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Honoring veterans

Sailors present arms during a Veterans Day ceremony aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial at Ford Island, Nov. 11.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Mikaley Kline

Battleship Missouri Memorial

This year's Veterans Day observances included a sunset ceremony aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial at Ford Island, Nov. 11.

All veterans were honored, both past and present, who have served our country with valor and heroism, and with many making the ultimate sacrifice. A special tribute was paid to "Korean War Veterans and the 65th Anniversary of the Korean War armistice."

On June 25, 1950, thousands of soldiers from

North Korea crossed the 38th parallel, a boundary between the northern and southern parts of the country. Both North and South Korea claimed to be the sole government, with neither side recognizing the border to be permanent.

The invasion was the first military action of the Korean War. A few weeks later, American troops entered the war on South Korea's behalf, soon followed by United Nation's military support.

Rear Adm. Jon C. Kreitz presented the ceremony's keynote address. Kreitz is the deputy director for

the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. The agency's efforts are to find and identify the remains of missing Americans who are unaccounted for from past wars dating back to World War II and reconnect them with their families.

"We owe it to the families of our missing, we owe it to our nation, and we owe it to our veterans who served with them," Kreitz said. "No one will ever be forgotten. We will stay the course for this mission until the job is done."

Herbert Schreiner a retired Air Force master sergeant who fought in

the Korean War served as the distinguished guest speaker. Currently, he is the president of the Korean War Veterans Association Hawaii Chapter 1. Schreiner recounted his experience as a service member in the Korean War and the impression it continues to leave on him as a veteran.

"Us veterans always think about the sacrifice we give and how we gave our country the freedom to prosper and grow," Schreiner said. "We were never forgotten. Ask a veteran, what is freedom? We earned it and gave it to the people of this country."

The Korean War is often referred to as "The Forgotten War." The war never formally ended, and its memory is overshadowed by the victory of World War II in the 1940s and the controversy of the Vietnam War in the late-1960s and early-1970s.

USS Missouri Memorial Association board member retired Navy Capt. Michael A. Lilly, provided today's opening remarks. He is also a Vietnam War combat veteran and a retired Naval reserve captain.

"Sixty-five years ago, these heroes won a lasting peace over an armistice. Most returned

to their families," Lilly said. "More than 100,000 were injured, over 36,000 lost their lives they gave the ultimate sacrifice for freedom, and nearly 8,000 remain missing in action."

After three years of bloodshed, an armistice was signed July 27, 1953 creating the Korean Demilitarized Zone to separate North and South Korea.

With both sides still divided, the 38th parallel continues to be the world's most heavily fortified border, patrolled by troops and guarded with heavy artillery.

Navy's largest 'drone'

The medium displacement unmanned surface vehicle (MDUSV) prototype Sea Hunter pulls into Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Oct. 31. Sea Hunter's arrival in Hawaii demonstrates that MDUSVs are capable of deployed blue-water operations, enabling a new class of naval system.

Photo by MC1 Corwin M. Colbert



C-17 Weapons Instructor Course teams up with 535th Airlift Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Heather Redman

15th Wing Public Affairs

The C-17 Weapons Instructor Course got its first look at the Indo-Pacific region when it flew with the 535th Airlift Squadron for the first time at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Oct. 5-8.

Students enrolled in the C-17 Weapons Instructor Course, assigned to the 57th Weapons Squadron, normally fly out of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., but the 15th Wing offered.

“We are constantly looking for opportunities to give Tier 1 weapons officers access to training and assets to operationally prepare them to become tactical leaders,” said Maj. Daniel Hartung, 57th WPS director of staff.

“Training here in Hawaii is a great opportunity

C-17 Globemaster IIIs, assigned to the 535th Airlift Squadron, prepare for takeoff during the C-17 Weapons Instructor Course's first indoctrination to the Indo-Pacific region, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Nov. 7.

Photo by Capt. Jonathan Lewczyk



that is hard to match, as it gives our students exposure to the total force integration environment and multiple platforms, as well as access to joint assets,” he added.

According to Hartung, the focus of the C-17 Weapons Instructor Course is to teach students how to think multilaterally while problem solving.

The Weapons Instructor Course is an advanced tactical and leadership course that teaches Air Force integrated warfighting.

At the end of the course, students become the primary tactical experts at their wings and serve as an advisor to their commanders on tactical employment. The training event indoctrinated weap-

ons students to a joint environment, as they not only integrated with the 19th and 199th Fighter Squadrons, but also connected with Sailors aboard the USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), homeported at JBPHH, to learn about the Aegis weapons system.

The Aegis Weapon System is a centralized, automated, command-

and-control weapons control system that was designed as a total weapon system, from detection to kill.

The system is an advanced, automatic detect-and-track, multi-function phased-array radar that can perform search, track and missile guidance functions simultaneously.

The 57th WPS’ visit was mutually beneficial for 535th AS.

“This is a great opportunity for us,” said Capt. Jonathan Lewczyk, 15th Operations Support Squadron chief of weapons and tactics.

“This event not only exposes future weapons officers to the Indo-Pacific region, but it is also great training for the 535th AS, as it allows us to expand our capabilities,” he added.

The 535th AS uses the C-17 Globemaster III, the most flexible cargo aircraft in the airlift force, to conduct its mission of global airlift, airdrop, and aeromedical evacuation operations throughout the Indo-Pacific region.

The C-17 Weapons Instructor Course visit exposes pilots to advanced tactical maneuvering they can use to further the 535th AS’s mission.

21 bells for veterans



Photos by USS Hopper (DDG 70) Public Affairs, MC2 Kenneth Rodriguez Santiago, USS Halsey (DDG 97) Public Affairs, USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53) Public Affairs, USS William P. Lawrence (DDG 110) Public Affairs

Sailors from various commands toll 21 bells during a World War I commemoration ceremony celebrating Armistice and Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Armistice Day is commemorated every year in honor of the temporary cease fire between the Allied nations and Germany which went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month on Nov. 11, 1918 seven months prior to the signing of the Treaty of Versailles.

New command chief in Hawaii, Guam for reserve units

Story and photo by Master Sgt. Theanne Herrmann

624th Regional Support Group Public Affairs Office

The Air Force Reserve’s 624th Regional Support Group welcomed their new Command Chief during the November unit training assembly, Nov. 4.

Chief Master Sgt. Danyell C. Stoutamire is responsible for advising 624th RSG commanders and staff on mission effectiveness, military readiness, and the health and welfare of the group.

He will also serve as a mentor to other senior leaders throughout the command, which together serve Airmen across two geographically separated units.

Located on Oahu and Guam, the 624th RSG provides nearly 700



U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Danyell C. Stoutamire, the Air Force Reserve’s 624th Regional Support Group command chief, visits with members of the Development and Training Flight Nov. 3 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

combat-ready Airmen who specialize in aerial port, aeromedical support and civil engineering operations.

“I am truly humbled to serve in this capacity for the 624th RSG,” Stoutamire said. “The mission of the 624th is so critical to our nation, and I wanted to be part of

something great! I hope to engage our Airmen and learn ways I can assist in providing the training and resources they need to effectively continue the mission.”

Prior to his current position, Stoutamire served as the chief enlisted manager for the 452nd Aeromedical Staging

Squadron at March Air Reserve Base, California.

While there, he managed the medical environment and directed and supported activities for patient care, contingency operations and disasters.

“Chief Stoutamire is known for his mentorship and I am looking forward to him joining our team to

broaden and strengthen our Airmen through mentorship,” said Col. Athanasia Shinas, 624th RSG commander.

Stoutamire has significant experience working with Airmen. He served as a first sergeant with the 752nd Medical Squadron and the 452nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at March Air Reserve Base, California.

As a senior enlisted leader, Stoutamire provided leadership and guidance as a commander’s representative for numerous committees, councils, boards, as well as military and civilian functions.

“It’s important for our Airmen to be led by leaders who are equipped to mentor and manage the challenges Airmen face each day,” Stoutamire said. “I want to provide our reserve citizen Airmen the tools necessary for mission success and their

professional development in and out of uniform.”

Stoutamire started his U.S. Air Force career in September 1996. His active-duty background included various duties as a weapons armament system crew chief for the U.S. Air Force F-15 Eagle and B-1B Lancer aircraft.

Stoutamire transitioned to the Air Force Reserve in October 2000 where he became a medical service journeyman.

With more than 22 years of service, Stoutamire emphasized the importance of communication and feedback with Airmen as a critical element for success.

“I’m looking forward to communicating with our Airmen, which includes feedback from each and every one within the Group,” Stoutamire said. “I’m excited to hear their stories along with how I can help them achieve their goals.”

Thai Air Force, PACAF build upon strong partnership

Story and photo by
Staff Sgt. Hailey Haux

PACAF Public Affairs

U.S. Air Force Commander of Pacific Air Forces (PACAF), Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., hosted Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF), Air Chief Marshal (ACM) Chaipayruk Didyasarin, to build upon the strong U.S.-Thailand partnership, at Headquarters PACAF at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Oct. 29.

This was Chaipayruk’s first official visit outside of Thailand since taking office in early October.

“It’s great to have Air Chief Marshal Chaipayruk and the rest of his



Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF) Chief Air Marshal Chaipayruk Didyasarin, and U.S. Air Force Commander of Pacific Air Forces (PACAF), Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., attend a briefing at Headquarters PACAF, Oct. 29.

delegation visit PACAF,” Brown said. “It’s very important that he was able to come here as a key partner within the region.”

While on island, the ACM and his delegation also received a barge tour of Pearl Harbor and visited Indo-Pacific Command

where they had discussions with Adm. Phil Davidson, INDOPACOM commander.

Brown hosted an office call with Chaipayruk

in which they discussed opportunities to enhance the relationship between the two countries’ air forces, the F-16 midlife upgrade, the Washington Air National Guard – Thailand’s National Guard State Partner – and the importance of a free and open Indo-Pacific.

“We also talked about space, cyber capabilities, how we look at a free and open Indo-Pacific, and continue to work together for the security of the region,” Brown said.

The two countries celebrate 200 years since initial contact between the King of Siam and the president of the United States, and two centuries of friendship between the two nations, making Thai-

land the United States’ oldest ally in Asia.

The two air forces continue to build on that long-term relationship through exercises like Cope Tiger and Cobra Gold.

“It’s part of our readiness, it’s part of how we strengthen our allies and partners across the region ... we’ve had relative peace for the past 70 years, the goal is to have relative peace for the next 70 years, and you can’t do that by just thinking about today,” Brown emphasized.

This year, Thailand and the United States co-hosted the 37th iteration of Cobra Gold in February, which was the largest multilateral military exercise in the Indo-Pacific region.

Events to commemorate 77th Pearl Harbor anniversary

Dec. 7, 2018 will mark 77 years since America was launched into World War II with the attack on Oahu, including Pearl Harbor. These are some commemorative events taking place this year, Dec. 1-7.

Dec. 1

- **A Pearl Harbor History Day** will be held at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center to launch the 77th anniversary commemoration week.

Dec. 2

- **The Swingin’ Blue Stars performance** will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center lanai. This event helps support the museum’s restoration and education programs. This is a free event.

Dec. 3

- **The Coast Guard Band Performance** will perform at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center lanai from 9 to 10:30 a.m. This is a free event.

Dec. 5

- **The Swingin’ Blue Stars performance** will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center lanai. This free event helps support the museum’s restoration and education programs.

- **The U.S. Army Band** will perform at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center lanai from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. This is a free event.

Dec. 6

- **The U.S. Pacific Fleet Band** will perform on the lanai at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. This is a free event.

- **A USS Utah Memorial Sunset Ceremony** will be held at the USS Utah Memorial from 5 to 6 p.m. The ceremony honors the loss of the USS Utah (AG-16) and 58 of its crew. This event is free to those with base access and their sponsored guests.

Dec. 7

- **The National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Commemoration** will be held from 7:50 to 9:15 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. The National Park Service and the U.S. Navy will co-host the 77th commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

This year’s theme is “Forging the Future” and its sub-theme is “Their Unconquerable Spirit, America in 1943.” The keynote speaker is Adm. Phil Davidson, commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command. The public is invited to attend the commemoration.

Due to strict security measures, guests are not allowed to bring handbags, purses, camera bags or other items that offer concealment to the ceremony. Personal cameras are allowed. More information will be provided when available. This is a free event.

Note: If you are a Pearl Harbor survivor or World War II veteran, please contact the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at 473-3152, 473-1173 or 473-0664 or email navyhawaiipublicaffairs@gmail.com to receive an invitation and seating for the ceremony.

- **A Hickam Field Commemoration** will be held at the Atterbury Circle at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam from 7:50 a.m.

- **The USS Oklahoma Memorial Ceremony** will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the USS Oklahoma Memorial on Ford Island. The USS Oklahoma ceremony commemorates the devastating loss of the ship and 429 of its crew members.

A free shuttle departing every 15 minutes is available from the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park, which is adjacent to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. This is a free event.

- **A Pearl Harbor Day Parade** and a public ceremony will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. from Fort DeRussy to Kapiolani Park in Waikiki. This is a free event.

For the complete list of Pearl Harbor remembrance events, visit <http://pearlharborevents.com>. This event is co-hosted by the superintendent of the World War II Valor in the Pacific and Commander, Navy Region Hawaii.



Photo by SrA Ryan Zeski
Airman 1st Class Nathaniel Sanchez, a crew chief with the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Air Refueling Wing prepares to service a KC-135 Stratotanker from the Michigan Air National Guard's 127th Wing at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Nov. 5. Sanchez served for about a year with the 127th Wing while living in Michigan before returning to his native Hawaii. The Michigan aircraft was passing through Hawaii on a mission to pick up cargo and personnel in Guam.



Photo by Erin Huggins
Members of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility pose with K.C. Wolf, the mascot of the Kansas City Chiefs, Nov. 14. The Kansas City Cheerleaders took a tour of Pearl Harbor throughout the week.



Photo courtesy of NEX Marketing
Navy Exchange Hawaii District Vice President Tom Jacobsen thanks a retired service member and presents him with a free limited edition commemorative coin at the NEX Mall at Pearl Harbor, Nov. 10. Jacobsen personally approached each of the veterans, thanking them and giving them a coin. There were refreshments and a celebratory cake-cutting event.



Photo by MCSN Jeffery L. Southerland
The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), left, and USS Spruance (DDG 111) cut through the Pacific Ocean, Nov. 12, as part of Carrier Strike Group (CSG).



Photo by MC2 Shaun M. Griffin
Rear Adm. Daryl L. Caudle, commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet, speaks during a Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11 held at the USS Parche Submarine Park and Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



A C-17 Globemaster III, assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, flies above the Pohakuloa Training Area during Big Island Drop Week, on Hilo, Hawaii Nov. 7.

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535th AS makes BIG Island drop

A container delivery system drops from a C-17 Globemaster III.

Story and photos by
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15th Wing Public Affairs

The 535th Airlift Squadron trained on delivering cargo to Pohakuloa Training Area on Hawaii Island, from Nov. 6-8. Big Island Drop Week is a quarterly training event conducted on the island of Hawaii. The training event allowed aircrews to conduct mission planning and airdrop training in an environment that is not available on Oahu. “Big Island Drop Week enables aircrews to conduct airdrops in an austere terrain from a high-pressure altitude environment,” said Maj. Gabriel West, 535th Airlift Squadron assistant director of operations. “For this event, our aircrews had to plan and employ aerial delivery systems in an unfamiliar training setting to pre-

pare them for different environments they could face.” The 535th AS uses the C-17 Globemaster III, the most flexible cargo aircraft in the airlift force, to conduct its mission of global airlift, airdrop and aeromedical evacuation operations. Through precision airdrops the 535th AS can deliver supplies, equipment and personnel from 30,000 feet in the air. During the event, the aircrews released container delivery system bundles to simulate dropping supplies to personnel on the ground. “We are constantly training,” West said. “Our aircrews have weekly airdrop training, however the training on the Big Island is an opportunity we don’t get often.” The training helps prepare the 15th Wing to meet future operational needs and accomplish the mission of employing combat power across the Indo-Pacific.



Capt. Derek Demyanek, 15th Operations Support Squadron executive officer, prepares for takeoff.



Senior Airman Trenton Turner, 535th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, sits on the ramp of a C-17 Globemaster III.



Senior Airman Trenton Turner, 535th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, guides a container delivery system onto a C-17 Globemaster III.

Navy celebrates American Indian, Alaska Native heritage

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Navy Office of Information
Public Affairs


The Navy honors National American Indian Heritage Month in November celebrating achievements of American Indians and Alaska Natives and recognizing the central role they have played in the nation’s history. The theme for the month this year is “Sovereignty, Trust and Resilience.” American Indians and Alaska Natives serve in all branches of the military, and their contributions have been critical to the nation’s defense. As of June 2018, they comprised 2.3 percent (8,689) of the Navy’s total force, 1

percent (600) of the officer ranks and 2.8 percent (1,206) of enlisted Sailors. More than 22,000 American Indians or Alaska Natives serve in the U.S. military. American Indians and Alaska Natives have a legacy of honorable service that permeates naval history through every major armed conflict for more than 200 years. The Navy takes pride in highlighting American Indians who blazed trails and changed the course of history forever. In 1924, voting rights were extended to all American Indians after the Snyder Act was passed. In World War II, 44,000 fought with distinction, including 1,910 in the Navy. Two Oklahoma Cherokees distinguished themselves in

the Navy. Rear Adm. Joseph J. “Jocko” Clark commanded aircraft carriers and later a task force. Cmdr. Ernest E. Evans was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during the Battle off Samar, Philippines. Approximately 15,000 American Indians fought in the Korean War and more than 42,000 during Vietnam. In 1966, South Carolina Cherokee Boatswain’s Mate 1st Class James E. Williams, while serving at South Vietnam’s Mekong Delta, killed an unknown number of enemy forces while destroying 65 vessels and disrupting an enemy logistic operation. Williams was awarded the Medal of Honor for his ac-

tions during the three-hour battle against Viet Cong guerrillas with the two riverine patrol boats he commanded. The Navy had the highest proportion of American Indians in uniform as of March 2012. A recent example is Master Chief James d. Fairbanks, a Chippewa from Northern Minnesota. He served in the Marine Corps and in the Navy as a Seabee. In 2005, Fairbanks was selected as the 13th force master chief of the Seabees. Navy leaders encourage the Navy community to recognize and express appreciation for the past and present contributions of American Indian and Alaska Native Sailors, veterans, civilians and family mem-

bers. As a tribute, the Navy units and agencies are welcome to conduct commemorative activities and events. The observance first began with the establishment of American Indian Day in May 1916 by the governor of New York. Decades later, it gained official national recognition when President George H. W. Bush approved a joint Congressional resolution designating November 1990 as National American Indian Heritage Month. *For more on contributions of American Indians and Native Alaskans to the Navy, visit www.history.navy.mil/content/history/nhhc/browse-by-topic/diversity/american-indians.html.*



- Emergency medical, fire, lifeguard, medical examiner, and police services will be available.
- TheBus will operate on a Sunday schedule. For route and schedule information, please 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.
- On-street parking will be free, except for the meters on Kalakaua Avenue along Queen Kapi’olani Regional Park and metered parking lots.
- Traffic lanes will not be coned for contraflow.

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING MEALS

NOV. 22 — Special Thanksgiving meals are being offered Nov. 22 at both Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam dining facilities. Hale Aina is serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$16.05. Silver Dolphin Bistro is serving from 2 to 5 p.m. for \$9.10. These special meals are open to not only active duty. Escorted family members of active duty, military retirees and Department of Defense civilian employees with valid ID card are also welcome. For more information, call 449-1666 (Hale Aina) or 473-2948 (Silver Dolphin Bistro).

THANKSGIVING LUNCH BUFFET

NOV. 22 — Reservations are being accepted now for the Thanksgiving Lunch Buffet happening Nov. 22 at the Historic Hickam Officers’ Club. Price is \$34.95 for adults (\$4 discount for club members), \$18.95 for ages 7 to 12 years old and \$12.50 for ages 4 to 6 years old. For more information, call 448-4608.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY MARATHON

NOV. 22 — Holiday Marathons in Hawaii and Hawaii Running Project are hosting a free Thanksgiving Holiday Marathon on Thursday Nov. 22 at Ala Moana Beach Park 6:30 a.m. Meet near lifeguard tower 1E and the restrooms. Look for a blue Hawaii Running Project canopy tent. It’s ok to start earlier or later. Just sign in on the clipboard with your starting time and distance. Choose a full marathon (26.2 miles), half marathon (13.1 miles), quarter marathon (10K/6.2 miles), or keiki run (2.62 miles). The course is entirely within Ala Moana Park. Certificates given to finishers at all distances. For more information, call Coach Kawika at 462-1313.

THANKSGIVING DINNER TO GO

NOW — The Officers’ Club at Kaneohe Bay, and Sunset Lanai is offering 2018 Complete Thanksgiving Dinners to go for six to eight people. There is a turkey meal, ham meal, turkey and ham combo meal and pumpkin crunch pie. Orders will be taken through Nov. 20, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call the Officers’ Club at 254-7650 or 254-0905. Call Sunset Lanai at 484-9322.

THANKSGIVING BUFFET

TODAY — A Thanksgiving Buffet is scheduled at the Kolekole Bar at Schofield Barracks, today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu includes roast turkey, baked ham with pineapple sauce, savory stuffing, baked yams, mashed potatoes, green beans almandine, buttered corn, cream of potato, soup du jour, super salad bar, carved roast beef with au jus and horseradish. The cost is \$14.95/person. Reservations encouraged. Call 655-0660.

TURKEY TROT

NOV. 20 — Turkey Trot 5K takes place Nov. 20 at 7 a.m. at the Wahiawa Annex Fitness Center. Start burning off those holiday calories early. Prizes for top three male and female finishers. This is a free event. For more information, call 653-5542.

THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

NOV. 22 — City and County of Honolulu offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Thursday, Nov. 22. Here is the holiday schedule for the city’s operations:

Medical Group tries to keep playoffs alive

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Needing a win for even the slightest chance of getting into the postseason, the 15th Medical Group (15th MDG) got clutch performances from quarterback Staff Sgt. Larry Gauze and defensive back Senior Airman Zack Johnson to sneak past Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH), 12-6, Nov. 13 in an intramural Red Division flag football game at Earhart Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win gave the 15th MDG a record of 4-4 and, with one week left to play, kept the team's playoff hopes alive while NHCH fell to 2-4.

Against NHCH, the 15th MDG never trailed during the entire game after going out in front on the team's first drive of the game.

Gauze engineered a drive that moved the ball deep into NHCH territory. With the ball resting inside the 10-yard line, Gauze rolled to his right, spotted Airman 1st Class Javonte Bryant all alone in the back of the end zone and delivered a perfect strike while on the run to take a 6-0 lead.

"I just trust in his (Bryant's) hands and I made sure I threw it behind him so he could get to the ball because there was two defenders there as well," Gauze said. "I told my outside guy to run a slant and Bryant to do an out so I could roll with him too. If it was there, it was going to be a touchdown, if not, it was going to be an incomplete pass."

Immediately after the score, the 15th MDG defense went to work. On the NHCH first play of the game, quarterback Hospital Corpsman Daelen Johnsen threw a pass picked off by Johnson at the NHCH 19.

Later in the second half, Johnson snatched his second pick of the game to help keep NHCH off the scoreboard.

"At first, I didn't know what

to expect of Zack because I don't work with him," Gauze stated. "But he's come out and made some really good plays for us all season. Yeah, Zack's been playing out of his mind in the last couple of games."

While Johnson and the entire defensive backfield were locking down the NHCH attack, Gauze said that a lot of that success was aided by the work that the team was doing in the trenches.

As they have tried to do all season, the 15th MDG pass rush was outstanding against NHCH and the constant pressure on Johnsen was a strong component of the team's success on defense.

"At the beginning of the season, I told my team, 'Hey, our defense is going to be as good as our rushers,'" Gauze admitted. "If we don't have a good rush, our defense is going to be all over the place."

With the team's defense shutting down the NHCH attack, the 15th MDG's small six-point advantage started to look very big as the clock wound down.

However, late in the game, Gauze put the game away for good when on first down at the 38, he took the snap in the backfield and ran the ball 42 yards for a touchdown that made it 12-0.

"We've been doing that all season," Gauze said. "That's one thing our coach has been trying to incorporate closer to the end zone, if we decide to run the clock down."

NHCH finally responded with 1:41 remaining in the game, when Johnsen went over the top and hit Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Carlton Dyke with a 60-yard catch and run for the team's only touchdown of the game.

While even Gauze admitted that the 15th MDG is going to need a lot of help if it hopes to get into the playoffs, the QB said if they get there, they would be ready.

"If we can get in, then I think we can make a lot of noise," Gauze said. "I think we'll make a run for the championship for sure."



Quarterback Staff Sgt. Larry Gauze, from the 15th MDG, scrambles away for a good gain. Gauze threw for one touchdown and ran for another in a 12-6 win over NHCH.

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Speed Demons run away from Ballistic



Speed Demons receiver
Logistics Specialist 1st
Class Jesse Cole reaches
high to pull down a pass.

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Always saving the best for last, two of the top teams in the intramural flag football Afloat Division finally got a chance to meet in the final regular season game, before both teams head off to the playoffs.

The division-leading USS Missouri (SSN 780) Speed Demons held off the second-place USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53) Ballistic, 38-23, to capture the division's championship and top seed going in the playoffs.

The game was part of a triple-header at Earhart Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Nov. 10, and left the Speed Demons as the only undefeated team in the division with a record of 8-0, while Ballistic lost for only the second time this season and saw its record fall to 5-2.

"This was huge," said Speed Demons head coach Information Systems Technician (Submarines) 1st Class Daniel Martin. "We had to come out here and make a statement win, and I think we did that."

Feeling a sense of urgency as they matched up against Ballistic, the Speed Demons got the ball on their first possession and showed everyone that they came to play.

Starting at their own 8-yard line, quarterback Logistics Specialist (Submarine) 2nd Class Darryl Robinson needed only five plays to travel the length of the field and finished off the drive with a sweep of 3 yards into the end zone. The converted point after a touchdown gave Missouri a 7-0 lead.

However, after the touchdown, Missouri was given no time to savor the moment.

Ballistic opened a drive from its own 20 and struck right away with a long, over-the-top bomb from quarterback Operations Specialist 2nd Class Enrico Poole to Lt. Paul Winston. That move tied the score at 7-7 after the converted point after touchdown.

The tie only seemed to motivate the Speed Demons to do

more, as the team immediately struck for TDs on their next two possessions to take a commanding 19-7 advantage.

The team's second TD scored a short 6-yard pass completion in the end zone from Robinson to Culinary Specialist (Submarines) 2nd Class Reginald Pettway, while the team's third TD came on a 19-yard pass from Robinson to Engineering Aide 2nd Class Darryl Baukman.

Coming right out of halftime, it was more of the same, as the Speed Demons took the opening drive of the second half and scored another TD on a sweep by Robinson that made it 25-7.

From there, the teams exchanged TDs, before Ballistic added another six points to draw to within eight points at 31-23.

However, the Speed Demons finally put the game away for good, when Robinson connected on his fourth TD toss of the game on a short swing pass to Machinist's Mate, Non-Nuclear (Submarine Auxiliary) Fireman Gavin Curry for the final score.

After taking a three-score advantage, the Speed Demons allowed Ballistic to score two times, before Missouri regrouped and answered the call.

Martin said that it happens sometimes, but he likes the way the team responded to being tested.

"Sometimes you have momentary lapses, but we're pretty good at snapping back into it," Martin acknowledged. "Every time they (Ballistic) had the chance to stop our momentum, we got back on top of it."

While the Speed Demons have already wrapped up the Afloat Division title, the ashore divisions still have a couple of games to finish off the season.

The delay would give Missouri a little time off going into the playoffs, but Martin said that it shouldn't matter. He believes that the Speed Demons will create quite a stir in the postseason.

"I think we're going to make some real noise," Martin stated. "I'm just excited. I'll take my Speed Demons against anybody."



John Burns took this photo of a rainbow a few days ago below the deep blue sky. Camp H.M. Smith is up the hill to the left. The gap in the middle of the mountains is where the H-3 John A. Burns (no relation) Freeway is. John Burns is an administrative support assistant with Navy Region Hawaii. *To submit a photo, email editor@hookelenews.com with your name, title and description of the photo.*

Take Command: First annual TRICARE open season has begun

TRICARE

Do you want to make enrollment changes to your or to a family member’s TRICARE health plan for 2019? Your chance is around the corner during TRICARE Open Season. However, if you want to keep your current health plan, you don’t need do anything during TRICARE Open Season. Your current health care coverage will continue automatically as long as you remain eligible.

Open season is an annual period when you can enroll in or change your health care coverage plan for the following year. TRICARE beneficiaries are experiencing open season now through Dec. 10. TRICARE Open Season will happen each year from the Monday of the second full week in November to the Monday of the second full week in December. Enrollment choices made during this period will take effect on Jan. 1.

During TRICARE Open Season, you may enroll in or change your TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select health plan. Any changes you make will be effective Jan. 1, 2019. If you remain eligible and make no changes during TRICARE Open Season, then you’ll stay in the same plan for 2019. You may also change your type of enrollment during open season, for example switching from individual to family coverage.

Outside of the TRICARE Open Season period, you may still enroll in or change between TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Select plans within 90 days after you or a family member experience a Qualifying Life Event (QLE). A QLE is a cer-

tain change in your life, which may mean different TRICARE options are available to you. If you want to change your coverage to TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select, and you’re eligible, a QLE allows you to do that. Whether during TRICARE Open Season or following a QLE, you have three ways to make an enrollment choice:

- **Online:** Go to the Beneficiary Web Enrollment website (stateside only)
- **By phone:** Call your regional contractor
- **By mail:** Mail your enrollment form to your regional contractor

TRICARE Open Season doesn’t apply to the premium-based plans listed below. These plans offer continuous open enrollment throughout the year:

- TRICARE Retired Reserve
- TRICARE Reserve Select
- TRICARE Young Adult
- Continued Health Care Benefit Program

Also, TRICARE Open Season doesn’t apply to TRICARE For Life. TRICARE For Life doesn’t require enrollment.

Sign up on the TRICARE website for updates about TRICARE Open Season. Look for more information this fall at www.tricare.mil/opensession. This is your benefit. Take command of your health and prepare for TRICARE Open Season.

Benefits of quitting tobacco

Naval Health Clinic
Health Promotion and
Navy and Marine Corps
Public Health Center



This year, the Great American Smokeout was observed Nov. 15. The American Cancer Society’s California Division held its first smokeout Nov. 18, 1976, encouraging smokers to quit for the day. The campaign continued every third Thursday of November. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention three in 10 U.S. military veterans used tobacco products between 2010 and 2015. However, the CDC also reported from 2005 to 2016, smoking has gone down from 20.9 percent of Americans to 15.5 percent.

The first day you quit:

- Within 20 minutes, your heart rate and blood pressure drop.
- Within 12 hours, the carbon monoxide level in your blood drops to normal.
- Within 24 hours, your chance of a heart attack decreases.

The first year you quit:

- Within one month, your skin appearance improves.
- Within three months, your circulation and lung function is better.
- Within nine months, you will cough less and breathe easier.

After one year of quitting:

- After one year, your risk of coronary heart disease is cut in half.
- After five years, your risk of cancer of the mouth, throat, esophagus and bladder are cut in half. Additionally, your risk of cervical cancer and stroke return to normal.
- After 10 years, you are half as likely to die from lung cancer. Your risk of larynx or pancreatic cancer decreases.
- After 15 years, your risk of coronary heart disease is the same as a non-smoker’s.

Other benefits of quitting include:

- Wound healing improves
- Temperature of hands and feet return to normal
- Fatigue and shortness of breath decrease
- Reduced risk of bone fractures
- Smell and taste improve
- Reduced belly fat and lowered risk of diabetes
- Saving thousands of dollars in just a few years

Are you ready to quit tobacco? Talk to your health care provider, dental provider, or health promotion team member. Call Naval Health Clinic Hawaii tobacco cessation nurse at 471-2280. Use a web-based program or resource to help you quit such as <https://tricare.mil/healthwellness/tobaccocessation/ucanquit2> or <http://smokefree.gov/>. Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW to be linked to your local state quit line for advice, resources or a counseling program.



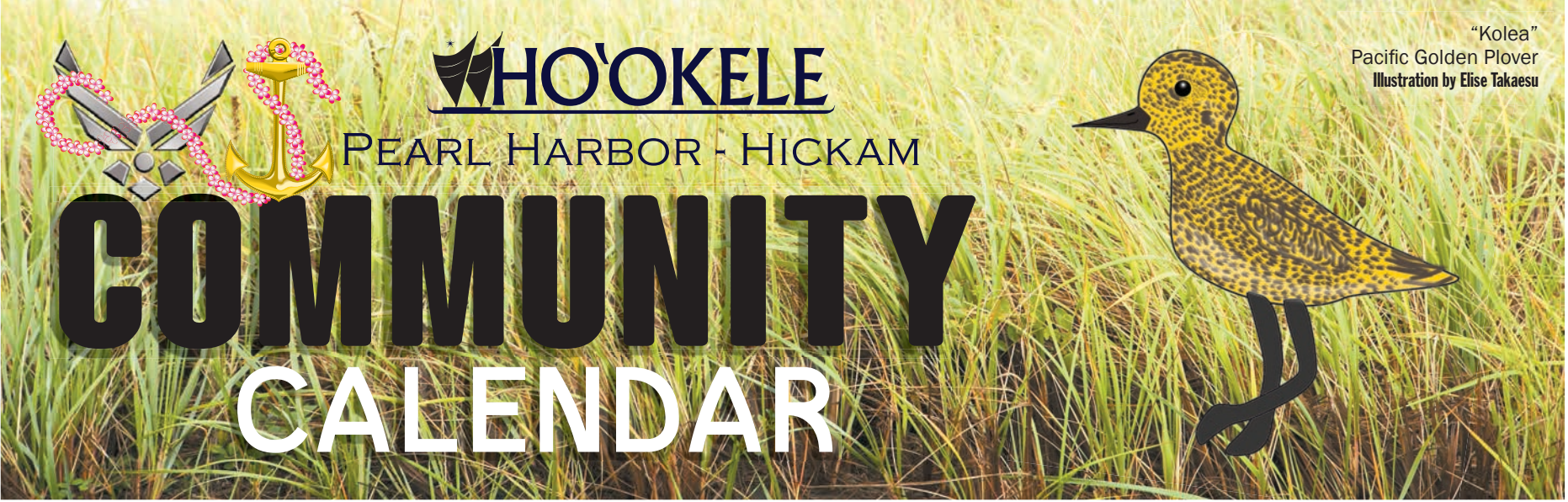
- Reservations are being taken for at the various Information, Tickets and Tours for the **Honolulu City Lights Holiday Tour**, Dec. 7-23. Take a festive ride on ITT’s own trolley through Honolulu to view the city lights before stopping at Honolulu Hale and see the holiday displays. The price is \$15 for the 6 p.m. tour and \$10 for the 8:30 p.m. tour. Children 4 and under are free but must sit on a parent’s lap. For more information, call 473-0792.
- **The NFL’s Kansas City Chiefs Cheerleaders** are holding a cheerleading clinic from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 17 at Ward Field. This is a free event open to ages 5 to 18 years. Advance online registration is required and a waiver must be signed. For more information, visit www.jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com.
- **A family night** – community service project is happening Nov. 20 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Teen Center. Teens are encouraged to bring their families to help with a community service project. While at the center, families

can learn about upcoming events, hang out with their teen and see what the program is all about. Time to be announced. For more information, call 448-1068.

- **Cookies & Canvas** gets colorful Nov. 21 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Arts & Crafts Center. Kids get to create a painted masterpiece while nibbling on a sweet treat. This bimonthly activity has a different painting subject each time. The 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.

- **The Chinatown Food & Historic Walking Tour** departs the Hickam ITT office Nov. 24 at 8:30 a.m. Discover the intriguing history and culture of Honolulu’s Chinatown on this walking tour. The cost is \$35 for adults and \$30 for kids 3 to 11 years old and includes a traditional dim sum lunch. For more information, call 448-2295.



BLOOD DRIVE
TODAY — Join Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility in building 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a blood drive. All blood types are needed, especially O Negative and O Positive. All donations made will directly support Tripler Army Medical Center, deployed service members, their families and military missions. There are a few basic requirements that must be met in order to donate blood with the Armed Services Blood Program.

In general, donors must:

- Have not donated blood previously within the last eight weeks.
- Weigh at least 110 pounds.
- Have been feeling well for at least three days prior to donating.
- Be well hydrated and have eaten something prior to donating.
- Have picture ID and know when/where you have traveled.
- Be able to list the types of medications currently being taken.


For more information, call 433-6148. Appointments are highly encouraged.

FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT 101
NOV. 19 — Federal Employment 101 is scheduled from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. Learn how to navigate the USAJobs website and understand the application process from start to finish. Other topics include hiring preferences and programs for veterans and military spouses. For more information, visit <https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/support/military-family-support-center> or call 474-1999.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION
NOV. 21 — Learn about handling conflict resolution from 10 a.m. to noon at MFSC Pearl Harbor. This workshop helps people to manage conflict by examining their attitudes and behaviors when faced with conflicting situations. For more information, visit <https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/support/military-family-support-center> or call 474-1999.

NEW MOMS AND DADS
NOV. 21 — MFSC is offering a New Moms and Dads class for potential or soon-to-be parents from 5 to 8 p.m. at MFSC Hickam. For more information, visit <https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/support/military-family-support-center> or call 474-1999.

PRESTON SHARP
NOV. 23 — Preston Sharp will be in Hawaii Nov. 23 at 8 a.m., at the National



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NOV. 30 — Dec. 7 commemoration ceremonies are fast approaching and the coordinators are looking for volunteers. Interested parties can send their name, email, and cellphone number to Lt. Cmdr. Don Roberts at 473-5752 or don-ald.a.roberts@navy.mil. Please make contact by Nov. 30. Volunteers are needed for the following:

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day – Dec. 7

- Dec. 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. - Set up chairs at Pearl Harbor Visitors Center.
- Dec. 5 from 9 to 11 a.m. - Dress rehearsal at Pearl Harbor Visitors Center. Early dismissal is likely.
- Dec. 7 from 6 to 10 a.m. — About 60 ushers, escorts and others needed
- Dec. 7 at 10:30 a.m. - Break down chairs.

Oklahoma Ceremony - Dec. 7 (by Oklahoma Memorial on Ford Island)

- Dec. 6 - Set up approximately 250 chairs.
- Dec. 7 - Eight to 10 escorts and ushers are needed at 12:30 p.m. to help people to their seats.
- Dec. 7 at 2:15 p.m. - Break down chairs.

Utah Ceremony - Dec. 6 from 5 to 6 p.m.

- Dec. 6 - Volunteers are needed to set up approximately 150 chairs. (Time TBD)
- Dec. 6 - Approximately eight to 10 escorts and ushers are needed at 4:30 p.m. to help people to their seats.
- Dec. 6 - Break down chairs after ceremony.

Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu. The 13 year old has traveled to numerous places to decorate each grave at veteran cemeteries. Flags and flowers are provided. Please wear weather-appropriate clothing for the occasion.

MARFORPAC TO HOST FREE CONCERT
NOV. 25 — The 11th Annual Na Mele o na Keiki (Music for the Children) Christmas Concert is scheduled at the historic Hawaii Theatre Center at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25. This concert will feature the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band performing holiday favorites with a variety of guest artists. This free concert is an opportunity for the community to help support the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots Hawaii. Free tickets

are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Hawaii Theatre Box Office, 1130 Bethel St. The box office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, visit www.hawaiitheatre.com.

SNACKS WITH SANTA
DEC. 1 — The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club (HOSC) will host its annual Snacks with Santa event, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ka Makani Community Center on the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The event is free and open to military children, but registration is required since space is limited. All children older than 6 months old must have a ticket. The registration link will go live Nov. 17 at 9 a.m. and can be found at <https://hickamosc.wildapricot.org/>

santa. Activities include a visit with Santa, face painting, crafts, games, cookies and drinks. Attendees will need to present proof of registration on paper or via cellphone when checking in the day of the event. For more information, contact Lisa Jansheski, HOSC Snacks with Santa chairperson, at hoscswithsanta@gmail.com.

CREDO SAFETALK WORKSHOP
DEC. 5 — The next safeTALK class is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon at the JBPHH Chapel Fellowship Hall. Personnel may register for the classes by emailing RP2 Williams at lester.j.williams@navy.mil. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/HawaiiCREDO/>.

BUDGET FOR BABY WORKSHOP
DEC. 6 — The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is hosting a free Budget for Baby Workshop Dec. 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the NMCRS building on 11514 Makalapa Drive. NMCRS Budget For Baby Workshops strives to teach you everything you need to know about managing life after a newborn. Each workshop covers:

- Finances after having a newborn
- Consumer pressures targeting new parents
- Available entitlements via government and private sources

While this is a workshop about babies, the workshop itself is for adults only. Exceptions are made for babies ages 1 to 3 months old who are held in one's arms. If necessary, call to schedule a one-on-one appointment if needed due to childcare concerns. Call to RSVP at 473-0282.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
DEC. 17-20 — Makalapa Elementary School is looking for volunteers for their upcoming Holiday Shop, Dec. 17-20 from 9 a.m. to noon. If interested, contact Kasey Lahousse at Kasey_Lahousse@MAKALAPA/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us or 421-4110. The school is also looking for a military command to partner with for future student and school events.

Upcoming projects include:

- **December** - classroom projects
- **April** - Reading books to classrooms to support Read Across America
- **May** - Field Day - Volunteers to run stations

If your command is interested in partnering with another local school, contact Melissa Johnson, school liaison officer of the JBPHH MFSC, at 471-3673.



Goosebumps 2

While collecting junk one day, best friends Sonny and Sam meet Slappy, a mischievous talking dummy from an unpublished “Goosebumps” book by R.L. Stine. Hoping to start his own family, Slappy kidnaps Sonny’s mother and brings all of his ghoulish friends back to life – just in time for Halloween.

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

SHARKEY THEATER

FRIDAY — NOV. 16
7 p.m. • A Star Is Born (R)

SATURDAY — NOV. 17
2:30 p.m. • Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween (PG)
4:40 p.m. • Halloween (R)
7 p.m. • First Man (PG-13)

SUNDAY — NOV. 18
1:30 p.m. • Smallfoot (3-D) (PG)
3:50 p.m. • Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween (PG)
5:50 p.m. • A Star Is Born (R)

THURSDAY — NOV. 22
CLOSED ON THANKSGIVING DAY

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

FRIDAY — NOV. 16
7 p.m. • Halloween (PG)

SATURDAY — NOV. 17
1:30 p.m. • Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween (PG)
6 p.m. • Kansas City Chiefs Cheerleaders variety show. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY — NOV. 18
2 p.m. • Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween (PG)
4:30 p.m. • Halloween (PG)

THURSDAY — NOV. 22
CLOSED ON THANKSGIVING DAY