

Kaneohe Bay Air Show features

Navy Blue Angels this weekend

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Contributing Writer

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels will be featured performers at the 2012 Kaneohe Bay Airshow this Saturday and Sunday.

“We are excited to once again host the Navy’s world-famous Blue Angels as they

celebrate 25 years of performing in the F/A-18 Hornet aircraft,” said Col. Brian Annichiarico, commanding officer, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

The airshow will also feature performances by a variety of aerial acrobats and displays of military, civilian and privately owned aircraft. Festivities also

include demonstrations by the Navy Leap Frogs parachute team and the Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Three Seven (HSL-37), the Navy’s oldest operational Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System, as well as the Marine Air-Ground Task Force and Paradise Flyers Radio Control Club Hawaii.

Taste of Oahu food booths will provide refreshments such as pizza, chicken, kalbi and garlic shrimp plates, hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, kettle corn, shave ice, churros and soft-serve cones. There will be carnival rides for children.

The Kaneohe Bay Airshow is free and open to the public. Gates open at 9 a.m. For

more information, visit www.kaneohebayaairshow.com or call 257- 4636.

Photo illustration

Photos courtesy of Marine Corps Base Hawaii

The Navy’s Blue Angels perform at a previous Kaneohe Bay Airshow. This year’s event will take place Saturday and Sunday.

Makahiki festival takes place Oct. 6 at Hickam Beach

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs Director

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) will celebrate *Kapuai’kaula Makahiki* from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 6 at Hickam Harbor Beach.

Military and civilian personnel, their families and sponsored guests are invited to observe *makahiki*, an ancient Hawaiian celebration known as a “Hawaiian Thanksgiving.”

The free event is organized by the Oahu Council of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, in partnership with JBPHH.

Families are invited to bring their beach chairs and mats to enjoy the festivities and take part in *makahiki* games, such as *o’o* (spear throwing) and

‘ulu maika (stone rolling). Winners will receive homemade *kahili* or feather standard, as prizes and compete for the “grand champion” plaque.

Before the *makahiki* begins at 9 a.m., paddlers in canoes carrying the Hawaiian deity *Lono* will make a journey from Iroquois Point to Hickam Harbor. Once near shore, the blast of the *pu* (conch shell), will announce their arrival, ushering the start of the *makahiki* with a procession from the beach to the *makahiki* site in the grassy area near Sam Choy’s Seafood Grille.

In ancient Hawaiian history, *Lono* was the embodiment of peace and welfare, and all warfare was strictly forbidden during the time of *makahiki*. The focus on health and welfare made games of skill that tested a

healthy body and mind a focal point of the *makahiki* games.

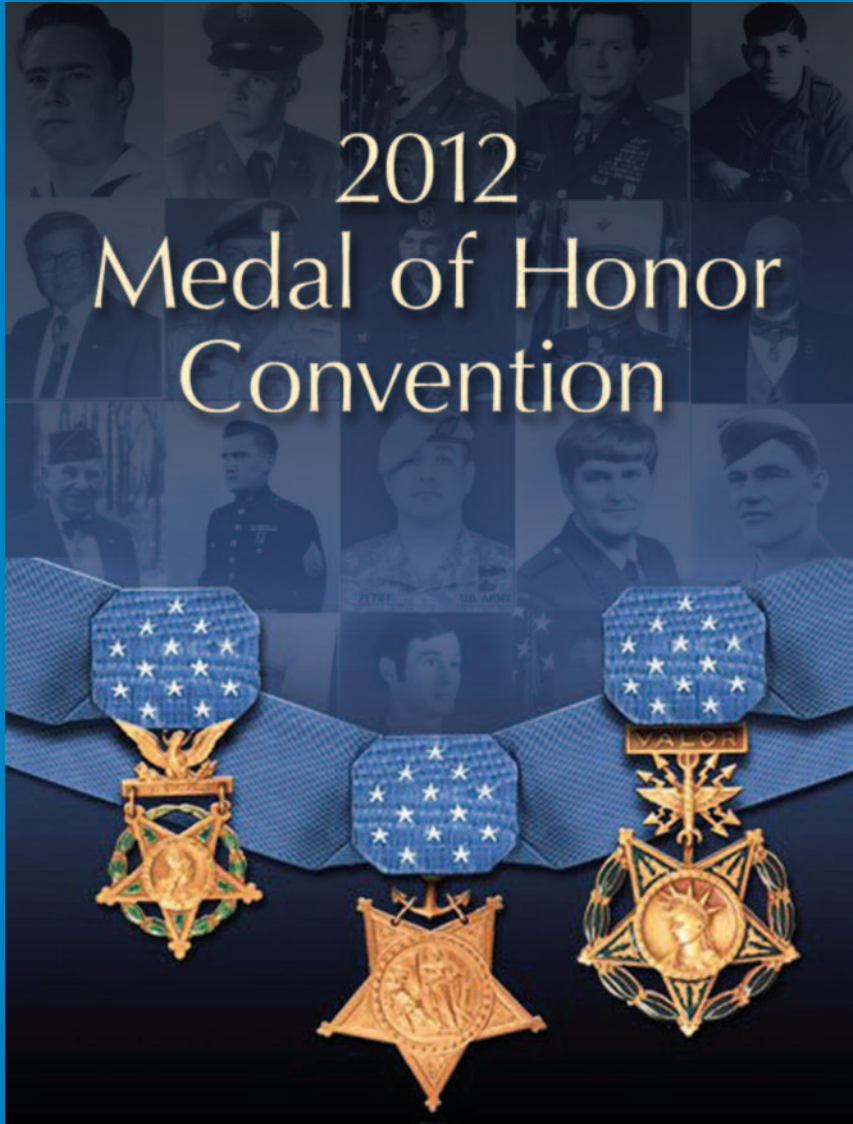
For more than 2,000 years, the significance of *Lono* and his contributions to the beliefs and practices of the early Hawaiian people influenced the celebration of events held during *makahiki* festivals throughout the Hawaiian Islands.

According to the ancient calendar of Hawaii, the Hawaiian new year begins on the first night of the rising star constellation *Makali‘i*, or Pleiades. The four months following the rise of the *Makali‘i*, from October to the end of January, were set aside as a time for *Lono* to give thanksgiving for the bounty of land and sea.

For more information, contact the JBPHH public affairs office at 473-2926.



Photo illustration
Participants in a previous *makahiki*, take part in the events. This year’s *makahiki* will take place Oct. 6 at Hickam Harbor Beach.



Medal of Honor Convention events include joint base

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Honolulu is this year’s host for the 2012 Medal of Honor Convention, which will take place Oct. 1 to 6 and feature 54 of America’s 81 recipients.

Events honoring the Medal of Honor recipients will take place at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) and other locations across the island of Oahu.

Among the medal recipients are two Hawaii men, Sen. Daniel Inouye and Allan Kellogg.

“Hawaii has a truly unique opportunity to share the ‘ohana culture, traditions and splendor that is distinctly Hawaii with our nation’s most revered heroes,” said retired U.S. Navy Adm. and former Pacific

Commander Thomas Fargo, co-chairman of the convention’s host committee. “This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to meet and honor our nation’s Medal of Honor recipients, as well as have a great time at events that will be both inspiring and enjoyable.”

The Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor that can be bestowed upon a member of the U.S. armed forces.

Events to honor the Medal of Honor recipients include an Oct. 1 military welcome reception by the United States Pacific Command with support from the Joint Service Color Guard and Pacific Fleet Band.

Military base visits and town halls for Medal of Honor recipients will be

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USS Paul Hamilton deploys to western Pacific, Central Command

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Sept. 21 for a 10-month deployment to the western Pacific and U.S. Central Command areas of responsibility.

“Paul Hamilton expects to conduct maritime security and ballistic missile defense operations during deployment,” said Cmdr. Scott A. Carroll, commanding officer of Paul Hamilton. “As a multi-mission AEGIS destroyer, Paul Hamilton is prepared to execute a full range of missions in support of U.S., partner and coalition objectives. The officers and crew are prepared and ready to go.”

Paul Hamilton, with more than 280 Sailors aboard, is assigned to Commander, Destroyer Squadron 31, the immediate superior in command for all Pearl Harbor-based destroyers and frigates



(Left) Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) man the rails before departing Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham



U.S. Navy photo by MCC Donald W. Randall

under an operational alignment to increase force presence and surge capacity in

the western Pacific under Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

Guided-missile destroyers are multi-mission anti-air warfare, anti-submarine

warfare and anti-surface warfare surface combatants. They operate independently

for support of carrier and expeditionary strike groups and surface strike groups.

Domestic violence survivor speaks at JBPHH awareness event

Story and photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

October is designated as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and to begin the awareness campaign this year, Joint Base Pearl-Harbor Hickam (JBPHH) hosted Mildred D. Muhammad, an advocate, consultant, author, inspirational speaker and domestic violence survivor.

The Military Family Support Center hosted the event Sept. 25 at the Hickam Memorial Theater to increase public awareness about the prevention of domestic violence. Capt. Jeffrey James, commander, JBPHH, introduced Muhammad.

Muhammad is the ex-wife of the convicted Washington, D.C. sniper, John Allen Muhammad, and she shared her story of domestic violence and how she was the target for her ex-husband, who was executed in 2009.

Muhammad shared her story of how she was stalked by her former husband and had to fight for custody of her children.

“John was a combat engineer, a demolition expert, and could make a weapon out of



Mildred D. Muhammad, author, inspirational speaker, and domestic violence survivor, speaks at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

anything,” she said. “He was so and tuned with his job.”

and meticulous, and Muhammad learned a lot from him on how to stay alive.

The madness started after Muhammad asked for a divorce due to his infidelity. There was verbal, emotional, and economic abuse. He emptied her bank account, took their children, and disappeared.

Muhammad said she educated herself on legal issues and fought to get her kids back. She had no money and had to live in a shelter for abused women when she began her battle.

She was able to locate her children in Washington State, and a judge there granted her full custody of the children. She said her husband threatened to kill her and she feared for her life. She escaped to Maryland hoping her ex-husband would not be able to find her.

She never expected her husband to be a threat to anyone else but her, but when he found out where she was, he went to Maryland and began targeting innocent people. When a sniper started shooting people in the DC area, little did she know that it was her ex-husband John Allen Muhammad.

Mildred Muhammad has been on television and radio talk shows and has written a book called “Scared Silent” to tell her story.

She said she didn't title her book, “Scared Silent” because she was too scared to do anything, but because she had to work under the radar to get her children back, and avoid being killed by her husband.

“You should only tell one person you can trust what you are planning to do and you should have a safety plan,” she said. “Keep in mind that it does not matter what educational or financial status, occupation, race, creed or religion you are, domestic violence affects us all.”

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, about 25 percent of women and 8 percent of men surveyed were abused or assaulted by a spouse, partner or someone they knew at some point in their lives.

The first domestic violence awareness program began in 1981 as a Day of Unity established by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, whose mission was to connect victim advocates throughout the nation who were working to end the violence against women and children.

Medal of Honor Convention to feature base events

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held at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Schofield Barracks and Tripler Army Medical Center on Oct. 4. JBPHH will host eight recipients for informal visits to ship piers, squadrons and lunch at the galleys on both the Pearl Harbor and Hickam sides of the base.

The eight Medal of Honor recipients to be hosted at JBPHH include Donald E. Ballard, Gary B. Beikirch, Jon R. Caviani, Drew D. Dix, Charles C. Hagemeister, Ronald E. Rosser, George T. Sakato and Leo K. Thorsness.

JBPHH will host the recipients and their guests on a harbor tour on Oct. 4 aboard two of the biodiesel white boats named after Medal of Honor recipients from the Pearl Harbor attack. One will

be aboard boat No. 39-1, John W. Finn. When at the memorial, the group will conduct a wreath-laying ceremony.

The ceremonies to honor the Medal of Honor recipients will also include an Oct. 4 tour of the Pacific Aviation Museum and dinner with support from the Joint Service Color Guard and Pacific Air Forces Band.

Medal of Honor Convention events open to the public during the weeklong festivities include:

Punchbowl dedication

The public is invited to join recipients, local military and veterans from 10:30 a.m. to noon Oct. 3 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific for a ceremony and dedication of a memorial stone in honor of 32 Medal of Honor recipients interred at the site. Admission is free. The event will include

support from military bands, chaplains and rifle details.

Limited parking will be available at Punchbowl along with off-site parking and free shuttle service at Lincoln Elementary, Stevenson Middle and Roosevelt High schools starting at 8 a.m. The last shuttle back to the parking area will be at 1:30 p.m.

Downtown block party

“CSI: NY” actor Gary Sinise and his Lt. Dan Band will rock downtown Honolulu (Nimitz Highway between Smith Street and Nuuanu Avenue) at a block party and concert from 6 to 10 p.m. Oct. 5. Admission is free.

MOH book signing

This event is an opportunity to meet more than 50 Medal of Honor recipients at two sessions 9 to 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 6 at the Hale Koa Hotel.

Tickets are \$20 each. There are two sessions to choose from, and each ticket purchase includes a hardcover Medal of Honor quote book. Purchase tickets online visit MedalofHonorConvention2012.com.

Patriot Award dinner

The convention culminates with a Patriot Award dinner reception from 4:30 to 10 p.m. Oct. 6 aboard the USS Missouri, followed by an awards dinner honoring the nation's heroes and others. Limited tickets are available through Oct. 1 for \$500 each. Tables of 10 can be purchased for \$5,000. Sponsorship packages are available. To purchase tickets or a table, contact info@medalofhonorconvention2012.com.

For more information, visit the website MedalofHonorConvention2012.com or “like” it on Facebook.

Hawaii energy costs up, buffer to change for residents

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Two changes are coming Oct. 1 for residents in Forest City Navy Public-Private Venture (PPV) housing that will affect their energy bill.

The current energy buffer in the Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP) will change from 20 to 10 percent, meaning more residents will have to pay if they use excessive energy but more can save if they conserve below the 10 percent buffer.

Coincidentally, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii announced a 30 percent increase in the electricity rate it will charge its customers on Oahu starting Oct. 1 due to rising energy costs.

RECP Buffer to 10%

Over the course of nine community meetings jointly hosted by Commander Navy Region

Hawaii, Commander Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and Forest City, leaders and residents discussed coming changes in the residential energy conservation program.

"Shrinking of the buffer from 20 percent to 10 percent will result in more PPV residents having to pay for excess electricity usage as well as more residents receiving a rebate for conserving electricity," said Capt. Jeff James, joint base commander.

RECP is being expanded nationwide for Navy residents in PPV housing starting in October.

"RECP is a success story for us here at Pearl Harbor-Hickam and a key to our Energy Smart Initiative with the State of Hawaii. Our service members and their families are part of that success," James said.

Electricity Rate Increase

Another change at the begin-

ning of the fiscal year is the increase in electricity rates for PPV residents on Oahu. The increase in electricity rate means some residents will owe more money for their excessive energy use, while others will receive more money back for their conservation efforts.

The increase could be significant if residents overuse electricity.

For NAVFAC Hawaii customers, the electricity rate will increase from \$0.201 per kilowatt-hour to \$0.263 per kWh on Oahu, and essentially remain the same on Kauai.

"The \$0.263 cents per kWh to be charged to Forest City PPV residents is still much lower than the average \$0.335 cents per kWh that the Hawaiian Electric Company charges Oahu residents living in non-PPV housing," according to Darryl Nii, Navy Region Hawaii PPV Director.

The increase in electricity

rates affecting all State of Hawaii residents is the direct result of higher fuel prices because petroleum-fired power plants supply more than three-fourths of the state's electricity, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Realities of Change

RECP is an incentive-based means for reducing dependence on foreign oil and other fossil fuels. The Navy in Hawaii is leading efforts to reduce the overuse of electricity and use renewable energy.

"As the cost of energy rises worldwide, the need for reducing and conserving becomes even greater," said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

"We have achieved nationally recognized reductions of energy use at our installations in Hawaii. We have moved forward on renewable energy and sustainability. And, we are

proud that our families are helping us meet the Navy's and nation's energy security goals."

For more than a year, the Region and Joint Base have shared stories and innovation tips from residents and experts on how to save energy and receive rebates under RECP. The Navy and Forest City offer strategies, advice and assistance to families who want to save energy in their homes.

Forest City residents are encouraged to contact their resident services office if they have questions about RECP. Residents should have received a notice from Forest City to complete a RECP lease addendum. Any resident who has not done so should contact their resident services office.

For more information, visit www.fcnavyhawaii.com under the RECP tab. The Navy Region Hawaii point of contact for RECP is Darryl Nii, Darryl.nii@navy.mil, 474-1825.

Hispanic Heritage Month observed at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel

Story and photos by Brandon Bosworth

Contributing Writer

A ceremony marking the beginning of National Hispanic Heritage Month took place Sept. 21 at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel at Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The theme for this year is "Diversity United, Building America's Future Today."

Capt. Robert A. Espinosa, former chief of staff, Navy Region Hawaii, served as keynote speaker. Espinosa's father is a first generation immigrant from Cuba, and his mother is Puerto Rican.

"My path was simple compared to that of my parents,"



(Left) Capt. Robert Espinosa was the keynote speaker at JBPHH's National Hispanic Heritage Month event. (Right) MA 1 Zahul Puelo and his wife Cinthia entertain the crowd with a traditional dance from the Dominican Republic.



Espinosa said. "They left everything behind and came to this country with just the shirts on their backs. Those who came before us came not for a handout but for an opportunity."

The ceremony concluded with refreshments consisting of traditional Hispanic food and beverages. Master-at-Arms First Class Zahul Puelo, Joint Base Security Harbor Division, and his wife, Cinthia, entertained the crowd with a traditional dance from the Dominican Republic called a Bachata.

National Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, and celebrates the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain,

Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and expanded under President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will continue to honor National Hispanic Heritage Month with a Sept. 30 celebration from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Ward Field. This event will include Salsa dancing from instructor, performer and choreographer Jerome Ramos, who is offering a free dance class. Che Pasta's DJ Jose will be spinning Salsa, Merengue, Bachata and more. Local Latin vendors are providing food.

Diverse Views



"If you could have an all-expenses-paid trip to anywhere in the world where would you go? Why would you choose that location?"

Danny Ardo
Retired Staff Sgt. USAF Reserve

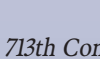


"Honokaa, on The Big Island. I would like to visit the birth place of my father; take my children to the places their Papa once played and spent the early years of his life."



Electronics Technician 2 Fito Delhome
USS Germantown (LSD-42)

"Paris. It's one of those exotic places. And the military doesn't send you there."



Capt. Carol Chang
713th Combat Operations Squadron



"Europe! I want to backpack around Europe with my husband and two daughters, visiting all the historic landmarks that we learned and read about in history classes. I love immersing in other cultures and learning their language and traditions. We definitely want to raise our girls in a diverse environment. The top three countries are Greece, Italy and France."



Hospital Corpsman 2 Lance Easton
USS Lake Erie (CG-70)

"One of the other Hawaiian islands. I've loved Hawaii ever since I got here."

Tech. Sgt. Robert Murray
15th Medical Support Squadron



"I would like to visit Australia. Not many people get a chance to do that. I always found Australia to be unique. The wildlife and the people would be worth the trip."



Staff Sgt. Jennyrose Whitney
713th Combat Operations Squadron

"I would love to go back to Seychelles. My friend at the time tried to 'hang out' but I ruined it and invited a lot of friends. Because of that beautiful sunset conversation we have been together seven years."

(Provided by David Underwood Jr. and Brandon Bosworth)

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Air, ground crews enter trophy competition



Photo courtesy of T. Merrill

In September 1962 air and ground crews of the Hawaii Air National Guard's 199th Fighter Squadron deployed to Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, for their first entry into the Earl T. Ricks Trophy Memorial competition. According to information researched by retired Maj. Gen. Mike Tice, the team is posing in front of a 199th FS Convair F-102A "Delta Dagger" aircraft and an array of training versions of the AIM-4 "Falcon" air-to-air missiles.

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USS Key West departs for new homeport

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Friends and families of the crew from USS Key West (SSN 722) gathered at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to say goodbye as the Los Angeles-class submarine departed for its new homeport of Naval Base Guam, Sept. 20.

In Guam, Key West will be assigned to Commander, Submarine Squadron 15 as one of three forward-deployed submarines. The change of homeport is part of a swap between Key



Los Angeles-class submarine USS Key West (SSN 722) departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam en route to its new homeport at Naval Base Guam, Sept. 20.

West and USS Buffalo (SSN 715) which is scheduled to arrive in Pearl Harbor next year.

“The crew has been waiting for this day for a long time. They know that they

are going to a forward-deployed homeport and are excited to be at the tip of the spear as a forward-deployed unit,” said Cmdr. Curtis P. Duncan, USS Key West commanding officer.

Duncan said getting the submarine mission ready will be the goal for the 160-man crew during the underway period. Training the crew to be familiarized with the ship’s systems is

the main purpose since many have been temporarily assigned to other submarines while Key West underwent a recently completed a two-year engineering overhaul and weapons systems upgrade period.

As the submarine made its final preparations for getting underway, the crew took time to say goodbye to their family and friends in Pearl Harbor. Many waved goodbye as the submarine slowly sailed away.

Duncan said arrangements have long been planned to help the families for the move to Guam. Numerous meetings were conducted to make the transition from Hawaii to

Guam as smooth and easy as possible. Half of the families are already in Guam, and the rest of the families will follow from Hawaii as well as the mainland shortly after Key West departs Pearl Harbor.

Having the chance to be a forward-deployed submarine in Guam, Key West will be able to deploy at a moment’s notice when called upon to emergent theater commander tasking in support of the nation’s maritime strategy efforts.

“I’m looking forward to the adventure and going to see new places,” said Machinist Mate Weapons Seaman Logan Richardson.

Crommelin Sailors recognized for praiseworthy service

Lt. j.g. Tyler Sharp

USS Crommelin (FFG 37) celebrated the accomplishments of multiple Sailors during a Sept. 20 award ceremony aboard Crommelin.

The crew congratulated shipmates as they received a variety of awards. Some were recognized for their selfless service on Crommelin, while others received the coveted Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) qualification.

“It feels great to finally wear this pin,” said Boatswain Mate Seamen (BMSN) Stefan Woloszyn, a member of Crommelin’s Deck Division. “I worked very hard for it, now it’s as if a weight has been lifted from my shoulders.”

Several other Crommelin Sailors rejoiced as they donned the ESWS pin, after months of studying, memorization and work that went into earning the qualification.

In addition to those receiving their ESWS pin, other Sailors received End of Tour (EOT) awards. EOT awards are presented to personnel who have demonstrated professional expertise and unquestionable achievement during their tenure stationed on Crommelin. Quartermaster Seamen Clayton Coryell earned his Navy Achievement Medal for displaying exemplary skill as a member of the navigation team during numerous multi-vessel maneuvering evolutions.

“I am honored to wear this award,” Coryell said. “In my opinion, everyone deserves some kind of recognition for their hard work.”

Crommelin will celebrate the end of its 30 years of service during a decommissioning ceremony scheduled for Oct. 26.



U.S. Navy photo by PS3 Domicia Humphries

(Left) Sailors aboard USS Chung-Hoon enjoy a meal in their newly renovated mess deck. (Right) Commodore Wallace Lovely, commander of DESRON 31, addresses the crew.

Chung-Hoon mess decks undergo renovation

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93)
Public Affairs

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), Hawaii’s guided-missile destroyer, recently underwent a major preservation and renovation of the ship’s mess decks.

The ship serves meals three times a day to 275 Sailors and also serves as a crew lounge after meal hours.

“It was a little frustrating at first not to be able to get chow like we usually do, but it was worth it to have a new mess decks when we get underway,”

said Seaman Courtney Scott.

The closing of the mess decks brought on a minor inconvenience to many Sailors who had to order food from the base galley and eat it take-out style elsewhere, but it was clear at the ribbon-cutting ceremony last month that the renovation was well worth the wait. Operations Specialist 2nd Class Charles Futch said that it was “the nicest mess decks [he] has ever seen.”

Commodore Wallace Lovely, commander of Destroyer Squadron 31, was on hand for

the grand re-opening and took time to address the crew, expressing his pride in the crew and wishing them well.

The mess decks now feature new Hawaiian-themed décor, wood-grain flooring, repainted chairs and tables, new tablecloths sporting the Chung-Hoon crest and a gaming area, as well as three new high definition TVs for the crew’s entertainment.

“The gaming area is great,” said Yeoman 2nd Class Terrance Dubose, who has enjoyed spending some of his

free time playing video games with other Sailors in the new space. “It is a top priority for Chung-Hoon’s Sailors to feel like they are at home while aboard. The newly renovated mess decks are now reflective of the caliber of crew that serves on this great warship,” said Cmdr. Justin Orlich, commanding officer of Chung-Hoon.

“I think this kind of thing really helps morale and encourages a sense of pride and ownership for everyone onboard,” said Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Ashley Gorham.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



(Left) Airmen from the 154th Maintenance Squadron and the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron participate in the Operational Readiness Exercise on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Sept. 13. During the exercise, Airmen had to don protective gear to protect against a simulated chemical attack while still performing their normal maintenance duties on the KC-135 Stratotanker.

U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Lauren Main

(Right) Airman 1st Class Ryan Lockhart, 535th Airlift Squadron is promoted to Senior Airman below-the-zone (BTZ) Sept. 19 by Chief Master Sgt. Leslie Bramlett, Command Chief, 15th Wing and Col. Terry Scott, Vice Commander, 15th Wing, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The BTZ promotion is a competitive early promotion program that allows Airmen to get promoted to Senior Airman six months earlier than they would normally sew on that rank.

Photo by David D. Underwood, Jr.



(Left) Al Balderama, Fire Prevention Battalion Chief at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, receives a flu shot during Citadel Shotex 2012 on JBPHH Sept. 18-20. The purpose of the immunizations is to exercise and assess the Navy's ability to immunize large populations of shore-based active duty and Navy civilian employees.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham

(Right) Members of the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band perform during the 2012 Aloha Festivals Floral Parade in Waikiki. The theme of this year's parade was "ho'onui 'ike" (to increase knowledge). The annual parade is one of the largest floral parades in the United States.

U.S. Navy Photo by MC2 Daniel Barker



(Left) Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Josh Kelly accepts a Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Inspirational Leadership Award during the second annual National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Military Leadership Awards Luncheon held on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The NAACP has been a leading effort for social justice since 1909. (See story on page A-6)

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham

USS Lake Erie Sailors commemorate namesake at Put-in-Bay, Ohio

Lt. j.g. Kelly Ruane

USS Lake Erie (CG 70) Public Affairs

Put-in-Bay, Ohio – More than 3,000 miles from their homeport of Pearl Harbor, the color guard and command master chief of USS Lake Erie (CG 70) commemorated the 199th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie, their ship’s namesake.

The Ticonderoga-class, guided-missile cruiser is named after the famous battle in which the United States proved victorious over the British on Sept 10, 1813.

Put-in-Bay is nestled on a small island off the shores of Ohio, a picturesque location for the show-down between Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry and Cmdr. Robert Heriot Barclay during the War of 1812. Today the island is home to the Perry’s Victory and International Peace Memorial, the fourth tallest memorial in the United States.

“We have an important part to play in the ceremonies,” said Operations Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Marcos Lucero, explaining his role as color guard member during the festivities. “For one thing, our presence there makes visitors aware that our nation still remembers those events and that the traditions put in place by past Sailors still carry true in today’s Navy.”

“Put-in-Bay is definitely Ohio’s best kept secret,” said Electronics Technician 2nd Class (SW) Jason Vandergiesen, a color guard member. “Everyone was friendly, generous and the respect shown to military personnel was nothing short of impressive.”

Each year, the town of Put-in-Bay celebrates the anniversary with a variety of events including a Boy Scout camp-out, parade and several commemoration ceremonies. This year, Rear Adm. Joseph A. Horn, Aegis ballistic missile defense program direc-



U.S. Navy photo VN2 (SW) Steven Rogers

USS Lake Erie (CG 70) color guard members march in the Battle of Lake Erie Commemoration Parade at Put-in-Bay, Ohio Sept. 8.

tor for the Missile Defense Agency and former commanding officer of USS Lake Erie, attended and gave a speech personally recognizing the Sailors of Lake Erie.

Next year’s event marks the bicentennial of the battle. Preparations for the celebration were already underway as this year’s festivities came to a close.

NAACP hosts leadership awards at JBPHH

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The Honolulu-Hawaii Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) held its second annual Military Leadership Awards luncheon Sept. 22 at the Hickam Officers Club on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The luncheon recognized individuals who hold characteristics of commitment, service and leadership.

“We have an obligation to ensure that personnel and organizations that up hold our goals and objectives are recognized for doing so,” said Alphonso Braggs, president of the NAACP Hawaii Branch. “Our goals are to ensure that we achieve equality and justice across all spectrums.”

The 11 recipients each received either the Thurgood Marshall Distinguished Service Award, the Ida B. Wells-Barnett Meritorious Service award, the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Inspirational Leadership Award or the Medgar Evers Community Service Award.

Navy and Air Force award recipients included:

- Navy Cryptologic Technician Technical Jasen D. Williams, U.S.

Navy, USS O’Kane (DDG 77), recipient of the Thurgood Marshall Distinguished Service Award.

- Navy Intelligence Specialist 1st class Josh C. Kelly, Joint Intelligence Operations Center Pacific Command and Air Force Tech Sgt. Troy A. Agustin, 13th Air Force, both recipients of the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Inspirational Leadership Award.

- Navy Yeoman 2nd class Frances A. Delcid, U.S. Pacific Command and Air Force Staff Sgt. Caan L. Polite, U.S. Pacific Command, both recipients of the Medgar Evers Community Service Award.

“It feels to good to me because it’s just what I do. I don’t look at it just because I have on a uniform or I am the boss of someone,” Kelly said. “I try to take care of my people and try to lead them to pay it forward and make sure that everybody who comes behind me can learn how to be a real leader and take care of their people and make the military a better place.”

Braggs said he was honored to recognize such a diverse group of service members who crossed ethnic categories and pay grades.

(See related photo on page A-5)

Federal Fire Department to focus on escape planning during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 7-13

Angela Sanders

Fire Inspector

If you woke up to a fire in your home, how much time do you think you would have to get to safety? According to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), one-third of American households thought they would have at least six minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening.

Unfortunately, the time available is often less. That’s why the Federal Fire Department (FFD) is teaming

up with NFPA during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 7-13, to urge residents to “have two ways out!” This year’s theme focuses on the importance of fire escape planning and practice.

FFD personnel will be at the following locations during Fire Prevention Week at these times to promote the theme:

- Oct. 5, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange;
- Oct. 10, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Schofield Barracks Base Exchange;
- Oct. 11, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Marine Corps Base, Hawaii,

Kaneohe Mokapu Mall.

Through these educational family-oriented activities, residents can learn more about the importance of fire escape planning and practice, as well as the power of prevention.

Since 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to 369,500 home structure fires. These fires caused 13,350 civilian injuries, 2,640 civilian deaths and \$6.9 billion in direct damage. According to NFPA statistics, one home structure was reported every 85 seconds in 2010. Fire is unpredictable and moves faster than most people realize.

Developing and practicing an escape plan with two ways out is essential to ensuring your family’s safety should fire break out in your home.

FFD recommends the following tips for planning your family’s escape:

- Make a map of your home. Mark a door and window that could be used to get out of every room.
- Choose a meeting place outside in front of your home. This is where everyone will meet once they’ve escaped. Ensure that the location is drawn out on your escape plan.
- Write the emergency telephone

number 911 on your escape plan.

- Practice your escape plan with everyone in the household by having someone activate the smoke alarm.

- Keep your escape plan on the refrigerator and remind family members about practicing the plan twice a year or whenever anyone in your home celebrates a birthday.

For more information, call Fire Inspector Angela Sanders at 471-3303, ext. 617 or email angela.sanders1@navy.mil. For more information about “have two ways out!” visit NFPA’s website at www.firepreventionweek.org.

Chafee welcomes chef on deck

Ensign Caitlin Smith

USS Chafee (DDG 90)
Public Affairs

“Chef on deck!” You may have heard this if you recently walked past the crew galley on USS Chafee (DDG 90).

Chef Adam Weiner is underway with the USS Chafee through the Navy's adopt-a-ship program, and the ship's culinary specialists (CSs) said they couldn't be more excited for this training opportunity. Arranged through the Naval Supply Systems Command, professional chefs are invited to impart their knowledge and experience to the Navy's own chefs.

Weiner is a full-time culinary instructor who was hailed by the executive chef for the Navy in 2006 to participate in the adopt-a-ship program.

Weiner had just returned from a tour of the USS Preble in San Francisco Bay when he received an email asking him if was interested in taking his teaching and culinary skills to Chafee.

Six years after “enlisting” in the adopt-a-ship program, he said he is thrilled to be on his 11th assignment with the Navy. “I love doing this. I love helping people out and overall, I love the way I'm treated. The level of respect and appreciation I get from the CSs, I don't get that in my day-to-day job.”

Every command offers something unique to expand upon, he said, and Chafee is no different. “[USS Chafee] is the only command I've been to that makes their own bread,” Weiner noted.

But Weiner is not the

only one enjoying his time aboard.

“The adopt-a-ship program has been instrumental in providing much needed training to my young CSs. Chef Adam Weiner has been incredible, and it has been inspiring to see my CSs grow and begin to really enjoy cooking,” said Lt. Cmdr. Geno Dawson, supply officer, Chafee. Crewmembers said he has not only instructed and educated, but contributed positively to the climate of the food service division.

A culinary instructor in Menlo Park, Calif., Weiner has volunteered at a number of naval commands including the War College in Newport, R.I. He was specially invited as a chef for the change of command of the USS Constitution moored in Boston Harbor, Mass.



U.S. Navy photo by USS Reuben James public affairs

Sonar Technician Surface 2nd Class (SW) Jonathan Bongard helps move trays of food while assisting at the River of Life.

USS Reuben James Sailors volunteer at River of Life

Ensign Damon
Goodrich-Houska

USS Reuben James (FFG 57)
Public Affairs

Sailors from USS Reuben James (FFG 57) recently volunteered at the River of Life Mission in Honolulu in order to provide food to those in need.

The River of Life Mission

regularly serves breakfast, lunch and dinner to several hundred people from all walks of life.

“Thanks to all the donations and volunteers the Mission is able to serve over 200 meals a day,” said Sonar Technician (Surface) 2nd Class (SW) Jonathan Bongard.

“This is the about the sixth time that Reuben James has

volunteered here, and every time we get a chance to come over it's a pleasure just to assist the staff who does this every day,” said Cmdr. Luis Alva, Reuben James' executive officer.

The River of Life Mission welcomes all volunteers. For more information, visit www.riveroflifemission.org or call (808) 524-7656 and ask for Tracy.

Department of Defense expands sexual assault prevention efforts

U.S. Department of
Defense

As part of the Department of Defense's efforts to confront the crime of sexual assault in the military, the department has announced improvements to prospective commander and senior enlisted training and a review of the initial military training environment in every service.

First, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta has instituted higher standards for sexual assault prevention and response (SAPR) training for pre-command training. These changes are the result of a review ordered by the secretary in January 2012.

The review found that while these leaders are receiving SAPR training, the department should take specific steps to improve its quality and consistency across the services. Based on these findings, the secretary has directed the military services to:

- Develop and implement standardized core competencies, learning objectives, and methods for objectively assessing the effectiveness of SAPR programs.
- Provide a dedicated block of SAPR instruction that incorporates best practices including interactive instruction with vignettes, exercises, and classroom discussion.
- Provide a quick-refer-

ence SAPR “Commander's Guide,” review in the classroom, that personnel can then use in subsequent leadership roles.

- Assess commanders' and senior enlisted leaders' understanding of the key SAPR concepts and skills and develop and implement refresher training to sustain skills and knowledge.

Panetta has placed a high priority on this issue and directed the military departments to report back to him on the development of these core competencies and assessment methods by Dec. 20, 2012, and that implementation of these measures start no later than March 30, 2013.

Second, Secretary Panetta has directed that each military department conduct a comprehensive assessment of all initial military training of enlisted personnel and commissioned officers to ensure a safe and secure environment.

This assessment will look across the services into several key areas including the selection, training, and oversight of basic training instructors and leaders who directly supervise initial military training for officers and enlisted personnel.

The study will also look at the instructor to student ratio, the ratio of leaders in the chain of command to instructors, and consider the potential benefits of

increasing the number of female instructors.

In addition, the secretary has directed all of the military services to review their internal controls to identify and prevent inappropriate behavior throughout initial military training; to evaluate student accessibility to SAPR programs; the timing, contact and delivery of SAPR related training; and the timing and effectiveness of processes for gathering student feedback.

Panetta has directed the military departments to report back to him on findings and recommendations by Feb. 8, 2013.

Together, these reviews are part of a broad, multifaceted effort to fundamentally change the way the department confronts sexual assault from prevention, investigation, victim care, and accountability.

The men and women of the U.S. military must be able to serve in an environment that is free from the threat of sexual assault. Service members and their families must feel secure enough to report this crime without fear of retribution and commanders must hold offenders appropriately accountable.

A copy of the full text of the Evaluation of Pre-Command Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Training report and Panetta's directives are available at <http://www.sapr.mil>.

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Pearl Harbor survivor Glenn Lane interred at USS Arizona Memorial

Brandon Bosworth

Contributing Writer

Glenn Lane served aboard the USS Arizona on Dec. 7, 1941. Unlike many of his shipmates, he survived the ship's sinking and went on to have a military career spanning 30 years and three wars.

Lane passed away on Dec. 10, 2011, nearly 70 years to the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor. On Sept. 12, his ashes were interred on the sunken ship at a ceremony held at the USS Arizona Memorial.

The ceremony was a rare event. There have been only 36 interments of remains at the USS Arizona Memorial. The Navy began interring and scattering ashes of Dec. 7 survivors at Pearl Harbor in the late 1980s. Only survivors of the Arizona and the Utah may return in death to their ships.

"These are the only burials services like this in the world," said Jim Taylor,

Pearl Harbor survivors Navy liaison. There are only 13 known survivors of Arizona still living.

"Glenn Lane is going back to his ship," said Daniel Martinez, historian at the USS Arizona Memorial, during the ceremony. "He is going to rejoin his shipmates."

A longtime resident of Oak Harbor, Wash., Glenn Lane worked as a seaplane radioman on Arizona. One of the bombs hitting the ship blew him off the deck. Lane swam to the USS Nevada, which soon received hits by bombs and a torpedo, forcing the ship aground.

After Pearl Harbor, Lane served as a member of combat air crews. He retired as Whidbey Island Naval Air Station's first command master chief after three decades in the Navy.

Historian Daniel Martinez began the proceedings by welcoming those in attendance, including several members of Lane's fami-

ly. "Glenn Lane was a personal friend of mine," said Martinez. "Today, I think of his sense of humor, his love for his family, and what he meant to us at the USS Arizona Memorial."

Capt. Lawrence Scruggs, deputy commander of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, also spoke, describing Lane as a man who "never wavered in his faith or his spirit that day."

Lt. Rick Tiff, Chaplain Corps, Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, led the committal service. "Master Chief Lane was a hero," Tiff said. "But he was also a man of great influence, as can be seen by the number of people here today."

After a moment of silence, Navy and National Park Service divers took Glenn Lane's remains down to Arizona and placed his ashes in one of the gun turrets. The ceremony ended with a rifle salute, a bugler playing "Taps," and Sailors presenting an American flag to his family.



Dream Chasers pull away from Port Royal

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Sports Editor

The Dream Chasers closed out the first half on a 13-0 run to turn back a stiff challenge and beat USS Port Royal (CG 73), 51-40, in a Summer Basketball League matchup Sept. 22 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

The win kept the Dream Chasers' immaculate record intact at 9-0, while Port Royal, which entered the game in a tie for second place, saw its mark drop to 5-3.

Tied at 12-12 in the first half, the Dream Chasers frontline got buckets from Marine Staff Sgt. Julius Johnson and former Navy Chief and now Department of Defense civilian Troy McCloud to take a 16-12 advantage.

Then, with just a little breathing room, Dream Chasers shooting guard Electronics Technician Seaman Vince Hutter came off the bench and scored the next eight points on two three-point shots and a basket inside the lane to double up Port Royal, 24-12, before half-time.

"He's, hands down, our best shooter," said point guard Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Aaron Jackson, about Hutter. "When he gets buckets they're usually all threes, and that's the equalizer. So no matter how hard our big guys might be struggling, a couple threes, and you look up, you're up by double digits."

Hutter's shooting heroics seemed to be the trick that turned things around for the Dream Chasers, which found the going



Dream Chasers center, former Navy chief and now Department of Defense civilian Troy McCloud, tries to put up a shot over the defense of USS Port Royal (CG 73) Electronics Technician 3rd Class Anthony Hawkins during a Summer Basketball League game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

rough in the early minutes of the game against a determined Port Royal team.

Down by three points, Johnson's back-to-back baskets gave the Dream Chasers their first lead at 7-6 before a free throw by Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Eric Cotton tied the score at 12-12 with 4:22 remaining in the first half.

"I knew they (Port Royal) were going to come out and fight hard," Jackson said. "They got a deep team and they play with heart, so you don't expect to just come out and run over them. But as long as we kept our intensity up, I figured, we'll be OK."

In the second half, the Dream Chasers continued to put the pressure on Port Royal and scored the first seven points after the break.

A basket-and-one by Johnson raised the Dream Chasers lead to 31-12 at the 14:07 mark before Quartermaster 3rd Class Brian Myles of Port Royal finally broke the skid with a bucket to end the Dream Chasers' run at 20-0.

"They were playing us hard, so we just had to match their intensity," said Jackson about the team's impressive run. "Once we did that, we knocked down some shots, got some stops and rest is history."

Although Port Royal's big men played tough in the paint, picking up second and third shots throughout the game, the ball just wouldn't go down.

Electronics Technician 3rd Class Anthony Hawkins, who paced Port Royal with 14 points, said that the team's inability to convert its rebounds proved to be its downfall. "You make some, you

miss some. They don't all fall," he said. "We started playing relaxed. We started slowing down and not playing our game – listening to the hype."

Later, a dunk by Johnson made it 33-16 and then, with only 1:35 remaining in the game, Jackson's basket gave the Dream Chasers a 20-point lead at 51-31 to seal the deal.

For the Dream Chasers, Johnson led the way with 13 points and was followed by Marine Cpl. J.R. Martin (9), Cotton and Hutter (8), and McCloud and Jackson with six.

Myles complemented Hawkins on Port Royal by sinking 13 points with six points coming via two three-point shots.

While Port Royal fell by 11 points, Hawkins said that he knows that if the teams should meet again in the playoffs, he and his teammates would be ready.

"I feel that we were the best team that they've played," Hawkins stated. "They've blown everybody out by 25 plus. We're the best team that they've played and they know that. That's why they came with the intensity today."

Jackson said with the postseason right around the corner, playing against a tough team like Port Royal late in the regular season should help the Dream Chasers prepare for the battles ahead.

"It's always good to be tested," Jackson said. "When you come out on top, it's just that much better. We've been together for a while now and we kind of know that nobody is going to lie down. So as long as we play hard and play our game, I think we'll be OK."

Rabbi celebrates Jewish high holy days at JBPHH



Photo by Dan Bender

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) families and Chaplain Rabbi Joel Newman sound the the Rosh Hashana Shofar (ram's horn) to begin the New Year of 5773 during Sept. 17 services at Aloha Jewish Chapel. Newman, of San Diego, traveled to JBPHH to lead services for the Jewish high holy days. During his time at the base he completed two Bar Mitzvahs, led the Rosh Hashana service, and met with Navy Region Hawaii chaplains and Religious Program Specialists to provide training regarding the Jewish faith.

ASBP blood drive schedule

Currently scheduled
Armed Services Blood
Donor Program drives
include:

Oct. 2, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Schofield Health Clinic, Cobra Den classroom building, 686, Schofield Barracks.

Oct. 3 and 4, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) Department Blood Battle, Blood Donor Center, room 2A207, TAMC.

Oct. 10, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Makalapa Clinic.

Oct. 15, 9-11 a.m., 18th MEDCOM Fort Shafter Flats, 210 Suehiro Road, building, X1510, Fort Shafter

Oct. 16, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., NEX, Tripler Army Medical Center.

Oct. 17, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 205th MI Battalion, building 520, Fort Shafter.

For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil.

Expired meds take back initiative set for Sept. 29

Turn in your unused or expired medications for safe, anonymous disposal from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange main lobby, 4725 Bougainville Drive.

Other Oahu locations participating during the same time are:

- Hawaii State Capitol on 415 S. Beretania St.;
- Kapolei Police Station parking lot;
- Schofield Barracks Army and Air Force Exchange Services (AAFES), Post Exchange (PX);
- Town Center of Mililani, 95-1249 Meheula Parkway;
- Windward Mall, 45-056 Kamehameha Highway, Kaneohe.

For more information, visit the website WWW.DEA.GOV or call 541-1930.

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‘Hail Mary’ hoists 747th CS past 324th IS

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With only four seconds on the clock, quarterback Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Aaron Jackson scrambled away from pressure then heaved a rainbow into the waiting arms of wide receiver Spc. Arian Labuda to give the 747th Communication Squadron (747 CS) a dramatic come-from-behind 19-16 win over the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) in an American Division intramural flag football game, Sept. 24, at Ward Field, Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Facing a third down and 15 yards to go for a touchdown, Jackson took the snap and bought precious time by eluding the pass rush from the 324 IS front line.

Moving to the middle of the field, Jackson spotted the open man in the back of the end zone, before tossing up a high-arching pass that cleared the 324 IS backfield and into the hands of Labuda as time expired.

“Out here, all they were doing is playing zone defense and was probably just looking at the quarterback,” Labuda said. “The quarterback is not the one going to score the touchdown, it’s the receiver. I caught them sleeping, snuck behind them, Jackson threw it and I came down with it.”

Tech. Sgt. Steve Coleman, head coach of the 747 CS, said that with the team down to its last shot,

protecting Jackson was job number one.

“We had to make sure that we had protection first of all,” he admitted. “Jackson still had to roll to his right to get the pass off, but we got behind the defense.”

The catch by Labuda overshadowed an outstanding effort by 324 IS quarterback Senior Airman Jordan Hanks, who seemed to have led his team to the win only moments before Jackson’s final toss.

Down by a touchdown in the first half on a 30-yard scamper by Jackson, Hanks needed less than a minute to march the 324 IS 65 yards on four plays to score a touchdown.

With 39 seconds remaining before halftime and the ball resting on his own 39, Hanks unloaded a bomb down the right sideline that found Airman 1st Class Randy Kondrath streaking into the end zone.

Hanks then completed a pass to Airman 1st Class Stephen Renehan for a two-point conversion and an 8-7 advantage going into the break.

In the second half, Hanks took the opening snap at the team’s own 15 and after moving the ball to the 747’s 38-yard line, the QB broke coverage and ran for 21 yards to pick up a first down at the 17.

Then on the very next play, Hanks zipped a pass down the middle to a wide-open Staff Sgt. Sean Morey for a six points.

Once again, Hanks connected with Renehan for



Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Aaron Jackson, of the 747th Communication Squadron (747 CS) flag football team, leaps up to knock a pass away from a 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) receiver during an American Division matchup at Ward Field, Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Jackson, who is also the team’s quarterback, threw for the game-winning touchdown as time expired.

another two-point conversion and a 16-7 lead.

“He (Hanks) was really difficult (to stop),”

Coleman said. “He had about two key first-down runs. The last one, he was able to break contain and

basically toed the line to get it behind our defense.”

Needing to score in a hurry, Jackson began the

comeback by hooking up with Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Eric Cotton for 21 yards and a touchdown to complete a 65-yard drive in 10 plays to pull to within three at 16-13.

Hanks did his best to answer the score and drove the 324 IS all the way down to the 747 CS nine-yard line on eight plays.

However, on fourth down, Hanks’ pass was picked off by 747 CS defensive back Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Ryan Smith at the six to set the stage for the amazing 74-yard drive and game-winning touchdown.

“This feels good because we always get that stuff pulled out on us,” Coleman said. “It feels good to get a ‘W’ that we needed. We deserved it.”

Following the win, Coleman, who was the team’s head coach last season, said that he expects more to come from the 747 CS.

Last year, the team struggled with a 3-10 record, but with the addition of Jackson, Cotton and Engineman 2nd Class Brandon Thomason, Coleman is looking forward to bigger and better things.

“We had to merge with FISC (Fleet and Industrial Supply Center) because we just didn’t have enough people,” Coleman stated. “It gives us the mobile quarterback that can throw, we got defensive guys that play as a unit and have a lot of football IQ. So it definitely helps us out tremendously.”

Physique athlete Tanner attains coveted pro card

Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Dreams have moved countless people to feats of greatness and for Lt. Donta Tanner, Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor (NAVSUP FLCPH), the aspirations of lofty heights still burn brightly even as he approaches 20 years and retirement in the Navy.

Recently, the drive and desire brought Tanner to the pinnacle of his sport, when he joined a limited fraternity of physique competitors in receiving professional credentials at the 2012 International Federation Bodybuilding (IFBB) North American Championships held in Pittsburgh from Aug. 30 to Sept. 1.

In a showdown of top male physiques from Mexico, Canada and the United States, Tanner achieved the crowning glory of receiving his pro card by winning the pose down in the competition’s Class “C” Division (5-feet, 11-inches to 6-feet, 1-inch) and Men’s Overall age 35 and above Division.

“I was just thinking, I just want to compete,” Tanner recalled. “This is a national-international level, to which they had to either win first or second in a qualifying event. So I won my class and then all the winners of all the classes came back on stage, and I won first overall. Man, I tell you, I was going nuts.”

The national stage was, Tanner said, a long way from his youth in Kansas City, Mo., where he admits growing up as a poor and skinny kid from a family of seven living in the projects.

A late bloomer, Tanner didn’t get involved in organized sports until later in life, but he stated that it was the Navy and its way of life that really helped him mature and flourish.

“It prepared me a lot,” said Tanner about his 19 years of service. “I’ve had a lot of successes in the Navy and I’ve had a lot of



U.S. Navy photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Lt. Donta Tanner performs a pull-up at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center as he prepares for the upcoming Houston Pro bodybuilding and physique contest on Oct. 13. Tanner punched his ticket to Houston by earning his professional credentials by winning the Class “C” and 35 and over Overall Division at the recent IFBB North American Championships.

adversity. I think in going through the times of adversity, where you dig deep and you understand who you are, and if you’re not satisfied with that, you can be anybody you want to be. If that person you want to be is a professional, a leader then suit up. These are the tools to do it. Just learn how to use the tools and apply them to your life.”

In 2000, Tanner experienced one of those adverse events that changed the course of his life.

Playing for the All-Navy basketball team in Okinawa, Japan, Tanner,

while going up for a dunk popped the patellar tendon completely off the bone on his left knee.

While in rehab, Tanner worked to strengthen his leg by using weights and that’s when he got bit by the bodybuilding bug.

In preparation for his first professional competition in the upcoming Houston Pro, which is scheduled for Oct. 13, Tanner reveals just how much weightlifting and training has become a major part of his life.

During a typical week, Tanner adheres to a regimen that includes three

rounds of cardio and weight training five days a week, and single sessions on the weekends.

Tanner especially acknowledges and thanks his command for supporting his dreams and goals.

“I receive a lot of support,” he said. “Where the command comes into play big time, as far as like time to workout, it’s during my lunch time. From 1130 to 1300, they’ll allow me to go, grab a quick bite and get what I like to call my 20-minute smoke break. A lot of people go and smoke for 20 minutes. What I do is take that 20 minutes



Lt. Donta Tanner takes the stage and poses for the judges at the recent 2012 IFBB North American Championships.

and smoke myself.”

With Navy service coming to an end, Tanner said he has no shortage of goals and dreams as he prepares for life as a civilian.

Besides continuing his trailblazing life as a physique competitor, Tanner envisions eventually owning and operating a total of 10 training facilities, called Hawaii Fitness Center (HFC), that would be spread across the entire state and provide personalized service to help people meet their fitness goals.

In order to keep the fire burning and stay motivated, Tanner recalls a favorite quote from Henry Ford.

“My role model, when it comes to dreaming big is Mr. Henry Ford,” said Tanner, who plans to open the first HFC in February. “He said, ‘whether you think you can or can’t, either way, you’re right.’”

For those who would like to follow in Tanner’s footsteps and dream big, he said that there is always room for more.

“I always tell people that no matter where you’re from, you can change your physical, spiritual and financial perspective,” Tanner stated. “I just think people need to have the confidence and the hope that they can do it. That’s what most of us call faith.”

Officer father takes enlisted daughter to Air Force Ball

Staff Sgt. LuCelia Ball

Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii – The Air Force Ball is an opportunity to celebrate the Air Force Birthday, and this year one father got to introduce the tradition to his newly enlisted daughter.

Maj. Jeffrey Holley, Chief of Strategic Integration for Pacific Air Forces A7K directorate, recently arrived here at his new assignment.

He joined his daughter, Airman 1st Class Samantha Holley, a C-17 loadmaster with the 535th Airlift Squadron here.

“I was deployed when I learned of my new assignment, and I was surprised and happy to find out I would be stationed with my daughter,” he said. “I



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

Maj. Jeffrey Holley, Pacific Air Forces A7K chief of strategic integration, and his daughter Airman 1st Class Samantha Holley, a C-17 loadmaster with the 535th Airlift Squadron, pose for a photo during the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam 65th Air Force Ball, held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Sept. 14. Maj. Holley invited his daughter as his date to the ball shortly after discovering that he would be stationed at JBPHH with her.

found out about the ball, and I knew immediately that I wanted to take her.”

Airman Holley said she was initially reluctant to attend the ball before her father invited her.

“After he asked me, I got really excited about going,” she said.

The major, who arrived at the base about a month ago, had attended several other events in the past and said he likes the Air Force Ball in particular because of the tradition behind it.

“It's nice to be part of a big event and to reflect on Air Force heritage,” he said.

He said the main reason he was excited was to be able to participate in a once-in-a lifetime opportunity with his daughter. It was a risk to buy the tickets without knowing whether Airman Holley would be flying a mission

or not on the date of the ball, but he figured he could always donate her ticket to another Airman if it didn't work out.

The timing worked out, though, and the two were able to attend.

At the ball, the pair watched performances by Hawaiian dancers, ate dinner, listened to the speeches and posed for a portrait photograph.

Afterward, Maj. Holley had an opportunity to introduce his daughter to several of his co-workers.

Airman Holley also introduced her dad to some of the people she works with.

The family members said the experience was wonderful and are making plans to attend again next year.

“Going to the ball with her was everything I'd hoped for and more,” said Maj. Holley.

National disability employment awareness event to be held Oct. 25

Navy Region Hawaii Comptroller Department

The Navy Region Hawaii Comptroller Department will hold a National Disability Employment Awareness Month event from 10 to 11 a.m. Oct. 25 at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

The theme of the event is “A strong workforce is an inclusive workforce: what can you do?”

This event's keynote speaker will be Brock McNabb from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Honolulu Veterans Center.

The event will also include information and resources to help organizations build an inclusive workforce.

For more information, call 473-1809.

Child development centers sponsor Food Program

Child development centers at or near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam recently announced their sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Child Care Food Program.

Meals will be made available to enrolled children at no separate charge without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Parents' income determines the amount of money USDA

will reimburse organizations to provide meals to enrolled children.

The income eligibility guidelines listed below are used to determine their reimbursement from USDA.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	For each additional family member - add
Free	1,394	1,887	2,379	2,872	3,365	3,858	4,351	4,844	+493
Reduced	1,983	2,685	3,386	1,983	4,789	5,490	6,192	6,893	+702

Meals will be provided at:

- Harbor Child Development Center (building 1206 Julian Way, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam) (JBPHH)
- Kid's Cove (320 Center Drive, building 204, Honolulu)
- Main Child Development Center (building 1597 Liliwai St. JBPHH)
- Naval Station Child Development Center (building 1655 Bole St., JBPHH)

- Peltier Child Development Center (530 Peltier Avenue, building 1923, Honolulu)
- Wahiawa Child Development Center (building 416 Center Drive, Wahiawa)
- West Child Development Center (building 1654 Kuntz Ave., JBPHH)
- Center Drive Child Development Center (building 930 Center Drive, JBPHH)

- Catlin School Age Care (SAC) (building 4655 Catlin Drive, Honolulu)
- Hickam SAC (building 1335 Alula Place, JBPHH)
- Ford Island Child Development Center (building 570 O'Kane Blvd, Honolulu).

For more information, call Shareyn Muneoka at 473-0721 or email shareyn.muneoka@navy.mil.

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PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM

Maniawa Nanea

LEISURE



Morale Welfare & Recreation

FREE JUNIOR GOLF CLINIC

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

FIFTH ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

J.R. Rockers (Lanai and Garden) hosts its Fifth Annual Oktoberfest 5-9 p.m. Friday. This event will feature traditional live music and an authentic Oktoberfest buffet including sauerbraten and red cabbage, smoked pork loin and sauerkraut, pickled ham shanks, Bavarian bratwurst and spätzli with cheese and onions. All ranks are welcome, 21 years of age and older encouraged. The cost is \$25 for members, \$32 for non-members. FMI: 448-2271.

CRUD TOURNAMENT

There is a "crud" tournament 5:30 p.m.-11 p.m. Friday at the 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.

CHINATOWN FOOD/HISTORIC TOUR

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

YOUTH BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for youth baseball begins Oct. 1. The season runs December through February. Youth baseball is open to children ages 5-15 years old. The cost is \$55 per player. The fee includes jersey, hat and award. Teams compete in the Hawaii Military Youth Athletic Association. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

FAMILY/GROUP SAILING INSTRUCTION

Sailing instruction is offered 9:30 a.m.-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. This class is open to eligible adults and family members 10 years of age and older. The cost is \$10 per person. FMI: 473-0279.

WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

This class teaches fairly simple defensive training tactics, concepts and principles to meet the need for a practical, effective method of defense skills. Classes are held 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. The cost is \$20 per person per month. FMI: 471-2019.

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



Community Calendar

September

29 ~ A Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam National Public Lands Day cleanup will be held 8:30-11 a.m. at two work sites: Halealoha Haleamau Burial Platform at Fort Kamehameha and Ahua Reef, both on the Hickam side of the base. FMI: patricia.colemon@navy.mil or grace.hewlen@navy.mil.

October

1 ~ The City & County of Honolulu will be conducting 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 ~ An Enlisted Navy Ball Golf Tournament will be held at the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course beginning at 11 a.m. Fees are \$40, \$50 or \$60, depending on rank. FMI: 471-0778 or email jennifer.a.dougherty@navy.mil.

6 ~ The 2012 *makahiki* at *Kapuai'kaula* (Hickam Beach) will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at Hickam Beach Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Families are invited to participate in the free ancient Hawaiian games of skill and experience the educational cultural event. FMI: email patricia.colemon@navy.mil, jeff.pantaleo@navy.mil, or grace.hewlen@navy.mil.

13 ~ The Navy Officers' Ball, celebrating the 237th anniversary of the Navy, will be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom with a social hour starting at 6 p.m. Today is the deadline for purchasing tickets for the event. Tickets may be purchased from Navy Ball Committee members. FMI: 471-3740 or email andrew.r.gates@navy.mil.

13 ~ The Navy Region Hawaii Enlisted Birthday Ball will be held at the Sheraton Waikiki Hawaii Ballroom with social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$65 or \$45 depending on rank. Contact a command representative for tickets. FMI: 474-4438.

At a glance

The 37th annual fall craft fair will be held 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 10 at the Hickam Arts and Craft Center. The event is free and the center is located at 335 Kuntz Ave., building 1889. Vendors can sign up now and reserve their booth by calling 448-9907, ext. 101. There will be entertainment, original handmade arts and crafts, food booths, horse rides and craft demonstrations. Public access will be via Elliot Street and Kuntz Gate, or through public transportation via The Bus #19. FMI: 448-9907 ext. 101 or visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.



Movie Showtimes



Happy Feet 2 (PG)

Mumble's son, Erik, is struggling to realize his talents in the Emperor Penguin world. Meanwhile, Mumble and his family and friends discover a new threat to their home – one that will take everyone working together to save them.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY
7:00 PM The Campaign (R)

SATURDAY
2:30 PM Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG)
4:45 PM The Watch (R)
7:00 PM Savages (R)

SUNDAY
2:30 PM The Odd Life of Timothy Green (PG)
4:45 PM Step Up Revolution (PG-13)
7:15 PM The Watch (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY
6:00 PM Happy Feet 2 (PG)
8:30 PM The Campaign (R)

SATURDAY
4:00 PM Brave (PG)
7:00 PM Hunger Games (PG13)

SUNDAY
2:00 PM Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG)



JEMS job fair assists military families with finding employment

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The Joint Employment Management System (JEMS) held its 25th annual job fair Sept. 26 at Club Pearl, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Recruiters from more than 100 local businesses, mainland companies and government agencies were on hand recruiting to fill job vacancies ranging from entry level to highly technical and professional positions.

“Some of the companies here today don’t even have positions available in Hawaii,” said Susan Hodge, JEMS director. “They come over from the mainland to participate in the job fair.”

While many of the companies already have a connection with JEMS and frequently post job openings on www.jemsjobs.com, others specifically seek them out when they have positions to fill.

“Some of them call us because they heard about us through word of mouth,”



Jobseekers attend the 25th Annual JEMS job fair held Sept. 26 at Club Pearl, Joint Base Pearl-Harbor Hickam.

said Hodge.

According to Hodge, about 60 percent of those attending the job fair at active duty military or retired. Most of those remaining are military spouses.

“Anyone with a military ID card can use JEMS regardless of branch or status,” she said.

JEMS origins date back 26 years ago, when local military leaders realized there

was a serious issue facing service members and their family here in Hawaii.

“Commanding officers realized there was a problem: military family members couldn’t find jobs,” Hodge said. “This was causing financial hardship.”

The initial goal was to help connect military spouses with local employers. Today, JEMS is a family readiness initiative funded

by Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Marine Corps Base Hawaii to support their active duty, retirees and family members' efforts to find employment. JEMS provides this support by being an advocate for job seekers from the military community and serves as a central point of contact for businesses to reach these job seekers.

Job fair attendees said

they were impressed by the event.

“I’m looking to see what types of opportunities are out there,” said Operations Specialist Jacoby Dixon, Destroyer Squadron 31, who retires in March 2013. “This is very useful. There is a diverse selection of companies of all sizes providing helpful information.”

Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman Francis Andaya,

U.S. Pacific Fleet, was on hand to assist his spouse in her job search.

“This is a great opportunity for everyone,” he said. “All sorts of companies, big and small, are here.” Andaya also noticed a wide variety of job seekers. “I see active duty, family members, and retirees,” he said.

While it is hard to say how many people actually find employment at the JEMS job fair, there is reason to believe the event makes a difference.

“In 2011, we had an over \$3 million impact on salaries,” said Susan Hodge.

In addition to the annual job fair, JEMS provides services and assistance to job-seekers through their website, www.jemsjobs.com. Registering with the website allows individuals to search for jobs by job title, company name, geographical area, job category, work status, and add date. There is also a resume builder and skills checklist.

For more information, call the JEMS offices at 474-1999 or email PRLH-DLCNRJEMS@navy.mil.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk to be held Oct. 6 at JBPHH

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The 2012 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk takes place starting at 7 a.m., Oct. 6, at Richardson Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

This event is part of the American Cancer Society's nationwide series of walking events to raise funds and awareness to end breast cancer. Nationwide, more than 270 Making Strides walks occur each year, ranging in distance from 3 to 5 miles.

In 1984, cancer survivor Margery Gould Rath and a group of volunteers held the first Making Strides Against Cancer in Boston. The goal was to cele-

brate fellow cancer survivors by raising funds for the American Cancer Society. The first walk drew 200 participants and soon become a Boston tradition.

In 1993, the event officially became known as the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Since then, 8 million walkers across the United States have raised more than \$460 million to help fight breast cancer through Making Strides events. In 2011 alone, 1 million walkers across the country collected more than \$60 million to help fight the disease.

The American Cancer Society is looking for volunteers and participants for the Oct. 6 event. For more information, visit the website MakingStridesHonolulu.org or call 432-9133.

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii hours will change as of Oct. 1

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

Effective Oct. 1, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii will no longer offer Sunday Walk-in Clinic at Branch Health Clinic Makalapa. All clinic operations will be closed.

In addition, on federally recognized holidays all clinic locations will be closed. This includes Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Makalapa, Kaneohe Bay, Wahiawa, Camp Smith and Barking Sands Pacific Missile Range Facility.

Beneficiaries can speak to a healthcare provider at anytime the clinics are closed by calling the “Provider After-Hours Advice Line” at 473-0247, Ext. 3. For emergencies, dial 911 or go to Tripler Army Medical Center. For active duty dental emergencies, dial 864-4705. For clinic hours of operation, visit the website at <http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhch>.

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Photo courtesy of the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team
A member of the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team participates in a recent game.

Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team to hold practice session Oct. 1 at Millican Field

The Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team (WWAST) will hold a practice session Oct. 1 at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, starting at 10 a.m. Those with base access privileges to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam are invited to watch the team practice.

The Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team will partner with the Amateur Softball Association of America Hawaii Chapter (ASA) in January as the WWAST competes against military teams on Oahu's military bases.

WWAST players Matias Ferriera, Josh Wege and Matt Kinsey and Nick Clark will be in Hawaii from Oct. 1 to 4 to promote their January Oahu Softball Tour.

The Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team has appeared on ESPN with Rick Reilly, HBO Real

Sports with Bryant Gumbel, Sports Illustrated and major national nightly news programs.

The WWAST is comprised of young, competitive, athletic veterans and active duty Soldiers who have lost limbs post-9/11, while serving their country. The WWAST includes veterans with a

variety of amputations of the arm, above knee, below knee, bilateral below knee, and foot.

The mission of the WWAST is to raise awareness, through exhibition and celebrity softball games, of the sacrifices and resilience of our military, and highlight their ability to rise above any challenge.

For more information about the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team nonprofit organization go to <http://thewwast.org> or on Facebook search for Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team.



WHO SAID IT?

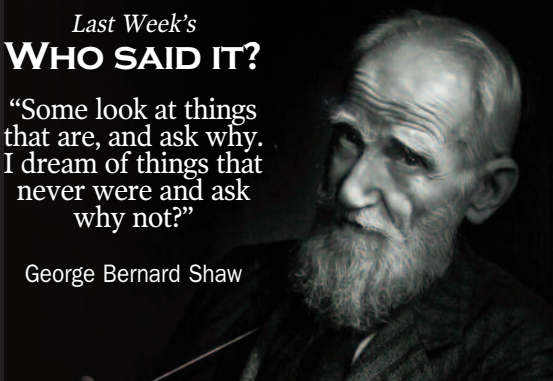
“I say there is no darkness but ignorance.”

Last Week's

WHO SAID IT?

“Some look at things that are, and ask why. I dream of things that never were and ask why not?”

George Bernard Shaw



This Week's Trivia

When was the U.S. Air Force founded as an independent service, equal in status with the Army and Navy?

Last Issue's Question:
On Aug. 28, 1867, Capt. William Reynolds of the Lackawanna raised the U.S. flag over what island and took formal possession for the U.S?

Answer:
Reynolds raised the flag over Midway Island.