire Department firefighter Stephen Siller, who lost his life on Sept. 11, 2001.

The cost for the race is \$35 until the beginning of September and \$50 cash on race day. Free running shirts are available for all adult registrations. Children under age 12 may participate free of charge, but will not be given a T-shirt. Prizes will be available to participants age 18 or older.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Hawaii Fire

Chiefs Association and Building for America's Bravest.

Tunnel to Towers Foundation is now partnered with the Gary Sinese Foundation in Building for America's Bravest, building smart homes for triple and quadruple amputees.

For more information, and to register for the race, visit the website at [www.t2trun.org/pearlharbor](http://www.t2trun.org/pearlharbor).

## Holly Petraeus to hold town hall meetings Sept. 6

Holly Petraeus, assistant director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and wife of retired Gen. David Petraeus, will conduct two town hall meetings at 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 6 at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

She will discuss topics of importance to service members and their spouses.

Topics will include, but are not limited to, home and car buying, financial education, predatory loans, debt collection and what the CFPB can do for the service member and their family.

For more information, call QMC (SW) Scott Ramsey at 473-1715 or email [scott.ramsey1@navy.mil](mailto:scott.ramsey1@navy.mil).



Holly Petraeus

## SHOTEX 2012 set for Sept. 18 to 20

Navy Region Hawaii will conduct a mass vaccination exercise from Sept. 18 to 20.

The exercise name is Citadel SHOTEX 2012 (CS12).

The purpose of CS12 is to exercise and assess the Navy's ability to immunize large populations of shore-based active duty and Navy civilian employees against a pandemic virus and to track the vaccination efforts.

For more information, contact your CS12 command representative listed below:

- Navy Region Hawaii, Carlos Mercado at [carlos.mercado1.ctr@navy.mil](mailto:carlos.mercado1.ctr@navy.mil) or 473-1897.
- JBP HH, Dan DuBois at [daniel.t.dubois@navy.mil](mailto:daniel.t.dubois@navy.mil) or 448-2742.
- PMRF, Adrian Bouche at [adrian.bouche@navy.mil](mailto:adrian.bouche@navy.mil) or 335-4535.
- Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, Lt. Evelyn Palm at [evelyn.palm@med.navy.mil](mailto:evelyn.palm@med.navy.mil) or 471-2212, ext. 552.
- 15th Medical Group, 1st Lt. Kathleen Eisenbrey at [kathleen.eisenbrey.1@us.af.mil](mailto:kathleen.eisenbrey.1@us.af.mil) or 448-6141.

## Country music star to take stage at Ward Field

Country music superstar Mark Wills will perform a remembrance concert at 7 p.m. Sept. 11 at Ward Field, Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

With more than 15 years in the country music industry, Wills' number one singles include "Wish You Were Here," and "19 Somethin'" along with chart-topping hits such as "Jacob's Ladder," "Places I've Never Been," and "I Do (Cherish You)."

Gates open at 5 p.m. The event is open to military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests. Bring lawn-style seating (blankets and chairs).

Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

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

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# My Favorite Photo...

Ollney K. Ho'opai Jr. took this photo recently at a favorite surf spot on the west side of Oahu and found this photo of a gathering of "non-friends," a crab and a centipede. Ho'opai is a retired Air Force master sergeant and a Department of Defense employee at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, who called the photo "next time don't grab my wave!"

Photo courtesy of Ollney K. Ho'opai Jr.

## How to submit photos

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



Earth tip:

# Plovers are back

Back from a summer in Alaska, Pacific plovers have returned to our yards and streets.

Their distinctive cheep or tweet on take-off gives notice of their presence. These impressive navigators and aviators travel this great distance non-stop after their summer raising of young.

A little disoriented after their rural summer, they may be standing near busy roadways as they search for insects. Thanks for giving them some extra space as they readjust to city life. They are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

(Information provided by Becky Hommon, Navy Region Hawaii environmental counsel.)

# WHO SAID IT?

"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other."



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

"A prudent question is one-half of wisdom."

Francis Bacon

# This Week's Trivia

The Air Force embarked on one of its largest domestic humanitarian airlift operations after what natural disaster Aug. 25, 1992?

**Last Issue's Question:** What major American Navy victory at sea took place Aug. 13, 1812?

**Answer:** The frigate U.S.S. Essex captured the HMS Alert in the North Atlantic.

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