

USS Hawaii returns to Pearl Harbor

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Friends and families of the crew from USS Hawaii (SSN 776) gathered at the submarine piers Nov. 20 to welcome back the Virginia-class submarine as it returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after completing a six-month deployment to the western Pacific region.

“It was an honor and privilege to sail with these warriors, ambassadors and Sailors, taking the war canoe on her second western Pacific deployment,” said Cmdr. Stephan G. Mack, USS Hawaii commanding officer. “We are very proud of them for their accomplishments.”

During the deployment, Hawaii accomplished tasking in support of theatre and national interests and participated in two combined anti-submarine warfare exercises.

Hawaii also conducted several port visits that strengthened relationships with key regional allies, including Japan, South Korea and the Philippines throughout its six months away from Pearl Harbor. While in the foreign ports, the crew experienced different cultures and participated in social events with their host ships.

Mack said the crew of 137 performed flawlessly in all respects



Machinist's Mate 1st Class Darren Polston of the Virginia-class submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776) kisses his wife Kimberly following the return of the submarine and crew to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Photo illustration

during the six-month deployment. They were also highly successful in the area of professional development with 24 Sailors having earned their submarine qualification or “dolphins” and many returning to homeport advanced to the next higher pay grade.

“Deployment exposed all Hawaii Sailors to the dynamic operational environment of the western Pacific, enabling all hands to achieve more senior qualification

and gain valuable at sea experience,” said Mack.

“The experience we gained operating Hawaii for six months forward-deployed, away from shore-based support, demonstrates our capability for extended operations, our commitment to distant friends, and the flexibility, endurance and mobility of these mighty warships,” Mack said.

For 57 of the 137 Sailors on board, this was their first deploy-

ment experience, according to Mack.

Sonar Technician (Submarines) Seaman Craig Parazak described the deployment as eye opening and something for which he has a new found respect.

“It was the hardest work that I have ever had to do but very rewarding,” said Parazak.

Mack said the submarine’s return home from deployment back to families and friends was

made even better by their return to the beautiful state of Hawaii.

“There is nothing better than being on the Hawaii in Hawaii,” said Mack.

Hawaii is the first commissioned vessel of its name. The submarine was named to recognize the support the Navy has enjoyed from the people and state of Hawaii and in honor of the rich heritage of submarines in the Pacific.

Former USS Chafee CO wins Pacific Stockdale award

MC2 Alexandra Snyder

Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON (NNS) – The chief of naval operations (CNO) presented the Vice Adm. James B. Stockdale Leadership Award to two commanders at the Pentagon in the Hall of Heroes on Nov. 27.

Adm. Jonathan Greenert presented the annual award, which is given to two active duty commanding officers below the rank of captain, to Cmdr. Chase Patrick, former commanding officer of USS Chafee (DDG 90) and representing



the Pacific Fleet, and Cmdr. Brian Sittlow, representing the Atlantic Fleet.

Patrick and Sittlow received the award due to their leadership, personal initiative and exemplary performance and contribution to the overall success of the operational units they command.

“I talked to the [winners] today and they both said, ‘It’s not about me, it’s about

the people I serve with,” said Greenert.

“[But] what’s really special about this award is that it encompasses performance, as well as character ... it is peer nominated. Someone had to sit down and write a one-page synopsis about why these men deserve this award ... They inspire and epitomize what

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Cmdr. Chase Patrick makes brief remarks at the Pentagon Hall of Heroes after officially being presented with the Vice Adm. James Bond Stockdale Leadership Award for his leadership while serving as the former commanding officer of the guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90).

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Peter D. Lawlor

71st Pearl Harbor Day to honor heroes: ‘Coming of Age - From Innocence To Valor’

National Park Service

The National Park Service and the U.S. Navy will host a joint memorial ceremony commemorating the 71st anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor from 7:45 to 9:30 a.m. Dec. 7 at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument (formerly known as the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center).

The ceremony will take place on the back lawn of the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, looking directly out to the USS Arizona Memorial.

More than 2,000 distinguished guests and the general public are expected to join current and former military personnel, including Pearl Harbor survivors and other WWII veterans, for the annual observance of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

The theme of this year’s historic commemoration, “Coming of Age - From Innocence to Valor,” honors those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces on that fateful day as a legacy of heroics. The attack represented more than a change in America’s



Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet will be keynote speaker for the Dec. 7 ceremony.

status from peace to war. It was a sudden shift from youthful innocence to a searing awareness of the cost and consequences of war.

Heroically, these men and women did not back down. Also not forgotten are the thousands of civilians who witnessed the attack, including the 49 who lost their lives. Young lives and families were changed forever as the nation “came of age” on Dec. 7, 1941 and throughout the war.

Through innovation, courage and sacrifice,

Americans joined together – stronger, wiser and more committed to preserving democracy, freedom and peace.

This year’s Dec. 7 ceremony will be co-hosted by Paul DePrey, superintendent, National Park Service, WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, and Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

Highlights of the ceremony will include music by the Navy’s U.S. Pacific Fleet

Ford Island Bridge closures announced

All lanes of the Ford Island (Adm. Clarey) Bridge will be closed in support of Dec. 7 events as follows: from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Dec. 6 for operational testing of the bridge and rehearsal of a ship transit and from 7 to 9:30 a.m. Dec. 7 for a pass-in-review during the Navy/National

Park Service Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration Ceremony.

Motorists and pedestrians are advised to plan accordingly. The small craft gate is to be closed during the bridge opening.

Boat traffic under the bridge will therefore be denied during the events.

Hickam Field Dec. 7 remembrance ceremony to be held at Atterbury Memorial Park

The Hickam Field Dec. 7 remembrance ceremony will also be held at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The ceremony will be held at 7:55 a.m. Dec. 7 at the Atterbury Memorial Park flag pole, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The 15th Wing will be hosting the ceremony titled “Our Service, born from

their Resolve” to honor the 189 killed and 303 wounded during the attacks.

Gen. Hawk Carlisle, Pacific Air Forces commander, will be the guest speaker.

The ceremony is open to all military identification card holders, veterans, survivors of the attack, and guests of attending survivors. Base access is required. Attendees must be in place by 7:15 a.m.

Band, morning colors, a Hawaiian blessing, a rifle salute by members of the U.S. Marine Corps, wreath presentations, echo Taps and recognition of the men and women who survived the attack of Dec. 7, 1941 and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

This year’s keynote speaker

for the Dec. 7 ceremony will be Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Haney is a native of Washington, D.C. and a 1978 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. His operational assignments include four submarines, a submarine tender and two submarine groups.

In 1998, as commanding officer of USS Honolulu (SSN 718), Haney earned the Vice Adm. James Bond Stockdale leadership award, which is presented annually to the Navy’s top two COs in the Pacific and Atlantic fleets.

His shore duty tours

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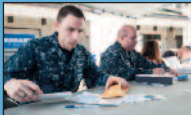
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Volunteers register for bone marrow drive at joint base

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During the week of Nov. 26-30, units from across Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam participated in passing out and collecting swabbing kits to find potential bone marrow donor volunteers.

The bone marrow drive on Oahu included registration booths in front of the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) and commissary complex.

There was also a registration table at the Fleet Store and Hickam BX at the joint base.

"In the first 30 minutes, we had about 30 partici-



Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jon Dasbach volunteers to be a bone marrow donor candidate during a bone marrow drive outside of Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange.

pants," said Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Douglas Flores, a volunteer who helped participants register to become a prospective donor.

"We try to get as many volunteers as possible. Anyone who is willing to donate is great."

"We're not forcing anyone. It's all voluntary," said

Flores. "We tell them a quick explanation of what will happen, the procedures they will have to go through, and basic information as well as possible patients they may be able

to help out."

During the last week of November, swabbing kits at JBPHH were used to put people in a database of potential bone marrow donors.

The kits were used to take swabs of the inside of your cheek. If you do swab your cheek, there is less than a two percent chance that you will be a match for someone, but if you are a match, you could save a life, bone marrow drive organizers explained.

To be eligible, you need to be between the ages of 18 to 60.

Ensign Robert Noble of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii was notified by the National Marrow Donor Program in Kansas City of a possible donor/patient match

early this year.

"I signed up thinking I would probably never be called," said Noble. "In late spring of this year, I received a letter in the mail that I had a potential match and that I needed to provide additional info and blood samples."

"In July I went to a medical clinic downtown and donated five vials of blood so that further screenings could be done. I did not hear anything back for several months. On Nov. 1, I received a call from the National Marrow Donor Program in Kansas City," Noble explained.

For more information, call Senior Chief Quartermaster Anthony Bastidas at 780-7968 or email Anthony.bastidas@navy.mil, or call Master Sgt. Mike Vonahnen at 448-6239.

Events scheduled to commemorate 71st anniversary of attack

Events commemorating the 71st anniversary of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack by Imperial Japan on Oahu include:

- Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m., the Military Channel documentary world premier of "Pearl Harbor Declassified" will take place at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument Pearl Harbor Visitor Center movie theaters. The film is a dramatic frame-by-frame look at the first 15 minutes of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the devastating aftermath.

Admission is free, but seating is limited. Reservations can be made by calling 423-7300, ext. 7048.

- Dec. 2-8, discounted admission to the USS Bowfin, which will celebrate its 70th anniversary on Dec. 7. On Dec. 7, 1942, one year after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the USS Bowfin was launched into World War II.

- Dec. 4, 10 a.m., a scattering-of-ashes service for Pearl Harbor survivor James McDavid at the Utah Memorial, who was serving in the Navy aboard the USS Pennsylvania during the attack. A scattering-of-ashes service also took place Nov. 28 for Pearl Harbor survivor Fred H. Leighton, who

served aboard USS Ramsay during the attack.

- Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m., an "After Dark in the Park" discussion with Pearl Harbor survivors and witnesses at the WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument Pearl Harbor Visitor Center movie theaters.

Admission is free, but seating is limited. Reservations may be made by calling 423-7300, ext. 7048.

- Dec. 5, 8, 9 at 2 p.m. and Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., narrated one-hour historic Pearl Harbor boat tours. Free boat tours narrated by the National Park Service rangers will take visitors around historic Ford Island, allowing visitors to witness many of the notable sites of the 1941 air raid on Pearl Harbor.

All boats will depart the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center and the tour includes a stop at the USS Arizona Memorial. Donations are being accepted to help fund the restoration of the Arizona Memorial. Seating is limited and reservations can be made by calling 954-8721.

- Dec. 6, 5:30-9 p.m., Pacific Aviation Museum annual fundraising dinner, Hangar 37, Ford Island.

- Dec. 7, 7:55 a.m., Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony co-hosted by the Navy and National Park Service at the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center, followed by a Floral tribute on the USS Arizona Memorial.

Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, is scheduled to deliver the keynote address.

Pearl Harbor survivor and president emeritus of the National Chief Petty Officers Association Ray Emory, and a former WASP (Women Air Force Service Pilot) are scheduled to be recognized as special guests and representatives.

This year's theme for the commemoration is "Coming of Age - From Innocence to Valor." The ceremony is by invitation and open to the public.

- Dec. 7, 7:55 a.m., a Hickam remembrance ceremony at the Atterbury Memorial Park flag pole, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The 15th Wing will be hosting remembrance ceremony "Our Service, born from their Resolve" to honor the 189 killed and 303 wounded during the attacks. Gen. Hawk Carlisle, Pacific Air Forces commander, will be the guest speaker.

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military identification card holders, veterans, survivors of the attack, and guests of attending survivors. Base access is required. Attendees must be in place by 7:15 a.m.

- Dec. 7, 7:30-8:15 a.m., a ceremony at Ewa Field hosted by the Aloha Chapter Marine Corps League and the Honolulu Council Navy League to observe the attack on the former Ewa Marine Corps Air Station to honor the four U.S. Marines who were killed during the opening moments of WWII. The ceremony will be held at the Ewa Field marker located at the Barbers Point Golf Course.

- Dec. 7, 9 a.m., a joint reenlistment ceremony at the Battleship Missouri Memorial. Gen. Herbert Carlisle, commander, Pacific Air Forces, will be the reenlisting officer.

- Dec. 7, 9:30 a.m. a scattering of ashes of Hickam Field survivor Master Sgt. Raymond Perry, at the Missing Man Memorial. After retiring from the Air Force, Perry retired as a Hickam fire inspector.

The Federal Fire Department is scheduled to participate in a procession, and 17 family members plan to attend.

- Dec. 7, 1:30 p.m., a USS

Oklahoma Memorial remembrance ceremony, Ford Island, hosted by National Park Service. Guest speakers include Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Commander Capt. Jeffrey James, Rear Adm. (retired) Greg Slavonic of the USS Oklahoma Memorial Committee, and USS Oklahoma survivor Ed Vezey. This is the fifth anniversary of the memorial.

Admission to the ceremony is free and open to the public. A free shuttle to Ford Island departs every 15 minutes from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. from the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park shuttle stop.

- Dec. 7, 6 p.m., a Pearl Harbor Day memorial parade scheduled from Ft. DeRussy to Kapiolani Park. The event is scheduled to include military support such as a joint services color guard, US Marine Corps Forces Pacific band and marching unit and marching units from the Army, Navy and Air Force.

For more information about the Pearl Harbor Day 71st Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony and special events, visit www.pearlharborevents.com.

Band on the run



Members of the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band practice a marching performance on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The Pacific Fleet Band is dedicated to providing quality entertainment for the military events and assists in building community relationships.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Diana Quinlan

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam makes history with new app

Story and photos by
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The new Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Historic Sites app for iPhone and iPad was released officially today after two weeks of online evaluation.

The JBPHH Historic Sites app allows users to pull up information about various points of interest around the base, including vintage photographs, historical data and more. The launch of the new app is particularly timely with the commemoration of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor next week.

Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, is enthusiastic about the new app.

"This app is a way for anyone to learn more about our historic and strategic base," he said.

"As the Department of Defense rebalances to Asia-Pacific, we are the focal point here for the Navy and Air Force in Hawaii. I encourage everyone who can to learn more about Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The new history app is a great tool, and I invite you to give it a try," James said.

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, recently had the opportunity to try the new app.

Jim Neuman, Navy Region Hawaii historian, showed Adm. Ponds how



Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, tries out the new Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam Historic Sites app with Jim Neuman, Navy Region Hawaii historian. (Right) Screenshots of the JBPHH Historic Sites app.

the app worked and explained its potential.

"Commander Navy Region Hawaii is committed to preserving history through innovation and new technologies, and the new Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam history app will provide a guide to learn more about the rich history of the base," Neuman said. "This application will provide a guide to learn more about the rich history at Pearl Harbor-Hickam."

"Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is one of the nation's most historically significant military bases," said Neuman. "Since its establishment in 1913, Pearl Harbor has been at the forefront of the United States naval operations in the Pacific while the flight line at

Hickam completed in 1938 has served as America's aerial hub in the region."

"In the century that has followed, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam has established its place as America's premier forward base for the United States prosecution of Pacific operations to ensure America's security in times of war and peace," Neuman added.

James talked about the importance of communication and its evolution in the military.

"From Morse code to cyber communication, cannonballs to cruise missiles, the military has found new and powerful ways to get the message out. Whether in energy, warfighting or communication—including communicating history—we are committed to being on the cutting edge of science and technology," he said.

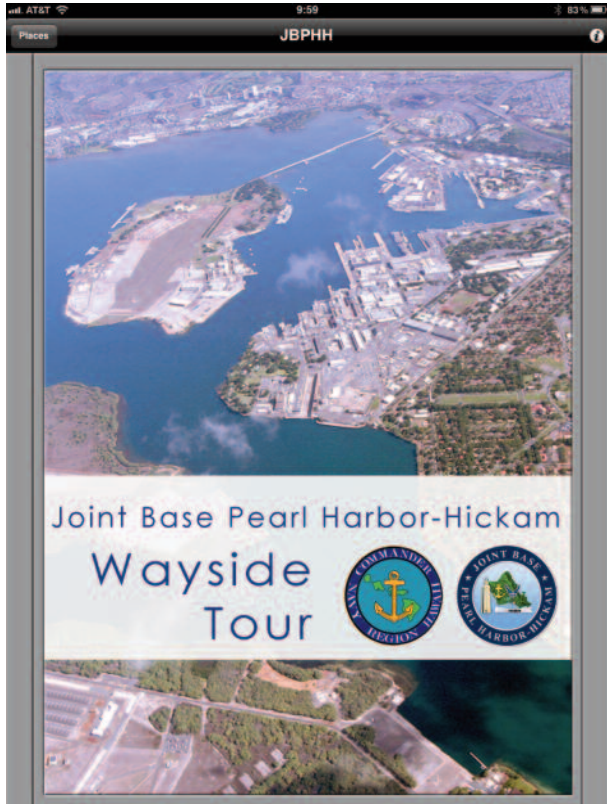
"As Rear Adm. Frank Ponds has said, 'Here in Hawaii, we embrace innovation while preserving history and maintaining force readiness.' This app is a good example of how we're moving forward in preserving and sharing history through innovation and new technologies," James continued.

Ponds was impressed with the new history app. "This helps move history forward," he said. "It will make our past readily available in the future."

The admiral was anxious to give the new app a try.

"I have an iPad in my office," he told Neuman at the end of their meeting. "I'm going to go load this app right now."

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam Historic Sites app for iPhone and iPad is available for free on iTunes. It is a 200 megabyte file.



A barrage balloon is flown during World War Two. Notice the water tower in the distance. Fort Kamehameha is the oldest military area of Hickam. Its five coastal batteries were built between 1911 and 1920 for the defense of Pearl Harbor and Oahu. Although the guns are gone, the concrete batteries remain. Battery Hawkins, the smallest, is most easily viewed. The Fort Kamehameha Historic District also retains some of the original Officers' Row of houses built in 1916 in the Craftsman Bungalow style of architecture. The Fort Kamehameha Chapel, built in 1940, can be seen across the street from Officers' Row.

Letter to the Editor

A reflection on Thanksgiving Day

So Thanksgiving Day has come and gone for this year. But its spirit should always live throughout each new day.

Thanksgiving! What a simple word it is. Yet what a big meaning it has had for generations.

It is also a word, and concept, that transcends many diverse cultures and has been a cornerstone to an even wider audience before its present-day known American concept began more than three centuries ago.

Before early European explorers arrived in North America, Indians chanted and were thankful for the wide expanse of natural beauty and bountiful food among them. Hawaiians treasured and chanted to their gods and goddesses in thanks for the wealth of life in the midst of their remote island chains.

Eskimos continually passed down values and appreciation of their abundant surroundings to younger eyes with hopes for their future.

And yet the concept of "thanksgiving" has been alive in other lands as well.

Everyone around the world finds their own ways to express, throughout the year, similar concepts of "thanksgiving."

These other lands also strive to use its meaning in their own languages as a building block to keep alive the promise of a better life for themselves and future generations.

John Burns

Scan this QR code with your mobile device to get access to more information about the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Historic Sites app.



Commentary

Commander issues guidance on marijuana decriminalization

Col. Johnny Roscoe

15th Wing Commander

Recently, Colorado and Washington state decriminalized all uses of marijuana. However, as Airmen in the United States Air Force

and members of the 15th Wing, use of marijuana is incompatible with military service regardless of whether you are traveling through or on temporary duty in the states that have decriminalized its use.

Furthermore, marijuana

use, possession, manufacture, distribution, introduction, importation and exportation are all still prohibited under Article 112a of the UCMJ and federal laws that criminalize marijuana offenses are still in effect.

In the coming days, we expect more information on this topic, but I want to ensure that you hear it from me first and are aware of the current state of military law on this issue.

Bottom line ... save your career, steer clear.

A 'gateway' into the history of Hickam

The wings at the entranceway flanking the gatehouse of the former Hickam Field were in place in 1937 in this photo, but they had not yet been painted and a perimeter fence had not yet been installed.

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Diverse Views



What do you want 'Santa' to bring you this year?



Master Sgt. Tim Leviston
561 Network Operations Squadron

"Sleep. And a Canon 70-200L lens."

Religious Program Specialist 2nd Class
Brian Schoffstall
Navy Region Hawaii



"I could use a new hunting rifle or bow."



Tech. Sgt. Miranda Hendrix
HQ PACOM

"An all expenses paid trip to Europe."

Information Technician 2nd Class
Katherine Sourivong
Navy Region Hawaii



"I'd like a little cold weather. Hawaii is in the tropics. It would be nice to have a change of seasons."

(Provided by David Underwood Jr.
and Brandon Bosworth).

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Ceremony at USS Utah Memorial honors Pearl Harbor survivor

Brandon Bosworth

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The ashes of Fred Leighton, a survivor of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, were scattered in the waters near the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island during a ceremony held Nov. 28.

“It was Fred’s wish to return to Pearl Harbor after his death and have his ashes scattered here so he could be with his shipmates lost here in these hallowed waters,” said Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivor liaison.

“He has made his final voyage and, thanks to his loving family, his wish will come true this morning.”

Fred H. Leighton was born June 12, 1921 in Healdsburg, Calif. Leighton joined the Navy in July 1939.

After completing boot camp, he was assigned to an old World War I-era destroyer, the USS Ramsay (DM 16). Ramsay was moored to Pearl Harbor the morning of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack. However, unlike so many other ships, Ramsay suffered little damage and was able to exit the harbor.

“The Ramsay was one of the few ships to get underway,” said Capt. Larry Scruggs, deputy commander, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, who spoke at the ceremony. “Fighting its way out of the harbor, Ramsay took the fight to the Japanese, hunting for submarines threatening U.S. ships.”

Leighton later served aboard Ramsay and other ships throughout the war in the Pacific. He took part in the invasion of Okinawa and was part of the armada that sailed into Yokohama Harbor for Japan’s signing of surrender.

Leighton was discharged

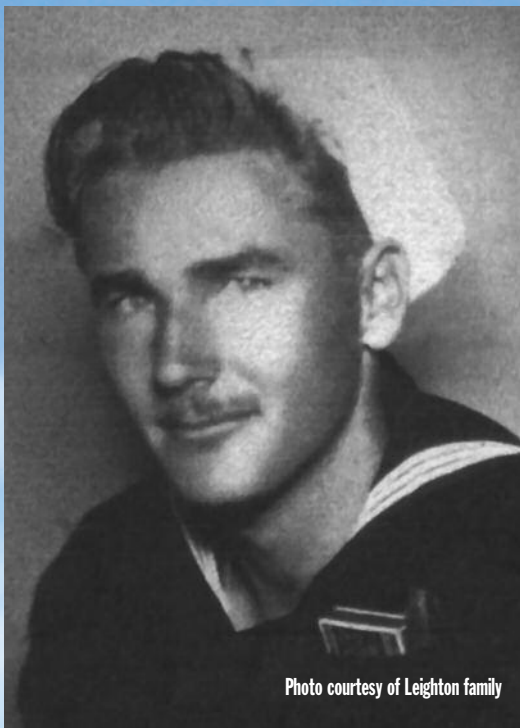


Photo courtesy of Leighton family



U.S. Navy photos by Brandon Bosworth

from the Navy in November 1945 after earning the position of boatswain’s mate first class petty officer. He died March 7, 2008 in Sebastopol, Calif.

Chaplain Lt. James Ragain, assigned to Pearl

Harbor Memorial Chapel, presided over the services and described Leighton as “a hero, like all those who serve our nation.”

The word “hero” also came up when Leighton’s son, Mark, sang an original song he wrote about his

father. Many of the lyrics were from Fred Leighton’s perspective, including the repeated line, “Son, don’t call me a hero.”

But the song also included lines from Mark’s point of view, such as “My dad is a hero, at least in my eyes.”

Leighton’s widow, Vanya, was also in attendance. She talked about how much he seriously took being a Pearl Harbor survivor.

“He attended every survivor’s event and meeting he could,” she said. “We

even attended two Dec. 7 events here in Hawaii.”

Vanya was very happy with the ceremony.

“It was beautiful and very moving,” she said. “I’m very thankful to the Navy for doing this and offering this wonderful service.”

USS Reuben James Sailors celebrate Thanksgiving at sea

Story and photo by Lt. j.g. Damon Goodrich-Houska

USS Reuben James (FFG 57)
Public Affairs

USS REUBEN JAMES, At Sea (NNS) – Sailors aboard guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57) celebrated Thanksgiving while underway in the western Pacific on Nov. 22.

The Sailors were able to spend some time relaxing as well as enjoy a Thanksgiving feast.

Reuben James is currently a finalist for the Ney award for food excellence, and it was apparent

on Thanksgiving.

“Holiday meals are a huge boost for morale,” said Operations Specialist 3rd Class Sean Powell. “This is my third Thanksgiving away from home, but a good meal and good company can make it a lot easier.”

The crew expressed gratitude for the long hours the culinary specialists put in and the chief petty officer mess and wardroom, who helped set up and serve the meal.

“The food was amazing. It’s all everyone is talking about,” said Aviation Electronics Technician 3rd Class Keaton Lamaster.

“Even though it’s tough at



times, I’m glad we’re out here ensuring our families and friends can celebrate the holiday at home in safety,” Lamaster said.

Reuben James is on a routine deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility and will decommission next year after 27 years of service.

Sailors on Reuben James enjoy Thanksgiving dinner.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights

Damage Controlman 1st Class William Huddleson, left, Machinist's Mate 1st Class Nickolas Miller, and Electronics Technician 1st Class Jesse Holland of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility man the grill for a benefit for the Combined Federal Campaign. The shipyard's First Class Petty Officer Association raised \$383 to donate to CFC.

U.S. Navy photo by Marshall Fukuki



Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (far left); Adm. Cecil D. Haney (center), commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet; and Rear Adm. Frank L. Ponds (far right), commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific; cut the cake during the Thanksgiving Day luncheon provided to Sailors at the Silver Dolphin Bistro Galley. They also helped in serving the Thanksgiving meal.

U.S. Navy photo by CS1 Alfredo Medina

Col. Dann Carlson, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam deputy commander and 647th Air Base Group commander, helps serve food for Airmen during a Thanksgiving meal Nov. 22 at a dining facility at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Air Force photo



Sailors and volunteers register to be bone marrow donor candidates during a bone marrow drive outside the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Dustin W. Sisco

Navy Reads: Conversation with the Creator II

Bill Dougherty

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Hawaii Public Affairs

In a world of Hulu, Halo, Facebook and Reddit, who has time to read a book ... and why bother?

The new-and-improved Navy reading program, now known as Chief of Naval Operations Professional Reading Program (CNO-PRP), shows why a commitment to literacy, education and critical thinking is still relevant, recognizing that a “book” today can be experienced not only on paper but also via Nook, Kindle or iPhone app.

The new reading program breathes online. Lists are no longer tied to rank, some titles are presented on the program’s website “for further consideration,” and Sailors can even check out books electronically for loan through Navy Knowledge Online.

U.S. Naval War College (NWC) professor John Jackson, creator of Navy’s reading program, believes in promoting and encouraging reading as fun. The program’s goal is to create a “culture of reading” on ships and at shore commands. We first interviewed Jackson in July 2009. In this October 2012 conversation, he speaks about how the program has evolved for the digital generation.

Professor Jackson, the biggest change to the list is the alignment to Adm. Greenert’s tenets -- “warfighting first, operate forward and be ready.” How did the CNO’s Sailing Directions guide the selection of books for the list?

When CNO published his Sailing Directions, he was providing his vision for the thrust that all Navy activities and actions should take. They provided a shorthand list of priorities. Since the CNO-PRP is designed to help develop the professionalism of all Sailors, it was relatively easy to identify books which aligned with the three tenets.

What was the CNO’s direct role?

The CNO personally reviewed and approved the titles recommended by the CNO-PRP Advisory Group (which includes U.S. Naval Academy, Naval Postgraduate School, Naval War College, Naval History and Heritage Command, and the Senior Enlisted Academy). He discussed the program at the all Navy Flag Officer and Senior Executive Service Conference in October 2011 and asked these Navy leaders to provide input on what they would like to see in the program. Seven of the 18 books on the “essential” list were recommended by Navy flags.

With the new structure, will there no longer be collections based on rank or position (for example, no junior enlisted collection or division leaders collection)?

The CNO-PRP Management office at NWC received some significant level of feedback that said that the rank-based book categories were considered too restrictive and may have left the impression that some books were too difficult for some Sailors to read. While the rank-based categories were always merely advisory in nature, and all books were always available to all Sailors, we decided to eliminate the rank designations and allow Sailors to make their own decisions on which books they will read.

Does the list consider the skills and competencies in the previous list (for example, leadership, critical thinking and manage-



Photo courtesy of Navy www.reads.blogspot.com

Adm. Harold Stark and Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox in the U.K. in 1943.

ment and strategic planning)?

The skills identified in the previous program are still the key competencies we believe need to be mastered by 21st century Sailors. The CNO-PRP Advisory Group specifically looked at books which addressed these skills, but in order to simplify the program matrix, we have stepped back from listing them in each case.

Was it difficult to limit the number of books on the essential list and recommended list, considering the many great books published on naval history, strategy, etc.?

You are absolutely correct! There are literally thousands of great books out there, and it would be easy to identify 100 titles that are particularly valuable. Restricting the CNO-PRP to 42 titles allows the program to be more manageable. It should be remembered that the Navy is the only service that actually buys and distributes the books in its professional reading program. We don’t want just a list, we want an accessible program.

It must be personally rewarding to see the program you created and managed from the beginning continue to flourish. In our first interview you shared a few anecdotes about how CNO-PRP has been (literally) taken aboard by Sailors. Do you have any other examples to share about the impact the reading program has had?

I am honored to still be in charge of this terrific program. I have seen it prosper under three CNOs, and Adm. Greenert’s level of involvement has been remarkable. It is truly his program, and it has his full backing in every way. I am always pleased when we get emails from the fleet asking for more books, telling us how the program is used aboard ship for general military training, and telling us about shipboard essay contests based on CNO-PRP books. I also find it interesting that the Navy Exchange has sold nearly 100,000 books directly to Sailors who want to build their own personal libraries.

I have been associated with the Navy for over 43 years, as a student, a commissioned officer and now as a DON civilian employee, and I can tell you that I have gotten greater satisfaction from managing the CNO-PRP than I have from any other job I’ve had in the Navy. I think the program really makes a difference in the intellectual develop-

ment of our Sailors and hopefully contributes to the professionalism of our Navy. You can’t do better than that.

Should the CNO-PRP still be considered a springboard? Is Naval Institute Press a good option for getting other titles?

The 42 books in the CNO-PRP are merely a starting point. They should be a springboard to greater study and reading. The Naval Institute Press has a huge number of good books available. I would also recommend that readers seek out the Naval War College Press, which publishes a quarterly journal, the Naval War College Review, and a number of books and monographs on maritime subjects.

How are you progressing in the era of e-books, other audio versions and social media integration of the reading program?

One of the primary directions we received from CNO was to embrace e-books as a growing format for reading books, magazines and articles of interest. The Navy General Library Program on Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) provides hundreds of books and magazines that they can download (on a loan basis) by authorized users. It must be recognized that not all books are available in electronic format, and some formats are not compatible with some reading devices. We are still in the early days in the electronic publishing industry, but the CNO-PRP will work hard to use electronic books as much as possible. We still value hard-copy, however, and that is why we have just purchased 22,000 books for distribution around the fleet.

In our first interview, you responded passionately about the value of reading in giving Sailors the knowledge needed to sharpen their fighting spirit and giving us all a better perspective on history. You said, “Good books entertain, illustrate, and educate.” How does reading make us better citizens of our nation and world?

Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, “Learn from the mistakes of others ... You can’t live long enough to make them all yourself!” I think this is the essence of why you want to read and learn from the successes (and mistakes) of others. Books are a treasure trove of knowledge, gathered across the eons, all waiting to be discovered by the curious Sailors of today. The CNO-PRP is committed to making great books available, wherever Sailors work and live.

Parking lot to be repaved

From 7 a.m. Dec. 10 through 4 p.m. April 5, building 1557 Jagger’s Café parking lot will be repaved and restriped.

Motorists and pedestrians are advised to heed caution and warning signs and avoid parking in the work area throughout the duration of construction.

Vehicles obstructing the worksite will be towed at the owner’s expense.

Traffic from the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center through the parking lot will be closed throughout the duration of the project.

Stockdale Awards

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Stockdale was about.”

Greenert described the two successful commanding officers and credited their spouses who, like all military husbands and wives, bear much of the burden of military service.

Patrick took command of USS Chafee, homeported at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in 2010. He has earned the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, five Navy and Marine Corps Commendation medals and three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals.

“It is humbling to be chosen for this award,” said Patrick. “To be an effective leader you have to care about each individual Sailor. If you put your all into being a good leader for them, I have found that they’ll put their all into giving you the best possible effort. It’s a team effort, and a team award.”

Sittlow reported aboard the USS Boise (SSN 764) in 2010. He has earned numerous awards for his service, but said he is most proud of the unit awards that the submarines he has served on have earned during deployed operations.

Both awardees were nominated by their peers and were recommended by their fleet commanders for consideration by a panel of senior officers. The Stockdale Leadership award is an annual award and is presented to two commissioned officers who are in command of a single ship, submarine, aviation squadron or operational warfare unit. I

It was established in honor of Vice Adm. James Bond Stockdale. His distinguished naval career symbolizes the highest standards of excellence in both personal example and leadership. Candidates must be nominated by peers who themselves must be eligible for the award.

Stockdale was a U.S. Naval Academy graduate and a pilot. In September 1965, he ejected out of his A-4E Skyhawk over North Vietnam and for eight years was held prisoner and frequently tortured. In 1976, he received the Medal of Honor. He served as president of the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. from October 1977 until August 1979. Stockdale died in 2005 and is buried at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Tripler blood drives

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).

- Dec. 3, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hickam BX.
- Dec. 7, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, building 2.
- Dec. 17 and 19, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m., 3rd Radio Battalion, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

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

Military leaders, Hawaii government target joint sustainability issues

Story and photo by
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U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii
Public Affairs

HONOLULU — Navy Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, put pens to paper, along with other installation leaders from military bases around Oahu, and signed a Memorandum of Understanding pledging closer collaboration between the City and County of Honolulu. The signing took place Nov. 15 at Honolulu Hale, or city hall.

Hawaii’s Army, Marine, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard leaders signed the MOU on sustainability and solid waste management issues.

Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle hosted the MOU signing by military and city leadership at his office before about two dozen witnesses and media members.



City and County of Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle (left) displays a signed copy of an Memorandum of Understanding pledging closer collaboration between the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard and city on sustainability and solid waste management issues. Capt. Jeffrey James (center), commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and Col. Daniel Whitney (right), commander of U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, participated in the signing ceremony at the mayors office Nov. 15.

The goal is to develop a comprehensive and integrated approach for solid waste management on Oahu that will assist the parties in their individual solid waste management programs and sup-

port mutual solid waste and sustainability objectives.

“This is a great example of multiple government branches coming together to improve efficiency and foster understanding that benefits

everyone,” Carlisle said. “The city and military have mutual interests in protecting the environment and helping create more sustainable practices for a better future.”

“The key message here

today is that we are all working together - our installations along with the City and County of Honolulu - to make us less dependent on foreign fossil fuels,” said James.

“We recognize the need to do everything we can to conserve energy, convert waste to energy and promote energy security,” James said.

The MOU pledges cooperation in many ways, including coordinating efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle wastes; considering economic benefits of new technologies for resource recovery; coordinating waste management programs; and working to contribute to the Oahu economy and quality of life for its citizens.

“The Army and our military partners believe that shared knowledge will lead to actions that benefit the entire community,” said Whitney.

The agreement establishes a working group that includes the City and County of Honolulu, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii,

Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, and Coast Guard Base Honolulu.

While a comprehensive and integrated approach to solid waste management—for the benefit of the entire community—is the goal, the cooperative nature of the working partnership also charts an important course for the future, according to both military and civilian leaders.

“This agreement between Oahu’s military installations and the City and County of Honolulu serves as a foundation for future collaborations,” Whitney said.

“A lot of hard work has gone into this (MOU), and the signatures signify our commitment to work even harder to accomplish the mission,” Carlisle said. “We all create waste, and we all have an obligation to ensure disposal of waste moves us towards a sustainable future.”

(Editor’s note: The City and County of Honolulu and JBPHH Public Affairs also contributed to this article.)

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard hosts RoK Naval Shipyard commander

Story and photo by
David Tomiyama

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate
Maintenance Facility Public Affairs

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) officials hosted Republic of Korea (RoK) navy counterparts during a visit here Nov. 13.

Capt. Brian Osgood, commander of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, led a discussion on the organization and operations of the shipyard and gave a tour of dry dock four to Rear Adm. Seong-Back Kim, RoK Naval Shipyard commander, and his staff.

“This visit by the admiral and his staff provided an opportunity to develop a mutual understanding of how our shipyards do business,” said Osgood. “With the U.S. Navy rebalancing our engagement in the Pacific, it’s vital that we listen and share ideas with our strategic partners in the region regarding logistics and maintenance needed to keep our

fleets fit to fight.”

Kim requested the meeting to re-establish friendly relations between the two countries’ shipyards. He sought to benchmark the shipyard’s maintenance support to the U.S. Navy fleet, skill development among its workforce and modernization of its facilities in comparison to his own. The last visit by a RoK Naval Shipyard commander to PHNSY & IMF was in 2006.

“I wanted to compare the availability timeframes of our surface ships and the types of maintenance we perform on our fleet as compared to the [Pearl Harbor Naval] shipyard,” Kim said. “I was also interested as to how Pearl Harbor trains and integrates its civilian workforce with the active duty Sailors.”

Kim and his staff ended their visit thoroughly impressed with the shipyard.

“I marveled at their facilities and organization,” said Kim. “While some of the buildings might be a little old, they’re maintained extremely well. The organization of the shipyard from people to operations is remarkable.”



Cmdr. Kate Dolloff, deputy of Hawaii Regional Maintenance Center at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, explains the status of repairs on the USS Hopper (DDG 70) in dry dock to Rear Adm. Seong-Back Kim (center), commander Republic of Korea Naval Shipyard, his staff, and Capt. Brian Osgood (far left), shipyard commander.

Dec. 7 events will include flyover, pass-in review

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include, among others, Office of the Secretary of Defense, U.S. Strategic Command, and commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, where today he leads the world’s largest and most powerful fleet.

For the first time, the National Park Service and Pacific Historic Parks will share the historical significance of Dec. 7 with 6,000-plus school-age children across Hawaii with a simultaneous reading aloud program. Children attending more than 130 elementary and intermediate schools who are enrolled in afterschool care programs will learn about the real life story of an unlikely friendship between the late Pearl Harbor survivor Richard Fiske and Japanese fighter pilot Zenji Abe.

The book titled, “Pearl Harbor Warriors: The Bugler, The Pilot, The Friendship,” is a story of peace and forgiveness and how these men, who were once enemies of war, overcame their hatred and fear for one another. In 1991, as a symbol of peace and friendship,

Abe gave Fiske \$300 and asked him to lay two roses at the Arizona Memorial each month, one for him and one for Fiske. He also asked Fiske to sound Taps on his bugle after he did this.

Fiske honored this request every month until he died in 2004. Pacific Historic Parks has purchased 175 copies of the book to provide to each participating school.

Special recognition at the ceremony will also be given to:

- Former Navy Chief Ray Emory is a Pearl Harbor survivor and president emeritus of the National Chief Petty Officers Association. Today, Emory is a hero to many survivors and to the families of those killed, being personally involved in identifying remains of “unknowns” and ensuring graves are properly identified at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

- Former members of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), who during WWII, became the first women ever to get behind the controls of American

military aircraft and fly non-combat missions. The ceremony will recognize the tremendous contributions made by all women in uniform and women civilians who supported the war efforts on the home front through the building of ships, victory gardens and purchasing war bonds.

At 7:55 a.m., the exact moment the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor began 71 years ago, a moment of silence will be observed. USS Michael Murphy, the Navy’s newest guided-missile destroyer at Pearl Harbor, will render honors to the USS Arizona. The Hawaii Air National Guard will fly over the memorial in a “missing man” formation. The ceremony will conclude with a “walk of honor” by Pearl Harbor survivors and other WWII veterans through an honor cordon of military and National Park Service men and women.

Public access to the Pearl Harbor 71st Anniversary commemoration

The commemoration is free of charge, and the public is invited to attend. Seats for the general pub-

lic are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. The visitor center will open early at 6 a.m. Seating for the public will begin at 7:15 a.m.

Limited public parking for the ceremony at the visitor center

Additional parking will be available at Richardson Field. The public is encouraged to arrive early to allow time for parking and going through security at the visitor center.

Limited USS Arizona Memorial public tour schedule

Public tours to the USS Arizona Memorial will be operating on a special schedule on Dec. 7 due to the morning ceremony. The first public tour will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the last tour beginning at 1:30 p.m. Tours will begin every 15 minutes and include a 23-minute movie presentation followed by a short boat ride and visit to the memorial. Tickets are free and distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Security

Cameras are permitted; however, due to strict security measures, camera bags, purses, handbags and/or other items that offer concealment are not allowed. Complimentary bag storage is available at the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park. The normal storage fee is being waived by the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park for this one day.

Dress code

Military dress is summer whites or service equivalent. The civilian dress code for the commemoration is aloha business attire, long pants and collared shirts.

Information

For more information about the Pearl Harbor Day 71st Anniversary Commemoration ceremony and special events, visit www.pearlharborevents.com

A series of special events recognizing the 70th anniversary of the USS Bowfin and the 71st anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor will be open to the public Nov. 29 through Dec. 9.

(Please see page A-2 for information on other Dec. 7-related events.)

Multinational team of wingmen rescues downed pilot from Pacific Ocean

Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

(Editor’s note: Although the incident involving the F-16 happened on July 22, the Manukai crew, who played a vital role in the pilot’s rescue, was presented with a plaque on Nov. 19 by the commanders of PACAF and 35th Fighter Wing.)

On July 22, a U.S. Air Force pilot assigned to Misawa Air Base, Japan, had to eject from an F-16 Fighting Falcon over the turbulent and cold waters of the north Pacific.

Over the next six hours, the pilot, JEST 73, focused on surviving in his small life raft, constantly using his helmet to bail water out to keep afloat.

While ejecting from an aircraft and landing in the middle of the vast Pacific Ocean would probably not qualify as the man’s best day, the pilot was fortunate in that an improbable, varied mix of different people and agencies were seamlessly partnering up to help out.

The traditional military definition of a “wingman” refers to the flight pattern in which there is a lead aircraft and another which flies off the wing of and behind the lead. This second pilot is called the wingman because he or she primarily watches the lead’s back. It turned out there were a lot of wingmen watching the downed Airman’s back.

“While bailing water from my life raft, I was in constant communication with airborne rescue forces which helped ease my mind, but with each passing hour, I was growing more concerned that I would end up spending the night in my life raft,” said JEST 73.

A KC-135 Stratotanker belonging to the 22nd Air Refueling Wing at McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas, and two others



U.S. Coast Guard courtesy photo

An Air Force pilot climbs down the Jacobs ladder of the cargo vessel Manukai to the Coast Guard Cutter Munro’s small boat crew in the North Pacific Ocean. The pilot, who was forced to eject from his aircraft for unknown reasons, transited with the Munro to Dutch Harbor, Alaska, where he met an awaiting Air Force airplane for transit back to Japan.

belonging to the 18th Wing at Kadena Air Base, Japan were among the first on scene in the wake of the late morning incident. The aircraft’s pilots relayed news to the 618th Air and Space Operations Center (Tanker Airlift Control Center [TACC]), Air Mobility Command’s operational nerve center.

“When the call first came in from one of the KC-135 commanders, we only knew that we had an F-16 pilot who had just ejected, thankfully wasn’t injured, and was busy bailing out his raft,” said Col. David Smith, TACC

director of operations during the incident.

“We told the aircraft to stay in radio contact and let the pilot know that help was on the way and that we were immediately commencing rescue operations. Our commitment was not to let him down,” Smith explained.

That call put into motion the race to quickly recover the pilot. TACC immediately provided air traffic controllers at Fukuoka, Japan and Anchorage, Alaska with the incident’s location. Those controllers quickly passed the information to the Japanese Rescue

Coordination Center to begin search and rescue operations. Those efforts were bolstered by the rapid passing of information to the rescue coordination center in Alameda, Calif., which shared it with ships in the area.

“We were about a day out of Japan, and I was on watch when a call came in from the Coast Guard on the satellite phone,” said Jim Dowling, 2nd Mate and navigation officer for the Matson commercial container ship Manukai, which was on the return leg of a long journey from Long Beach, Calif. to China, Japan and points between.

“The call said a military aircraft went down about 100 miles behind (west of) our position,” Dowling added.

Dowling called up the ship’s captain, who confirmed the position. Then they called the Manukai’s engine room to get more power (RPMs), turned the ship around, and headed back to help. The Manukai’s crew maintained a constant dialogue with the air crews overhead as they raced to help.

As the minutes passed, TACC officials ensured regular communication with the pilot, with the KC-135 crews closely monitoring his condition and continuing to provide him reassurance that help was enroute.

A Japanese fishing vessel, the Hokko Maru, also responded to the call for help and was heading toward the pilot’s position. As the Manukai and Hokku Maru approached at nearly the same time, the U.S. and Japanese crews worked together to develop a plan.

“As we talked to the Japanese fishing boat, we determined they had a more ideal life boat so they agreed to pick him up,” Dowling explained.

“Then they brought him

alongside us, and we were lucky in that there was some light remaining and fairly calm seas at that time. We lowered the gangway to the life boat and he was able to climb up. It was an all-hands event, with all 21 of our crew lining the rails,” Dowling said.

Perhaps one of the biggest highlights of a day full of ups and downs was waiting for the pilot as soon as he was safely on the Manukai. “They had patched his wife through to him by phone on our ship,” Dowling said.

For approximately the next two days, the pilot was a guest of the Manukai’s crew. Dowling said he was a “shipboard celebrity” to the sailors. The ship swung north of its normal intended course to meet up with the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Munro, which transported the pilot to Alaska, where he was eventually taken to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, near Anchorage. “The entire shipboard combat information center was instrumental in coordinating the rendezvous, from over 800 nautical miles, to occur exactly on schedule,”

wrote U.S. Coast Guard Ensign Jacob Hauser, underway as the Munro’s public affairs officer. Hauser also served as ship’s deck and conning officer for the rendezvous.

“Both ships were able to find one another in thick fog and maneuver safely to within 500 yards aboard. The (pilot) had to climb down a 20-30 foot ladder (from the Manukai) to reach the small boat, which was expertly maneuvered for a safe passenger transfer,” Hauser said.

Hauser explained that the entire crew was piped topside as the pilot approached in the small boat, in order to render appropriate honors—a way of welcoming him home. Once aboard, the pilot

was received by applause before debriefing with the commanding officer and department heads.

“While the circumstances of losing an aircraft are certainly not ideal, we were absolutely thrilled to successfully recover our Airman, our most important asset,” said Gen. Herbert “Hawk” Carlisle, Pacific Air Forces commander.

“Additionally, it was truly heartwarming to see the dedicated teamwork and vigorous coordination between elements of the U.S. and Japanese military, search and rescue teams, and Japanese and U.S. civilian mariners, whose willingness to help was instrumental in our pilot eventually returning home to his family. We deeply appreciate this incredible partnership,” Carlisle said.

On Nov. 19, Carlisle and Col. Stephen Williams, 35th Fighter Wing (FW) commander, presented a plaque shaped like an F-16’s tail section to the Manukai crew on behalf of the men and women of PACAF and the 35th FW.

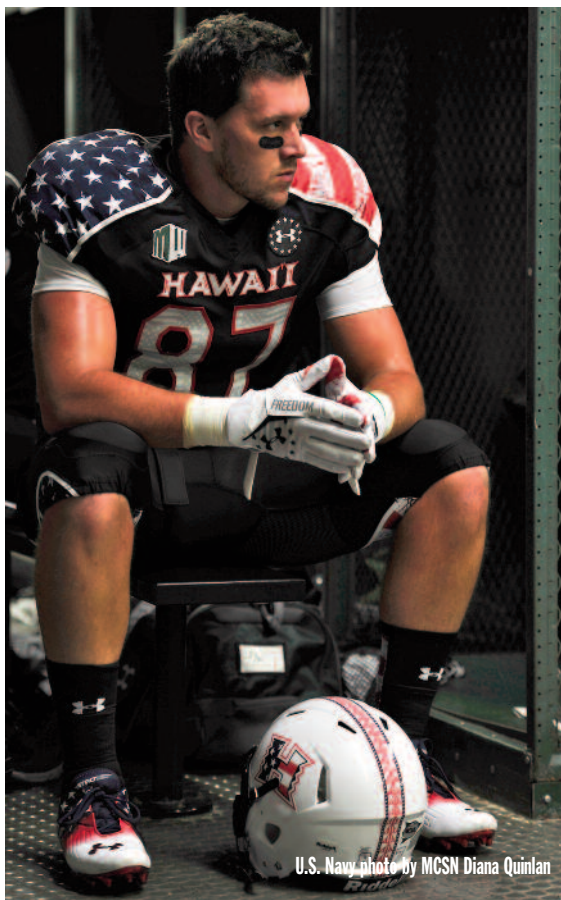
The pilot also expressed his gratitude to the multiple rescue crews as his written thank-you note was read during the presentation.

“Had it not been for the selfless efforts of the Manukai crew, this story may have had a much different ending,” said JEST 73.

“My wife and two daughters join me in my heartfelt thanks to everyone who assisted in my rescue and subsequently reunited me with my family. Getting to hold my wife in my arms again and getting to read bedtime stories to my girls were made possible thanks to [their] heroic actions.”

The cause of the incident remains under investigation.

(Air Mobility Command Public Affairs contributed to this report.)



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PAYS SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MILITARY

Story and photos by
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Sports Editor

The University of Hawaii continued to build its ties with members of Hawaii's armed forces community by holding its annual Military Appreciation Night on Nov. 24 at Aloha Stadium.

Earlier in the year, the Warriors football team held camp at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam with daily practices at Earhart Field.

At this year's event, the school paid tribute to Wounded Warriors, military family members and service men and women recently returned from deployment.

Prior to kickoff, the evening started off with ceremonies saluting spouses of the year in the 5th Annual Key Spouse Award presentation.

Among the spouses recognized were Amy Monroe, who is married to Air Force Maj. Allen Monroe, 647th Civil Engineer Squadron, and Amy Rueda, wife

of Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Eduardo Rueda, USS Russell (DDG 59).

Wounded Warriors Air Force Staff Sgt. Daniel Meyer, Army Staff Sgt. Brett Miller and Army Staff Sgt. Ryan Soto served as honorary team captains.

Then, at halftime, 22,070 fans cheered on as the ceremonies continued with a tribute to the recently returned armed forces members.

In addition, the crowd showed its appreciation for Staff Sgt. Samuel Hesck, 111th Army

National Guard Band, who sang "chicken-skin" renditions of "Proud to be an American" and "God Bless America" with full support of the UH Marching Band.

As part of its Military Appreciation Night, the Warriors football team surrendered its usual green-and-white threads to don special red-white-and-blue uniforms, made by Under Armour, that were highlighted by stars and name tags that read, honor, integrity and courage.

The game-worn uniforms are being auctioned until Dec. 9 at Hawaii Athletics.com. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.

The goodwill gesture from the university seemed to rally the Warriors football team.

Playing against University of Las Vegas at Nevada in a Mountain West Conference showdown, the Warriors snapped an eight-game losing streak and won their first conference game, stomping the visitors by a score of 48-10.



You Mad takes Thanksgiving Tournament title

Story and photo by
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Sports Editor

You Mad, a team made up mostly of members from the former base intramural champs 3-Peat, bounced back from the loser's bracket to claim the 2011 Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament by defeating United States Army Pacific (USARPAC), 47-44, in overtime Nov. 25 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

After being sent to the loser's bracket by USARPAC earlier in the day, You Mad summed up their veteran experience to beat the visitors from Fort Shafter, 41-36, before doing it again in the winner-take-all showdown.

The double-elimination tournament was held over two days and welcomed seven teams that included the 647th Security Forces Squadron's Pound Town, USS Chafee (DDG 90), Fleet Family Readiness Program, USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) and USS Lake Erie (CG 70).

"We made it way harder than we had to," admitted You Mad point guard Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Aaron Jackson. "We had them down in the first game, so if we had won that game, we'd have to win the one and we'd have won the championship. But you know, the will to win, you can never underestimate that. If you put your heart into it and give your all, you'll be OK when you come out in the end."

After avenging the team's first lost, You Mad opened up the championship matchup by scoring the first 10 points with eight of the tallies coming off of the hot hand of guard Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Shelby Mayfield, who led the way with two long-range treys and lay-up.

However, USARPAC guard Logistics Specialist 1st Class Marcus Burdios put his team right back into the game by connecting on



Specialist 2nd Class Aaron Jackson, point guard for You Mad, takes it to the rack for two points in the championship game of the Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament against United States Army Pacific (USARPAC).

back-to-back 3-pointers to pull to within four.

Shortly before halftime, center Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Eric Cotton scored a basket at the 3:27 mark to give You Mad their first double-digit lead at 16-6, before the team ended the first half with a 19-9 advantage.

In the second half, USARPAC

came out strong and, led by the shooting of guards Army Sgt. Arlington Scott and Spc. Terrence Robinson, cut the lead down to three at 23-20.

Scott swished two 3-pointers and Robinson sank a trey and a basket in the comeback.

Then, with the guards opening up the paint, center Sgt. Quentin



Members of the You Mad basketball team get together for a group picture after winning the 2012 Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament.

Leathers converted on a hook shot and a putback before tying the score at 28-28 on a thunderous break-away dunk with 6:37 remaining in the game.

Deadlocked at 35-35 with only 6.8 seconds on the clock, Leathers was fouled and sent to the line with the opportunity to seal away the win, but missed on two free throws to send the game into overtime.

"It felt good," said Jackson about the two missed throws. "I called a second timeout just to ice him. I figured he had missed the first one, so I got in his head a little bit to give him time to think about it and he went to the line and missed it."

In overtime, You Mad broke out to a four-point lead, but Robinson cut it down to one on a trey with 36 seconds on the clock.

USARPAC immediately fouled to try and get the ball back, but the plan backfired when You Mad players stepped up to the line and made their shots.

"We never worry," said Cotton about You Mad's free throw shooting at the end of the game. "We all know that we can hit big shots. We're all used to that situation, so we just come up, hit the shot and keep moving."

Head coach of USARPAC, Lt. Col. William Johnson, said that inexperience might have been the

main reason why his team just couldn't close the books on the tournament, despite having two chances to win the championship.

Many of the players, only recently joined the team, said Johnson, and the lack of cohesion resulted in too many missed shots and opportunities.

"We had a few bad possessions that led to more bad possessions," he said. "We got out of sync. We normally move the ball, set good picks, look inside and if we got the shot, we'll take it. At times, we just settled for the 3-point shot."

Still, Johnson said, the team was in a good place to wrap it up, but the missed free throws proved to be too costly.

"That's part of the game," he noted. "Free throws count, rebounds count and defense counts."

For Jackson, who wished everyone happy holidays, winning the tournament provided the players with a small feeling of retribution after the team lost in the semifinals of the Summer Basketball League.

"I wouldn't say this rectifies that because that was a hard one to swallow, but it definitely helps," he acknowledged. "This is part of the retribution. Maybe we'll win intramurals or win another league or something like that and we'll be back."

Special Olympics to be held this weekend at JBPHH

The Special Olympics Hawaii Holiday Classic will be held this weekend, Dec. 1-2, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) and Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay (MCBH).

Approximately 800 athletes with intellectual disabilities, with the guidance of 250 coaches and more than 1,000 volunteers, will compete in basketball, bowling and bocce.

During the holiday classic, the athletes will also have the opportunity to enjoy many special events, such as the opening and closing ceremonies, Olympic town and the victory dance.

JBPPH support includes ceremonial assistance for the opening

such as the Pacific Fleet Band Quintet, Navy color guard and chaplain.

"Our annual Holiday Classic is not just a competition to mark the end of the fall season," said Dan Epstein, Special Olympics Hawaii vice president of sports.

"It's also a celebration for the athletes who have spent months preparing for this sporting event and are able to compete with other athletes from across the state. Many people don't know that these 880 athletes train vigorously every year starting in September to compete in area and regional competitions in October and November to qualify for the Holiday Classic. Their dedication and hard work

are really inspiring," Epstein said.

The holiday classic schedule of events includes:

- Dec. 1
 - Team basketball from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the MCBH youth gym, Hickam main gym and Pearl Harbor sub-base gym.
 - Singles bowling at Hickam lanes from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (all age 22-29 singles bowlers) and 1 to 4 p.m. (age 30 and over male singles bowlers).
 - Singles and unified bowling at Kaneohe Bay lanes from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (age 30 and over female singles bowlers) and 1 to 4 p.m. (youth unified team bowling).
 - Bocce from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (traditional doubles) at the softball

fields across from Hickam bowling center.

Special events on Dec. 1 at Hickam hangars 34 and 35 include opening ceremonies from 7 to 8:15 p.m., dancing to DJ music from 8:15 to 9:45 p.m. and additional meetings from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m.

Lunch will be distributed at competition venues from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dinner will be at Hickam hangars 34 and 35 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

- Dec. 2
 - Team basketball from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the MCBH youth gym, Hickam main gym and Pearl Harbor sub-base gym.
 - Bowling from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Hickam lanes (ages 8-21

female singles bowlers) and 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (8-21 male singles bowlers).

- Bowling from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at MCBH lanes (adult unified team bowling) and 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. adult unified team bowling).

- Bocce from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the softball fields across from the Hickam bowling center (unified doubles).

Breakfast will be from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. at MCBH Anderson Hall and Hickam Hale Aina dining hall. Lunch will be distributed at competition venues from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information visit the website www.specialolympicshawaii.org.

Armed Services YMCA to hold annual art contest

Armed Services YMCA

Armed Services YMCA has announced the guidelines for its annual national contest.

The Armed Services YMCA art contest 2013 seeks young artists for its annual contest titled, "My Military Family."

The contest promotes art among children of active duty or retired (with 20 or more years of service) from the Army, Navy,

Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and National Guard/Reserves families.

Children in grades kindergarten through six are eligible to enter. Winning artwork will receive an Ipod Touch. One winner will be awarded in each service category. The top six winners (one from each service) will be highlighted on the Armed Services YMCA annual Military Family Month Poster.

Students are asked to draw a picture of their military family. All entries should be drawn on a six-by-eight inch template included with the entry form. Entries with use of color and a patriotic theme have caught judges' attention in the past.

Entries should be postmarked no later than Feb. 15, 2013 to be eligible.

Sent entries to:
Armed Services YMCA

Attn: Art contest
7405 Alban Station Ct., Suite B 215

Springfield, VA. 22152

All entries should include the official entry form completely filled out and attached to the backside of each entry. The entry form can be found on the Armed Services YMCA website www.asymca.org.

For more information, email ssimms@asymca.org.



Civil Engineer Squadron secures playoff spot

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Airman 1st Class Ryan Walters, quarterback for the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES), threw for five touchdowns to lead his team to a 34-13 victory over Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) "A" Team on Nov. 26 in an American League intramural flag football game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win raised the 647 CES record to 10-5 and secured a spot in the upcoming postseason, which is scheduled for Dec. 8-10 at Ward Field.

Meanwhile, NIOC was knocked out of the playoffs by losing their seventh game against eight wins.

"I believe we were on the bubble too, but we're in now," Walters said. "Unfortunately, half our team, including me, is not going to be here for the playoffs."

With both teams in desperate need of a win, it was the 647 CES that came out quickly and took control early in the game.

On only the second play from scrimmage, Walters looked downfield and hoisted a bomb into the hands of Airman 1st Class Burton Jurel, who made the catch and streaked down the right sideline for a touchdown.

"It was actually supposed to go to the outside corner, but I threw it in the middle. Luckily he (Jurel) made a play," Walters admitted. "They (receivers) helped me out a lot this year. I get it close



Sgt. Russell Wrenn, defensive back for 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES), picks off a pass to give the offense good field position in an American Division intramural flag football game against Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) "A" Team. The 647 CES beat NIOC, 34-13, and advanced to next week's playoffs.

and they come up with it." With the offense getting the job done, the 647 CES

defense stepped into the spotlight and delivered. After NIOC picked up a

first down at their own 21, Tech. Sgt. Russell Wrenn stepped in front of a pass

from quarterback Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 1st Class Kelly Rixie and picked it off at the 647 CES 34-yard line.

Two plays later, Walters connected to Tech. Sgt. Matt Voorhees for 18 yards and the team's second touchdown of the game to take a 13-0 lead.

Down by two scores, Rixie took matters into his own hands and, on second down from the 26, the NIOC quarterback took off on a keeper down the middle before cutting to the right sideline and scoring on a 54-yard scamper to make it 13-7 after the converted point after touchdown (PAT).

While NIOC cut the lead down to six, the run may have ruined the team's chances of making a full comeback after Rixie was forced to the sideline with a strained hamstring.

Nearing halftime, the 647 CES took to the field for their third offensive series of the game, and like their first two, the drive ended up with a touchdown.

Walters topped off an eight-play, 65-yard drive by completing another long touchdown pass into the arms of Jurel.

The added PAT made the score 20-7 at intermission.

Following the break, more troubles ensued for NIOC as the team opened the second half by giving up a safety when the ball was hiked over the head of replacement quarterback Department of Defense civilian Phil Perez and sailed out of the end zone.

Then on the next drive for the 647 CES, Walters put the game in the team's

pocket when, on a fourth down and 12 yards to go, he connected for his fourth touchdown pass of the game - finding Jurel in the back of the end zone for six and a 28-7 advantage.

Walters was intercepted for a pick-six by NIOC defensive back Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 2nd Class Marcus Levert, but closed out the game with his fifth touchdown pass of the game - hitting Voorhees in the end zone.

After the final whistle sounded, Perez said that although NIOC players gave it their all, the team faced just too many obstacles to overcome.

"It was just an issue of using the wrong players in the wrong positions out of necessity," he explained. "We had to use players at new positions that they never played before."

In addition, the injury to Rixie severely damaged the NIOC attack.

"That affected our whole offensive dynamic," he said. "Me switching from receiver to quarterback and now having to use our safety as our primary receiver threw off our timing."

While Walters affirmed that he and several other players wouldn't be available for the playoffs, he still believes that the 647 CES could pull off a few surprises - especially if the team's defense comes to play.

"We've beat some good teams out here when our defense played like tonight," he said. "They've won the majority of our games. If they play like that, with our offense clinking, I feel like we can be dominant."

'Ticket to Ride' grant to bring local students into park

Story and photos by
National Park Service

This year, World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument was selected to receive a Ticket to Ride grant in order to bring more than 700 fifth grade students from underserved areas of Oahu to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Nationwide, more than \$230,000 in Ticket to Ride grants have made it possible for about 30,000 students to experience their local national parks this fall.

Responding to a need for transportation and educational programming funding from parks and schools nationwide, the National Park Foundation, the official charity of America's national parks, created the Ticket To Ride program.

Ticket to Ride provides financial resources for transportation, in-park educational programming, and meals that make national park field trips possible for schools across the country.

The students are participating in a three-part pro-



Students from Mauka Lani Elementary school show their enthusiasm for their first trip to Pearl Harbor.

gram titled "Let's Talk (Hi)story," focused on exploring personal connections to history and national parks. This program began with ranger-led visits to

each of the eight participating schools in September, featuring story-telling from National Park Service volunteer Jimmy Lee.

Lee was in the fifth grade



National Park Service Ranger Nikki Brown explains program goals to August Ahrens Elementary School fifth graders.

when he witnessed the Dec. 7, 1941 attack. In October and November, students from 32 classrooms visited Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona Memorial, most for the first time.

Through participating in this program, students have forged new connections and been inspired to explore the more personal side of history - not only through their

local national park, but through a special oral history project they will complete with their own social networks at home.

"Providing the means for America's youth to experience all that our national park system has to offer is imperative," said Neil Mulholland, president and chief executive officer of the National Park Foundation.

"The Ticket to Ride program makes it possible for us to engage the younger generation through the parks' unique natural, cultural and historical classrooms, ultimately fostering an early love and appreciation for these important places," Mulholland said.

For more information about the program, go to www.nationalparks.org.

Battleship Missouri Memorial invites guests to experience 'Heart of the Missouri'

Battleship Missouri Memorial

Ever wonder what it takes to move a 40,000-ton ship at a speed of nearly 40 mph or how the 16-inch guns fired a 2,700-pound projectile 23 miles with pinpoint accuracy? "The Heart of the Missouri Tour" will answer these and many frequently asked questions about America's last battleship.

The Missouri's tour guides take groups through areas never before available including boiler, plotting and engine rooms they will receive hands-on training with lessons on lighting one of the eight, three-story Babcock and Wilcox boilers and adjusting throttles, releasing the steam that drives the ship's massive propellers.

Guests are also introduced to the ship's last chief engineer, Larry



Photo courtesy of Battleship Missouri Memorial

"The Heart of the Missouri" tour will answer questions about the battleship including the ship's Broadway passage.

Doong, as he provides video commentary throughout Broadway, the longest and widest passage on the ship.

"The Heart of the Missouri tour is a unique experience unlike anything we've ever offered at the Battleship Missouri Memorial. For the first time, visitors will get to see how the Missouri worked," said Mike Carr, president and chief operating officer of the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

"If the Missouri was a movie this would be the behind-the-scenes footage. You get to see where all the magic happened, how she was powered, how the guns were aimed and fired and tons more. This ship was really a marvel of her time and the Navy engineers thought of everything when they built the Iowa-class battleships," Carr said.

Advance reservations are recommended as this tour has a capacity of 10 per group. Closed-toe shoes are mandatory, and the tour is limited to guests ages 10 and above.

For guests' safety, this tour is not recommended for those with mobility constraints. Patrons must be able to climb 10 sets of ladders, step over a dozen two-foot high obstacles, and navigate through tight doorways and low overheads.

Admission to "The Heart of the Missouri" Tour is \$25 per adult and \$12 per child. General admission, which includes choice of a four tours, is \$22 per adult and \$11 per child 4-12. Military, *kamaaina* (Hawaii residents) and school group pricing is available.

For more information or to reserve a tour, call toll-free 1-877-644-4896 or visit www.USSMissouri.org.

Coast Guard team trounces JBPHH-Security

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Quarterback Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Waylon Logsdon threw for five touchdowns in leading the Coast Guard's Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST) to a convincing 31-15 victory over Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Security on Nov. 27 in a National Division intramural flag football game at Ward Field, JBPHH.

The win raised MSST's record to 9-3, which is good enough for second place in the standings, while JBPHH Security fell to 6-8.

Logsdon bounced back after throwing an early pick-six to complete scoring tosses to Maritime Enforcement Specialist 3rd Class Ryan Buoniconti, Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Eric Dees, Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Micah Siangco and Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Chris Clevenger.

"Basically, we just look at the defense," explained Logsdon about the team's explosive offense. "We pick apart the holes in the zone. If they turn to man-to-man, it's better for us. Every game, we just take what the defense gives us."

On the first series of the game, Logsdon methodically moved the chains from his own 15 to the Security six-yard line, only to have the drive abruptly halted on an interception at the goal line by defensive back/receiver Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Kyle Nelson, who broke down the left sideline and ran into the end zone for an



Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Waylon Logsdon, quarterback for Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST), releases a pass during the team's National Division matchup against Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Security. Logsdon passed for five touchdowns to lead MSST to a 31-15 win over JBPHH Security.

early 6-0 lead.

"The quarterback, he scanned the field, and I just watched his eyes and his eyes just led me right to the ball," Nelson said. "Once I hit the sideline, I looked back to check if there was anybody on my tail and I just coasted in from there."

Logsdon said that it was one of those situations where he just didn't see the defensive back making a break for the ball.

"He (Nelson) came out of nowhere," he stated. "I saw an open guy, and he stepped in and took it to the house on me."

Immediately after the pick, Logsdon put the toss behind him and on only the four plays moved the ball from the 15 into Security territory at the 30.

Then on the next play, the QB placed a perfect pass into the hands of Buoniconti for a game-tying touchdown.

"You can't think about that last play," said Logsdon about how he overcame the interception. "You got to move forward because if you think about that last possession, you're going to keep doing that over and over."

After the MSST defense forced Security to hand over the ball on downs, Logsdon got the ball in good field position at the Security 32.

Once again, Logsdon connected with Buoniconti for another touchdown to finish off a four-play drive on a five-yard scoring toss.

Another stoppage of the Security offense by the MSST defense put the ball into the hands of Logsdon just before halftime.

Working fast to beat the

clock, Logsdon hit Dees for a 39-yard gain before hitting him again on a pass for 15 yards and a touchdown just before intermission to go up by a score of 19-6.

Following the break, MSST stopped Security inside the red zone at the 10 and then proceeded to march 70 yards on four plays for the team's fourth touchdown of the game.

The drive ended on a 16-yard pass from Logsdon to Siangco for the score and, with the added point after touchdown, a 25-6 advantage.

Security's offense finally got on the scoreboard on a drive that went 65 yards on seven plays with the final six yards covered on a flea-flicker back into the arms of quarterback Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Tanner Arcemant in the end zone.

While the game was already secured, Logsdon had one last hurrah before time expired.

The quarterback topped off a big day by marching the team 65 yards on three plays that ended on a scoring pass to Clevenger.

Although MSST will finish the season in second place, the team, since it is not part of JBPHH, will not be allowed to compete in the playoffs.

While Logsdon said that it's disappointing, he understands the situation and hopes that the team will be able to play for the title in the future.

"We came out here knowing that we weren't allowed to play in the playoffs," he pointed out. "We know that, but that's something that we can look forward to in the future."

Civil engineers ready Freedom Tower for holidays

Maj. Allen Monroe

647th Civil Engineer Squadron

It's no small feat to make the lights on Freedom Tower illuminate Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for the 43rd time.

Each November, 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) Airmen and civilians, and now U.S. Navy Seabees, invest 1,700 hours stringing lights, pulling strands, and climbing the 166 stairs leading up the 171-foot high tower to create Hawaii's "largest Christmas tree."

"It's a little known fact amongst our base residents how much time and effort that our engineers spend each November festively decorating Freedom Tower," said Lt. Col. Randy Whitecotton, 647th CES commander. "Their teamwork displayed annually in illuminating Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, however, is nothing short of amazing."

One of the most well-

known landmarks on the Joint Base, "Freedom Tower," is located at the far end of the parade mall, across from the 15th Wing headquarters building. The tower was built under the direction of Capt. Howard B. Nurse of the U.S. Army's Quartermaster Corps, at a cost of \$43,146.60. It was completed on Jan. 14, 1938.

"My grandfather worked for the contractor E.E. Black, who built the water tower," said Jessie Higa, Hickam historian. "It's amazing to me today that it continues to be the iconic structure of greatest visibility of Oahu."

Of Moorish design and similar to another famous tower built during that era at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, Freedom Tower stands 171 feet high. It is octagonal in shape, with a radius of 18-feet, 5-inches, and each of its eight sides measures 14-feet, 6-inches across. The walls are 12-inch thick reinforced concrete at the base with a gradual reduction to eight inches at



U.S. Air Force photo by Sr A Lauren Main

Air Force Entertainment and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will present Tops in Blue at the Freedom Tower tonight as part of the free 43rd annual Freedom Tower lighting celebration.

the top.

Eight pre-cast concrete eagles, weighing 2,000 pounds each, are located at the points of the octagon near the top of the tower. Hatched from a cast iron shell in 1934, the eagles were designed by Italian plasterer and artisan Mario Valdastrì of Honolulu.

Three of the eagles were replicated by Mario Valdastrì Jr., using the same process, to replace cracked originals in 1988.

"We still have one of the original eagles preserved here on base," Higa said. "We are working on plans to properly have it on display in the near

future. Things back then were built to endure the test of time."

A steep spiral staircase provides the only access to the top, which is used today to store boxes containing strings of lights and equipment that transform the water tower into one of

Hawaii's largest Christmas trees every year. A Hawaiian barn owl, or *pueo*, nests in the uppermost dome of the tower. The owl has reportedly produced multiple hatchlings since first discovered in 1989.

On May 15, 1985, during a ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of Hickam, the water tower was dedicated and officially named "Freedom Tower." It honors those who have served, and will serve, in the defense of our liberties and to honor those who paid the ultimate price so that others might live in freedom.

Beginning in 2013, the tower will "go green" when the current lighting system will be replaced to use energy-efficient light-emitting diode, or LED, lights for the first time. So as you enjoy the beauty of the Freedom Tower's glow this holiday season, please remember how your joint base engineers proudly worked to share some holiday cheer with you.

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CRUD TOURNAMENT

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

HONOLULU CITY LIGHTS OPENING DAY

There will be a Honolulu City Lights opening day trolley tour from 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday. Departures are from Hickam Information, Tickets and Travel. There will be an electric parade, kiddie rides, craft and food booths, and more. Tickets go on sale today. The cost is \$22 per person. FMI: 473-0792 or 448-2295.

HIKE KOKO HEAD WITH LIBERTY

There will be a free Koko Head hike with Liberty on Saturday. Departures are from Liberty Express at 8:30 a.m., Beeman Center at 9:15 a.m., Instant Liberty at 9:30 a.m., and Makai Recreation Center at 9:45 a.m. This activity is for single, active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

GOLF DEMO DAY

Try out some of the latest golf equipment from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Mamala Bay Golf Course. This is a free event. FMI: 449-2300.

CHAMPAGNE SUNDAY BRUNCH

There will be a champagne Sunday brunch at the Hickam Officer's Club dining room from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 2, 16, 23 and 30. The menu includes roast beef, smoked ham, crab legs, fresh fruit, Belgian waffles, omelets and eggs to order, grilled mahi mahi, a stir-fry bar, bacon, sausage, hot buttered vegetables, rice and potatoes, a dessert bar, beverages and more. All ranks are welcome. Prices are \$22.95 for adults, \$12.50 for children ages 7–12, \$7.25 for children ages 4–6, and free for children ages 3 and under. There is a \$2 members first discount. Reservations are required. FMI: 448-4608.

JINGLE BELL 5K RUN/WALK

A free Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk will begin at 7 a.m. Dec. 6 at the Wahiawa Annex Fitness Center. FMI: 653-5542.

OAHU HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

There will be a tours of Oahu 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Dec. 6-27. The tour features the major sights of Oahu, including Hanauma Bay, Pali Lookout and National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific Punchbowl. The cost is \$45 for adults, \$40 for children, and free for children 2 and under who sit on an adult's lap. Lunch is included. Departures are from ITT-Hickam office. FMI: 448-2295.

HICKAM HISTORICAL TOUR

A historical tour of the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Fridays, Dec. 7-29. The cost is \$55 for adults, \$45 for children ages 3-11 years old, and free for children 2 years and younger. Departures are from ITT-Hickam and Royal Alaka'i Lodge. FMI: 448-2295.

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



Here Comes the Boom (PG)

Former collegiate wrestler Scott Voss is a 42-year-old apathetic biology teacher in a failing high school. When cutbacks threaten to cancel the music program and lay off its teacher, Scott begins to raise money by moonlighting as a mixed martial arts fighter. Everyone thinks Scott is crazy - most of all the school nurse, Bella, but in his quest, Scott gains something he never expected as he becomes a sensation that rallies the entire school.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY
7:00 PM Here Comes the Boom (PG)

SATURDAY
2:30 PM Hotel Transylvania* (3-D) (PG)
4:45 PM Taken 2 (PG-13)
7:00 PM Argo (R)

SUNDAY
2:30 PM Here Comes the Boom (PG)
4:45 PM Taken 2 (PG-13)
7:00 PM Argo (R)

**\$1 for 3-D Glasses Rental

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY
6:00 PM End of Watch (R)
8:30 PM Argo (R)

SATURDAY
4:00 PM House at the End of the Street (PG13)
7:00 PM Argo (R)

SUNDAY
2:00 PM House at the End of the Street (PG13)

November

Today ~ The Air Force entertainment showcase Tops in Blue will perform at 7:15 p.m. as part of the 43rd annual Tower Lighting Celebration at Freedom Tower. The celebration will include activities for children and families from 4:30 to 7 p.m. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

December

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

1 ~ The Hickam Officers' Spouses Club will hold a Snack with Santa from 10 a.m. to noon at the Ka Makani Community Center on the Hickam side of Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Space is limited. There are tickets for 200 children and 150 family members/guardians. Base access cannot be provided by the club, so make sure you have access. FMI: info@hickamosc.com.

2 ~ U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific will hold its fifth annual Na Mele o na Keiki (Music for the Children) Holiday Concert at 2 p.m. at Hawaii Theatre. The concert is free of charge, but toy and cash donations will be accepted for the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots Hawaii collection effort. Free tickets are available at the box office, 1130 Bethel St., Honolulu.

4 ~ Homemade cookies will be accepted to give single and deployed Airmen so they can have a happier holiday this season. The 15th Wing Cookie Caper is being hosted by the 15th Operations Group. Cookie drop-off will be accepted from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 4 in front of the Wright Brothers Café at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. FMI: Tonya Baldessari at TonyaCookieCaper@hotmail.com or 744-2548.

4 ~ The Honolulu Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program will open a new satellite clinic at Navy Region Hawaii Fleet and Family Readiness. The clinic will be at building 3456, 620 Main St., Honolulu. All military and civilian families are welcome to apply. FMI: 586-4761.

6 ~ The Pacific Aviation Museum will hold its sixth anniversary gala from 5:30 to 9 p.m. The event will include dinner, a silent auction and two special awards. Tickets are available for purchase through the museum. FMI: Carol Arnott at 441-1006 or visit PacificAviationMuseum.org.

15 ~ Santa will be arriving on jet ski from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to the shores at Bellows Air Force Station. Participants can bring their camera for a photo with Santa. The event will take place behind pavilion A on the beach. FMI: 259-4112.



Rules will be enforced, football officials say

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Sports Editor

Officials at the American Division showdown between the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) and the 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) Pound Town team sent a clear message to all members participating in intramural sports on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam: Breakage of rules pertaining to ineligible players will result in immediate forfeiture.

The American Division matchup was called in favor of Pound Town after only two plays when officials discovered a player who had been participating in previous games for the Maintenance Squadron (MXG) was on the field for the 324 IS.

The game was of particular importance for the 324 IS, which entered the contest on the bubble and in search for a spot in the upcoming playoffs.

While members of the 324 IS argued their case, game officials held fast to the ruling, which, said head referee Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Rafael Jaramillo, was non-negotiable.

"If a guy is playing for one team, he can't play for another team," Jaramillo said. "If he already started playing for one team, even though he's on another team's roster, by the rules, by the by-laws, the team has to forfeit if he plays on the (second) team."

While the rules apply to all



Airman 1st Class Tweeter Riddle, quarterback for the 647th Security Forces Squadron Pound Town flag football team, eludes a pass rush in an American Division game versus the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Following the play, officials called the game, after finding an ineligible player on the 324 IS team.

intramural sports on base, officials say that they wouldn't hesitate to invoke it even in the upcoming intramural flag football playoffs, which are scheduled for Dec. 8-10.

Staff Sgt. Sean Morey, who was one of the 324 IS players trying to persuade officials to let the game continue, said that the player in question was not added

to the team to give it an unfair advantage.

Instead, he said that since the player was on the team's roster from the start of the season, he didn't think that the 324 IS was in violation of any league rules.

Morey stated that he had no idea that the player had participated earlier in the season as a member of the MXG

flag football team.

"The guy is in our unit," Morey noted. "I put him on our roster at the beginning of the year and we were a little short today, so he showed up and said that he wanted to play. According to the rules that I got at the beginning of the year, if he's on our roster and our unit, he's allowed to play for us and not for anybody else. We

never released him."

Senior Airman Charlton Burton of Pound Town said that while he wanted to continue playing, he understood why Jaramillo had to call the game.

"I feel that if it's your game, then you have to play that game. Don't let somebody else play it for you," he said, "especially for us.

"We're fighting to keep our No. 1 seed and they're fighting for the playoffs. If it means that much to you, you shouldn't have other people coming in from another team. Read the rules. Everybody knows the rules, so the white hat saw it and said that was it," Burton said.

Burton did add however, that he thought under this circumstance, the game should have continued.

"If it was a situation where the game in question was where the (ineligible) player caught the winning touchdown, then I feel like it should be a forfeit," he stated. "But since we had just started, they (officials) should have let us play."

Although Jaramillo said that he found it very difficult to end the game, the rules don't allow for any exceptions and added that it should serve as fair warning to all teams to check their rosters before any game.

"It's a fair rule," he pointed out. "It's an automatic forfeit. It's in the rules, when they put it out in the meetings and the captains know that they're responsible for the teams and players. It's tough, but the rules are the rules."



PACAF paddler propels through Pacific

Master Sgt. Jeff Allen, Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs photojournalist, participates in the fourth annual Paddling Athletes Association Thanksgiving Food Drive Race on Nov. 17 in Hawaii Kai. More than 120 outrigger canoes hit the waters around Oahu, including first time racer Allen. Allen finished the race in 1:16:23.

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



USS Bowfin commemorates 70th anniversary on Dec. 7

USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park

On Dec. 7, 1942, one year after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the USS Bowfin was launched into World War II, forever changing the role submarines played in time of war, from patroller to attack war machine.

Nicknamed the “Pearl Harbor avenger,” the USS Bowfin conducted nine war patrols during its WWII career and claimed sinking 44 enemy vessels, with nearly 235,000 tons sunk or damaged. These claims were reduced after the war to 16 ships and nearly 68,000 tons sunk.

The USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park will commemorate the 70 years since the Bowfin’s launch into WWII, as well as the contributions and sacrifices made by thousands of submariners, with free after-hours events and discounted admission.

Special events in con-

junction with the Bowfin’s anniversary include:

- A special photo exhibit will be on display in the museum from Dec. 2-7, showcasing entries received for the USS Bowfin’s Dec. 7 photo contest. High school students across Oahu participated in a photo contest, submitting photographs depicting the importance of the USS Bowfin Park and its relevance in today’s society.

- USS Bowfin survivor Dr. Robert Beynon will be on hand from Dec. 2-7 to speak to the public and auto-graph his book, “Pearl Harbor Avenger.” He participated in Bowfin’s war patrols eight and nine.

- USS Bowfin Museum and Park will offer discounted admission for adults (\$5 per adult) and children (free admission for children under 12). In addition, these special admission prices will include access to the USS Bowfin

(with audio tour included), the museum and waterfront memorial. The park’s policy of providing free admission to active military in uniform will be honored.

- Free “Adventures in History” events will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 10 on “Civil War submarines: the Hunley versus the Alligator,” and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 8 on “I-400 Japan’s World War II super submarine.”

“Freedom always comes at a cost and this is

evident for visitors who tour our waterfront memorial, reading the names of nearly 3,600 U.S. submariners who gave their life in service to our country during World War II,” said Jerry Hofwolt, retired submarine captain and museum/park executive director.

“The USS Bowfin tells the story of the ‘silent service’ made by these men and the extraordinary heroism

of U.S. sub crews.”

For decades, submarines were the Navy’s silent service, shrouded in a cloak of stealth and secrecy intended to keep enemies off guard and unaware of their true capabilities.

During WWII, submarines represented only two percent of the U.S. fleet, yet they were responsible for the destruction of 30 percent of the

Japanese navy including eight aircraft carriers, one battleship and 11 cruisers. In addition, the submarine force sank 2,400 Japanese merchant ships, totaling 4.9 million tons.

Although the submarine service was the smallest military unit, they made the greatest sacrifice in terms of loss of life. One in five of the nearly 18,000 submariners who went into battle never returned to port.

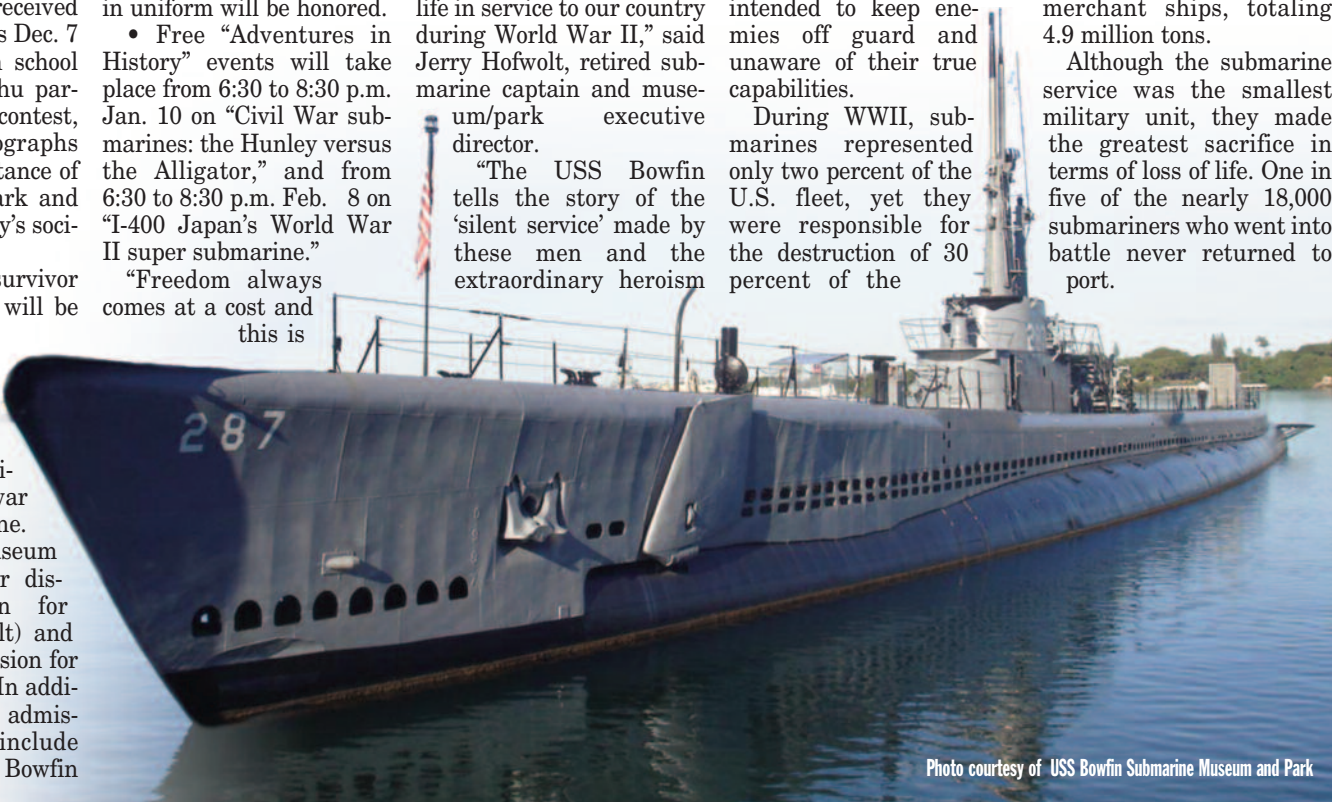


Photo courtesy of USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park

December to feature a variety of holiday activities at local military communities

Forest City has registered with Toys for Tots to participate in a toy drive beginning Dec. 1. Unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the Pearl City Peninsula and Camp Stover community centers Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Dec. 14, or at the Moanalua Community Center during business hours through Dec. 21.

There will be a Jingle Bell

Dance-off from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 5, 2 to 4p.m. at the Moanalua Community Center. This dance is for all ages. Eggnog and sweets will be served. Dancers will be divided into four age brackets, with prizes to be awarded to the “best dancers” in each bracket.

Moanalua Terrace is holding its first annual creative ornament contest from Dec. 1-21.

There are two age divisions: 4-9 and 10-15. Ornaments can be dropped off during business hours at Moanalua Community Center. Two winners will receive a prize, one in each age group.

There will be a photo session with Surfin’ Santa from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Pearl City Peninsula Community, and from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Halsey Terrace Community

Center. There will be free snacks available. Those attending the Halsey Terrace event are asked to bring their own camera.

Halsey Terrace is holding an ornament contest. Residents are invited to visit Halsey Terrace Community Center from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and decorate a holiday tree with their ornaments.

Please be sure to include your contact information on the back

or attached to the “hanging device” so organizers know who contributed the ornament. The two winning categories will be for the “most creative” and for “originality.”

Winners will be notified Dec. 13, and there will be a first and second prize awarded. Ornaments will be returned after the contest.

Marines announce free holiday concert

U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific and BAE Systems, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, are scheduled to hold the fifth annual *Na Mele o na Keiki* (Music for the Children) Holiday Concert at Hawaii Theatre at 2 p.m. Dec. 2.

The event will feature the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific Band performing holiday favorites with a variety of guest artists, including Henry Kapono, jazz singer Ginai, ukulele player Aidan James, jazz/blues guitarist Chris Vandercook, Hawaiian musicians the Abrigo Ohana and latin/salsa musicians Son Caribe.

This concert is presented free of charge and is an opportunity to help support the

Marine Corps Reserve’s Toys for Tots Hawaii collection effort.

Marines will be on hand to accept donations of new, unwrapped toys or cash. Every toy and every dollar collected to purchase toys stays in Hawaii to make the holidays brighter for Hawaii’s less-fortunate children. The Salvation Army is once again working with more than 100 local charities to distribute the donated toys.

Free tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Hawaii Theatre Box Office, 1130 Bethel St. The box office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. the day of the show.

New WIC satellite clinic to open Dec. 4

The Honolulu Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program will open a new satellite clinic Dec. 4 at Military and Family Support Center Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The clinic will be at building 3456,

620 Main St., Honolulu, near Nimitz Elementary School. All military and civilian families are welcome to apply.

For more information on receiving WIC benefits at this location, call the Honolulu WIC program at 586-4761.

Commentary

Window on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



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What happened to Thanksgiving?

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Leftover bits of turkey, a little bit of seasoned dressing, and a few pieces of pie may be all that remains of the recent Thanksgiving holiday.

And at least for some, there are the memories of good times spent feasting with families and friends, enjoying the company of loved ones, and being thankful for all that we have.

Thanksgiving is not only a time to be aware of and appreciate how much we have been given, but a time to reach out to others who are less fortunate.

It is also the prelude to the rapidly advancing holiday season, filled with festive parties, gift giving, and a variety of foods and traditions.

But I need to ask ... what happened to Thanksgiving?

Mentions of the holiday were noticeably absent in the days leading up to “turkey day.” Announcements about Black Friday and Cyber Monday and pre-Black Friday sales dominated the television, radio, newspapers and Internet.

What can we expect next? The day before the pre-Black Friday sales? The night preceding the day before the pre-Black Friday bargains? And what about the week leading up to the night preceding the day before the pre-Black Friday shopping spree? You see where I am going with this.

Certainly, I am supportive of a thriving economy, flourishing as shoppers patronize their favorite retail establishments. As for me, I love shopping and buying gifts as much as the next person.



And I have no problem with shoppers who are pursuing the bonanza of shopping bargains which are offered in the early morning hours of the day after Thanksgiving, or even a few minutes past the stroke of midnight as the Thanksgiving holiday draws to a close.

But I found myself asking the question: Do we have to be so greedy that we have to sacrifice Thanksgiving? Doesn't it seem like a contradiction that a day that should be about giving thanks has turned into a manifestation of shopping madness?

I felt sorry for the many employees who had to work their retail jobs on Thanksgiving Day instead of being able to spend the Thanksgiving holiday at home with their families. Why couldn't they have that one special day to spend with families and enjoy the holiday? I had to ask.

Perhaps I am in the minority, and maybe the majority of people were eager to get out there and start their Christmas shopping on Thanksgiving Day, even if it meant sacrificing the holiday.

Have you noticed that the holiday shopping season seems to start earlier and earlier each year? It used to be that brightly decorated Christmas trees and holiday

shopping advertisements appeared about the same time as the trussed up turkeys for Thanksgiving.

But how signs of the holiday season have cropped up earlier and earlier with some retailers getting into the season by late October. It's common to see jack o'lanterns and wicked witches mingling with Santa and his reindeer.

Some retailers have started even earlier. I love Christmas and all of the festivities of the holiday season, but I don't want to see it in August or September. Don't tease me with ornaments and whimsical animated holiday figures and candy canes when summer has barely ended.

I am aware that Christmas like many other holidays—Valentine's Day, Halloween, Easter, to name a few—have become too commercialized. One holiday isn't over before the next one is beating down the door and enticing us with advertisements to buy, buy, buy.

But this year, it seemed that we moved from Halloween to Black Friday with hardly any recognition of Thanksgiving.

Yes, I think that Thanksgiving was sadly short changed—pun intended.

Have a fine Navy-Air Force day at JBP HH!

Winter camps registration for youth has begun

Registration for 2012 winter camps has started. Winter camps provide youth with a variety of social, recreational and learning opportunities within the facility, throughout the local bases, as well as in various locations around the island of Oahu.

Weekly activities include a combination of field trips, guest speakers, fitness activities, aquatics and outdoor adventure experiences.

In addition, activities are also planned at the youth center and camp facilities including games, arts and crafts, clubs, large and small

group activities, performance arts, songs and sharing.

Winter camp runs from 6 a.m.- 6 p.m. Dec. 17-28 at Catlin and Hickam communities.

Children must be attending kindergarten. All fees are based on total family income.

Paperwork for winter camp must be turned in by Dec. 7. First week payment is due in full by Dec. 12. Second payment is due in full by Dec. 19. Call Catlin School-Age Care at 421-1556 or Hickam School-Age Care at 448-4396 for more information and space and availability.

Cookies can be contributed for deployed Airmen

Donations of homemade cookies are requested to give to single and deployed Airmen this holiday season.

The 15th Wing Cookie Caper is being hosted by the 15th Operations Group, which asks that cookies be packaged in sandwich baggies with three of the same kind per bag.

Organizers of the “caper” are asking for a wide variety of homemade holiday cookies such as sugar, shortbread, lemon, snickerdoodles, chocolate crinkles, macaroons, bon-bons and bar cookies. Organizers said they would prefer no chocolate chip or frosted cookies be included.

Cookie drop-off will be accepted from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 4 in front of the Wright Brothers Café at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The cookies for the deployed will be sent by the first sergeants of each squadron to their deployed service members. Organizers would like to collect enough cookies to deliver to the deployed members' families here on Oahu.

You can make your cookie pledge (with the number of dozens) or volunteer your time on Dec. 4 by emailing or calling Tonya Baldessari at TonyaCookieCaper@hotmail.com or 744-2548.

Retired Sailor overcomes diagnosis, maintains positive attitude

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Starting at age 50, it is encouraged that everyone get regular colonoscopies, an examination that uses a fiber-optic camera to view their lower gastrointestinal tract to screen for colon cancer.

In September 2011 when Daniel Shockley, a retired Sailor living on Oahu, went for his annual physical exam at Spark M. Matsunaga Veterans Affairs Medical Center, he thought besides a little weight loss he had a clean bill of health.

Since Shockley had just turned 50, he was referred to a Hawaii Pacific Health clinic in downtown Honolulu for his first colonoscopy.

Due to his hectic work schedule, Shockley rescheduled the screening a couple times and it wasn't until May 8, 2012, that he had the colonoscopy.

Shockley was referred to Tripler Army Medical Center's general surgery clinic, and the week following the screening he met with Susan Donlon, a certified genetic counselor at Tripler.

Donlon performed DNA tests on Shockley and within three weeks the tests had come back confirming that Shockley has a gene mutation which increases a person's risk of developing colorectal cancer. As a result of the mutation, Shockley was diagnosed with a condition in which numerous polyps form mainly in the large intestine.

"I knew surgery was inevitable and I was willing to accept the worst case scenario the whole time," Shockley said.

On July 13, Shockley underwent a total proctocolectomy with ileostomy surgery, which removed portions of his large intestine.

Shockley spent about two weeks in Tripler's general inpatient surgery ward recovering before he was able to go home. It was nine weeks before he was able to go back to work.

Lt. Col. Ronald Gagliano, chief, Colon and Rectal Surgery and director, Surgical Research, TAMC, performed Shockley's surgery and has followed up with him to ensure he is not only well-informed, but also well-educated.

"(Dr. Gagliano and his team) have passion for

what they do, and my care was phenomenal," Shockley expressed. "I cannot say enough good things about my stay and the care they provided."

Gagliano said he is very pleased with Shockley's recovery thus far and attributes it to his attitude.

"I tend not to think about things I can't control," Shockley explained. "Medical issues are not something I can control, but what I can control is my attitude and after 51 years on God's green earth, my positive attitude has gotten me this far and I am not going to change it."

Because of Shockley's surgeries, he now has an ostomy pouching system, a prosthetic medical device that provides a means for the collection of waste. Nina Lum, certified wound, ostomy and continence nurse, TAMC, who helped care for Shockley throughout his recovery, echoed Gagliano's remarks.

"Shockley's resilience in the face of challenges including his tremendous enthusiasm for life, regardless of setbacks, certainly played a huge role in his recovery," Lum said. "He has always maintained a positive outlook, been fully engaged in his care from the beginning, reached out to the ostomy community not only for support, but also to offer support and advice based on his personal experience."

"He is selfless in trying to reach out to others," Lum added.

Shockley has embraced his diagnosis and challenged it from the start. He acts as a patient advocate and an ambassador for colon cancer awareness.

"(I want to) share my story with others on behalf of those patients that have gone before me and who were unable to share their story," Shockley explained. "My catchphrase is 'AFAP [attenuated familial adenomatous polyposis]- Seize the disease!'"

Shockley wants to spread the information about his diagnosis and experience so he can inspire others to get the screening and be aware of the condition. Additionally, there is not a lot of information about AFAP available, so he hopes that talking about his diagnosis will help the medical community.

"By maintaining a positive attitude, the opportu-



nity for a success story is much higher," Shockley said. "This in turn allows me a better chance of overcoming adversities I am faced with during my lifetime."

For more information about what screenings are recommended at what age, visit the website www.cancer.org.

Daniel Shockley (left), a retired Sailor living on Oahu, meets with Lt. Col. Ronald Gagliano (center), chief, colon and rectal surgery and director, surgical research, Tripler Army Medical Center, and Nina Lum, certified wound, ostomy and continence nurse, to discuss recovery and post-operative care following his surgery.

WHO SAID IT?

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

Last Week's

WHO SAID IT?

“Imagination will often carry us to worlds that never were. But without it we go nowhere.”

Carl Sagan

This Week’s Trivia

What are the origins of oak leaves as U.S. Navy insignia?

Last Issue’s Question:
Which distinguished aviation pioneer died Nov. 5, 1934?

Answer: Lt. Col. Horace Meek Hickam died on that date when his A-12 struck an obstruction during night landing practice on the unlighted field at Fort Crockett, Texas. Six months later, the former Hickam Field in Hawaii was dedicated in his honor.