

## Hawaii-based military pays tribute to fallen and missing POW/MIAs

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More than 600 people gathered at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu on Sept. 17 as part of a POW/MIA Ceremony sponsored by the Joint Pacific Accounting Command on National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

JPAC is based at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and is responsible for the recovery of fallen and missing remains of U.S. military members from all past conflicts.

Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle offered remarks, along with Gene Castagnetti, director of National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, and Johnnie E. Webb, deputy to the commander for public relations, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command.

"National POW/MIA Recognition Day is a reminder that we cannot rest in our efforts to locate and return the remains of our sons and daughters," Lingle said.

"It is especially fitting that this center of investigation, recovery and investigation of our missing Soldiers is based in Hawaii because the people of our state consider the members of the military,



along with those who are unaccounted for, to be part of our ohana," Lingle added.

The keynote speaker was Carole Hickerson, a

long time POW/MIA advocate. Hickerson's first husband Steve Hanson left for Vietnam in 1966 and was officially listed as missing from June 3, 1967

until the end of the war. His whereabouts were determined when troops returned home, and military members were able to let her know that he had

died in a fire fight after his plane crashed.

While Hickerson was waiting for word about the whereabouts of her husband, she connected

with other spouses and their families who were experiencing the same heartache and pain of not knowing whether their loved ones were alive. This led to the formation of the National Leagues of Families for POWs and MIAs.

She was also instrumental in helping establish the POW/MIA bracelet and the POW/MIA flag.

"We needed a logo for the National League of Families letterhead so I scratched out a little drawing on a piece of paper," Hickerson said.

"It still amazes me that logo became the flag that you see flying everywhere," Hickerson said.

Many veterans and past POWs attended the ceremony and for some, memories resurfaced.

"While I'm at this ceremony, I can't help but think of my POW life and the two guys who were with me and how we thought hopefully of getting back home," said Nick Nishimoto, a Korean War POW. "It was a horrible time and we are fortunate to be here," Nishimoto added.

"Every American service member deserves a homecoming," Lingle said. "We owe it to them and their families to do all we can to bring them home."

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A full front view of the newly completed Navy Exchange Fleet Store at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley

## NAVFAC Hawaii completes NEX Fleet Store at Pearl Harbor

Naval Facilities Engineering  
Command Hawaii

Final inspections were completed on Sept. 14 by personnel from Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii and Navy Exchange Command (NEXCOM) for the new NEX Fleet Store and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) ticketing and recreation facility at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

"NEX wanted to get the new fleet store as close to the piers as possible to make it convenient for the Sailor," said James Weschler, project architect for NEXCOM - West Coast and Pearl Harbor. "We also needed a piece of property big enough to build a facility that could house both NEX and MWR operations and provide plenty of parking," he explained.

The \$11.4 million design-build contract, awarded by NAVFAC Hawaii to Nan, Inc. in August 2008, broke ground near Bravo Piers in February 2009. The new 24,036 square foot facility was built in compliance with historic preservation guidelines and sustainable design principles.

The project's completion date shifted

from May to September 2010 to accommodate a NEXCOM initiative to make the floor plans of future mini marts more open.

"The original plan for this fleet store had the mini mart and fleet store areas separate," Weschler said. "That configuration has been changed and we now have a new 'open plan' concept being deployed throughout NEX properties worldwide to make it easier for customers to move from one area to another," he explained.

Once the tenants are in place, the new NEX Fleet Store at JBPHH will house an NEX Mini Mart, barbershop, uniform and tailor shop with dry cleaning and laundry amenities, food court and rental car outlet.

In addition, shipboard Sailors will also benefit from having an MWR Information Tickets & Travel (ITT) Office and Outdoor Adventure Center for gear rental close by.

After the facility's businesses move in, NEXCOM plans to host a grand opening in November 2010.

The completion of this project marks the second contract executed by NAVFAC Hawaii benefiting the Navy Exchange this year, with phase II of a large xeriscape effort finished in August.

## Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam reaches full operational capability

Vickie Lancaster

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-  
Hickam

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) will officially reach full operational capability (FOC) on Oct. 1. This historic achievement will be commemorated by a ceremony held at 9 a.m. at the Hickam Missing Man Formation Memorial at Aloha Aina Park.

As designated by the 2005 BRAC law, Air Force resources, property, personnel and authority for installation management functions will officially transfer to the Navy as the lead agency for the new installation on Oct. 1.

Keynote speakers for the ceremony will be Rear Adm. Dixon R. Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and Brig. Gen. Scott D. West, vice commander of 13th Air Force. Capt. Richard W. Kitchens, commander of JBPHH, and Col. Sam C. Barrett, com-



mander of 15th Wing will also provide remarks.

The program will include a keiki hula celebration performed by Hula Olana Halau, performances by a joint Navy and Air Force band and color guard, the unveiling of the JBPHH flag, and a traditional Hawaiian blessing of the newly established joint base.

"We've been busy working at synchronizing the base policies and business practices in preparation for a successful FOC attainment," said Kitchens. He continued, "Many years of planning

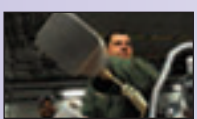
involving untold thousands of man-hours of effort will become reality - and then the real work will begin. The Air Force and Navy in Hawaii share rich histories and have been mission partners for over 70 years. These histories and military service cultures will continue to be honored. They are what brings strength and resilience to this joint base effort."

The 2005 BRAC law mandated the realignment of Hickam Air Force Base and Naval Station Pearl Harbor by transferring Air Force installation support functions to the Navy, establishing Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The installation names were formally changed earlier this year as Air Force and Navy personnel began to transition and operate jointly.

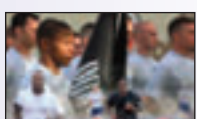
For more information about Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, go to: <http://www.cnicy.navy.mil/PearlHarbor-Hickam/index.htm>.



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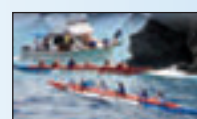
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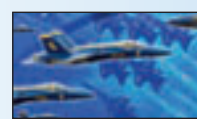
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Military canoeing enthusiasts  
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# Congratulations newly pinned CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS



Sponsors uphold a Navy tradition by placing the combination cover on the newly selected Navy chief petty officers from Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet during a pinning ceremony at the Parche Submarine Memorial Park, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 16.

## Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet holds chief pinning ceremony

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Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs Office

Sailors from Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) donned khaki uniforms and combination covers for the first time during a chief petty officer pinning ceremony at the Parche Submarine Memorial Park, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 16.

The chiefs' pinning ceremony is a special Navy tradition which dates back to 1893 when the chief petty officer pay grade was created. During the pinning ceremony, family members and friends pin on two gold anchors to each newly appointed chiefs uniform and the Sailors' sponsors places the combination cover on their heads. The ceremony signifies a new position of leadership and responsibilities for the Navy.

The newly pinned COM-

SUBPAC chiefs are Chief Logistics Specialist (SS) Kevin Boyce, Chief Electronics Technician (SS) Michael Jones, Chief Intelligence Specialist (SW/AW) Gabriel Paine, Chief Electronics Technician (SS) Brian Priess and Chief Sonar Technician (Submarines) (SS) Robert Robinson.

"It feels great to have accomplished a major goal in my career and now to be recognized as a Navy chief," Robinson said. "My position now is to mentor junior troops and guide them in their ways to become future leaders."

During the five weeks leading up to the pinning ceremony, the five chief selectees participated in the chief petty officer transition training program which focused on leadership, teamwork, time management, U.S. naval heritage, and organizational and personnel management skills.

"A Navy chief is more diversified. They have to know the Navy's policies,

procedures and instructions, much more than just their rate," said Master Chief Sonar Technician (SS) Robert Crossno. "That's how a Navy chief helps his Sailors achieve success."

For new chief ETC Brian Priess, the transition taught him how to work effectively within the chiefs' mess in order to better serve as a chief and leader.

"Two of the most significant things I learned during the transition are the importance of camaraderie and teamwork," Priess said. "With this, we can accomplish anything."

Advancement to the rank of chief petty officer is the most significant promotion within the enlisted naval ranks. They serve a dual role as both technical experts and as leaders. Younger Sailors now look to them as the benchmark for success, so when a Sailor becomes a chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy, it is from then on they will commonly be referred to as "the chief."

## Navy Region Hawaii 'pins' new chiefs

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Forty-three Sailors received their gold anchors and combination covers for the first time during the chief petty officer (CPO) pinning ceremony held at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 16.

CPO pinning ceremonies are part of a 117-year-old tradition unique to the Navy.

After going through the induction process, newly pinned CPOs become a part of that tradition and legacy.

"I've entered a brotherhood. It's the biggest brotherhood/sisterhood there is in the world," said Chief Culinary Specialist Richard O'Connell from Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. "Now I have the resources, and all my chief brothers and sisters I can go out to, and I can do (well) in my job and be able to lead from the front and guide junior Sailors," O'Connell explained.

With the pinning ceremony being the final step of the induction process, the new CPOs gained a better understanding of what it means to be the chief.

"Everybody knows the saying 'ask the chief.' I'm going to be that guy now," said Chief Aerographer's Mate David Stickler from Naval Maritime Forecast Center Pearl Harbor. "It's my job to make sure I have the answers, or I can find the answers for my junior Sailors. I can give them proper guidance (through) my instruction. When I give them tasks, I can make sure they have everything they need to accom-



U.S. Navy photo

Forty-three Sailors received their gold anchors and combination covers for the first time during the chief petty officer (CPO) pinning ceremony held at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 16.

plish the mission, with proper training and proper tools," he explained.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held so the newly appointed chiefs had a chance to celebrate with their families, friends and sponsors. They also had a moment to reflect on what they had just accomplished.

"It was challenging, but it was worth it," said Chief Cryptologic Technician (Collection) Angela Fort from Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific. "It teaches hum-

bleness, and it definitely teaches us teamwork and that the chiefs' mess is a family."

Ready to continue the CPO legacy, these new chiefs will pass on Navy leadership, heritage and tradition to their junior Sailors.

Chief Logistics Specialist Rene Morales from Defense Logistics Agency Troops Support Pacific Hawaii stated a desire to make an immediate impact.

"I can't wait to go out there and lead my Sailors," Morales said.

## Navy Information Operations Command, Hawaii welcomes 11 new chief petty officers

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Hawaii

"I can say that at this very moment, there are no happier people in the Navy than these newly pinned chief petty officers," said Navy CYBERFOR Force Master Chief (AW/SW) Joseph "Jay" Powers, guest speaker at the Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC), Hawaii Chief Petty Officer (CPO) pinning ceremony on Sept. 16.

Eleven Sailors donned khaki uniforms and chief combination covers for the first time for the pinning ceremony aboard the historic USS Missouri at Ford Island. Shipmates, family members and the NIOC Chiefs' Mess looked on proudly as the Sailors received the most significant promotion within the naval enlisted ranks.

The new chiefs went through five weeks of training and mentoring with the CPO Mess, learning the skills and disciplines of becoming a chief petty officer, a rank first established on April 1, 1893.

Cryptologic Technician (Technical) Master Chief (SW/AW) Thomas Wellman, master of ceremonies, said, "These Sailors embody the spirit of what we call 'leading from the front,' coming



Eleven Sailors from Naval Information Operations Command Hawaii are pinned as chief petty officers during a ceremony held Sept. 16 aboard the Battleship Missouri.

together as a cohesive unit in just a few weeks. They have all earned the right to be called chief petty officers."

The 11 new chiefs bring a combined total of 115 years of Navy experience and rich tradition to the NIOC CPO Mess. From the moment their selection was announced on Aug. 11, they dedicated their time, spirit and energy in learning how to be "the chief." Cryptologic Technician (Networks) Senior Chief (SW) Michael Gay and Cryptologic Technician (Collections) Senior Chief (SW/AW) Todd Strebin recited the Chief Petty Officers Creed for all of the chiefs in attendance.

"You have been caused to humbly accept challenge and face adversity, which you have accomplished with rare good grace," the creed says.

Capt. Jeff Cole, NIOC Hawaii commanding officer, said, "I am absolutely pleased to be a part of this ceremony today. From day one, I have had the opportunity to PT with them, watch them train, and I have seen the sense of pride they exude and the closeness of the CPO Mess deepen. I am very proud of each one of these Sailors."

NIOC Hawaii Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Terry Watson stated, "These new chiefs are capable of carrying

on the traditions of the chief's mess and meeting the standards of the United States Navy."

During the ceremony, Wellman talked about the emblem of the CPO, the Gold Fouled Anchor. "The three parts of the emblem are the letters USN, the fouled chain, and the anchor itself. The 'U' stands for unity, reminding us that we can count on our brothers and sisters on any ship, at any time. The 'S' is for service, as we dedicate ourselves in service to each other, and the 'N' for navigation, ensuring that we work to keep each other on the true course. The chain is fouled. We are not perfect, and we can't

do it on our own. This reminds us that we can ask for help, and help will be given. And the anchor is a symbol of hope, glory and fulfillment of a promise to your shipmates," Wellman explained.

Not only will these individuals be held to their technical expertise, they will have more emphasis on leadership duties. In his speech, Powers, reflecting on when he was pinned as a chief petty officer, said, "I am because you are. No single act led to my selection as chief. It was because of Sailors who led me and those I led, to develop me as the chief I became."

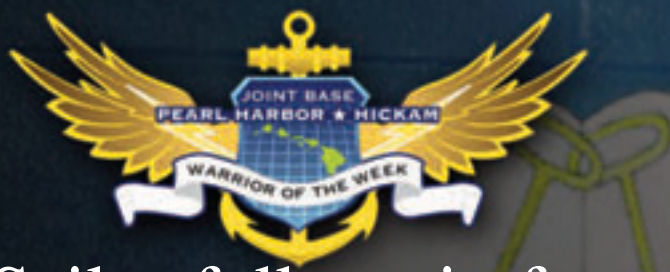
The families and friends of the new chief petty officers were also thanked by Powers for all their support over the past few weeks. "Thank you for lending us your Sailor, so we can fight to protect the families of all our Sailors. For every successful mission, success began at home," he said.

Among the family members at the ceremony was Crystale Lopez, wife of newly pinned Cryptologic Technician (Networks) Chief (SW) Nicholous Lopez. She flew in that morning from Texas and arrived minutes before the ceremony began, just in time to pin her husband's anchors onto his uniform for the first time. She said, "It has been stressful,

preparing our move to Texas while he was going through induction, but I wanted to be supportive for him during this time. I am just so happy I was able to fly in to share this moment with him, and our family is very excited for his achievement."

So how does it feel to put on those khakis and wear the anchors? "I can hardly express it. You're excited, you're tired, but you have your family and your new chief's mess family helping you get through it all the way," said Cryptologic Technician (Network) Chief (SW/AW) Cory Tidwell. "It feels real good to finish induction and share this with my family," Lopez added.

Joining Lopez and Tidwell as new chief petty officers were Cryptologic Technician (Collection) Chief (SW) Frank Barnard, Cryptologic Technician (Technical) Chief (SG/SW) Michael Burngasser, Cryptologic Technician (Networks) Chief Winona Dye, Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) Chief (SW) Kimberly Keating, Yeoman Chief (EXW) Ashley Paul, Cryptologic Technician (Networks) Chief Eric Perez, Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) Chief (SS/SW) Edward Salazar, Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) Chief (SCW) Clara Song and Cryptologic Technician (Networks) Chief (SW/AW) Latonya White.



# JBPHH Sailor follows in footsteps of family, friends

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Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Before the age of 18, Delfin Espiritu moved with his family from the Philippines to Hawaii after his father was granted U.S. citizenship after retiring from the Filipino military.

At 19, Espiritu found his calling by following in the footsteps of his cousins and friends by joining the U.S. Navy.

"My relatives and friends gave me a lot of advice before I joined and that played a big factor in my decision," Espiritu said. "I saw that they had a really great lifestyle and I wanted the same thing."

Now as a culinary specialist first class (CS1), Espiritu is assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) as the

assistant leading petty officer of the Navy Region Hawaii food service division.

Some of Espiritu's duties include departmental drug and alcohol program advisor, command duty section leader and food service cash collection agent, among others.

Chief Culinary Specialist (SW) Ritchie Fogata, leading chief petty officer of JBPHH's food service division, spoke highly about Espiritu's dedication and commitment to his job.

"CS1 Espiritu is one of the best leaders I've ever worked with in my Navy career," Fogata said. "He professionally led his division in the recent Captain Edward F. Ney Award for food excellence inspection, leading the Silver Dolphin Bistro to be a finalist for the Ney award for 2011."

Espritu explained the next step he is looking to achieve in his Navy career.

"I'm happy being a first class petty officer, but I'm striving to be a chief," Espiritu said. "It would mean a lot to me to make it to get to that rank and that is my ultimate goal right now."

While outside of work, Espiritu said he likes to go to the beach and spend time with his family, most of whom now live in Hawaii.

Espritu also talked about the importance of mentoring the junior Sailors who work under him, to make sure they become good leaders.

"I think it's very important to mentor our junior Sailors. My first duty station was in Mayport and being from Hawaii, I didn't know anyone out there when I first arrived," Espiritu said. "I had someone help me out when I got there, and I've learned that it is important that I do the same thing for the junior Sailors who work under me because I've been in their shoes before."



CULINARY SPECIALIST FIRST CLASS  
DELFIN ESPIRITU

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### What advice do you have for voters?

(Personnel from Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kauai)



**Paula Jimenez**  
Financial Technician, PMRF

"Know the issues and who you're voting for."

**Pam Jardine**  
Financial Technician, PMRF

"Go out and make a difference. It does matter."



**Laura Whitten**  
Contract Specialist, PMRF

"Check your voter registration cards and make sure you know where your polling station is."

**Jeannine Medeiros-Pigao**  
Contract Specialist, PMRF

"Keep an open mind and vote for your own party."



**Ken Stackhouse**  
Electronics Technician, Pennsylvania

"Don't vote for any lawyers."

**Llowen Liberato**  
Videographer, PMRF

"Make sure you know your candidates' issues."



(Provided by MC2 Jay C. Pugh)

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## WAVE on USS Missouri (BB-63)



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Yeoman 3rd Class Betty Martina World War II era WAVE (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) exits the rear door of a five-inch/38 twin gun mount, while touring the USS Missouri in an east coast port during Missouri's shakedown period, circa August 1944.

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# Joint Medical Attendant Transport Team training aims high

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15th Wing Public Affairs

Army, Navy, Air Force, civilian and international aeromedical evacuation specialists came together for a week-long training class, focusing on providing realistic hands-on training for critical care air transport teams operating in the Pacific theater.

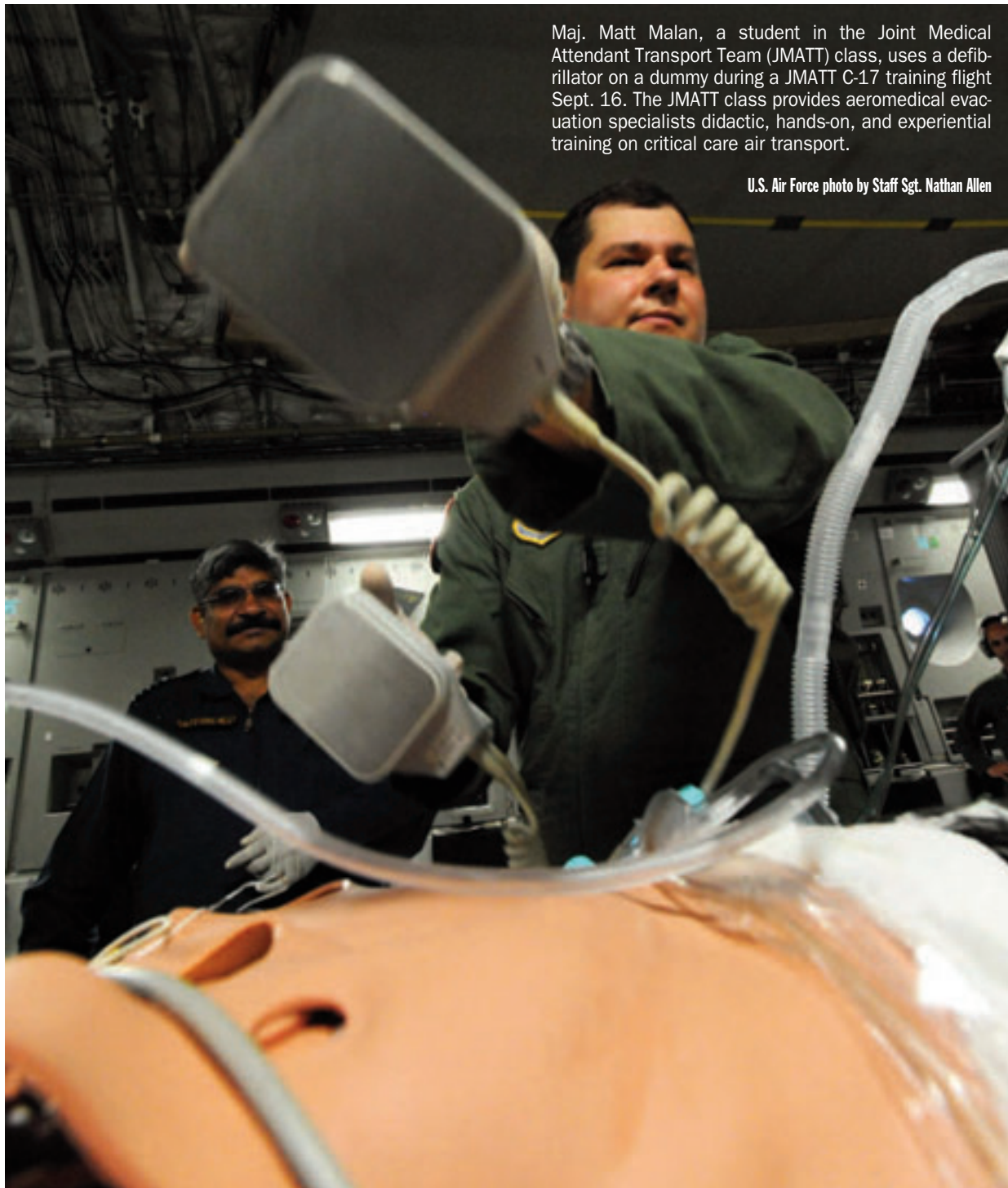
The Joint Medical Attendant Transport Team (JMATT) training class began in October 2008 to train students through lectures on patient care and dealing with altitude, hands-on training on using aeromedical equipment, and a C-17 training mission in which students set up a patient, monitor him, and undergo rigorous simulated scenarios while in flight. Each class instructs 20-30 students.

According to Lt. Col. Maria Angles, program director for the JMATT training class, the unique class was created to meet aeromedical response needs in the region.

"JMATT training was created because the Pacific theater had no teams of medical personnel who could do critical care and patient transports in the air," she said. "This program allowed us to use our Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard and civilian assets to safely transport critically ill or injured patients within the Pacific theater. It's truly the only training program of its kind."

According to Angles, training with total force integration, joint service, civilian and international students side by side provides tremendous value to both the learning experience and aeromedical interoperability.

"It's a force multiplier.



Maj. Matt Malan, a student in the Joint Medical Attendant Transport Team (JMATT) class, uses a defibrillator on a dummy during a JMATT C-17 training flight Sept. 16. The JMATT class provides aeromedical evacuation specialists didactic, hands-on, and experiential training on critical care air transport.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

Currently, the Air Force only has two critical care doctors in the Pacific," she said. "This allows us to have 10 to 15 critical care positions we can use for transport. When you do joint training, you allow for better communication and true understanding of Air

Force assets, Army assets and Navy assets."

"When you have a theater with this many challenges that are separated by such significant distances, if we're all speaking the same language, it's much easier to set up a mission that can safely

transport one patient no matter what type of personnel we're using," she said.

Army Sgt. Angel Rivera, a respiratory therapist and care practitioner at Tripler Army Medical Center, said there's no reason why any barriers should exist

between military branches, especially when it comes to emergency medical response.

"We are one military," he said. "With a doctor being a doctor and a nurse being a nurse, we should be able to work alongside each other and provide a high level of

care no matter what branch is working with these patients."

Angles said the partnership with international aeromedical teams can be particularly valuable, especially in times of crisis.

"This is something that is high visibility for several different nations that are developing aeromedical evacuation systems," she said. "[Foreign countries who have participated in the class] are trying to increase their critical care capability. Because of this course, they've increased the same types of equipment that we use," she said. "In a large disaster humanitarian response, if we work with the Indian air force they'll understand what we can bring and we'll understand what they can bring," Angles said. "We'll be able to collaborate and maybe have a better overall response to any humanitarian crisis that occurs."

Indian Group Capt. Rajesh Lalla, a neuro-anesthesiologist at Command Hospital Air Force in Bangalore, India, said that international teams training and operating side-by-side is a positive step toward natural interoperability and teamwork between nations.

"[JMATT training] definitely will help us to set up a similar platform," Lalla said. "The international teams gelled very well and there was a lot of mutual collaboration and managing of patients. There's no reason when there is a mass disaster why we can't pool our resources and take aid from other nations. Working together with other nations as a team is much better than everyone trying to just do their own thing."

(Additional photo on A-5)

# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

A C-17 Globemaster III from the 15th Wing, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, takes on fuel from a Hawaii Air National Guard 204th Air Refueling Squadron KC-135 Stratotanker during a mission to Andersen Air Base, Guam. The 15th Wing and the Hawaii National Guard's 154th Wing operate both the C-17 and the KC-135 in a total force integration partnership.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Meares



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Melissa Ocasio

Capt. Jeffery Cole, commanding officer of Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii, looks on as Command Master Chief Terry Watson salutes Lt. Hollie Cronley, a NIOC individual augmentation (IA) returnee. Cronley was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq from Aug. 10, 2009 to Aug. 28, 2010. NIOC Hawaii honors IA returnees with quarterly homecoming ceremonies.



U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley

Personnel from Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii and Navy Exchange Command conduct a walk through on Sept. 14 to view the future retail spaces of the newly completed NEX Fleet Store at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

(Right) Veterans, current military members and local government officials gathered at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu on Sept. 17 to honor POW's and MIAs as part of National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. Cohen A. Young



(Left) Maj. Mike Rebarchak, a student in the Joint Medical Attendant Transport Team (JMATT) class, communicates with teammates during a JMATT C-17 training flight Sept. 16. The JMATT class provides aeromedical evacuation specialists didactic, hands-on, and experiential training on critical care air transport.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen



(Left) 830 AM KHVH news radio personality Mike Buck interviews Senior Airman Andrea Swank, 535th Airlift Squadron C-17 loadmaster, and Capt. Stephen Koether, 535th AS C-17 pilot, during the Mike Buck Show on Sept. 17. The trio discussed the C-17, the Airmen's career fields, backgrounds and military experiences a day before the Air Force birthday.

U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. David Tomiyama

# Pearl Harbor survivor is reunited with shipmates, brother

Story and photos by  
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A memorial service was held for an 89 year-old Pearl Harbor survivor on Sept. 21 at the USS Utah Memorial on historic Ford Island.

Stanley Dilloway joined his shipmates and his brother Joe, another Pearl Harbor survivor, as his son Jon scattered his ashes into Pearl Harbor. Dilloway passed away on July 5, 2009.

The ceremony 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 Dilloway's son.

Dilloway was born in Rochester, N.Y. on Oct. 15 1919. He joined the Navy in 1937 and was assigned to the general stores issue ship USS Castor, where he served during World War II. The crew, which was partially made up of 50 Sailors from Rochester including Dilloway's brother Joe, helped bring the ship into Pearl Harbor on Dec. 4, 1941.

On the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, the newly commissioned Castor was located in an outlet in view of battleship row. As the attack occurred, the crew of Castor swung into action with their guns firing, while repeatedly being strafed.

"During the battle I was on deck relaying orders to our four 20mm anti-aircraft guns," Dilloway said



during an interview with the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on Nov 25, 1991. "It was exciting to see those planes with the large red sun on the fuselage passing overhead and dropping their torpedoes just astern of the ship."

"Since we were firing at them, they returned fire, strafing our decks," Dilloway said. "It seemed like you could reach out and touch the planes."

"We were lucky, being that we only had two Sailors wounded. The battleships behind us were not so fortunate, sinking with the loss of many Sailors aboard," Dilloway said. "It happened too fast to be scared. You didn't really know how frightened you were [until] the attack was over."

In his lighter moments, Dilloway explained how the attack shortened his days of playing softball. "I like to tell people that Pearl Harbor spoiled my softball career. We were scheduled to play a championship game that morning," Dilloway said. "However, my wife doesn't think it's that funny."

After the war, Dilloway returned to Rochester, went to school, got married, and joined his father-in-law's diamond business, Spencer & Son.

Later, Dilloway joined the U.S. Coast Guard where he became the 'world's oldest Coast Guard ensign.' He eventually retired from the Coast Guard reserve at the rank of commander.

The family and friends of Dilloway and personnel assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam attended the service.

# 81,864 lives remembered at Hickam

Story and photos by  
Staff Sgt. Carolyn Viss

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam  
Public Affairs

More than 80,000 - that's how many military members are prisoners of war or missing in action - more than all the officers in the U.S. Air Force and almost as many as all the U.S. Air Force and Marine Corps officers combined.

For those 81,864, POW/MIA Remembrance Day was recognized Sept. 17, and the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii organized a 24-hour relay and a reveille/wreath laying ceremony in their honor.

"You are not forgotten," is the simple message on the POW/MIA flag, and that flag was carried around the track on the end of a rifle by the men of the 25th Air Support Operations Squadron as they ran throughout the night.

"We have people taken prisoners of war and go missing in action on a daily basis," said Master Sgt. Jeanna Irby, the AFSA president and enlisted aide for the Pacific Air Forces commander. "It's important that we never forget because we wouldn't have the freedoms we have without our fellow military service members," she reminded.

Bringing them home and giving their families peace is the goal, she said, and until they're all brought back and accounted for we will always take the time to recognize the sacrifice they made. Some even made the ultimate sacrifice.

"I have had many fellow service members and friends killed in action or become POWs," Irby said. "It's humbling to be here to honor them."

It's also part of a bigger picture, she said.

"This is what we all signed up to do: to put our lives on the line to keep America free," she said.



(Top) Senior Airman Jamelle Dalton, 25th Air Support Operations Squadron Tactical Air Control Party, holds the POW/MIA flag as his unit stands in formation for a reveille and wreath-laying ceremony Sept. 17 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, to honor those 81,864 who are prisoners of war or missing in action. (Middle) Major Sean Monteiro, 25th Air Support Operations Squadron assistant director of operations, runs with a rifle and POW/MIA flag during the POW/MIA 24-hour relay. (Bottom) 15th Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Craig Recker addresses runners before the kick-off of the 24-hour relay in honor of those who are prisoners of war or missing in action Sept. 16 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

## Wearing PPE: It's only part of the safety plan

Story and photos by  
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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam  
Public Affairs

A hundred class "M" license holders, from 13-month veterans of the saddle to 13-year seasoned riders, had the chance to finesse their techniques during an Advanced Motorcycle Safety course held Sept. 15 and 16 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

This is an optional upgrade from the required Motorcycle Safety Foundations class all service members must complete before they are legal to ride and would ordinarily cost about \$300. However, this course, open to all military riders on Oahu, was funded by the Pacific Air Forces and hosted by 15th Wing Safety Office.

"It's a chance for riders to push themselves in a safe environment," said Staff Sgt. Scott Yonushonis of the 15th Wing safety office and a rider for 10 years.

With a team of expert instructors from the California Superbike School watching closely, the riders were required to navigate a course while maintaining realistic road speeds, learning to lean and turn as they would have to do in traffic or on the highway.

"This is excellent," said Chief Petty Officer Romel Cabel, a Coast Guard Cutter Rush electronics chief from the Big Island who has been riding for about four years. "It's definitely teaching me to ride better, control the motorcycle, and take turns more aggressively," he said.

By the end of a class session, instructors see a huge improvement in riders' techniques, said Bill Maxwell, the Schofield Barracks safety manager who is provisionally trained by the California Superbike School. He has been instructing various



motorcycle courses for 22 out of his 32 years of riding experience.

During the 2010 calendar year, there have been 10 motorcycle mishaps Air Force-wide, according to Ronald Musa, 15th Wing occupational safety spe-

cialist. None have been in Pacific Air Forces (PACAF); however, last year PACAF lost two Airmen in motorcycle accidents.

"Most likely, it's due to people overdriving their bikes and riding

beyond their limits," Yonushonis said.

He said that he has personally lost two friends in motorcycle accidents, so, although he continues to ride, the safety specialist still takes extra precautions.

"You know there's a risk, but the best thing you can do is be well prepared and know your limits. You have to find the balance between controlling the hazard while still enjoying the motorcycle," he said.

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Nault,

regional operations supervisor for the 17th Operational Weather Squadron, knows about bike accidents all too well. He has been involved in two accidents, neither of which were his fault.

"The first time, a lady didn't see me and tried merging into traffic," Nault explained. "She hit me going about 45 miles per hour."

He said that he got "super lucky" and landed on a truck bed full of trash bags after catapulting several feet.

The second time he was hit, he was stopping at a yellow light and a lady trying to beat the light changed lanes quickly, clipping him and sending him flying.

"I bounced off her roof and into the middle of the intersection, in the middle of oncoming traffic," Nault said. "I was unconscious, but my buddy pulled me out of the road. He probably saved my life."

Nault was fortunate once more to walk away with only a dislocated shoulder.

"I learned other people don't always see you," he said.

Now, constantly alert to his surroundings, he wears more protective gear than what the military requires. Dressed like a "Power Ranger" in a full body suit with hard plastic knees and elbows, his mode of operation on the bike is just to be as safe as he can - and always look for an escape route.

Still, most Soldiers crash not because of others but because they don't have the riding skills they need, said Maxwell, who trained 600 riders at Schofield last year.

And not everyone is as lucky as Nault was. The death of a rider leaves a lasting scar on not only the family, but also the entire unit.

"You can replace a body, but you can never replace the person," Yonushonis said.

# JFEX gives 15th Wing Airmen unique training opportunities

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15th Wing Public Affairs

A 535th Airlift Squadron C-17 flew more than 4,500 miles to participate in a Joint Forcible Entry Exercise (JFEX) at Pope Air Force Base, N.C. from Sept. 13-14. The two-day exercise enabled the Tiger crew to build on their individual war fighting skills in a joint environment.

A JFEX provides the Air Force and the Army with an opportunity to train side-by-side in the movement of large-scale cargo and troops. The exercise enhances the cooperation and cohesiveness of the two services as they work together in combat driven scenarios.

"A JFEX is the Army's ability to work with the Air Force and employ the Air Force's assets to basically put mass on drop zones, in this case an entire brigade (from the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, N.C.), in the shortest amount of time possible," said Capt. Mark Fischer, 535th Airlift Squadron training flight commander.

The 15th Wing, along with airlift wings from Alaska, Washington, South Carolina, Texas and Arkansas, provided C-17s and C-130s to fly in formations and drop more than 100,000 pounds of equipment, including eight 14,000 pound pallets of humvees and other heavy machinery, and more than 1,000 Soldiers, each carrying 100 pounds of equipment. Every night over the course of two days, Army airborne Soldiers spent 13 minutes, from the first Soldier jumping, to have the last one land on the drop zone.

"We flew at night with night vision goggles and no lighting over the drop zone," Fischer said. "Fifty-one Soldiers jumped out



each door, taking about one minute to get them out, about a second per jumper."

Dropping that many jumpers at JFEX was also a great training opportunity for the loadmasters. "We get an opportunity to drop a mass amount of people out the back," said Tech

Sgt. Isiah Murray, 535th AS loadmaster. "For us, it's great training because here on the islands, while we do personnel airdrops on a consistent basis, we never get an opportunity to drop from both sides of the aircraft and drop that many of people at one time."

The Tiger crew deployed close to 102 jumpers, the maximum number a C-17 can carry, at night and in formations with other aircraft, something not common back at the 15th Wing. "JFEX provides huge upgrade training because we don't get to do multi-ship air drop too often, at

least more than two aircraft at the same time, and we don't actually drop here (the 15th WG) at night so putting people out the back of an airplane with night vision goggles is not a very common occurrence," he explained.

Besides supporting the airlift mission of the exer-

cise, the Tiger crew expanded on their C-17 training with runs through a surface-to-air missile range and landing on a semi-prepared runway operations or dirt runway, two areas that are not available for crews at the 15th Wing.

Launching the aircraft and maintaining them fell upon the crew chiefs who worked 12-hour shifts to ensure the C-17s were able to carry out the JFEX mission. Besides a high operations tempo and working on other wings' C-17s, the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Airmen had unique issues with the North Carolina environment they do not normally find back in Hawaii.

"Bird strikes are not as common at the 15th Wing as they are at Pope," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Johnson, 15th AMXS crew chief. "After a sortie, we'd often find bird strikes which meant cleaning up the mess, scraping samples for bird identification, and inspecting the area to ensure no damage had occurred," he explained.

JFEX exercises are held six times a year at continental U.S.-based airlift wings. The 15th Wing travels to the mainland to participate with the Army, one or two JFEXs each year.

"This capability – using forcible entry skills – to get our Soldiers on the ground quickly and efficiently is a crucial skill to maintain. We never know when we will be called upon to use this capability, but when we are, we will be ready," said Brig. Gen. Michael Garrett, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg chief of staff. "Exercises like this, which require a great deal of coordination between the services, really help to fine-tune what we do so that we can be 100 percent successful. There is no room for error in airborne operations," Garrett said.

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## Air Force officials implement government travel card controlled spend accounts

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WASHINGTON (AFNS) – In an effort to curtail government travel card abuse and delinquency, Air Force officials piloted an unprecedented controlled spend account (CSA) concept through Sept. 3 with an expected service-wide rollout fall of 2010.

The most significant CSA concept bases spending limits on approved travel authorizations and provides just enough funds to perform the mission, GTC officials said.

“We’re building automated processes into the program so personnel managing their unit’s travel card program can go back to being focused on mission-enhancing rather [than] mission support duties,” said Mike Bilbrey, the Air Force banking officer.

Officials from Citi, the Air Force’s travel card contractor, said the concept was developed with a Defense Department perspective and marks a new generation of GTCs by decreasing the time and resources dedicated to maintaining the program without mission disruption.

“The (CSA) has the versatility to accommodate service requirements with the understanding that

‘one size does not fit all,’” said Stacy Eslich, the Citi Global Transaction Services vice president. The CSA is a “precision tool that provides increased security, control, flexibility, and transparency and decreases delinquency.”

Air Force banking officials said although the program was originally developed to facilitate travel, over the last decade it has morphed into labor-intensive card use and abuse management.

“Over the past two decades, we’ve seen the Air Force’s GTC program evolve from a small segment of travelers to the largest charge card program in the world with about 480,000 card holders,” said Charles Maddox, the air staff finance management GTC program manager. “Although our program is recognized as the industry benchmark in both charge volume and delinquency management, achieving this level of recognition comes at a high cost.”

The GTC program has historically had its share of misuse and abuse by some Airmen. Recent finance management delinquency analysis indicates 19 percent of card usage stemmed from abuse - higher than deployments and PCS travel and second only to regular TDYs at 38 percent. Seventy-seven percent of cardholders who became delinquent had received their reimbursement for travel, but

failed to pay their outstanding GTC balance.

Conversely, Air Force travelers charge only about 60 percent of reimbursable travel expenses to the GTC due to merchant category code restrictions, creditworthiness issues, and exemption status for infrequent travelers, Bilbrey said.

The Air Force currently uses a combination of individual billed accounts and centrally billed accounts within the GTC programs to accomplish official travel.

Finance officials said these accounts have pre-set credit that can be increased to meet mission requirements though the credit limits are estimates and not mission driven.

Maddox explained that CSA, in contrast, is based on the estimated amount of approved travel orders. This change not only decreases the workload agency program coordinators perform, but allows GTC access to every traveler since a CSA requires no credit check.

“The CSA card has Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st century written all over it,” Maddox said. “By using more of our automation features, we’ll be able to maximize efficiencies while reducing overall resources and delinquencies.”

Maddox, a retired master sergeant, recalled the story of his early years in the Air Force when

he and many other Airmen received cash advances prior to going on official travel.

“I remember when there were lines outside of finance offices to pick up ‘cold cash’ for an upcoming TDY or (permanent change of station) or to submit a travel voucher for a return trip,” Maddox said. “The same concept of ‘go, conquer and come home’ is being reintroduced, but in the form of CSA.”

Maddox explained since there are fewer people in the Air Force now than in previous years, the service proportionately has less resources to support the old system.

The new system links the card spend limit to the estimated cost on approved travel orders and the total trip reimbursement applies to the credit card, as opposed to a split disbursement at voucher settlement.

“Travelers can therefore use the card, withdraw residual funds or transfer them online to another personal account,” Bilbrey said. “This program virtually eliminates the risk of delinquencies and misuse of the card which lead to negative career impact.”

Finance officials strongly encourage Airmen to be mindful of the impact of under-estimating projected travel expenses which will affect the card’s spending limits.

Since the spending limit is based

on the estimated cost of the travel authorization, Airmen must request a temporary spending limit or amend their travel orders to reflect the adjusted period of travel and costs.

For Airmen with multiple travel authorizations, the new card spending limit is an aggregate amount of all approved orders, and is therefore not subject to a maximum limit.

If a traveler’s TDY ends sooner than expected, the original spending limit is in excess of the final travel payment and the traveler will be responsible to Citi for any amount spent above the trip settlement. Spend limits are estimates and are increased or decreased based on actual entitlements such as lodging, airfare and location-based per diem calculated at final settlement.

When on extended travel or short-notice upon verbal orders of a commander, Airmen can request a temporary spending limit by calling Citi’s Cardholder Assistance toll-free number at (877) 784-1407.

The pilot program includes select organizations at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., McConnell AFB, Kan., Keesler AFB, Miss., Eielson AFB, Alaska and Aviano Air Base, Italy.

For more information about controlled spend account cards, e-mail [afgtc.iba@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:afgtc.iba@pentagon.af.mil).

## Diamond Tips

(Diamond Tips are provided by Air Force first sergeants to address concerns in the Air Force community and provide guidance to Airmen.)

I have recently PCS'd to Hickam and already have been asked several times about body piercings. As I travel around Hickam, I have also seen many individuals disregarding this part of the AFI so I decided to use it as this week's Diamond Tip.

I have added the wording directly from the AFI below for your reading pleasure. In short, it states that males are not allowed to wear their earrings on any Air Force installation. It is ok to wear them off base, but prior to your entering the installation, they must be removed. As you read below, the AFI refers to much more than just earrings.

Straight out of AFI 36-2903. “Off Duty on a Military installation: Members are prohibited from attaching, affixing

or displaying objects, articles, jewelry or ornamentation to or through the nose, tongue, eyebrows, lips or any exposed body part (includes visible through clothing). Piercing of earlobes by women is allowed, but should not be extreme or excessive.”

I hope, this clears up any confusion on what is acceptable. If you are one of the individuals making this mistake, now you know what the AFI says. If you see someone else in the wrong you know to address the issue.

It is everyone's job as AF members to make corrections, no matter what rank you or the individual that needs the attention may be. Just address them - respectfully and professionally.

Bottom line: Treat them as you would want to be treated.

(Editor's note: Information in this week's column is provided by Master Sgt. Jeff Birkland, 8 IS/ 792 ISS first sergeant.)

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## KHON (FOX) TV 2 Hawaii Navy News upcoming segments

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Oct. 14 – Navy birthday  
Oct. 21 – Diver diversity  
Oct. 28 – USS Lake Erie  
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Nov. 11 – Veterans Day

(The segments currently air between 6:15 and 6:45 a.m. each Thursday. Previous segments can be viewed at <http://www.bit.ly/KHONNavy>)

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## Constitution commemoration falls in line with Air Force birthday

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WASHINGTON (AFNS) – “I ... solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic,” are words from the enlistment oath that every Airman has sworn to one or more times.

As the Air Force marked its 63rd year Sept. 18, the Department of Defense commemorated the signing of the Constitution with Constitution Day and Citizenship Day on Sept. 17.

“Celebrating both Constitution Day and Citizenship Day is a perfect opportunity to highlight the outstanding efforts of our total force Airmen and reflect



on the purpose of our military,” said Air Force Secretary Michael B. Donley. “Every individual supporting our Air Force and our nation should stand proud knowing

that what they do directly upholds American citizens’ ‘inalienable rights’ and shows other nations the way to greater freedoms for their own people.”

For more than two centuries, this founding document reflects the Air Force’s core values and preserves the truths set forth in the Declaration of Independence,

that all Americans are endowed with certain unalienable rights.

For activities and education on this commemoration, the Department of Defense has a website at <http://constitutionday.cpm.s.d.mil/> that contains information about the Constitution and U.S. history.

The site includes a course that provides the history of events leading up to the Constitution’s creation by the founding fathers, as well as the document’s evolution through the 19th and 20th centuries.

Sandra Day O’Connor, retired associate justice of the Supreme Court, provides a guest spot on the site.

As required by Public Law 108-447, all federal agencies are to provide education and training to all civilian employees.

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## Federal Fire Department announces Fire Prevention Week activities, details

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“Smoke Alarms: A Sound That You Can Live With “ is the theme for this year’s Fire Prevention Week which runs from Oct. 3 to 9. Federal Fire Department (FFD) Hawaii would like to increase the public’s awareness on the dangers of smoke and fire.

U.S. Fire Administration statistics show that everyone will be involved in a fire. In the United States, there are nearly 400,000 house fires, almost 3,000 people killed and more than 14,000 people injured in fires every year.

Statistics show that everyone will be involved in a fire at some point in their lives. Knowing what to do could be the difference between life and death. That’s why, before there’s fire, there’s smoke. It’s the sound of the smoke detector that’s the first line of defense against fire.

FFD is asking for the public’s help to reduce the number of fire deaths and injuries through its fire prevention and public awareness programs. This year’s focus is ensuring that every home has a working smoke detector and that people know how to use it.

Federal Fire Department Hawaii will partner with local schools, Hale Koa Hotel and the Navy Exchange as part of its informational outreach program about fire prevention and safety. There will be a series of displays and demonstrations at the

following locations around Oahu:

- Sept. 27, 10 a.m. - Hickam Elementary School, Hickam.
- Sept. 28, 10:15 a.m. - Solomon Elementary School, Schofield Barracks.
- Sept. 29, 10 a.m. - Mokapu Elementary School, Kaneohe Marine Base.
- Sept. 30, 10:15 a.m. - Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School, Pearl Harbor.

Activities at the elementary schools will include fire truck display and demos, fire prevention demos, ambulance demo, and live fire experience.

- Oct. 6, 3 p.m. - Hale Koa Hotel, Waikiki: Fire prevention display and demos, performances by Freddie the Robot Fire Truck and Sparky the Fire Dog, videos, games and prizes, and fire prevention informational handouts and giveaways.
- Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange, Moanalua: Fire trucks and ambulance will be on display, Freddy the Robot Fire Truck, House of Hazards, fire prevention demos, live fire extinguisher demo, and fire prevention informational handouts and giveaways.

Come check out the action, meet the firefighters, increase your fire safety awareness. It is also an opportunity to check out the latest firefighting and life saving trucks and equipment.

For more information, contact Battalion Chief Victor M. Flint at 471-3303, ext. 633 or 722-5057.

## Navy is surveying sea bottom

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The Navy is conducting a survey of the sea bottom and shorelines east and west of the Pearl Harbor entrance channel. From September to December, contractor personnel and equipment may be seen along the shorelines or in the waters at Hickam and Puuloa. Beach and water activities in the area will not be affected and signs will be posted during the survey work.

The Navy is conducting a preliminary assessment and site inspection of the areas to determine the

effects of past activities from artillery batteries and military training. Prior to 1948, former batteries fired munitions at targets, both in the air and at sea, in the Pearl Harbor area.

There have been reports that objects resembling ordnance have been seen on the ocean floor. However, these sightings have not been positively identified.

The survey work to map those areas will determine whether additional investigations may be needed.

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