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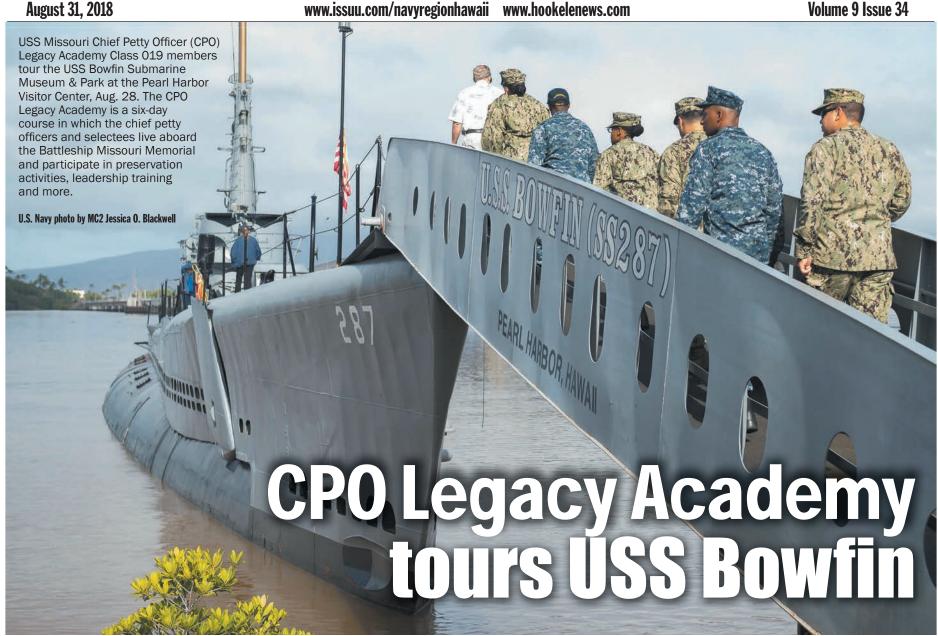
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John McCain had many ties to Hawaii

"From the Naval Academy to flight school and throughout his time as a prisoner of war in Vietnam, McCain displayed unfailing honor and duty to country. If that was the end of his service, he would still be renowned as a hero, but McCain's desire to serve didn't stop when his uniform came off. He continued to serve as a representative and senator from Arizona. Throughout his life, McCain never ceased serving our nation or fighting for what he believed."

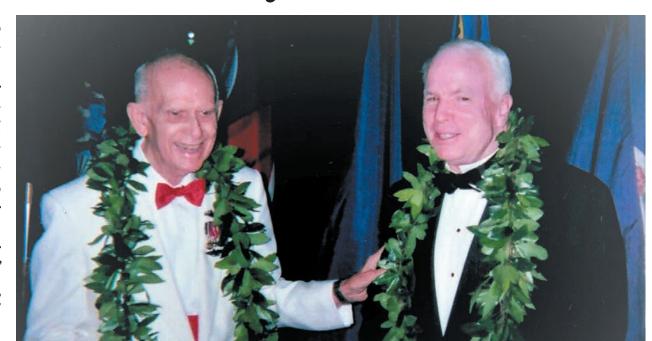
> - Richard V. Spencer, Secretary of the Navy

"The nation has lost a great patriot and warrior. Whenever we were in a tough spot, we knew Sen. McCain would be on our side with his characteristic toughness and integrity. The U.S. Navy mourns the loss of a true shipmate. Our prayers go with him and to his family, that they find consolation. May Sen. John McCain, who never flinched from a worthy fight, rest in a well-deserved peace."

> - Adm. John Richardson, $Chief of \, Naval \,\, Operations$

"On behalf of the crew of USS John S. McCain, I offer our support and prayers to the McCain family, our gratitude to the senator for his years of service to our nation, and a heartfelt traditional Navy sendoff: 'Fair winds and following seas.' It is an honor to have our mighty warship carry on your name and continue your legacy."

- Cmdr. Micah Murphy, USS John S. McCain (DDG 56) commanding officer



Photos by Bob McDermott and U.S. National Archives Records Administration

Above, left, Joe Vasey and John McCain, 2004. Below, McCain waiting for the rest of the group to leave the bus at airport after being released as a former prisoner of war.

State Rep. Bob McDermott

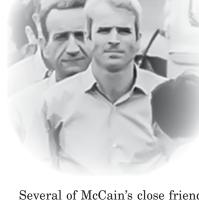
Former Executive Director, Honolulu Council, Navy League

As we learned of the passing of this great American hero, I wanted to share the many ties that Sen. John Sidney McCain III had with Hawaii.

First, as a young boy, he spent several years growing up in Navy base housing in the Makalapa area on Pearl Harbor. His grandfather was aboard the Mighty Mo' when the Japanese signed the surrender instruments of World War II.

When he was captured and a prisoner of war, his father was the Pacific commander in chief stationed at Camp H.M. Smith, here on Oahu. McCain's father's very best friend was Adm. Joe Vasey, then-chief of staff for Commander, 7th Fleet, who, upon retiring, remained in Hawaii until his recent passing

When McCain was released from Vietnam, the first state he stepped foot in was Hawaii, then-Hickam Air Force Base. In 1979, McCain met his future wife Cindy at a cocktail party in Honolulu; he said it was love at first sight.



Several of McCain's close friends and former POW comrades made Hawaii their home: Jim and Carole Hickerson; Jerry and Susan Coffee; and former Hawaii resident Orson

Swindle. They would all help McCain to varying degrees during his presidential runs. In 2004, the Honolulu Navy League decided to honor Vasey, who was in his early 90s and living at retirement community Arcadia. The Navy

League asked McCain if he would fly

out to Hawaii and speak at an event

honoring Vasey.

McCain agreed to fly out and honor this family friend and World War II submarine veteran.

This event was a week after the 2004 general election, during which McCain crisscrossed the country campaigning for his former rival George W. Bush. Despite being exhausted, he flew out to Hawaii for 36 hours on Oahu. He did this simply to honor Vasey.

I was honored to watch as Vasey was totally surprised by McCain's presence; Vasey asked McCain, What are you doing here, John?" to which McCain replied," I am here to honor you, sir!'

While at the event, McCain did not hang out with the well-heeled donors who paid to come to the gala, rather he spent time with the young wounded warriors who had just come back from Iraq. McCain's willingness to fly from Washington D.C. to Hawaii for a brief moment to honor Vasey and his conduct at the event, shining the light on our young wounded servicemen and women, illustrates how he lived his life in selfless service to others. Fair winds and following seas, Sen. McCain, you served your country well.

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Women's Equality Day observed at Historic Hickam Officers' Club

Story and photo by MC1 Randi Brown

Navy Public Affairs Support Element Detachment Hawaii

The Joint Force Diversity Committee hosted an event in observance of Women's Equality Day at the Historic Hickam Officers' Club on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Aug. 21.

Women's Equality Day falls Aug. 26 every year as a commemoration of the passing of the 19th Amendment in 1920 when women were granted the right to vote.

"The Women's Equality Day observance not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment but also represents women's continuous efforts towards full equality," said Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



Col. Kara Gormont, right, assigned to 15th Medical Group, speaks with Sailors during the Women's Equality Day event at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Aug. 21.

Allen Keller.

In 1948 the Women's Command Master Chief, tion Act enabled women Corps and the then-re- could serve in the mili-

to serve as permanent, cently-formed Air Force. regular members of the

The law limited the Armed Services Integra- Army, Navy, Marine number of women who

tary to two percent of the total forces in each branch. Today women represent approximately 16 percent of the U.S. military.

"We currently have two female executive officers that are executive officers of operationally deployed aircraft carriers, one of which will go on to be the very first female commanding officer of an aircraft carrier," Keller said.

"Eventually there will come a day that you can look across the horizon and everything that one gender does the other will have the same, equal opportunity to do so.

"As a woman in the military I have been invited into conversations that help me shed light on what obstacles professional females face to serve with equality in the military," said Col. Kara Gormont, the commander Gormont said.

of 15th Medical Group.

"In one meeting I realized that out of 55 people there were only three females making decisions for our Airmen. These failures of equality are not a woman's problem; we are all in this together and we are better when we solve the issues together.

On this holiday we should keep in mind all of the strong women and women's organizations all over the country that continue to work hard to provide women with equal opportunities in all fields.

"In the military we have done a great job of improving equality. During this time when tensions in our nations are running high, I do not doubt that we will continue to do a good job of meeting these challenges to improve equality,"

Pearl Harbor shipyard apprentices graduate

Amanda Urena

PHNSY & IMF Public Affairs

A formal ceremony was held Friday, Aug. 17, at the Historic Hickam Officers' Club to graduate 142 Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) journey workers who completed the shipyard's four-year Apprentice Program.

Keynote speaker, Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa, conveyed the relevancy of what is being done in Congress and how that affects federal workers in the Indo-Pacific Re-

Many take for granted the work that is being successfully achieved in capable employee."

done in Washington D.C., even though it directly impacts those who work in the shipyard. Congresswoman Hanabusa encouraged the journey workers to "keep looking forward and work together."

"The innovation that you share will always go down in history," she said.

She continued saying that the graduates are "a part of one of the most elite working forces that the state of Hawaii has ever seen."

PHNSY & IMF Commanding Officer, Capt. Gregory Burton, highlighted the importance of gained knowledge and experience the graduates order to continue keeping the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard "No Ka Oi."

Today, you have joined a long list of heroes that have breathed life into 'No Ka Oi,' and put new meaning to the shipyard's motto, 'We Keep Them Fit To Fight," he said.

'Each one of you formally takes the place in the legacy, steep in the Shipyard's core values of honor, courage, commitment, and aloha. And the Navy attributes of integrity, accountability, initiative,

and toughness. Burton concluded his speech to the graduates by stating, "you are ready to enter the workforce as a fully qualified and

The shipyard's Apprentice Program is a successful partnership between the PHNSY & IMF, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) and Honolulu Community College (HCC). The program includes full-time employment, hands-on training, a tuition-free Associate's Degree in Applied Trades from HCC, and a certificate from the DOL.

This year's graduating class includes journey workers from 15 of the shipyard's 27 trades.

The shipyard's first apprentice class graduated in 1924. More than 8,000 journey workers and future leaders have graduated from the program since its 1920 initiation.



Photo by Dave Amodo, PHNSY & IMF Public Affairs

Capt. Gregory Burton (center), the commanding officer of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility speaks at the 2018 PHNSY & IMF Apprentice Program graduation Friday, Aug. 17, alongside keynote speaker, Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa (left).





Submitted by David D. Underwood Jr., MC2 Charles Oki & Ensign Heather Hill

Sen. John McCain was well known for his character and integrity. What's the most important character trait of a leader?



Sonar Technician -Submarine 2nd Class Kien Ta USS Hawaii

'Someone who shows respect to those who support and go against them. Accepting someone else's opinion and respecting that is what showing your true colors is all about."



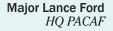
"Transparency, because in order for your subordinates or superiors to trust you, you must allow them to see you for all that you are."





Herman Rios Retired chief master sergeant

"Integrity and honor! (McCain) gave up so much of himself to his country. Respected!"



"Compassion: A lot of times people just want to know that a leader cares about what's going on in their life and their career.'





Frieda Chandler MWR Fitness Program

"The character trait of a good leader is to place others before yourself and mentor them to rise to the top. A leader is confident, has perseverance and endurance in order to stabilize themselves.'

Capt. Rashida Brown **USTRANSCOM**

"Consistency: It's important for a leader to be even keeled across the board in regards to how they interact with peers, subordinates and their own leaders.





"Honesty and truthfulness are really important qualities, because losing trust of your

Staff Sgt. Angelo Corpuz

"Adaptability: With the everchanging world every leader should be able to adapt to





Senior Airman Darius Taylor 647th Force Support

'The ability to be approachable no matter your position. If the people you lead are afraid to approach you or feel undervalued, your workplace will suffer drastically and you have failed your people.'

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COMMENTARY Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and

Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific Safety is a leadership imperative

(Editor's note: This is a follow-up to Rear Adm. Fort's commentary just before Memorial Day and the start of the '101 Days of Summer' lasting through Labor Day. More mishaps and fatalities occur nationwide during the 101 days of summer than during the rest of the year.)

This month was my one-year anniversary of assuming command at Region Hawaii and Surface Group Middle Pacific. It's been an eventful and rewarding year, and I'm remarkably proud of what the MIDPAC-Region team has accomplished together.

For example, the 2018 Rim of the Pacific exercise was a great event, and I commend all of our MIDPAC ships, installations — Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Pacific Missile Range Facility — as well as all the tenant commands who contributed to making the world's largest international maritime exercise such a resounding success this summer.

We will carefully analyze all the lessons learned from RIMPAC 2018 so we can apply a critical self-assessment to future exercises and operations. "Celebrating" small problems is the best way to prevent bigger problems over the horizon.

At the top of my list for conis safety.

the thousands of events and procedures we safely and professionally executed during RIMPAC 2018, the difference between "good" and "great" is our ability to critically assess those we did not.

During the final week of RIMPAC we had three accidents — each of which could have been prevented. Thankfully, none of these accidents resulted in tragedy, but in each we identified failures of operational risk management principles. When it comes to personal injury, one accident is simply too many. While even the most routine evolutions of our daily business are inherently dangerous, accidents should never be considered part of the cost of our business.

Ownership is key. We must own our "kuleana" — our area of responsibility - no matter how small or how big, throughout Region and MIDPAC, embracing safety and accountability as a norm every day.

From the deckplate to our office spaces, it's up to all of us to identify, rectify and then verify safety violations or hazards. Make sure your voice is loud and listened to when it comes to something that isn't right, particularly a safety violation.

Those of us who are senior tinuous critical self-assessment leaders and who oversee managers and supervisors must and lives!

While we should never discount support and promote a doctrine of safety throughout the command, communicate safety every day, lead with integrity and be bold decision makers who rise to the challenge, in order to take care of our people.

Rear Adm. Brian Fort

A good doctrine of safety should be part of the fabric, part of the routine, something we do automatically — aboard our ships, on the flight line, at work, in our homes and on the road.

The Naval Safety Center and Air Force Safety Center websites offer lots of great information, and I encourage you to visit their sites to learn more about safety. Both safety centers offer practical tips, good checklists and clear operational risk management expectations.

Safety is a leadership imperative we must never take for granted.

In the long term, I want the vear ahead to be as safe and secure and as rewarding as it can be for each of you. In the short term, please be safe this weekend as we celebrate Labor Day and the end of the "101 Days of Summer."

Drive with aloha, be aware, be engaged, and enjoy the opportunities that service in Hawaii affords us all — be smart and always get home safe! Owning safety is how we all ensure long, healthy service

Joint Services Suicide Prevention event will be hosted at JBPHH

Navy Region Hawaii **Public Affairs**

Navy Region Hawaii will host a Joint Services Suicide Prevention Proclamation signing and create a human chain in the form of a yellow suicide awareness ribbon.

The attempt is believed to be the first on a military installation on Oahu. The event will take place at the Freedom Tower on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Sept. 5 at

Hawaii-based service members, Department of Defense personnel and military/DoD families are welcome to attend the event in support of National Suicide Awareness Month.

Attendees are also encouraged to participate by wearing a yellow shirt to help create a yellow human awareness ribbon on the lawn outside of

Freedom Tower in order to bring greater awareness to suicide prevention.

Hawaii State Gov. David Ige will join representatives from every branch of service on island for the signing of the proclamation, pledging to help prevent suicide-related deaths. Attendees can gather information and utilize the tools provided from vendors and resource tents.

September is National Suicide Awareness Month. For more information, visit www. suicide.navy.mil. There are more resources for suicide prevention at http://www.public. navy.mil/bupers-npc/ support/21st_Century_ Sailor/suicide_prevention/ spmonth/Pages/Get-

Involved.aspx.

Transporting the wounded





Sonar Technician -Submarine 1st Class **Gabriel Ramos** USS Hawaii

people is a hard thing to earn back once it is lost."



respond to every mission."





Squadron

Offloading wounded at Hickam, 1942.

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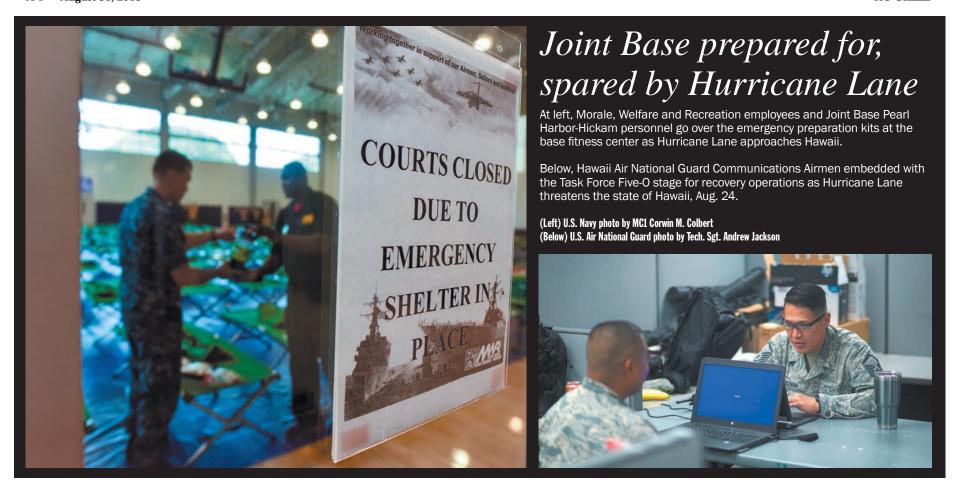
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PACAF to celebrate Air Force birthday

Hookele staff

Airmen with Pacific Air Forces will be celebrating the U.S. Air Force's 71st birthday at the 2018 Air Force Ball and Stand-up Gala. The ball will take place at the Royal Hawaiian Resort in Waikiki, Sept. 14 from 5:30 to

"We are hoping to create an event that celebrates the birthday of the Air Force and encourages interactions that wouldn't normally happen in a formal ball event," said Maj. Anthony Dargush, pharmacy flight commander, 15th Medical Group, and president of this year's ball committee.

"The Royal Hawaiian Resort or 'Pink Palace' has a lot of history with the military and is truly a great venue for this, right

solely as an R&R hotel, similar to Edelweiss in Germany or Dragonhill in

Special guests include retired Air Force Col. Jack DeTour, retired Air Force Col. Charles Rushforth and Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Case.

DeTour flew B-25s in the Pacific Theater during World War II from New Guinea to Okinawa and flew C-119s to Korea during the war. Rushforth flew numerous missions as an O-2A forward air controller (FAC) during the Vietnam War.

Case is a Tactical Air Control Party (TACP) specialist who has served in both Iraq and Afghanistan. His actions in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom earned him two on Waikiki Beach. During Silver Stars, an honor

World War II, it was used only held by three Airmen in history.

The Air Force was officially established as its own branch Sept. 18, 1947. The Air Force began as a division of the Army, serving in World War I and World War II. The branch has gone by several names such as the Air Service, the Air Corps and the Army Air Forces.

People have different reasons for joining the Air Force. Staff Sgt. Louis V. Cubillas' family was unable to send him to college, so he enlisted. Today, after seven years serving, he said he has grown more through the Air Force than through his first 18 years of life.

"The Air Force offered me tuition assistance to go to school, on-the-job training and experience, and medical benefits all while earning a paycheck," said the contracting officer of the 766th Specialized Contracting Squadron.

Even though I joined the Air Force for these reasons, I chose to stay in because of what it has done and continues to do for me."

Regardless of the reason for joining or staying in the Air Force, it's important to celebrate its birthday to give thanks and honor a branch that takes care of its members. I have friends and acquaintances from other branches of the (Department of Defense) and judging from their testimonies, no other branch invests in their people more than the Air Force," Cubillas added.

The Air Force means a lot to me and celebrating its birthday is honoring another year of caring for its members and executing the mission by provid-

Ticket prices are:

- \bullet E1-E4/cadets/GS1-GS4 are \$25
- E5-E6/GS5-GS7 are \$40
- E7-E9/O1-O3/W1-W2/GS8-GS11 are \$70
- O4-O5/W3-W5/GS12-GS14 are \$80
- \bullet O6/GO/GS15/SES/DVs are \$95

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Tickets are available at https://www.eventbrite.

ing them opportunities to for life in the Air Force. be better people and effective leaders.'

Staff Sgt. Wilbert Glay, also a contracting officer at 766th SCON, said he joined the Air Force to gain independence, continue his education and travel the world.

"The Air Force has given me all three and so much more," he said.

"I've traveled to Europe, Asia (and the) Middle East in the Air Force, I bought my first car in the Air Force, I met my wife in the Air Force, I've met friends

Most importantly, I found my purpose in the Air Force by being a part of something bigger than myself and having a hand in defending our nation."

Glay said it's important to celebrate the birthday to honor the branch as well as former Airmen who've served.

"(The birthday) serves as a reminder to us to take care of our wingmen, and to strive daily to set a similar example for those who will come after we're gone."





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U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Logan C. Kellums

Seaman Davion Gayle, from Jamaica, assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), uses a hammer to disassemble a pelican hook during a replenishment-at-sea with the Lewis and Clark-class dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Charles Drew (T-AKE 10), Aug. 20.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Kathrine Dodd

Taro Kono (right), foreign minister of Japan, is briefed by a forensic anthropologist with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Aug. 22 during a tour at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Richard Doolin

Lt j.g. Keshia Monahan, repair of other vessels supply support officer aboard the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40), discusses a supply order with Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Assistant Project Engineer Randy Iriarte, Aug. 10.



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Jessica Kendziorek

Tech. Sgt. Zachary Ziemann, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron (WRS) loadmaster, checks the data from a dropsonde after it was released near the eye wall of Hurricane Lane Aug. 20.

U.S. Navy divers assigned to Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 1 conduct a diving salvage survey on a sunken vessel with Royal Malaysian divers during the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) exercise in Malaysia, Aug.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Taylor Mohr



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n a sunny Saturday morning, tucked away off a well-traveled road on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, a sacred burial mound is given extra kokua (care) by a group of chief petty officers and chief selectees, Aug. 18.

The Sailors gather in a circle, hidden from the traffic by a green wall of trees and bushes. Bruce Keaulani sprinkles some water on each Sailor, one by one, as Kehau Lum follows behind with a ti leaf, touching each of us on the head, each shoulder, the chest, and then the abdomen. A bucket sits nearby, cradling tools and ti leaves. The ti leaves glisten in the sunlight with water droplets, blessed by Keaulani. A chant accompanies each blessing — the "E ho mai."

Keaulani and Lum are members of the Alii Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club. The civic club provides cultural protocols for the Navy for sites such as this one. The Sailors address Keaulani and Lum as "Uncle" and "Auntie," respectively, which locals generally call their elders out of veneration, related or not.

This ceremony is known as pikai, a traditional Hawaiian blessing involving a pule — a prayer to call the ancestors and let them know that we come to help, and ask them to join us — and a peleku - a blessing where the ti leaf touches the spiritual points, accompanied by an oli (chant) — "E ho mai."

Each point represents something different. The area nearest the head is the ke akua, which represents the father above, or god. The crown of the head is the aumakua, which represents the ramily, or ancestors. The shoulder and heart area is the uhane, representing the mother. And the unihipili is the abdomen, representing the child inside each of us. Auntie touches each of these areas as a symbol to show that love comes down from ke akua to unihipili.

While others are trimming the bushes and clearing the brush — the purpose of our visit — Auntie and I are talking. She points to the sky.

"Do you see the birds?" she asks.

She tells me the birds represent the ancestors coming to join us. This is a sign that the ancestors approve of what we are doing.

"This is a sacred burial site," said Religious Programs Specialist 1st Class Glenda Techur, selected to chief petty officer.

"We have to ask permission. We have to let them know who we are and why we're here.'

Techur was born and raised in Tamuning, Guam, but her family comes from the island of Palau — one of the Micronesian islands near Guam. When I asked her about the Guamanian and Hawaiian cultures, she said, "It's very similar — respect for people, respect for the land (and) respect for your other brothers and sisters. We have the same food. Same ocean surrounding the island.

For her, this custom was familiar, as it was done at funerals back home.

For others, this is the first time they've seen the ceremony.

Chief Master-at-Arms (SW/EXW) Matt Haylow, of Fort Worth, Texas, coordinated the volunteer efforts. I asked him if he is normally a spiritual person, and without hesitation, he said, "No. Not at all.

But going through the ceremony, he said, "It felt kind of surreal. It made me think about things I hadn't thought about in quite a long time."

The ceremony brought back thoughts of his niece, who died 22 years ago, at just 35 days old.

(The ceremony was) solemn," he said. "Kind of a goosebump thing. It felt like your ancestors were actually coming to

This tradition gave Haylow the opportunity to honor his niece.

Without it (the ceremony), I wouldn't have thought of her," Haylow said. "I wouldn't have had any reason to go spiritual with this. (The clearing) would have just been yardwork."

The site is known as Halealoha Haleamau, which in Hawaiian, means house of welcome, house of eternity.

According to Jeff Pantaleo, the culture resources manager for Navy Region Hawaii, there are 98 native Hawaiian remains in the burial mound. These remains have been recovered from all across the joint base, and they fill one of eight compartments buried under the rocks. The compartment has been sealed with concrete, but the remains will always touch the earth. According to Pantaleo, this was sacred and important to the Hawaiians when this site was built.

The Halealoha Haleamau was constructed here in 1997. At that point, the Navy was expanding the wastewater treatment facility, and during an archeological survey, a burial site was uncovered. Pantaleo said that Hawaiian burial sites are generally kept secret to protect the ancestors' 'iwi — or bones of the dead — and their artifacts from being pilfered. He said that the burial site for King Kamehameha I, for example, will never be found. His burial site would have been kept the most secret because he was such a powerful man.

King Kamehameha I. or, King Kamehameha the Great, is known as the great uniter, as he was the first king to bring all the Hawaiian Islands under

one kingaom. Pantaleo said this site had associated artifacts, and the Navy consulted with native Hawaiians to develop a plan to sacredly move the remains, dating back 800 years, to a more protected area. Part of the move included the construction of a traditional burial platform, which is what these chief petty officers and chief selectees were cleaning up today.

The Navy developed a memorandum of understanding with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, where the burial site would be made permanent, and native Hawaiians would be invited to do a pule and pikai each time work was done on

'We don't just come to a place and say, 'Hey, we're going to go here and do this,' Techur said. "You have to ask permission. You have to go and find the point of contact and make sure that it is OK, because you don't know what the consequences are if you just go. The Navy has its own traditions and the Hawaiians have their own traditions."

For Haylow, the ancestral ties are akin to our naval heritage.

"They might not have been blood family, but (past naval leaders) were folks who kind of laid the groundwork for what we do," he said. "Our service wouldn't be what it is and have the capability that it does without them. So, (there are no) blood ties, but they very much are our predecessors — ancestors.'

"The Navy — they know what they are doing," Techur said. "They have respect, loyalty and teamwork. And they're working with the people here in Hawaii."

Haylow commented on how unique the

experience is for the Sailors.

If we weren't doing this kind of thing with the chief selects, this would be nothing more than a leadership course, which you can get anywhere," Haylow said. "When we bring these kind of events to it, of course, it broadens the experience for them, but I think it makes it worthwhile. And again, we would be doing a disservice to those who came before us if we didn't remember and pass



Above, A ho'okupu sits on the burial site on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Aug. 18. A ho'okupu is an ancestral offering wrapped in ti leaves.





Above left, Master-at-Arms 1st Class Shalonda Denson, of Bainbridge, Georgia, selected to chief petty officer, clears vegetation from the burial site. Above right, Utilitiesman 1st Class Eric Luiz, of Honolulu, selected to chief petty officer, trims bushes.



Chief petty officers and chief petty officer selectees clean and trim vegetation around

the Halealoha Haleamau burial site, Aug. 18.

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Keep back-to-school season safe with these five questions

National Safety Council

More than 50 million children across the U.S. are now back in school. Between back-to-school shopping, finalizing classes and meeting teachers, the National Safety Council urges parents to slow down and ask themselves five simple questions that directly impact children's and teens' safety:

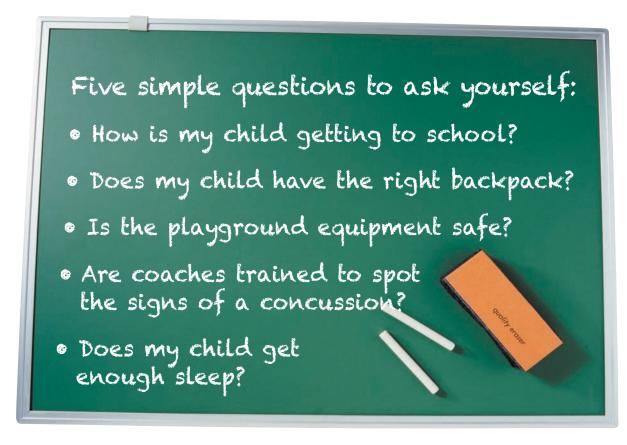
- How is my child getting to school?
- Does my child have the right backpack?
- Is the playground equipment safe?
- Are coaches trained to spot the signs of a concussion?
- Does my child get enough sleep?

Data indicate too few people may consider these issues. Weekday fatal crashes involving teen drivers, for example, peak in the hours before and after school. Loading and unloading is the most dangerous time for students who ride a school bus.

Backpacks injure as many as 14,000 children each year. More than 200,000 children go to emergency rooms because of playground-related injuries annually, concussion diagnoses are on the rise and 15 percent of teens do not get enough sleep on school nights.

"We would never forget back-to-school supplies, but we tend to overlook safety," said Deborah A.P. Hersman, president and CEO of the National Safety Council. "While unintentional injury (is) the leading cause of fatalities involving school-age children, we often spend more time discussing first-day-of-school outfits than safety."

To help ensure a safer back-to-school season, the National Safety Council recommends:



Riding the bus. Children are 70 times more likely to get to school safely by taking the bus rather than riding in a car. The National Safety Council urges parents to put their children on the bus and calls on all states to pass laws requiring three-point seat belts on all buses to maximize safety.
Avoiding teen carpools. A single young passenger in the same at the parent state of the large height 44 parents.

increases a teen driver's fatal crash risk 44 percent. If teens drive to school, they should do so alone — no friends or siblings should ride with them.

• Walking attentively and in groups. On average, one child dies each day after being hit by a

remain high through the evening, peaking in October. Children and teens should avoid texting while walking, remove headphones before crossing the street, use designated crosswalks and never assume a vehicle will stop.

• Buying the right back-

car in the United States. These preventable deaths increase sharply after school and

should not weigh more than five to 10 percent of a child's weight. It should never be wider or longer than your

pack. A backpack

child's torso, and never hang lower than 4 inches from the waist. Padded straps, hip and chest belts, multiple compartments and compression straps can also help. Parents should have children clean out their backpacks regularly and remove unnecessary items.

Checking the playground. Most playground injuries are related to falls or problems with equipment. Parents should look for hazards like cracks, rust, splits in wood, sharp edges, tripping hazards, platforms without guardrails or loose bolts. Equipment should stand on either rubber, sand or wood chips—never on pavement. Notify the school immediately if anything looks unsafe.

Advocating for concussion education. Every three minutes, a child is treated in the emergency room for a sports-related concussion. Check with school leadership to ensure coaches are educated about the signs and symptoms of a concussion

• Planning around sleep schedules. School-aged children need nine to 11 hours of sleep each night, and teens need eight to 10 hours. Sleep deprivation can lead to serious issues including inability to concentrate in class, lower test scores, stunted growth and acne. Fatigued teens are at increased risk of a car crash. Plan school and extracurricular activities so they do not impact a child's ability to get enough sleep.

be wider or lon- For additional back-to-school safety information and ger than your tips for parents, visit nsc.org/backtoschool.



Navy Region Hawaii **Public Affairs**

The U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) Foundation plans several events in conjunction with the University of Hawaii (UH) vs. USNA Military Appreciation Night football game at 5 p.m. tomorrow as the UH Rainbow Warriors host USNA at Aloha Stadium.

This will be the UH Rainbow Warriors' first home game of the season. The pregame show will feature the Navy League honoring a key spouse from each component, including Hawaii Air National Guard, Hawaii Army National Command. A key spouse is one who has functioned as the communication and hawaii.gov/.

organization focal point for a unit that is deployed in the theater of hostile operations, or hardship situation, during this year. The halftime show will feature marching units from around Oahu.

For more information on Guard and U.S. Indo-Pacific how to purchase Navy vs. UH football game tickets, visit http://alohastadium.

USNA upcoming events:

- Friday, Aug. 31 at noon: Luncheon with the USNA superintendent at the Plaza Club in Honolulu
- Friday, Aug. 31 at 5 p.m.: Pep Rally and reception at the Hale Koa garden
- Saturday, Sept. 1 at 8:30 a.m.: USNA admissions informational presentation at Dillingham Hall, Punahou School
- Saturday, Sept. 1 from 1 to 4 p.m.: Alumni Tailgate at Rainbow Bay Marina's A-frame pavilion

Visit www.usnahawaii.net to purchase tickets.

Former UH coach scores as USNA coach

Editor's note: This week's edition features our first "Hoku" Star, a special feature highlighting important people and their message to military service members and the community.

While playing for the University of Hawaii Rainbow Warriors during his college years, local boy Coach Ken Niumatololo returns to Hawaii as the head coach for the U.S. Naval Academy.

Tell us a little about yourself and your ties to Hawaii.

•"I grew up in Hawaii; •our family moved to Hawaii in 1972. My dad was in stationed in Sand Island so we lived in Red Hill. Then he retired, I believe, in 1975. We moved to Halawa and my dad worked at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. In 1977 we moved to La'ie, where my dad became the manager of a restaurant at School. I was all over the place! degree, played college football here in Hawaii?

E HAHALI NĀ HŌKŪ



Coach

Ken Niumatololo

Interview by **Anna General**

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

I went to the University of Hawaii and graduated in 1990 the Coast Guard and he was with a bachelor's degree in communications."

How do you feel about being a coach for the U.S. Naval Academy and

coming back to play Hawaii? "I get mixed emotions. I A am obviously excited to the Polynesian Cultural Cen- come back home but playing ter, and then I lived there ever the University of Hawaii, I since. I went to a few schools mean, you want to win every such as Red Hill Elementary, time you compete but it's dif-Aiea Elementary, Aliamanu In- ferent just from a standpoint termediate, Kahuku, Aiea In- of ... I wouldn't be here if it termediate and Iolani, then I wasn't for the University of military service members graduated from Radford High Hawaii. It is where I got my

and where I started coaching. You try your best to beat the school that got you started in this profession, so there is mixed emotions. I have great respect for Coach Rolovich and his staff — one of them, too, is my son who just started coaching for Rolovich. Coming back to Aloha Stadium with a lot of great memories, we will try our best to win, as I am sure they (UH) will but it's they've become."

What special message do you have for and their families stationed

A: Well first and foremost, I am grateful for their service of all our military — for those that are obviously serving our country and those who have served. There are many families of veterans you are on a football team who live in Hawaii. But those who are away from the families in the mainland that are in Hawaii stationed there, you are just grateful for their service.

. Aside from beating the Army, what is your greatest joy as a coach for the U.S. Naval Academy?

"The greatest joy is see-Aing them come back after they graduate and to see who are the players that you've coached, whether they're still serving or whether they've gotten out and started their civilian careers. But to me, just to see them as fathers and husbands is probably the greatest joy and to see the men that

As a former quarter-back and now coach, what are some parallels in leading a football team and being a leader in a military uniform?

A. There are a lot of life lessons that you learn in football. Like one of them service members and families you talked about — leadership - but also teamwork, selflessness, work ethic — all those things that you learn and as you learn to serve, you learn to lead and I think there are a lot of things, attributes, characteristics and real-life skills that you learn in football that can help you as a leader in life and in the military.

Why should dads and moms consider the Navy for their sons and daughters?

·I think the Navy, A: first and foremost, is an opportunity to serve our country, but we really believe that the diversity of the Navy and the Marine Corps — just all the different options it provides has many avenues to be successful and to start a career. If you decide to stay in and make it your 20-year career or if you decide to get out, there are a lot of great skills that you learn while being in the Navy so I just really believe that all the options it provides is definitely a great thing to have.

324 IS strengthens grip on final playoff seed

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Needing a win to stay in the hunt for the Blue Division's sixth and final seed, the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) came through in the clutch with a straight set, 25-17 and 25-24, win over the 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (647 LRS) Aug. 29 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

Next week will wrap up the regular season with the playoffs scheduled for Sept. 11-13. The top six teams from the Blue and Gold Divisions will qualify for the postseason.

The win by the 324 IS raised its record to 3-2, while the 647 LRS, which entered the game as the No. 4 seed in the Blue Division, lost its fourth game against five victories.

Although the 647 LRS started and finished the matchup with only five players, one short of the regulation six players, the squad gave the 324 IS all it could handle – due to the strong frontcourt play of LRS outside hitter Airman 1st Class Matthew Harney.

In both sets, the $647\ LRS$ got out to fast starts only to lose momentum as the match progressed.



Team captain Tech. Sgt. Adam Delph sets up a shot for the 324 IS.

"In the first set, we just got out to a slow start," said 324 IS team captain Tech. Sgt. Adam Delph, as the 324 IS fell behind early at 6-1. "And in the second set, again, little mistakes crept up on us until we finally got our groove and in the middle of the set, we kind of lost it again. We took a timeout to regroup and ended up winning the game."

After its slow start in the first set, the 324 IS slowly

gained momentum and finally tied the set at 8-8 on an ace from service from Master Sgt. Michael Wiest.

Wiest, who took over service with the team behind at 8-4, led the 324 IS on a nine-point rally that put it out in front at 13-8. The 324 IS increased its lead

to seven points at 20-13, before moving on to the 25-17 and

'We just tried to minimize

the mistakes," stated Delph about how the team turned the set around. "We made good passes to set up points. We set up to score points and not just hit the ball over.'

Harney, whose tall presence made things a bit tough at the net for the 324 IS, started to swing away and his first kill in the second set kept the 624 LRS in the lead at 6-4.

Delph said that in order to

neutralize Harney's powerful slams, the 324 IS had to devise a plan to prevent him from taking over.

"His (Harney's) height was definitely nervous to us before we started the game," Delph admitted. "So normally when we see people like that, we keep the ball away from them. By doing that, it takes out their scoring advantage and sets them up to not be able to utilize him to his full potential.

Back and forth it went, with the game being tied nine times throughout the second set.

Late in the set, another kill by Harney seemed to give the 647 LRS full control with a 22-18 lead.

However, a kill by Wiest tied it all up at 24-24, before Tech. Sgt. Edmond Gray put down an ace to end the set and match.

Next week, the 324 IS can lock down its spot in the playoffs by winning the team's final two games of the regular season.

If they can accomplish that, Delph said that he likes his team's chances if its top six players show up to play.

"Obviously, we're going to shoot for our best six," he acknowledged. "Hopefully everyone will show up and we'll have a good showing in the postseason."

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Registration is open now for the 43rd annual Fall Craft Fair, happening Nov. 3 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Cost is \$75 for a 15-by-15 space or \$105 for a shared space. For more information, call 448-9907.



- Entries for the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center's Gallery Showcase will be accepted from now through Sept. 30. Submit your artwork, crafts, photography and digital creations. It is free to submit a piece and works will be displayed in the gallery beginning with the opening reception on Oct. 3. For more information, call 448-2393.
- Ohana Paint Night gets creative from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. An instructor leads parents and children step by step through a featured painting. At the end of the evening they can take their personal masterpiece home. Price is \$35 per person, includes all art supplies and is open to ages 8 and up. Register online at greatlifehawaii.com. For more information, call 448-9907.
- The Eat the Street shuttle departs at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 31 from the Hickam Information, Tickets and Tours office. Avoid the traffic and parking woes and catch the shuttle to the island's largest food truck rally. Price is \$7 and the shuttle returns to the base at approximately 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 448-2295.
- The Hail & Farewell Open Mic Night is a night of fun from 8 to 10 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Teen Center, to welcome new members and say "see ya later" to those moving on to new

adventures. This event is free and is open to all teens registered with the program and their families. For more information, call 448-1068.

- The English Channel Swim Challenge occurs from Sept. 1-30 at all Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Pools. You have a month to swim the equivalent length of the English Channel, 21 miles. The first 25 to complete this challenge receive prizes. For more information, call 473-0394.
- Joint Services Suicide Prevention & Human Awareness Ribbon Event takes place from 8 to 11 a.m. Sept. 5. September is Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month and the Military & Family Support Center is teaming up with program managers from all bases. This large-scale event will capture attention with the attempt to make a record-breaking human awareness ribbon while highlighting the importance of reaching out to help individuals who have thoughts of suicide. The event also includes a resource fair, live music and a proclamation signing. For more information, call 474-1999.
- A Makerspace demonstration takes place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 5 at the JB-PHH Library. This is a free event for children ages 8 and up. For more information, call 449-8299.



Navy Exchange Service Command

Navy Lodge Hawaii will participate in National Hospitality Week Sept. 17-21. Navy Lodge Hawaii associates will compete in several events including the Guest Service Championship Pin Game and a team project that shows what "teamwork" means to them.

"My staff looks forward to participating in Hospitality Week each year," said Rachel Guerrero, the general manager of Navy Lodge Hawaii.

"Our Navy Lodge housekeeping, front desk and maintenance staffs work tireless every day to support our military families. Hospitality Week lets them show off their skills and have fun at the same time."

The Navy Exchange Service Command's Navy Lodge Program offers and usy-lodge.com.

clean, comfortable and convenient locations around the world to authorized guests at 45 percent less than comparable givilian batels.

rable civilian hotels.

Guests who stay at a Navy lodge will find oversized rooms and family suites with living and dining areas, fully equipped kitchen, premium TV channels, soft and firm pillows, guest laun-

dry facilities as well as handicapped

accessible rooms.

In addition, guests receive free breakfast, Wi-Fi and newspaper during their stay. As an added convenience, dogs and cats up to 70 pounds in weight can stay at many Navy lodges when traveling with their owner.

To make a reservation at a Navy lodge, call 800-628-9466, 24 hours a day, seven days a week or go online at navy-lodge.com.



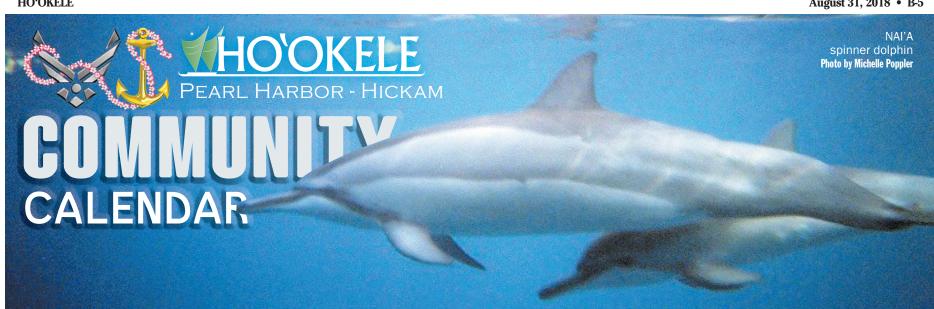
Photo courtesy of Navy Lodge Hawaii

The front entrance of Navy Lodge Hawaii.



* Awesome Beach BBQ Giveaways including gift baskets, gift cards and a BBQ Beach Grand Prize featuring a grill, a cooler, beach chairs, and more!

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NAVY BALL TICKETS ON SALE NOW

NOW - Tickets for the 2018 Navy Ball are on sale. The event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 5 to 11 p.m. at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Waikiki. This year's theme is "Forged by the Sea." Costs for individual ticket prices are \$90 through Sept. 14 and \$100 from Sept. 15 to Oct. 12. The Navy Ball tickets are available at http://buytickets.at/hawaiinavyball2018/165458.

AHUA REEF RESTORATION EVENTS

SEPT. 1 — An Ahua Reef restoration event is scheduled for Sept. 1 from 8 to 11 a.m. Help restore a coastal wetland by creating a habitat for native plants and birds. Activities include pulling invasive weeds and trash pickup. Ahua Reef Wetland is located on the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, near Hickam Harbor and Hawaii Air National Guard. Parking is available. Closed-toe shoes are required. Expect to get wet and muddy - wellington boots, long sleeves and pants are recommended. Additional items to bring include sunblock, water, hat and snacks. Navy Natural Resources will provide tools, gloves and water refills. RSVP to Noel Dunn by emailing Ashley.n.dunn.ctr@navy.mil.

CONSTRUCTION GOING ON

NOW - Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii has started demolition of the tennis courts at the triangle of Mills Boulevard, 12th Street and Fox Boulevard, next to the Hickam Family Pool. There will be noise and possibly dust during this construction project. Due to this construction, Morale, Welfare and Recreation has cancelled the Aug. 31 Movie Night.

FREE KEIKI IDS

TODAY – Staff of the Navy Exchange at the Mall at Pearl Harbor will be having free keiki IDs made on the spot for all military children from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the second floor. The Keiki ID kit is a valuable tool that can be used to help recover missing children. It provides spaces for critical information about a child that law enforcement may find helpful in an event that the child goes missing. It includes spaces for fingerprints, photo, dental chart (for a dentist to fill in), and a DNA sample (for a strand of hair from the child's hairbrush).

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

SEPT. 3 — City and County of Honolulu offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of Labor Day, a federal holiday. There are a few things to remember about the city's holiday sched-



SEPT. 10 — Mothers-to-be and brand new mothers are welcome to a baby shower Sept. 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Historic Hickam Officer's Club. A separate shower for fathers-to-be is scheduled from 5:30 to 7 p.m., also at the club. Join USO Hawaii and Heidi Murkoff, author of the "What to Expect" series. Get your pregnancy questions answered and connect with other moms in your community. Lunch will be provided, as well as games, giveaways and more. The Special Delivery Shower at 11 a.m. is open to active duty service members/ spouses who are expecting (pregnant) and new (six months postpartum or less) moms only (no guests except for your new baby) because space is limited. Register at www.uso.org/specialdelivery.

ule. Emergency medical, fire, lifeguard, medical examiner and police services will be available. The Bus will operate on a Sunday schedule. For route and schedule information, visit www.thebus.org. Refuse will be collected and transfer stations, convenience centers, H-POWER, and the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill will be open. Parks, municipal golf courses, botanical gardens, and the Honolulu Zoo will be open. The Neal S. Blaisdell Center box office will be closed. The People's Open Markets will not be held. All Satellite City Halls and Driver Licensing Centers will be closed. Motorists are cautioned that parking will be restricted in Lanikai over the three-day holiday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. On-street parking will be free, except for the meters on Kalakaua Avenue along Queen Kapiolani Park and metered parking lots. Traffic lanes will not be coned for contraflow.

HOSC SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

NOW – The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club needs volunteers for its thrift shop every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are eligible for discounts on days they work two

or more hours. For safety and liability reasons, no children under the age of 10 may attend volunteer work functions held in the store even if the function takes place on a day the shop is closed. The thrift shop is located in building 1723, between the car wash and Kuntz Gate. For more information, visit https://hickamosc.wildapricot. org/thriftshop/.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

NOW – There are volunteer opportunities at Special Olympics Hawaii, whether you're an individual or a member of a school, church or other group; whether you can volunteer for just a few hours on a single day as a scorekeeper, several hours a week or year-round. More than 6,500 volunteers are needed every year. Visit http://www.specialolympicshawaii. org/get-involved/volunteers.html for more information.

HELPING HANDS HAWAII NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

NOW - Helping Hands Hawaii, a nonprofit organization that serves families in need, seeks volunteers. Volunteer opportunities include human services volunteer, behavioral health volunteer and receptionist. Send a signed and completed volunteer application form to James Li at jamesli@helpinghandshawaii.org. For more information, email Li or call 440-3812. For more information, visit http:// helpinghandshawaii.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/.

FISHER HOUSE 8K RUN, WALK OR

SEPT. 8 — This free, 8-kilometer run/ walk is scheduled from 6:30 a.m. to noon at the Pacific Aviation Museum and open to the public. Non-military ID cardholders must obtain a base pass. Bring your driver's license, registration and proof of insurance to the Nimitz Visitor Control Center (Pass & ID) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Plan to arrive by 5 a.m. to ensure access to base before the bridge closes. For more information, email anita.f.clingerman@gmail.com or theresa.m.johnson2@aol.com. Information is also available at https://www.facebook. com/FisherHouseRun/.

MILITARY FAMILY HIRING DAY

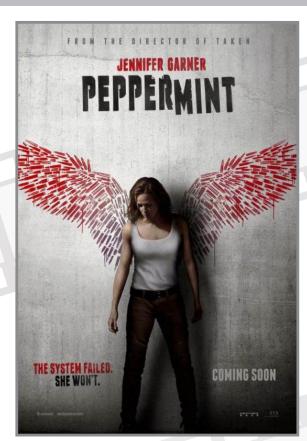
SEPT. 15 — Military family hiring day is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon on the second floor of the Mall at Pearl Harbor. On-site interviews for various positions ranging from cashiers to warehouse with the opportunity to get a conditional job offer on the spot.

PEARL HARBOR HISTORIC SITES **ANNOUNCE 'FREE PASS DAYS'**

SEPT. 15 AND 16 — Pearl Harbor Historic Sites will commemorate the official birthdays of each branch of the U.S. military by offering "free pass days" to active-duty, retired members and their dependents. A valid military I.D. must be presented at the Ticket and Information Booth at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center or onsite at each site. Free admission is available Sept. 15 and 16 for the U.S. Air Force's birthday, Oct. 13 and 14 for the U.S. Navy's birthday, Nov. 10 and 11 for the U.S. Marine Corps' birthday, and Dec.15 and 16 for the U.S. National Guard's birthday. For more information, visit www.PearlHarborHistoricSites.org.

34TH ANNUAL GOOD LIFE EXPO

SEPT. 21 TO 23 - This free annual event provides an array of services, programs, educational workshops and more. The three-day event is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Neal S. Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall at 777 Ward Ave.



MOVIE SHOWTIMES

TODAY - AUG. 31

7 p.m. • Mission Impossible: Fallout (3-D) (PG-13)

SATURDAY - SEPT. 1

2:30 p.m. • Christopher Robin (PG)

4:50 p.m. • Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation (3-D) (PG)

7 p.m. • The Spy Who Dumped Me (R)

SUNDAY - SEPT. 2

1:30 p.m. • Teen Titans Go: To the Movies (PG)

6 p.m. • An advance screening of Peppermint (R) is free to the first 400 authorized patrons. Tickets will be distributed at 4:30 p.m. at the theater ticket booth. Active duty service members may receive up to four tickets. Military retirees, military family members and Department of Defense ID cardholders may receive up to two.

THURSDAY - SEPT. 6

7 p.m. • The Spy Who Dumped Me (R)

SATURDAY - SEPT. 1

3 p.m. • Teen Titans Go! To the Movies (PG)

5:30 p.m. • Incredibles 2 (PG)

SUNDAY - SEPT. 2

2 p.m. • Hotel Transylvania 3:

Summer Vacation (PG) 4:30 p.m. • Incredibles 2 (PG)

THURSDAY - SEPT. 6

6:30 p.m. • The Darkest Minds (PG-13)

Movie schedules are subject to change without notice.