

## Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Holiday Events



• The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam ministries team has planned various special services for all military and their families during the holiday season.

- Catholic services on Christmas Eve include a 4 p.m. children's service at Hickam Chapel and a 5 p.m. family mass at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. There will also be choir caroling at 11:30 p.m. and midnight at Hickam.
- Christmas day mass will be held at 9 a.m. at Pearl Harbor and 10:30 a.m. at Hickam.
- Feast of the Holy Family mass will be at 9 a.m. at Pearl Harbor and 10:30 a.m. at Hickam on Dec 26.

• Protestant services include a children's pageant and communion candlelight service at 6:45 p.m. at Pearl Harbor on Christmas Eve. Hickam Chapel will host a Christmas Eve family candlelight service and children's Christmas pageant at 5 p.m. Hickam Nelles Chapel will offer a 7 p.m. candlelight Holy Communion service on Christmas Eve.

• There will also be a Christmas meal at Hale Aina from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Christmas Day. It is open to all active duty military members, retirees and immediate family members.

• The National Park Service in cooperation with the U.S. Navy and Pearl City Lions Club is offering a free Holiday Festival of Lights Pearl Harbor Tours to the public on Dec. 17, 18 and 19. Boat tours are free, but, canned good donations are appreciated.

Boats will leave approximately every ten minutes each evening from 6-8:30 p.m. from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, formerly known as the USS Arizona Visitors' Center. Seats are limited and tickets will be available starting at 5:30pm.

• The First Class Association and officers and chiefs of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will be hosting a complimentary special harbor tour departing from Merry Point Landing at 6:15 p.m. on the 20th and the 22nd. Tours are open to all active duty service members and their families. Boarding is on a first come, first served basis beginning at 6 p.m.

• The Makai Recreation Center is where to go from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Dec 22 to join in Operation Gingerbread House. Each family will be able to create a gingerbread house while watching Christmas movies and enjoying milk and cookies. Space is limited, and the cost is \$25 per family. Call 449-3354 to register.

• Military family members are invited to record a greeting to honor military personnel. The messages will be broadcast on KSSK-AM/FM, KHVH and KIKI. To schedule recording, contact program director, Steven Norstrom, [stevenorstrom@clearchannel.com](mailto:stevenorstrom@clearchannel.com).

# Hickam Thrift Shop donates 'Toys for Tots'

Lindsay Silcox

Hickam Thrift Shop

'Twas the week before Christmas and new toys were nestled under the Hickam Thrift Shop tree, to be given to Toys for Tots and handed out to children with glee.

Throughout the year, the staff at Hickam Thrift Shop set aside brand new toys that were received as donations, and gave 132 toys to the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program in December.

This is the first year the Hickam Thrift Shop has collected items for Toys for Tots, but Ginger Long, shop manager, said she plans to make it an annual event if donations allow.

"It all started with a new donated doll that was placed out for sale," Long said. "When no one wanted to buy her, I came up with the idea to save all new donated toys for Toys for Tots. From the generous donation of others, we were able to collect a lot of toys."

The Hickam Thrift Shop also collected canned food



U.S. Air Force photo by Ginger Long

The staff at Hickam Thrift Shop collected donations of toys which will be given to the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. Monetary donations and canned foods were also collected for the Hawaii Food Bank.

and monetary donations for the Hawaii Food Bank this holiday season. Dozens of non-perishable food items were donated and more than \$70 was raised.

In September, Hickam Thrift Shop patrons contributed \$310.20 to sponsor

the thrift shop in the Hawaiian Humane Society's annual PetWalk.

"The Hickam Thrift Shop isn't just a store, it's a store on a mission," Long said. "There is so much good that is done for others, it makes you look forward to going to

work. From our volunteers to the charities we support, it all goes to a great cause."

The Hickam Thrift Shop is sponsored by the Hickam Officers' Spouses Club (HOSC), which distributes all thrift shop profits to various charitable causes. The

HOSC's scholarship program, which awarded more than \$20,000 in scholarships to Air Force family members in 2010, is a main recipient of thrift shop funds.

The rest of the Hickam Thrift Shop's proceeds are given to various military, national and community groups, such as the Enlisted Widows Home, the National Military Family Association, Special Olympics, the Red Cross and the USO.

"Our local monetary donations are focused on deployed service members and their families," said Marion Jouas, the HOSC's Hickam Thrift Shop chairperson. "We have a special emphasis on providing educational, art, music and athletic opportunities to all our military children and those less fortunate in our local 'ohana."

Besides Toys for Tots, the thrift shop also sets aside certain donations to be given to the Mary Jane Center, a Catholic Charities organization that provides assistance to women with unplanned pregnancies; the

Hawaii branch of the United Cerebral Palsy Association; K-9 Kokua, which provides supplies and vet care to dogs whose owners are homeless; the Shelter of Wisdom Ministry, which donates clothes to homeless men; and Airman's Attic.

The Hickam Thrift Shop has a handful of paid employees, but volunteers play a vital role in the shop's success.

"The Hickam Thrift Shop has always existed through the hard work of our volunteers. Our eldest volunteer has been volunteering here at least once a week for about 34 years," Jouas said. "Volunteering is fun, rewarding and you might even find a bargain while you're at it."

Anyone with a military ID card can volunteer at the Hickam Thrift Shop.

The Hickam Thrift Shop, located off Kuntz Avenue near the back gate, is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and the second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 449-6603 for information on shopping, donating or volunteering.

## First Sergeants Association supports Operation Warmheart, angel tree

Story and photo by  
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The Air Force Hawaii First Sergeants Association recently raised more than \$20,000 to care for needy Airmen and their families stationed in Hawaii. Donations were collected through their Operation Warmheart fundraiser.

Each Air Force squadron participated by manning tables to accumulate donations at the BXTRA, the commissary and the shopettes from Nov 12 through Dec 3.

Operation Warmheart supports the Airmen and their families through a multitude of outreach efforts.

"Airmen have a resource in their first sergeants. They should seek assistance when they need it," said Master Sgt. Deborah Hernandez.

"Sometimes Airmen try to get help from Air Force Aid and for some reason they are denied. This fund provides another resource for them to get either a loan or a grant depending on what the needs are of the person. All they need to do is go to their first sergeant to make the request," she explained.

More than \$6,000 of the funds were used to purchase commissary vouchers for young single income Airmen families throughout Hawaii for Thanksgiving. During this process, the first sergeants gathered information about the families and established a list of children and their gift wishes. These wishes were used to create an angel tree, according to Hernandez.

The angel trees were placed in all Hickam Federal Credit Union branches for donations of



Members of the Air Force Hawaii First Sergeants Association recently raised more than \$20,000 to care for Airmen through Operation Warmheart which supports their angel tree collections from all Hickam Federal Credit Union locations.

Representatives from the first sergeants association gathered on Dec 15 at Hickam Federal Credit Union to box up the toys that were donated for the

Angel Tree from members of the community. They moved them to a central distribution location on base.

"The Angel Tree has been a huge success," said

Melissa Cordner, the marketing and public relations specialist at Hickam Federal Credit Union. "It shows we have so many generous members," Cordner noted.

The angels on the tree come from a list compiled by the First Sergeants Association and a portion of the collected funds from the Operation Warmheart fundraiser will go to completing every angel on the tree.

Hernandez spoke about why she is involved in this cause. "Growing up in a poor family in Tennessee, Christmas was sometimes very rough. We had three children and a steel worker father that was frequently laid off. My mother had to make our Christmas gifts. I want to make a difference for the children today," she said.

There are more than 125 Air Force families with about 300 children who expressed needs for this holiday season. The presentation of gifts to the families will be next week.

"We want every angel to receive their wish," Hernandez said.

## Newcomers Lunch provides information, aloha

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Military families who are newcomers to Hawaii are welcomed with a special lunch and trolley tour. Sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and available to Navy and Air Force families, the event showcases a variety of available services, special discounts and upcoming events. The most recent of the luncheon events, which features a complimentary buffet meal, was held Dec. 14 at J.R. Rockers at Hickam.

Lesly Johnson, commercial sponsorship coordinator for MWR, shared, "We host this lunch and trolley ride free of charge to everyone in the Navy and Air Force who has been stationed here for five months or less."

"We always hear from the grapevine that people do not hear about available services until after the fact. In response to this growing need of educating our military, we have partnered with our community and base contacts to organize this event to share many of the services available to our military. This is the place to go to get the information about what is offered on and off base in Hawaii," said Lara Katine, events coordinator for MWR.

More than 130 family, service members and spouses joined the festivities. Local businesses and military sponsored services hosted tables to provide information and distribute prizes.

Johnny Martinez, sales supervisor for JN



Photo by Jared Nakayama

MWR welcomes Air Force and Navy newcomers with a complimentary lunch at J.R. Rockers and trolley ride through Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam.

Automotive, said, "We at JN feel strong about supporting the military. We are veteran-owned and have been in business for over 50 years with over 50 percent of our clients being active duty. We have a deep respect for personnel returned from deployment and those new to the island. We hope to make everyone feel welcome."

Airman 1st Class Isaac Butler from the 324th Intelligent Squadron won a gift certificate for \$100.

"Every new person to Hawaii should definitely do this. It is a good time and it tells what is going on around the island." He plans to go

Christmas shopping with his winnings.

Air Force Lt. Col. Derek Fletcher moved to the islands in August with his family of 11. His 10-year-old son Noah said, "I like Hawaii. This lunch was fun. I really liked the bounce house."

Fletcher's 13-year-old daughter Amber said that she is looking forward to moving on base because she heard about all of the great things that the teen center on Hickam does.

While the community businesses were informing those in attendance about what is available, they also

expressed concern for the military well-being while stationed in Hawaii.

Khepera Ridley from motorcycle sales at Cycle City stated, "We want to welcome everyone to the island. But, we also want to stress motorcycle safety. We work hard to ensure that each rider has the proper safety gear, awareness of the laws and the appropriate courses for them to be safe and enjoy their stay here."

The next Newcomers Lunch will be held Jan 18. Registration forms and additional information can be found at [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

**Forest City spreads holiday cheer**

Natasha N. Jackson and Paris M. Cousin

Forest City Residential Management Inc., Navy Housing Hawaii

The holidays are merry and bright in Forest City communities. Here are some of the upcoming holiday events:

**Holiday family photos and recipes**

The fun begins with holiday family photos and favorite holiday recipes posted to the Forest City website. Forest City has created a special tab on the website called, "holiday cheer," to showcase the resident photos and recipes to share with all neighbors. Residents should submit family pictures and recipes to Natasha Jackson at [natashajackson@forestcity.net](mailto:natashajackson@forestcity.net) with the subject line family photo and/or holiday recipe. These will be posted to the website when received. Please submit holiday photos by Dec. 30 to be included on this special seasonal page.

**Holiday tree decorating contest**

Forest City Residential Management (FCRM) is holding a holiday tree decorating contest. It will be judged on Dec. 20. Submit a photo of your creative creation today to register your entry with [natashajackson@forestcity.net](mailto:natashajackson@forestcity.net). The winners will be announced on Dec. 20. Prizes will be awarded in time for last minute shopping.

# FACSFAC unbeaten streak broken by 613th AOC

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Sports Editor

The term sudden death took on a significant meaning to the Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility (FACSFAC) Warriors as the only undefeated team in the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) flag football playoffs saw its dream season come to a crashing halt in a 30-22 semi-final loss to the 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC) at Ward Field on Dec. 12.

FACSFAC entered the post-season with a perfect 9-0 record and had won its first two playoffs games before its meeting with the 613 AOC, which went 8-2 in its regular season and had also won its first two playoff games.

"You always come to a game knowing that there is a possibility that you're going to lose," said FACSFAC receiver/defensive back Master-at-Arms Seaman Brandon Thomason. "We only had seven or eight players, so we did what we did with what we had."

At first it appeared that the Warriors would run away from the 613 AOC after it opened up a stunning 16-0 lead in the early moments of the game.

In the team's opening drive, quarterback Lt. j.g. Doug Hawk misfired on his initial pass, but rambled for 44 yards on the next play before tossing a 21-yard scoring strike to Personnel Specialist 3rd Class Terrence Key for the first touchdown of the game. FACSFAC made

good on its two-point conversion try to take a quick 8-0 lead.

Then following an interception by Thomason, Hawk took the team on a nine-play, 67-yard drive that culminated in a short five-yard hookup to Aviation Structural Mechanic 3rd Class Roshawn Thomas for another touchdown. The team converted its second two-point try to take a 16-0 advantage.

Down by two scores, 613 AOC quarterback Capt. Dwayne Clark started the climb uphill by unleashing the skills that has made him one of the most explosive players in the Hickam Flag Football League.

After getting the ball back, Clark needed just three plays to move the team to the FACSFAC 16-yard line, before connecting with Staff Sgt. Tim Edwards for the 613 AOC's first touchdown of the game. A two-point conversion brought the team to within eight at 16-8.

"It was a slant in, slant out," said Edwards about his acrobatic catch in the end zone. "He (Clark) knew that the defense was going to bite."

With less than two minutes to go before intermission, Hawk made a crucial mistake when his pass was picked off by Staff Sgt. Jason Gaddis on the first play from scrimmage following the 613's touchdown.

Clark, who said that the interception was a game-changing play, made FACSFAC pay for its error by marching the team 65 yards on six plays with the QB running for the final eight yards

and touchdown. The two-point conversion evened the score at 16-16 at halftime.

With momentum on its side, the 613 AOC came out smoking in the second half.

On the first play from scrimmage after the break, Clark dropped back into the pocket and launched a deep pass to Senior Airman Caleb Todd, who had beaten his man down the left side of the field.

Todd made an overhead grab before racing the rest of the way for a 65-yard bomb, which led to a 24-16 lead after the two-point conversion.

"I play with these guys every Sunday, so I know their tendencies," said Clark about the gutsy long toss. "We just had a good play in the hopper. I knew that if we came right out of the half, they wouldn't expect it."

Armed with its first lead of the game, the 613 defense stiffened and stopped FACSFAC 19 yards short of the end zone on its next drive.

Clark then put the game away for good by leading a four-play, 61-yard drive for a touchdown as he ran in the final three yards for the score to give the 613 a commanding 30-16 advantage with time running out.

An eight-yard scoring toss from Hawk to Thomason accounted for the final tally of the game.

"We've been down before. We just made sure we got the nervousness out of us," said Clark about the team's strong comeback. "We knew that we were clicking well, so we just started executing on offense. And our defense was superb."

Senior Airman Caleb Todd of the 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC) makes an over-the-head catch before running in for a touchdown on a 65-yard catch and run during the team's semi-final game against the Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility (FACSFAC) Warriors in the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam flag football playoffs at Ward Field on Dec. 12. The 613 AOC came from behind to earn a 30-22 victory and hand FACSFAC its first loss of the season.



# Late drive gives PACOM/JIOC semi-final win

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Pacific Command/Joint Intelligence Operation Center (PACOM/JIOC) scored a game-tying touchdown and a game-winning point after touchdown with three minutes remaining in the game to squeeze past the Kunia Cryptonites, 7-6, during a semi-final showdown in the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam flag football playoffs at Ward Field on Dec. 12.

The Cryptonites finished their regular season in the Ashore Flag Football League with a record of 6-3 and was 2-0 in the playoffs before squaring off against PACOM/JIOC, which ended its season in the Hickam Flag Football League with an 8-2 mark and was also 2-0 in the post-season.

"We just went to the dump offs right in the middle of the field, which was wide open," said PACOM/JIOC quarterback Army Sgt. Robert Sanchez about the game-winning drive. "In the first half, we were trying to hit the outside too much and they had that covered pretty well."

After both teams entered the break without scoring any points, Kunia, led by quarterback Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 1st Class Daniel Maher, opened the second half by covering 65 yards on just five plays with Maher taking the ball in on a two-yard sneak to break the deadlock and take a 6-0 lead.

Although the Cryptonites went out in front, the failed point after touchdown attempt would come back and haunt them.

Utilizing its strategy of short passes and runs to control the ball, PACOM/JIOC began its game-winning drive at its own 15-yard line.



Pacific Command/Joint Intelligence Operation Center (PACOM/JIOC) tight end Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Jack Noble makes a catch against Kunia defensive back Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 2nd Class (SS) Ace Williams in the teams' semi-final flag football game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Dec. 12. Noble pulled down four passes in helping PACOM/JIOC on a game-winning drive to defeat Kunia, 7-6.

Sanchez was masterful in leading a methodical drive by connecting six out of eight passes, with four of the tosses going to tight end Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Jack Noble.

During the offensive series, Sanchez ate up the clock by running a total of 14 plays, which included two clutch passes on fourth down to keep the chains moving forward.

On third down and 15 yards to go for a touchdown, Sanchez got lucky as he delivered a pass right into the

arms of Kunia defensive back Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 2nd Class (SS) Ace Williams only to have the DB drop the ball and keep the drive alive.

"It was a classic football mistake," Williams admitted. "I wasn't keeping my eyes on the football and didn't secure the catch. I was looking downfield towards the greenery and it ended up costing our team big."

With fourth down and 15 yards to go, Sanchez made Kunia pay for its missed opportunity by connecting

with Army Staff Sgt. Jason Crawford in the left corner of the end zone for the game-tying touchdown.

"It was somewhat improvised, but what made that work was our line," Crawford said. "The line gave our quarterback a ton of time and he followed me the whole way, waiting for me to clear the corner and the pass was there."

Sanchez agreed with Crawford and added that with the game on the line, he knew what play to call to get the job done.

"It seems that most teams out here play zone, so we knew what we had to do to get that play," said Sanchez, who ran in the game-winning extra point. "He (Crawford) got behind their corner and safety, so he was wide open."

With only two minutes left in the game, Maher did all he could to lead Kunia downfield.

On fourth down and 17 yards to go for a first at the PACOM/JIOC 37 yard line, Maher tried to run for a fresh set of downs, but had his flag pulled one yard shy of the

marker as time ran out.

Although Sanchez was key in leading PACOM/JIOC to the semi-final win, he credited the team's defense for the victory.

He said that defense and ball control would be important elements in the championship showdown against the 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC).

"The defense is winning games," Sanchez pointed out. "In the game we played earlier, that team only scored seven and this one was six. Yesterday was a shutout."

## GOT SPORTS

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# 613th AOC captures first joint base flag football title

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An outstanding performance by quarterback Capt. Dwayne Clark and a last-minute interception by Master Sgt. Rick Grider helped the 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC) defeat Pacific Command/Joint Intelligence Operation Center (PACOM/JIOC), 33-26, and claim the first ever Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) intramural flag football championship at Ward Field on Dec. 13.

Teams from Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Afloat, Ashore and Hickam Flag Football Leagues competed in the historic three-day playoffs that pitted Navy, Air Force and joint command football squads in the very first intramural sports championship tournament at JBPHH.

"This is why we play," said an elated Clark following the game. "We play to win. We did it. We showed up and played a great game."

For Clark, the entire game represented a personal highlight film, as the elusive signal caller was nearly unstoppable in helping the 613 AOC rack up 33 point.

Clark was a perfect 11-11 on his passes and rushed for 147 yards, while accounting for all five touchdowns on three passes and two runs.

"It was softer coverage than we're used to," Clark said. "At first, it was difficult to get used to because I'm used to having guys pressing up against us. We just started taking advantage of it."

As it turned out, the 613



(Right) Capt. Dwayne Clark of the 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC) puts the move on Army Sgt. Robert Sanchez of PACOM/JIOC before scoring on a one-yard run for a touchdown during the teams' showdown in the first ever Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam intramural flag football championship at Ward Field on Dec. 13. Clark led the 613 AOC to a 33-26 victory over PACOM/JIOC to claim the title.

AOC needed every bit of Clark's heroics, as PACOM/JIOC quarterback Army Sgt. Robert Sanchez was just as successful in marching his team up and down the field for the majority of the game.

After beating PACOM/JIOC 30-6 during the regular season at Hickam, Clark said that he was very impressed with the way the team fought back every time the 613 AOC posted a score.

"They turned around a lot since the first time we met," Clark acknowledged. "One thing that is going through your head is the way we were able to take them easily in the regular season. But you

don't make it to the championship without being a capable team. They got their stuff together and played a hell of a game."

While there is little doubt that Clark was the game's most valuable player, the 613 AOC's defense also weighed heavily in the final outcome.

The defense's first big play came on an interception by Staff Sgt. Randy Wallace who, on the second play of the game, picked off Sanchez to give the 613 AOC prime field position at the PACOM/JIOC 28-yard line.

Three plays later, Clark found Staff Sgt. Ryan Kniss in the end zone to



take the first lead of the game at 6-0.

PACOM/JIOC answered the call, as Sanchez led a 12-play, 65-yard drive to pay dirt that saw the QB connect with Army Staff Sgt. Jason Crawford for six to tie the game.

However, after getting the ball back, Clark, on the first play from scrimmage at his own 15, looked downfield for a pass, but took off instead for a 65-yard scamper for a touchdown. A converted point

after touchdown made gave the 613 a 13-6 lead.

Down again, Sanchez calmly led the team on another methodical march downfield and completed a nine-play, 65-yard drive that ended on an eight-yard scoring toss to Information Systems Technician Seaman Apprentice Bryce Falvey that tied the score just before the half.

Following intermission, the two teams traded touchdowns in their first

two drives to keep the score knotted up at 20-20.

Clark put the team up at 27-20 after completing a 65-yard, six-play drive that saw him sneak in for the final yard with two minutes left to play in the game to take a 27-20 advantage.

With time running out, Sanchez desperately tried to move the team forward, but after picking a first down, the PACOM/JIOC signal caller made a crucial mistake when he tossed the ball right into the arms of Grider.

"The whole game, we'd been seeing their right tackle just keep dropping back," Grider said. "We weren't really playing him, but at the end, we said we got to start dropping back to watch him. So we dropped back, played some zone and it was there. That was a huge play in the game."

Sanchez added that once he let go of the football, he knew it was trouble.

"He (Grider) was playing up some and at the last second he drifted back," Sanchez noted. "He read what I was doing. It was a good defensive play."

Although PACOM/JIOC was able to get one final touchdown on a pass from Sanchez to Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Jack Noble, it was too little and too late.

"This team has been second to none," Clark announced as he clutched the base championship trophy. "From the moment we all got together, everyone just clicked. We all had the same goals in mind, which was fairness, taking care of each other and winning. We won as a team, we lost as team and we came back as a team."

PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM **Maniawa Nanea** LEISURE**Morale Welfare & Recreation****✠ SCRAPBOOK MARATHON NIGHT**

Join the staff for discounts and assistance for a marathon scrapbooking evening. The event is from 6 p.m. to midnight tonight at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center. The cost is \$5 per person for ages 16 and older. FMI: 448-9907, ext. 103.

**✠ STAND UP PADDLE BOARDING**

Single service members are invited to join the outdoor center for a day of stand up paddle boarding with lunch on the beach on Saturday. Depart Liberty Express at 9:30 a.m., Beeman Center at 10 a.m. and Instant Liberty at 10:15 a.m. There is no cost. FMI: 473-2583.

**✠ WINTER CAMPS FOR YOUTH**

There are two sessions of camp for youth ages 5-12 over the winter holidays. Sessions are held from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Session one will be held Dec. 20-23 and session two will run from Dec 27-30. Activities will be held at Catlin Clubhouse for ages 5-12 and at Rainbow Bay Marina for ages 10-12. The cost is based on family income and a LES is required. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com)

**✠ JINGLE BELL JOG**

Enjoy a jingle bell 5k jog at 9 a.m. on Dec. 22. It starts and ends at the Hickam Fitness Center. There is no cost and no registration is required. FMI: 448-2214.

**✠ OPERATION GINGERBREAD HOUSE**

Each family will be able to create a gingerbread house with provided supplies while watching Christmas movies and enjoying milk and cookies from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 22 at the Makai Recreation Center. Space is limited and the cost is \$25 per family. FMI: 449-3354.

**✠ CHAMPAGNE SUNDAY BRUNCH**

Join the Hickam Officers' Club every Sunday in December for a special champagne brunch. Seatings are offered from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$35.95 for adults, \$10.50 for children ages 7-11, \$5.25 for ages four to six and free for children age three and under. Reservations are required. FMI: 448-4608.

**✠ MASSAGE ROOM REOPENS**

The massage room at Bloch Arena at Pearl Harbor has reopened. Call for an appointment. FMI: 473-0793.

**✠ PRO BOWL OHANA DAY**

Ohana Day, Sat. Jan. 29, 9 a.m. to noon, is a free event open to the general public. Transportation available only to DoD card holders with children in attendance. Adults must accompany youths 15 and under. Reservations accepted from Jan. 3 - 21 by 9 a.m. Space is limited. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

For more information on events, visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) or [www.hickamservices.com/](http://www.hickamservices.com/)

**Community Calendar****✠ December**

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**✠ 21** ~ Airmen and Family Readiness Center is sponsoring a pre-separation briefing for Air Force personnel only from 9 to 10 a.m. on Dec. 21 at the Hickam office.

**✠ 23 & 30** ~ Join the ongoing new parent support group from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Warfighter and Family Services Office at Pearl Harbor. The group is for parents of infant children through age three. Share the stresses and joys of parenting and become more confident in parenting skills. FMI: 474-1999.

**✠ 31** ~ Hickam Bowling Center will host a New Year's event from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$20 for ages 12 and under. The cost includes all you can bowl, shoe rental and a breakfast buffet. Tickets are available through Dec. 30. FMI: 448-9959.

**✠ Ongoing through 31** ~ Lease signing for Forest City residents continues through the end of December. Residents should contact their resident service office for assistance or call 839-8600.

**✠** The Honolulu City of Lights Trolley Tour will make stops at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. There is one trolley stop at Hickam at 6 p.m. now through Dec 23. There will be trolley stops at Bloch Arena at 6 p.m. on Dec 19, 20, 21 and 23. There will also be trolley stops at Bloch Arena at 8:30 p.m. tonight and 19-23. FMI: 448-2295 or 422-2757.

**Movie Showtimes****Megamind (PG)**

Megamind is the most brilliant super-villain the world has ever known... and the least successful. Over the years, he has tried to conquer Metro City in every imaginable way - Each attempt, a colossal failure thanks to the caped superhero known as "Metro Man," until the day Megamind actually defeats him in the throes of one of his botched evil plans. Suddenly, the fate of Metro City is threatened when a new villain arrives and chaos runs rampant, leaving everyone to wonder: Can the world's biggest "mind" actually be the one to save the day?

**SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER**

**TODAY**  
7:00 PM Conviction (R)

**SATURDAY**  
2:30 PM Megamind (PG)  
5:00 PM Red (PG-13)  
7:15 PM Due Date (R)

**SUNDAY**  
2:30 PM Megamind (PG)  
5:00 PM Hereafter (PG-13)  
7:15 PM For Colored Girls (R)

**HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER**

**TODAY**  
6:00 PM Megamind (PG)  
8:30 PM Hereafter (R)

**SATURDAY**  
4:00 PM Megamind (PG)  
7:00 PM Due Date (R)

**SUNDAY**  
2:00 PM Megamind (PG)



# Want holiday travel on the cheap? Think 'space-A' travel

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Being stationed in Hawaii has many benefits, but for those of us without family on island, being close to family is not one of them. That means heading home for the holidays can be cost prohibitive, unless you fly via space available (space-A) travel.

Never heard of space-A travel? Well allow me to introduce you to one of the least-known privileges of your military service. Space-A travel allows free or nearly free travel to military members and their family members on Air Mobility Command aircraft or contract carriers. That means we can take advantage of the numerous flights that travel from Hawaii to the mainland or locations throughout the Pacific.

Now that your interest is piqued, you are probably asking, "Who can use space-A transportation and how do I sign up?" Space-A privileges are available to all active duty members, retired military and their family members, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members and ROTC cadets.

In order to sign up for space-A travel, certain documentation requirements must be provided, based on the traveler's or sponsor's duty status. For a complete listing of required documents, visit <http://www.amc.af.mil/amctravel/index.asp>.

Once the traveler establishes his eligibility and obtains all required paperwork, these three steps should be followed in order for you to see the world:



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Carolyn Viss

Passengers gather information for an upcoming space-available flight at the passenger terminal at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii on Dec. 14. Space-A travel allows free or nearly-free travel to military members and their dependents on AMC aircraft or contract carriers.

**Step One:** - Sign up for travel using one of the following methods: In person at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Passenger Terminal (located at building 2028 at 355 Mamiya Ave.), via fax at DSN 315-448-1503/commercial 808-448-1503, or e-mail at [spacea@hickam.af.mil](mailto:spacea@hickam.af.mil). When using the fax or e-mail options, you must include the following items: sponsor's name, rank, service affiliation, country you desire to visit, and names of all dependent travelers. When e-mailing, simply print the e-mail confirmation page you receive back, and the passenger terminal will honor the date and time of e-mail confirmation.

The earlier you sign-up, the higher your priority for the respective travel category (which will come into play only if there are more travelers than seats

available for your desired flight).

The space-A travel system employs the following categories listed below (highest to lowest):

**Category I:** Reserved for emergency leave travelers.

**Category II:** Active duty environmental and morale leave travelers.

**Category III:** Active duty travelers on ordinary leave with their dependents, and unaccompanied dependents of deployed members on 365 day tours.

**Category IV:** Unaccompanied dependents traveling on environmental and morale leave orders, and unaccompanied dependents of deployed members on tours of 120 days up to 364 days.

**Category V:** Active duty dependents traveling without their sponsor.

**Category VI:** Retirees, Air

Force Reserve/Air National Guard members, and ROTC cadets.

**Step Two:** Monitor the passenger terminal flight schedule. AMC passenger terminals provide a 72-hour outlook for travelers via indoor passenger terminal displays, JBPHH television station (channel 54), or by asking one of the passenger service agents. A 24-hour mission outlook can be obtained by calling JBPHH's 24-hour flight recording at DSN 315-449-6833/ commercial 808-449-6833. The number of seats available on each flight will be posted on the day of mission execution, but you must report to the passenger service counter 45 minutes prior to roll call in order to be marked present for the respective flight. All members of your traveling party must show with all baggage in order to be marked present.

**Step Three:** Attend the passenger terminal roll call. Passenger selection is prioritized based on your respective category along with the date and time you signed up. If selected, you will receive an AMC travel ticket and your baggage will be collected for the flight.

Critical to a smooth space-A travel experience will be your strict adherence to travel standards and restrictions. AMC follows all TSA guidelines for security practices as well as restricted items, and mandates additional guidelines that passengers must comply with. Normal baggage limitations are restricted to two bags (under 70 pounds) per traveler as well as a hand-carried bag. However, certain aircraft may have more restrictive limitations.

Civilian clothes in good taste must be worn, and active duty members will adhere to military regulations. For more details regarding travel standards and restrictions, visit the passenger terminal website at <http://www.amc.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-091230-006.pdf> and the TSA website at <http://www.tsa.gov/>.

Some other items to consider before your trip include personal finances, availability of leave and terminal services available for all passenger terminals you may transit. Always bring enough money for food and lodging in case the aircraft encounters maintenance issues, seats are not available, or the mission is cancelled along the route. If you do not make your desired space-A flight, then you will need to have enough leave to continue flying space-A, or sufficient funds to purchase commercial tickets. AMC contract flights going overseas may charge a tax of \$16.10 per traveler. Services and hours of operation for locations you transit or travel to can vary greatly, so be sure to contact the passenger terminals you will be transiting, or visit the AMC passenger terminal locations website at <http://www.amc.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-100108-019.swf> to avoid any surprises.

Please keep in mind that space-available travel is not guaranteed, and all flight information is subject to change without prior notice. However, with some associated pre-trip planning, a little flexibility, and a sense of adventure, your space-A experience can be very enjoyable.

## Rashad Evans visits NEX



Photo by Stephanie Lau

A young fan chats and share a few laughs with Rashad Evans, Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) former light heavyweight champion, when Evans stopped by the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange on Dec. 9 to meet and greet mixed-martial arts fans. Approximately 200 fans were there during the three-hour event to get autographs and take pictures with the fan-favorite fighter. This is Rashad's first time to Pearl Harbor visiting fans and he said he would not mind coming back for another military appreciation event.