

DEC. 7 COMMEMORATION EVENTS

Dec. 7 ★ The National Park Service and the U.S. Navy will host a joint memorial ceremony and dedication commemorating the 69th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor from 7:40 to 9:15 a.m. on Dec. 7 on the back lawn of the new Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. The ceremony will include the dedication of the new \$56 million visitor center at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument (formerly known as the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center). The theme of the Dec. 7 ceremony is "A Promise Fulfilled 1941 - 2010." The ceremony is open to the public. FMI: 422-3300

★ The Air Force will host a Dec. 7 Attack on Hickam Field Remembrance Ceremony beginning at 7:55 a.m. on Dec. 7 at Atterbury Circle at Hickam. An alternate location will be the Courtyard of Heroes.

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE ALSO FREE AND ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS THOSE WITH BASE ACCESS:

Dec. 5

KAMAAINA DAY

8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Kamaaina Day will begin with a historic flag-raising ceremony featuring the National Park Service Ceremonial Honor Guard and Pearl Harbor survivors. Flags from the different branches of service in 1941 will be recreated for a historical presentation. The day will continue with entertainment by local performer Jake Shimabukuru, The Singing Blue Stars of the USS Hornet, Royal Hawaiian Band, Drill Team Hawaii, Kamehameha Schools Children's Chorus, Holy Family Catholic Academy's Advance Hawaiian Music ukulele students and Halau Hula O Napunahaleonapua. Taking place concurrently will be a special living history presentation series featuring Pearl Harbor survivors, noted historians and authors. A limited block of USS Arizona Memorial tour tickets will be reserved for "kamaaina" – available on a first-come, first-served basis with a Hawaii I.D.

USS ARIZONA BAND COMMEMORATION CONCERT – PERFORMED BY THE PACIFIC FLEET BAND

4:30 -6 p.m.

The Pacific Fleet Band will perform a special concert in commemoration of the 69th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and as a tribute to the brave band members of U.S. Navy Band Unit Number 22, the last Navy band ever to serve aboard the USS Arizona. The concert will feature the original play list from the last performance of the USS Arizona Band, which was a week before the attack on Pearl Harbor. All 21 original members of U.S. Navy Band Unit Number 22 lost their lives in the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Bring your picnic dinner and enjoy this commemorative concert.

Dec. 5 and 6

LIVING HISTORY PRESENTATIONS FEATURING PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS AND NOTED HISTORIANS AND AUTHORS.

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

NARRATED ONE-HOUR HISTORIC PEARL HARBOR BOAT TOURS.

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Seating is limited; advance reservations are recommended by calling (808) 487-3327, ext. 21. The free boat tours will be narrated by National Park Service rangers and will take visitors around historic Ford Island. The one-hour tours will give visitors an opportunity to witness many of the notable sites of the 1941 Japanese air raid on Pearl Harbor. All boats will depart the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, and the program is offered separate from the normal park program. There will be no stop at the USS Arizona Memorial.

Dec. 6

ARMED SERVICE DAY

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Armed Service Day will begin with a historic flag-raising ceremony featuring the National Park Service Ceremonial Honor Guard and members from each of the armed services. The day will continue with special entertainment by the Navy's U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, The Singing Blue Stars of the USS Hornet, and U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific Show Band. A limited block of USS Arizona Memorial tour tickets will be reserved for active and retired military – available on a first-come, first-served basis with a military I.D.

Dec. 7

USS OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL PEARL HARBOR DAY REMBRANCE AT USS OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL ON FORD ISLAND

1:30-2:20 p.m.

The public is invited to attend a special ceremony hosted by the National Park Service in honor of those who served on the USS Oklahoma during the attack on Pearl Harbor. The USS Oklahoma (BB-37) Memorial was officially dedicated on Dec. 7, 2007. The memorial is located on Ford Island, near Fox-5 Pier next to the Battleship Missouri Memorial. The Battleship Oklahoma was berthed along Ford Island on Dec. 7, 1941, and suffered the second greatest loss of life during the attack. The memorial includes 429 marble columns symbolizing each of the crew members who lost their lives on that fateful day. Public wishing to attend the ceremony can catch a free shuttle departing from the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park, which is adjacent to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The shuttle will run every 15 minutes. Those with military identification may drive directly to the USS Oklahoma Memorial.

(For more information, see the Dec. 7 story on page A-1.)



Logistics Readiness Squadron unravels Security

Story and photo by
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Sports Editor

The 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (647 LRS) got three touchdowns and an interception from Lt. Devon Ford to defeat the 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SRS), 31-12, in a Hickam Intramural Flag Football League game at Hickam Football Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Nov. 29.

Ford scored on touchdown tosses of 38 yards from Tech. Sgt. Paul Nelson and 25 yards from Staff Sgt. Brian Walker, before adding a 65-yard scoring run that may have been the game breaker in leading the 647 LRS to its sixth win of the season.

"They (647 SRS) played too tight a cover and didn't have any safety help over the top," explained Ford about his stellar day on offense. "So I just wanted to make sure that we ran routes that kind of exploited that."

On the first drive of the game, Ford made his presence known immediately, when he grabbed a short pass from Nelson and turned it up field on a 38-yard catch-and-run to give the 647 LRS a quick 6-0 lead.

However, following the explosive start, Security quarterback Tech. Sgt. Robert "Woody" Wooderson answered with some fireworks of his own as he led his team on a 65-yard drive on six plays that tied the score at 6-6.

The touchdown, which was set up by a 32-yard completion to Senior Airman Jordan Miller, was scored on a three-yard toss from Wooderson to Airman 1st Class Jesse Aquino.

Miller stopped the LRS from scoring on its next drive, when he intercepted a pass from Walker just outside of the end zone at the three-yard line. But the team's good fortune was short-lived, as Wooderson returned the favor two plays later – throwing the ball into the hands of 647 LRS Airman 1st Class Gregory Lishman at the Security 39.

This time, once the LRS made it into the red zone, Walker made sure that he finished the job by running in the final 10 yards for the touchdown. Walker also took the ball in for the point after touchdown (PAT) to raise the team's lead to 13-6.

On Security's next set of downs, Lishman came up with his second pick of the game to give the LRS possession

at its own 26.

Three plays later, Walker connected with Ford for 25 yards and a 19-6 advantage going into halftime.

With his team's back up against a wall, Wooderson led a gutsy drive at the start of the second half that traveled 65 yards and a touchdown on nine plays.

During the drive, Wooderson completed two clutch fourth-down passes, which included the scoring toss to Miller that narrowed the margin down to 19-12 in favor of LRS.

While it seemed that Security might have gained momentum on the score, any thoughts of a comeback were put to rest, when on the very next play from scrimmage, Ford took the handoff from Walker and swept 65 yards into the end zone to put the LRS back out in front by two touchdowns.

"It was just a basic play,"

Ford said. "I just try to make one or two people miss, and if I can do that, I usually end up in the end zone. I don't necessarily think that I made a great play. I just think they didn't make the play to stop me. That was a huge demoralizing play."

Tech. Sgt. **A n d r e M c B r i d e**, coach of the 647 SRS, said that Ford's third touchdown of the game just might have sealed the win for the LRS.

McBride admitted that playing without the services of several key players left Security at a disadvantage – especially when it came to matching up with the speed of the LRS players.

"Their speed was a big factor," McBride said. "Their speed was nothing that we could compete with. There was nothing that we could do about their lieutenant. He was a big factor."

The LRS scored its final touchdown on a 38-yard pass from Walker to Lishman with just under two-minutes left in the game.

"There is always room for improvement," said Walker as the team now looks forward to the upcoming playoffs. "We need to catch every pass and make every throw. We want that perfect game."



Airman 1st Class Gregory Lishman of the 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (647 LRS) is about to catch a pass for a touchdown during the team's game versus the 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SRS) in a Hickam Intramural Flag Football League showdown at Hickam Football Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Nov. 29. The 647 LRS went on to beat Security, 31-12, to win its sixth game of the season.

Lake Erie stops two-game skid by beating Chosin

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It wasn't the big showdown that was anticipated early in the season, but USS Lake Erie (CG 70) had every reason to celebrate after it trounced league-leading USS Chosin (CG 65), 19-7, in an Intramural Afloat Flag Football League game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Nov. 27.

Lake Erie, which was coming off of a two-game losing skid, used its meeting with Chosin as a symbolic title face-off since the team will miss out on the upcoming playoffs due to deployment for the second year in a row.

The win raised Lake Erie's league record to 5-2, while the Chosin dropped its second consecutive game to have its mark fall to 8-2.

"This was really important for us because we feel

that this is our playoffs," said Lake Erie quarterback Chief Operations Specialist Lateef Day. "Again this year, we're getting gypped. We'll be on our way during the playoffs. We felt that the Chosin was the best team, so we had a chip on our shoulders."

On defense, Lake Erie linemen **D a m a g e C o n t r o l m a n F i r e m a n D a n i e l M a n c i n e** and **I n f o r m a t i o n S y s t e m s T e c h n i c i a n 2 n d C l a s s D a n D r u y** set the tempo for the day as the duo opened up a pass rush that seemed to frustrate Chosin quarterback **I n f o r m a t i o n S y s t e m s S p e c i a l i s t 2 n d C l a s s T o n y R e i d**.

Reid was sacked three times during the Chosin's first offensive set and was consistently flushed out of the pocket throughout the game.

"Our defense came up with a plan," Day explained. "They

(defense) knew that he (Reid) was a good quarterback, but he didn't like to scramble too much. So we dropped our guys back and had one rusher flush him out while the other cleaned him up."

After forcing Chosin to punt on its two first drives, Lake Erie made good use of excellent field position at its own 35-yard line.

Six plays later, Day connected with **G a s T u r b i n e S y s t e m (M e c h a n i c a l) S e a m a n B r a n d o n R e e d** on a 16-yard touchdown toss that made the score 6-0.

The six-point deficit seemed to spark Reid as the Chosin QB connected on four of five

passes to move the ball 65 yards, which ended on a two-yard-scoring strike to **C u l i n a r y S p e c i a l i s t S e a m a n C h r i s t i a n D i a z**.

The added extra-point conversion put Chosin ahead at 7-6 going into intermission.

The one-point advantage didn't last long though, as Lake Erie retook the lead on its very first drive after the break.

Opening up in a Wildcat formation, Day needed only four plays to engineer a 65-yard drive to the end zone and a 12-7 lead. The final play covered 49

yards on a bomb from Day to Reed.

"We did that (Wildcat) to throw them off a little bit," Day pointed out. "We noticed that when we ran it the first time, their defense was aggressive. So it kind of got their defense to roll one way and that left the other side of the field open."

For the game, Day used Reed as his favorite target. Reed was on the receiving end for six completions, 90 yards and two touchdowns.

"What can I say? He's (Reid) an athlete," Chosin coach, **I n f o r m a t i o n S y s t e m s T e c h n i c i a n 2 n d C l a s s J o e M c G i l l** stated. "He came up with some very crucial first down catches."

Reed explained that all he was trying to do was make proper reads and take advantage of whatever the Chosin defense allowed.

"Their cornerback was playing me inside," Reed said. "So I just hit the

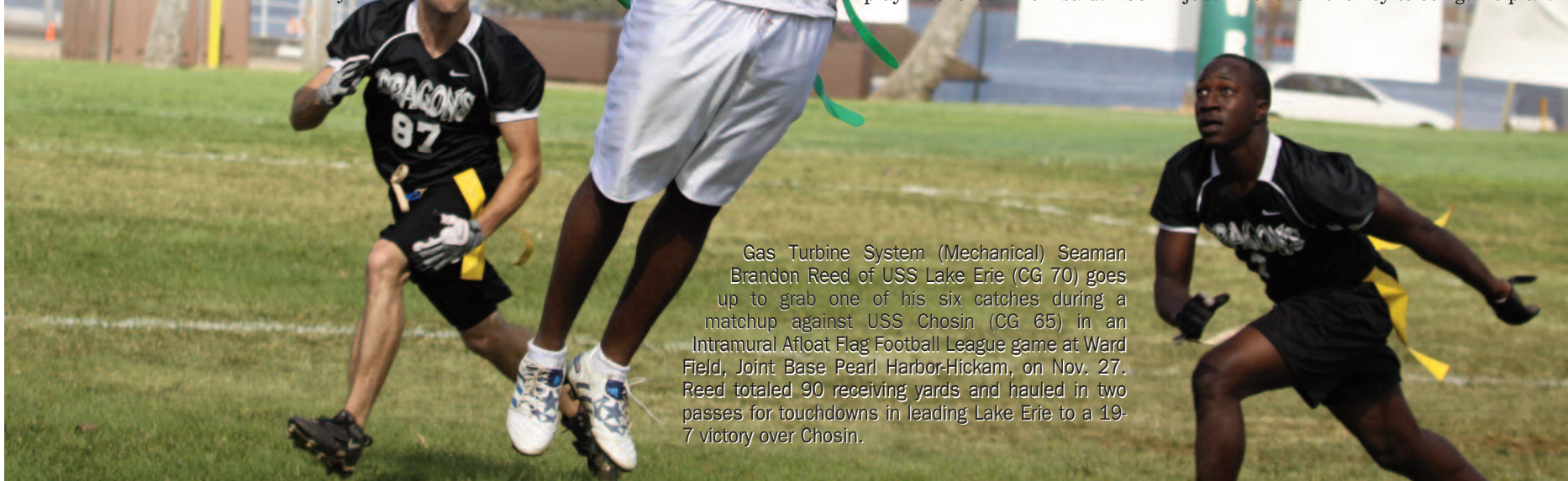
seams and the sidelines."

Lake Erie's final touchdown came when Day, on fourth down, hit **I n f o r m a t i o n S y s t e m s T e c h n i c i a n 1 s t C l a s s G e n n a r o H a w k i n s** with a 29-yard laser in the corner of the end zone.

With the playoffs around the corner, McGill admitted that the back-to-back losses couldn't have come at a worse time for the Chosin.

Although Lake Erie will have to sit out yet another post-season, McGill said that despite the Chosin's latest defeat, he still believes that the team will bounce back and be ready to make a run for the very first joint base flag football title.

"We let our emotions get the best of us. That's all it was," McGill explained about the team's loss to the Lake Erie. "When we get down or into a tight squeeze, we need to maintain our composure. That's the key to our game plan."



Gas Turbine System (Mechanical) Seaman **B r a n d o n R e e d** of USS Lake Erie (CG 70) goes up to grab one of his six catches during a matchup against USS Chosin (CG 65) in an Intramural Afloat Flag Football League game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Nov. 27. Reed totaled 90 receiving yards and hauled in two passes for touchdowns in leading Lake Erie to a 19-7 victory over Chosin.

Last minute comeback keeps FACSFAC spotless

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility (FACSFAC) wide receiver Master-at-Arms Seaman Brandon Thomason may have played his best game of season, and it couldn't have come at a better time.

Playing without several key players, including starting quarterback Lt. j.g. Doug Hawk, Thomason came up with two big touchdown catches in the second half to lead FACSFAC to a come-from-behind, 27-22, victory over the Kunia Cryptonites in an Intramural Ashore Flag Football League game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), on Nov. 30.

In beating Kunia, FACSFAC continues to stand as the only unbeaten flag football squad in JBPHH at 9-0. The Cryptonites saw its record drop to 6-3.

"It wasn't scary at all," said Thomason when asked if he was worried about getting beat for the first time this season. "We try not to get down. We keep our composure."

From the beginning, things didn't seem as promising for FACSFAC when Aviation Structural Mechanic 3rd Class Roshaun Thomas, who was pressed into QB duties, struggled while getting his feet wet at his new position.

In the team's opening drive, Thomas tried to convert a fourth-and-10 situation at the 30, but instead of gaining a first down, the backup quarterback was picked off by Kunia defensive back Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 3rd Class Jasmond Guest, who returned the ball 57 yards for a touchdown. The Cryptonites made good on its point after touchdown (PAT) to take a quick 7-0 lead.

Then on FACSFAC's very next play from scrim-



Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility (FACSFAC) wide receiver Master-at-Arms Seaman Brandon Thomason snatches a pass in midair during an Intramural Ashore Flag Football League game versus the Kunia Cryptonites at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Nov. 30. Thomason caught two touchdown passes in the second half to lead FACSFAC to a 27-22 win over Kunia.

mage, Thomas, while under a heavy pass rush, slipped and fell in the end zone to give Kunia a safety and a 9-0 advantage.

However, after FACSFAC's defense forced Kunia to punt on its next possession, Thomas began finding his mark and

started the slow process of leading his team back into the game.

Armed with some room to work with at his own 31, Thomas ran and passed his team to a six-play, 49-yard drive to pay dirt, with the touchdown coming on a short toss to

Operations Specialist 2nd Class Kelvin Marmolejos.

Still, the Cryptonites took a 16-15 lead into halftime as the teams traded touchdowns with Kunia quarterback Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 1st Class Daniel Maher, connecting on a 16-yard scor-

ing pass to Cryptologic Technician (Collection) Seaman Bobby Holt and Thomas hitting Thomason with an eight-yard scoring toss for FACSFAC.

In the second half, Maher got Kunia on the scoreboard first by connecting on his second

touchdown pass of the night to give his team a 22-15 lead with only five minutes left in the game.

FACSFAC got the ball back, but saw more precious seconds tick off the clock as Thomas misfired on his first two passes from the line of scrimmage.

Then on a crucial third-down play, Thomas eluded a strong pass rush before zipping a pass in the vicinity of Thomason, who made the catch at the 20, spun past his defenders and ran 60 yards for a touchdown.

The team failed to convert its PAT and still trailed, 22-21. But after FACSFAC forced Kunia to punt, Thomason had one more big play to deliver.

With only 30 seconds remaining in the game and the ball resting at the Kunia 28, Thomas hoisted a deep ball toward Thomason.

Right at the very last second, Thomason stretched above two defenders in the end zone and came down with the game-winning catch.

"We've been practicing the jump ball," Thomason said. "He (Thomas) just threw it up and I was just there to catch the ball."

Guest, who recorded two interceptions for the game, said that losing a close game like that was hard to swallow.

"This was very tough," Guest said. "This was bittersweet. We gave the best team, probably, the best game they had all season. We wanted the win, but it didn't happen."

Meanwhile, Thomas said that although it gets tougher each week to keep FACSFAC's undefeated record intact, he believes that the team has what it takes to keep on getting it done all the way through the playoffs.

"It's a lot of pressure to come out every week expecting to win," Thomas admitted. "Basically, if we get rid of the mind lapses, I don't think we can be beaten, unless we beat ourselves."

Ride 2 Recovery: Making a difference in the lives of injured veterans

Pearl Harbor Cyclefest will be held Dec. 5 and will start and finish at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. The ride will

start promptly at 9 a.m. Riders will do a 62-mile course around Diamond Head and up the coast to Marine Corps Base

Hawaii, Kaneohe. Rest stations will be provided by the American Legion Auxiliary. Registration is \$50. All partic-

ipants will receive an official Ride 2 Recovery T-shirt. Registration will be open from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at the Sheraton

Waikiki Hotel on the day of the ride. To pre-register and for more information, visit www.ride2recovery.com.

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The Nimitz Elementary School Student Council hosted a canned food drive for the Hawaii Food Bank from Nov. 8-15.

Nimitz Elementary students hold canned food drive

Story and photo by
Melissa Cole

Nimitz Elementary PCNC

The Nimitz Elementary School Student Council hosted a canned food

drive from Nov. 8-15 to help feed Hawaii's hungry.

They made posters and put them up throughout the campus to advertise the canned food drive to their fellow elementary

students. All food items were picked up by the Hawaii Food Bank on Nov. 18, just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Todd Matsumoto and Sheri Honnaka, the stu-

dent council advisors, were the leaders for the service project. They advised the student council members to keep track of each class's progress to see which one would collect the most donations.

The competitive spirit of the students motivated them to donate more and more goods as the week continued.

Shalayne Yamamoto's fourth grade class pulled ahead with more than 200

canned goods collected.

"Through the hard work of the parents, students, teachers and staff, we exceeded our goal with over 2,200 cans, and we're going to surpass that next year," Matsumoto said.

Merry Point construction alert

Pedestrians are advised that through Dec. 22 the island at the corner of North Road and Pearl Harbor Blvd. (between Merry Point Landing and Ward Field) will be closed for improvements.

Motorists are advised that through Dec. 10 from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., the left turn lane of North Road heading from Nimitz Gate to Pearl Harbor Blvd. will be closed and left turns will not be allowed.

Military can broadcast holiday greetings

Radio stations KSSK-AM/FM, KHVH and KIKI would like to honor military personnel by broadcasting their pre-recorded holiday messages to family and friends. If those who would like to record a greeting may contact Steven Norstrom, program director, at stevennorstrom@clearchannel.com. Participants can go to the station or record their message over the phone.

HOLIDAY TOWER LIGHTING CEREMONY
Celebrate the holiday season at the lighting ceremony from 4:30 to 8 p.m. tonight at Freedom Tower Mall at Hickam. Winners of the youth essay contest and the command greeting card competition will be announced. There will be a performance by the Air Force Band of the Pacific and other activities, such as crafts. Santa will make a special appearance and be available for photos. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

HONOLULU CITY LIGHTS
Information, Ticket and Travel (ITT) is sponsoring a special opening day trolley event for Honolulu City Lights at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Depart from ITT-Hickam and be in Honolulu for the unveiling of the city's Christmas tree and enjoy live entertainment, this year's exhibits and decorations. Skip the parking and ride in the open-air trolley. The cost is \$15 per person (free for ages four and under). FMI: 448-2295.

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

STORY TIME AT HICKAM LIBRARY
"Santa Will Be Visiting" is the theme for story time from 9 to 10 a.m. Dec. 8 at Hickam Library. There is no charge to attend. The event is open to all ages. FMI: 449-8299.

TEEN NIGHT
Hickam Teen Center is hosting a special teen night from 6 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 10 at pool two. Activities include swimming, food, and an outdoor movie. Those attending must show a valid ID. The cost is \$5 per person and is for ages 13-18. FMI: 448-2223.

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

For more information on events, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com or www.hickamservices.com/

December

5 ~ The United States Pacific Fleet Band pays tribute to the last band of the USS Arizona, the USN Unit Band #22 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Sunday at the USS Arizona Memorial Visitors Center. The concert is free and open to the public. FMI: www.cpf.navy.mil/cpfband/. FMI: 473-2926.

7 ~ The Ford Island Bridge will be closed from 7 to 10:00 a.m. on Dec 7 for the Dec. 7 commemoration ceremony. Those who need access to and from Ford Island should plan accordingly. FMI: 473-2926.

8 ~ Hale Koa Luau Garden will host the USN Pacific Fleet Band Holiday Concert from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Dec 8. Additional groups will join the celebration along with guest vocalist Lt. Col. Michael Corrado. The concert is free of charge and open to the public. FMI: www.cpf.navy.mil/cpfband/.

9 ~ Learn how to plan a smooth move at a workshop from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Dec. 9 at Warfighter and Family Services (WFS) Pearl Harbor. A variety of speakers will present information on the process of a permanent change of station (PCS), such as entitlements, travel regulations, shipping your vehicle, completing paperwork, clearing quarters and researching new base and location. FMI: 474-1999.

10 ~ WFS is sponsoring a seminar to increase awareness of the Air Force mission, mission, customs, traditions, protocol, available on- and off-base resources and services. It will be held from 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 10. FMI: 474-1999

At a glance

The Air Force Culture and Language Center (AFCLC) will begin taking applications for "Introduction to Cross-Cultural Communication" (CCC) which is an online, self-paced course which fulfills three resident hours of either a social science or general elective credit required for the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) associate of applied science degree. Enrollment for the spring 2011 CCC session will begin in late December and seating will be limited to 75 students. FMI: 647fss.fsde@hickam.af.mil.



Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'hoole (PG-13)

Soren, is a young owl enthralled by his father's epic stories of the Guardians of Ga'Hoole, a mythic band of winged warriors who had fought a great battle to save all of owl kind from the evil Pure Ones. While Soren dreams of someday joining his heroes, his older brother, Kludd, scoffs at the notion, and yearns to hunt, fly and steal his father's favor from his younger sibling. But Kludd's jealousy has terrible consequences – causing both owlets to fall from their treetop home and right into the talons of the Pure Ones. Now it is up to Soren to make a daring escape with the help of other brave young owls. Together they soar across the sea and through the mist to find the Great Tree, home of the legendary Guardians of Ga'Hoole – Soren's only hope of defeating the Pure Ones and saving the owl kingdoms.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER**TODAY**

7:00 PM Life as We Know It (PG-13)

SATURDAY

2:30 PM Secretariat (PG)

4:45 PM The Social Network (PG-13)

7:15 PM Case 39 (R)

SUNDAY

4:45 PM Legend of the Guardians (PG)

7:00 PM Wall Street:

Money Never Sleeps (PG-13)

7:00 PM My Soul to Take (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER**TODAY**

6:00 PM A Christmas Carol (PG)

8:30 PM Red (PG-13)

SATURDAY

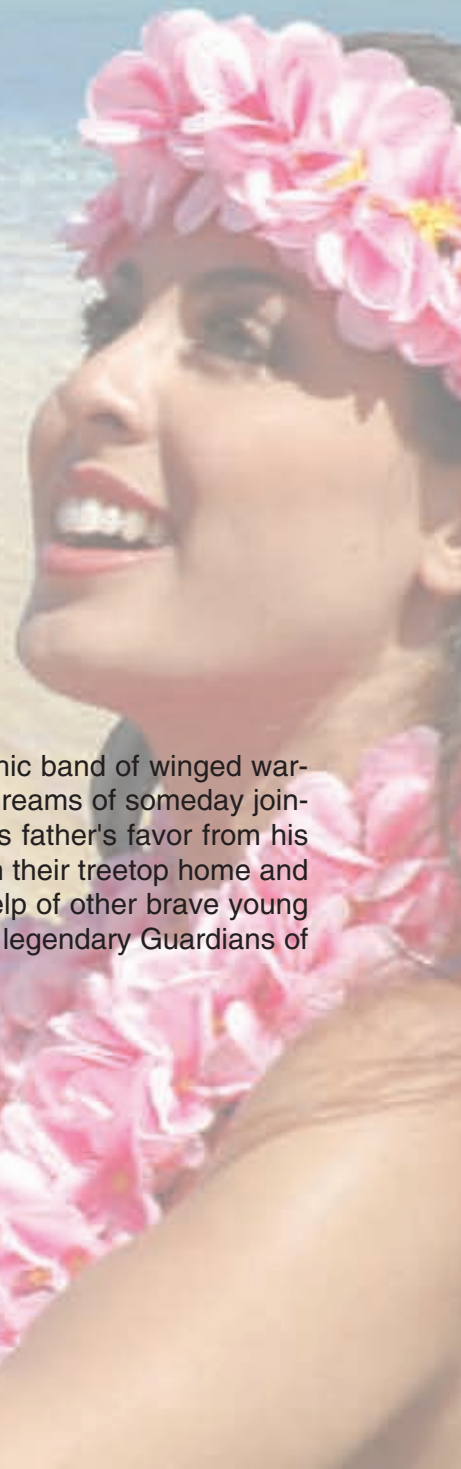
4:00 PM Legend of the Guardians:

The Owls of Ga'hoole (PG)

7:00 PM Jackass (R)

SUNDAY

2:00 PM Hereafter (PG-13)



Exchange customers enjoy Black Friday sales

Story and photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

The day after Thanksgiving is known as Black Friday, and this year's event at Navy Exchange (NEX) Pearl Harbor had a lot to offer the frugal shopper, just in time for the holidays.

The doors opened at 4 a.m. on Nov. 26 with a line of customers that started as early as 8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving day. The waiting paid off for many satisfied shoppers, who were able to grab that big screen TV they have been hoping to get for Christmas.

The NEX was well prepared for this year's event. The store increased inventory and had a much larger selection of items on sale, such as big screen TVs, electronic bundles, home theater systems, and 3-D sets. One-day specials were also high in volume.

Customers were very happy with the large inventory and with the no limit on purchases of big ticket items, said Stephanie Lau, Navy Exchange customer relations manager. Only designer handbags had a limit per customer for purchase.

The lines were long, but moved fairly smoothly. Master Sgt. Adam Shaffer, element chief, Air Traffic Services, Joint



Diana Shaw-Feaster, sales associate at the Hickam BXtra, assists Sgt. 1st Class Alotasi Jerome and his wife Lahine in the electronics section during the Black Friday sales event on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, arrived at 4 a.m., got what he was looking for, and was in and out pretty quickly. He returned later in the day and picked up some extra items.

"The lines weren't as long as expected," said Lt. Col. Bernard Carey (retired). "We found what we were looking for, and then some. The personnel were very helpful, and off base stores were really crowded," he added. He left with two computers and a 32-inch television set.

Patrons came from all around the island. Louise Lapera and her family traveled from Waimanalo. "This is our first Black Friday here in a few years and it's a good experience," Lapera said, explaining that they normally spend this time of year on one of the other islands. Lance Cpl. Tyre Armstrong, Marine Corps Base Kaneohe, was looking for a big screen TV.

Sgt. Luis Scheker of Schofield Barracks didn't plan to come to the Pearl Harbor Mall. "It's quieter

than I thought it would be," Scheker said. "It's a good experience."

It was a first time experience for Tech Sgt. Laurence Bejerana. "It's been a long day and was really crowded downtown," Bejerana said. "I found what I was looking for, tax free and a cheaper price." His son, Aaron Bejerana, has been waiting for an Xbox and finally got one. "I'm excited and can't wait to go play it," Aaron offered. "I'm glad I waited to buy the Xbox at the NEX," his dad said.

The NEX opened an hour earlier than last year. More than 5,500 people had entered the store by noon on Friday. According to Lau, the exchange sold 1,000 TVs the first half of the first day.

"There was a six percent increase in sales over last year's weekend of \$8,000,000," said Sante Campanile, NEX district vice president for Hawaii. "We more than doubled the companies' average and our goal is to make \$8.4 million this year. Seventy percent of the

exchange's profits go to Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR)."

Savings weren't limited to the Pearl Harbor NEX. Hickam's BXtra also participated in Black Friday sales. Their doors opened at 4 a.m. and had a line around the building at midnight prior to opening. Joint base security was available for crowd and traffic control, free coffee was offered at 3 a.m., and restrooms were available to the early morning shoppers while they waited for doors to open.

The store had more products in stock for the event and sales had reached more than \$10,000 as of 8 a.m. on Friday. The hottest item on sale was the Dell mini laptop. "Every other person asked for this one," said Jeffery Gardner, main store manager at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam BX/BXtra. "We hope to do \$860,000 over the next three days." Gardner added that on Friday, sales were up 1.05 percent with \$463,423 and up Saturday 18 percent at \$182,911. "A very successful Black Friday for the Hickam Exchange," Gardner said.

For those who don't like crowds, the exchange offered selected hot items online as well. Black Friday starts the holiday shopping season, and this year's three-day event was a good experience for our military community.

Hickam Communities celebrates 'Home for the Holidays'

Hickam Communities LLC

Hickam Communities will host its annual "Home for the Holidays" event from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 11. It will be held at the Hickam Communities Community Center located at 210 Kokomalei St.

A fun-filled evening is planned that will get off to a sweet start and put everyone in the holiday spirit. Families will be provided with a gingerbread-making kit, complete with gum-drops and other trimmings.

Dinner and snacks will also be

served, and there will be a visit by old Saint Nick. Caroling is another great holiday tradition, and this year the Air Force Band will provide the music.

Please R.S.V.P. to Hickam Communities at 853-3752.

This Week's Trivia

What song was the Navy band playing at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked?

Last Issue's Question:

What current branch of the U.S. military was a corps of only 50 soldiers when World War I broke out?

Answer:

The U.S. Air Force



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"A good Navy is not a provocation to war. It is the surest guaranty of peace."

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"I learned that good judgment comes from experience and that experience grows out of mistakes."
Gen. Omar N. Bradley