

Historical Hickam unit honored for aviation pioneering

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A ceremony held Aug. 19 marked a day of celebration for the first successful aerial recovery mission performed by the 6594th Test Group and the 6493rd Test Squadron - both former units operating from Hickam Air Force Base. Held at the historic flag pole in the center of Atterbury Circle, the ceremony honored former members of the two units and unveiled a plaque immortalizing their mission.

Activated in 1958, the 6594th TG and 6593rd TS missions were to recover de-orbited re-entry capsules re-entering earth's atmosphere as part of the National Reconnaissance Office's (NRO) "Corona" project. According to retired Air Force Gen. Bruce Carlson, director for the NRO, the need for the services provided by these two units arose from the Cold War.

"History defined what these organizations did and these organizations helped define what history did in the United States," Carlson said. "It was imperative that we begin to keep track of our enemy ... In order to keep track of what the other



U.S. Air Force photo by David D. Underwood Jr

Retired Air Force Gen. Bruce Carlson, director, National Reconnaissance Office speaks to attendees of the plaque dedication ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of Catch a Falling Star on Aug. 19 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. The 6549th Test Group and 6593rd Test Squadron were responsible for the recovery of re-entry capsules in support of the National Reconnaissance Office's "Corona" program.



Photo illustration

guy was doing, we had to overfly their territory and we did that several times in high-altitude airplanes and that worked fairly well."

It was at this time the U.S. began an aggressive space program in which

reconnaissance operatives would fly a satellite over the Soviet Union, perform 13-17 revolutions while taking photos from orbit, and recover the images contained in parachuted capsules for analysis. After ejecting from the

satellite, a capsule's main parachute would open at approximately 55,000 feet. After visually spotting a capsule, recovery passes would begin at approximately 15,000 feet and were typically successful in catching a capsule on the first or second pass by

a special hook arrangement attached to a 25-foot pole suspended below the aircraft's tail. The unit employed five JC-130 recovery aircraft and two helicopters to carry out the aerial portion of the mission.

The unit was de-activat-

ed in 1986 and had a reputation for great accuracy. NRO historical reports confirmed 100 percent capsule recovery (90 of which were aerial recoveries) in the last seven years of the project. Both water and ground recovery teams were used to retrieve any capsules that were not aurally recovered. Carlson praised the members of the two units for their incredible success with limited technology.

"There wasn't a lot of high-tech technology involved in it. It was essentially a hook, some rope, and a wind-up gizmo and I am stunned by the amount of success you had. When you actually did that and demonstrated to the national command authority that this was going to be normal operations from now on, it gave an incredible boost to our ability to fight the Cold War," Carlson noted.

Col. Sam Barrett, 15th Wing commander, explained that the 6594th TG and 6593rd TS can be credited with four historical milestones in reconnaissance and aviation: first return of an object placed in earth's orbit, first collection of pictures of earth from space, first space program with more than one returned capsule, and first space program to reach 100 missions.

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Sailors rally to slow Lehua Avenue traffic

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Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Sailors assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) participated in a sign-waving event along Lehua Avenue in Pearl City, Hawaii, on Aug. 24 to raise awareness about safe driving and the need to reduce speed in a school zone.

Lehua Avenue is a two-lane road that leads to the Pearl City Peninsula military housing. Along the avenue sits the Lehua Elementary School, and cutting through the middle of the avenue is the Pearl Harbor bike path.

Tina Quizon, a local resident and concerned citizen, was initially worried about speeding motorists in the area, and started to rally local residents with signs to raise awareness for drivers.

"There are bikers, families, sports, a lot of active baseball, basketball, tennis; football right now is very big,"



Master Chief Master-at-Arms Jake Thomas, assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, participates in a sign-waving event along Lehua Avenue to raise awareness about driving safely and reducing speed in a school zone.

Quizon said. "It is a community rally. This is about the people, keeping everybody safe whether you're a driver, pedestrian, biker, to bring the awareness that we all need to do better in our driving

skills and our safety skill." Several Sailors, together with local residents, Honolulu police officers and

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Years

Air Force will celebrate 100 years of aviation in Hawaii at Air Force Ball on Sept. 17

Ho'okele Staff

The Air Force will celebrate 100 years of aviation in Hawaii at the 63rd Air Force Birthday Ball which will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 17 at the Sheraton Waikiki Resort. This year's theme is "Pacific Centennial of Flight."

It has been 100 years since a Curtiss P-18 bi-

plane, piloted by J.C. "Bud" Mars, flew in the skies over Hawaii. That historic event in 1910 marked the beginning of aviation in Hawaii.

Mars, who had the reputation at the time for being the most daring flyer in the United States, and his P-18 climbed to a height of

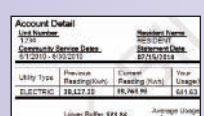
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Col. Michael Novotny becomes new 15th Maintenance Group commander

Col. Michael J. Novotny accepts the guidon from Col. Sam C. Barrett, commander, 15th Wing, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and assumes command of the 15th Maintenance Group during a change of command ceremony on Aug. 17 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawaii. Col. Richard S. Marks is the out-going commander.

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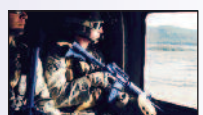
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Pearl Harbor survivor finds final resting place at Utah Memorial

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Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The memory of Earl R. Hinz, a 90-year-old Pearl Harbor survivor, was honored during a scattering of ashes and memorial ceremony held Aug. 17 at the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island.

The ceremony also included a short religious service and a three-volley rifle salute provided by the Navy Region Hawaii ceremonial guard. A U.S. Marine Corps bugler was also on hand to sound "Taps," and a Sailor presented an American flag to Hinz's son, retired U.S. Navy Reserve Cmdr. Eric Hinz.

Earl was born on July 25, 1919 and was raised in Minnesota. In 1937, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve as a private. While studying aeronautical engineering at the University of Minnesota, his Reserve unit was activated in December 1940.

Earl was based at the Ewa Marine Air Base, Oahu, Hawaii, when the Japanese attacked on Dec. 7, 1941. In his remembrances, Earl recalled the attack as the first waves of aircraft arrived just in time for the morning flag-raising ceremony. Morning colors sounded and with the first notes of colors, they realized they were under attack. The bugler sounded general



quarters, and Earl headed to his assigned attack station.

"My assignment was with the fire truck, which I started up and headed to the ramp where we saw the

first airplanes on fire," Earl said. "A Japanese airplane came gunning for us and flattened all the tires, but missing those of us on the truck.

We ducked under the truck until

the attack subsided and ran like hell back to our barracks to get our rifles," he recalled.

In April 1942, Earl was commissioned in the U.S. Naval Reserve as

an aeronautical engineering officer with duty at Naval Air Station Pearl Harbor. One of his first assignments was to analyze battle damages on the only Grumman Avenger, a torpedo bomber, to survive the Battle of Midway.

Earl also served in California and Washington, D.C. during World War II. In 1945, he left active duty to attend graduate school. His Naval Reserve affiliation continued until 1949 when he left the Reserves with the rank of lieutenant commander.

Following graduation, Earl pursued his engineering career in the southern California aerospace industry. He was involved in numerous Cold War aerospace projects, including the X-13 Vertijet, F-106 Delta Dart and the Atlas ICBM.

In 1975, he began a new career as a yachtsman and writer, as he sailed on two long Pacific cruises with his wife, Betty. His travels took him to New Zealand and Micronesia, providing background for writing more than 900 articles and seven books.

Eric Hinz said he attributes his own naval career to his father for all the experiences he shared with him sailing together.

After living aboard their cruising yachts in Hawaii, Earl and Betty moved to Las Vegas, Nev. After 65 years together, Betty passed away in July 2009. Earl followed in November 2009.

Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, the dream assignment

Story and photo by Tech Sgt. Cohen A. Young

Defense Media Activity - Hawaii

TARAWA, Republic of Kiribati – When the average military member hears the acronym JPAC, chances are high that they don't know that it stands for Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command. But if you asked a 92Mike or mortuary affairs specialist in the U.S. Army, that person will know instantly what JPAC is. For most, it is the dream job of their career field.

"For me personally as a mortuary affairs specialist, JPAC is the assignment that you want to get as a 92Mike," said East Liverpool, Ohio native, Army Staff Sgt. Tyler Green, the recovery NCO for the oscar team of JPAC.

"Everyone dreams of coming to JPAC to do their job," added Green.

JPAC is based at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii and is responsible for recovering the remains of fallen or missing military members from past conflicts. The organization has several teams that travel each year to Laos, Vietnam, Korea, France, Germany and many other places to recover the remains of military service members so they can be identified and help bring closure to their families.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. Cohen A. Young
Anthropologist Dr. Gregory Fox (left) and U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Tyler Green, both of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, converse about the difference in dirt levels on Aug. 11 as they dig deeper in a hole in search of missing remains of U. S. Marines from the famed WWII battle, the Battle of Tarawa. The Marines are believed to be in one of six designated sites in the village of Betio on Tarawa, Republic of Kiribati.

As the recovery NCO, Green is responsible for a variety of tasks, including working closely with the field leader and the anthropologist. The recovery NCO is relied on

heavily, according to Capt. Ernest Nordman, the oscar team leader.

"The recovery NCO pretty much does anything I need him to do, from communication to sup-

plies," said Nordman.

Tarawa is Green's second mission since arriving at JPAC and the assignment has far exceeded his expectations.

"This assignment to JPAC has been what I've expected and much more," said Green. "It's very exciting to go out and actually find remains and to even be searching for remains so that we can get our brethren back home and bring some closure back home to those families that are still waiting," Green said.

Green has only been with JPAC since February and said that he has already found the job to be greatly satisfying because of the work ethic and commitment of involvement by the organization.

"The entire mission, in general, at JPAC is very honorable and getting our fallen brothers back to their families is the biggest thing I can do," Green said.

Along with handling communication and supply issues, Green is afforded the opportunity to work with the archeology leader, Dr. Gregory Fox, who is responsible for the recovery sites and the main person who deals with the remains.

For the seven-year Army veteran, JPAC has made such an impression on him in a short time that he is already thinking that this may be the pinnacle of his career.

"This is only my second assignment, but by far, I think this is going to be my best assignment because as a mortuary affairs specialist, this is the cream of the crop."

'Mock billing' for Navy and Marine housing residents will begin Sept. 1

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On Sept. 1, the Navy and Forest City Residential Management (FCRM) will begin the "mock billing" phase of the newly-launched Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP).

During the informational phase of the program over recent weeks, Navy leadership and Forest City representatives have hosted community meetings to provide housing residents with more information about the RECP program.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Lance Taylor, a resident of the Pearl City Peninsula family housing neighborhood, was one of those in attendance at the Pearl City community meeting on Aug. 25.

"Having been involved in energy conservation programs in the mainland installations, the 40 percent average band is a pleasant and welcome surprise. I look forward to participating in the program," Taylor said.

Educating housing residents about how the pilot RECP program will work has been an important focus, leading up to the "mock billing" phase.

"I think there were a number of misconceptions about the program out there and the neighborhood town hall meetings have gone a long

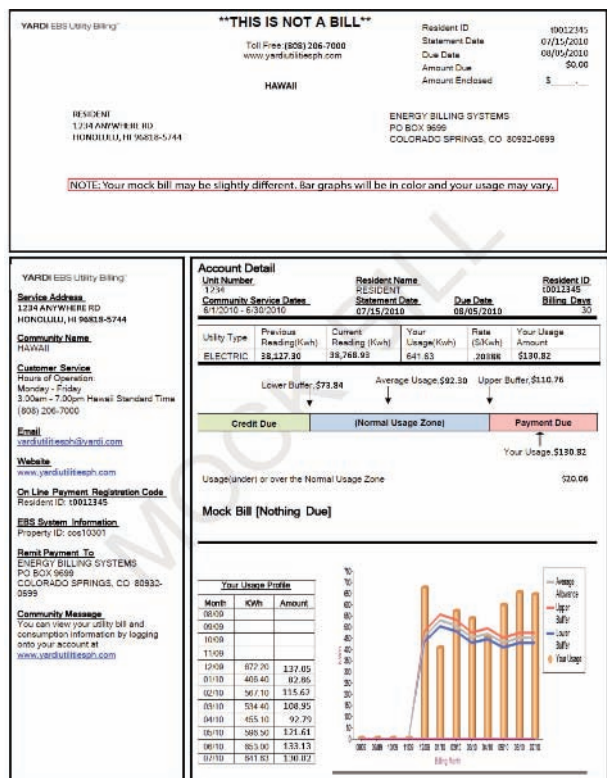


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A mock bill will show residents their electric usage in a true bill format and will help them to understand the monetary value of energy they are using.

way to educate our residents about the RECP," said Capt. Richard W. Kitchens, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

"The feedback during our community meetings and briefings for the RECP has provided a valuable opportunity for Forest City and our Navy partners to keep in touch with what is important to our residents. Everyone's attendance and participation

with feedback is sincerely appreciated," said Greg Raap, director of property management for Forest City Residential Management. "It is very apparent that our residents keenly understand the importance of energy conservation," he added.

RECP is currently in its informational phase, but will launch on Sept. 1 with the beginning of the "mock billing" part of the program.

According to Forest City, this will show residents their electric usage in a true bill format and will help them to understand the monetary value of energy they are using. The mock billing will continue through December.

Here's how the "mock billing" phase will work. Each month, Forest City will calculate the average amount of electricity used by similar homes with the same number of bedrooms and about the same size. This "like-type group average" will determine target usage and show how that usage compares to that of other homes in the same group.

Then "buffer zones" of 20 percent will be established, both above and below the like-type group average. That band of consumption will be considered as normal usage.

"We will have a large number of like-type groups - about 50 - to ensure homes are appropriately grouped. Add in the plus or minus 20 percent above and below the baseline for each group and our residents will have a normal use band that is 40 percent wide and centered around homes that are very similar in size and construction to theirs. I really believe the vast majority of our residents will find it is quite manageable to get into and stay in the normal use band," Kitchens said.

The "mock bill" will let residents know if they owe no

money, receive a credit or rebate, or would owe a payment for excess consumption if it were an actual bill under the RECP. Along with their 'mock bills,' residents will receive tips and ideas on ways to reduce electricity consumption.

During the mock billing period, which will run through the end of the year, residents will have the time to make lifestyle changes in preparation for the actual billing.

"Forest City is here to help our residents achieve their individual household energy conservation goals. If residents have any questions as we enter into this Navy pilot program, they can call or stop by their resident services offices and we will make sure their questions are addressed," Raap said.

Actual billing for electric consumption will begin Jan. 1, 2011. Residents will receive their first bill for January's usage in mid-February.

Back in 1998, the Office of the Secretary of Defense established the policy for the payment of utilities in PPV housing in order to encourage energy efficiency in privatized units. The RECP program aligns with Department of Defense and Department of the Navy energy conservation initiatives to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and foreign oil. "Incentivized resident

energy conservation programs in military privatized housing projects are required by the Department of Defense. The RECP is the Navy and Marine Corps effort to comply with this mandatory policy and we believe compared to the other military services that have already established similar programs, our RECP strikes the best balance of incentivizing reduced consumption while minimizing the potential impact to our residents' checkbooks," Kitchens explained.

Saving energy is a win-win for everyone. According to Forest City Residential Management, the benefits of saving energy will directly affect public-private venture (PPV) residents. Saving energy costs will translate into capital that will be re-invested back into the PPV community, resulting in improvements and community amenities.

Plans for implementing the Air Force's electricity and water billing program here in Hawaii are still under development.

If residents have questions, they should contact their resident services office.

For more information on the RECP program and frequently asked questions, please visit <http://www.greatlifehawaii.com/recp/> or <http://www.fcnavyhawaii.com>.

JIOC Sailor revered as 'top-notch'

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Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

When then-19-year-old Reginald Shepard decided to enroll in college, he took a step back and took a deeper look at his options.

One day while at home, Shepard turned on the television and saw a Navy commercial that grabbed his attention.

After thinking about it for a little while, Shepard decided to take a trip to the recruiting office in his small town of Donalsonville, Ga.

"When I talked to the recruiter, I was really interested in everything that he was telling me, so I decided to sign up right then and there on the spot," Shepard said.

After signing the initial paperwork, Shepard then had to decide on a job that he wanted to do. He chose

the rate 'intelligence specialist

one of my friends had a job sort of like IS in the Army," said Shepard. "He couldn't really tell me much about it because most of his job was classified, but he was always traveling a lot and going different places, and that sounded like something I really wanted to do."

Now an intelligence specialist third class, Shepard is stationed at U.S. Pacific Command's (USPACOM) Joint Intelligence Operations Center (JIOC).

As part of his job, Shepard provides real-time intelligence support, indications and warning to multi-service U.S. and allied deployed war-fighters in the Pacific theater along with managing the maritime common operating picture for the Pacific Theater.

"Petty Officer Shepard sees obstacles as opportunities. He never quits, and he rises to every challenge," said Senior Chief Intelligence Specialist (SW/AW) Cheri Galvez.

Galvez also talked about what makes Shepard a stand-out Sailor.

"He is dedicated to the mission, he is dedicat-

ed to improving himself, and he is dedicated to the Sailors around him," noted Galvez. "IS3 Shepard is a top-notch Sailor."

Along with his normal duties, Shepard is also a part of USPACOM's color guard and an assistant command fitness leader (CFL) for JIOC's China division.

"I really enjoy being a CFL because I get to help people out with meeting their physical fitness requirements, and that is an overall good feeling," Shepard noted. "If I were in a different situation, I'd want them to do the same for me."

During his time off, Shepard noted that he likes to play a lot of sports.

"I play a lot of football, basketball and baseball," said Shepard. "I really like sports. I played all throughout high school and still play them now."

While most people his age are still in college or working part-time jobs, Shepard expressed how he likes having a full-time job in Hawaii.

"The Navy is great," Shepard said. "I don't have to sit here and worry about getting laid off or anything like that, and I get to be in Hawaii where the weather is nice all the time."



**INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST 3RD CLASS
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Diverse Views



Sailors assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam participated in a sign-waving event to raise awareness about safe driving along Lehua Avenue in Pearl City on Aug. 24.

The avenue is a major route for morning commuters to and from the Pearl City Peninsula military housing, some military commands and the Lehua Elementary School. The two lanes along the school are especially congested.

Ho'okele asked these Sailors below how they felt about participating in the event.



Ship's Serviceman 1st Class (SW)
Telehia Sutherland

"It's nice to do something for the community, especially for the kids."

Chief Culinary Specialist (SS)
Reshawn Jones

"We want to come out here and make sure people are being safe so that people can get to work, come out of housing and they could go to school."



Chief Culinary Specialist (SW)
Randy Basat
Tripler Army Medical Center

"I feel good. We are trying to keep our kids safe. We volunteered for this."

Master Chief Master-at Arms
Jacob Thomas

"We want the community to know that we are here in force. We want to slow them down so they can be aware of the safety environment around here."



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Halsey welcomes Nimitz aboard USS South Dakota in Tokyo Bay



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Adm. William F. Halsey, commander of U.S. Third Fleet (right), welcomes Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz aboard USS South Dakota (BB-57) in Tokyo Bay on Aug. 29, 1945, after Nimitz flew in from Saipan. Both attended the Japanese surrender ceremonies on USS Missouri (BB-63) a few days later.

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USS Texas returns from U.S. 4th Fleet deployment

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The Virginia-class submarine USS Texas (SSN 775) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Aug. 23 after completing a scheduled deployment to the U.S. 4th Fleet area of responsibility.

This is Texas' first deployment since changing homeports to Pearl Harbor in November 2009. She successfully completed her maiden deployment to the eastern Pacific and operated under the tactical control of Joint Inter-Agency Task Force, South from May to August 2010. During the deployment, Texas successfully conducted joint operations enhancing national security.

"I am extremely proud of my crew's tenacious can-do attitude which resulted in a very successful deployment," said Cmdr. Bob Roncska, USS Texas commanding officer. "Our ability to rapidly respond to myriad taskings over an extended period of time is a testament to the ship's remarkable design and capabilities," he said.

While away from homeport, the crew earned a sea service ribbon, which was the first for 76 Texas Sailors. Additionally, 23



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Sailors achieved a significant career milestone by receiving the enlisted submarine warfare qualification also known as "dolphins" and joining the elite group of those qualified in submarines.

Fire Control Technician 2nd Class Kevin Miller from Jacksonville, Fla., was one of those who became qualified during the deployment. "Earning my dolphins has been a goal of mine since I joined

the Navy," Miller said. "I am extremely proud to be a submariner assigned to USS Texas and would not have it any other way."

Commissioned Sept. 9, 2006, Texas was the second Virginia-class attack

submarine constructed and the first submarine to be named after the 'lone star' state.

The state-of-the-art submarine is capable of supporting a multitude of missions including anti-

submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike, naval special warfare involving special operations forces, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, irregular warfare and mine warfare.

Hurricane preparedness: Getting the word

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(The following article is part of a series on hurricane preparedness that will run throughout hurricane season. This week's article focuses on getting information out to the masses, which is a continuation of last week's article on sheltering from the storm.)

In the event of an emergency, Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's (JBPHH) emergency management offices have plans and procedures in place and will use the wide area alert network (WAAN) to deliver mass warning and notifications to the JBPHH population. It is your responsibility to understand the WAAN system and recognize the alerts and avenues that will deliver the information.

WAAN provides an effective and reliable mass notification system that can be used during a crisis to warn affected personnel. WAAN consists of four sub systems: computer desktop notification system, automated telephone



notification system, Giant Voice and Interior Voice.

Did you register your emergency contact information on WAAN? If not, please do so today. During a recent survey, only about 25 percent of NMCI computer users were registered. WAAN provides alerts on your computer desktop,

combined with email, cell phone and text. See instructions below:

- (1) On your NMCI computer, right-click on the JBPHH AdHoc self-service client icon (purple globe) on the bottom right corner of most NMCI screens.
- (2) Select "access self service"

from the pop-up menu.

- (3) Select the "my info" tab and update your name and save.
 - (4) Select the "devices" tab and enter your contact information in the appropriate fields and save. This completes the registration process.
- In addition to computer desk-

top notifications and automated telephone notifications through WAAN, mass notifications will be made through the following:

- Giant Voice public address notification system. This will either be a tone, voice message or, more likely, a combination of both which can be heard from Giant Voice towers located at various places on the installations.
 - Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Television Channel 2, a closed circuit channel available to on-base JBPHH housing residents and offices.
 - Ombudsman phone trees.
 - On-base electronic marquee.
 - Navy Region Hawaii and JBPHH Facebook & Twitter.
 - Navy Region Hawaii & JBPHH websites: www.cnmc.navy.mil/hawaii & www.cnmc.navy.mil/pearlharbor-hickam
 - JBPHH Straight Talk Line, 449-4000.
 - Navy and Air Force families living on base may also be notified via housing channels.
- Remember the Operation Prepare motto, "Be Informed, Have a Plan, Make a Kit." Preparedness is your duty.

C-130 from Yokota gives a lift to JPAC team

Story and photo by
TSgt Cohen A. Young

Defense Media Activity Hawaii

TARAWA, Republic of Kiribati - U. S. military members from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) arrived at Tarawa, Republic of Kiribati on Aug. 6 with the help of a C-130 crew from the 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota Air Base, Japan.

The crew picked up the JPAC team in the Kwajalein Atoll Islands to ensure the team could start their mission on time of recovering remains of Marines from the WWII Battle of Tarawa, during which a total of 6,000 men from the U. S. and Japan lost their lives.

The Battle of Tarawa was the first amphibious assault carried out by the U. S. Marines; the 2nd Marine Division led the way. The Japanese said the island could not be taken. The battle began on Nov. 20 and concluded on Nov. 23. The 2nd Marine Division lost 1,113 men and 2,290 were wounded, but they took the island.

JPAC's mission is to travel the world, recovering the remains of fallen or missing military members from past conflicts. This is the first time the team is recovering remains in Tarawa.



Members of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command unload their gear upon arriving at Tarawa, Republic of Kiribati on Aug. 6 to recover remains of Marines from the WWII Battle of Tarawa where a total of 6,000 men from U.S. and Japan lost their lives.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



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 Personnel from the counterdrug program in Hawaii assist children with the rock wall climbing activity during a recent drug demand reduction program on Guam. Counterdrug personnel from Idaho, Hawaii and Guam paid a visit to the summer swim program as part of the DDR mission. The rock wall climbing activity is designed to help build children's confidence and self-esteem as they conquer the rock wall.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin
 (Above) Specialist, Bruce Blanton, counterdrug, Hawaii National Guard, explains the "monkey feet" rules to students at V.S.A. Benavente Middle School on Guam during a recent drug demand reduction program. "Monkey feet," is an activity designed to develop teamwork and communication skills.



(Left) Chief Aviation Electrician's Mate (select) Nicholas Anco and Chief Information Systems Technician (Select) Mike Cruz hand the score card to the winners of the bocce game during a bocce tournament at the Aukake Classic. Chief selects volunteered to work at the Aukake Classic as part of their induction process.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jon Dasbach

(Right) Navy chiefs assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam participate in a sign-waving event along Lehua Avenue to raise awareness about driving safely and reducing speed in a school zone. The U.S. Navy joined forces with local residents and the Honolulu Police Department to communicate the importance of safe driving and the need to obey speed limits.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico



U.S. Air Force photo by David D. Underwood Jr.
 (Above) Senior Airman Kale Geiswite, a 647th Security Forces Squadron and Combat Arms member, shows Austin Stunz the M-249 squad assault weapon during Operation "Hele On" at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Aug. 20.

(Right) Staff Sgt. Amanda King, a medical records technician at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, applies moulage to Amber Applewhite during Operation "Hele On."

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Miss Hawaii visits USS Hawaii

Story and photo by
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Public Affairs Office

The recently-crowned 2010 Miss Hawaii visited the Virginia-class fast attack submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776) to show her support of her title namesake submarine on Aug. 19 at the submarine piers, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Jalee Kate Fuselier, raised in Haleiwa and a graduate of Hawaii Pacific University, toured USS Hawaii, dined and took photos with the crew while aboard.

"It is a great honor to visit such a technically advanced warfighting machine," Fuselier said. The knowledge and respect of the crew on how they perform their daily operations while out to sea is amazing. I am very



proud of all of them."

The crew of USS Hawaii was excited about having a beauty queen visit their submarine.

"I think that it is awesome that she is interested in submarines," said Machinist's Mate 1st Class (SS) Timothy Zinner. "To take the time to visit us and learn about what we do shows me that she supports the troops."

Fuselier will represent Hawaii at the Miss America competition in January, and, somewhere in the Pacific, the crew of USS Hawaii will be cheering her on.

Electricians Mate 1st Class (SS) Allan Kleaving of the Virginia-class fast attack submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776) explains some basic submarine operations to the recently crowned 2010 Miss Hawaii, Jalee Kate Fuselier Aug. 19.

SUBPAC chief-selects give back to community

Story and photo by
MCC Josh Thompson

Commander Submarine Force
U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Chief-petty-officer-selects from the Pacific submarine force participated in a community outreach program with the He'eia Stream Restoration project on Aug. 19.

Sailors who have been selected for advancement to chief petty officer go through a six-week transition period and receive training and advice from chiefs to help them learn how to be successful.

"This type of event allows these new chiefs to give back to the community," said Senior Chief Fire Control Technician Glenn Kemmerer. "This teaches them that no matter what their background or training is, as chiefs we come together to meet a common goal."

"This project is restoring a 2,000 foot section on both sides of the stream," said Moani Hibbard, volunteer coordinator. "We're starting at the mountainside and working our way to the ocean over the next three years. After we clear the



Chief petty officer (select), Machinist's Mate 1st Class (SS) Brent Roets of USS La Jolla (SSN 701) carries a bucket of mulch during a community outreach project at the He'eia Stream Restoration on Aug. 19. The project restores native Hawaiian vegetation along a 2,000 foot section of the upper He'eia Stream.

stream bank of invasive species, we replant with native Hawaiian vegetation," Hibbard

explained. "Today, we're filling in mulch," said Machinist's Mate

1st Class (SS) Brent Roets of USS La Jolla (SSN 701). "They've already removed the

invasive species and the mulch will protect the native species," Roets said.

The He'eia Stream Restoration relies on volunteers' efforts to help with the large project.

"This is a lot of tough work," said Electronics Technician 1st Class (SS) Brian Priess of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. "But it's fun and very rewarding. This place is amazing."

"This is great," Roets said. "There's nothing better than helping the environment and helping others while putting in a good, hard day's work."

"There's only a few of us working on this project during the week," Hibbard said. "These guys are super good and we move along a lot faster. We would have a much harder time without valuable volunteer groups like these."

The restoration also includes installation of erosion control techniques to address eroding stream banks and monitoring water quality before and after project implementation. In the future, community groups will be able to utilize this project as an educational experience.

Kolehale Pass temporarily closed for training

Kolehale Pass, connecting Schofield Barracks to the Waianae coast through Naval Magazine-Lualualei will be closed today for training purposes.

Motorists are encouraged to plan alternate commutes and allow additional travel time.

For more information, call Mike Egami, public affairs liaison, at 656-3152.

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Controlling the fight: Hawaii Airmen on mission to help with air operations

**Airman 1st Class
Rachelle Coleman**

*354th Fighter Wing Public
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EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska – Dropped off by a UH-60 Blackhawk into a remote location, several Airmen are on a mission - to direct the action of combat aircraft engaged in close air support (CAS) and other offensive air operations.

Tactical air control parties (TACP) advise ground commanders on the best use of air power, establish and maintain command and control communications, and provide precision terminal attack guidance of U.S. and coalition fixed- and rotary-wing close air support aircraft, artillery and gunfire.

"We ensure safety for the ground forces. The pilots are flying at 330 to 500 knots so we have to make sure they're engaging correct targets on the ground. Plus we provide them with timely and accurate targeting data," said Staff Sgt. Derek Snyder, 25th Air Support Operations Squadron (ASOS) joint terminal attack controller from Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii.

A TACP always includes at least one JTAC qualified to control attack aircraft. It can also include an air liaison officer who works primarily in an advisory capacity and a tactical air command and control specialist, formerly known as ROMADs or radio operator, maintainer and driver. There are communication experts who assist JTACs in the performance of their



Airmen riding in the UH-60 Black Hawk fly over the Tanana River to set a tactical position in the Joint Pacific Alaskan Range Complex during Red Flag-Alaska 10-4, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, on Aug. 12. The joint terminal air controllers identify ground targets for close air support missions downrange. RF-A provides opportunities to integrate joint, coalition and bilateral training from simulated forward operating bases that the 67,000 square mile Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex has to offer.

duties while working to attain JTAC status for themselves.

TACPs are usually aligned with Army maneuver units like scout teams, special forces, infantry or mechanized infantry, and armor, calling out targets for the pilots.

"Real world, we could do something similar to [Red Flag]. I've been on observation points before doing very similar stuff. We had

all of our gear set up and we're just talking to aircraft trying to see if they can find the bad guys," Snyder said.

Setting up wherever they can, which could be on top of a large shipping container or in the middle of a field, JTACs watch their target from a couple of kilometers away.

"We're the link between the guys on the ground and the aircraft flying," Snyder said. "It's our job, a no kid-

ding team effort. We talk to the ground commander, the Army guys, and talking to the birds [Air Force] so they can come together and find the bad guys."

JTACs usually only deploy with the Army and therefore "translate blue-to-green," allowing for smooth communication between the Army and the Air Force.

During RF-A 10-4, the JTACs brush up on their

"blue" while creating different scenarios from the Army perspective, keeping the exercise as realistic as possible. "The exercise truly gives us an opportunity to work with live airplanes on a daily basis, whereas we don't necessarily get that at home station," said Maj. Thomas Ikehara, 25 ASOS Detachment commander and air liaison officer.

According to Ikehara, in

order to get live aircraft controls, the JTACs stationed in Hawaii usually have to travel to the lower 48 or the Big Island.

"We're really trying to maximize the number of controls we're getting and maximize our training - getting guys on the mic and controlling live airplanes," he said.

The team has established a number of priorities for this particular exercise and this particular group of folks, but their main focus is controlling the live airplanes and getting Airmen effective training.

RF-A allows the JTACs to train with multiple observation points, multiple types of aircraft and to see how their job affects everyone.

"At Red Flag we get to see how the CAS piece plays into the bigger Air Force fight," Ikehara said. "With the current fight in Afghanistan and Iraq, it's very ground centric and our younger JTACs have grown up only knowing the Air Force in its CAS role and primarily integrating with the Army," he explained. "This gives an opportunity to show the younger guys the bigger picture, that there are other airplanes in the Air Force inventory, and that bad guys fly airplanes, too. This exercise gives a broader scope to a larger campaign, and it's not always going to be about CAS, and not just about the Army," Ikehara said.

(Editor's note: 25th Air Support Operations Squadron is assigned to 13th Air Force and PACAF in Hawaii.)

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DDR's fun, hoopla help develop teamwork on Guam

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TAMUNING, Guam – Smiles and cheers greeted counterdrug personnel from the Hawaii, Idaho and Guam Air and Army National Guard as they recently presented the drug demand reduction (DDR) curriculum to several youth programs on Guam.

The DDR program is part of the National Guard Counterdrug Program of each state and territory. The DDR program emphasizes education and training in their drug abuse prevention curriculum for the community.

"We try to get kids motivated to live a healthy life style and get them to set goals through team-building activities," said 2nd Lt. Kenley Agtarap, drug demand reduction administrator from the Hawaii Air National Guard.

The day's drug demand reduction program kicked off at Enrique R. "Rick" Ninete Tennis Center where Guard members provided activities for children ages 5-15.

"The National Guard team gives positive team-building skills to all kids participating in the program," said Debbie Duenas, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse special projects coordinator. "They enhance positive action skills for all participants through simple activities that the youth can relate to," she added.



Sgt. Isaac Norita, counterdrug, Hawaii Army National Guard, works his way through a hula hoop as middle school students try to get through the hula hoop without touching it or breaking the human chain. Air and Army National Guard Counterdrug personnel from Hawaii and Idaho joined the Guam Counterdrug Demand Drug Reduction program at V.S.A. Benavente Middle School on Guam on June 29. The counterdrug personnel put the students through a series of exercises designed to develop teamwork and communication.

The older children participated in rock climbing while the younger children were taught the fine art of knot tying, a skill they will be able to use when they have to make a three-knot rope bridge and cross the deep end of the swimming pool at the next DDR visit.

"After completing the three-knot rope bridge, the kids have a little better understanding of what it takes to be a team member and what a team can accomplish," said 1st Sgt. John Pangelinan, Guam, Counterdrug Program Drug Demand Reduction administrator,

Guam National Guard.

Following the events at the tennis center, the Guard members headed to A.V.S. Benavente Middle School where they engaged more than 80 students in team building and leadership activities.

"The middle school was the biggest and most exciting crowd I have ever worked with," said Specialist Bruce Blanton, counterdrug program, Hawaii National Guard.

The counterdrug team divided the students into two groups and led the teens through a series of leadership and teamwork building activities.

"We did some team building and leadership skill training with the youth so that when they get older and are faced with challenges, they are better prepared to face those challenges, better prepared to say no to drugs, and to be better people in society," said Agtarap.

Once the activities were completed, the Guard members held a question and answer session with the students where the youth stated that they learned the importance of teamwork and communication when trying to accomplish a task.

The day's activities concluded at the University of Guam with a visit to the adventure camp program where the DDR team challenged the youth with rock climbing. According to camp counselor Lani Sablang, the camp offers the children a place to learn new sports and games and is a place where they can be physically active for the summer.

"We challenge the kids both physically and mentally; we keep them active so they'll be in top shape for school," said Jarryd Figueroa, camp counselor. By the end of the day,

the Guard members had provided activities and spread the message to live a healthy and drug-free life to nearly 250 children.

"We have provided life skills and techniques they [youth] will need in order to handle themselves when faced with tough decisions," said Agtarap. "Now, it's up to the youth to make the decision about what to do."

"Working with the kids today was fun and exciting. No matter where you go, it's always a rewarding experience," said Senior Airman Christina Rohrenbach, J3 Counterdrug Support Program, Idaho Air National Guard. "You see the end result; the light bulb going off with the kids saying, 'Hey, this is really fun,'" Rohrenbach added.

"We had good success. We touched some lives out here and hopefully instilled some hope in these youth out here to stay drug free," Blanton said. "We taught them leadership skills and how to have fun and say no to drugs."

The counterdrug support mission did not end with the drug demand reduction program. Eventually these counterdrug personnel traversed the islands of Tinian and Guam as part of the Marijuana Eradication Mission that took place June 30-July 2.

"We will have done a total counterdrug mission, Agtarap said. "We need the preventive, DDR, to go along with the operational, eradication, to make the whole program successful," he said.

New Army communications facility prototype completed by NAVFAC Hawaii

Story and photo by
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Naval Facilities
Engineering Command
Hawaii

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii completed final building inspections Aug. 11 for the U.S. Army 53rd Signal Battalion's new 28,244 square-foot Wideband Satellite Communication Operations Center (WSOC) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Wahiawa Annex.

Keys to the building were unofficially turned over to senior members of the Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command (SMDC/ARSTRAT) on June 25.

"This new state-of-the-art building will enable the company's world-class satellite communications support to the warfighter," said Capt. Daniel Zisa, commander of D Company,



This is a front view of the U.S. Army 53rd Signal Battalion's new 28,244 square-foot wideband satellite communication operations center (WSOC) facility at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Wahiawa Annex, Hawaii.

53rd Signal Battalion. "We are excited to partner with the Navy in this endeavor."

NAVFAC Pacific awarded the firm-fixed price design-bid-build contract

to Watts Constructors, LLC of Honolulu in December 2008 for \$25.376 million. NAVFAC Hawaii executed the project from its resident office in charge of construc-

tion (ROICC) Wahiawa office.

The 28,244 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility was required to incorporate environmentally-sustainable elements and is a

prototype for other WSOC locations that include Fort Detrick, Md.; Fort Meade, Md.; and Landstuhl Heliport, Germany.

"This project is unique in both its design and con-

struction," said Cori-Ann Kuromoto, project manager, ROICC Wahiawa. "[It] was designed to meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) silver standards by incorporating the use of low-flow restroom fixtures, landscaping with xeriscape principles, and using adhesives, sealants, paints, coatings and a carpet system containing low volatile organic compounds (VOC or compounds that affect the environment)."

The WSOC building is the second of three major communications facilities that NAVFAC Hawaii has executed at JBPHH Wahiawa Annex over the past few years. The others are Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific's (NCTAMS PAC) ITCS Daniel R. Healy Communications Center, and the Hawaii Regional Security Operations Center (HRSOC).

Corona project ceremony

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had - catching free-falling objects from outer space is no small feat," Barrett said. "In your day, the test group was the only organization in the free world to accomplish such a mission. The stakes were high - our national security depended on it."

Carlson also cited the importance of the two units' mission and the strategic advantage it provided at a critical time in history as well as a lasting effect on military heritage.

"What you did was give us an incredible advantage, an asymmetric advantage over our enemy. Your pioneering work in overhead reconnaissance gave the confidence we need," he said. "What you demonstrated was that we could do this kind of stuff."

"We could do other things that other people only dreamed about - that other people only thought about," he continued. "I hope today, as you sit here

and remember the experiences you had, you'll take a few minutes and reflect on the significant accomplishments you made to national security and the United States of America," Carlson said.

Barrett also thanked the members of these historical units and expressed the shared gratitude of active duty Airmen serving today.

"The opportunity to rub shoulders with true pioneers in reconnaissance and aviation is special. Several thousand personnel were stationed here at Hickam during the almost 30 years of the Corona project," he said. "These people walked the same streets, they worked in the same buildings, and they lived in some of the same houses that Airmen live in today. I'd say that makes us family - Air Force family, and that makes us very special...it is an honor and a privilege to stand on this hallowed ground with you," Barrett said.

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The 2009 Stop Loss Special Pay Act set a maximum of \$20,000 a year for the Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay commensurate with the amount of time they were affected.

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The 2009 Stop Loss Special Pay Act set a deadline of Oct. 21, 2010 for filing a claim for Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay commensurate with the amount of time they were affected.

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Airmen, veterans and beneficiaries who were involuntarily extended under Stop Loss between Sept. 11, 2001 and Sept. 30, 2009 are eligible for Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay (RSLSP). If your enlistment was involuntarily extended due to Stop Loss, and you have yet to file a claim for RSLSP, then the last day to file is Oct. 21, 2010.

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Chief-petty-officer-selects volunteer at Special Olympics

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Navy Public Affairs
Support Element West
Detachment Hawaii

Chief petty officer (CPO) selects from Navy Region Hawaii volunteered their time to help with Special Olympic events held at Wai'au District Park in Pearl City on Aug. 22.

The CPO-selects volunteered as bocce referees and line judges, not only as part of their induction process, but also to show the Navy's presence and to give back to the community.

"It's important for the Navy to come out and [show] support. It tells that we want to get involved with the community, [not only to] show our military presence, but give back to the community," said Chief Cryptologic Technician (Technical) (select) Jason Townsend.

The volunteers helped Hawaii's disabled athletes participate in several games where



Chief Aviation Electrician's Mate (select) Nicholas Anco and Chief Information Systems Technician (select) Mike Cruz measure the distance between bocce balls during a bocce tournament at the 2010 Aukake Classic. Chief-selects volunteered to work at the Aukake Classic as part of their induction process.

they learned an understanding of sports and the concept of friendly competition.

Chief Information Systems Technician (select) Patrick Miller said he got just as much out of the event as the participants did. "I always like to volunteer, I always love giving back. It makes me feel like I'm making a difference," said Miller.

The bocce doubles tournament was part of the 2010 Aukake Classic, which is a two-day event in which athletes throughout Hawaii participate. The Aukake Classic also included multi-division soccer and individual skills soccer.

The chief-selects made sure that coaches and parents stayed on the sidelines so that the participants could play without distractions.

Awards and medals were handed out to the winners, and the chief-selects said that they appreciated the experience and the satisfaction of helping the community.

Navy, community work together for safety

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some Lehua Elementary students, arrived in front of the school at 7 a.m. to hold "slow down" signs shown to passing motorists. Capt. Lawrence Scruggs, JBPHH chief of staff, also participated in the sign-waving rally.

"We really do care about the kids and about the community," said Scruggs. "We want to do what's right as a military. We spend a lot of our lives sacrificing for the freedoms of America. This is an opportunity for us to come out here and do something that's immediate and that's good."

Fay Toyama, Lehua

Elementary School principal, said she was very grateful for the show of support from the military.

"It has come out to be a much larger community effort, especially on the part of the military to make a difference, to make it safer for all children and all residents," said Toyama who also sees this as a learning opportunity for her students. "In Lehua, we are working on the "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People." One of the habits is win-win. It starts off as something negative, and we turn it into a win-win situation where everyone can benefit from this. Another habit is to be

proactive. Before an accident happens, we are taking steps so that the community will be safer," she explained.

JBPHH is currently working with the local community, Honolulu Police Department and Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pearl Harbor to look for permanent solutions, to include additional road signs and speed bumps along Lehua Avenue.

"A traffic engineering study is underway," said Scruggs. "Once the study is completed, then we can find out what the recommendations are and the execution plan."

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Air Force Birthday Ball

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500 feet during a flight that lasted only minutes. Spectators who had each paid \$1 to witness the flight watched the feat from the ground.

In the Sunday Advertiser the next day, Mars was quoted, "I am proud to have been the first man to fly over the soil of these beautiful islands. I am proud to hold the pioneer air record for Honolulu and I am glad, too, that the new Skylark has taken her maiden flight here. She is after this the Honolulu Skylark and I will call her that wherever we go on our trip towards the Far East," he said.

"I find your Hawaiian air currents rather tough ones, but everything else was lovely," Mars added.

During the centennial celebration, the

U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific will present a multi-media musical tour of the last 100 years of flight in the Pacific.

"This year's event is a celebration of the dramatic accomplishments of aviation, both civilian and military, throughout the Pacific," said Lt. Col. David Olander, Pacific Air Forces Ball committee president.

Ticket prices for the 2010 Air Force Ball are as follows: E1-E4, \$20; E5-E6 and GS-1-GS-9, \$40; E7-E8, \$50; E9-O3, GS-10-GS-12 and retirees, \$60; O4-O5 and GS-13-GS-14, \$70; O6-O10, GS-15 and DVs, \$80.

Tickets are on sale until Aug. 27. Those who wish to attend should contact their local AF Birthday Ball representative.

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