

# Mercy makes port stop at Pearl Harbor

(Right) Soldiers and Sailors aboard the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) man the rails while Mercy prepares to pull into Pearl Harbor. Mercy visited Pearl Harbor-Hickam Sept. 2-7 to drop off several partner nations and other crew on its way back to San Diego after the completion of Pacific Partnership 2012. 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 to build stronger relationships and disaster response capabilities in the Asia-Pacific region.

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(Left) Chief Personnel Specialist Kevin Sun, assigned to the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), reunites with his family at Pearl Harbor after completing Pacific Partnership 2012.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Michael Feddersen

# JBP HH earns 2012 SECNAV Energy Award

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam was recently named a winner of the 2012 SECNAV Energy and Water Management Award.

The SECNAV Energy awards recognize outstanding commitment to energy and water conservation by Navy and Marine Corps activities and ships. Each year, the awards are presented to those ships and activities that have made notable progress toward achievement of Department of the Navy and federal goals for the reduction of energy and water consumption.

JBP HH achieved Platinum status and was named Secretary of the Navy’s “Large Shore Winner for Fiscal Year 2011.” As SECNAV Platinum Command Award winner, JBP HH will be recognized at an award ceremony Oct. 3, 2012 at the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. and is authorized to fly the SECNAV Energy Flag for one year. There is also a cash award of \$45,000.

The USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) was honored with Platinum



Photo by Mark L. Brown

Col. Karl Bosworth, director, installations and mission support, Pacific Air Forces/A7, assists SolarCity with the installation of a photovoltaic panel at Hickam Communities’ Earhart Village.

level status for afloat and will receive a \$5,000 award.

Also earning recognition were the Pacific Missile Range Facility, receiving Gold level of achievement, and the USS Hopper (DDG 70), awarded Blue level of achievement.

“Congratulations to everyone — past and present, ashore and afloat — who earned this tremendous recognition,” said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy

Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. Pearl Harbor-Hickam, USS Paul Hamilton, PMRF and USS Hopper are commended for strong leadership, commitment and advocacy for energy and water management. I am extremely proud that the honors we received recognize our ‘one team’ — both the installations and the waterfront.”

Among the accomplishments

leading to JBP HH winning the 2012 SECNAV Energy and Water Management Award include reducing energy consumption by 18 percent in the first year of FOC [full operational capability], constructing photovoltaic systems at five JBP HH facilities and at the Pacific Missile Range, and conducting more than \$6.5M in energy and water efficiency projects in fiscal year 2011.

The JBP HH energy team is comprised of Katie Ramirez and Amy Nishijima, installation energy managers, who are also part of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii, as well as building energy monitors who conduct weekly audits of energy usage.

“This is a truly a team award, and represents the collective efforts of every command and individual across the entire joint base,” said Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

“The sheer size and diversity of this base — ranging from SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team One on the Pearl City Peninsula to the Hawaii Air National Guard on Hickam to the Naval Communications/Telecommunicat

ions Area Master Station at Wahiawa Annex, and everything in-between—make this recognition all the more meaningful,” he said.

“I couldn’t be prouder to be associated with the outstanding military service members, DoD civilians and families residing onboard JBP HH. It is their commitment and willingness to go the extra mile that make achievements like this possible. As you drive by the flagpole at the JBP HH HQ building and see the SECNAV Energy Award flag proudly waving in the warm trade winds, you can rightly feel a sense of satisfaction knowing that you helped put it there,” James said.

Earning this award doesn’t mean Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is resting on its laurels.

“To me, the real significance here is that our afloat and ashore leaders are changing behavior now and into the future,” Ponds said.

“People are thinking about energy security and water conservation. We’re moving away from being excessive users to becoming conscientious caretakers of our precious resources, and it is recognized at the highest levels,” he noted.

# Papa Lou’s legacy lives on at Hickam Harbor

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Lewis P. “Papa Lou” Foster, a retired Air Force master sergeant and harbor-master, was honored with a scattering of ashes ceremony Sept. 1 at Hickam Harbor at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Foster, for whom Foster Point Peninsula at Hickam Harbor is named, passed away July 16 at his hometown in Eagle Point, Ore. at the age of 90.

The ceremony began with welcoming remarks by Lisa Bednar, Wet Hens skipper, followed by a memorial message presented by Brandon Lavin, director of outdoor recreation. A prayer was also recited by Chaplain Haltom while guests bowed their

heads in a moment of silence.

Soon after, a three-volley rifle salute was provided by the base honor guard and a bugler was also on hand to sound “Taps” as the American flag and urn were presented to Foster’s daughter, Connie Guthrie. One great-granddaughter, her husband and one great-great-grandson were in attendance.

More than 40 guests were also in attendance, including Col. Dann S. Carlson, deputy commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

“The ceremony was amazing and beautiful and I felt like it honored him the way he was. It was Hawaii and it’s just amazing to be here,” said Guthrie.

Refreshments and a mai tai toast were provided in his honor with a big “aloha” before the scattering of his



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

Friends and family of Lewis “Papa Lou” Foster scatter his ashes at Hickam Harbor during a ceremony Sept. 1.

ashes on the waters of Hickam Harbor.

As the Wet Hens women’s sailing group and Foster’s family sailed out the harbor one boat at a time, a total of five boats sailed downwind following each other as they sailed around the harbor. Guthrie peacefully scattered her father’s ashes out in the water of Hickam Harbor on a beautiful sunny day. “This is what he would have wanted and how he would plan it,” said Guthrie.

Friends and co-workers also spread flower petals and lei in the calm water as they remembered their “Papa Lou.”

“I remember Papa Lou always smiling, had a good spirit and was a great family man. It was nice, good memories,” said Belinda Nakata

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# Class 007 completes CPO Legacy Academy on Battleship Missouri Memorial

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Chief petty officer (CPO) selectees from around the Pacific Fleet graduated from the Missouri CPO Legacy Academy in a ceremony held Aug. 31 aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

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

Class 007 lived, worked and trained aboard the historic ship, made famous as the site of the signing of the documents signaling the end of WWII and the War in the Pacific.

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



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

Chief petty officer (CPO) selectees stand at attention honoring all of the Sailors who lost their life aboard the USS Arizona as part of the USS Missouri CPO Legacy Academy.

throughout the program.

"The aspect of bringing this ship to life again, to have Sailors living, sleeping, working on board that's really what it comes down to for us as the Battleship Missouri Memorial," said Daniel Parsons, education director for the Missouri Memorial. "Our visitors enjoyed that interaction

with the CPOs, seeing them onboard, as well as our staff. They've become a part of this program as well."

Throughout the week, the members of class 007 participated in tours to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific

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# Navy announces September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Navy Personnel Command  
Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and the Navy is using the month as a launch pad to focus on Navy's ongoing suicide prevention efforts, officials announced in NAVADMIN 259/12 released Aug. 27.

During each week of the month, resources will be available to guide discussion on stress navigation and suicide prevention concepts. The weekly concepts to be explored are: building resilience, navigating stress, encouraging bystander intervention to A-C-T (Ask Care Treat), and reducing barriers for seeking support through counseling.

The tools and resources are available on [www.suicide.navy.mil](http://www.suicide.navy.mil) and [www.navynavstress.com](http://www.navynavstress.com). These tools emphasize the themes of dedication, optimism, determination and humor.

Additionally, the winner of the

Suicide Prevention Public Service Announcement Contest will be announced Sept. 28. The winning video will be available year-round online and will be broadcast regularly on Direct-to-Sailor television, the American Forces Network and Pentagon channel.

"Our people are our greatest asset," said Capt. Kurt Scott, behavioral health programs director, Bureau of Naval Personnel.

"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. Most importantly, focusing on total fitness puts us on a path to prevent suicides," Scott said.

For more information about suicide prevention, visit [www.suicide.navy.mil](http://www.suicide.navy.mil) and [www.navynavstress.com](http://www.navynavstress.com).

# USS La Jolla departs for western Pacific deployment

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The Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS La Jolla (SSN 701) departed Aug. 30 from Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled six-month deployment to the western Pacific region.

Cmdr. Jeff Bernard, La Jolla's commanding officer, said that the crew is extremely excited and well prepared to get underway.

"It's a new team. We are very excited about our tasking, and I'm very excited about the potential for professional growth with all our crew members," Bernard said.

This deployment will be



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Ronald Gutridge



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Steven Khor

the first for the majority of the crew where, according to Bernard, they will be conducting many training exercises and qualifications as well as being available for any tasking which comes their way.

"Our goals are to safely navigate the ship throughout the western Pacific, conduct ourselves as ambassadors ashore with pride, and return the ship safely back to Pearl Harbor," Bernard said.

(Top) Electronics Technician 1st Class Matthew Fires, assigned to the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS La Jolla (SSN 701), spends time with his family before La Jolla departs Aug. 30 from Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (Left) The Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS La Jolla (SSN 701) departs Aug. 30 from Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a regularly scheduled six-month deployment to the western Pacific region.

# Ceremony on 'Mighty Mo' marks 67th anniversary of end of World War II

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Service members from the island of Oahu, veterans and government employees attended the 67th anniversary of the end of World War II ceremony, held Sept. 2 on the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

On Sept. 2, 1945, the world watched as Imperial Japan surrendered to the United States, ending World War II.



A Sailor from Naval Health Clinic Hawaii presents the flag to retired Gunners's Mate 1st Class Daniel Charles Poling during the 67th anniversary of the end of World War II. Poling was attached to the number one turret aboard the USS Missouri (BB-63) during the Korean War.

"On this day 67 years ago in Tokyo Bay, history's most devastating war came to an end as Imperial Japan formally and unconditionally surrendered to allied forces on this very ship," said Michael A. Carr, president and chief operating officer, USS Missouri Memorial Association.

More than 2,000 Sailors and Marines attended the original surrender ceremony, which lasted less than 30 minutes and brought one of the bloodiest and most devastating wars in human history to an end.

"We must never forget the

sacrifices of the past generations, which allowed us to have the freedoms that we do today. The USS Missouri is a constant reminder of those sacrifices," stated Mark Polivka, board of directors, USS Missouri Memorial Association.

During the ceremony, Sailors from Naval Health Clinic Hawaii performed an Old Glory flag presentation and presented the flag to retired Gunner's Mate 1st Class Daniel Charles Poling.

"It's just like old times. Glad to be back aboard," said Poling. "There are things I will never forget."

Poling enlisted in 1942 and became a crew member of USS Missouri (BB-63) where he was assigned to the number one turret during the Korean War. Poling retired in 1962 with the rare accomplishment of having served in all of World War II's major theaters or operations and the Korean War.

The ceremony came to an end with a U.S Navy ceremonial gun salute, "Amazing Grace" performed by Celtic Pipes and Drummers of Hawaii, and echo Taps played by the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band.



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# LEED Platinum plaque unveiled at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

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Navy and contractor officials marked the first Leadership in Environmental & Energy Design (LEED) Platinum facility on a Navy base in Hawaii and the second in the Navy with a short unveiling ceremony Aug. 27. It was held at the Center Drive Child Development Center (CDC) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

“It’s great to have a CDC like this that services over 300 kids which does a lot for our families,” said Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of JBPHH. “But the other part of this equation is that what we don’t spend on power here can go to the operational forces.”

Bill Wilson, president of Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company (HDCC), joined James in discussing the \$18.9 million facility and its many energy and environmental efficiencies.

These include advanced metering, conversion to gas appliances, rooftop integrated thin film photovoltaic panels on the roof of the building, and new carport structures. All of these create a functioning facility that operates as a “net zero” energy use building.

“We are really happy to have been able to make the adjustments needed in this project in order to incorporate the certification that has been achieved at the higher level,” said Wilson. “It took everyone’s effort to do that, the commitment by the Navy to make it happen, the design team working with us and also the construction team and our sub-



Capt. Jeffrey James (left), commander of JBPHH, and Bill Wilson, president of Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company (HDCC), remove a fabric covering to reveal the new granite LEED Platinum plaque on the outside wall to the left of the CDC’s entry door. The unveiling was held Aug. 27. Navy and contractor officials marked the first Leadership in Environmental & Energy Design (LEED) Platinum facility on a military base in Hawaii and the second in the Navy.

contractors and vendors.”

Others attending the unveiling included Capt. John Coronado, commanding officer of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii, members of his command who assisted with the execution of the contract, key personnel from HDCC, and staff members currently employed at the CDC.

The contract was awarded by NAVFAC Pacific in September 2009. Design and construction took more than two years with a grand opening held June 20 by JBPHH.

The new facility is the largest CDC on the island of Oahu, measuring more than 30,000 square feet. It is the first military CDC to receive the LEED Platinum certificate, which is a national certification system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council.

## 11th Joint Venture Education Forum welcomes educators, military, government leaders

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Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie was the featured speaker at the 2012 Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) annual meeting held Aug. 30 at the Ford Island Conference Center.

JVEF is comprised of public school educators and leaders from military commands, business, government and community who have come together to promote educational opportunities for Hawaii’s children. About 200 people attended JVEF’s 11th annual meeting.

Kathryn Matayoshi, Hawaii Department of Education superintendent, welcomed the guests and spoke about JVEF’s mission. “It is a true forum. It keeps going and is always working,” she said.

Pointing out that about 14,000 of the children in Hawaii’s school system are from military families, Matayoshi stressed the importance of supporting mili-



Lt. Cmdr. Kyle Vernon, Navy Personal Support Detachment, addresses the 11th annual Joint Venture Education Forum annual meeting.

tary families. “To our military *ohana*,” she said, “our administration and staff will do our best to serve your children while you do your vital work.”

After the opening ceremonies, there were short presentations by a variety of military-school partnerships. All service branches

took part, including the Coast Guard.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam was represented on the Navy side by USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) and Personnel Support Detachment (PSD), partnered with Pearl Harbor Elementary School, and on the Air Force side

by PACAF/A6 and the Hawaii Air National Guard, partnered with Waimalu Elementary School.

The presentations highlighted the contributions made by the military to local schools, ranging from building playgrounds and benches to leading fitness programs to holding book fairs.

Lt. Cmdr. Kyle Vernon, Navy PSD, spoke about how eager service members are to volunteer to help kids. “As soon as a volunteer sheet goes up, it’s filled right away,” she said.

Vernon was one of many recognized for their efforts in a special ceremony honoring military volunteers led by Gen. Herbert J. “Hawk” Carlisle, commander of Pacific Air Forces.

Abercrombie was the keynote speaker and discussed what he called his life-long passion for education, noting his time as both a teacher as well as an administrator in the state Department of Education. He also talked about Hawaii’s unique relationship with the U.S. military.

“In other school systems, there is tension between local schools and the military, but that isn’t the case here,” he said. “In Hawaii, every child is God’s child and will be treated accordingly. Military children and their families should know that they are part of our *ohana* [family] and that the *aloha* spirit is real.”

The 2012 Joint Venture Education Forum annual meeting concluded with special recognitions being given to about 80 military volunteers. Tamsin Keone, director, school support services, U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii, was named JVEF Outstanding Military Contributor, and Patricia Park, complex area superintendent (Leilehua-Mililani-Waialua Complexes), Hawaii State Department of Education, was named JVEF Outstanding Civilian Contributor. The JVEF “Norbert” Award was given to Hale Kula Elementary School where more than 90 percent of the students are from military families.



# Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights

Sailors perform a rifle salute during the 67th Anniversary of the End of World War II aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial. The ceremony marked 67 years since Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz, along with other U.S. and Allied officers, accepted the unconditional surrender of the Imperial Japan, ending World War II on the deck of the battleship.

Pearl Harbor survivors bow their heads during the invocation at the 67th anniversary of the end of World War II aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jon Dasbach



(Left) The newest member of USS Chung-Hoon's (DDG 93) *ohana*, Blaise Orlich, and sister Rose wave goodbye to their father, Cmdr. Justin Orlich, commanding officer of USS Chung-Hoon, on the ship's recent departure from Pearl Harbor.

Photo by Potiy Orlich

(Below) Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, Commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Navy Surface Group Middle Pacific, presents Federal Fire Department Incident Commander District Chief Warren Ferguson with a certificate of appreciation for FFD's support in battling the largest Leeward Oahu wildfire of the year. (See story and related photo on page A-5)

U.S. Navy photo by Angela Sanders Federal Fire Department



(Left) Chief petty officer (CPO) selectees in the CPO Academy participate in a graduation ceremony for class 007 aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Barker

(Below) Chief petty officer (CPO) selectees listen to Senior Chief Yeoman (retired) Brooks Outland speak about his service aboard the USS Missouri (BB-63) during the Korean War as part of the USS Missouri CPO Legacy Academy.

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

Navy Region Hawaii Command Master Chief Marcos F. Sibal gives a speech to chief petty officer (CPO) Selects in the CPO Academy during a graduation ceremony for class 007 aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

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# Foster honored with ceremony

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who worked for “Papa Lou” in 1974 as a lifeguard at Hickam Harbor.

“Papa Lou and his wife Annie only had one child and that’s Connie and when we would go out to dinner, Annie would introduce me to whomever and would say that I was the son they never had,” said Chuck Robinson. “We became very close over the years. I took care of his boat and we did a lot of things together.”

Gary Cable, who was active duty Air Force in the 1960s, remembered how Papa Lou enjoyed working with people.

“Papa Lou was always bubbly and would sing Hickam Harbor in the Tiny Bubble song as he sang Hickam Harbor in the sun makes you feel happy, makes you feel fine. He instilled great values in his employees,” said Cable.

With numerous contributions to Hickam while on active duty and in civil service, through his love for the ocean he helped teach military spouses the art of sailing, which established the women’s sailing group known as the Wet Hens.

Based on history provided by the Wet Hens women’s sailing group, Foster was selected to design a recreational waterfront at Hickam in 1957 during his active duty Air Force career. He served 20 years of service from 1942 to 1962 and later worked for civil service. With hundreds of volunteer hours and joint help from Air Force, Navy and Marine personnel, Hickam Harbor emerged.

As the harbor began to take shape, a small group of military spouses were among the first to take sailing lessons from Foster until he retired from civil service in 1992. Today, the Wet Hens carries on his legacy by teaching military spouses how to sail and are forever



Lou Foster

grateful for their “Papa Lou” for empowering and supporting women in sailing.

“As Wet Hen instructors and as women sailors, we feel a connection to him because he empowered us. He started women sailing here when at the time was a male-dominated sport, so we are grateful that we can carry on his legacy by teaching other military spouses,” said Lisa Bednar, Wet Hens skipper.

According to the Pacific Yacht Club, “Papa Lou” is one of the most important people in their history, and it was through his many efforts that Hickam Harbor is beautiful today. He was the leader in sailing and promoting the sport of sailing for Hickam Harbor for years. He was a big supporter of the Wet Hens Sailing Program when it began, and he worked at the harbor as harbormaster and director of outdoor recreation.

Foster also has a list of accomplishments and an extensive love for other water sports such as competitive water skiing and competitive yacht racing where he won 15 championships in the 1950s and 1960s. He was the first American to ever sail with the Japanese National Championship Team, whom he helped coach while stationed in Japan.

While stationed in Japan, he found time to design three yachts. His first, the Haruzake, won the 1956 Japan National Ocean Racing Championship. When he transferred to Hawaii in 1957, he brought the three boats with him, and the Haruzake holds the record for sailing time around Oahu.

After his arrival in Hawaii in 1957, he won the Maritime Yacht race twice from Waikiki to Pearl Harbor in his own International 210 “Shark the 8th.” Other major victories include the 1960 Hawaiian Ocean Racing Championship Class “B” title and the 1961 Hawaii Race Week cup.

Of all the victories over the years, Foster said that beating the Navy in the Hickam-Pearl Harbor yachting series was the most enjoyable.

“He was certainly Hickam’s outdoor recreational master planner of his days,” said Jessie Higa, Hickam historian volunteer.

Foster’s legacy will live on for many years to come at Hickam Harbor through his extraordinary Wet Hens women’s sailing group, family and friends.

“It’s kind of an honor knowing that my great-grandfather’s legacy and name lives on here at Foster Point Peninsula at Hickam Harbor. My husband and I live in Schofield and every time someone visits, we take them out here to show the harbor he helped design and the podium dedicated to him,” said Jasmin Turner, Foster’s great-granddaughter.

“He has never seen the podium, but we were able to show him some photos that we took. He loved having a piece of him here, and I think he loved having us here because he felt more in touch,” she added.

*To learn more about Lou Foster’s history, visit Hickam Harbor or call 449-5215 for more information.*

# Immunizations available 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.

The goal of CS12 is to vaccinate 70 percent of all shore-based Navy active duty and 70 percent of Category 1 and 5 personnel registered in the Pacific Fleet “Electronic Base Entry Security Tool” (a.k.a. eBest) database. Category 1 personnel are individuals identified as “critical operation personnel” supporting a mission essential facility/function.

Category 5 personnel are individuals identified by the command as first/emergency responders (such as fire and emergency services, HAZMAT response teams, naval security forces, emergency medical services, explosive ordnance disposal teams, emergency response teams, oil and hazardous substance spill response and fire brigades.

If you are not sure of your designated category, it is recommended that you contact your command eBest coordinator or CS12 command representative.

Personnel who do not fall within these categories (such as dependents/retirees) will be provided opportunities for their flu shot after Oct. 1. The command influenza

schedule will be disseminated and posted no later than Sept. 7.

The point of distribution sites are as follows:

- Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) at Bloch Arena and Makai Recreation Center.

- Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific at Wahiawa Annex Fitness Center.

- Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2.

- United States Pacific Command Pollock Theater.

- Kunia Tunnel Rocherfort building.

- Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) building 278.

- Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay base immunization clinic.

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

- Navy Region Hawaii, Carlos Mercado at carlos.mercado1.ctr@navy.mil or 473-1897.

- JBPHH, Dan DuBois at daniel.t.dubois@navy.mil or 448-2742.

- PMRF, Adrian Bouche at adrian.bouche@navy.mil or 335-4535.

- Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, Lt. Evelyn Palm at evelyn.palm@med.navy.mil or 471-2212, ext. 552.

- 15th Medical Group, 1st Lt. Kathleen Eisenbrey at kathleen.eisenbrey.1@us.af.mil or 448-6141.

## CPO Legacy Academy

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(Punchbowl), historical 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 Memorial.

“Coming on board here really helped me as I prepared to join the ranks of chief petty officer,” said Chief (select) Information Systems Technician Kareen Campbell. “It really helped prepare me for the next step in preserving the heritage. I think the sense of heritage that we learned and we forged here will help me take that back to the deck plates.”

The Legacy Academy aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial is a specialized program that began in 2007 with 22 selectees in class 001 that has progressed to the current 52 selectees in class 007.

While aboard, the selectees participated in simulated drills which included real world scenarios on casualty care, weapons and ammo handling as well as an end of World War II document signing re-enactment cere-

mony. All of these activities helped emphasize the importance of coming together as a team to accomplish missions or tasks.

Participants also conducted service projects, assisting with the preservation of the ship’s infrastructure, helping to ensure that the “Mighty Mo” is around for future generations to experience the history and heritage of the Navy and the Pacific Fleet.

The guest speaker, Command Master Chief Marcos F. Sibal, spoke about the importance of the lessons learned in the training program and their implications for the future.

“Each and every one of you by making chief has been given a charter, and that is to lead your Sailors with all your might, with all that you have and with the very best of your ability,” said Sibal.

“The things that you’ve learned here this week will carry you throughout your time in the Navy and through the rest of your lives. Values such as teamwork, respect for one another, virtues of hard work, patience, sacrifice and integrity will make you a better leader to your Sailors but most of all, a better person in this world.”



# Weather squadron makes grade, wins shaving wager

Story and photo by  
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Hard work, long hours and a grueling inspection made a few people lose some hair.

The 17th Operational Weather Squadron (OWS) recently completed a Standardization and evaluation program for weather operations, or SEPWO, inspection where they scored 214 out of a possible 215 points for a 99.53 percent passing score.

It took the highest score among six active operational weather squadrons in the Air Force to force several members to make good on a wager, where more than 75 years of mustache growth came to a sharp end.

Even the commander lost his hair.

“If you have ownership, you want it to succeed,” said Lt. Col. Jason Patla, 17th OWS commander. “It’s not just, I’m going to do my J.O.B. and then go home.’ It’s, ‘I’m going to do my J.O.B. because I want to succeed and I want our unit to succeed.’ That is what I really saw and what I’m most proud of.”

The 17th OWS prides themselves in providing highly accurate, timely and relevant environmental situational awareness as well as mission tailored, operational and tactical level meteorological, oceanographic, volcanic ash and



Airman 1st Class Derrick Smit, 17th Operational Weather Squadron (OWS) weather technician, monitors two typhoons south of Japan on Aug 23. The 17th OWS recently completed a standardization and evaluation program for weather operations, or SEPWO, inspection where they scored 214 out of a possible 215 points, for a 99.53 percent passing score. Smit is from Jacksonville, Fla.

space environment products to Air Force, Navy and Army commanders operating in U.S. Pacific Command.

They are responsible for producing and disseminating mission planning and execution weather analyses, terminal aerodrome forecasts and briefings for Department of Defense forces operating at 121 installations and sites encompassing more than 113 million square miles within the Pacific theater of operations.

As one of only six operational weather squadrons in the Air Force, they are

most concerned with their customers, covering the entire Pacific and Indian Ocean regions from the east coast of Africa to the west coast of the Americas and the poles stretching from the far north to the deep south.

They also work with the Joint Typhoon Warning Center, located at Pearl Harbor, to monitor, analyze and forecast tropical cyclone formation, development and movement year round. Their area of responsibility covers more than 88 percent of the world’s tropical cyclone activity.

“The bottom line is quali-

ty of product to the warfighter,” said Keith Headland, a retired master sergeant in charge of the squadron’s standardization and evaluation flight. “We truly far exceed quality that is going out to the warfighter every day.”

Professional meteorologist and weather technicians forecast weather around the clock ensuring continuous monitoring of any terrestrial and space weather activity. A minor shift in the weather can create a bad day for someone in a remote outpost.

“It’s absolutely amazing,” Patla said. “Sometimes all

it takes is a 10-degree shift in winds to funnel hurricane force winds down a mountain, whereas they would otherwise be getting 10 to 15 knot winds. You’ve constantly got to be on the ball.”

For their inspection, they were graded on 94 total areas, 35 performance tasks and 59 areas of compliance based on updated Air Force instructions. Even during 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week operations, members of the joint Air Force and Navy weather squadron spent more than 1,000 hours in preparation for the inspection and performed more than 600 performance evaluations.

The SEPWO took a close look at the weather team’s processes, procedures and mission support effectiveness. With a new set of AFIs, Air Force manuals and new inspection processes, the squadron needed to define how they were going to do business in a short amount of time.

“When this happened, it gave us a chance to really say, ‘You know, meeting standards is one thing, but exceeding them is really what our (Pacific Command) supported units deserve,’” said Patla.

And it wasn’t easy for them.

“When you’re working a lot of overtime and in everybody’s face, morale is going to go down,” Headland said. “The squadron really pulled together as a team. When you’re talking about 150

folks, it’s a pretty tall order and tough to do.”

It was such a tall order that Patla, Headland and several others placed a wager with the squadron. If they were to obtain a score of 97 or higher, the squadron barbershop would be open for business. More than 75 years of continuous mustache growth that would make Sam Elliott, Burt Reynolds or Tom Selleck jealous was on the line. The commander’s full head of hair was also in the mix.

“I think my mustache was older than three-quarters of the squadron,” said Headland, who last shaved his upper lip in April 1981. “We were trying hard, prepping hard and working hard. I’m really happy that we got the 99.5 score, but I wasn’t very happy about letting them shave off my mustache.”

The last time he shaved, the term “Internet” was first mentioned as a possibility and a gallon of gasoline was \$1.25. They made the “unobtainable” bet thinking it was a safe one, and a low 90s score was more realistic.

“The barbershop was open,” Patla said, who had his head shaved by the lowest ranking Airmen. “It was difficult because I’m not a short hair guy, but it’ll grow back.”

As the squadron looks back on a successful inspection, they begin to look forward to their new goal of repeating as the Air Force operation weather squadron of the Year.

## Domestic violence survivor to speak, raise awareness

### Navy Region Hawaii Plan of the Week

Domestic violence survivor Mildred Muhammad will speak from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Sept. 25 and 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Hickam Memorial Theater at Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 26 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii Main Chapel.

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Military and Family Support Center will welcome Muhammad, domestic violence survivor, advocate, consultant, inspirational speaker and author of the book, “Scared Silent.”

Muhammad is the ex-wife of the convicted Washington, D.C. sniper, John Allen Muhammad, and will share her story of domestic violence and how she was the target of her now executed ex-husband.

## Road closures announced for Sept. 8 Tunnel to Towers run

In support of this year’s Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Pearl Harbor 5K run, the following roadways on Ford Island will be temporarily closed from 6:45 to 7:30 a.m. Sept. 8.

- Ford Island Bridge, both inbound and outbound lane.
- Ford Island Bridge Road and Saratoga, both sides.

- Chafee at the Ford Island roundabout.
  - O’Kane at the Ford Island roundabout.
- Expect delays and follow traffic control directions during this event. Road closures will take effect for 45 minutes. For more information, call 474-6735 or email david.a.dwyer@navy.mil.



## Federal Fire Department personnel graduate from OPM leadership program

**Story and photo by  
Fire Inspector Angela  
Sanders**

Four individuals from the Federal Fire Department Hawaii recently graduated from the Senior and Emerging Leadership Program sponsored by the Honolulu Federal Executive Board-Pacific Leadership Academy.

The focus was on leading people, leading organizations and leading for results. The classes had 36 individuals from various organizations within the Department of

Defense (DOD) as well as other federal and state agencies.

Several leadership self assessments such as the OPM 360-degree assessment and the Meyers-Briggs Type Indicator were included in the programs.

District Chief Warren Ferguson attended the senior leader program which consisted of three separate seminars spread over a nine-month period. Kevin Otto, supervisory management analyst, Battalion Chief Neil Fujioka and Battalion Chief Ryan Yoshimoto



(Left to right): Kevin Otto, Federal Fire Department supervisory management analyst; District Chief Warren Ferguson; and Battalion Chief Neil Fujioka graduate from the Senior and Emerging Leadership Program.

attended the emerging seminars, each a week leader program which long. As part of the program

requirements, students were required to complete several individual action plans (IAP) and a research paper. The IAPs were four-to-six-week long projects that were tied into the strategic goals of their organizations with documented results. At the end of the senior leadership program, all completed research papers became a chapter in a book on leadership. The book was printed and distributed to all students and their supervisors.

During each seminar, students were able to

view and interpret their own self-assessments. This gave students an opportunity to not only better understand themselves, but understand leadership styles to better lead their organization.

“This was an excellent opportunity to work with other leaders and help each other develop solutions to issues we all face in our own organizations,” said Ferguson. All Federal Fire Department personnel attending the class agreed that the program was by far the best leadership program they have personally attended.

## Federal Fire Department receives recognition for helping battle leeward Oahu wildfire

**Story and photo by  
Fire Inspector Angela  
Sanders**

*Federal Fire Department Hawaii*

Federal Fire Department Hawaii, along with the City and County of Honolulu Fire Department and the Department of Land and Natural Resources, received a certificate of appreciation Aug. 15 for their help in battling a leeward Oahu wildfire.

The award, presented by City Councilman Tom Berg of Honolulu City Council, recognized the firefighting units for their courageous service in battling the largest wildfire of the year despite operating in the most unfavorable conditions.

The wildfire, which began June 4 and lasted for more than a week, burned at least 1,200 acres in the Waianae and Lualualei Valleys. The wildfire was difficult to control due to 25-mile-per-hour wind gusts occurring almost every day. The blaze not only threatened residents and farmland, but threatened the Federal Waianae Kai Forest Reserve where several species of native plants and the native tree snail reside.

Federal, city and state per-



U.S. Navy photo by Angela Sanders Federal Fire Department

On Wednesday, August 15th, City Councilmen Tom Berg presents the Federal Fire Department, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the Honolulu Fire Department with a certificate of appreciation for battling the largest wildfire of the year. *(See additional photo on page A-5)*

sonnel joined efforts to extinguish the fast-moving fire by utilizing firefighters both on the ground and in the air with additional helicopter support from U.S. Marine Corps from Kaneohe Bay.

According to the certificate presented to the firefighters, “The origin of this day’s long

blaze was not identified, but there is no doubt as to who saved the region from imminent danger in the Waianae and Lualualei Valley areas.” The certificate was presented as a result of a request from both Nanakuli and Waianae districts. Both neighborhood districts sought to honor the

federal, city and state fire departments for a job well done.

The certificate honored the 125 men and women firefighters for their commitment to duty, their indisputable professionalism, skill, courage and heroism. “We presently live in a time where, if not for the cooperation and interoperability between federal, state and county agencies, fire losses would run out of control,” said Federal Fire Chief Glenn DeLaura.

“The men and women of these agencies continuously put their lives on the line to protect life, property and environment without seeking reward or acknowledgment but only ask for an understanding that we are doing everything possible to mitigate the situation quickly and safely.”

FFD Hawaii personnel received additional recognition at a ceremony Aug. 29 at Federal Fire Department headquarters. Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, expressed his appreciation to the firefighters for their bravery and commitment.

“I have witnessed the power of an out-of-control fire first-

hand. It can start with a little spark and become uncontrolled and uncontained very quickly, and you never know which way the flames are going to go,” Ponds said.

“So it takes a very special kind of person to fight that fire, to build a fire break around it, cut the grass, till the soil, stay with it until the job is complete and everyone is safe.”

“I commend you for a job well done. I thank all of you here at Fed Fire for the good work you do as our first responders, ready to go into harm’s way at a moment’s notice,” Ponds continued.

“There is something about first responders that we should be duly reminded of as we near the 11th anniversary of the terrorist attack of 9/11. It was those first responders and others that, without hesitation, put themselves into harm’s way to save thousands of their fellow Americans.

“That was bravery and heroism on a large scale. However, that same bravery is exhibited here on Hawaii day in and day out to protect our neighborhoods, our environment and our *ohana*. So thank you for all that you do to keep us safe. You make us proud,” Ponds said.



## Skateboarders ramp up safety, hang (ar) time

Story and photos by  
Staff Sgt. Mike Meares

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public  
Affairs

Skateboarding inside a converted airplane hangar at Pearl Harbor-Hickam is taking skaters to new heights.

Mike Kays, also known as "Big Daddy Kays," has been the propulsion over the years in transforming the Hickam Skate Hanger at Pearl Harbor-Hickam for young aspiring skaters to hone their craft in a safe and unconventional environment.

The park is the only indoor wooden facility in all the Hawaiian Islands. It also boasts the only wooden keyhole bowls, or empty swimming pool shaped ramps, on Oahu. In addition, it has a 15,000 square foot street course, multiple mini ramps, 12-foot vertical ramp with a 14-foot tombstone connected to a saddle and three-quarter pipe.

"It's a challenging course," Kays said. "The skaters that come here are here to progress and enjoy the sport of skateboarding. The typical skater is here because they love to skateboard."

The rapid click-clack of wheels moving quickly over the multi-colored plywood planks, interrupted by a momentary silence as the skater goes airborne, and then the sudden smack of wheels back on the wooden contraption, or asphalt that holds it up, constantly. For the skaters at Hickam Hangar, their dedication, passion and commitment to the art of skateboarding stares directly in the face of the negative stereotypical connotation that is historically associated with the sport.

"The people that come here, well, it is their skate park, too," Kays said. "Even though there are plenty of skate parks off base on Oahu, things that go on around the corners aren't really good for youth to see."

From certain points of view, the sport has seen its share of stereotypes over the years. "For the most part, public skate parks are not controlled and it's a free-for-all (environment)," said Chris Kays, a professional skater and son of the hangar's proprietor.

"Teenagers are going to do what teenagers are going to do. (Here) kids can have fun and be totally safe away from violence, drug activity or anything you would find at a public park."

Mothers, like Kristen Hawk, who has three skateboarding enthusiasts ranging

from five to 13 years of age, appreciates a place she can take her kids to skate.

"I bring my kids up here because it's a safe environment," Hawk said. "The majority of the kids that come here are great kids. The older teens actually take their time to mentor the younger ones if they ask, which is not something you'll find in very many places nowadays. This is the place (they) can really excel."

Kays, and his team of instructors, constantly provide opportunities to teach anyone who wants to learn the fundamentals of skating during week-long camps or one-on-one lessons. Chris Kays, is a professionally sponsored skateboarder who provides lessons for any level of skater.

"This is one of the only places on the islands that you can go to, and you can send your kids to not knowing anything about skating and get skate lessons," Chris Kays said. "They will go from not being able to stand on the board to being able to skate around the park by themselves."

Sean Woodward, 13-year-old skater, loves the skate park and looks for any reason he can to ride the ramps. The skate camps he has attended at the hangar during the past year has transformed his art.

"(They teach) everything you need to know for the basics," Woodward said. "There are certain things you need to know or you're gonna get hurt."

He explained that knowing how to fall properly is key to not getting hurt and "kissing the ramp or asphalt" while falling. But the most enjoyable aspect about the skate hangar for skaters like Woodward is getting to learn from more advanced skaters who take the time to show them how to do the tricks without any criticism.

"It's really cool to just hang out, too," he said. "It's cool because they know how to do a lot of tricks. They've mastered them and can teach you how to do it, too."

Mike Kays said the large group lessons are broken down into skill levels. The beginning of the lessons is group instruction while the second part is free skate, concentrating on the earlier techniques. They work on the art of skateboarding throughout the week and have a demonstration on the final day. Matt Reynolds, one of the skate instructors, gets on the speaker system at the park and introduces each one like a pro.

"Matt's the greatest. Each kid feels like Tony Hawk," Mike Kays said. "He's on the mike the whole time. It doesn't matter if for that week all they learned was to push correctly and roll down a ramp, he'll make them feel like Tony Hawk."

Since its initial concept in the mid-1980s when ragtag groups of skaters started decorating the hangar with portable ramps, the park has become more than a place to skate - it's become a second home for those who love the board.





# Injury-riddled 647th LRS holds on to beat 15th OSS

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

*Sports Editor*

The co-division-leading 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (647 LRS) overcame injuries to their starting setter Department of Defense civilian Charles Spenser and hitter Tech. Sgt. Chris Gilmore to beat a spirited effort by the 15th Operations Support Squadron (15 OSS) in three sets, 25-19, 21-25 15-7 Aug. 29 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

According to the latest Morale, Welfare and Recreation's league standings, the 647 LRS entered the game tied for first in the Gold Division with a record of 6-1, while the 15 OSS was ranked eighth out of nine teams with a mark of 1-6.

Gilmore's wife Tara, who also plays for the 647 LRS, explained that although the team has built up a good mark, its record going into the showdown with the 15 OSS might have been deceiving.

"We're definitely not the same team we started at the beginning of the season with," she said, revealing that the team was missing other players in addition to her husband. "One of our twin towers (hitter Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Ervin Toliver) left the islands, and our starting setter fractured his finger on Monday night. So we've just lost a lot of players."

The missing players seemed to affect the play of 647 LRS almost immediately as the team, despite contributions from hitters Lt. Col. Mark Clifford and Master Sgt. Chris Limbrick, found it difficult to pull away from the scrappy 15 OSS.

Clifford pounded four



Staff Sgt. Austin Weinman, 15th Operations Support Squadron (15 OSS), tries to block a kill attempt from 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (647 LRS) hitter Lt. Col. Mark Clifford in an intramural volleyball Gold Division game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

kills and had two aces while Limbrick had three kills in the first set, but the team found itself up by only two points, 16-14, after a putdown from 15 OSS Staff Sgt. Austin Weinman.

Another slam by Weinman kept it close at 18-15, but a kill by Limbrick and another one from Tara highlighted a five-point rally that finally gave the 647 LRS some breathing room at 23-15.

In the second set, however, the 15 OSS, behind the service of team captain Capt. Lauren Ross, got out to a quick start in taking a 3-1 lead.

After falling behind in the first set, Ross said that

the early lead in the second set gave the 15 OSS a huge lift.

"I think, just about any sport, it's very important to get ahead and get your confidence up," Ross said. "Once we were able to get ahead, they weren't able to go get back. So it was great for us."

The 647 LRS fought back to within four at 12-16, but two kills by 15 OSS Capt. Andy Bachmann helped his team win the next three out of four points to take a 19-13 advantage.

Later, with the 15 OSS clinging to a 23-21 lead, Bachmann came up with another big kill to spark his team to the second-set win.

With the game on the line, Tara took a calculated risk and called her husband off the bench to play in the final set.

Despite battling an injury, the strategy seemed to pay off as Chris spiked two kills and shored up the team's frontline to trigger an early lead at 5-4.

"It was definitely nice to have another member for the offense," Tara said. "But it also boost the confidence of the team and I think that made a big difference."

Then up by a score of 10-6, Limbrick hammered down a kill off of a set from Tara, which began a three-point run that was

topped off by an ace from Staff Sgt. Steven Keegan.

The teams exchanged points after the ace, but Clifford smashed his third kill of the set to finally finish off the 15 OSS.

With the playoffs set to run from Sept. 7-10 at the fitness center, both teams said that they are eager to get the ball rolling for a chance to win the base intramural championship.

Ross said that although the 15 OSS has had their ups and downs during the regular season, the team's strong showing against the 647 LRS shows what it could do with a full squad.

"Being able to have people show up to every game

is really critical to getting people to work together and to jell and play hard," she said. "We had a lot of fun today. We were really excited to play this team. They did pretty well and we fought pretty hard."

Meanwhile, Tara said that the playoffs represent a clean slate. Even though the 647 LRS finished with one of the top records in the Gold, the team can't take anything for granted.

"I'd say that we have some work ahead of us, just because we're trying to rearrange things and trying some new things out," she admitted. "I know we have a good record, but it doesn't mean anything."

## Security heads into playoffs with three-set win

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

*Sports Editor*

This season hasn't been as bright as last year for the 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS), when the intramural volleyball team almost won the league crown after pushing eventual champion Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) to the brink in a semifinal showdown.

With players shuttling in and out of their lineup in 2012, the 647 SFS reached their final regular-season game in search of their first win after going 0-5.

However, in a matchup of the Blue Division trailers Sept. 4 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center, the 647 SFS finally pulled one out by getting past the 0-7 15th Medical Group (15 MDG) in three sets, 18-25, 25-12 and 15-11.

The final regular-season game wipes the slate clean, as all of the division's nine squads will get a chance for the base crown when the playoffs gets underway on Sept. 7.

Staff Sgt. Heather Flanagan, whose serves played a huge role in securing victory for the 647 SFS, said that the team would like nothing better than to end the postseason in a big way.

"I know we're going to try. I'd like to say so," Flanagan admitted. "Everybody that comes into it wants to win. But because we don't have the same players all the time due to our job, we're concentrating more on having fun. At the end of the day, we want to leave with a smile, win or lose."

In the first set, the smiles were more evident on the faces of the 15 MDG as the team fought off the 647 SFS to pull out an early six-point advantage at 12-6 – mostly on hitting errors from the 647.

The lead stayed at six



Tech. Sgt. Chris McCalla, 15th Medical Group (15 MDG), goes up to block a shot from Staff Sgt. Heather Flanagan of the 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) during a Blue Division intramural volleyball match. The playoffs are scheduled to begin Sept. 7.

late in the first set until the 15 MDG rattled off four straight points off of the service of Staff Sgt. Jeremy Davidson, which gave his team a 23-13 advantage.

Although the 647 made up the extra four points by staging a mini rally, a final kill shot by Master Sgt. Rick Russo ended the

threat and put the 15 MDG up by one set.

In the second set, however, the 647 SFS started attacking the 15 MDG with their serves – especially from the husband and wife tandem of Master Sgt. Sam Nelson and spouse Tamara.

With the set deadlocked at 2-2, Sam's overhead

slams to the backcourt lead to three straight points before a side-out by the 15 MDG stopped the run.

After getting the ball back immediately on a service error, Tamara took her turn at service and led the 647 on a 6-0 run to gain a commanding 10-3 lead.

Then following a kill by

Sam off of a set by Tamara, Flanagan did her magic from the backline and led the 647 on an eight-point rally that included two service aces and a 23-7 lead.

Another kill by Sam and a netball hit by the 15 MDG gave the 647 the set and evened the match at 1-1.

"We were looking for

open holes – watching their defense and finding whatever holes we could find," said Flanagan about the team's strong serves. "I was trying to throw them off, not send it all at the same spot and keep them moving, so that they can't set up for what I'm about to deliver."

Davidson admitted that most of the points off of serves shouldn't have happened.

"That's easy points," he said. "If we don't get the service up, that's pretty much just giving the points away."

Not wanting to miss their chance of winning a regular-season game, both teams came out strong in the third and final set.

Although the 647 SFS had their share of missed hits in the third, the team was able to stick around thanks to the tough frontcourt play of Sam and Staff Sgt. Jason Smith.

In the third set, Sam had five kills on soft-touch shots to open spots, while Smith pounded his way to three timely kills that kept the 647 ahead at 10-9.

However, in the end, it was the deadly underhanded serves of Flanagan that pushed the 647 out for good.

Following a side-out by Sam, Flanagan was back at it again, serving the 647 to three straight points and a 14-9 lead before one final kill by Sam ended the game.

"It was all about communication," said Flanagan about the team's comeback win. "We were able to come together as a team and pull through with the win."

Meanwhile, Davidson said that while the 15 MDG will enter the playoffs as the only Blue Division team without a win, he believes that its showing against the 647 proves that its best is yet to come.

"It's a lot better," he said. "We've started out with a rough season. So it's good to end on a note where we know we could have that. We just messed it up in the end."





# NEX observes Labor Day

Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange celebrated the Labor Day weekend with many activities for military families. They included a performance by guitarist Michael Angelo Batio. Navy Capt. Howard Hart of the Joint Interagency Task Force West won a guitar, listened to the concert and participated in a guitar clinic. Other activities during the weekend included a *keiki* (children's) ID program with the Honolulu Police Department, a movie night, food booths, face-painting and giveaways.





# Highlights from this week in USAF, PACAF history

Charles Nicholls

PACAF historian

• On Sept. 8, 1986, the Seventh Air Force was reactivated and assigned to Pacific Air Forces at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Seventh Air Force (7AF) is the U.S. Air Force's oldest numbered air force. First activated on Nov. 1, 1940 as the Hawaiian Air Force, it was rebuilt after the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Oahu and fought throughout the Pacific campaign.

Ultimately, 7AF units participated in attacks on Japan from Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

After a short reactivation in Hawaii in the late 1950s, Seventh Air Force was designated the Air Component Command of Military Assistance Command, Vietnam.

From April 1966 through 1973, the command assumed responsibility for most Air Force operations in Vietnam and shared responsibility with 13th Air Force for operations from Thailand.

In March 1973 the command transferred to Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand and accepted dual responsibility as 7AF and the U.S. Support Activities Group, controlling air assets and operations in Thailand until June 1975.

• On Sept. 3, 1925, the



Courtesy photo by Joshua Lok, Singapore Air Force

In this photo from PACRIM 2010, Gen. Hawk Carlisle, (commander of 13th Air Force at the time), welcomes delegations from 24 Asia-Pacific nations to the annual symposium encouraging relationship-building and enhanced security cooperation among the air forces of Asia-Pacific nations.

Navy dirigible USS Shenandoah was destroyed during a storm over Ohio, killing 14 of 43 passengers, including the commander Lt. Cmdr. Zachary Lansdowne. The event compelled Brig. Gen. William "Billy" Mitchell to charge the War and Navy Departments with incompetency and "almost treasonable administration of the national defense."

In response to that charge, President Calvin Coolidge ordered Mitchell's court-martial. Found guilty of insubordination, Mitchell resigned

in February 1926. This was the subject of the painting "Billy Mitchell Court Martial," by Bob Schaar, currently in the PACAF/A4 Conference Room.

• On Sept. 9, 1972, Capt. Charles B. DeBellevue, flying as weapon system officer in the backseat of an F-4, earned his fifth and sixth aerial victories, becoming the leading ace of the Vietnam War and the first non-pilot ace in the United States Air Force. For this feat, DeBellevue shared the 1972 Mackay Trophy with his

pilot, Capt. Richard S. Ritchie and with Capt. Jeffrey S. Feinstein, the other two Air Force aces of the Vietnam War.

DeBellevue was also awarded the Air Force Cross for his actions in Southeast Asia and he retired in January 1998 after 30 years of service. Artwork depicting these three aces and Vietnam-era fighters can be viewed in the PACAF Headquarters second floor hallway approaching the command briefing room (go to the south end of G-wing and turn right).

• From Sept. 4-8, 2006, the Pacific Rim (PACRIM) Airpower Symposium (formerly known as the PACRIM Director of Operations Conference) was co-hosted by 13 AF Commander Maj. Gen. Edward A. Rice and Indonesian Air Force Vice Marshall Edy Harjoko, in Indonesia. Forty-nine participants from 19 countries attended, the largest number in the history of this venue since its beginning in 1995.

The large number of active participants indicated regional friends and partners found the forum to be a very valuable venue to discuss important topics such as maritime security, lessons learned, and multi-lateral exercises.

Earth Tip:

## Books can help identify fishes of Hawaii

Identify a fish by borrowing from your nearest library John Randall's "Shore Fishes of Hawaii" or John Hoover's "Hawaii's Fishes, A Guide for Snorkelers and Divers."

Snorkeling to see pretty tropical fish in the wild, rather than in a confined aquarium, provides a simple joy. But being able to identify Hawaii's fish by name enhances the experience as well as the answer to the question, "So, what did you see?"

The Hawaiian sergeant or *mamo* is so named because of the four vertical black bars across its body. Parrotfish wear bright colors as do some

wrasses. Butterfly fish seem to be everyone's favorite given their bright yellow and black markings.

Why Moorish idols are given that name is a mystery but their graceful long head pennant and elegant nose merit their description by ichthyologists, those who study fish, as the classic fish of the coral reef. A visit to the Waikiki Aquarium is the non-swimmer's alternative. For more about Hawaii's fish, see <http://www.marinelifephotography.com/fishes/fishes.htm>

(Information submitted by Rebecca Hommon Navy Region Hawaii environmental counsel.)

## Blood drive schedule

Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has updated its schedule of upcoming blood drives as part of the Armed Services Blood Donor Program (ASBP). 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).

## Preparatory classes planned for JEMS Job Fair

Job applicants will have an opportunity to meet with more than 100 prospective employers when the 25th annual Joint Employment Management System (JEMS) Job Fair convenes from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 26 at Club Pearl at Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Even before job seekers meet face-to-face with employers, they will have a chance to hone their resumes and job-seeking skills at preparatory classes that are being hosted by staff at the Military and Family

Support Center (MFSC) at 474-1999.

The preparatory classes will be offered this month. Information on how to write a resume, how to dress for interviews, and other job-hunting skills will be presented at the classes. Classes include:

**Job fair success**

• Sept. 10 and 11, 5 to 7 p.m. at MFSC Pearl Harbor.

**Career choices**

• Sept. 12, 5 to 7 p.m., MFSC Pearl Harbor.

**Acing the interview**

• Sept. 24, 1 to 3 p.m., MFSC Pearl Harbor.

At [www.jemsjobs.com](http://www.jemsjobs.com), JEMS also offers a comprehensive job bank of approximately 1,600 to 1,900 Hawaii job listings with 600 to 900 new jobs added monthly.

Positions range from entry level to professional jobs. Job seekers are able to create and post resumes on the job site.

For more information, call 474-1999 or 449-0300.

## Mark Wills to perform at Ward Field

Brandon Bosworth

Contributing Writer

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

Mark Wills is a multi-platinum selling country music star with eight top 10 hits to his name including "19 Something," "Wish You Were Here" and "Don't Laugh At Me," all of which received nominations for single, song and video of the year by the Country Music Association. He won the Academy of Country Music's award for top new male vocalist in 1998.

No stranger to performing for the military, Wills has made more than seven trips to entertain American service members abroad, including visits to Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. His album "Looking for America" was dedicated in part to the military.

He has also performed at several events for the Champions for Champions Organization, the USO



Photo courtesy of <http://markwills.musiccitynetworks.com>

and a variety of fallen Soldier charities here in the U.S. Wills also worked with USA Cares to launch a national awareness campaign surrounding the severity of post traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury.

Gates for the Sept. 11 concert open at 5 p.m. The event is open to military-

affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. No pets, glass, tents or outside food and beverages will be allowed. Large bags and backpacks will be subject to search.

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

## My Favorite Photo...

Maj. Javier Rodriguez took this photo on Labor Day while fishing in the waters off Waikiki, Oahu, on a boat chartered from Hickam Marina. Diamond Head can be seen in the background. Rodriguez works at the 15th Medical Support Squadron on the Hickam side of Pearl Harbor-Hickam. His wife, Nadia Anac-Rodriguez, submitted the photo for publication.

Photo courtesy of Maj. Javier Rodriguez

### How to submit photos

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



**WHO SAID IT?**

“Mystery creates wonder and wonder is the basis of man’s desire to understand.”

*Last Week's*

**WHO SAID IT?**

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

Abraham Lincoln

**This Week's Trivia**

What significant event took place Sept. 2, 1945 in military history?

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**Last Issue's Question:** The Air Force embarked on one of its largest domestic humanitarian airlift operations after what natural disaster Aug. 25, 1992?

**Answer:** On Aug. 25, 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into southern Florida with sustained 140-mph winds, destroying Homestead Air Force Base. The Air Force embarked on one of its largest domestic humanitarian airlift operations.



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🏊 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 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).

🏊 MOVIE NIGHT AT THE BOWLING CENTER  
The Naval Station Bowling Center will show a free movie at 7 p.m. today. FMI: 473-2574.

🏊 FARTHEST DIVE AND BIGGEST SPLASH CHALLENGES  
There will be farthest dive and biggest splash challenges from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Scott, Towers and Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific pools. This is a free event. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. FMI: 473-0394, 471-9723 or 653-5306.

🏊 DAY FOR KIDS WITH IMAGINATION MOVERS  
A free Day for Kids featuring a concert by the Imagination Movers will take place from 2-5:30 p.m. Sunday at Ward Field. There will also be free activities, including bounce houses, beach ball fun and children's crafts. Snacks will be available for purchase. Bring blankets and beach chairs for lawn-style seating. This event is open to all military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

🏊 STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING HALEIWA  
A free paddleboarding trip to the North Shore with Liberty will be held Sunday. Departures are from Beeman Center at 9 a.m., Instant Liberty at 9:15 a.m., Makai Recreation Center at 9:30 a.m., and Liberty Express at 10 a.m. This event is for single active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

🏊 PRESCHOOL STORY TIME  
Preschool story time is held from 9 to 10 a.m. Sept. 12 at the Hickam Library. The theme for the day is "pirates." FMI: 449-8299.

🏊 LEARN TO SURF AT HICKAM HARBOR  
Professional instructors will teach the basics from standing and paddling to catching waves and angling down the wave. The class will be held at 9 a.m. Sept. 15 at Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. The cost is \$30 per person. Participants must be able to swim without a lifejacket. Registration deadline is Sept. 12. FMI: 449-5215.

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

Community Calendar

🌺 September  
🌺 Today ~ The Pacific Fleet Band will perform a rock and roll concert from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. tonight at the Hawaii State Art Museum at its First Friday event. Museum chairs are limited. Folding chairs and mats are recommended. FMI: 586-9959 or 586-0301 or email [scott.m.young@hawaii.gov](mailto:scott.m.young@hawaii.gov) or [eva.laird.smith@hawaii.gov](mailto:eva.laird.smith@hawaii.gov).

🌺 8 ~ This year's second annual Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Pearl Harbor 5K run will take place at 7 a.m. Saturday 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 \$50 cash on race day. FMI: [www.t2trun.org/pearlharbor](http://www.t2trun.org/pearlharbor).

🌺 11 ~ 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. at Hickam Memorial Theater, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. FMI: Georgette Hugho at 471-1716 or email [georgette.hugho.ctr@navy.mil](mailto:georgette.hugho.ctr@navy.mil).

🌺 13 ~ Military housing residents can meet with Navy leadership and Forest City representatives at a community meeting at 5:30 p.m. 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.

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

Movie Showtimes



Total Recall (PG13)

Total Recall is an action thriller about reality and memory. Welcome to ReKall, the company that can turn your dreams into real memories. For factory worker named Douglas Quaid, even though he's got a beautiful wife who he loves, the mind-trip sounds like the perfect vacation from his frustrating life. Real memories of life as a super-spy might be just what he needs. But when the procedure goes horribly wrong, Quaid becomes a hunted man. Finding himself on the run from the police – controlled by Chancellor Cohaagen, the leader of the free world – Quaid teams up with a rebel fighter to find the head of the underground resistance and stio Cahaagen. The line between fantasy and reality gets blurred, and the fate of his world hangs in the balsance as Quaid discovers his true identy, his true love and his true fate.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY  
7:00 PM The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13)

SATURDAY  
2:30 PM Ice Age 4: Continental Drift (PG)  
4:45 PM Seeking a Friend  
for the End of the World (R)  
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 Magic Mike (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY  
6:00 PM Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG)  
8:30 PM Total Recall (PG13)

SATURDAY  
4:00 PM Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG)  
7:00 PM The Dark Knight Rises (PG13)

SUNDAY  
2:00 PM Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG)

