

## Hickam 'magical history tour' Hickam's past comes to life

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When it comes to remembering WWII history and the Dec. 7, 1941 Pearl Harbor attacks, the naval memorials USS Arizona (BB-39) and USS Missouri (BB-63) may come to mind. Yet, the military base that was once referred to as "Hickam Field" also has its own unique story to share.

Thanks to a Hickam Services Information, Tickets, Travel (ITT) attraction, called the Hickam Historical Tour, military patrons and retirees are now able to explore a historical battlefield often overshadowed by its naval neighbor.

Retired Air Force MSgt. Al Blankenship, who leads the tour every Wednesday, said he hopes to educate interested visitors about the important contributions made at Hickam throughout history.

"It is very important to preserve Hickam's heritage and for people to understand what happened here," he said. "I want them to see the shrapnel and bullets still in some of the buildings, learn about the important figures who have visited, and come away with a better understanding and appreciation for the base."

According to Blankenship, the nearly five-hour tour is a comprehensive view of Hickam's long history, specifically



from 1914 to present.

"For many, it is a real eye opener to see what really happened at Hickam," he said. "Many times we do get overshadowed by Pearl Harbor's [history] because there were many deaths on the Navy ships and on the Navy base. But it is important to remember that there were a lot of heroic men and women at Hickam too. One hundred and eighty-nine people perished that day and 303 were wounded," he added.

Officially activated as a bomber base in 1938, Hickam Field was named after Lt. Col. Horace Hickam, an aviation pioneer who died during a night landing in Texas in November 1934. The U.S. Army purchased the original 2,225-acre property in 1935 that also included Fort Kamehameha, a military base that was the site of several coastal

artillery batteries built to protect Pearl Harbor during WWI. Built in 1914, Battery Hawkins is one of the few remaining gun batteries still in existence on Oahu and located at Fort Kamehameha.

During the tour, visitors can enjoy a trolley ride throughout the Air Force side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and get a firsthand look at numerous historically significant landmarks and buildings.

One well-known landmark is the Freedom Tower. Built in 1938, the tower stands 171 feet high and was originally intended as a water tower, holding up to 500,000 gallons of water. No longer in use, Blankenship said every year the tower becomes the islands' tallest Christmas tree. This tradition began in 1969 when the tower was decorated entirely in strands of twinkling lights and lit for five weeks out of the year during the holiday season.

Another highlight of the trip is the former

Hickam Hotel that still bears shrapnel and bullet scars from the 1941 attacks. Now the Pacific Air Force (PACAF) Headquarters building, the hotel once housed 3,200 beds and was the largest military barracks in the 1940s. Thirty-five men were killed inside the dining hall and 60 deaths occurred throughout the building on Dec. 7, 1941.

Today, inside the PACAF lobby, visitors are privy to numerous artifacts and displays showcasing Hickam Hotel memorabilia and "Old Glory," the original American flag that flew on Dec. 7, 1941 and was later featured during a WWII national tour to promote and sell war bonds.

Other historical gems uncovered throughout the trip include a secret 300-foot tunnel running between hangars 34 and 35 and remnants of a base railroad, once a staple at many military installations. Mid-day, visitors are treated to a

pineapple boat lunch, featuring fresh island fruit and chicken salad, at Hickam's historic officers' club. Other stops made along the way include the lobby museum inside Hickam's 15th Airlift Wing and at the original 75-foot flagpole on Atterbury Circle that was erected in 1938.

In addition to giving a detailed account of base history, Blankenship said he also focuses on the noticeable advancements in aircraft and aviation. The tour culminates with a visit to five fighter jets on display on O'Malley Boulevard, including an F-86 Sabre, F-102 Delta Dagger, F-4 Phantom, F-15 Eagle and F-22 Raptor.

After a recent tour, Air Force Major J.R. Coalson said he really enjoyed learning about Hickam's historic legacy and would recommend the tour to anyone interested in Army Air Corps and WWII history.

The Air

Force has so much history, and I live here [at Hickam] right in the middle of all of it," he said. "Before this tour, I really didn't have the appreciation for some of this stuff so it is nice to be able to share this story with future visitors. For example, I didn't know there was shrapnel still in some of our buildings on base. These are interesting details we can point out to friends and visitors that will make their experience on base more 'real' for them," he added.

The trolley tour is offered every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and starts at Hickam Service's ITT office. Trolley seating can accommodate up to 29 people. The cost is \$40 for adults and \$30 for children, ages three to 11. There is no charge for children under three years old. A pick up and return service is offered from the Hale Koa Hotel and Hickam lodging facilities. For more information or reservations, call Hickam ITT at 448-2295.



# Military surf meet makes huge splash

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's (JBPHH) Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Outdoor Adventure Center gave military and Department of Defense (DoD) families a fun way to stay cool under the hot Hawaiian sun by presenting the 2010 Hawaiian Island Creations/Quicksilver All-Military Surf Classic at White Plains Beach on June 19.

The all-day event held competitions in several shortboard and longboard divisions, and was welcomed by families that also used the day to enjoy the beach and get an early start on Father's Day.

"We always have a ton of people," said Marvin Nuestro, MWR beach manager. "Since the beginning, people make a day of it. It usually falls in at Father's Day, so people can knock out two birds with one stone - dad gets to surf and mom gets to spend time with dad. Kids get to hang out too, so it's a fun day to be had by the whole family."

While the waves during the finals were a bit uneven and seemed to only measure two to three feet down the face, none of the less-than-ideal conditions



Twelve-year-old Christopher Bluthardt, a Navy family member, does a headstand during the finals of the open 17-and-under longboard division at the 2010 Hawaiian Island Creations/Quicksilver All-Military Surf Classic at White Plains Beach on June 19. Bluthardt, along with Chief Navy Diver Jason Tangalin of Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1, were the big winners of the day by capturing three titles.

appeared to dampen the spirits of the competitors, who maintained their enthusiasm throughout the preliminary and championship rounds of the eight-hour tournament.

"It was kind of choppy and smaller, but it's still fun," said Lt. Derek Lodico of Naval Submarine Support Command (NSSC), who took first place in the military men's longboard 30-and-over division. "I'm good with junky surf. That's my specialty," said Lodico.

In assessing the overall level of competition at the meet, Nuestro stated that like Lodico, many of the surfers in the classic have been catching waves for a good part of their lives.

"Of course, it's not a professional event, but everyone surfs proficiently," said Nuestro. "In some divisions, there are guys that have been surfing pretty long and are very experienced."

Lodico said he started to have dreams of riding waves in Hawaii after he

saw the movie "North Shore" while he was a teenager living in Arizona in 1994.

A veteran of club competitions, Lodico said he used a simple strategy in the classic to build up points during his division's title round.

In the finals, surfers had 20 minutes to complete at least two rides. Judges rated competitors' top-two rides on length and quality of maneuvers.

"In these contests, I try

to get two rides knocked out right away," claimed Lodico. "That way, you have two scoring waves and can then wait outside for a choice one."

One rider who has been gliding breakers even longer than Lodico is Les "Buster" Kellem, who retired from the Air Force as a chief master sergeant in 1995 and is now a DoD employee with the Hickam Public Affairs Office.

Kellem said he first picked up the sport as an Airman during his first stint in Hawaii back during the 1970s.

A former member of the Armed Forces Surf team, Kellem won his second consecutive classic title in the longboard 50-and-over division.

"We always like the waves to be a little bit bigger, but it was fun and good enough to test your skills," said Kellem. "I love it. I look forward to doing this every summer. There are a lot of good guys and camaraderie. And it keeps you young."

Besides Lodico and Kellem, other winners from the JBPHH community included Chief Navy Diver Jason Tangalin of Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) One and Master Sgt. Dee Marques of 48th Aerial Port Squadron (48 APS).

Tangalin was one of the big winners of the day in

grabbing first-place trophies in the 30-39 open longboard, 30-and-over open shortboard, and the military men's 30-and-over shortboard divisions.

Marques took the overall crown in the military women's longboard division.

Twelve-year-old Christopher Bluthardt, a Navy family member, also garnered three first-place trophies for his wins in the open 17-and-under longboard, open 17-and-under shortboard, and open 12-and-under shortboard divisions.

Another multiple winner was James Dowsett, who is a warrant officer candidate from the Hawaii Army National Guard.

Dowsett earned titles in the 18-29 open longboard and 17-29 military longboard divisions.

Meanwhile, Jun Aota (open longboard 40-49), Amber Rose (open women's shortboard), Laura Cho-Stutler (open women's longboard), Gino Morales (18-29 open men's shortboard), and Army Capt. Chris Defiori (17-29 military longboard) rounded out the day's winners.

Although both Navy and Air Force surfers represented JBPHH well, the tournament's 2010 Top Branch Award, which recognizes the military team with the most total points, went to the Army.

## More community amenities are planned for Air Force families

Hickam Community Housing LLC

The historic rehabilitation of the former Non-Commissioned Officers' (NCO) Club located at Hickam Air Force Base's historic district is just one example of how Hickam Community Housing (HCH) is building more than just homes.

"Providing community facilities that serve as gathering places for friends is important to our families, especially those just settling into our community," said Jerry Schmitz, HCH project director. "We take pride in the amenities and programs we offer and know they are a great benefit for our families."

At HCH, several projects that will bring great value to families are



A new spray park, similar to the one pictured, will provide families with hours of fun year around. Hickam Community Housing will open the spray park later this summer at Earhart Village.

underway. The NCO Club mentioned above will become a new community

center. Features include a fitness center, complete cooking facility, computer

and Internet access, video teleconferencing, meeting rooms, and a spacious

lawn in front of and around the building that can host large community gatherings and activities. The community center is scheduled to be completed in the fall.

Other amenities families can look forward to later this summer include a new spray park, skate park and multi-purpose courts at the Earhart Village Recreational Complex located on Aupaka Street. The skate park will have features for beginner and advanced skaters, and it will be located where the existing multi-purpose courts are now located.

New multi-purpose courts and sand volleyball courts will be added adjacent to the existing parking lot. There will be large canopy trees, shower trees and flowering

accent trees to shade sports enthusiasts. The park also will include new pavilions near the play courts and a new parking lot to supplement existing parking.

Also scheduled for summer completion is a new dog park located off Ohana Nui Circle, adjacent to Kamila Street Park. The Kamila Dog Park will be near the existing tot lot and will be fully enclosed with a four-foot high fence. It will have a double-gated entry and separate fenced areas for large and small dogs. Benches and shade trees will make this spot a comfortable retreat for "man and beast." Later next year, the HCH community will see the development of an additional dog park in Onizuka Village.

# MWR plans July 4 Block Party, Fireworks Spectacular



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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) is giving military families lots of reasons to make the July 4th Block Party and Fireworks Spectacular the place to celebrate Independence Day on the island this year, and topping the list are two entertainers, Grammy-award winner singer and songwriter Michelle Branch and actor and comedian Sinbad.

The event at Pearl Harbor's Ward Field kicks off at 2 p.m. July 4 with fun, food and festivities before Branch takes the stage at 5:30 p.m., fol-

lowed by Sinbad at 7:30 p.m. The event ends with the biggest military fireworks show on Oahu at 9 p.m.

"This event is great, whether you're here for RIMPAC, or you're a single Sailor, or whether you're a family member because this year the entertainment is a higher quality level than ever before," said Lara Katine, MWR special events director.

Branch is probably best known for her work with Carlos Santana on "The Game of Love," which won a Grammy in 2003, as well as her popular singles "Everywhere," "All You Wanted" and "Goodbye to You." She is also half of the country duo The Wreckers and has an upcoming solo

album "Everything Comes and Goes."

You may recognize Sinbad from his work on the TV show "A Different World" in the late '80s or one of his many movie roles. Most recently he appeared on this year's "Celebrity Apprentice." Want to meet Sinbad? He will be doing a free autograph signing at 11 a.m. July 3 at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange.

In addition to the headliners, there are many free activities and displays for all ages, including batting cages, an exotic car show, airbrush tattoos, a petting zoo, and pony and train rides. Also, there will be free challenges and contests such as relays and water-balloon tosses. For a small fee, you can play mini

golf, ultimate airball and games on the mobile gaming bus, or enjoy the inflatables, rides and carnival games.

When you want to take a break from all the excitement, you can grab a cold beverage or your favorite cookout food such as hot dogs and hamburgers, or maybe a local specialty such as huli huli chicken, hula shrimp or an ono steak plate from one of the many different food vendors.

"Have a drink, sit back and enjoy," Katine said.

There will be a free Texas hold 'em poker tournament at Bloch Arena gymnasium for the first 200 players, ages 18 and older. Registration starts at 2 p.m. with play beginning at 3 p.m. and running until

roughly 7:30 p.m.

Skaters from Pacific Roller Derby are scheduled to give demonstrations every hour from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. They will talk about the sport and be available for photos.

There also will be sponsors' tents where attendees can complete an entry form to win a trip for two to Las Vegas or dozens of other prizes.

Free parking will be available on base with ample signage to direct attendees.

The celebration is open to all military-affiliated personnel. Blankets and chairs are allowed, but not barbecues, coolers, animals, tents, outside food or beverages.

For more information and updates, visit [www.greatlifeohawaii.com](http://www.greatlifeohawaii.com).

# Booming bats help NIOC Hawaii override Security

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Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii overcame a six-run first inning by Security to earn a mercy-ruled shortened, 21-11, victory in an Ashore Intramural Softball League game at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on

June 22. The win kept NIOC in sole possession of first place with a record of 11-1, while Security, which entered the game in fifth place, dropped its fifth game of the season against nine wins.

While NIOC bats stole the show in racking up 21 runs on 23 hits over six innings, things got off to an ominous start for the division leaders, as Security scored six runs on six

hits, two errors and a walk to take a 6-2 lead after the first inning.

Security, which scored all of its runs with two outs and nobody on base, was sparked by the base running of Master-at-Arms Seaman Brandon Thomason, who legged out an infield single, before going all the way around on a base hit to score the team's first run of the game.

However, following Security's outburst in the first, the team was shut down by NIOC pitcher Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 1st Class Darrell Herschel, who allowed only one base runner, while posting goose eggs over the next three innings.

"A lot of my pitches in the first inning were coming up short," said Herschel.

"So I tried to put it a little

deeper in the back of the box. That seemed to get a little more pop-ups."

With Herschel pitching effectively from the mound, the team's bats slowly chipped away at Security's lead.

NIOC scored one run in the top of second to cut the lead in half, then exploded for four runs on six hits in the fourth to take a one-run lead at 7-6.

In the top of the fifth, NIOC's first two runners got on base, before Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Josh Walter crushed an offering from Security pitcher Master Chief Master-at-Arms Jacob Thomas deep over the left-field fence for a three-run jack to put his team up by four runs.

"It was an inside pitch," recalled Walter, who bats from the right side of the box. "So I just took it where it was."

Security rallied for three runs to cut the deficit down to two runs

at 11-9, but NIOC erased any doubt of the game's outcome when it responded with 10 runs in the top of sixth to put the game away for good.

The big hit in the inning came off the bat of catcher Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 1st Class Rob Peterson, who blasted a two-run triple and came in to score on a bad throw to home.

"Teams will score, so you just got to score with them," said Herschel, who wasn't shaken by Security's big first inning. "We know that we're a good team. You whittle away, score a couple of runs here and there, and in the end, we opened it up."

Thomason stated that after Security started the game on such a high note, he believes that the team may have lost its focus, which led it to get caught up in bad habits.

"There were a lot of guys swinging for the fences," said Thomason.

"It was a lack of concentration today. Normally, we don't play like that, but no excuses. Next week, we'll get a win."

Although NIOC continues to make its way through the league as the team with the best record, Herschel said that no one on the squad is feeling any pressure.

The biggest key to its success, said Herschel, lies in the fact that everyone comes to each game with one thing in mind: to have fun.

As an example of their playful attitude, teammates circulate a bright pink jersey that is worn by the player that recorded the team's final strikeout in its last game.

Against Security, it was Herschel who wore the flashy garment but gladly handed it off to another teammate for the next game.

"We wear it just as a reminder to keep the ball in play," said Herschel.



Air Force Staff Sgt. Kevin Sunyak, left fielder for Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii, connects with a pitch during the team's showdown with Security in an Ashore Intramural Softball League game at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on June 22. NIOC maintained its position in first place by defeating Security, 21-11.

Feel Like a Million  
*Health Tip of the Week*

"A recent study in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition found that low intensity exercise such as bicycling, walking or swimming can increase the speed at which the body utilizes excess fat. If you overindulge on high fat food while on vacation, make sure to keep doing your low intensity exercise." <http://www.healthcoachtraining.com>

Wherever you are at on your wellness journey, your daily habits can determine 95 percent of your thoughts, feelings and actions. The Feel Like a Million program can help you develop life-long habits for better health and life balance. To learn more, visit <http://hickam.ifeellikeamillion.com>.

"SC" Curtiss Seahawk

**This Week's Trivia**  
Who was Bellows Air Force Station (formerly known as Bellows Field) named after?

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**Last Issue's Question:**  
What was the U.S. Navy's last float plane?

**Answer:**  
The "SC"- Curtiss Seahawk

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**SINGLE SAILORS' CIRCLE ISLAND TOUR**  
Single Sailors are invited to a Circle Island Tour on Saturday. Take part in this free tour of Oahu. Transportation departs from Liberty in Paradise at 9:30 a.m. FMI: 473-4279.

**5K WINGMAN RUN**  
The 5K Wingman Run will be held Saturday. Check-in begins at 6:30 a.m. at the Hickam Fitness Center parking lot. Late entries will be accepted the morning of the race. The fee is \$5 per runner. FMI: 448-2214.

**72-HOLE MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**  
The 72-hole men's club championship will be held June 26-27 at Mamala Bay Golf Course. Flights are Championship, Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta. FMI: 449 2304.

**OPEN RECREATION**  
Hickam Youth Sports & Fitness will offer open recreation for keiki ages four years and under from 9 to 10 a.m. June 30. The fee is \$5 per participant. The program offers a way for children to explore their mobility. No registration is required, but a parent or guardian must be with participants in the building. FMI: 448-4492.

**KIDNASTICS CLINIC**  
Hickam Youth Sports & Fitness will host a kidnastics clinic from 10:30 a.m. to noon June 30. The clinic is for children ages three to five and costs \$15 per participant. The clinic teaches basic tumbling skills and allows youth to complete a circuit on equipment designed for their size. Rings, high bar and parallel bars will be used. FMI: 448-4492.

**BOWLING THROUGH THE DECADES**  
Hickam Bowling Center will host Bowling Through the Decades from 6 to 9 p.m. June 30. Bowl the night away as you enjoy your favorite music from the '70s this month and music from the '80s and '90s throughout the summer. Wear attire representing that era and you may win a prize. FMI: 448-9959.

**LEARN HOW TO SURF**  
Beginners are welcome for surf lessons at White Plains Beach. One-hour lessons are available for all proficient swimmers. The cost is \$30 per lesson, per person. FMI: 682-4925.

**SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER THURSDAY SPECIALS**  
Get a hot dog, small drink or a small bag of popcorn for \$1.25 each on Thursdays while you are enjoying a movie at Sharkey Theater. FMI: 473-0726.

**NCTAMS FITNESS**  
Naval Computer and Telecommunications Master Station (NCTAMS) is offering free Microfit testing to determine your health baseline. This computerized test measures your body fat, height, weight, flexibility and blood pressure, which provide vital information on your overall fitness level. Fitness professionals are available to assist you on your journey to wellness. FMI: 653-5542.

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

**Community Calendar**

**June**

**25** - The jazz band "Papana" will perform from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hickam Enlisted Club. FMI: 448-2271.

**26-27** - In conjunction with Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010, the Navy's first littoral combat ship, USS Freedom (LCS 1), will be open for tours from 1 to 5 p.m. June 26 and from 2 to 5 p.m. June 27 at Pier Mike 1 for all Department of Defense ID cardholders and their sponsored guests. For safety reasons, children should be eight years old and older and participants should dress appropriately for climbing ladders and walking on gridded deckplates. FMI: (619) 726-1901.

**30** - Hickam Historical Tour will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 for adults and \$30 for children (ages 3-11). This is a tour to re-live history at Hickam. Trolley tour includes lunch and a souvenir. Military ID is required. FMI: 448-2295.

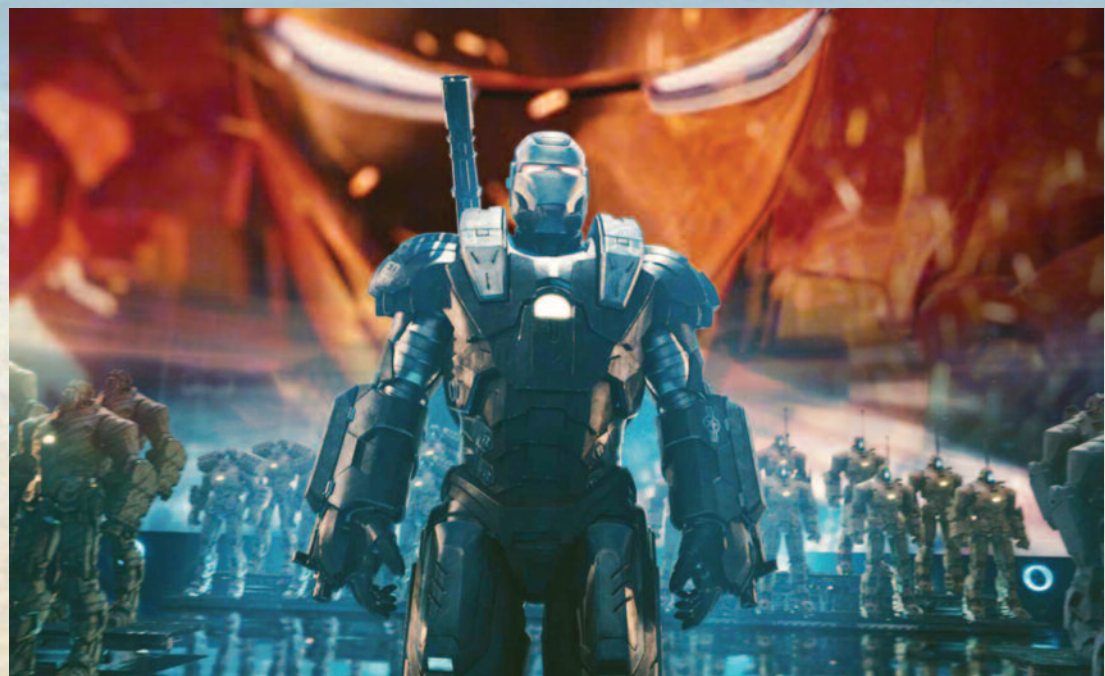
**Now-July 23** - A Teen Summer Adventure Camp is ongoing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from now to July 23 at the teen center. The cost is \$75 per week for youth program members and \$100 per week for non-members (ages 10-18). The camp is an eight-week adventure program that includes field trips off-base and open recreation days. FMI: 448-2296.

**July**

**4** - The Pearl Harbor Commissary operating hours for the 4th of July holiday will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. FMI: 471-8402. The Hickam Commissary operating hours for the holiday will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. FMI: 449-1925.

**6-16** - The U.S. Pacific Command (USPA-COM) (Camp Smith/Pearl Harbor region) and the Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii (Kunia/Schofield/Wheeler /NCTAMS Region) are hosting Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) Program summer leadership camps. This free program provides many positive activities for Department of Defense and military children ages 9-12. FMI: [www.hq.navy.mil/defy](http://www.hq.navy.mil/defy).

**Movie Showtimes**



**Iron Man 2 (PG-13)**

The world is aware that billionaire inventor Tony Stark is the armored Super Hero Iron Man. Under pressure from the government, the press and the public to share his technology with the military, Tony is unwilling to divulge the secrets behind the Iron Man armor because he fears the information will slip into the wrong hands. With Pepper Potts, and James "Rhodey" Rhodes at his side, Tony forges new alliances and confronts powerful new forces.

**SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER**

**TODAY**  
7:00 PM Iron Man 2 (PG 13)

**SATURDAY**  
2:30 PM Letters to Juliet (PG)  
4:45 PM Just Wright (PG)  
7:00 PM Nightmare on Elm Street (R)

**SUNDAY**  
2:30 PM Shrek Forever After (PG)  
4:45 PM Letters to Juliet (PG)  
7:00 PM Robin Hood (PG 13)

**HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER**

**TODAY**  
6:00 PM Just Wright (PG)  
8:30 PM Macgruber (R)

**SATURDAY**  
2:00 PM Furry Vengeance (PG)  
7:00 PM Iron Man 2 (PG-13)

**SUNDAY**  
2:00 PM How to Train Your Dragon (PG)



## Sailors who complete motorcycle safety course to get discount at NEX

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VIRGINIA BEACH, Va (NNS) -- The Navy Exchange (NEX), in partnership with the Naval Safety Center and Commander, Navy Installations Command, announced June 17 that it is offering a discount coupon on motorcycle protective gear for all Sailors who complete the Motorcycle Safety Course at their base. The coupon entitles the

Sailor to receive 25 percent off their entire purchase of motorcycle protective equipment sold at select NEXs as well as online at [www.myNavyExchange.com](http://www.myNavyExchange.com).

"We are happy to partner with the Naval Safety Center to bring this discount coupon to Sailors who have completed their required motorcycle training," said Rear Adm. Steven J. Romano, commander, Navy Exchange Service Command

(NEXCOM). "The NEX does all it can to help promote motorcycle safety including selling protective equipment, promoting safety messages and partnering with the Naval Safety Center. We will do all we can to ensure the safety of our Sailors and their families."

"In fiscal year 2009, motorcycle fatalities were down 61 per-

cent in the Navy," said Rear Adm. Arthur Johnson, commander, Naval Safety Center. "However, we still have more work to do. At least 3,500 Sailors haven't completed their required motorcycle training. We have to close this gap as well. If you know a rider who hasn't been to training, get involved. If you need your three-year

refresher course, take responsibility and get to a class. The American people are counting on you to manage risks and ride smart."

Sailors who complete the Navy Motorcycle Rider

Training class will receive a coupon from their course instructor and will have 90 days to make their purchase.

To sign up for motorcycle training, go to [www.navyMotorcyclRider.com](http://www.navyMotorcyclRider.com).



John Schultz, a Motorcycle Safety Foundation rider coach and traffic safety specialist for Commander Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) Safety, signals students down range during a Military Sport Bike Rider Course (MSRC) for Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) Safety at Ford Island. The one-day MSRC provides specialized training tailored to military sport bike riders and focuses on the critical skill sets and decision making incumbent with riding high-powered sport motorcycles.

U.S. Navy photo by MCI (AW/SW) James E. Foehl

## Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard volunteers make splash at Special Olympics

**Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs**

Nearly 200 Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard employees, family members, friends and partners volunteered at the 42nd annual Special Olympics Hawaii State Summer Games on May 28-30 at the University of Hawaii-Manoa.

"Special Olympics gives us the chance to demonstrate yet another way that we do our personal and professional best each and every day for our families, at work, and in our communities," said Yvette Flynn, shipyard administrative officer, who served as coordinator for shipyard volunteers and venue manager for



U.S. Navy photo by Yvette Flynn

Ken "KD" Revis, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard electronics apprentice (back to camera), presents medals to athletes competing in swimming during the Special Olympics Hawaii State Summer Games at the University of Hawaii-Manoa campus May 28-30.

the swimming events.

Cindy Ujimori, Special Olympics Hawaii director of volunteer and corporate relations, thanked the shipyard volunteers for "an amazing weekend of games, all because of you and your hard work! ... Please know that we couldn't have done it all without you. You made it happen."

More than 700 athletes participated in a variety of sports, including track and field, power lifting, softball and swimming. As in previous years, the shipyard was assigned to support the aquatic events.

"It was truly the shipyard ohana (Hawaiian for family) — workers, family, friends and partners —

working together," Flynn said of the team effort.

"Each year, our group of volunteers includes young keiki (Hawaiian for children) whose parents are instilling the volunteer spirit in them from a very young age," noted Flynn. "This year we even had at least three moms-to-be — now that's starting early."

Ujimori, addressing the volunteers, said, "The empowerment you've given to our athletes will remain with them, not only when they participate in sports, but more so in their daily lives. You inspire them to be the best they can be, and their lives are better because of you and your amazing spirit of volunteerism."

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LAST ISSUE'S  
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"THE UNITED STATES NAVY IS THE ENVY OF EVERY OTHER NAVY IN THE WORLD. THEY DON'T WANT TO BE LIKE US THEY WANT TO BE US."  
- Adm. Leighton Smith

**NAVFAC Hawaii plans Electronic Device Recycling Event**  
Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii  
Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii will hold an electronic device recycling event from 8 a.m. to noon June 30 near buildings 1370 and 1722, behind Ward Field/Bloch Arena.  
The event is open to all Department of Defense commands and tenants at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.  
Only government items will be accepted for recycling. They include:  
Answering machines, camcorders, answering machines, camcorders, CD/DVD players, cell phones, computers (laptop or desktop); copiers (desktop), modems, monitors, printers (desktop), radios (AM/FM), remotes, scanners, stereos, tape players, telephones, TVs, typewriters, VCRs and word processors.  
No personal property, NMCI computers, or hazardous waste will be accepted.  
See the June 18 edition of Ho'okele, page B-4 for more information. The Ho'okele archive can be accessed at: <https://www.cnrc.navy.mil/hawaii>.



U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley

Sara Nakasone looks at the final version of the Pearl Harbor Water Quality brochure, reviewing its contents for accuracy.

## Water consumers at Hickam and Pearl Harbor receive 2010 Water Quality Reports

*Water continues to be safe to drink*

### 647 CES/CEVQ and Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii

As a purveyor of water at Hickam, the Environmental Compliance Element (647 CES/CEVQ) and Bioengineering (15 ADS/SGPB) began distributing its 2010 Water Quality Reports to customers in mid-June. Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii also began distributing its 2010 Water Quality Reports to customers in mid-June. The reports provide information about the water that has been delivered over the past year.

"In 2009, our drinking water quality met all regulatory requirements for our system," said Henry Rimas, environmental engineer at Hickam Environmental Compliance Element. "Annual water quality reports are being mailed to tenant activities, Hickam community housing offices, visiting airman quarters, bachelor enlisted quarters, youth centers and other customers who receive water from us," Rimas explained.

"In 2009, our drinking water quality met all regulatory requirements for all our systems," said Sara Nakasone, environmental engineer at NAVFAC Hawaii. "Annual water quality reports are being mailed to Navy activities, Navy housing offices and civilian customers who purchase or receive water from us."

Annual Water Quality Reports, also called the Consumer Confidence Reports (CCRs), are required by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations. They provide data on the quality of drinking water provided to water consumers. These reports/brochures include information on the sources of water, health effects, compliance status and other related information. They also contain a table listing all contaminants detected in water delivered to customers at levels above the EPAs prescribed minimum detection limits.

NAVFAC Hawaii owns and operates six water sys-

tems: Barbers Point, Camp Stover, NAVMAG Lualualei, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC), Pearl Harbor and Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), (Kauai). This year a report was developed for each system, with the exception of NAVMAG Lualualei. A report for the Lualualei system is not required because there are no housing residents, which is the same as last year.

Most Navy housing residents receive water from the Pearl Harbor system and can request a copy of that brochure from Forest City's Residential Management office at the Aloha Center (Moanalua Shopping Center). Camp Stover and NCTAMS PAC housing residents can obtain a brochure from Forest City's Wahiawa office (2976 Kahana St.).

Other housing areas that receive Navy water include the Iroquois Point Island Club, Kalaeloa Homes and the Coast Guard Red Hill housing area. Residents should contact their housing offices for the correct water quality report brochure.

For PMRF Kauai, reports will be distributed by the NAVFAC Hawaii Public Works Department at Barking Sands.

Copies of all water quality report brochures also may be obtained from NAVFAC Hawaii's Public Affairs Office by calling 471-7300 or the command's environmental compliance office at 471-1171, ext. 203.

Electronic copies of all five brochures also are posted on NAVFAC Hawaii's public website. Go to [www.navfac.navy.mil](http://www.navfac.navy.mil). Select <Organization (at top of homepage)>, <NAVFAC Pacific>, <NAVFAC Hawaii>, <News (tab)>. To get there quickly, go to <http://bit.ly/cl0vut>.

Copies of all water quality report brochures for Hickam may also be obtained from environmental flight's office (647 CES/CEVQ) or by calling 449-3182 or the bioenvironmental office (15 ADS/SGPB) at 448-6769.

Electronic copies of brochures are also posted on Hickam's website at <http://www2.hickam.af.mil/>

## Congratulations to winners of the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange Memorial Day tent event sale contest winners



Photo by Stephanie Lau

The grand prize winner of the Dove Men's Sweepstakes at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange was the Mondig family. Pamela Alulu, consumables divisional manager (left) and Karen Kimokeo, self service department manager (second from the left) presented a Samsung 55-inch LED LCD TV and home theater system to Romeo Mondig (active duty Army sergeant from Schofield), his wife Marites and two sons, Marthin and Matthew.



Photo by Rochelle Apo

Col. Patrick Hyland (Air Force ret.) (right) was the winner of an iMac computer from the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) Memorial Day tent event sale. Hyland was the winner from 3,000 entries submitted for the drawing. Wade Char, NEX electronics/audio department manager (left), presented Hyland with his winnings.

## New student summer registration at Hawaii public schools

Summer registration for new students attending Hawaii public schools is ongoing throughout the summer.

To avoid the "back to school rush," parents are encouraged to register their children as soon as possible. The following items will be required to complete the registration: proof of residency, proof of child's identity (original birth certificate, passport, baptismal certificate, etc.), tuberculosis clearance.

A PPD (Mantoux) skin test with date given, date read, results and physician's signature is required. The tuberculin skin test must be

performed in the United States.

A physical examination with results written on Form 14 also is required. The physical exam must be completed within one year of school entry and include an immunization record. Each student must have an up-to-date immunization record to include the varicella vaccination or certificate of actual chicken pox verified by a physician.

Children who will reach five years of age by Dec. 31 are eligible to attend kindergarten. Please call your child's school for additional information.

# Military children enjoy Operation Purple camp

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Military Experience Day highlighted Operation Purple camp for military children, hosted at YMCA's Camp Erdman the first two weeks of June.

More than 250 children, ranging in ages from 7-17, of deployed military parents enjoyed camp, sponsored by the National Military Family Association.

Each week, 125 campers participated in camp activities such as archery, hiking, arts and crafts, volleyball, nature classes, climbing towers, high ropes swimming, golf, soccer and evening camp fires.

The association developed the free summer camp program in response to the need for increased support for military children, especially those whose parents are or will be deployed. "Our mission is to empower these military children - our youngest heroes - to develop and maintain healthy and connected relationships, despite the current military environment. Kids attending Operation Purple camp will have the opportunity to learn the skills to cope with the stress of a deployment and make friends with other kids who also are missing their mom or dad," said Mary Scott, the association's chairman of the board.

Local military commands were invited to participate one day during each of the weekly sessions for 'Military Experience Day' to share their expertise with the campers. The Coast Guard Color Guard



Children at the Operation purple Camp learned about military commands during a Military Experience Day at the camp.

opened 'Military Day' and the Marine Forces Pacific (MARFORPAC) Band bugler played. Purple and white smoke canisters were 'popped' and the Marine Corps CH-53D helicopter from HMH 362

'Ugly Angels' landed. As the dust settled, the military dog units from the Marine Corps and the Army gave demonstrations of canine attack, approach and identification tactics. Military commands set

up displays for the campers who rotated from unit to unit throughout the day. Navy deep sea divers from Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam blew up water bal-

loons in their dive tank while playing tic-tac-toe on the glass with the campers. Campers were able to 'don the comm' and wear the 130-pound helmets to talk to the divers in the tank. The campers could sound the sirens, run the lights and climb throughout the aircraft rescue fire fighting (ARFF) trucks while the Air Force self-contained fire truck sprayed the campers with water.

Marines from Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay brought the high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicle (HMMWV or Humvee) and one of the newest MRAP all terrain vehicles (MATV), used for 'mobility and survivability.' The National Guard was on site with their eight-wheeled amphibious infantry-fighting vehicle (IFV), the LAV. The Army supported with K-9 units, squad cars and the truck and equipment from the Military Police Special Reaction Team.

The Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST), a United States Coast Guard anti-terrorism team established to protect local maritime assets, attended with one of their boats and any shared various protection and safe-guarding strategies. Coast Guard Station Honolulu brought its 25-foot response boat and crew and the Coast Guard Auxiliary set up rope tying stations.

In special sessions, Chief Mike Church and Lt. Carrie Gribbons spoke to the campers about what it feels like to be a deploying parent. The campers also enjoyed an appearance from Nestor Carbonell, most recently known for playing 'Richard' in 'Lost.'

Carbonell signed T-shirts for the campers, ate lunch with the crew, and expressed his gratitude to the active duty service members.

Coast Guard Air Station Barber's Point concluded the day by flying a 'search and rescue' (SAR) demonstration with an HH65-Dolphin helicopter. The helicopter took off and then told the campers that they realized they 'left someone' behind. The crew member lit a smoke canister and the dolphin chopper returned and lowered a wire to 'rescue' the man and hoist him back to safety inside the helicopter.

The Operation Purple resident camp provides an environment for children to grow and stretch their boundaries. Counselors from around the world teach important values such as caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. The YMCA staff encourages kids to spend time with their new friends, participating in activities that allow them to enhance values, build character, and develop lifelong skills and friendships.

Each camp is "purple" and open to children of service members of any branch of service, active duty, National Guard or Reserve, as well as children of members of the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration. Operation Purple Camps are free to all participants, thanks to support from the Sierra Club and the Sierra Club Foundation.

For more information about Operation Purple, visit [www.militaryfamily.org](http://www.militaryfamily.org).

## Commentary

# Practice safety while having fun in the sun

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Being stationed in Hawaii provides plenty of opportunities for outdoor adventure. Having grown up on Oahu, my favorite pastime was hitting Sandy Beach or Makapu'u on the weekend to take on the challenge of the inviting surf. However, even then I knew the importance of the buddy system and knowing my limits when it came to riding waves.

With summer upon us and Rim of the Pacific

(RIMPAC) now in full swing, there will certainly be opportunities for us to take our families and foreign guests out for some fun in the sun. Nevertheless, before we sprint across the hot sand in an attempt to cool our feet in the surf, it is important to remember that with adventure comes risks.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that approximately 3,500 drownings occur in the United States each year. In addition, almost 500 people die from boating-related incidents. This is just the tip of the iceberg - for each drown-

ing victim there are up to five non-fatal drowning events which can result in lifelong complications, including significant brain damage.

I am certain you've all heard it before, but it is true - alcohol is the major culprit when combined with water sports. Dehydration multiplies the effects of alcohol, leading to serious loss in judgment and overall coordination.

Another significant risk factor is not being familiar with your surroundings. I have personally had to pull in three tourists over the last six months while at Sandy

Beach because they weren't familiar with rip currents or the potential effects of large waves. Imagine yourself being put into the spin cycle of a washing machine while out of breath and you can get an idea of what I'm describing.

Furthermore, not being familiar with surfing techniques can lead to disastrous consequences. More specifically, when you ride waves (i.e., body boarding or body surfing) at shore break locations, never ride a wave straight in. They don't call them "break neck" beaches to make them more attractive to the novice wave

rider. To avoid these scenarios, make certain you adhere to posted warnings on the beach or speak with the lifeguards about the potential hazards of the environment. An ounce of prevention is certainly worth a pound of cure.

Many of the risk-mitigation strategies I have mentioned translate to boating as well. The use of a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket will further your chances of survival while on the open ocean if any mishaps occur. Don't think this can't happen to you. Just turn on the news channel and you'll hear "if they were only

wearing life jackets they would be alive today" being reported. You are too valuable to your shipmates and wingmen, friends and families to take unnecessary risks.

In conclusion, make the best of the opportunity you have while in Hawaii and enjoy what the island has to offer. However, take that short pause before engaging in water sports to understand and reduce the risk to you, your shipmates, wingmen and your families. I don't want you to be the next person I pull to shore because you didn't properly prepare for your own adventure.