

DPAA hosts POW/MIA recognition

Senior Airman **Apryl Hall**

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

Personnel from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), along with members of the community, veterans and other special guests - including Consulates General of Japan, Philippines, Australia, Re-public of Korea and New Zealand — observed National POW/MIA Recognition Day during a ceremony held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Sept. 21.

More than 250 people attended this year's ceremony, which was hosted by DPAA. The hourlong event recognized the sacrifices of Americans who have been prisoners of war, and honored those who are still missing in action.

DPAA's mission is to provide the fullest possible accounting of missing service members to their families and the nation. The agency has positively identified 191 service members to date in 2018.

Among those fortunate family members who were able to bring their loved one home this year were Retired Col. Charles McDaniel Jr. and his brother.

"I have to commend DPAA and the associated agencies," McDan-iel Jr. said. "They get it. You have to realize that, even when you're not thinking about (it),



Photo by Staff Sgt. Leah Ferrante Members from a local Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter lay a wreath during a ceremony for National POW/MIA Recognition Day at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Sept. 21.

there is a whole bunch of people that are very talented and very serious about finding things. To all those who are saying, 'No man left behind,' God bless you."

Following the official ceremony, the McDaniel brothers placed a rosette by their father's name on the memorial wall of nearly 30,000 names who are missing, symbolizing he has been found.

this," McDaniel Jr. said, holding up his father's identification tags. "I wasn't sure it would ever come. I'm trying to show how important this moment is for lots of people, not just me. Sixty-eight years is a long time, but it happened. So don't give up.

The ceremony featured guest speakers Rear Adm. (Ret.) Peter

Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, and McDaniel Jr., son of U.S. Army Master Sgt. Charles McDaniel Sr., who was recently identified amongst the 55 boxes of remains DPAA received from North Korea in August.

On behalf of all of us at the Defense POW/ MIA Accounting Agency, we are honored to have

remember and acknowledge the courage and sacrifice of these U.S.

military personnel," said Rear Adm. Jon Kreitz, DPAA deputy director. "They forfeited their individual freedoms and liberty as prisoners of war or lost their lives and

remain unaccounted for.' McDaniel Jr. spoke about what the day means to him.

Adm. Philip Davidson, commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, greets Joe Hockey, Australian ambassador to

the U.S., during a reception, Sept. 18.

e has been found. Gumataotao, director you here with us as we "I am humbled this these heroes, "I waited 68 years for of the Daniel K. Inouye pause in our busy lives to morning," McDaniel Jr. not forgotten.

said. "I cannot even begin to tell you how inadequate I feel, to deal with my emotions of the last few weeks, but yet my emotions certainly are no different than so many other hundreds of thousands of people who have lost loved ones."

In addition to guest speakers, the ceremony also featured a wreath presentation, rifle salute and the reading of the names of U.S. service members who have been identified and returned home since last year's observance.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day began in 1986. Every year since, the president of the United States issues a proclamation commemorating the holiday on the third Friday of September.

While National POW/ MIA Recognition Day is observed just once a year, the commitment to achieve full accounting of missing personnel is a year-round mission for DPAA personnel.

"In dutifully serving this noble mission, every day is POW/MIA Recognition Day for each of us at DPAA and our accounting community partners," said Kelly McKeague, DPAA director. "But may the day itself especially remind us of why our commitment must be resolute and our efforts tenacious.'

To fulfill our nation's promise, DPAA continually strives to recover, repatriate and identify "I am humbled this these heroes, for they are

ROK-US alliance continues

Story and photo by Master Sgt. Nadine Y. Barclay

Seventh Air Force Public Affairs

Members of the Republic of Korea's Air Force Public Affairs (ROKAF/ PA) leadership team traveled to Pacific Air Force (PACAF) Headquarters to conduct periodic PA cooperation training Sept. 11-13.

During the visit, aimed at facilitating relationships and dialogue between ROKAF/PA and their U.S. counterparts, Col. Sang-ky Lee, chief of Public Affairs, ROKAF/ HQ and Capt. Sang-bum Nam, ROKAF/PA officer, received an introduction in the missions of PA-CAF/PA and Seventh Air Force (7th AF).

"I really wanted to focus on the PA mission and our core capabilities as a PA office," said Capt. James Moore, PACAF/PA. "Including strategic communication and the guiding principles that are pro-vided by our commander." In addition to provid-

ing context into the way Air Force PAs communicate, the purpose of the visit was to foster an environment to enhance PA cooperation discussions, facilitate dialogue, and to share best practices as the U.S. and ROK continue to pursue peace on the peninsula.

'One of my most memorable experiences was during my time working in the ROK Ministry of Defense PA during a crisis. What made it bearable was the relationships I built with U.S. PAs," Lee said.

"When needle meets the needle, that's when needle action and real production happens and I'm glad I get the opportunity to help do that before it's needed."

During the meeting, Lee and Nam, also met with professionals from the PACAF/PA, PACAF Band, PACAF historian, Indo-Pacific Command, 7th AF, and the Korean international affairs liaison, and discussed future ways to engage on the Korean Peninsula.

PACAF and INDOPA-COM senior PA leaders expressed the importance of communicating in an integrated, synchronized, and purposeful way to build a united PA system capable of achieving common operational goals in case of emergencies and bilateral operations.



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Megan Schafer, PACAF PA director and Navy Capt. William Kafka, INDOPACOM public affairs officer, brief Republic of Korea Air Force Col. Sang-kyu Lee, chief of PA, about the importance of strategic communication at JBPHH, Sept. 11.

US, Australian Sailors celebrate '100 years of mateship'

Story and photo by MC2 Charles Oki

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Sailors from the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Wayne E. Meyer (DDG 108) and the Hobart-class air warfare destroyer HMAS Hobart (DDG 39) celebrated 100 years of mateship during a reception aboard Wayne E. Meyer and Hobart at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Sept. 18.

Mateship is an Australian cultural idiom that embodies equality, loyalty and friendship and derives from mate, meaning friend, commonly used in Australia.

The 100 years of mateship signifies the partnership of American and

Australian armed forces when they first fought alongside one another during World War I at the Battle of Hamel, July 4, 1918.

"Mateship is standing by each other through the darkest of hours, being honest with each other, being loyal to each other and -when anyone is under threat- we fight," said the Honourable Joe Hockey, Australian ambassador to the United States.

"Today, I stand proudly with the crew and all Australians in saying that mateship is actually more about the next 100 years than 100 years we've endured together. I look forward to challenges in the years ahead.

Since the battles on the Western Front, the

U.S. and Australia have fought alongside in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War and the global war on terroism.

"I am so proud to see the Hobart here in Pearl Harbor," said Adm. Philip Davidson, commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command. "It is an alliance of history and an alliance that is going to define our collective futures together in the region and for the entirety of the region's benefit as well. I couldn't be more proud to be alongside mates like Australia."

The evening ended with a performance by the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific Band and the Hobart's ceremonial guard conducted a ceremonial sunset gun salute.

The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) participates in a photo exercise in the Indian Ocean Sept. 13 with ships from 15 countries, totaling 24 ships and one submarine, during exercise Kakadu 2018.

Photo by MC3 Morgan K. Nall

USS Michael Murphy completes Exercise Kakadu

Task Force 70 Public Affairs

Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), along with a P-8 Poseidon maritime-surveillance aircraft assigned to the "Pelicans" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 45, and staff from Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet, and Commander, Task Force 70 participated in the AusKakadu Sept. 6-13 in Darwin, Australia.

Held biennially, Kakadu is the Royal Australian navy's premier exercise and provides an opportunity for regional nations to participate in multinational maritime activities. The 2018 exercise featured 24 ships and one submarine from 15 countries.

able experience for Mi- for our watch teams."

tralian naval exercise chael Murphy's crew, and I am proud to say they performed exceptionally well throughout the harbor and at-sea phases," said Cmdr. Kevin Louis, commanding officer of Michael Murphy.

"Learning to operate with ships from many different nations can be a challenge, but we adapted quickly and ultimately Kakadu was an outstand-"Kakadu was a valu- ing training opportunity

The exercise began with an in-port planning conference in Darwin, Australia. During the conference, Sailors from Michael Murphy participated in a sports competition, enjoyed a cultural festival of nations, toured foreign ships, and hosted tours of Michael Murphy for sailors from other navies.

Once at sea, the exercise participants trained series of complex at-sea warfighting scenarios, including tactical maneuvering, underway replenishment, air defense exercises, anti-submarine warfare exercises, search and rescue training, and gunnery exercises.

"Kakadu 2018 was an awesome opportunity to work with our international maritime partners and showcase not only together to complete a our crew's abilities, but

also the P-8A Poseidon's capabilities," said Lt. j.g. Brendan Perry, from VP-45. "The exercise provided challenging scenarios that were enhanced with the chance to work with partner nations and improve our ties throughout the region."

Michael Murphy is forward-deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations in support of security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.



Red Hill: Navy to update state Senate task force

Kathy Isobe

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The Navy will present the latest information about Red Hill improvements and upgrades to elected officials and regulators at the annual state Senate task force meeting Oct. 3.

In June, the Navy initiated a study to validate its methods of assessing and testing its tanks. Contrary to some reporting, the study is ongoing and has not been completed. Results are expected in late October. Steel liner samples - "coupons" - were taken from one inactive tank and were selected after collaborative discussion between the Navy and regulators, Environmental Protection Agency and Hawaii Department of Health, under the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) process.



itoring sites. This is in addition to validate tank and system into the roughly \$260M spent by the Navy and DLA since 2006 to maintain and modernize the Red Hill facilities and conduct environmental testing to protect the drinking water.

Rear Adm. Brian Fort, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, said studies, workshops and reports are part of the Navy's continuing efforts to in- Fort said. form the public and invest in the integrity of the Red Hill facility. "We have not and will not rush to judgment or conclusions, and we will continue to keep the drinking water safe, no matter what," Fort said. "There is much more work to do in studying, analyzing and then implementing all the right initiatives at Red Hill. The facility's clean, inspect, Logistics Agency (DLA) spent and repair maintenance program is certified by the American Petroleum Institute. The program is built on a process of continuous improvement, and provides an enduring framework

tegrity. Engineers and subject matter experts committed to making informed decisions are warv of conclusions based on incomplete information.

"We must understand every potential action, reaction and consequence of our decisions, but this is also a good time to recognize how much progress we have made and continue to make,"

We're eager to present the sci

"The coupons were chosen to evaluate our non-destructive examination scanning process,²

File photo by MC1 Meranda Keller

Board of Water Supply members visit the Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage Facility near Pearl Harbor, Feb. 19, 2016.

said Lt. Cmdr. Blake Whittle, in 2015 the Navy and Defense fuels director at Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor. "Ensuring tank integrity is the top priority and key to the exhaustive review approach we've agreed to."

\$45.3M to identify the best alternative to improve the facility while conducting scientific studies on groundwater to include After the AOC was signed increasing the number of mon-

ence, facts and evidence behind our decision- making process,' Fort noted. "For more general information from the Navy about Red Hill, I invite you to visit our website: www.cnic.navy.mil/ redhill. Regulators confirm our drinking water continues to be safe to drink and the Red Hill tanks are not leaking," Fort said.

Red Hill is considered a national strategic asset, which is vital to the nation's defense. Fuel from Red Hill is used by each of the military services, including the U.S. Coast Guard as well as the Hawaii National Guard.

Joint Base changes paper, cardboard recycling pickup

NAVFAC Hawaii Public Affairs

The Navy recycling program at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) contracted out white paper and cardboard recycling services, Sept. 1.

"All JBPHH customers should have received green recycling toters for white paper the last week in August, first week in September," said Ste-ven Christiansen, Public Works Department Environmental Division director, JBPHH.

"The toters were delivered to various buildings throughout the base and the contractor began their white paper pickup from that same delivery location on Sept. 14."

The blue, metal containers for cardboard recycling were also deployed to the same locations as new blue containers.



the previous established cardboard collection bins. The contractor started collecting cardboard Sept. 11. Cardboard is collected at various locations on the JBPHH waterfront and airfield and must be flattened/placed inside the

The schedule for cardboard and white paper recycling is once every two weeks.

Customers are responsible for placing their green toters curbside every other Friday in an accessible location, preferably where they were

originally delivered. The current recommended placement time is 7 a.m. Once the toter is emptied, customers are responsible to return it to their workspace collection location. Customers must be aware that the green toters are not water tight. If left outside, it may collect standing water. Be sure to only place white, non-Personally Identifiable Information (PII), paper into the toter.

Non-PII white/strip shredded paper can be bagged before being placed in the toter. If the customer's green toter delivery location is not a good collection point or needs additional green toters for white paper or blue metal containers for cardboard collection, they must contact NAV-FAC Hawaii's Contract Specialist Lauren Ono at 471-1592 or lauren.ono@ navy.mil.

"The contracting-out of white paper and cardboard recycling is not only a cost-savings to the Navy; but the automation used for collecting recyclables eliminates personnel injuries," Christiansen said.

"And, should a customer need additional bins for paper or cardboard, the contract will make this easier to provide.²

Customers who would like to have the old paper recycling bags and stands removed from their workspaces, or to request a special pickup, contact the JBPHH Recycling Center POC at 474-3717 or 471-0967.

Note: The JBPHH Recycling Center is still accepting all metals (aluminum, steel, sheet metal, etc.). Please deliver to building 159 on Russell Avenue during the fol-lowing times: Monday through Thursday, 8 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. For pallet (metal/ plastic/wood) recycling, please call the JBPHH Recycling Center POC to coordinate disposal.

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Submitted by David D. Underwood Jr. and Ensign Heather Hill

What is your favorite non-human **Star Wars character and why?**



Senior Airman Jason Ligon 692nd Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group

"The monkey creature in Jabba's palace that laughs maniacally, because it's funny."



Newton Hau PACAF

"R2D2, the unsung hero who significantly contributes to the cause but rarely gets any credit. Most underrated hero in movie history. (He) carried the Death Star plans for the rebels and gets Leia's message to Luke, starting the Episode IV saga."



Master Sgt. April Stanford 17th Operational Weather Squadron

"Chewbacca, I like him because he's a big, hairy, strong Wookiee who is a skilled mechanic and loyal to Han Solo."



Kenny Richter I & EW Onsite Rep, NUWC Keyport, Det. Pacific

"Chewbacca because he is a great comic relief and ferocious at the same time. He's the best of both worlds!"



Cryptologic Technician 3rd Class **Christian Gonzalez** NIOC

"Darth Maul because he just looks awesome! In my opinion he is the most impressive character with not that much screen time.'



David Mason Production Supervisor, Oceaneering

"Jabba the Hutt because his name is awesome!"

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COMMENTARY

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Suicide prevention: The benefits of seeking help and tips for intervention

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and everyone has a role to play in preventing suicide. Two important things to remember are: 1) Don't be afraid to seek help for yourself, and 2) Pay attention to those around you for signs someone may need an intervention.

As a health care provider, I've seen firsthand people struggle for help when it comes to self-care and acknowledging others may be struggling. Two main barriers that may stop people from seeking help are fear of career impact and uncertainty about asking someone directly.

The fear of negative career impact for seeking mental health services is extremely common, especially within the military population. In reality, it is unlikely that seeking help will negatively impact a career.

It has been my experience that individuals who seek help early on are less likely to have a negative impact to their career. When people don't seek help, they are more likely to start to struggle in different areas of their life; work included, which could lead to a potential negative impact. In these cases however, the negative impact was not a result of getting help, but the result of not seeking help.

The second barrier of uncertainty about asking someone directly if they are thinking about suicide is also a common concern. People are often unsure of how to ask and what to do if the answer is yes.

Do's and don'ts to keep in mind when intervening for a friend in need: • Do get to know your co-workers and peers. You will be more likely to notice a change in someone's behavior if you have an understanding of what is normal for them. If you see that someone is lonely or isolated, get involved, be available, and show interest. Do know and be aware of warning signs, such as drastic changes in behavior, withdrawal from friends, preoccupation with death, making final arrangements, giving away prized possessions, reckless behavior, etc. Warning signs should always be taken seriously.



Service members attend a ceremony at Gov. David Ige's office to observe Suicide Prevention Month, Sept. 21.

that suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem.

remind yourself that in the long run, they will understand you are only National suicide prevention trying to help them.

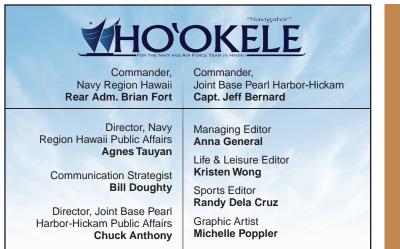
afraid of ruining the relationship, • Joint Base Security Operations Center 449-9072/ 471-3392

- Do provide reassurance. Explain
- Do be direct. Ask if they are thinking of suicide. Do not beat around the bush. If the answer is yes, call in to the appropriate resource immediately.
- Don't use intimidating or uncomfortable body language. Listen to what they are telling you and do all you can to encourage open communication.
- Don't judge or downplay feelings.
- Don't ever assume intention take every thought or threat seriously.
- Don't offer or promise confidentiality if someone says they are thinking of harming themselves. If you are
- Don't leave the individual alone. Stay with them until help arrives or escort them to the appropriate resource.

Hickam Field resources for anyone looking for assistance:

- Hickam Field Chapel Center 449-1754
- 15th Medical Group Mental Health Flight 448-6377
- Military Family Life Counselors 221-1341/0238
- Behavioral Health Optimization Program via PCM 888-683-2778
- resources:
- Suicide Crisis Hotline (800) SUICIDE (784-2433)
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800) 273-TALK (8255)
- Anyone in need of help can always call 911 or go directly to the emergency room for assistance.

Suicide prevention and awareness is important all year long. Take care of yourself and others, seek help early and take time to notice others who may be struggling. Let's be there for each other.



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SecNav partakes in luau



Courtesy of Naval History and Heritage Command Then-Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels and Honolulu Mayor J.J. Fern enjoy poi at a luau in celebration of the dedication of the concrete drydock at Pearl Harbor Naval Station, Oahu, Territory

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U.S. Navy Sailors stand at attention during a chief petty officers pinning ceremony at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Sept. 14. During the ceremony, 14 Sailors were pinned to the rank of chief petty officer after completing the six-week fiscal year 2019 CPO Initiation.

Story and photo by Lance Cpl. Matthew Kirk

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

U.S. Navy Sailors from multiple units were promoted to chief petty officer during a chief petty officers pinning ceremony at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Sept. 14.

They were pinned after enduring six weeks of physical and mental challenges through a chief petty officer initiation.

"This process has been around for over a century," said Chief Petty Officer Lorch Toloumu, a hospital corpsman with 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment.

"The terminology of initiation

evolved from induction and reverted back to initiation."

Chief Petty Officer Christopher Guthrie, one of the students from the course, said he was happy when he found out he was selected for chief petty officer.

"It took me by surprise," Guthrie said. "Words can't explain how you feel when you get told you're selected. It's an incredibly exciting feeling."

Guthrie said during the six weeks, everyone was tested physically, mentally and emotionally.

"We were really tested and put through the wringer," he said. "It was very difficult but if you lead with your heart, you get through it better than you started."

Chief Petty Officer Deandre Jones,

another student from the course, added by saying there were a lot of obstacles they had to overcome.

"Some of the barriers we went through was during our time of service, but there were also some that we learned recently," Jones said. "We learned to get over ourselves and know what it means to be a chief petty officer."

Jones said the past six weeks were difficult because it felt like some of the things they learned during their time of service was inaccurate.

"You start to deny yourself on the things you've learned over the years," he said. "We had to get over a lot of roadblocks, but every instructor motivated us and gave us the guidance

we needed to make ourselves better."

Jones said there are no words to describe how he feels about being pinned to chief petty officer.

"It's more of a sensation," he said.

"It feels like electricity is running from my toes to my head. It's the best feeling I've experienced in my life."

Toloumu said there are no words that can explain what it means to be a chief petty officer.

"As you go through being a chief, whether working in garrison, the field, at sea or in the air, every day is a great day knowing that you make the difference in the lives of your Sailors. You're assisting in completing our mission to support our nation's call."



Photos courtesy of Navy Diver 2nd Class Stephen Collister

What is the most thrilling dive you've ever been on?

Want to see your command featured in Diverse Views? Got opinions to share? Drop us a line at editor@hookelenews.com "I enjoy being able to give back to the community like providing local dive boats with new mooring points, or fixing local waterborne structures after a major storm has affected a certain area."

> — Navy Diver 3rd Class Hersson Franco

"My favorite thing about diving is exploring a

"One of my favorite jobs from deployment was when we worked with archeologists and dredged the seabed for national historical artifacts."

— Navy Diver 1st Class Gregory Ellsworth

"The best things about diving are the unique jobs I've done like propeller changes and torpedo tube inspections."

— Navy Diver 1st Class Jason Friars part of the world few people get to see."

— Navy Diver 1st Class Ryan Guenther

"I always enjoy working on a salvage survey. Once you've checked out all of the components of the wreck you are able to work with, you can be as creative as you want and need to be in order to refloat it."

— Navy Diver 3rd Class Alec Stuller



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Devon Garvin, a public health technician assigned to the 15th Medical Group (MDG), briefs Lt. Gen. Dorothy Hogg, Air Force surgeon general, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Sept. 13, on the unit's history which dates back to the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Oahu. Hogg visited the 15th MDG to learn more about the medical resources being provided to Airmen and their families at the installation level.



Photo by MC2 Richard A. Miller

Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class John Stout, assigned to the submarine tender USS Emory S. Land (AS 39), strikes the bell to signal the arrival of the official party during a change of command ceremony, in which Capt. Michael Luckett relieved Capt. Douglas A. Bradley as commanding officer, in Pearl Harbor, Sept. 21.



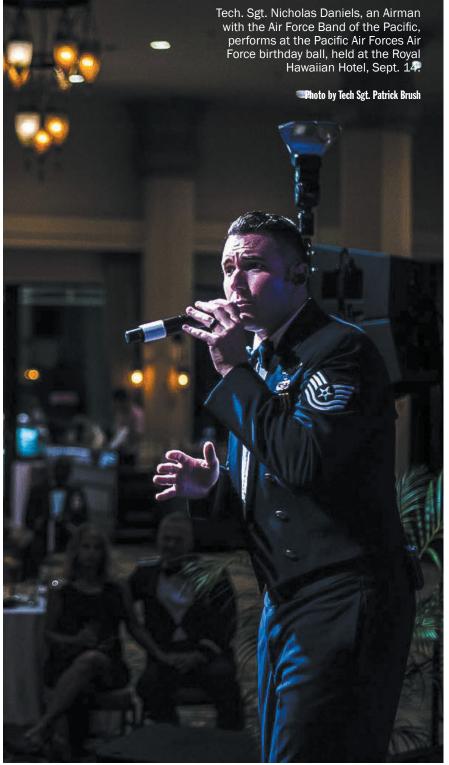


Photo by SrA Javier Alvarez

U.S. Air Force Capt. Dean Schultz, 15th Aerospace Medicine Squadron optometrist, uses an ophthalmoscope on Chau Thi Manh during Pacific Angel (PAC ANGEL) 18-2 at the Cultural House of Tam Giang commune in Nui Thanh, Quang Nam province, Vietnam, Sept. 12. Manh learned about PAC ANGEL from her local government and drove more than thirty minutes to visit the optometrist clinic.

Runners participate in the Joint Force Diversity Committee Hispanic American Heritage 5k Run on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Sept. 21.

Photo by MC2 Charles Oki

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Midshipmen ROK the terrace



Photos by MC1 Corwin Colbert

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The Republic of Korea Naval Academy midshipmen held a joint cultural performance with the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band at the Halsey Terrace Community Center, Sept. 21. The performance included music, dance, a taekwondo demonstration and Korean food sampling. An estimated 250 U.S. service members and their families attended.



Native American group honors fallen warriors



Story and photo by Erin Huggins

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) assisted the National Park Service with hosting the American Culture Association of Oregon, in performing a "Feather Placement" ceremony at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument's Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, Sept. 24.

The ceremony took place on the lanai at the visitor center. JBPHH coordinated ceremonial support (including military members to be recognized and joint service color guard). The ceremony honored Native Americans who served in World War II and during the attack on Oahu, Dec. 7, 1941.

"In the native community we honor our veterans by placing a feather at their grave," said Allen Truesdale, the event's organizer. "It shows the people that he was a veteran. We are doing this to honor all who went down, all who survived, all military, and all veterans, especially people of Hawaii and a native people. As warriors we honor our fellow warriors."

A number of Native Americans served in World War II as Navajo code talkers. Using the Navajo language, these service members were able to communicate crucial messages during the War in the Pacific.

A member of the American Culture Association of Oregon presents a feather to Jacqueline Ashwell, the superintendent of World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, Sept. 24.

Key spouses provide communication, support to Air Force families

Kristen Wong

Life and Leisure Editor, Hoʻokele

When Air Force families need someone for guidance as they journey through military life, communication is key — And that's where the key spouse comes in.

The key spouse is a volunteer in a command who connects the command with family members.

The Key Spouse Program was first tested in the '90s, and each installation and command held their own standards. By 2009, the KSP was standardized across the Air Force.

Sara Pruitt has been the key spouse for 692nd Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group Staff for more than two years.

The command was looking for a spouse who wanted to "interact with the families."

"It was nice knowing that there families with babies.

was someone in a position that if I needed anything or I needed support or assistance on any issues that would arise or things about the base that I had to learn, I could call," Pruitt said. "I thought it would be nice to be able to be that person for someone else."

When she applied to be a key spouse, Pruitt needed to meet with the command, with an endorsement letter in hand, to explain her desire to become a key spouse.

According to Pruitt, a key spouse is the "point of contact for base information and the liaison between family and command."

The key spouse does various tasks, most involving communication of information. They serve as contacts between service members and their families during deployments or temporary duty assignments. They also offer information on parenting or infant classes for families with babies. Though her responsibilities could take as little as an hour, she could be needed for much larger issues, such as families expecting newborns or losing a loved one. With help from the unit booster club, she has helped provide "meal trains" for families with newborns, meaning dinner is provided for the first few weeks to help them spend more quality time together.

Pruitt said she also helps make welcome gift baskets for those who are new to the command, and baby gift baskets for families who've just welcomed a newborn.

The welcome gift baskets, of which at least 10 are prepared in advance to be ready for incoming families and single service members, include contact information for the key spouse and other important personnel, a map of the base and other treats. The baby gift baskets include a onesie bearing the unit's logo, baby wipes, lotion and more. The key spouse, which is a volunteer position, is officially appointed by the commander. Each key spouse undergoes training for their position. They learn about various topics such as suicide awareness and sexual assault prevention and response.

Pruit said her training consisted of a full day, and some additional hours. For those thinking about becoming a key spouse, she recommends finding a key spouse to chat with about the position.

Additionally, she said it was helpful to have an experienced key spouse mentor her.

Pruitt said it was rewarding to see how key spouses can affect families. She remembered the first family she provided with a meal train. The family in turn signed up to help prepare meals for other families.

For more information, visit https:// www.afpc.af.mil/Benefits-and-Entitlements/Key-Spouse-Program/.

Smoking hot NIOC pours it on in victory

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

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One year removed from being flag football champs at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, the Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii Anchors are on a mission to get the title back and whoever stands in their way had better look out.

After opening the season with a win over the Firesharks, the Anchors were laser sharp once again in upending the JBPHH Security Zero Fox Trot, 41-6, on Sept. 25 in a Red Division matchup at Ward Field.

In the lopsided win, NIOC receiver Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 1st Class Travis Daniels had a monster of a game by collecting three passes for touchdowns, while on defense, the Anchors got interceptions by Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 2nd Class Altie Holcome and Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 3rd Class Caleb Bunicardi, whose steal resulted in a pick-six.

While the Anchors have a few new faces on the roster, many of the team's players are veteran returnees, who played on the championship squad two seasons ago. That, according to team captain Cryptologic Technician (Networks) 2nd Class John Posey, is the main reason why the NIOC looked so



NIOC receiver Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 1st Class Travis Daniels keeps his eyes on the ball before hauling it in for the first of his three touchdown passes of the game.

sharp in only its second game of the season

"It's kind of the backbone of our team," said Posey about the Anchors experience. "We depend on the guys who have been here to show that, hey, this is how the game is played."

On only the second play of the game, the experience came up big, when Holcome stepped into the flat and picked off a pass to set up NIOC in great field position on the Zero Fox Trot 23-yard line.

After quarterback Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 1st Class Jermaine Carmenia hooked up with Posey on the 16, the QB dropped back on second down and delivered a strike to a wide-open Daniels, who was parked in the middle of the end zone for an early 6-0 lead.

Zero Fox Trot tried to respond and drove into the red zone with a first and goal on the NIOC 17.

However, the drive stalled

after four straight incomplete passes handed the ball back to the Anchors.

On NIOC's second drive of the game, the team drove out to midfield on five plays, before Carmenia delivered a pass over the top and into the hands of Posey for a 45-yard completion and touchdown.

The Anchors scorching-hot start continued on the team's third drive of the game, as once again, Carmenia connected with Daniels for another touchdown just before the half that made it 20-0.

Up by three scores, the onslaught didn't stop there, as with time running out in the first half, Bunicardi picked off a pass at the Zero Fox Trot 22 and took it all the way to the house for a 27-0 lead at the break.

Even though NIOC was armed with a huge lead, Posey said that it doesn't mean the team was about to ease up.

"No matter who we playing, no matter what the time of the game is, the score is always zero-zero," he stated. "Because at any given time, on any given day, something could happen."

In the second half, Zero Fox Trot broke the shutout, when quarterback Master-at-Arms Seaman Kevin Hall found receiver Master-at-Arms Seaman Michael Smiley in the back of the end zone for a touchdown.

NIOC came back to score two more touchdowns on passes from Carmenia to Posey and to Daniels – his third touchdown catch of the game.

"After being put out in the first round in the last season, the question isn't how hungry we are, but who thinks they can take it from us," said Posey about the team's outlook for the new season. "We going put the work in. Everybody understands their role and they fulfill it, so that we can be in the best position."



Above, members of the Hawaii Air National Guard team, which took the title of 2018 JBPHH intramural volleyball champion, get together for a group shot. Below, HIANG team captain Tech. Sgt. Stephen Lorenzo tries for a kill over the defense of Tech. Sgt. Christopher Yarbrough.

Incredible streak continues on for HIANG

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For 16 seasons, the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) dominated the sport of volleyball like no other command has ever done at the old Hickam Air Force Base and then after the merger into Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Outside of one season, where no team was declared as champion due to an eligibility ruling, the HIANG had won 15 straight intramural volleyball titles and entered this season as the clear favorites to repeat for the 16th time.

After losing twice in the regular season, the rumors of the HIANG's downfall began to circulate around the joint base, but the murmurs were put to rest with an emphatic and dominating performance in the 2018 playoffs.

Playing against Team MXG in the championship match, the HIANG easily added to its legacy and legend, as the team



sets, 25-12 and 25-9, to win the 2018 JBPHH intramural volleyball title, which was held at JBPHH Fitness Center Sept. 20.

Iron man Tech. Sgt. Stephen Lorenzo was once again the catalyst in the team's run for the trophy, as he has done in every title won by the HIANG.

As team captain, Lorenzo said

swept its opponents in straight the formula he uses for success is pretty simple, and he has stuck to the same game plan for years.

> "I keep the task simple," he explained. "The guys who can pass, I make them pass, the guys who can block, I make them block. I just try to foster the strengths of everyone and put them in a position where

they can use their strength."

Right from the very first point, Lorenzo was at his best and showed no signs of slowing despite playing the sport for over two decades.

Lorenzo slammed down the first kill of the game and then proceeded to have a monster of a night by coming up with four more kills and two blocks in the first set, before adding six more kills in the second set.

First-year teammate Special Agent Jacob Pearce was equally devastating to Team MXG. Along with Lorenzo, Pearce was one half of the Slam Brothers, and swung away to the tune of 10 kills, one block and three aces.

We got lucky and blessed, said Lorenzo about the addition of Pearce. "He went through the player's pool. I asked for a player and that's what I got."

With both players blasting away, the HIANG took control of the championship match and never looked back.

The HIANG opened the first set on a 4-0 run and then kicked off the second set by scoring five consecutive points.

"I've seen it before. If you give them a chance, they get a rhythm and then they're going to take over," said Lorenzo about the importance of jumping out to a lead in each set. "I didn't want to give them an inch."

While Lorenzo admits that it gets harder each year to maintain a high level of play, the one thing that never changes is a fire that burns him to the core to come back and do it all over again.

For him, he said that the minute the HIANG locks up another championship, he's already thinking about how to add one more title to the team's incredible legacy.

"I start immediately," said Lorenzo, who wants to extend the championship streak so high, that it would never be duplicated or overtaken. "I start trying to figure out who is going to be on the team the next year because every year it changes. Every season is important. Every season I feel like I'm actually representing the HIANG. We play together, we play tough and the fire is still there.³

Powerlifting competition returns to JBPHH

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A lot of heavy metal is going to be thrown around again in a couple weeks when the biannual powerlifting competition comes back to the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Fitness Center Oct. 13.

This will be the second time Morale, Welfare and Recreation's (MWR) Fitness Department is holding the competition.

The first version took place in April and was the first time JB-PHH MWR held such a competition. The turnout and feedback was encouraging enough that organizers plan to continue it as a biannual event.

Contestants in powerlifting contests need to attempt three lifts. Is open now. For First is the squat, where the athlete holds the bar and weight on their shoulders and must bend

from the knees before standing up straight again.

Next is the bench press, pushing the weight up while lying prone on your back. Last is the deadlift, in which the bar is lifted from the ground up to a full standing position.

The competition is open to both men and women and all base-eligible patrons can participate.

April's event saw participation from members of all branches of service as well as Department of Defense civilians.

All were also well-represented, as evidenced by the leaderboard on display at the fitness center. Lt. j.g. Sarah Hanzes from the USS Chafee took first in her weight class and second overall among the women.

The cost to enter the October powerlifting competition is \$20 and is open now. For more information, visit the JBPHH Fitness Center, call 471-2019 or visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.



Photo courtesy of Mary Hanzes

Lt. j.g. Sarah Hanzes from the USS Chafee prepares for her attempt in the squat portion of the competition in April. She was able to lift 265 pounds.



• Registration is open now for the **Alpha Warrior Battle Rig Competition** happening Oct. 5 at the Hickam Memorial Fitness Center. Individuals and teams will try to complete the unique obstacle course in the fastest time. Instruction and practice on the rig will be available Oct. 4. This is a free event and is open to all base-eligible patrons. Sign-ups are also open to command fitness leaders and physical training leaders for a fitness

also open to command fitness leaders and physical training leaders for a fitness certification course happening Oct. 3. For more information, call 448-4640/2214.

Entries for the Arts & Crafts Center's Gallery Showcase will be accepted from now through Sept. 30. Get your creative juices flowing and prepare to 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 Oct. 3. For more information, call 448-2393.

Hail & Farewell Night of Sports is a night of fun from 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Teen Center. The teen center staff and patrons welcome new members and bid farewell 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. Float Night is cooling you off from the heat from 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 28 at Scott Pool. The pool stays open late and you can bring your personal float. Free ice cream floats will also be given out (while supplies last). Note: for the comfort and enjoyment of everyone at the event, floats are limited to tubes no larger than 36

inches for youth and 53 inches for adults. For more information, call 448-2384.

• Eat the Street Shuttle departs at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 28 from the Hickam ITT 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.

Chinatown Food & Historic Walking Tour departs at approximately 8:30 a.m. Sept. 29 from the Hickam ITT office. Discover the intriguing history of Honolulu's Chinatown on this walking tour, sampling Chinese treats along the way. Cost is \$35 for adults and \$30 for ages 3 to 11 and includes roundtrip transportation, guided tour and a Chinese-style lunch. Reservations are recommended. For more information, call 448-2295.

Alpha Warrior Battle Rig Certification is available for command fitness leaders and physical training leaders from 8 a.m. Oct. 3 at the Hickam Memorial Fitness Center. Cost is free but advance registration is required and there are limited spots available. For more information, call 471-2021 for command fitness leaders (Navy) and 351-8276 for physical training leaders (Air Force).

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage from

p.m. Oct. 3 at the JBPHH Library. Spark kids' imagination and interest in science with connecting cubes that interact with each other. This is a free activity open to ages 4 and up. For more information, call 449-8299.

• **Golf Demo Day** happens from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 3 at the Navy-Marine Golf Course. Try out some of the latest equipment at the driving range. This is a free activity. For more information, call 471-0142.

• Alpha Warrior Meet & Greet and Demonstration happens Oct. 4. Meet Alpha Warrior pros Kevin Klein and Tawnee Leonardo from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Navy Exchange and at 2 p.m. at the Hickam Memorial Fitness Center. Watch them demonstrate how to use the rig, then try it yourself at the fitness center. All these events are free. For more information, call 448-2214.

• Alpha Warrior Battle Rig Competition puts athletes to the test from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 5 at the Hickam Memorial Fitness Center. Individual and team competitions will be available so tell your friends. This is a free event and is open to all base-eligible patrons. Advance sign-up is encouraged to ensure your spot in the competition. For more information call 448-2214.

• The Country Bar is open for country western fun at 8:30 p.m. Oct. 7 at Club Pearl. Monday is a holiday so you have an extra night for a boot stompin' good time. Admission is free and is open to ages 18 and up. For more information, call 473-1743.

• Fall Craft Camp takes place from 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 9-12. There's no limit to the beauty a child can create when given some instruction and artistic freedom. Cost is \$65 for this four-day camp and is open to ages 7 and up. This class fills up fast so sign up now. For more information, call 448-9907.

Cookies & Canvas gets colorful from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 10 at the Arts & Crafts Center. Kids get to create a painted masterpiece while nibbling on a sweet treat. This twice-a-month activity has a different painting subject each time. Cost is \$30 per person, includes all art supplies and is open to ages 7 to 14. Advance sign-up is encouraged. For more information, call 448-9907.



9 to 11 a.m. Oct 3 at the JBPHH Library. Stories, games and crafts showcasing the culture and heritage of Hispanics living in America. This is a free event and is open to all base-eligible patrons. For more information, call 449-8299.

Makerspace Demonstrations "Cubelets" takes place from 2 to 3:30





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LOKO PAAIAU FISHPOND VOLUNTEERS

NOW – Active duty service members, military families and community members are encouraged to volunteer to help maintain the Loko Pa'aiau Fishpond Saturday, Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to noon. Access to the fishpond will be via McGrew Point Military Housing. Bring closedtoe shoes, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, bug spray, water and a snack. Water refills, gloves, first aid kit, hand tools or power tools, a rest station and restroom shuttle to Aiea State Park will be provided. Email jeff.pantaleo@navy.mil.

ITT CLOSING FOR RENOVATION

NOW – Effective Saturday, Sept 29, the Navy Exchange Information, Tickets & Tours and Travel Connections will be temporarily closed for renovation. They will resume operations Monday, Nov. 19. Please visit nearby locations Fleet Store ITT & Travel Connections in building 1786, on Willamette St., and Hickam ITT in building 1760 on Kuntz Ave. The Fleet Store ITT can be reached at 473-0792. The Hickam ITT can be reached at 448-2295.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NOW – Special Olympics Hawaii is seeking volunteers Oct. 13 and 27 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Schofield Bowling Center. For more information, call YN1 (AW) Dena M. Sinclair at 257-0716 or email dena. sinclair@navy.mil.

FEDS FEED FAMILIES FOOD DRIVE

NOW – The annual Feds Feed Families Food Drive has officially kicked off and will run until Oct. 18. Please take a look at the link provided to learn more about the program. All donations will be dropped off at the Hawaii Food Bank. Box locations are at the following:

• Building 150

Third deck outside room 315 (chaplain's office)

First and third deck outside elevator Second deck elevator

JBPHH Chapel (Inside main entrance)

For more info, go to https://www.usda.gov/ our-agency/initiatives/feds-feed-families, or contact RPC Weisenberger at 473-0054.



OCT. 27 AND NOV. 3 - It's flu season once again, and it's time to get your flu shot. To help alleviate long immunization wait times during normal business hours, the Tripler Family Medicine Clinic is offering two Saturday clinics. The staff will accept walk-ins from 8 a.m. to noon. The clinic is open only to Tripler Family Medicine Clinic patients. For more information, call 433-3300.

retiree. To nominate a child for the award, visit www.militarychildoftheyear.org and click the Nominations tab. For more information, visit www.militarychildoftheyear.org.

NISEI SOLDIERS TO BE REMEMBERED

SEPT. 30 - The 13th annual Joint Memorial Service (JMS), will honor Japanese American Soldiers who served in World War II, Sunday, Sept. 30, at 9:30 a.m. at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. author Tom Coffman will be the keynote speaker. For more information, contact Larry Enomoto at 255-8971 or visit www.nvlchawaii.org.

ASIST WORKSHOPS

OCT. 2 AND 3 - The next CREDO Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training Workshop is scheduled aboard the USS Port Royal Oct. 2 and 3, and Oct. 16 and 17 at Barber's Point. The emphasis of the ASIST workshop is on helping a person at risk stay safe and to seek further help. This two-day workshop teaches you how to recognize invitations for help, reach out and offer support, review the risk of suicide, apply a suicide intervention model and link people with community resources. For more information, email credo hawaii@navy.mil or call 473-1434.

istration form, located on the flier, the day of the event. The flier and waiver are accessible at www.facebook.com/nhchawaii. For more information, call the NHCH Health Promotion Office at 471-2280.

CREDO SAFETALK WORKSHOP

OCT. 10 – The next CREDO safeTalk Workshop is scheduled for Oct. 10 at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. The safeTALK Workshop is tailored for those older than 15. As a safeTALK-trained suicide alert helper, you will be better able to move beyond common tendencies to miss, dismiss or avoid suicide, identify people who have suicidal thoughts, and apply the TALK steps (Tell, Ask, Listen and KeepSafe) to connect them with suicide first aid caregivers. Preregistration is required for all CREDO events. To sign up for a CREDO event, registration can be done on the Facebook page. For more information, email credo hawaii@navy.mil.

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have earned or will earn an associate degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree, or doctorate between September 2017 and December 2018. Email JBGraduation 2018@ gmail.com no later than Oct. 13 with full name, rate/rank, current command, contact phone number, email address, proof of degree completion (transcript or diploma), name of awarding college or university and if applicable, honors received. Those who have earned or will earn a Community College of the Air Force degree are not eligible to participate in this graduation ceremony.

MILITARY SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT SYMPOSIUM

OCT. 15 - The Military Spouse Employment Symposium is scheduled at Historic Hickam Officers' Club Oct. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, visit hiringourheroes.org/events.

TRANSITION SUMMIT

OCT. 18 - The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Transition Summit, is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 850 Ticonderoga St. Connect directly with HR experts and hiring managers via industry-specific employment briefs, attend resume building and digital networking workshops. This event is free and is open to active duty service members, guard and reserve, veterans and military spouses. Tickets available at www. uschamberfoundation.org.

UPCOMING CREDO EVENTS

OCT. 19-21 - The next CREDO Marriage Enrichment Retreat (MER) is scheduled for Oct. 19-21 in Waikiki. The next CREDO Dinner Date Night is scheduled for Oct. 25 at Honolulu Country Club. A free, all-inclusive weekend away, the MER is for any couple that wants to re-connect after a deployment, enhance couple communication. Dinner Date Nights vary in duration and content, but are all designed to enhance a couple's marriage on various topics. Preregistration is required for all CREDO events and can be done on the Facebook page. For more information, email credo_hawaii@navy.mil.

NOMINATE A MILITARY CHILD

NOW – Operation Homefront, the national nonprofit, is now accepting nominations for the 2019 Military Child of the Year® Awards, as well as applications for the 2019 Military Child of the Year® Award for Innovation. Nominations are open through Dec. 5. The annual awards will recognize seven outstanding young people ages 13 to 18 who are legal dependents of a service member or military

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS RUN

OCT. 5 - Naval Health Clinic Hawaii's Health Promotion Department is hosting a 2-mile Pink Day Fun Walk/Run for Breast Cancer Awareness Friday, Oct. 5. Check-in will be from 6:15 to 6:45 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange parking lot with the walk/run beginning at 7 a.m. Bring the regOCT. 13 - Have you earned a college degree and would like the opportunity to "walk the stage" and be recognized? The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Education Centers are hosting a Higher Education Recognition Ceremony at the Historic Hickam Officers' Club Ianai, Friday, Oct. 26. The staff of the education centers will be honoring all active duty service members, reservists, Department of Defense civilians and non-appropriated fund civilians receiving services from either the Hickam or Pearl Harbor education centers. Eligible students

NATIONAL TAKE-BACK INITIATIVE

OCT. 27 - The National Take-Back Initiative is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Representatives will be at the front entrance of the Hickam Commissary, Marine Corps Exchange, the Mall at Pearl Harbor, and the Schofield Barracks Exchange. Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe, anonymous disposal. New or used needles and syringes will not be accepted. For more information, visit www. dea.gov or call 541-1930.



MOVIE SHOWTIMES

SHARKEY THEATER FRIDAY - SEPT. 28 7 p.m. • The Nun (R)

Saturday - Sept. 29 2:30 p.m. • Alpha (PG-13) 4:40 p.m. • Searching (PG-13) 7 p.m. • Crazy, Rich, Asians (PG-13)

SUNDAY - SEPT. 30 1:30 p.m. • Alpha (PG-13) 3:40 p.m. • The Meg (PG-13) 6:10 p.m. • The Nun (R)

THURSDAY - OCT. 4 7 p.m. • Searching (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER FRIDAY - SEPT. 28 7 p.m. • The Meg (PG-13)

SATURDAY - SEPT. 29 3 p.m. • Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation (PG) 5:30 p.m. • Crazy Rich Asians (PG)

SUNDAY - SEPT. 30 2 p.m. • Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation (PG) 4:30 p.m. • The Meg (PG-13)

THURSDAY - OCT. 4 6:30 p.m. • Searching (PG-13)

Crazy Rich Asians — "Crazy Rich Asians" follows native New Yorker Rachel Chu (Constance Wu) as she accompanies her longtime boyfriend, Nick Young (Henry Golding), to his best friend's wedding in Singapore. Excited about visiting Asia for the first time but nervous about meeting Nick's family, Rachel is unprepared to learn that Nick has neglected to mention a few key details about his life. It turns out that he is not only the scion of one of the country's wealthiest families but also one of its most sought-after bachelors.

Movie schedules are subject to change without notice.