



71st Anniversary Pearl Harbor Day ceremony honors heroes

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Pearl Harbor survivors, World War II veterans, their families and friends from around the nation joined more than 3,000 distinguished guests and visitors for the annual commemoration of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, held at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument.

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific, spoke about the Sailors present in Pearl Harbor on that Dec. 7, 1941 morning.

“They were our heroes then, and they are our heroes today. As we pause to reflect on those who live their lives for their country and gave their lives so their country could live, let us rededicate our efforts to ensure that the legacy of their sacrifice was not in vain and will not be forgotten,” Ponds said.

A moment of silence was observed at 7:55 a.m., the time marking the moment when the first bombs began

falling that morning in 1941. Fighter jets from the Hawaii Air National Guard F-22 Raptors flew a “missing man” formation over Pearl Harbor following the moment of silence.

The guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), a newly christened ship named after a Pearl Harbor-based Navy SEAL killed in Afghanistan, participated in the ceremony during a pass-in-review.

Sailors aboard the Los Angeles class submarine USS Tucson (SSN 770) also rendered honors along with USS Michael Murphy as they passed by the USS Arizona Memorial.

Approximately 75 Pearl Harbor survivors were able to attend this year’s ceremonies, honoring the memories of the 2,390 service members and 49 civilians killed in the surprise attack.

The ceremony also included a Hawaiian blessing, songs played by the U.S. Pacific Fleet band, and a rifle salute from the U.S. Marine Corps.

President Barack Obama issued a presidential proclamation which stated “Today, we pay solemn trib-

ute to America’s sons and daughters who made the ultimate sacrifice at Oahu. As we do, let us also reaffirm that their legacy will always burn bright — whether in the memory of those who knew them, the spirit of service that guides our men and women in uniform today, or the heart of the country they kept strong and free.”

“The Pearl Harbor survivors and World War II veterans have left a tremendous legacy that has stood for more than seven decades,” said Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, who was the keynote speaker for the ceremony.

“Because of the efforts of the “Greatest Generation” during the war and the decades after, we achieved victory and have since maintained our readiness to address the challenges in the Pacific and in the world,” he said.

Following the ceremony a brief floral tribute was conducted aboard the USS Arizona Memorial for the Pearl Harbor survivors and distinguished guests in attendance.

Hickam pays tribute to heroes in Dec. 7 remembrance ceremony

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On Sunday morning, Dec. 7, 1941 at 7:55 a.m. the largest airborne attack force ever assembled by the Imperial Japanese Navy struck Oahu’s military installations and plunged the United States into World War II.

The attack was aimed to cripple the U.S. fleet anchored at Pearl Harbor and prevent American involvement in Japanese military engagements in the Pacific theater.

Generations of Airmen gathered this Dec. 7 to remember sacrifices made and honor the legacy emblazoned upon the heritage of Airmen of the past, present and future.

“The attack on Oahu was a huge military success for the Japanese,” said Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander.

“They had achieved surprise, shattering the U.S. Pacific Fleet and crippling the Hawaiian Air Force. Eventually our air forces rebuilt, and the American

spirit proved invincible. But the eventual victory was not without cost. The price paid that day and throughout the remainder of the war was high.”

Only two survivors were able to attend the ceremony, representative of an example Roscoe said “men and women, civilian, active duty and guardsmen alike” have learned from.

Col. (ret.) Andrew Kowalski enlisted in the Army in 1934 and arrived at Hickam Field in 1939. On the morning of Dec. 7, Kowalski fell asleep at a friend’s house in Hickam housing after staying up late playing poker. At approximately 7:55 a.m., he was awakened by loud explosions and immediately reported for duty at the wing headquarters building where he was the assistant to the commander. For the next several hours, his job was to answer the phone and maintain the official list of Hickam casualties.

Master Sgt. (Ret.) Kenneth Ford, who lied about his age to enlist in the U.S. Army at age 15, was taking a shower when

the first bomb exploded. Later that afternoon he volunteered to guard Fort Kamehameha beach against possible Japanese invaders. He was armed with only a World War I Springfield rifle and five rounds of ammunition.

Friday’s ceremony included a “missing-man formation” flyover by F-22 Raptors from the 19th and 199th Fighter Squadrons. The jets flew over the flag pole at the exact moment the first bomb dropped on Hickam. Wreaths were also placed at the base of the flag pole to honor heroes of the past, and American flags were presented to Kowalski and Ford.

“Today is about the brave men and women who endured the attack and pressed on to fight for our nation,” Roscoe said.

“Our lineage as Airmen in the Pacific Air Forces begins with their story. They lived through what has been referred to as ‘hell in paradise,’ but I am proud to say that the American flag flying at this spot on Dec. 7 was still standing after the attack, and our flag remains today.”

Ho'okele will be on hiatus

The Dec. 14 edition of Ho'okele will be the last issue for 2012. The first issue of Ho'okele in 2013 will be Jan. 11. During that time, the publisher,

Honolulu Star-Advertiser, will publish a joint military issue which will combine news from all of the services—from Ho'okele, Hawaii Army

Weekly and Hawaii Marine.

Happy holidays to all of our readers! Stay safe. Enjoy the holidays with your families. We'll see you in the new year.



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Hickam Field survivor journeys 'home' for last time

Story and photos by
Staff Sgt. Mike Meares

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For the final time, Senior Master Sgt. (Ret.) Raymond Lee Perry has returned "home" to Hickam.

Seventy-one years to the day, Dec. 7, 2012, Perry's family culminated a journey which began with the attacks on military installations around Oahu by bringing his remains back to Hickam one last time to attend the Dec. 7, 1941 remembrance ceremony. They said their final goodbyes as they spread his ashes in the waters of the Pearl Harbor Channel near the Hickam Officer's Club.

The Federal Fire Department also performed the "fireman's last call," a toll of the bell 15 times, in honor of Perry. This is believed to be the first time a Hickam Field survivor has had his ashes spread at Hickam.

"It's very good. I don't have words to express this moment," said Elizabeth Perry, wife of the late Perry. "I'm sure he's proud, very proud of the service today. He was very brave during his last journey. He was alert to the last."

Perry first arrived in Hawaii in 1937, then a private first class with the Army's 29th Car Company. Perry was on temporary duty at Fort Armstrong in downtown Honolulu when the first wave of attacks began.

Soldiers at Fort Armstrong scrambled to get away from the anti-aircraft shells that rained from the sky. The contact fuses on the shells exploded when they hit the ground, since some of



Photo illustration

them didn't make contact with any aircraft.

"They were going up and coming back down and exploding in our motorpool," Perry said in a Stars and Stripes interview in December 1991. "I went over to our first sergeant and said, 'I'm volunteering.' He said, 'You don't even know what I want volunteers for.'"

"I said, 'I don't care. I just want to get out of here.'"

Perry was "tired of getting shot at," and Hickam was getting pounded by a barrage of bullets and bombs and was in desperate need of transportation for the wounded. Hickam's brand new clinic had only 14 beds and couldn't handle all the dead, dying and wounded.

The hallways, sidewalks and grounds were littered with men, some covered in white sheets with red silhouettes marking their places underneath. Most of the wounded were being taken to Tripler (Army hospital), which was 14 or 15 buildings

across the street from Fort Shafter. Two military policemen on motorcycles escorted their convoy of five trucks to Hickam Field.

"We drove down Hangar Avenue, dodging debris, then pulled in and circled our trucks like we were protecting ourselves from Indians," he said in the interview. "There were a lot of wounded waiting. One guy had one arm blown off at the elbow and his other hand blown off. We were getting about 12 wounded into each truck and then about 8:35 or 8:40 a.m. somebody shouted, 'Here they come again!'"

Parked in the area between hangar 9 and hangar 13, everyone took cover in the closest hangar door well. After the explosions and firing subsided, they went outside and found all their trucks had been completely demolished. Of the 17 men they had picked up, only three were still alive. Earlier, someone had taken a bed sheet, painted a

large red cross on it, and attached it to the top of the center truck, but all it proved to be was a target for the attackers.

"I saw that somebody had made up a big red cross with mercurochrome on a sheet or something," he told the Stars and Stripes reporter. "That just made us a better target. The trucks were destroyed. We then tried to commandeer a flatbed truck to carry a couple more of the guys to the hospital, but the driver said he couldn't leave. One of the guys pulled out his pistol and pointed it at him and said, 'What do you mean you can't go?' (The driver) decided he could take them to the hospital."

Perry, a husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, carried on his Air Force career and was most proud of his role in helping develop the pararescue specialist career field. He participated in numerous jumps and rescue missions as far north as Ellesmere

Island, Canada and Thule, Greenland. His daughter, Lani, said her father was a "master parachutist" and always prepared his parachute himself, never relying on someone else for his safety. He retired following a 22-year career of faithful service.

"The Air Force did take good care of the man," Elizabeth said. "Every time people would ask him, 'How long were you in the Air Force?,' he would tell them 22 years, so many days and so many hours. He had it down to the hour, though I can't remember the number of hours."

Following his military career, he worked with Civil Air Transport, based in Taipei, Taiwan, from 1961 to 1965. He worked at the FAA at Wake Island until 1970 and finally retired from civil service in 1989 (at what was then Hickam Air Force Base) where he worked with the fire department as a fire safety inspector.

Chief Master Sgt. (ret.) Joel Shaw, now with the 647th Air Base Group, was a former Pacific Air Forces inspector general team member when he first met Perry during the 1980s. Shaw remembered answering a knock on his door where Perry was making the first of many visits to perform an in-home fire safety briefing.

"He said he was there to do a fire inspection of the houses on the installation," Shaw said. "So he came in and did his check in the house. He was a real friendly guy, and I had no idea that he was a Hickam Field survivor until now. He wasn't the type of individual to come out and say, 'I did this, or I did that.' I would have loved to hear his story when I knew him."

In his passing, just as in his life, his family said he was tough to the end. Because of the care he received at the hospice center, he made sure to shake the hand of the caregiver before he passed.

"He hadn't eaten for a week when he reached out his hand to shake the man's hand," Elizabeth said. "It's very hard. I knew he would go away, but it's still very hard." The Perrys were married for 47 years.

During the ceremony last Friday, Elizabeth hugged the flag presented to her as tears streamed down her cheeks. She said her final goodbye to her husband as his ashes were spread into the waters of Pearl Harbor. "I will see you soon," she said, choking back her sobs.

(Historical information was provided by Jessie Higa, Hickam Field Survivor volunteer liaison.)

Arizona memorial service honors returning Sailor

Story and photo by
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It took six long years for it to happen, but through the diligence of the Navy, National Park Service and one conscientious patriot, the remains of USS Arizona (BB 39) survivor Radarman 1st Class Wallace F. Quillin were returned to join fellow shipmates aboard his former ship on Dec. 7 during interment services at Arizona Memorial, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Quillin became the 37th shipmate to return to the Arizona for interment since 1982, when retired Navy Chief Petty Officer Stanley M. Teslow became the first survivor to return and make the USS Arizona his final resting place.

Capt. Lawrence Scruggs, deputy commander of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, National Park Service Chief Historian Daniel Martinez and Arizona survivor Lou Conter were among the attendees honoring Quillin.

While no surviving family were in attendance at the interment, Nancy Clem, a first cousin who resides in Henderson, Ky., talked about Quillin last year during an interview with hometown journal, "The Gleaner."

Clem, who was only nine years old when the surprise attack took



Capt. Lawrence Scruggs, deputy commander of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, holds the box that contains the remains of USS Arizona (BB 39) survivor Radarman 1st Class Wallace F. Quillin, with Arizona survivor Lou Conter at his side and National Park Service Chief Historian Daniel Martinez close behind. Quillin was interred in the turret of USS Arizona on Dec. 7.

place, said that after Quillin's duty on Arizona, he was assigned to USS Neosho (AO 23), which was also sunk at the battle of Coral Sea – making her cousin a double survivor.

"Frank (Quillin's middle name) was one of the lucky ones who was unhurt," wrote Clem about her cousin. "He did sustain some hearing loss as a result of getting oil in his ears. After the war, he arrived back in the states in California, where he married and settled down."

However, it was in death that Quillin, who was a seaman first classman while onboard the Arizona, really revealed just how

unsinkable he truly was.

According to retired master chief and Pearl Harbor survivor liaison Jim Taylor, Quillin died in 2006 leaving his final wishes to be interred onboard Arizona into the trusted hands of a good friend.

Upon preparing for the journey to the memorial, Quillin's friend also passed away – placing the Arizona shipmate's remains in limbo before finding their way into the hands of All Souls Mortuary Memorial Specialist Charles O'Hara.

Although Quillin's journey could have ended there, O'Hara found his dying request and went on a mission to make it happen.

Searching the web, O'Hara found

Taylor, who immediately contacted the National Park Service and the Navy to get the ball rolling.

"He (O'Hara) sent the remains over to me, and there was no doubt in my mind what was going to happen," Taylor said. "The Navy, for many years, along with the park service, the two of us work as a team to do the interments, ash scattering, but Chuck O'Hara, you're a hero."

With everything falling into place, the interment was scheduled for Dec. 7, but at the very last moment, one more hurdle popped up when Clem, though additional research, was located. Previously, no one was aware that Quillin had any surviving relatives.

"Obviously, it caused great concern that we should not proceed with the interment if there is a living family member," Martinez said. "We got on the Internet and within 10 minutes found the relative (Clem). We got a phone number and called her. Two hours later, she called and said, 'please proceed.'"

Finally, the unsinkable Quillin would get his wish.

Conter, who is one of only 12 Arizona survivors remaining, said that even though he only heard about the interment of his shipmate earlier in the day, it was something that was too important to miss.

"I didn't know about it until Taylor got a hold of me and said, 'I

want you back out here at 3 o'clock today," Conter stated. "I feel obligated to be here to do our duty and let him go back to his duty station. There are still 12 of us to be called to their duty stations, and we'll go when the old man tells us to go. I'm the youngest at 91, so it's not going to be too long."

During the interment memorial, Scruggs gave a sterling speech about what that "day of infamy" would have been like for Quillin and the crew of Arizona.

Before Navy divers descended with the remains, Scruggs offered the final words that would grant Quillin a place among his shipmates for all eternity.

JBPHH Honor and Ceremonies Navy Detachment Rifle Squad honored Quillin with a rifle salute that was followed by Taps played by Musician 1st Class John Wheeler.

"In the tradition of our rich Navy, your life is an inspiration to us in time of war and the challenges that we face today," Scruggs said.

"You have made our Navy team stronger, we stand here prouder, straighter, taller, and I say to you today, Wallace Quillin, we have the watch. Radarman 1st Class Wallace F. Quillin, you have permission to come aboard, boatswain's pipe American hero arriving. God bless you. God bless your country, your family, the Navy, amen."



U.S. Air Force illustration/Tech. Sgt. Jerome S. Tayborn

Commentary

Season's Greetings from COMPACAF

Gen. "Hawk" Carlisle

Pacific Air Forces
Commander

Gillian and I are happy to be stationed in the Pacific theater once again, celebrating the holiday season alongside the rest of our PACAF family.

While this is a time of celebration, we want to shift our focus from celebrating "with" our families to actually celebrating them.

Quite often, mission requirements force us to make sacrifices throughout our careers. Whether it is missing birthdays and anniversaries, recitals and graduations, or weddings and funerals, we need to take any and every opportunity to thank our families for their constant and unwavering support.

So this holiday season, take time to let them know just how important they are to you, your success and to our success here in PACAF.

Also, remember our PACAF brothers and sisters who won't be spending the holidays with their families due to mission requirements. Keep them not only in your thoughts but reach out to and assist their families where needed.

We extend our deepest gratitude to you and your families for your service and sacrifice. Gillian and I are proud to serve alongside you and look forward to the great things the new year has in store.

Finally, please make smart decisions and stay safe this holiday season. Happy holidays!

Commentary

Meaning, remembrance, hope - December 2012

Rear Adm.
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Last week's 71st anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day was held on a calm and beautiful morning. The ceremony was filled with respect, dignity and honor. It was a great privilege to be part of the ceremony with our survivors and veterans.

In addition to the pass-in-review, missing man formation, keynote address from Adm. Haney and other special tributes to fallen shipmates, this year's ceremony, "Coming of Age - From Innocence



Rear Adm. Frank Ponds

to Valor," added a special dimension.

Kapolei High School students sang our national anthem beautifully. Hale Keiki School's Young Patriots Club sang

Hawaii's state song, "Hawai'i Pono'i" with poise and grace. Hale Keiki Elementary students also participated in the wreath-laying ceremony for each service.

We know these young people will never forget their experience serving in the ceremony Dec. 7. As the next generation, our *keiki* are our investment in the future.

Mrs. Ponds and I believe the best way to appreciate this time of year is through service to others. And the best way to experience the holiday season is through the eyes of children. Our *keiki* see the world with innocence, joy, hope and love.

In the weeks ahead we

wish for you all the goodness this season has to offer. Cherish the time with loved ones and friends - of all generations. Please make a personal commitment to enjoying a safe and healthy holiday season and new year.

Last week's ceremony reminds us of the sacrifice others made to give us our precious lives and our freedom. Here in Hawaii our military *ohana* has a rich heritage and a vital mission. Together, we need to be safe, secure and ready for 2013.

May the season's best be yours, and may you and your family have a joyous and plentiful new year.

Commentary

Lessons of Dec. 7 remain relevant still

Col. Johnny Roscoe

15th Wing Commander

Today marks the 71st anniversary of the Imperial Japanese Navy's attack on Hickam Field and Pearl Harbor. Though the fires of the ensuing World War have long grown cold, the lessons learned on that harrowing day reach through history and cascade onto the shores of present-day Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

One must only look at the bullet-pocked buildings here at Hickam and the sunken ships in Pearl Harbor to realize that a moment's lapse in readiness can result in a lifetime of pain and regret.

Both Dec. 7, 1941 and Sept. 11, 2001 have taught somber lessons that when war comes to American



Col. Johnny Roscoe

soil, it arrives in a hurry.

Similar to today, the military inhabitants of 1940s Hawaii reveled in the *ohana* spirit and enjoyed the protective cushion provided by thousands of miles of the beautiful Pacific Ocean.

However, this distance is a double-edged sword; it provides defense through

depth, but invites complacency. We man an isolated extension of our great country far from resupply. The enemy may not be staring us directly in the face like in Afghanistan, but make no mistake, they are out there. Our strategic positioning can act either to guard the American mainland or to serve those who would destroy us; we train every day to ensure the former.

This day is a stark reminder that we do not have the option to allow our vigilance to fail for even a moment. Over a million residents of the state of Hawaii rely on your preparedness to secure their well being. Their safety and ours are derived from your innate preparedness developed through long hours of exercises and training.

Today also is distin-

guished by the F-22 pilots of the 19th and 199th Fighter Squadrons officially taking over the Hawaii air defense alert mission from the Montana Air National Guard. This occasion continues a proud tradition of alert aircraft defending the airspace around Hawaii 24/7 since 1956. In fact, the pilots of the 19th are currently the only active duty Air Force squadron partnered with the Air National Guard to take part in the air defense mission.

Whether it's protecting the skies over Oahu, providing additional reaction time against an invasion of the American mainland, or laying the groundwork for follow-on forces to protect our allies throughout the Pacific theater, we must continually strive to be ... powerful Airmen ... always ready!

Commentary

Pearl Harbor united American spirit

U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye

Dec. 7, 1941—out of the ashes and marbled trails of oil in the waters of Pearl Harbor came a resilience, a resolute determination, an unwavering spirit of the American people. This spirit of American united the people of the nation. This spirit

of America has helped generations of our citizens.

I will never forget rushing into the street with my father, on that fateful day, to see the plumes of smoke rising from the harbor. The Hawaii of my childhood was no more. It was at that moment I knew that duty called—I was an

American, and it was time to fight for my country.

The Pearl Harbor story is one of extraordinary heroism and sacrifice. We must keep that memory alive to ensure that with each succeeding generation, we continue to strive for peace and honor the sacrifices made for their freedom.

Diverse
Views

"What are your New Year's resolutions and why?"



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"This year my New Year's resolution is to work on my work and life balance because it is important to seek and have balance in your life."

Senior Airman Leticia Anderson
647th Force Support Squadron



"My New Year's resolution is to finish my associate's degree and start looking into a nursing degree. I want to do this because if I plan on getting out, I will have a backup plan."



Seaman Eric Jones
USS Russell (DDG 59)

"My New Year's resolution is to become petty officer third class and go home to celebrate my mother's 50th birthday with family and friends."

Senior Airman Glenn Smith
647th Force Support Squadron



"Finish my bachelor's degree, drop five percent body fat, and make rank."



AOAN (AW) Lawrence Taylor
JBPHH VP-47

"This year's New Year's resolution is for me to make it to Burning Man and build a Gilligan Island art car to take the plaza. I've enjoyed the art and music at the festival for four years and love to spread peace and joy through art."

Staff Sgt. Jacob Ballard
647th Force Support Squadron



"Graduate from pastry school and continue to pursue my advancement in advanced culinary."

(Contributed by David Underwood Jr. and
Quartermaster 1st Class Sean Vis)

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Wreckage from a Japanese Zero sits in a hangar at the former Hickam Field after the attacks of Dec. 7, 1941.

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Pearl Harbor - December 7, Coming of Age -



Pearl Harbor survivor Sam Clower (left) of Sacramento, Calif. and Ab Brum (right), retired United States Army Special Forces, of Kaneohe, Hawaii, converse during the 71st Anniversary Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration ceremony at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.



Pearl Harbor survivor and World War II veteran, Navy Signalman 1st Class Edgar Harrison, present a wreath on behalf of the Air Force during a Dec. 7, 2012, remembrance ceremony.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth



Everette Hyland and Bob Kinzler, Pearl Harbor survivors, gathered and shared their experiences during a Dec. 7, 2012, remembrance ceremony.

Department of Defense photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth



The sun sets over the remaining structure of USS Utah (AG-16) at the USS Utah Memorial on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Diana Quinlan



Capt. Jeffrey W. James, commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, speaks during the USS Oklahoma Memorial Ceremony.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jon Dashbach



Gilbert Meyer, a survivor of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor while stationed aboard USS Utah (AG-16), speaks to officers during a sunset service at the USS Utah Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Diana Quinlan



This photo illustration shows the USS Arizona Memorial in the background as the USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) renders honors during the Dec. 7, 2012 remembrance ceremony. Later in the ceremony, Pearl Harbor survivors, children from Navy Hale Keiki School, representatives from National Park Service, and active duty service members presented memorial wreaths (shown in foreground).

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1941

From Innocence to Valor



Members of the Hickam Honor Guard stand statuesque during the 71st Remembrance Ceremony of the Dec. 7, 1941 attacks at Atterbury Circle, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Dec. 7, 2012.

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



Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, honors Elizabeth Chew, widow of Senior Master Sgt. (Ret.) Raymond Perry, during the 71st anniversary remembrance ceremony.

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



Musician 3rd Class (SW) Shelby Tucci, assigned to the Pacific Fleet Band, plays “Taps” during a sunset ceremony at the USS Utah Memorial, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Diana Quinlan



The Hickam Honor Guard fires a three round volley during the 71st anniversary remembrance ceremony.

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



Pearl Harbor survivor Ed Vezey attends the USS Oklahoma memorial ceremony on Ford Island during the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jon Dabach



(Above) Navy divers hold the remains of USS Arizona (BB 39) survivor Radarman 1st Class Wallace F. Quillin before making the final descent into the memorial to put Quillin in his final resting place.

U.S. Navy photo by Randy Dela Cruz



Joint Service Color Guard presents the colors during the USS Oklahoma memorial ceremony at Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jon Dabach



This photo illustration shows the USS Arizona Memorial in the background as the submarine USS Tucson (SSN 770) renders honors during the Dec. 7, 2012 remembrance ceremony. Later in the ceremony, Pearl Harbor survivors, children from Navy Hale Keiki School, representatives from National Park Service, and active duty service members presented wreaths (shown in foreground).

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(Right) U.S. Navy World War II veterans and Pearl Harbor survivor Delton Walling salutes as he walks through an honor cordon during the Dec. 7, 2012, remembrance ceremony, marking the 71st anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and the island of Oahu, at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. (Below) Navy Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, shakes hands with former Navy petty officer and Pearl Harbor survivor Delton Walling

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(Center left) A Marine stands guard at a wall of names of fallen Sailors and Marines in the Shrine Room at the Arizona Memorial for the 71st anniversary Pearl Harbor Day commemoration.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Diana Quinlan



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J. AHERN	F1C	G. R. BOLLING	S1C
J. ALBERO	BMKR1C	W. K. BOLLING	F3C
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A. ALEX	S2C	W. J. BONFIGLIO	EM1C
L. ALLE	SF3C	R. S. BOOTH, Jr.	ENS
C. ALL	EM1C	A. L. BOOZE	BM1C
L. ALLEN	SK2C	R. BORGER	CMM
E. ALLEY	GM1C	J. J. BOROVICH	S1C
K. AL		K. L. BOSLEY	EM3C
T. AL		W. R. BOVIALI	AMM2C
		H. A. BOWMAN	S2C
		C. A. BOYD	CM3C
		D. J. BOYDSTUN	S2C
		L. BOYDSTUN	S2C
		M. BRABZSON	MUS2C
		D. BRADLEY	S2C
		G. BRAKKE	F3C
		J. L. BRIDGES	S1C
		P. H. BRIDGES	S1C
		R. M. BRIDIE	F1C
		E. J. BRIGNOLE	S2C
		C. E. BRITTAN	S2C
		J. C. BROADHEAD	F2C
		W. P. BROCK	S1C
		G. E. BROMLEY	SM3C
		J. BROMLEY	S1C
		R. N. BROOKS	ENS
		L. R. BROOME	SM3C
		A. O. BROONER	S1C



(Above) A bugler plays echo "Taps" at the 71st anniversary Pearl Harbor Day commemoration.

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



(Left) Pearl Harbor survivors attend the 71st anniversary Pearl Harbor Day commemoration ceremony at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Diana Quinlan



(Above) Two Hickam Field survivors, Master Sgt. (ret.) Kenneth Ford and Col. (ret.) Andrew Kowalski, stand for the invocation Dec. 7 during the 71st anniversary ceremony.

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



(Above) Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander U.S. Pacific Fleet, addresses the audience during the 71st anniversary Pearl Harbor Day commemoration ceremony at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

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USS Nevada survivor is honored at wayside exhibit unveiling

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Woody Derby, a crew member on the USS Nevada (BB 36) during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, vividly recounted details of the attack while he participated in the unveiling of a new wayside exhibit for the Nevada held Dec. 6.

The exhibit, located next to the Nevada Memorial at Hospital Point, includes an engraved plaque with an historical account explaining the actions of the battleship Nevada and its crew. A total of 57 service members lost their lives during the Pearl Harbor attack and the ship suffered severe damage. In addition, more than 100 crew members were injured.

Nevada was the only battleship to get underway when Pearl Harbor was attacked. The ship was salvaged and brought back into service during World War II. Derby described what happened on the day of the attack.

“We were hit by one torpedo and two bombs. The ship got underway. The commanding officer and the exec were both still ashore. The reserve lieutenant commander was the boss man and he



Woody Derby, a former crew member on the USS Nevada (BB 36), helped unveil a new wayside exhibit for the Nevada on Dec. 6 at Hospital Point.

did a good job,” Derby, age 94, recalled.

“We came down the channel, and a second wave of planes came out, and we were struck by six bombs,” he said.

Derby worked as a storekeeper in the Nevada’s supply room when the ship was attacked. He recalled hearing the sounds of bombing and water flooding into the battleship.

“I was five decks down on the port side as we came up the channel. They torpedoed us on the port side, and we

got flooded out in about 15 minutes. The welds and rivets wrecked, and water came dashing into the magazine. You know what, I didn’t even get scared. I just got my feet wet,” Derby said.

The day after the attack, Derby helped get all of the crew’s pay records out of the ship so the crew could be paid on time.

“I was on the Nevada for seven years and two months. I went from seaman second to chief petty officer [during his Navy career]. I stayed in the Navy for 20 years,” Derby

said. Nevada earned seven battle stars during his time of service, he said.

Derby said that shortly after it was commissioned, Nevada became known throughout the Navy as “the cheer-up ship” because whenever someone would complain about their job, the captain would say, “Cheer up, it’s going to get better.”

Derby, whose full name is Woodrow Wilson Derby, joined the Navy on Dec. 7, 1938 after living in Des Moines, Iowa. “I was a farm lad. There was nothing to do

on the farm and it was the end of the Great Depression. No money was floating around,” he remembered. Derby and his wife, Christine, have been married for 66 years.

U.S. Navy Capt. Mark Manfredi lives in the nearby housing area and attended the unveiling of the new wayside exhibit for the Nevada.

Manfredi said the unveiling of the new wayside exhibit is dedicated to the Nevada’s actions on Dec. 7, 1941 and seeing Derby at the unveiling made a huge impression on him.

“Meeting with former Sailors who lived it, the ‘Greatest Generation,’ is very inspiring,” Manfredi added.

A plaque at the exhibit explains, “Though her commanding officer was not present that morning, Nevada managed to pull away from her berth and make her way down the channel and attempt a run for the open sea. As the second wave of Japanese aircraft arrived on the scene, the courageous ship came under heavy fire and was forced to beach herself about 50 yards from the location of the memorial today.”

The plaque also explains, “As a testament to the incredible and tireless work of shipyard personnel following the attack, Nevada was salvaged

and brought back to active service in 1943 and was on station providing gunfire support during the Normandy Invasion of June 1944. She later returned to the Pacific where she assisted in the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa and attacks on the Japanese home islands.”

Though many Nevada crew members exhibited heroism on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, Joseph Hill and Donald K. Ross were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for their actions on that day.

According to the new wayside exhibit, Ross kept the dynamo rooms operating until he was overpowered by smoke, steam, heat and exhaustion.

Meanwhile, Hill led the ship’s line handling detail in casting off from the quays alongside Ford Island so that Nevada could get underway. He was killed by enemy bombs while attempting to drop anchor at the end of the battleship’s brief sortie.

“As you stand here at Hospital Point, it is very peaceful and quiet, but you can see the Nevada Memorial a few feet away and then the Arizona Memorial in the distance, and that visual makes it a great place to reflect on what happened on Dec. 7,” said Jim Neuman, Navy Region Hawaii historian.

USS Utah ceremony marks anniversary of Dec. 7 attack

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A twilight ceremony marking the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor was held at the USS Utah Memorial on Dec. 6.

The USS Utah was sunk during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. Of the ship’s crew, an estimated six officers and 52 enlisted men were killed. The memorial was officially authorized by the 91st Congress in October 1970 and dedicated on Memorial Day 1972.

Among those in attendance for the ceremony were Capt. Larry Scruggs, deputy commander, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard; Robert Burk, National Park Service; and Pearl Harbor survivors, Delton Walling and Gil Meyer. Meyer served aboard Utah and is a member of the USS Utah Survivors Association.

Chaplain Lt. Terry Bewley performed the invocation.

Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivor liaison, was the emcee.

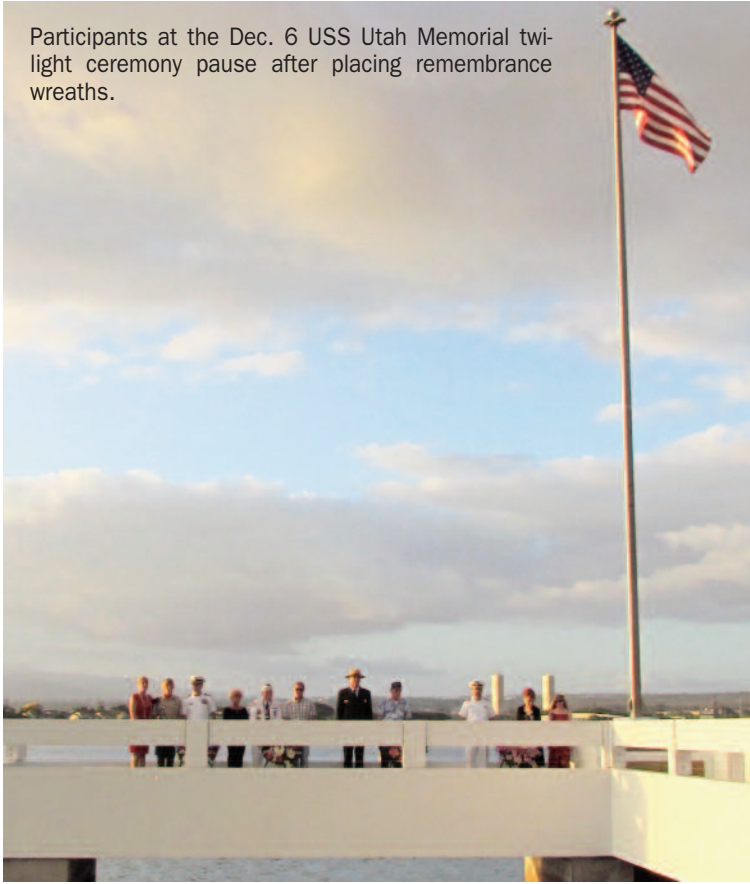
“This ceremony is all about the USS Utah and all about the men who served together as crew members during the Dec. 7 attack,” he said. “They were all heroes to our country, and all served to protect the freedom we all enjoy today.”

Also speaking at the ceremony was Zane Grzeszczak, an Eagle Scout who helped initiate a project to renovate the memorial. (See sidebar.)

The most solemn moment of the ceremony was perhaps the presenting of remembrance wreaths.

Mary and Nina Kreigh present-

Participants at the Dec. 6 USS Utah Memorial twilight ceremony pause after placing remembrance wreaths.



ed a wreath for Baby Nancy, Mary’s twin sister. Mary’s father, Chief Yeoman Albert T. D. Wagner, served aboard Utah and had the ashes of one of his twin daughters, Nancy Lynne, in his locker. He was waiting for a chaplain to come aboard and for Utah to go out on maneuvers so her ashes could be scattered at sea. The urn containing the ashes of the tiny baby girl went down with the ship.

Delton Walling and his friend, Joan Bohl, presented wreaths rep-

resenting the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors. Gil Myer presented a wreath for the USS Utah Survivors Association.

The ceremony concluded with a benediction by Chaplain Bewley and the playing of “Taps.”

“For many years, the USS Utah was known as the forgotten ship,” said Taylor. “Thanks to the National Park Service, the United States Navy, and Zane Grzeszczak and his friends, the USS Utah is no longer the forgotten ship.”



Capt. Stephen Grzeszczak (center) and his son, Zane, chat with USS Utah survivor Gilbert Meyer.

Eagle Scout helps renovate USS Utah Memorial

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The USS Utah Memorial received a facelift, thanks to the efforts of Eagle Scout Zane Grzeszczak, a 15-year-old sophomore at Pearl City High School.

Zane and his fellow scouts from Troop 180, along with help from local construction and paint companies, installed a new concrete handicap-accessible ramp and hand rail system at the memorial, as well as added a new coat of paint to the deck. The area around the memorial was landscaped with old plants being removed and replaced with new plants and mulch.

During the Dec. 6 twilight ceremony at the USS Utah Memorial, Zane spoke about his experiences.

“Working on this memorial meant to me much more than just another Eagle Scout project,” he said. “It made me feel proud and responsible knowing I was contributing to something much larger than myself.”

“I’ve always wanted to give back to our veterans, and this was the perfect way to do so. One day I hope to join the Navy and

serve our great country like the brave men who are entombed in the ship and like the heroes who survived Dec. 7, 1941,” Zane said.

He explained the renovation project, which took nearly a year to complete. Improvements to the memorial included making it compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by installing a new concrete handicap ramp with a steel handrail and adding a handicap parking space to the parking lot. The deck and sidewalk were scraped to bare concrete and painted with epoxy paint, a new steel gate was installed, and the landscaping was improved.

“While in the midst of my project, I learned valuable skills like leadership and commitment,” Zane said. “My project took over 460 volunteer hours of planning and construction work and cost over \$16,000 of donated materials, supplies and cash donations.”

“Looking back on the experience, I would not change a thing. Everyone who helped me along the way were simply amazing. From the construction team to the architect, my family and my troop, everything went along smoothly and as planned,” Zane said.

Hickam’s heroes: Airmen return for Dec. 7 remembrance

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Public Affairs

Airmen, civilians, families and friends gathered around the flag-pole at Atterbury Circle at Hickam this Dec. 7 to salute and remember the ones who gave their lives on Dec. 7, 1941. Several men were honored for their role in surviving the attacks and fighting for their country.

Among the guests, and oldest at 98 years old, Col. (ret.) Andrew Kowalski of Honolulu is a native of Pittsburgh. He enlisted in the Army in 1934, some 78 years ago. He arrived at Hickam Field in 1939 and quickly rose through the enlisted ranks.

On the morning of Dec. 7, Kowalski then a master sergeant, fell asleep at a friend’s house in Hickam housing after staying up late playing poker. At approximately 7:55 a.m., he was awakened by loud explosions and immediately reported for duty at the wing headquarters building where he was the assistant to the commander.

“When I heard the explosions, I bee-lined it to the headquarters building,” Kowalski said.

For the next several hours, his job was to answer the phone and maintain the official list of Hickam casualties.

“I had to man the commander’s telephone to receive the names of all the casualties as they were being called in,” he said. “I handled the casualties list when we set up a



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Lauren Main
Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, presents flags to Kenneth Ford and Col. (Ret.) Andrew Kowalski, Hickam Field Survivors, during a remembrance ceremony Dec. 7 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

command post in the Aliamanu Crater. Those lists were then transferred to the morgue in preparation for burials.”

Another of the Hickam Field survivors who returned to Hawaii and made it his home is Master Sgt. (Ret.) Kenneth Ford of Honolulu. In 1940, the Kentucky native lied about his age and enlisted in the Army at age 15.

“It’s the best thing that ever hap-

pened to me because it saved my life,” Ford said. “If I hadn’t gone into the military, I would have probably been killed or led a life of crime.”

On Dec. 6, 1941, while enroute to Dutch Harbor, Alaska, he had a layover at Hickam Field and spent the night in the consolidated barracks. Early Sunday morning, he was taking a shower when the first bomb exploded. While running out

of the bathroom, the nearest place to seek cover was under an office desk.

“Machine gun bullets came through the windows of the shower room I was in while the Japanese was strafing the parade grounds,” he said. “That’s why I hid under a desk; it was a big thick desk. When I finally looked up, I could see the Zeros attacking the flightline and blowing up hangars.”

He then ran outside, still in his underwear where he saw smoke rising into the sky all over the area. Dead and wounded lay on the grounds. Later that afternoon he was issued a WWI Springfield rifle and five rounds of ammo to man the beach at Fort Kamehameha against possible Japanese invaders.

“The first sergeant said to me, ‘After you shoot five, use the bayonet,’” Ford, who was 16 years old at the time of the attacks, said. “So, I waited on the beach for three days for them to land, and they never landed.”

Months later, he arrived in Alaska, but found himself again at war with enemy Japanese forces, surviving yet again. When he was transferred to Europe to fight the Germans, he was captured and sent to a prisoner of war camp in Italy. After spending 14 months in captivity, his unit was saved by Japanese-American Soldiers of the 442nd Regiment Combat Team, made up of Soldiers from Hawaii.

He continued his military career and is also a combat veteran who fought in both Korea and active combat fighting during the Tet Offensive in Vietnam.

“Anyone who says they weren’t scared is probably the biggest liar in the world,” Ford said. “Everybody’s got a breaking point. Today, more than 70 years later, I still have nightmares. It stays with you, and you never really get over it.”

(Jessie Higa contributed historical information to this story.)

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Wish comes true for teen: Meets Pearl Harbor Survivor at Pearl Harbor Day

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Everyone has a special dream. For Austin Elder, his wish was to attend the Pearl Harbor Dec. 7 ceremonies and meet a Pearl Harbor survivor. When the Make-A-Wish Foundation received his request, they knew it was a special one.

Austin has always been interested in World War II. “For as long as I can remember, I have been interested in that generation. They are one of the few generations that came together to fight for their country. I have a lot of respect for them and, at 16 years old, I felt I would have a better appreciation for what they did by meeting some



of the survivors and witnessing the ceremony,” Austin explained.

Austin’s journey began Dec. 2 when he flew to Hawaii. He flew in with his mom Kellee Ranallo, her friend Joseph Hanson, his father Todd Elder and his step-mom Joy Elder. They were met by Intelligence Specialist 1st Class (IS1) Tyler Baker. He was their Navy escort while on the island.

Prior to the ceremony and other events that he participated in, he was able to enjoy the spirit of *aloha*. Austin went snorkeling, surfing and visited the island of Kauai.

The first event that Austin participated at Pearl Harbor was the boat tour to the Arizona Memorial. It was here

that he met some of the survivors. One of them, Delton Walling, really stood out to Austin. “Delton Walling was an amazing person to meet. He was open about everything that happened. I can’t believe he had to cut his own finger off just to join,” Austin shared.

Delton felt the same way about Austin. “It was a wonderful experience spending time with Austin. He is an exceptional young man.”

One of the perks of the visit was being able to sit with the survivors during the ceremony. When asked about the ceremony, Austin said, “It was amazing, the feeling to be around those guys with everything that happened

to them that day in 1941. Words cannot put it into detail. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity. When they die, their stories will go with them.”

Austin has been in remission from leukemia for the last year and a half. He knows that he has a full life ahead of him, but said, “This was a life-changing event. I was overwhelmed with how nice everyone was and everything I got to do.”

“I really want to thank Tyler (IS1 Baker) for everything he did for us. He was amazing. Next time I come to Hawaii, I will remember how crazy this trip was, but I think I would prefer to just snorkel, relax and spend time at the beach.”

Arizona’s last band – gone but not forgotten

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It was Dec. 6, 1941. Strains of dance music filled Bloch Arena at Pearl Harbor as some of the Navy's best bands competed in the semi-finals at the Battle of Music – hoping to win the grand prize band trophy. The members of the band from the USS Arizona were there although they weren't one of the bands competing that evening. The Arizona's band had already competed and placed second in the semi-finals a few weeks earlier on Nov. 22, 1941. In this evening's round of semi-finals, the band from USS Pennsylvania had won top honors.

Couples jitterbugged to some of the favorite tunes of the time. "Jingle Bells," "Undecided," and "Jumping at the Woodside" were the selections for the jitterbug contest which was won by Pat Thompson, only 10 years old then, and her dance partner - a Sailor from the USS Pennsylvania. It was a gala evening that was to be repeated on Dec. 20 when the Pennsylvania and Arizona bands were scheduled to battle it out for first place.

The Sailors from the bands returned to their ships after an exciting evening of fun, music and competition to get some sleep. Shortly before 7:55 a.m. the next morning on Dec. 7, 1941, the first wave of Japanese aircraft blackened the airspace over their targets - the Navy's Pacific Fleet at anchor on the calm waters of Pearl Harbor.

Death rained from the normally tranquil blue skies as Japanese zeroes swooped and dived over the ships, dropping bombs and torpedoes on the



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USS Arizona's Last Band, Pacific Fleet Band #22

unsuspecting fleet. As the attack ensued, general quarters was sounded and Sailors raced to their posts to fight the enemy.

The members of the USS Arizona Band were assigned as ammo handlers in the ship's forward ammunition magazine. At approximately 8:10 a.m., the Arizona was hit by a 1,760-pound, armor-piercing shell. It slammed through her deck, igniting her forward ammunition magazine. The musicians from the Arizona's band and most of the crew of the Arizona, totaling 1,177 men, never stood a chance.

In less than nine minutes, the mighty Arizona - crippled and dying - sank to the bottom of Pearl Harbor where she still lies.

The 21 members of Arizona's last band, United States Navy Band Number 22, were: Bandmaster MUS1c Frederick Kinney, MUS2c Alexander Joseph Nadel, MUS2c Wayne Lynn Bandy, MUS2c Oran Merrill Brabbzson, MUS2c Neal Jason Radford, MUS2c Jack Leo Scruggs, MUS2c Ernest Hubert Whitson Jr., MUS2c Curtis Junior Haas, MUS2c Frank Norman Floege, MUS2c Gerald Clinton Cox, MUS2c Charles William White, MUS2c William Starks Morehouse, MUS2c Clyde Richard Williams, MUS2c Ralph Warren Burdette, MUS2c Robert Kar Shaw, MUS2c Bernard Thomas Hughes, MUS2c William

Moore McCary, MUS2c Wendell Ray Hurley, MUS2c James Harvey Sanderson, MUS2c Harry Gregory Chernucha and MUS2c Emmett Isaac Lynch.

Later, with the loss of all of the members of Arizona's band, the other bands who had vied for first place in the Battle of Music competition voted unanimously to concede first place to the Arizona Band. According to historical reports, many of the musicians remarked that Arizona's band was the best band anyway.

The Arizona Band Trophy, on display at the Arizona Memorial Museum, shows the figure of Liberty holding a torch. Liberty stands on a bronze cup which is inscribed, "Grand Prize, Battle of Music, United States Navy 1941." Two eagles with outstretched wings are at the base of the cup.

A bronze plate on the cup's base is inscribed with the following: "1941 Winning Orchestra 1941. USS Arizona. Sic Itur Ad Astra. F.W. Kinney, Bandmaster."

The sweet sounds of Arizona's band would never be heard again. But although they were silenced forever, they are not forgotten.

The words on the posthumously-awarded trophy may say it best: Sic Itur Ad Astra or "Such is the way to the stars, or to immortality."



Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, sings "The 12 Days of Christmas" with students at Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School.

Christmas comes early for Pearl Harbor Kai *keiki*

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Christmas came early Dec. 10 for students at the Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School when Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and his wife Carol; Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH); and Col. Dann Carlson, deputy commander for JBPHH visited.

Ponds read "The Christmas Story" to Keilyn Nakamoto's sixth grade class. He quickly developed a rapport with the students and not only read to them, but interacted with them, as well. He asked questions about the story or unfamiliar words and taught them at the same time.

After reading the story, he led them through a rousing rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," as the admiral's hands danced through the air like a maestro and the *keiki* sang along.

When the singing was over, Ponds spent a few moments talking to the children about respect for others and for themselves. "You all are phenomenal. Don't let anybody tell you different. There is nothing that you can't do. If you can imagine it, you can do it," he told them.

"So, don't be bound by any limitations. Imagine it and then go do it. If somebody says that you can't, then take



Col. Dann Carlson, deputy commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, reads to students in Cheri Soria's class at Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary.

that on as a challenge and show them that you can. I believe in each and every one of you," the admiral said.

He also took the time to discuss bullying and doing what is right. "You can see trouble coming from a mile away. Just walk away from it. Don't let it catch up with you."

He reminded them to obey their parents. "They just want what is best for you. And all the things that they are telling you to do that you don't think is right, when you become parents one day, you are going to say the same things," Ponds told the children.

He received quite a response when he told the children that if they saw him at the NEX, the commissary, the gym or around the base, they should just approach him and say, "Hey, we spent the day together reading and having fun. And then let's have a conversation."

Sailors, Airmen re-enlist Dec. 7 on Mighty Mo

As a part of the Pearl Harbor Dec. 7 ceremonies, more than 50 military personnel from all branches of service participated in a Joint re-enlistment Ceremony under the infamous gun turret #1 of the Battleship Missouri Dec. 7. Lt. Gen. Stanley T. Kresge, vice commander, Pacific Air Forces at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam administered the oath. The ceremony concluded with a performance of the national anthem by the 25th ID Army Band.

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



199th, 19th Fighter Squadrons team up to retake ACA mission

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F-22 Raptor pilots from the 19th and 199th Fighter Squadrons (FS) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam brought home a familiar mission Dec. 6 when they retook the responsibility of guarding Hawaii's skies through the aerospace control alert (ACA) mission.

On Aug. 6, 2010, the Montana Air National Guard's 186th Fighter Squadron from the 120th Fighter Wing based in Great Falls gave the Hawaii Air National Guard's 199th FS a "breather" as they transitioned from the F-15 Eagle to the F-22 Raptor. Since then, the 199th FS has worked to posture itself to retake the mission, with the help of a total force integration part-



An F-22 Raptor taxis to the "alert pad" Dec. 6 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

nership with the recently stood-up 19th FS owned and operated by active duty Airmen of the 15th Wing.

To fulfill the ACA mission, the squadrons will have pilots, maintainers and weapons crews on call 24/7 and ready to respond at a

moment's notice against threats to the Hawaiian Islands.

The squadrons and the aircraft they operate are considered "initially operationally capable," meaning they are fully qualified and manned to fulfill alert

requirements as well as Pacific Command objectives to deploy anywhere worldwide with a limited number of assets.

Lt. Col. Mark Ladtkow, 199th FS commander, said the down time during the transition from the F-15 to

the F-22 has been "bittersweet."

"It's our mission ... we work and live here in Hawaii, so to not be able to perform your state mission, homeland defense, is a little bit saddening. But it was sweet because (after switching to the F-22) we can now stand up our capability with the F-22 and regain that homeland defense mission," Ladtkow said.

Lt. Col. Robert Jackson, 19th FS commander, said choosing 1200 Zulu on Dec. 7 as the time in which to retake the ACA mission was no coincidence.

"As an American, I know that date, 7 December, is important not only for Hawaii but for the United States. It'll be a proud day as Americans and as members of the military in Hawaii to take back over that responsibility for top cover for the

state of Hawaii."

As with many units within the 154th and 15th Wings, the two fighter squadrons have employed a (TFI) total force integration structure to get to where they are today. As such, the two commanders credit many accomplishments to their units' ability to work together seamlessly.

"We've had a number of significant milestones," Ladtkow said. "We've had the successful delivery of all 18 of our aircraft. We've been able to show throughout multiple exercises the ability to generate and mobilize the aircraft and its associated equipment, as well as operate from a temporary duty location and then be able to return with all those personnel ... we have the best total force integration organization in the United States Air Force."

Tribute to heroes of Dec. 7, 1941



Col. (ret.) Andrew Kowalski
Hickam Field

"I had to man the commander's telephone to receive the names of all the casualties as they were being called in. I handled the casualties list when we set up a command post in the Aliamanu Crater. Those lists were then transferred to the morgue in preparation for burials."

Ed Vezey
USS Oklahoma

"I was part of the Navy, and the Navy will always be part of me. And part of me will always be here."



Woody Derby
USS Nevada

"I was five decks down on the port side as we came up the channel. They torpedoed us on the port side, and we got flooded out in about 15 minutes. The welds and rivets wrecked, and water came dashing into the magazine."

Al Rodrigues
Bishop's Point

"We should remember what members of my generation did and pass it along to future generations what these brave men and women did to preserve our freedom."



Master Sgt. (Ret.) Kenneth Ford
Hickam Field

"Today, more than 70 years later, I still have nightmares. It stays with you and you never really get over it."

Lou Conter
USS Arizona

"I feel obligated to be here to do our duty and let him go back to his duty station. There are still 12 of us to be called to their duty stations, and we'll go when the old man tells us to go. I'm the youngest at 91, so it's not going to be too long." *(spoken at the interment service for Arizona crew member Radarman 1st Class Wallace F. Quillin)*



Gilbert Meyer
USS Utah

"My good friend, John Reeves Crain, died then. We only knew each other six months, but back then, that was a long time. I was a lucky son-of-a-gun during World War II."

Ray Emory
USS Honolulu

"There hasn't been a day gone by in my life that I haven't thought of Dec. 7, in one way or another, including today."



Window on Pearl Harbor-Hickam



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Rays of golden sunlight painted the morning sky as the 71st Pearl Harbor Day ceremony unfolded this year. It brought reflections of a day decades earlier on Dec. 7, 1941—when the U.S. Navy received its worst defeat in history.

The roar of aircraft engines, machine gun fire, explosions, gut-wrenching screams of agony and the cries from Sailors on the Navy's proudest ships, crippled and devastated by the enemy attack, shattered the silence of that long ago Sunday morning.

Those who attended the ceremony probably noticed many sim-

ilarities from commemorations in previous years. A moment of silence was observed at 7:55 a.m., the time marking the moment when the first bombs began falling that morning in 1941.

At each ceremony, there is usually a fly-over in the "missing man" formation of airplanes. Sailors in sharp white dress uniforms man the rails and render honors as a Navy ship passes by the Arizona Memorial. This year, a submarine also rendered honors.

There are always speakers who offer eloquent words about the Dec. 7, 1941 attack and the legacy of the "Greatest Generation."

But this year, as in recent years, one thing was noticeably

different: the declining numbers of Pearl Harbor survivors who were in attendance at the commemoration. There weren't as many of those bright green and white aloha shirts and jaunty Pearl Harbor survivor caps in the audience.

The few remaining heroes of another generation are well into their golden years, and for many of them, a trip to Hawaii is no longer possible. But those who can make the trip are diligent about returning to Pearl Harbor to pay respects to their former shipmates.

It's a visit filled with memories as they see the names engraved on the plaque in the Shrine Room of the memorial.

Remember Pearl Harbor

As they stand at the well on the memorial and look down into the depths of Pearl Harbor, they view the outline of the battleship USS Arizona below the water's surface. Remembering, their tears mingle with the droplets of oil which still seep from the sunken battleship.

There are other points of interest on their journey - such as the rusting hull of the sunken USS Utah off Ford Island and the adjacent Utah Memorial which honors those who still lie entombed.

The Pearl Harbor survivors have carried the poignant memories of the catastrophic event at Pearl Harbor for more than 70 years. They humbly express their gratitude that their lives were spared, along with sadness for the

loss of their shipmates.

For many of these heroes of another generation, their last tribute takes place at Pearl Harbor - as they return to their duty stations and their final resting place with former shipmates.

It is important that we always remember their courage, their commitment and their sacrifices. It is vital that we always remember the attack on Pearl Harbor.

We can only be stronger and more united as a nation by remembering the tragedies and sacrifices of the past and honoring those who gave so much to make our lives better and America stronger.

Have a fine Navy-Air Force day at JBPHH!

Air Force Sergeants Association shows holiday spirit

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

For the second year in a row, the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) supported the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots campaign by hosting a softball tournament Dec. 8 at Hickam Softball Complex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

In addition to donating a gift to warm a child's heart this holiday season, participating players also pitched in with a \$25 entry fee that benefited the Wounded Warriors Softball Team.

Tech. Sgt. Gary Lafon, United States Air Force Pacific Air Forces, along with Staff Sgt. Erin Frederick, 613th Air and Space Operation Center, coordinated this year's charity event, which was also attended by Col. Dann Carlson, deputy commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH); Chief Master Sgt. Karen Reed, JBPHH senior enlisted advisor; AFSA President Master Sgt. Brook Whetsel and his wife; and incoming AFSA President Phyllis Whetsel.

During the ceremonies, Carlson who handed over the first couple of toys to Lance Cpl. Kaulana Pak



Chong, said that it was an honor to be part of an event that helped two very worthwhile causes.

"Toys for Tots, it goes without saying," he said. "They're one of the largest Christmas-type campaigns out there and has done a great job. It's fun to be able to partner with them. And if you've

ever seen the Wounded Warriors softball team play, it's phenomenal. I think anyone who's seen them play finds them inspirational. I think that's a great cause."

Sgt. Cesar Martinez, who serves as the Marine Corps Base Hawaii assistant coordinator for Toys for

Tots, offered his thanks for the donations, which amounted to more than 100 toys from the event.

Since its inception in 1947, Martinez said that Toys for Tots has collected and distributed over 416 million toys to more than 195 million children.

"Today, the Marine Corps collects and distributes an average of 16 million toys to an average of seven million children each Christmas, which averages to roughly about two toys per child," he added. "The organization has been able to do this because of the generous individuals like yourselves."

While the base mission of AFSA is to provide a link between Congress and the enlisted force when it comes to quality of life decisions, said Brook Whetsel, the organization also takes part in many community outreach events.

"It's what we do as a service," he said. "It's our way to give back because without the community, we are not as strong as what we can possibly do without that type of support."

Phyllis agreed with her husband and added that it's especially gratifying to lend a helping hand at Christmas.

"With Toys for Tots, I was a sin-

gle parent for a very long time and I've received gifts," she said. "So this means a lot to me because it's not just outside community that you're assisting, it's also the military community as well."

Lafon, who has held a benefit softball tournament throughout his career, said that he is looking forward to organizing another one next year.

Only this time, it will be at Langley Air Force Base.

"I'm going to Langley, Virginia and do the same there," he said. "I'll still put it on for AFSA and make it happen."

For those who have come to expect the tournament as part of their holiday tradition, Lafon said not to worry. He will leave the event in the capable hands of Frederick.

While Frederick admits that she would have to fill some very big shoes, she is looking forward to keep the event going strong.

"Losing Gary is going to be losing a big piece of it, but Gary and I are friends and he'll continue to keep in touch," she said. "Seeing all the Marines out here collecting all the donations and the Wounded Warriors softball team, knowing that's the cause of what you're working for, it is really good."

MWR to hold festive holiday seasonal events at JBPHH

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation has scheduled many festive holiday events this season. They include:

Honolulu City Lights trolley tours

The annual Honolulu City Lights trolley tours includes a trolley ride through Honolulu's city streets to see the buildings dressed up for the holiday season. A stop at Honolulu Hale (City Hall) provides a chance to stroll among the exhibits and decorations. Daily departures from Information, Tickets and Travel-Hickam are at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., now through Dec. 23 (no tour Dec. 22). Departures from Bloch Arena are at 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Dec. 14, 16-18, 20-23. The cost is \$15 per person for ages 4 and older, free for children 3 and under. Seating is limited; children 3 years and under must sit on an adult's lap (one child on lap per adult). No large

strollers are allowed (umbrella-type is OK). For more information, call 473-0792 or 448-2295.

5K Jingle Bell Jog

The Hickam Fitness Center will hold a 5K Jingle Bell Jog starting at 8 a.m. Saturday. This free event is open to all eligible base patrons. Prizes will be awarded for fastest reindeer (male and female), cutest elf and best Santa suit. For more information, call 448-2214.

Gourmet Club dinner: Christmas around the world

On Dec. 18, Tradewinds Enlisted Club (Oahu Room) will celebrate the season with traditional dishes from many lands prepared by Chef Knapp. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The cost is \$45 for members, \$50 for non-members. For more information, call 448-2271, ext. 226.

Christmas party

The Country Bar will hold a no cover Christmas party at 10 p.m.

Dec. 22. There will be free food and giveaways to celebrate the holidays. For more information, call 473-1743.

Free holiday bowling

JBPHH bowling centers will offer free bowling during the holidays. Bowl free from noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 24 at the Hickam Bowling Center, from noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 24 and Jan. 1 at the Naval Station Bowling Center, and from noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 25 at the Escape Bowling Center. For more information, call 448-9959, 473-2574 or 473-2651.

Liberty Christmas holiday brunch

There will be a free Christmas holiday brunch with Liberty at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 25 at all Liberty centers. This activity is for single, active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. For more information, call 473-2583.

Free holiday movies

Sharkey Theater will show free

holiday movies Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 at 4:45 p.m. For more information, call 473-0726.

New Year's Eve bowling party

The Hickam Bowling Center is holding a New Year's Eve bowling party from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31. The cost is \$25 for adults, \$20 for children 12 and under. The bowl package includes all-you-can-bowl, shoe rental and a breakfast buffet at midnight. For more information, call 448-9959.

Happy New Year celebration

The Country Bar will hold a no cover New Year's Eve party starting at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 31. There will be free pupus, party favors and a traditional toast at midnight. For more information, call 473-1743.

New Year's Eve fireworks cruise with Liberty

There will be a free New Year's Eve fireworks cruise with Liberty

on Dec. 31. Departures are from Liberty Express at 8:30 p.m., Beeman Center at 9 p.m., Instant Liberty at 9:15 p.m. and Makai Rec Center at 9:30 p.m. This activity is for single, active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. For more information, call 473-2583.

New Year's Eve all-nighter

The Tradewinds Enlisted Club (Ballroom) will hold its New Year's All-Nighter beginning at 9 p.m. Dec. 31. The club will be decorated in New Year's Eve shimmer, complete with noisemakers and party hats. Four DJs will spin music during the night. The event will include the traditional countdown to the new year. Celebratory food will be available for purchase from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. The cost is \$5 for members and \$15 for non-members. Active-duty Air Force and Navy are welcome if 18 or over; 21 and over for all other authorized guests. For more information, call 448-2271.

Home runs finish off tourney with a blast

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The championship round of the Toys for Tots/Wounded Warriors Softball Tournament had the feel of a home run derby instead of a softball game as Team 6 came back from the loser's bracket to take two from Team 2 and walk off with the title.

The tournament was held Dec. 8 at Hickam Softball Complex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and was hosted by the Air Force Sergeants Association to benefit Toys for Tots and the Wounded Warriors Project.

The six participating teams were selected playground style, with captains taking turns at choosing from available players on the field, before the start of the day's double-elimination games.

In the championship meetings, Team 2 needed only one win for the title, but fell into a roadblock when Team 6 began crushing the ball to take back-to-back, mercy-rule victories, 21-9 and 18-8.

Off to a great start with five runs in the top of the first, Team 2 looked like they would ride their undefeated streak to the title.

However, a two-run blast by Army Capt. Chad

Agustine in the bottom of the first seemed to pump up Team 6 before they really began to explode in the very next inning.

Down by two runs going into the bottom of the second, Team 6 leapfrogged into the lead on a grand slam by Army Spc. Marshall Woods, whose Ruthian shot gave his team an 8-5 advantage.

Batting right behind Woods, retired veteran Dwayne Hassell, followed up with another towering homer to put Team 6 up by four.

Then Team 6 put the game away for good in the bottom of the third by batting around the order to plate 12 runs.

The big hit in the inning came off the bat of Hassell, who stroked a three-run double.

The short intermission between games did nothing to cool off the bats of Team 6 – especially Woods, who added two more homers to his total.

In the bottom of the first, Woods tied the score at 2-2 with a two-run shot before Agustine and Air Force Master Sgt. Jeff Miles added solo blasts for a 4-2 lead.

Woods also added a three-run thump in the bottom of the second.

Two innings later, Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael Dochwat led off for Team 6 with a monster bash deep



Army Spc. Marshall Woods finishes off a big swing for a grand slam during the championship game of the Toys for Tots/Wounded Warriors Softball Tournament.

over the fence.

Later in the same inning, Miles hit his second homer to drive in two more runs en route to the 18-8 win and title.

Logistics Specialist 3rd

Class Andrea Gonzales, Team 6 captain, said that without knowing anything about the players, she used a simple formula to fill the team's roster.

"Some guys had their

backpacks on and had their bats in the bag, and I was like, 'Oh, they look like they can play,' she said. "At the beginning I had the list and I came over and said, 'Well, did I choose well?' And they

Undefeated COMPACFLT wins flag football title

Story and photos by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The Commander, United States Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Boneyard flag football squad completed a season for the ages by coming back to beat Distributed Ground System-5 (DGS-5) Juggernauts, 21-14, on Dec. 10 and win the 2012 Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) intramural flag football championship at Ward Field, JBPHH.

The victory not only secured the title for Boneyard, but also topped off the first undefeated season in intramural flag football since inter-base competition began three years ago.

It also marked the first time that the championship went to a Navy team, with the first two titles won by the 613th Air and Space Operation Center in 2010 and the 561st Network Operation Squadron Det. 1 last year.

"Man, this is great," said COMPACFLT quarterback Operations Specialist 2nd Class Solomon Pulu. "All the hard work we put in to staying undefeated, this feels good."

The showdown pitted the top team from the American Division (Boneyard) going up against the best in the National Division (Juggernauts) and the clash didn't disappoint.

On only the second play in the game, Pulu went downfield and connected with Marine Sgt. J.R. Martin, who made a leaping grab in traffic for a 47-yard gain that placed the ball on the Juggernauts' 18.

Three plays later, Pulu scrambled into the end zone from 10 yards out to put COMPACFLT on the scoreboard first.

The point after touchdown (PAT) was good to make it 7-0 in favor of Boneyard.

After falling behind, the Juggernauts took possession of the football and showed why they dominated the National Division with a 12-2 record.

Quarterback Staff Sgt. Justin Calvaruzo moved the chains 10 yards on two plays before hooking up with



Operations Specialist 2nd Class Solomon Pulu, quarterback for Commander, United States Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Boneyard, sticks the nose of the football over the goal line for a touchdown during the 2012 Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) intramural flag football championship game versus the Distributed Ground System-5 (DGS-5) Juggernauts. Pulu led COMPACFLT to a 21-14 win the title and complete and undefeated season.

Airman 1st Class Phillip Vandenberg on a catch-and-run that put the ball deep in COMPACFLT territory at the 16.

On the very next play, Calvaruzo ran an option to Tech. Sgt. Blane Woodard, who took the pitch and ran a tightrope down the left sideline and into the end zone.

The Juggernauts converted their PAT to tie the score at 7-7.

With both teams moving the ball on offense, the first big play on defense was recorded by the Juggernauts, when Senior Airman Syd Bodden picked off a Pulu pass and to set his team up at the Boneyard 10.

Calvaruzo capitalized on the turnover with a short plunge into the end zone for a, with the added extra point, 14-7 advantage that stood up until halftime.

In the second half, the COMPACFLT defense stiffened and forced the Juggernauts to give up the ball on their first drive after the break.

Pulu ran for a first down to



Members of the Commander, United States Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Boneyard intramural flag football championship team pose for a team photo after beating DGS-5. COMPACFLT finished the regular season with a perfect 13-0 record, before winning four more games in the playoffs to end the year at 17-0.

the Juggernauts' 39 and on the next play hit Ensign Gennaro Hawkins with a short pass down the middle of the field.

Seeing open green in front of him, Hawkins broke away from two defenders and took it all the way to the house.

Another successful PAT knotted up the score at 14-14.

Late in the game, with the score still tied, Pulu got the ball into the red zone, but was thwarted from the go-ahead TD when Juggernauts Senior Airman Aaron Gibson

intercepted a pass.

The game appeared headed for overtime as referees called the two-minute warning with the Juggernauts holding the ball at their own 19.

However, instead of running out the clock, Calvaruzo

said you did good."

Tech. Sgt. Gary Lafon, who with the help of Staff Sgt. Erin Frederick, organized the tournament, said that at first the competition was nice and easy, but got heated once the championship round began.

"Once we got down to the double elimination, guys really started digging deep and hard," he said. "Last game we tried to say one game square, but the (eventual) winning team said no. We're going to play two."

Woods, who spearheaded Team 6's powerful batting order, said that he just went up to the plate with one thing on his mind: hit the ball hard.

"Tournaments like this, everybody is trying to have a good time," he pointed out. "Everybody is loose and relaxed. I was just trying to get my pitch and when I got it, I just tried to hit it good. Nothing special. Just see it, hit it and put a good swing on it."

At the end of a long day, Lafon said that the tournament couldn't have gone any better than it did.

Not only did the games raise money for Wounded Warriors and gifts for Toys for Tots, everyone on the field seemed to have a good time.

"Everything was successful," he said. "We tried to prove everyone with something – shirt, hat – to remember the moment."

DESRON 31's top chefs battle in new competition

Story and photos by
Brandon Bosworth

Staff Writer

Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 31 held an inaugural top chef competition Dec. 6.

Competitors from five ships—USS Chafee (DDG 90), USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), USS Hopper (DDG 70), USS O'Kane (DDG 77) and USS Russell (DDG 59)—entered their culinary creations.

There were special, secret ingredients chefs had to use in their dishes. The ingredients were Thai ginger, bananas and grape jelly. The ships' chefs didn't know what the ingredients would be until they were delivered to their galleys just two hours before the start of the competition.

The array of meals prepared was impressive and creative, including ginger beef and broccoli, teri chicken, garlic mashed potatoes and pineapple skewers. Two different ships entered variations of Monte Cristo sandwiches. Deserts ranged from banana lumpia to banana parfait to sautéed bananas and apple.

The three-judge panel consisted of Capt. Wallace Lovely, deputy



Capt. Wallace Lovely, deputy commodore, DESRON 31; Culinary Specialist 1st Class Lance Ross, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet; and Chef Ernesto Limcaco sample the culinary offerings of contestants in Dec. 6 top chef-style competition.

commodore of DESRON 31; Culinary Specialist 1st Class Lance Ross, assigned to Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Chef Ernesto Limcaco, Y. Hata & Co.

The judges tried each of the many dishes and chatted with the

contestants. Limcaco shared his years of experience and offered helpful advice to the chefs.

After much discussion and deliberation, the judges made their decision. The winner was Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Steven Lindlar from O'Kane. His meal consisted of



Culinar Specialist 3rd Class Steven Lindlar, USS O'Kane (DDG 77) congratulates his shipmates after he is named winner of DESRON 31's cooking competition.

sweet and sour pork with grape jelly and ginger, ginger rice, asparagus and ginger, and peanut butter and banana cake.

"I'm very excited," said Lindlar. "It was a lot of work, but I had good people helping."

The secret ingredients didn't intimidate Lindlar.

"I just looked at the ingredients and what we had in the galley and put two and two together," he said. "And I've always been good at sweet and sour pork."

As winner, Lindlar received a chef's knife, a trophy and two weeks being taught by Chef Limcaco.

The competition was the brain-child of Lovely.

"I always like to visit the galleys of ships," he said. "Each ship is so proud of the food they serve, and we wanted to bring out and recognize their talented culinary specialists."

As for the secret ingredients, they were chosen using very low-tech, old-fashioned methods.

"We wrote down different ingredients on pieces of paper and pulled them from a hat," said Lovely.

Limcaco said he was impressed by all of the contestants.

"In my book, all of them were winners," he said. "There is some awesome food in the U.S. Navy."

While this was the first "top chef" competition at DESRON 31, it probably won't be the last.

"We're looking at making this a quarterly event," Lovely said.

Navy Region Hawaii hosts first TweetChat to remember Pearl Harbor Day

Anna Marie General

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Navy Region Hawaii (@NavRegHawaii) held its first TweetChat to commemorate the 71st Pearl Harbor Day Anniversary on Dec. 7.

The TweetChat kicked off at 7:30 a.m. uniting people all over the world to discuss topics on lessons learned on Pearl Harbor Day, remembering our heroes and those lost, and what was most inspiring.

More than 130 tweets have been generated by chat participants using #PHDay2012 as the hashtag to follow along. Chat participants included @USPacificFleet, @usairforce, @usaghawaii, @PacificCommand, @PacificNPS and @SurfaceWarriors, to name a few.

As people remembered the Dec 7 attacks on Pearl Harbor, photos, articles, blog posts, video footage and personal messages were tweeted and retweeted throughout the day.

@JoshJJG tweets: "God bless all of our troops past and present #PearlHarbor #PHDay2012

@byzosgals tweets: "Take a moment to honor those who died and who were injured 71 years ago today at Pearl Harbor. #PHDay2012

@CDDensler retweets @USPacificFleet: "They are our national treasures pic... #PHDay2012 #NeverForget

@jennings_21 retweets @usairforce: "December 7, 1941 - a date which continues to live in infamy..#PHDay2012 #Airmen #Soldiers #Sailors #Marines

With several tweets hashtagging #PHDay2012, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) and Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam (JBPHH) Public Affairs monitored and tracked tweets through Hootsuite, a social media management dashboard and TweetChat.com, a site to automatically track a hashtag status.

In addition to our Twitter site, other social media platforms sky-rocketed in numbers during Pearl Harbor Day based on analytics reports. With 2,561 people reached during the week of Nov. 30 to Dec. 6, a total of 22,756 people were reached during the week of Dec. 7 gaining a 756.45 percent weekly increase for

CNRH Facebook.

This includes event photo posts, stories, video clips, comments, links and status updates. In a matter of hours, fans actively engaged in social media by sharing and liking the posts. The most popular post was the 71st Anniversary Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration photo album which reached 1,586 Facebook users and went viral 81.78 percent.

JBPHH Facebook's numbers also gained a 149.03 percent weekly increase reaching 27,460 Facebook users during the week of Dec. 7. The most popular post was the Hickam Remembrance Ceremony photo album which reached 1,655 Facebook users with a virality of 10.03 percent.

For additional Dec. 7 coverage, visit the following social media sites:

CNRH Facebook – www.facebook.com/NavyRegionHawaii

CNRH Flickr – www.flickr.com/photos/NavyRegionHawaii

JBPHH Facebook – www.facebook.com/JointBasePearlHarborHickam

Vimeo – <http://vimeo.com/user6381248/videos>

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2013 PRO BOWL TICKETS, GIVEAWAY

Club Pearl will be giving away tickets to the 2013 Pro Bowl tonight. Entry tickets will be handed out. The drawing begins at 9 p.m. Participants must be present to win. FMI: 473-1743.

OAHU HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

There will be tours of Oahu from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursdays through Dec. 27. The tour features major sights of Oahu, including Hanauma Bay, Pali Lookout, and Punchbowl Cemetery. 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 Information, Tickets and Travel-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 through Dec. 28. The cost is \$55 for adults and \$45 for children ages 3 to 11 years old, and free for children 2 years and younger. Departures are from ITT-Hickam and Royal Alaka’i Lodge. FMI: 448-2295.

FREE JUNIOR GOLF CLINIC

The Mamala Bay Golf Course is hosting a free junior golf clinic at 9 a.m. Dec. 22. FMI: 449-2300.

AROUND THE ISLAND TOUR

The Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store is offering an around the island tour at 10 a.m. Dec. 22. The tour will visit hidden parts of Oahu including hiking locations, beaches and more. The trip concludes with a beach swim. The cost is \$20 per person, and the registration deadline is \$20. FMI: 473-1198.

FLOAT DAY OBSTACLE COURSE

There will be a float day obstacle course from noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 22 at Hickam Pool 2. This is a free event. Participants must be able to pass swim test to use obstacle course. FMI: 448-2223.

FAMILY FUN: HIKE AIEA LOOP

The Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store will host a hike around the Aiea loop trail at 10 a.m. Dec. 26. Water, sun block and snacks are recommended for this hike. The cost is \$10 per person, and the registration deadline is Dec. 20. FMI: 473-1198.

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

Community Calendar

December

14, 15, 16 ~ Free, 30-minute Pearl Harbor holiday lights tours will be held from 6:15 to 8 p.m., departing every 15 minutes from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. For reservations, email holidayharborlightstour@gmail.com. Donations of nonperishable and canned goods will be accepted for local charities. Seats are limited and tickets will be distributed on a first come, first-served basis beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the day of the tour at the visitor center. FMI: 422-3399.

15 ~ The annual Breakfast with Santa event will be held starting at 8 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange food court lanai. The event for authorized patrons will also include young magicians, balloon art, and holiday arts and crafts. The cost of a child’s ticket is \$12, and an adult ticket is \$5. FMI: 423-3287.

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

16-19 ~ The games of the upcoming Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) Basketball Classic will be played at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam’s Bloch Arena. Admission to the games is free. The games are: Dec. 16, 2 p.m., HPU versus Menlo College; Dec. 17, 7 p.m., Menlo College versus Upper Iowa; Dec. 19, 2 p.m., HPU versus Upper Iowa. FMI: www.goseawarriors.com.

25 ~ A Christmas meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hale Aina dining facility at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The cost of the entrees will be ala carte plus an operational surcharge. The meal is open to all eligible patrons: active duty members, retirees and immediate family members. FMI: Tech Sgt. James Chatman at 448-0680.

January

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.

10 ~ The Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team (WWAST) will take on the Navy Commanders, a team comprised of commanders, commodores and commanding officers from units throughout Navy Region Hawaii. The game will be played on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam at Millican Field. The WWAST is comprised of competitive, athletic veterans and active duty servicemembers who have lost limbs while serving their country. The event is open to anyone with base access. Bleacher seating at the field is limited, but lawn chairs and picnic blankets are welcome. FMI: 473-0911.

Movie Showtimes



Wreck It Ralph *(3-D) (PG)

For decades, Ralph has been overshadowed by Fix-It Felix, Jr., the good-guy star of their game who always gets to save the day. Tired of playing the role of the bad guy, Ralph takes matters into his own hands and sets off on a journey across the arcade through multiple generations of video games to prove he can be a hero. On his quest, Ralph meets tough-as-nails Sergeant Calhoun from the first-person action game Hero’s Duty, and feisty misfit Vanellope von Schweetz from the candy-coated cart racing game, Sugar Rush, who may just be his first real friend. But everything changes when a deadly enemy is unleashed, threatening the entire arcade and Vanellope herself. Ralph finally gets his chance to save the day-but can he do it in time?

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY
7:00 PM Alex Cross (PG 13)

SATURDAY
2:30 PM Here Comes the Boom (PG)
4:45 PM Lincoln (PG 13)
7:00 PM Sinister (R)

SUNDAY
2:30 PM Wreck It Ralph *(3-D) (PG)
4:45 PM Fun Size (PG 13)
7:00 PM Silent Hill Revelation *(3-D) (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY
6:00 PM Fun Size (PG13)

SATURDAY
4:00 PM Muppets (PG)
7:00 PM Paranormal Activity 4 (R)

SUNDAY
2:00 PM Fun Size (PG13)

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Navy judge advocate is first military attorney to receive national award

Region Legal Service Office, Hawaii

A Navy judge advocate is the first military attorney to receive the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) Award, according to information provided by the Region Legal Service Office (RLSO), Hawaii.

Lt. Cmdr. James Toohey, senior trial counsel at the RLSO Hawaii, received the honor for his work on two high visibility child abuse cases (a child homicide case and a child sex abuse and child porn production/distribution case).

The NDAA recognizes excellence in advocacy and prosecution by federal prosecutors nationwide. This is the first time the association recognized a military judge advocate.

The NDAA awarded Toohey for his outstanding trial advocacy, diplomacy and tireless dedication to seek justice for abused children and relief for their families. His efforts in two complex child abuse cases impressed the association to recognize his excellence in trial advocacy and prosecutorial talent.

“It is an honor to be recognized by the National District



Photo courtesy of Region Legal Services Office, Hawaii
(Left to right) Suzanna Tiapula, Lt. Cmdr. James Toohey, and Capt. Albert Janin chat off stage after the awards presentation.

Attorneys Association for my work on these cases, but these achievements were possible only because of the collective efforts of dedicated and hard-working individuals too numerous to mention. Pursuing justice on behalf of child victims is one of the most difficult yet rewarding areas of our practice and I feel privileged to be entrusted with this responsibility,” Toohey said.

The NDAA’s National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse (NCPCA) hosted their annual conference titled, “Investigation and Prosecution of Child Physical Abuse and Fatalities” in Honolulu, Hawaii the week of Nov. 26.

Suzanna Tiapula, director of NCPCA, presented the award to Toohey as part of the closing ceremony of the conference Nov. 30.

On stage with her was Capt. Albert Janin, commanding officer of Region Legal Service Office Hawaii, and Erin Runnion, the mother of Samantha Runnion who was kidnapped, raped and murdered in July 2002 in California. Her death triggered legislation for California’s Amber Alert. Today, Runnion runs a foundation in her daughter’s honor and lectures on the importance of remaining vigilant in cases involving violence against children.

Tiapula said she was impressed by the military and pleased that RLSO Hawaii was taking child abuse cases. She also expressed gratitude for Toohey’s dedication and work in the military on tough cases.

“It is an absolute privilege to serve with Lt. Cmdr Jim Toohey. His superb performance of duty in U.S. vs. McVeigh, U.S. vs. Delgado and in his everyday due diligence sets the standard,” Janin said.

U.S. vs. McVeigh was a complex infant homicide case. After an eight-day court-martial, the accused was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter and battery. He was sentenced to 12

years confinement and a dishonorable discharge.

U.S. vs. Delgado involved a child molestation, child pornography production and distribution case involving a father and his eight-year-old biological daughter. The case triggered international and Navy-wide law enforcement interest and identified a young victim previously unknown to National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). The defendant was sentenced to 75 years confinement and a dishonorable discharge from the Navy. His plea deal capped his confinement to 44 years and required his cooperation with law enforcement for two years from the date of the sentence in any inquiry related to child sexual exploitation.

“I am grateful to the JAG and our corps’ military justice experts who created a career track for our highly motivated and talented litigators. Lt. Cmdr. Toohey epitomizes the pursuit of excellence and is a true servant of justice. I’m proud and pleased that he earned this prestigious National District Attorneys Association Award,” Janin said.

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

Forest City has registered with Toys for Tots to participate in the annual toy drive. 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. today or at the Moanalua

Community Center during business hours through Dec. 21.

Moanalua Terrace is holding its first annual creative ornament contest through Dec. 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.

Halsey Terrace Community Center will host a cookie-decorating contest from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 17. Residents will be decorating sugar cook-

ies. Materials will be provided. Winner will be named in two categories, most decorative and most creative.

Halsey Terrace Community Center will host a keiki matinee from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 18. Parents may sign in and drop off their children from

2:15 p.m. and pick up no later than 4:30 p.m. Free snacks will be served.

The Moanalua Community Center will offer free holiday gift-wrapping from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec.17-21. Santa’s helpers will wrap up to 10 gifts per family during the week.

JBPHH chapels announce holiday events

Events at the chapels at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to celebrate Christmas and the New Year will include:

Catholic services

- Dec. 24 — Catholic choir Christmas concert at 4:15 p.m.,(Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel).

- Dec. 24 – Family Mass at 5 p.m. (choirs – Christmas hymn at 4:15 p.m. (Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel).

- Dec. 24 — Children’s Christmas Mass/program at 5 p.m. (Hickam Chapel Center).

- Dec. 25 — Midnight Mass (Hickam Chapel Center).

- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Mass at 9 a.m. (Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel).

- Dec. 25 — Christmas Day Mass at 10:30 a.m. (Hickam Chapel Center).

- Dec. 31 — New Year’s Eve Mass at 5 p.m. (Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel).

- Jan. 1 — New Year’s

Day Mass at 9 a.m. (Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel).

- Jan. 1 — New Year’s Day Mass at 10:30 a.m. (Hickam Chapel Center).

Protestant services

- Dec. 23 — General Protestant children’s Christmas program at 6 p.m. (Hickam Chapel Center).

- Dec. 24 — General Protestant Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7 p.m. (Hickam Chapel Center).

- Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve worship service at 7 p.m. (Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel).

- Dec. 31 — Watch night service at 9 a.m. (Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, - 3950 Pain Circle, Honolulu).

Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel regular schedule of services is daily Mass Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m., Saturday Mass at 5 p.m., Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. and Sunday Protestant worship service at 11 a.m.

Registration has begun for Seabee Run

Registration has begun for the Seabee Run, which will be held at 7 a.m. Feb. 9 at Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Registration closes on Feb. 4. Participants will receive a T-shirt. Awards will be given for the top three male and female runners in each division of the 5K and 10K races.

The best couple’s run

time will receive an award. Registration fees range from \$20 to \$40 for the 5K, 10K and couple’s runs. The fee is \$10 for the children’s run.

Register online at www.active.com.

For more information, contact Lt. j.g. Chris Hoggan at christopher.hoggan@navy.mil or call 449-3105.

Navy Hale Keiki honor survivors

Students from Navy Hale Keiki School's Young Patriots Club were invited to participate in the 71st anniversary Pearl Harbor Day commemoration services on Dec. 7 at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. They talked with survivors, escorted survivors to place a wreath and sang a song in memory of those lost.

Photo by Brister Thomas



ASBP blood drive schedule updated

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. 17 and 19, 7 a.m. to noon, 3rd Radio Battalion, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Dec. 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., oceanside lobby entrance, Tripler Army Medical Center.

Jan. 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fort Shafter USARPAC, 263 Montgomery Road.

For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil. Check www.militaryblood.dod.mil for the latest information.


HPU Basketball Classic to be played at JBPHH

The games of the upcoming Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) Basketball Classic will be played at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam’s Bloch Arena.

Admission to the games is free. The games are:

- Dec. 16, 2 p.m., HPU versus Menlo College.
- Dec. 17, 7 p.m., Menlo College versus Upper Iowa.
- Dec. 19, 2 p.m., HPU versus Upper Iowa.

For more information, visit the website www.goseawarriors.com.



Last Week's
WHO SAID IT?
“The best road to progress is freedom’s road.”
John F. Kennedy

Last Week’s Trivia

When was the 15th Pursuit Group (Fighter), forerunner to the 15th Airlift Wing, activated and where?

Answer: The group was activated on Dec. 1, 1940 at the former Wheeler Field, Territory of Hawaii.