

# HMCS Protecteur returns after recovery at sea



After Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Protecteur suffered an engine fire that left the ship dead in the water, the U.S. Navy provided support and assistance, using USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), USS Chosin (CG 65), fleet ocean tug USNS Sioux (T-ATF-175) and Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 37 (HSM 37). Protecteur was towed into Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam yesterday.

## Hickam AFAF reception starts campaign



Master Sgt. Richard Montano, 15th Maintenance Group, shares a personal story of how he and his family were provided assistance from the Air Force Assistance Fund during the 2014 AFAF Kickoff Reception at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on March 3.

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez

15th Wing Public Affairs

The 15th Wing's 2014 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign officially began with an AFAF kickoff re-

ception held March 3 at Ka Makani Community Center.

Campaign organizers, keyworkers and wing leadership attended the breakfast event.

Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, spoke to

the audience about the importance of the campaign.

"We take care of our own today, we take care of our own tomorrow, and this is how we do that," Roscoe said. "Don't be afraid to

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## Navy – Marine Corps Relief Society kicks off month-long annual fund drive

Brandon Bosworth

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The Navy – Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Pearl Harbor chapter kicked off its annual fund drive March 3 at Sharkey Theatre, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The drive runs through April 4.

Sailors designated as key personnel by their commands received supplies, training about the NMCRS fund drive, and instructions on running a successful drive.

Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and honorary chair of the NMCRS Pearl Harbor office, addressed the group and urged everyone to learn more about the program.

"NMCRS is shipmates

helping shipmates. It's Navy families and Marine Corps families helping each other," Williams said.

The admiral was introduced by Capt. Mark Wheeler, commanding officer, NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor (NAVSUP FLC PH), who is serving as the chairperson of the 2014 NMCRS drive. Lt. Darian Wilder, NAVSUP FLC PH, is the coordinator of this year's drive and the key point of contact.

Paul Belanger, director of the NMCRS Pearl Harbor office, told the group that the Pearl Harbor office provided more than \$818,000 in financial assistance in over 1,100 cases to Sailors, Marines, retirees and their families in 2013.



NMCRS provides assistance for emergency needs ranging from basic living expenses, such as food and shelter, to emergency travel, medical, dental and/or important services. The annual drive raises the funds necessary to provide these services. The Navy Region NMCRS active duty drive last year raised more than \$516,837.

Among those helped by NMCRS Pearl Harbor include an active duty service member whose son was medevac'd from overseas for medical treatment, a widow whose retired spouse died suddenly, an active duty service member who lost clothing and household

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# COMPACAF discusses AF challenges during visit to 15th Wing

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez

15th Wing Public Affairs

Gen. "Hawk" Carlisle, commander of Pacific Air Forces, spoke to 15th Wing Airmen about present and future challenges the Air Force faces during a Hickam all call held March 4.

Carlisle highlighted the importance of maintaining hard work, dedication and togetherness while dealing with future Air Force-wide challenges.

"We're facing some challenges right now. You've seen it and we're all a part of it," Carlisle said. "This is nothing new. We have faced challenges before. This is something that is in the na-

ture of what we do."

Some challenges Carlisle highlighted included the approaching force management programs and budget cuts across Air Force that will affect personnel, infrastructure, readiness and modernization programs.

"We're going to figure out how to deal with [these cuts]," Carlisle said. "You have to realize that it's going to have an impact on every single one of us. Make sure you understand what the possible outcomes are."

Carlisle related the issues the Air Force is dealing with today with issues of the past, stressing that the Air Force has dealt with these challenges before.

"We know where it's headed, and we know where we're going to be. We just



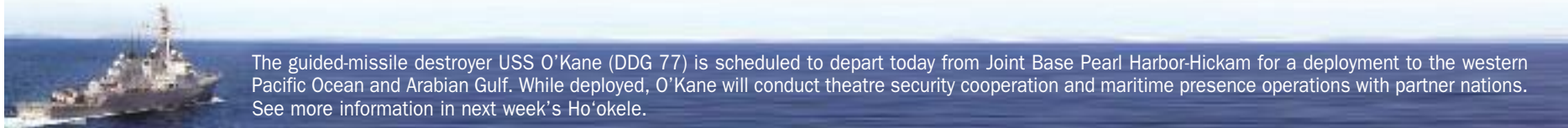
Gen. "Hawk" Carlisle, commander of Pacific Air Forces, speaks with 15th Wing Airmen during a Hickam all call March 4 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

have to deal with [the challenges] as smart as we possibly can," Carlisle said.

The general promised the Airmen that he would make sure they receive a one-on-one discussion with their supervisor or commander about their career and ensure everyone gets the help they need, no matter how they are affected in the force management programs.

"We will get through this together, and our legacy going forward is that we take care of our Airmen," Carlisle said. "We have to take care of every single one of our Airmen whether they stay in or not."

Carlisle ended the commander's call by highlighting outstanding performers in the 15th Wing and a question and answer session.



The guided-missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77) is scheduled to depart today from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a deployment to the western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf. While deployed, O'Kane will conduct theatre security cooperation and maritime presence operations with partner nations. See more information in next week's Ho'okele.



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# USS La Jolla departs for western Pacific deployment

Story and photo by  
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Families and friends of Sailors of the Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS La Jolla (SSN 701) said farewell as it departed March 4 from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a deployment to the western Pacific region.

Cmdr. Kevin Roach, La Jolla's commanding officer, said the submarine and its crew are excited and ready to set sail.

"I am honored to be leading this formidable ship and this outstanding crew," said Roach. "La Jolla is in outstanding material condition, thanks to the hard work of the crew, the fleet maintenance submarine department, and the shipyard maintenance team."

La Jolla is scheduled to conduct a standard deployment to the western Pacific area of operations in support of the commander of the U.S. 7th Fleet.

"We are a learning organization, so our goals rarely change. They all center on perfecting our craft as submarine warriors," said Roach.



Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Dylan Headbird of the Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS La Jolla (SSN 701) spends time with wife, Emily, and his son at a luncheon for the crew March 4 before La Jolla departs from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on a western Pacific deployment.

La Jolla deploys with 140 Sailors, many of them on their first deployment.

For Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Ling Lin, a first-time deployment brings a sense of adventure as well as stress of a

new challenge.

"This is for real, all real, and there is nothing to stop it," joked Lin. "But I am looking forward to the liberty ports and getting my qualifications."

Roach said that of all the peo-

ple who have helped them get to this point, the ones who deserve the most humble thanks are the families that support them when they are ashore or at sea.

"Our families provide us that sense of purpose that keeps us



Fire Control Technician 2nd Class Anthony Drizos of the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS La Jolla (SSN 701) gets a "selfie" picture with his wife Jenna.

motivated and sharp during our deployments," added Roach.

USS La Jolla is named for La Jolla, Calif. and is the first warship named after this township. Commissioned Oct. 24, 1981, La Jolla is the 14th ship of the Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarines. The submarine is 360-foot long, displaces 6,900 tons and can be armed with sophisticated Mark-48 ADCAP anti-submarine torpedoes and Tomahawk guided cruise missiles.

## Navy to brief Hawaii lawmakers on Red Hill, water safety

### Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Two commanding officers and their subject matter experts will brief Sen. Mike Gabbard, chair of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee, and other Hawaii lawmakers today about the Red Hill Fuel Storage Facility and Navy's ongoing commitment to protect drinking water.

The Navy representatives' main point is that the drinking water drawn from the area is safe.

Capt. Mike Williamson, commanding officer of Naval

Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii and regional engineer for Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, will give an update to state senators and house representatives about efforts to locate and repair a petroleum leak discovered earlier this year at the Navy's Red Hill fuel facility and on the steps to improve monitoring technology of tanks, conduct soil sampling and protect groundwater.

"We are wholly committed to protecting the environment and our vital fresh water sources," Williamson said. "I believe we have

taken prudent measures to ensure the water remains safe to drink and we look forward to working collaboratively with all stakeholders to ensure public safety while maintaining this critical national strategic asset."

Capt. Mark Wheeler, commanding officer of Fleet Logistics Command (FLC) Pearl Harbor, will explain how a fuel level discrepancy in Tank 5 at Red Hill was detected, leading to a mitigation response and immediate notification.

"It was our fuel operators at Red Hill who noticed and reported a discrepancy in

the fuel inventory level of JP-8 aviation fuel in Tank 5, which led us to discover the leak," Wheeler said. "As soon as the suspected leak was reported, we began moving fuel out of Tank 5, while at the same time notifying local, state, federal, Navy and Department of Defense agencies."

Wheeler added, "Tank 5 had been off-line for four years for a, 'clean, inspect and repair' maintenance cycle. The Navy received Tank 5 back from the repair contractor 'certified' that all repairs were completed and Tank 5 was ready to fill."

Experts are looking into how, where and why the tank developed the leak.

Engineers from NAVFAC and FLC will participate in the joint Senate-House informational briefing to provide technical details about the status of Tank 5, operations and storage of bulk fuel, and latest monitoring technology as well as long-term plans.

The Navy is working with the State Department of Health and the City & County of Honolulu Board of Water Supply to maintain an open dialogue to ensure the safety of drinking water.

Wheeler said, "We take

our environmental stewardship seriously – we all rely on fresh, safe drinking water for ourselves and our families. We take great pride in being part of the Hawaii community and we will continue to keep the public informed."

He added, "We will continue to work closely with our city, state and federal partners to assess, monitor and take every prudent action in order to protect public safety."

The informational briefing is scheduled for today at 1 p.m. at the Hawaii State Capitol in Room 329.



## Diverse Views



### What was your favorite book or story when you were young?



**OS3 Marissa Tobin**  
*Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard*

“‘The Great Gatsby.’ It’s enticing.”

**Airman 1st Class Daniel Lee**  
*15th Medical Group*

“‘Animal Farm.’ I read it during high school and learned so much through it. I loved the fact the author used animals to symbolize history.”



**ET2 Lance Tanaguchi**  
*USS Chafee (DDG 90)*

“I’d probably have to say it was ‘Harry Potter’ back then.”

**1st Lt. Andrea Dykes**  
*15th Wing*

“‘The Berenstain Bears’ books. We had over 30 different books. They were funny, easy to read, and had a lesson on life written into each one.”



**Robin Plante**  
*HQ PACAF*

“Cherry Ames book series. They featured the experience and adventures of a WWII nurse. Ironically, I went on to serve in the Air Force for 20 years.”

**ET2 Matt Magel**  
*USS Halsey (DDG 97)*

“‘The Chronicles of Narnia.’”



**AW03 Scott Dyer**  
*VP-47*

“‘The Great Gatsby.’ It made me feel involved in it. Kept me interested.”

**Sr. Airman Samuel Groover**  
*647th Civil Engineer Squadron*

“Anything by Dr. Seuss because of his creative words, worlds and creatures. This helped to me to look at the world with new eyes and new perspective.”



**FC3 Jovie Tanele**  
*Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard*

“‘Angels and Demons’ by Dan Brown.”

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#### Commentary

## Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society extends helping hand

### Rear Adm. Rick Williams

*Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific*

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society here in Hawaii, led by Paul Belanger and his staff – nearly all volunteers – are advocates for our Sailors, Marines and families. And they punch above their weight.

The NMCRS team takes our burdens and problems when we’re up against the ropes, and they find solutions.

They are the “insurance policy” for Sailors and Marines, retirees and family members who are experiencing financial difficulties. And they are the “assurance policy” for young new families:



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

through their visiting nurse program, thrift shop, and help for new parents and babies.

With interest-free loans, the trusted stewards of NM-CRS help our shipmates avoid the trap of predatory lending in time of need.

Then, with confidential assistance, NMCRS counselors provide our Sailors and Marines with skills and tools to avoid serious financial harm.

Their good work builds predictability for our families and directly contributes to readiness and resilience of our team.

Last year NMCRS helped nearly 80 percent of tenant commands and approved 99 percent of requests for aid.

They are able to provide all of that assistance because 90 percent of eligible tenant commands contributed and did so generously. When you see information about this year’s fund drive, your support is appreciated.

Our per capita contributions here in Hawaii are usually higher than those at other duty stations. That’s a clear indication

that the spirit of aloha and spirit of giving – taking care of our own – are strong here.

When we give to NM-CRS, we are truly helping our Navy and Marine Corps family. No one is immune from life’s challenges or tragedies. Most of us have been through rough patches, especially in the early years of our careers.

It’s good to know the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society has our backs, fighting to help us.

Thank you, NMCRS, especially for the way you inspire us to recognize the universal sense of duty to each other. You help us deal with the disruptions and uncertainties of life.

I encourage all of our shipmates to work with your NMCRS command reps to learn more about this great program.



A C-17 Globemaster III

U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Jerome S. Tayborn

## Hickam C-17s conduct airdrop training at Elmendorf

### Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez

*15th Wing Public Affairs*

Hickam C-17 Globemasters III from the 535th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam began a four-day, dual-row airdrop training mission Feb. 26 at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

Hickam’s location in Hawaii poses challenges when it comes to C-17s conducting required airdrop training here.

“Here we have to deal with the uniqueness of being so far from the mainland,” said Maj. Andrew Beckett,

15th Operations Group standardization and evaluation.

“There’s limited open space to conduct the drops. If we were at a mainland base, it would be easier for us to do the training, and we wouldn’t have to generate a four-day, off-station training.”

Beckett said another challenge to C-17 airdrop training in Hawaii is the strict limitations they have on flying over the islands. Due to noise abatement laws, most of their flying must be over water.

During the semi-annual training, the C-17 crews will conduct numerous airdrop missions as well as low-

flying training over the unique Alaskan terrain.

Beckett said this training is important to their readiness.

“An airdrop is one of the core mission sets of the C-17, and it is required that we stay trained and ready to execute at a moment’s notice,” Beckett said.

The training mission will also include Hickam’s C-17s working with the 525th Fighter Squadron in transporting some of their equipment to Hawaii for an upcoming training mission.

Elmendorf is one of many mainland bases where the training can be and has been conducted.

## Photos line newly named Historic Hickam Officer’s Club

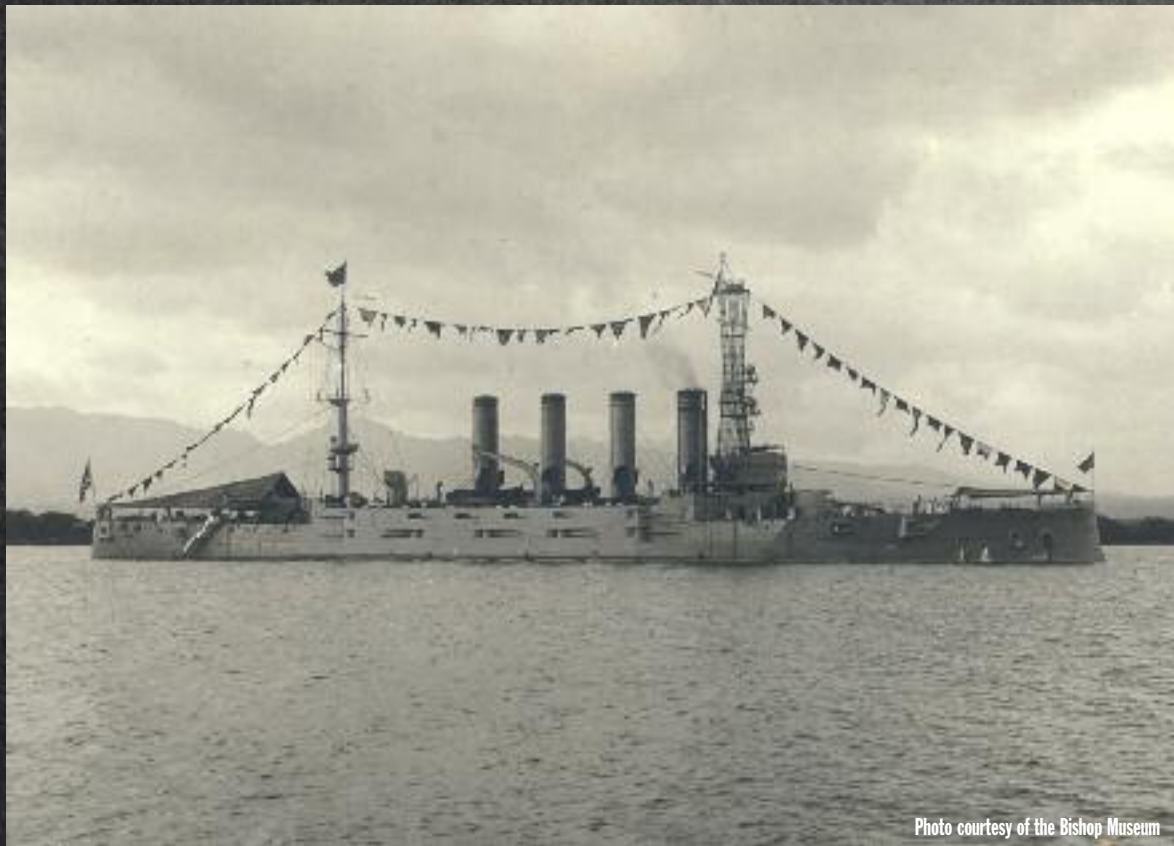


Photo courtesy of the Bishop Museum

On Dec. 14, 1911 the cruiser USS California (ACR 6) shown in this photo steamed into Pearl Harbor and became the first large warship to enter “the best and most capacious harbor in the Pacific.” This is one of a series of 13 new historic photographs that hang at the newly named Historic Hickam Officer’s Club at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The photographic series tells the story of the Navy and Air Force growing up together along the banks of Pearl Harbor on Oahu’s south shore.

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# USS Halsey Sailor is honored as Blue Jacket of the Year

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Throughout the Navy, commands took time during the month of February to celebrate African American History Month and recognize African American Sailors who have shaped our Navy through the years.

Ship's Serviceman 2nd Class Olyen Scott joined thousands of African American Sailors who have been recognized for their hard work and dedication when he was recently chosen for the Blue Jacket of the Year for Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

"I'm honored to receive such a prestigious award, and I find it to be extremely fitting that it was awarded this month," said Scott, assigned to the Pearl Harbor-based, guided-missile destroyer USS



Ships' Serviceman 2nd Class Olyen Scott stands watch aboard the Pearl Harbor-based, guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97). Scott was recently chosen for the Blue Jacket of the Year for Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

Halsey (DDG 97).

"In the last hundred years, blacks have been able to help shape the Navy. It used to be that if you were black, you could be a cook. But now you see African American Sailors as high-

ranking officers, as chiefs, senior chiefs and command master chiefs. It's amazing to see how much we have grown," Scott said.

The U.S. Navy has Sailors from all over the world who are naturalized and wel-

comed by the country they swore to protect.

"You have people from all different backgrounds and walks of life coming to be in the military but you put them all in the same melting pot and you put your skill

and my skill together. We can work as a team to accomplish the mission, and that is the whole goal at the end of the day," added Scott.

Outside of his normal responsibilities as a Sailor, Scott is the vice president of Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD), on the board of the heritage committee and an active member of the ship's community.

"His reputation precedes him," said Chief Logistics Specialist David Brown, supply division chief. "Nothing but good things about the guy, his behavior, his uniform — it's remarkable. He carries himself like a leader. He is prideful in his work, he stands by his Sailors, and he has a lot of drive."

It was this kind of reputation that resulted in Scott being nominated and ultimately chosen for the Blue Jacket of the Year for Com-

mander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

"Seeing these higher ranking individuals that may have come from the same background or the same heritage as you, gives people hope," said Ship's Serviceman 2nd Class Arnold Luke, S3 division LPO.

"It shows these Sailors that they can do anything. Scott has initiative, job accomplishment, pride in work, knowledge of rate, and knowledge of these different programs he is involved in and overall being in tune with the command's mission. And as a junior Sailor, this sets a wonderful example for those below him. No matter how new you are to the Navy or what your rank is, you can make an impact."

The Blue Jacket of the Year award recognizes Sailors who represent the best in the Navy by demonstrating both professional and personal dedication.

## FFD prevention division visits Waihe'e Tunnel for proficiency training

Angela Sanders

*Fire Inspector, Federal Fire  
Department Hawaii*

The Federal Fire Department Fire Prevention Division visited the Waihe'e Tunnel on Feb. 18 to gain proficiency training. The Waihe'e Tunnel is an active water facility managed by the Board of Water Supply. The purpose of the visit was to discuss water supply distribution systems as part of the division's proficiency training.

Proficiency training requirements are conducted to maintain current knowledge and skills necessary to perform the duties as a fire inspector. This training refreshes, introduces and promotes new ideas to help in the development of technology aimed at growing the fire



The Federal Fire Department Fire Prevention Division toured the Board of Water Supply Waihe'e Tunnel on Feb. 18 to discuss Oahu's water supply distribution systems as part of the division's proficiency training.

protection and prevention industry.

The fire personnel toured the tunnel and discussed the uniqueness of Oahu's water distribution systems in past and present time. Oahu's age, shape and steep mountains are unique and con-

tribute to the formation and trapping of clouds. These clouds provide the island with abundant rainfall and contribute to the islands water cycle equation.

"The experience was both educational and spiritual. The connection between the

Hawaiian culture and their natural resource was evident during the tour," said Tech Sgt. Matthew Walls battalion chief, Air Force Service.

"A greater appreciation of the land was gained as well as a deeper understanding of the commercial water supply system and how it affects the Federal Fire Department's mission to provide protection to our community," he said.

The tour began with a walk inside the 1,500-foot dike tunnel which provides water to windward Oahu, from Kahalu'u to Kailua. The tour included an introduction of the island's water cycle, the importance of the island's forested watershed areas, and the purpose and history of the Waihe'e tunnel.

In ancient times, the Native Hawaiians drew their water supplies from fresh water springs, lakes,

streams and shallow wells. The entire population of hundreds of thousands thrived through wise management of their resources. Strict laws governing water resources were enforced and eventually became the law of the land. The ancient Hawaiians learned the value of its limited resource. Water was their source of life.

In the 1800s after the western explores arrived, the laws of the water were abolished and uncontrolled drilling led to chaos and drought. Artesian wells were abandoned and neglected and millions of gallons of water were wasted. The overall lack of extensive planning led to the absence of a reliable water system. Fire protection was minimal and the threat of waterborne disease was constant.

After Hawaii was desig-

nated as a U.S. territory, the water system became the responsibility of the superintendent of public works of the territory of Hawaii. In 1987, the state water code was adopted and various layers of protection for the Hawaiian Islands waters were set.

"It was a great opportunity for us to learn about Oahu's water distributions systems and our Hawaiian history. I would like to thank our tour guide, Arthur Aiu, for a great experience and a very informative class," said Al Balderama, battalion chief for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

For more information about the Federal Fire Department, contact Fire Inspector Angela Sanders at 471-3303, ext. 617 or [angela.sanders1@navy.mil](mailto:angela.sanders1@navy.mil).



# Pearl Harbor-Hickam*Highlights*



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Daniel Barker

The U.S. Navy fleet ocean tug USNS Sioux (T-ATF 171) tows the Royal Canadian Navy auxiliary oil replenishment ship HMCS Protecteur (AOR 509) to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. HMCS Protecteur experienced an engine fire en route to Canada and returned to Pearl Harbor with the assistance of U.S. Navy ships.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Johans Chavarro

Sailors aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) conduct a brief during a towing operation for Canada's naval vessel HMCS Protecteur. The Chosin participated in the recovery operations of the Protecteur in the waters off the coast of Hawaii.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Diana Quinlan

Guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) returns to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after providing assistance to the Royal Canadian Navy auxiliary oil replenishment ship HMCS Protecteur (AOR 509). Murphy returned with 19 civilians embarked who were transferred from Protecteur, which experienced an engine fire and was towed to Pearl Harbor.



U.S. Navy photos by MCSA Rose Forest

Hospital Corpsman Seaman Apprentice Conor Ruane, Navy Environmental Preventative Medicine Unit Six, practices testing water for impurities in a mobile water potability lab during a Field Training Exercise March 4 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Navy Medicine personnel deploy with Sailors and Marines worldwide, providing critical mission support aboard ship, in the air, under the sea and on the battlefield.



Hospital Corpsman Seaman Apprentice Conor Ruane practices testing water for impurities in a mobile water potability lab during a Field Training Exercise on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



Lt. Cmdr. Chadwick Yasuda, Navy Environmental Preventative Medicine Unit Six, demonstrates identifying infectious diseases.



# Motorcycle safety — Staying alive to enjoy the ride

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Although great strides have been made in motorcycle safety gear and training programs in recent years, Sailors and Marines continue to incur injuries and, in extreme cases, lose their lives while riding motorcycles.

According to the Navy Safety Center, motorcycle injuries and deaths have decreased in the last five years.

In 2013, there were 17 Sailor motorcycle fatalities, a dramatic decrease from the 33 fatalities in 2008. Nonetheless, one fatality is too many, according to Cmdr. Leo Murphy, Commander, Pacific Fleet safety officer.

“Even when riders wear the proper safety equipment and complete the mandatory training and refresher courses, motorcycle riding remains an inherently dangerous mode of transportation,” said Murphy.

“Riding motorcycles is a high risk activity. The risks are inherent to riding and cannot be feasibly eliminated. The best preventative measure that a rider can take is to increase their riding skill level. That is best accomplished through training provided by professional instructors. Statistically, there is a direct correlation with the training the Navy provides and a reduction in motorcycle mishaps.”

He emphasized the importance of maintaining a high level of alertness and proficiency in order to avoid becoming a statistic.

“Riding a motorcycle is not like riding a bike. It is better to learn the necessary skills to safely handle a

motorcycle on a designated road course, than learning through ‘trial by fire’ on public streets,” Murphy said. “Preventive training pays, especially for inexperienced riders who are most at risk during the first year of riding. Rider skills training is the best tool we have in preventing motorcycle mishaps.”

In addition to increasing the necessary skills needed to get safely to and from your destination, being in positive control regardless of level of experience and type of motorcycle is vital, according to Murphy.

“First, those who choose to ride must understand the risks they are assuming. Once that fact is acknowledged, a rider can then develop effective risk management practices. Risk management is an essential part of safe riding and lessons learned from motorcycle mishaps highlight this fact. Riders must recognize their skill level and develop a ride plan that limits themselves to within their safe operating limits,” Murphy said.

All Sailors know how to implement operational risk management, or ORM, to their jobs at sea and shore. The same applies to risk management when riding a motorcycle.

“This limit might be daytime group rides only or not riding on highways, or some other self-imposed limitation on when, where, and how a rider will ride,” said Murphy.

“Understanding your limitations and determining the risks you are willing to accept will define safe riding and should be done before you get on a motorcycle. The use of sound risk management practices, rider vigilance, and training reduces the probability of motorcycle mishaps.”

Although military per-

sonnel receive training, obey the rules of the road, and wear PPE, that doesn't necessarily mean that others on the road will have the same level of alertness. According to Murphy, when we're behind the wheel of motor vehicles, everyone needs to pay attention to what's around them.

“In Hawaii we call that ‘*aloha spirit*.’ It means for other four wheel vehicles to be careful and look out for motorcycles to help keep the roads safer for them. It's sharing the road, slowing down, and not falling into lazy habits like not using turn signals. Recognize that mirrors in a car still allow for blind spots and to ensure a space is clear, best practice is to turn your head and look into the blind spot.”

Unfortunately, that doesn't always happen and it leads to life-ending consequences.

“Tragically, two fatal motorcycle mishaps occurred when the drivers failed to see and turned into the rider. Changing the driving habits of motorists and motorcyclists alike will help decrease the number of motorcycle accidents. Motorcyclists are reminded to make sure that they are visible to motorists and that they strictly follow the rules of the road,” said Murphy.

As for Sailors and Marines who intend on riding “two up,” training isn't just recommended, it's mandatory.

“Motorcycle riders must complete the two mandatory courses within 60 days after declaring intent to ride and then complete refresher training every three years,” said Murphy. “In fact, COMPACFLT policy directs service members who have not completed the required training to cease riding until all training is completed. Failure to do so



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Class Johans Chavarro

A Sailor rides a motorcycle Feb. 10 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam while following Navy safety procedures and protocols.

is a violation of a general order. The training is designed to make you safer; why not want that and take advantage of it?”

CMDCM (SW/AW) Paul Kingsbury, command master chief of the Naval Safety Center, echoed Murphy's sentiments.

“As a non-rider, I would offer that each mishap has an impact on the Sailor, their command and their peers. When a Sailor is involved in a serious crash resulting in injury or fatality, their parents, siblings, spouse, children and other relatives are affected,” said Kingsbury.

“A deceased Sailor will never have to deal with the personal repercussions of their death. A Sailor who sustains life-altering injuries may put additional burdens of health care and financial loss onto those same family members.”

“Additionally, the Sailor's

command loses an asset, a piece of the team, a watchstander, a subject matter expert, an influential leader. In some cases, this gap cannot be filled by the command and can result in the department or command unable to be fully mission capable,” Kingsbury said.

“The loss of a Sailor also means other Sailors have to fill that void. Someone has to pick up the duties and responsibilities; someone has to stand the extra watch. The death or loss of a Sailor also has a psychological and emotional impact on the Sailors at the command,” Kingsbury added.

In order to help minimize the possibility of injury, Kingsbury emphasized the need for both beginning and experienced riders to take the risks seriously.

“Riding a motorcycle has unique risks. Although PPE does provide some amount

of protection, the high speeds, instability and exposure to the open environment the motorcycle riders are exposed to makes the impacts of any crash much more severe.”

Bottom line according to Kingsbury, there's nothing better than consistently applying proper techniques and lessons learned to enjoy the road safely.

“Training and experience are the best methods of preventing mishaps,” Kingsbury said. “Command leadership should ensure that a proactive and healthy motorcycle safety program is in place and that Sailors who ride are taking advantage of the training provided on our installations world-wide. I would also encourage newer riders to ride with more experienced Sailors until they have gained the experience they need to reduce the hazards of riding.”

# 15th Wing Optometry Clinic expands services

Story and photo by  
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15th Wing Public Affairs

The 15th Wing Optometry Clinic at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is now offering free eye exams for family members and retirees.

To utilize this service, patients are asked to call the 15th Wing clinic's central appointment line and be connected to the optometry clinic to set up an appointment.

"I think it's great that the eye clinic is offering exams to dependents and retirees. At first we had to actually go out on the economy to receive this service, but having the service here makes things a lot more convenient," said Maj. Callistus Elbourne, commander of Pacific Air Forces Air Postal Squadron.

"We see ages 7-64 now," said Maj. Alane Durand, 15th Aerospace Medicine Squadron optometry element chief. "The eye exam is very similar to an active-duty eye exam, but varies depending on the age of the patient."

Providing the eye exams on base will allow patients to receive their prescriptions free of charge though family members will still need to purchase their glasses or contact lenses from an off-base establishment.

In addition to family members and retirees, the clinic will still continue to see all active-duty patients.

Durand said though there is no requirement for service members to get eye exams. However, the American Optometric Association recommends that everyone has an exam at least every three years.

"Eyesight diminishes a little bit over the years," she said. "Once you reach your 40s, you begin to lose your ability to focus up close and may need reading glasses—whether your eyes are prefect or not. As you get older, the optics of the eye, the cornea and lenses, are not as clear. So people don't see as well, but typically we see that at age 60 and above."

Durand said in order to maintain good eyesight between optometry visits, people should wear sunglasses that provide 100 percent ultraviolet protection when outdoors and avoid cigarette smoke.

"Additionally, if you play any sports make sure you wear proper protection, sports goggles for squash, racquet ball and even basketball. Our number one eye injury is corneal abrasions, due to a finger to the eye while playing basketball," said Durand.

The eye clinic also reminds deploying service members to utilize the G-Eyes program. G-Eyes is a unique system, which allows Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines in deployed locations to reorder prescription glasses, gas mask inserts, military combat eye protection prescription and lens directly from the Internet.

To register for the G-Eyes program, visit <https://g-eyes.amedd.army.mil/>.



Maj. Alane Durand (right), 15th Aerospace Medicine Squadron Optometry Element chief, tests the vision of Maj. Callistus Elbourne, Pacific Air Forces Air Postal Squadron commander, during a routine eye exam at the optometry clinic at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 24.

## Reception

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give because I really believe it's going to pay you back in the long run. Let's show our people that we really care."

During the kickoff, Chief Master Sgt. Sarah Sparks, acting 15th Wing command chief, and other base leadership joined Roscoe in filling out the first AFAF donation forms.

Unit AFAF keyworders will be in charge of providing information for their unit personnel and distributing and collecting the donation forms.

Airman 1st Class Sean Green, 15th Comptroller Squadron and AFAF keyworder, said his goal is to get 100 percent of

his unit to donate.

"Even if everyone gives \$1 or \$2 a week, it's still something," Green said. "[The AFAF] is all about camaraderie, helping each other and being there for each other. The Air Force isn't only a job, it's a family."

This year's theme for the campaign is "Commitment to Caring" and the wing's collective goal is \$115,620.

Donors are encouraged to learn more about the charities the AFAF supports and can find their website links at <https://www.afassistancefund.org>.

For more information on Hickam's AFAF campaign, call Master Sgt. Valorie Whitehill at 448-6068 or email [valorie.whitehill@us.af.mil](mailto:valorie.whitehill@us.af.mil).

## NMCRS

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items in a fire, and a retiree who was in Hawaii for cancer treatment. NMCRS Pearl Harbor provided aid in the form of food, lodging, clothing and transportation.

This year's theme, "Be Their Safety Net," reminds us that the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society was established to help Sailors and Marines take care of their own. Belanger explained

that contributions are used exclusively to help Sailors and Marines in time of need in providing a safety net which can be drawn upon when unforeseen emergencies arise.

Fund drive information is available on the Pearl Harbor Fund Drive website at [www.nmcrs.org/adfd/pearl-harbor](http://www.nmcrs.org/adfd/pearl-harbor).

Weekly updates as well as drive information, resources and contact numbers are available on the website.

## Women's History Month Fair to be held March 25

In recognition of Women's History Month, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will host a Women's History Fair from 2 to 3:30 p.m. March 25 at the Makai Recreation Center, 100 McChord St., on the Hickam side of the joint base.

Individuals or organizations can volunteer to spon-

sor a booth that will highlight a famous woman or group of women.

For more information or to create a booth, call Guss Lee Alexander Jr. at (808) 449-1701 or email [Guss.Alexander@navy.mil](mailto:Guss.Alexander@navy.mil).

(See next week's Ho'okele for a themed Women's History Month issue.)

## Story Ideas?

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# Hawaii-based first class petty officers attend symposium

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More than 200 first class petty officers attended the inaugural First Class Petty Officer (FCPO) Symposium held Feb. 19 at Hickam Memorial Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The symposium was aimed to provide information and guidance to potential future Navy chiefs from experienced senior enlisted leaders. Members of the chief petty officer action group spoke to petty officers about rewards and challenges of leadership, offering personal experiences and lessons learned throughout their career.

Different subjects and themes were discussed during the half-day symposium, including leadership and professional development, personal development, uniform matters and

available programs.

The event featured guest speakers from Navy senior leadership in the Hawaii region. Master Chief Culinary Specialist Rory Bacon spoke to the petty officers about their potential future in the Navy, the diversity of today's Navy, and how it impacts today's Sailors.

"I guarantee you 25 years ago when I first came into the Navy, this room wouldn't look this way, a diverse group of people, a diverse background, ethnicity, race and obviously sex. You all are the future leadership of the Navy," said Bacon.

"You all simply care; that's why you are here. Most of you showed up because you are the trendsetters. You want to be in our Chief's Mess, and you are going to get there. Stay on the ground, don't give up, keep pushing."

Command Master Chief Mark Rudes, the senior enlisted leader of U.S. Pacific

Command, spoke about the importance of sharing advice and guidance with junior Sailors.

"As chiefs in training you are one of the most important groups of people that we have in our Navy today," said Rudes.

"Out on the deck plates, out on the flight lines, walking around and interacting with Sailors, you are the ones who look the junior Sailors in the eyes and provide them with the information they need."

Machinist's Mate First Class John Stitt represented his command at the symposium.

"Not everyone from my command was able to attend today, so I hope to be able to pass along the words of wisdom that were discussed here," said Stitt. "I definitely think it was a worthwhile event. We need to get all the assistance we can to be better Sailors, mentors and leaders."



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Diana Quinlan

Master Chief Culinary Specialist Rory Bacon speaks to first class petty officers stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during a first class petty officer symposium held at Hickam Memorial Theater.

## New policy reinforces importance of safeguarding sensitive information

Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

Taking appropriate measures to safeguard personally identifiable information is as much every Airman's responsibility as is protecting operation security.

The Air Force defines PII as personal information which, if lost, compromised or disclosed without authorization, could result in substantial harm, embarrassment, inconvenience or unfairness to an individual. Examples of PII include social secu-

rity numbers, financial account numbers, driver's license numbers, medical information, full date of birth, or recall rosters.

There are many reasons to protect PII.

"First of all it's the law; it's protected by the Privacy and Civil Liberties Act," said Robert Lauderdale, 15th Wing force protection officer. "But more than that, we have to protect ourselves. With the rising number of cases of identity theft, we have to protect our Air Force information, network and personnel from criminal acts."

A recent policy letter states that any service member found in violation of OPSEC or PII policies will be accompanied by their squadron and group commander to discuss the circumstances of the incident with the 15th Wing commander.

Members improperly transmitting PII or OPSEC information via email will also have their accounts disabled until further remedial training has been received and their commander has authorized its reinstatement.

Lauderdale said encryption is key to avoiding security violations

when sending data via email.

Another way to transmit sensitive data is the Army's safe access file exchange, which uses a secure web site.

Though telephones are not expressly prohibited methods of sending sensitive information, Lauderdale urges members to be mindful of their surroundings.

"Heightened awareness should always be used when dealing with OPSEC and PII, especially when in a foreign country," he said.

Master Sgt. Mark Bollig, 15th Wing OPSEC program manager,


said members should familiarize themselves with what PII and OPSEC are and be knowledgeable about their unit's critical information.

Bollig also emphasized the importance of physical security.

"PII needs to be safeguarded at all times, whether that's with a cover sheet or putting it away in an appropriate place when you're not using it," he said.

For more information on OPSEC or PII, contact your unit OPSEC coordinator or the 15th Wing information assurance office at 449-0829.

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## SEARCH AND RESCUE SIMULATION

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Search and rescue swimmers stationed on Hawaii-based ships participated in training Feb. 27 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The training was run by the Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific which provides dynamic, quality afloat training for the Navy and Coast Guard in the middle Pacific region. It is designed to maintain a combat-ready force capable of performing a broad spectrum of maritime missions.

(Top, above) While safety observers watch from above, a search and rescue (SAR) swimmer performs underwater kettlebell walks to increase lung power and endurance at Scott Pool, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

(Left, above) Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 2nd Class Christopher Elrod (left), Quartermaster 2nd Class Ryan Skidgel (top right) and Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Patrick Molloy (right), assigned to various commands at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, participate in a simulated man overboard drill at Scott Pool while Chief Damage Controlman Greg Ball (right) oversees the exercise.



# NIOC prevails over 324 IS Tigers in battle of unbeatens

Story and photos by  
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

On a night when three undefeated Red Division teams took to the court in an intramural basketball doubleheader at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center, only one team emerged with its perfect record still intact.

The defending base champion, Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii, used their 20-plus man squad to its fullest on March 4 to hold on and defeat 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) Tigers, 42-38, and capture sole possession of first place with a record of 5-0.

NIOC used a tight man-to-man defense to run off 13 straight points in the opening minutes of the game, but saw their lead dwindle down to nothing three times in the second half before handing the Tigers their first defeat of the season.

Despite squeaking past the Tigers, NIOC head coach Senior Chief Cryptologic Technician (Collection) Christopher Webb said that he'd gladly take the victory.

"A win is a win for us," Webb admitted. "This team is different. This is not the team that won two championships. We got different players and as we build the foundation for NIOC, we're trying to win championship after championship. So we're getting everybody to play and build that foundation. As we transfer out, the team stays strong."

While having a huge squad has its benefits, Webb pointed out that sometimes it's tough to keep consistency with so many players going in and out of the game.

After building a 13-0 lead to start the matchup, Webb said substitutions took NIOC out of sync and allowed the Tigers to creep back into the game.

"We have such a big bench. We try to play everybody," he stated. "So I



Reservist Senior Airman Sean Caddell tries to go over the defense of Tech. Sgt. Terrance Gist.

have to learn to control the flow of the game to know when to take the starters out and give them a rest. We lost our balance by playing almost 20 players in the first half. Going forward, we're going to have to cut the rotation."

Heading toward intermission, NIOC held a nine-point lead, but back-to-back baskets by Senior Airman A.J. Abdul and Tech. Sgt. Tim Harris cut the deficit down to five and 25-20 going into the break. After the halftime,

NIOC increased their lead to eight at 28-20, but Abdul sank a free throw after making a trey to complete a four-point play before Harris finished off a basket-and-one to make it a one-point game at 28-27. NIOC got a basket from



Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Quentin Leathers puts up a shot between two defenders during the showdown between Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii and the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) Tigers.

reservist Senior Airman Sean Caddell, but Abdul buried a trey to tie the score at 30-30.

Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 1st Class Jamarion Thomas put NIOC back out in front by a basket, but the Tigers came back to tie the score again at 34-34 on a putback by Harris.

After a timeout, Caddell flipped in a lay-up to make it 36-34 NIOC, but Harris evened the score on a fast-break lay-up with 1:39 remaining in the game.

With the game in its third deadlock, Thomas stepped into the spotlight one more time and sank a baseline jumper that put NIOC ahead for good.

"He's coming off of the streets right out of work, he's tight, but he comes here and gives a big hand," Webb acknowledged. "He's one of the leaders on the team."

Tigers' head coach Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 3rd Class Ryan Shirley said that even

though his team was handed its first loss of the season, he was proud of the way the players battled back from an early deficit.

"We let them get ahead of us early," he admitted. We put ourselves in a big hole, but I'm proud of the way our guys showed resiliency, fought back and everybody did what they needed to tie the game up."

Shirley said the loss isn't a setback and that the team is ready for the next challenge.

"There's no letdown," Shirley affirmed. "We fought, got an effort that the team can be proud of and coach can be proud of."

Webb said although NIOC was severely tested by the Tigers, it won't be hard to forget this game and move on to the next one.

"We're not going to worry about a one-point victory or four-point victory," Webb said. "At the end of the game, did we win? That was successful."



# Civil Engineer Bulls send 15th MDG to first defeat

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

After losing their first three games of this season, the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES) Bulls picked up their second win in a row. They upset the previously unbeaten 15th Medical Group (15 MDG), 45-33, in an intramural basketball Red Division game on March 4 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

The Bulls got a huge game from Staff Sgt. Brian Sanders to take a five-point lead at half-time, before finishing off the 15 MDG in the final minutes of the game.

Sanders scored 10 points in the first half and tossed in six more in the second half, while teammates Staff Sgt. Labronze Paden and Airman 1st Class Jurel Burton balanced out the attack with nine and six points each.

With the win, the Bulls have improved their season's mark to 2-3, while the 15 MDG fell to a



Airman 1st Class Jurel Burton goes up for a shot inside the lane during a recent Red Division intramural basketball game.

record of 3-1.

"We got our chemistry back," said Burton about the Bulls second win of the season. "Last year, we started the season slow and then we picked it up. This year, we started again slow, faced some tough teams, but we've got our chemistry back and I don't see us losing again this year."

In the early minutes of the game, it appeared the Bulls would easily dispatch the 15 MDG after the Bulls stormed out of the gates and built an 11-point lead at 19-8.

However, sparked by a long-distance three ball by team captain Airman 1st Class Christopher McCloud, the 15 MDG cut the difference down to two at 19-17 with 1:17 remaining before halftime.

A basket and free throw by Sanders stopped the 9-0 run by the 15 MDG and gave the Bulls a 22-17 lead at the break.

The three points by Sanders just before half-time seemed to be the spark that the Bulls need-

ed to get back on track in the second half.

Back with momentum on their side, the Bulls maintained the lead and raised the advantage back to nine on a basket by Burton at 36-27 with 6:51 remaining on the clock.

Then on the next trip down the floor, Sanders sealed the game with a basket that put the Bulls back in full control at 38-27.

Although the 15 MDG made several runs to try and get back into the game, the Bulls answered every challenge and never let go of the lead.

Burton said that after experiencing so much hard-luck defeats early in the season, the Bulls were determined to not let this game slip away.

"In our timeouts, we were saying, 'composure,'" Burton said. "There is no shot clock. We just got to keep our composure and play our style of basketball."

While Burton credited the Bulls' improved chemistry for turning the season around, McCloud said

it was lack of the same on his team's part that sent the 15 MDG down to their first defeat.

McCloud said that he hopes the loss would be a wakeup call for the 15 MDG as it tries to get back on the winning track.

"We have to talk. There was no communication out here," said McCloud, who led his team with 10 points. "Their (Bulls) backdoor passes killed us all game. It's individual basketball. It's not the best player that wins the game; it's the best team. We're not a team yet. We're still individual players looking to become a team."

As McCloud and his teammates struggle to find their game, Burton said that he believes the Bulls are right where they should be and are working on getting stronger with each new game.

"There's more room for improvement, but I think we're a good team," he said. "I think we'll make a run."

# University of Hawaii men's volleyball team to honor military

Tom Clements

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The University of Hawaii men's volleyball team will wear custom camouflage jerseys at Sunday's 5 p.m. match at the Stan Sheriff Center against the University of California, Irvine team in honor of the military.

The men's team began their season with a camp hosted by Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam on Dec. 28-30. The team trained in the Hickam gymnasium, ate their meals at the Silver Dolphin Bistro, listened to the experiences of military personnel who had deployed on missions, and even got a "basic training" early morning experience from former Air Force training instructors.

Some of those volunteers who assisted with the camp will be honored with floor level seats during the match.

Active duty, Department of Defense civilians, Reservists, and retired members of the military will receive 50 percent off select adult tickets (maximum of eight). A valid military identification card is required when purchasing tickets at the Stan Sheriff Center box office. Tickets are in special sections and supplies are limited. Other restrictions may apply.



U.S. Navy photo by MCSA Rose Forest

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam hosted the University of Hawaii men's volleyball team last December in preparation for their 2014 season. In order to promote a shared sense of purpose and camaraderie, the team trained, dined and housed together on the installation.

# Hangar talk on Saturday to explore role of women during WWII

Pacific Aviation Museum

In commemoration of Women's History Month, award-winning author Donna Knaff will examine the role of women during World War II from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

The hangar talk presentation will begin in the museum theater, followed by an audience question-and-answer session. A book signing and meeting with the author will begin at 3 p.m.

Knaff's book, "Beyond Rosie the Riveter: Women of World War II in American Popular Graphic Art," is available for purchase at the museum store. The event is free with regu-



U.S. Air Force photo

These four female pilots leaving their ship at the four engine school at Lockbourne are members of a group of WASPS who were trained to ferry the B-17 Flying Fortresses.

lar museum admission and free to museum members.

Knaff's book takes the reader back in time with the iconic images that promoted the war effort while confronting the definition of femininity in a world dominated by men. The author explores the challenges facing both men and women in a time when women took up the mantle traditionally reserved for men and the impact this newfound empowerment had on our society.

The book won the Emily Toth Award for Best Work in Women's Studies and Popular Culture, awarded by the Popular Culture/American Culture Association.

Knaff is a post-doctoral fellow and World War II

historian at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command. She has been on missions to Guam, Guadalcanal, Germany, and Tarawa in search of the remains of missing American service members.

Knaff is former chief historian at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery, the only national memorial to women's military service in the United States. She was a visiting assistant professor of American Studies at Saint Louis University in St. Louis.

For more information, call 441-1007 or email Education@PacificAviationMuseum.org or visit www.PacificAviationMuseum.org.

# MFSC to hold upcoming classes to help Sailors, Airmen, families

Joint Base Pearl  
Harbor-Hickam

Military and Family  
Support Center



The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) will hold upcoming classes. They include:

- Employment in Hawaii workshop will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. March 11 at MFSC Wahiawa. Participants can learn how to analyze the

local job market and how to locate local federal, state and civilian job opportunities using employment tools, including JEMS, job fairs, staffing agencies and career centers.

- Anger, Temper Tantrums and Sibling Rivalry workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to noon

March 12 at MFSC Pearl Harbor. This workshop is designed to help parents understand what triggers young children's anger and provide safe ways to deal with it.

- Acing the Interview workshop will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. March 12 at MFSC Hickam. The event will include skills training to help participants for an effective interview. It identifies various interview scenarios, different question types, how to prepare effective answers, what to

bring, and how to dress for the interview.

- Air Force Spouse 101: Heartlink will be held from 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 14 at MFSC Hickam.

The seminar is designed to increase awareness of the Air Force mission, customs and traditions. Many on and off-base resources and services will be available during this seminar.

For more information, visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) or call 474-1999.

# USS Arizona Memorial stamp to be unveiled March 13

National Park Service

The official unveiling of the USS Arizona Memorial Priority Mail Express Stamp will be on March 13.

This event will be hosted by the National Park Service, United States Postal Service and the United States Navy.

The ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center and is free and open to the public.

Speakers will include government and military officials, followed by the official unveiling of the stamp. Program signings,



Image courtesy of U.S. Post Office

opportunities to purchase the stamp and stamp cancellations will follow.

The Pacific Historic Parks bookstore will also have limited edition merchandise related to this celebration.

For more information, visit the website [www.nps.gov/valr](http://www.nps.gov/valr).

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# Live the Great Life

## MWR supports USS Chung-Hoon celebration picnic

Justin Hirai

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam  
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) celebrated its first place finish in the surface ship category of the 2013 Holiday Lighting Contest with a command picnic Feb. 28. The picnic was held at Hickam Harbor and supported by the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Outdoor Recreation staff.

“MWR is pleased to support the annual holiday ship lighting competition on Pearl Harbor by offering a free command picnic to the winning commands. It is an opportunity for MWR to give a little extra to support pride and camaraderie through an event that is valued by active duty members and their families. From what I saw a good time was had by all, which is all the motivation we need,” said Tom Jones, MWR director.

The crew and their families enjoyed hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, sides, desserts and beverages provided by MWR. The out-



MWR Marketing photo

The USS Chung-Hoon crew and family members eat lunch cooked by MWR Outdoor Recreation staff.

door recreation staff also set up bounce houses for the kids and a dunk tank for laughs.

The Chung-Hoon provided games like beanbag toss and washer toss. Sonar Technician (Surface) 1st Class Matt Massetti hosted a pie-eating contest for adults and a cup cake-eating contest for the kids. The crew participated in other contests

throughout the afternoon.

“It was a great time for the crew to get together in a beautiful atmosphere to enjoy the beach and outdoors that we are lucky to be surrounded by. We (MWR) always look forward to these type of events and hope the crew enjoyed an afternoon of fun and relaxation,” said Donna Matsushita, community activities director.



MWR Marketing photo

The 2014 Intramural Golf Tournament will be held March 21 at Navy Marine Golf Course.

## Intramural Golf Tournament set by MWR Athletics

Helen Ko

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The 2014 Intramural Golf Tournament is set for March 21 at Navy Marine Golf Course. Those interested in participating in this annual event will need to sign up by March 11 at the athletics office, building 667.

Golfers pay their green and cart fees on-site. Each

year, a variety of participants attend the event, including active duty military, family members and retirees. A majority of participants have been from the Air Force.

Last year 12 players competed for the title. There are still spots available, so interested participants can download their application at [greatlifehawaii.com](http://greatlifehawaii.com) and spectators can cheer on their favorite player. For more information, call 473-2494/2437.

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**Patrons can play until dusk at Mamala Bay Golf Course.** From Monday through Friday, 2:30 p.m. to dusk, patrons can pay their greens fee for nine holes, then play as many holes as they can until dusk. The cart fee is \$8 per cart. All rental equipment needs to be turned in at dusk. FMI: 449-2304.

**A March service special** will be offered at Hickam Auto Skills Center. Patrons can bring in their vehicle and get it scanned for free. Diagnosis is not included. FMI: 449-2554.

**Free bowling** will be offered for those who see a movie at Sharkey Theater during the month of March. Patrons who turn in their movie ticket receipt at the Naval Station Bowling Center within 30 days of receipt date can get one free game of bowling. Shoe rental is not included. The offer is limited to one movie ticket purchase for one free game of bowling per person. FMI: 473-0726.

**Call of Duty Black Ops II question-and-answer session and meet-and-greet** will begin at 5 p.m. today at Brews & Cues at the Club Pearl Complex. Patrons can meet the voice actors who bring real-life action to Raul Menendez and Sgt. Frank Woods on video game consoles. The event is presented by USO and is open to military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

**Library Know-How** will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hickam Library. Patrons will be instructed on how to search the online catalog, be familiarized with the Dewey Decimal system and learn about online resources. FMI: 449-8299.

**Paint 'n' Sip** will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 11 at J.R. Rockers Sports Cafe blue room. Cocktails and food will be available for purchase during the music and painting party. An experienced instructor will lead participants

step by step through the featured painting of the night. Patrons can leave with their own completed painting on canvas. All art supplies are included and no experience is necessary. The cost is \$40 per person. Advance registration and a \$20 deposit are required with the balance payable in cash at the door on the event night. FMI: 448-9907, ext. 2.

**The Bead Mom Open Studio** will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. March 11 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. The price of studio time includes materials enough for one pair of earrings. Patrons can also bring their own materials. The cost is \$6 per person. Participants need to have taken a Jewelry Making 101 Basics course. FMI: 448-9907.

**Preschool Story Time** will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. March 12 at the Hickam Library. The theme of the free event will be “Clap, Tap and Drum.”

The theme of the March 26 story time will be “Dr. Seuss.” FMI: 449-8299.

**Kids' Book Club meeting** for fourth and fifth-graders will begin at 2 p.m. March 12 at Hickam Library. Books selected for discussion for this free activity are available for borrowing at the library. FMI: 449-8299.

**Shamrock 5K Fun Run** begins at 7 a.m. March 13 at Wahiawa Annex Fitness Center. The free event in celebration of St. Patrick's Day is open to all eligible patrons. No registration is required. FMI: 653-5542.

**Movie in the Park** begins at 7:30 p.m. March 14 at Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. Patrons can bring some blankets and sit on the grass to watch an evening movie under the stars. The movie is still to be announced. The event is free and open for all ages. FMI: 449-5215.



Morale Welfare & Recreation

SPRING FEST TEEN LOCK-IN

There will be a Spring Fest Teen Lock-In from 7:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. beginning March 14 at the Hickam Teen Center. Scheduled activities include dodgeball, a pool tournament, a photo booth and bowling. Food and beverages will be provided throughout the night. Advance registration is encouraged and is open until capacity is met. FMI: 448-0418.

GROUP SURF LESSON

A group surf lesson will begin at 8 a.m. March 15 at White Plains Beach. The registration deadline is March 12. Shuttle service is included via the Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. Participants must be able to swim without a lifejacket. FMI: 473-1198.

SPRING OPEN HOUSE

In observance of National Craft Month, a free spring open house will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 15 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. There will be “make-n-takes,” demos, door prizes, specials, and free hot dogs and soda. FMI: 448-9907.

UFC 171 IN HD

Watch Johnny “Bigg Rigg” Hendricks take on Robbie “Ruthless” Lawler in the title fight for the UFC welterweight championship March 15 at J.R. Rockers Sports Cafe. Doors open at 3 p.m. FMI: 448-2271.

MOONLIGHT PADDLE

A moonlight paddle will begin at 7 p.m. March 16 at Hickam Harbor. Participants of all paddling abilities are welcome. The trip includes kayaks, gear and professional guides. March 12 is the final day to register. FMI: 449-5215.

FORD ISLAND HISTORICAL TOUR

There will be a Ford Island historical tour from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. March 19. Ford Island played a significant role in World War II, and this tour will visit often-overlooked historical battle sites. FMI: 448-2295.

MWR NEWCOMERS LUNCH

A free MWR Newcomers Lunch will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 19 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. This event features lunch, MWR information booths, sponsor tables and activities for kids. This event is open to all military-affiliated personnel. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Community Calendar

MARCH

**SUNDAY** —The University of Hawaii men's volleyball team will wear custom camouflage jerseys at Sunday's 5 p.m. match at the Stan Sheriff Center against the University of California, Irvine team in honor of the military. Active duty, Department of Defense civilians, reservists, and retired members of the military receive 50 percent off select adult tickets (maximum of eight). A valid military identification card is required when purchasing tickets at the Stan Sheriff Center box office. Tickets are in special sections and supplies are limited. Other restrictions may apply.

**11, 18** — Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has updated its schedule of upcoming blood drives as part of the Armed Services Blood Donor Program. Currently scheduled drives include March 11, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., NEX, Tripler Army Medical Center; and March 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 205th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Shafter. FMI: 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil or visit www.militaryblood.dod.mil.

**13** — A “space available” brief will begin at 11 a.m. at Hickam Memorial Theater, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Air Mobility Command Passenger Terminal will host the briefing. FMI: 449-6833 or http://www.facebook.com/HickamAMC.

**14** — The sixth annual St. Patrick's Day 5K Run in support of the 114th Submarine Birthday Ball will be held at Ford Island. The race begins at 7 a.m. in front of the Navy Lodge. The cost to run is \$20. T-shirts can be purchased for \$5 until March 9. Registration will continue the morning of the event and tables will be open at 6 a.m. Participants can show their St. Patrick's Day colors by wearing green socks, clothing and costumes. The run will be timed, and event timing chips will be given to the first 300 registrants. All Department of Defense (DoD) ID holders, spouses, children and DoD civilians are welcome to attend. Participants must have base access. Signups can be done online. FMI: www.submarineball.com or www.active.com.

**15** — An early start for Mother's Day gifts and a spring one-stop shop will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Radford High School, 4361 Salt Lake Blvd. More than 50 vendors will attend and drawings will be held throughout the event. FMI: 927-9508 or email nanipua77@gmail.com.



THE LEGO MOVIE (PG)

The original 3D computer animated story follows Emmet, an ordinary, rules-following, perfectly average LEGO minifigure who is mistakenly identified as the most extraordinary person and the key to saving the world. He is drafted into a fellowship of strangers on an epic quest to stop an evil tyrant, a journey for which Emmet is hopelessly and hilariously underprepared.

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 3/7

7:00 PM Ride Along (PG-13)

SATURDAY 3/8

2:30 PM The LEGO Movie (3D) (PG)

4:50 pm Endless Love (PG-13)

7:10 pm The Monuments Men (PG-13)

SUNDAY 3/9

2:30 PM The LEGO Movie (PG)

4:40 pm The Nut Job (3D) (PG)

6:40 pm Her (R)

THURSDAY 3/13

7:00 PM Endless Love (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 3/7

6:00 PM The LEGO Movie (PG)

SATURDAY 3/8

4:00 PM The LEGO Movie (PG)

7:00 PM Studio appreciation advance screening – Free admission – Rated R. Tickets are available at your local exchange food court. Seating is open to non-ticket holders 30 minutes prior to showtime.

SUNDAY 3/9

2:00 PM The LEGO Movie (PG)

THURSDAY 3/13

7:00 PM Ride Along (PG-13)

Movie Showtimes



# Nimitz diary unveils Naval War College legacy of learning

## U.S. Naval War College Public Affairs

The U.S. Naval War College (NWC) unveiled the public online digitization project of Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz's 4,000 page operational diary, known as The Nimitz Graybook, during an evening lecture Feb. 24 at NWC in Newport, R.I.

Covering activities and correspondence of the Pacific Command from Dec. 7, 1941 to Aug. 31, 1945, the Graybook is a historical record of operations and planning in the Pacific during World War II and serves as a window into Nimitz's decision-making process during the war.

"We can trace the planning process, a lot of which was pioneered here at the Naval War College, for large-scale operations and watch the war unfold almost as if we were in the room," said Craig L. Symonds, U.S. Naval Academy professor emeritus of history, during the evening lecture.

According to Symonds, Nimitz proclaimed that "the war-gaming experience and education he received here at NWC were central to his success in the Pacific war."

"Chester Nimitz once declared that he never encountered an event in the entire war that had not been anticipated at some level during the war-gaming practices that they had here at the Naval War College, except the kamikaze," said Symonds.

Following the war, Nimitz's Graybook remained classified for 30 years and even after it was declassified in 1972, scholars had to travel great distances to what is now the Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC) at Washington Navy Yard, to access the document.

Following the events of 9/11, scholars not associated with the Department of Defense had to leap more barriers in security to access the source.

In 2009, thanks to the generosity of the American Naval Records Society, the Naval Order of the United States and the Naval War College Foundation, the Graybook contents were scanned so that a CD-ROM version became available.

This proved helpful but making copies of carbon paper proved imperfect.

"It was evident that a fully digitized version, the version we celebrate and welcome this evening, was far more desirable and essential," said Symonds.

During the evening lecture, held on the anniversary of Nimitz's 129th birthday, Symonds provided insight to the contents of the Graybook and Nimitz's leadership and decision making process.

"Reading it pulls aside the curtain of history," said Symonds. "What do we see when we part aside that curtain?"

"It becomes evident that one essential key to Allied and American success in the Pacific was Nimitz's personal role as a theater commander and, in particular, his calm and even temperament."

"Behind those cool blue eyes was the calculating mind of a man who weighed the odds and made plans accordingly," said Symonds.

Following the Battle of Coral Sea and Doolittle Raid, Nimitz had lost two of his four carriers in the Pacific.

In May 1942, Nimitz learned from his code breaking team that the Japanese were planning an assault of Midway Atoll.

Nimitz was faced with a decision. Wait for repair of his carriers and preserve the only two carri-



U.S. Navy photo by MCG James E. Foehl

Rear Adm. Walter E. "Ted" Carter Jr., president of the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I., delivers remarks during the digital launch of The Nimitz Graybook Feb. 24 at the Naval War College.

ers left in the Pacific, or lay a trap for the Japanese and risk the only thing standing between them and the west coast of the U.S.

"Was Midway, that out-

post of coral and sand, worth risking the few carriers he had? Did Nimitz want to bet his career on an unlikely victory? Yes he did," said Symonds.

Nimitz believed he could

repair the Yorktown quickly and use Midway's airstrip as an immobile fourth carrier that couldn't be sunk.

"Instead of being surprised by the Japanese as

had happened at Pearl Harbor, Nimitz could surprise them and send some of their carriers and, as it turned out, all of their carriers to the bottom.

"It's hard today, aware of

how this battle turned out, to appreciate what a bold decision that was. It seems like a gamble. But in Nimitz's mind, it was not a gamble. He did not throw the dice carelessly or thoughtlessly. Nimitz fully expected to win and of course he did, spectacularly.

"More than any other single individual, Chester Nimitz was the man who won the war in the Pacific for the Allies. Now, thanks to the public availability of the Graybook, we can see and understand how he did it," said Symonds.

The digitization of the collection is the product of collaboration between the NWC and NHHC, funded through the Naval War College Foundation.

"We see this as a pilot program," said Capt. Henry Hendrix, director of NHHC. "The method in which The Graybook was digitized and cross-referenced is going to give us a path forward in making documents together that are accessible to scholars and the American public."

The Nimitz Graybook can be accessed at <http://www.usnwc.edu/graybook>.

For more news from Naval War College, visit [www.navy.mil/local/nwc/](http://www.navy.mil/local/nwc/).



# Naval History and Heritage Command releases official new logo

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WASHINGTON – The U.S. Navy's Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC) revealed the command's new logo (available as a high-resolution download here: <http://ow.ly/uf6xz>), designed to represent its multifaceted mission on Feb. 27.

The symbolism of the logo is rich and reflective of the elements of the purpose of NHHC. The logo's centerpiece is USS Constitution, the U.S. Navy's oldest com-



missioned warship, which represents the Navy's commitment to warfighting readiness from its earliest days on the world's oceans. Furthermore, the representation of Constitution embodies NHHC's dedica-

tion to preserving and protecting maritime history.

The quill pen serves as a reminder that the practice of documenting and understanding history is an important element of the Navy's course.

The two compass roses which bookend the command's name are traditional symbols of nautical navigation, symbolizing NHHC's ability to both interpret the Navy's past and help provide direction to its future.

The circular, infinite, rope border reflects how the Navy's actions and decisions today will be judged alongside those of the past.

The use of blue and gold represents the Navy's traditional colors — blue representing the ocean and seas and gold for integrity and valor.

“Together the elements of the logo capture NHHC's mission — to reinforce naval history's relevance to its leadership, the American public and Sailors, past and present,” said Capt. Henry Hendrix, NHHC's director.

“We wanted a logo that better reflected that drive, and I believe that the logo does so perfectly. It shows that as the Navy moves forward in its missions, NHHC will be there offering the wisdom of Sailors' past experiences to guide

its course to success.”

NHHC's mission is to collect, preserve, protect, and make available the artifacts, documents and art that embody our naval history and heritage for future generations. Its branches interpret naval history and heritage, providing historically relevant support to Navy leadership and Sailors.

NHHC advances knowledge of naval history and heritage through professional research, analysis, interpretation, products and services. Through outreach to the American public, NHHC highlights the critical role the Navy plays in their daily lives and the importance of maintaining a strong Navy to protect their basic freedoms and America's maritime commerce.

The new design incorporates elements of logos submitted to the command through its summer-long logo contest, which offered many artists, naval history enthusiasts and designers the opportunity to show-

case their creativity and sense of style with a historic flair. The command

received more than 40 logo submissions from people around the U.S.

The winning design came from Nathan E. Quinn, a graphics specialist at the Defense Media Activity. The NHHC director and judging panel also favored a series of designs submitted by Peter Thielen Jr., which was awarded honorable mention. The new logo is based on the winning design but also incorporates elements of the honorable mention designs.

The Naval History and Heritage Command, located at the Washington Navy Yard, is responsible for the preservation, analysis and dissemination of U.S. naval history and heritage.

It is composed of many activities including the Navy Department Library, the Archives, the Navy art and artifact collections, underwater archaeology, Navy history, nine museums, USS Constitution repair facility and the historic ship Nautilus.

For more news from Naval History and Heritage Command, visit [www.navy.mil/local/navhist/](http://www.navy.mil/local/navhist/).

## My Favorite Photo...

John Burns, administrative support assistant for Navy Region Hawaii, took this sunset photo recently from his apartment balcony over Pearl Harbor and the southern end of the Waianae mountain range.



### How to submit:

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