

Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials to be held March 10-13

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The 2015 Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials, a competition among seriously wounded, ill and injured service members from the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy and Special Operations Command, will be held March 10 through March 13.

An opening symposium will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 10 at the Historic Hickam Officers' Club. Archery trials will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. March 10 at Ford Island.

- Swim trials will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. March 11 at Iolani High School.
- Shooting Trials (pistol) will be held 8 to 11 a.m. March 11 at Ford Island.
- Track and field trials will be held 8 a.m. to noon March 12 at Iolani High School.
- Shooting trials (rifle) will be from 1:30 to 4 p.m. March 12 at Ford Island.
- Cycling trials will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. March 13 at Ford Island.
- A closing luau will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. March 13 at the Hale Koa Hotel.

Admission is free. A complete schedule of events and more information is available at www.greatlife.hawaii.com.



Photo illustration

Hawaii commands garner CNO environmental awards

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Hawaii-based commands were well represented in this week's announcement from the Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Awards program.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam won in the category of Natural Resources, Large Installation; Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands Kauai for Cultural Resources Management, Small Installation; Jeff Pantaleo of Joint Base (NAVFAC HI) for Cultural Resources Management, Individual or Team, and the

Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing Environmental Impact Statement Team, Pearl Harbor, for Environmental Planning, Team.

All CNO winners will advance to the Secretary of the Navy level of competition.

"I'm very pleased to see recognition of the commitment from our Navy *ohana* here in preserving and protecting the resources that are so important in this special place where we live and work," said Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. "I expect good news in the coming announcement from the next



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Shad Kane, cultural practitioner, conducts a blessing ceremony for the Loko Pa'aiiau fishpond project at McGrew Point on Sept. 29, 2014 while representatives of the Navy and Native Hawaiian civic clubs join hands. Mangrove removal at the ancient site began after the ceremony.

level of competition."

The CNO Environmental Awards program recognizes Navy ships, installations, individuals and teams for their outstanding accomplishments and contributions to improving the environmental performance of our Navy.

For the fiscal year 2014 competition, 53 nominations from commands around the world were received in 10 award categories. Environmental subject matter experts and representatives from Navy and non-government organizations reviewed the nominations and selected winners for each of the award categories.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society aims high for 2015

Story and photo by MC3 Gabrielle Joyner

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Det. Hawaii

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) kicked off its annual fund drive March 4 at Sharkey Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The NMCRS fund drive is held annually to generate donations that benefit Sailors and Marines. Some of the services and programs offered by NMCRS include financial assistance and counseling, quick assist loans (interest free), education assistance, health education and post-combat support, Budget for Baby, emergency travel, disaster relief and thrift shops.

Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific and chair of the NMCRS Advisory Board, gave remarks and stressed how important the NMCRS is to the CNO's initiatives of warfighting, operating forward, being ready and resiliency.

"We have the unexpected because life happens to all of us," said Williams. "In order for us to be able to be resilient and to deal with those kinds of problems, Navy Marine Corps Relief helps us do that, like a shock absorber."

Paul Belanger, director of NMCRS Pearl Harbor, also emphasized the value of the organization's fund drive as a vital asset to service members.

"The fund drive is really important because it gives us the funds that are necessary to be able to help you help yourselves," said Belanger. "But what's more important than the fund drive



Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, gives remarks at the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) fund drive kick-off held at Sharkey Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

and the money is that it's an opportunity for us to educate our Sailors and Marines about our organization so they make NMCRS their first resource, not their last resort."

With 70 of the 77 commands at Pearl Harbor attending the kickoff, and 76 commands participating in the fund drive, Belanger says this year is already starting out stronger than previous years.

"This is the best pre-registration I have ever seen and I've worked here for 31 years," said Belanger.

Sailors designated as key persons and representatives for their respective commands attended the event to receive informational supplies and training about the NMCRS fund drive in order to help raise awareness and support.

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USO spring troop visit Sunday

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

A USO spring troop visit featuring a free variety show will begin at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Gates open at 5:15 p.m.

The event will include appearances by celebrities, including:

- Jason "Wee Man" Acuna, actor/skateboarder and MTV show host.
- Dwayne Allen, Indianapolis Colts tight end.
- David DeCastro, Pittsburgh Steelers guard.
- Diana DeGarmo, American Idol season three runner up.
- Dennis Haysbert, actor from The Unit, 24 and the Allstate Insurance spokesman.
- Miss America 2015 Kira Kazantsev.
- Andrew Luck, Indianapolis Colts quarterback.
- Chuck Pagano, Indianapolis Colts head coach.
- Phillip Phillips, American Idol season 11 winner.
- Ace Young, American Idol season five finalist.

The event is open to Department of Defense ID cardholders and their sponsored guests. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Authorized items include small clutches, blankets and folding chairs. All items are subject to search. Outside food and beverages, pets, backpacks, bags/totes, purses, umbrellas, video/audio recorders and tents are not authorized.

For more information, visit www.greatlife.hawaii.com.



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'Sentry Aloha' exercises begin in sky over Hawaii

Hawaii Air National Guard Public Affairs

The Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) will host its second large-scale "Sentry Aloha" fighter exercise in 2015, beginning this week. Area residents may see an increase in fighter aircraft activity as they take off and land at Honolulu International Airport. The exercise officially began March 5.

For this exercise, F-15 Eagles from Oregon and Florida will be participating. The Arizona Air National Guard (ANG) will send F-16 Falcons, A-10 Warthogs, C-130 Hercules transports, and a KC-135 Stratotanker.

ANG KC-135 refueling

tankers will also be coming from Iowa and Maine. U.S. Navy aviators will be flying variants of the F/A-18 Hornet from California out of Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe. There are a total of 45 aircraft and more than 1,000 service members from seven states participating.

"Sentry Aloha" exercises have been conducted by the HIANG several times per year for decades. It has been growing in size and complexity following the HIANG's conversion in 2010 to the F-22 Raptor, the U.S. Air Force's premier fighter aircraft.

"Sentry Aloha" is now the premier and primary training exercise to prepare mul-



F-15 Eagles deployed from the 104th Fighter Wing, Massachusetts Air National Guard, sit on the flightline at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, March 6, 2014. The F-15s are at JBPH-H as part of Sentry Aloha, an annual aerial combat exercise focused on offensive and defensive counter measures and fighter integration.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

multiple elements of the Air National Guard in the mission of our nation's defense

and augmentation of active duty forces should these ANG units be called upon

for conflict or war. Under the total force integration construct, the 154th

Wing, the largest ANG wing in the nation, operates the F-22, KC-135 and C-17 in conjunction with active duty units maintained under Pacific Air Forces' 15th Wing.

The Hawaii Air National Guard is comprised of approximately 2,500 Airmen whose federal mission is to be trained and available for active duty operational missions. It is also tasked with Hawaii's air defense mission, protecting Hawaii's airspace around-the-clock, 365 days a year. Its state mission is to be trained and available for domestic operations at home, including relief and recovery operations following a natural disaster.

Hawaii Sailors attend First Class Petty Officer Leadership Symposium

MC2 (SW) Jeff Troutman

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West, Detachment Hawaii

First class petty officers (FCPOs) stationed at Pearl Harbor gathered Feb. 25 at Hickam Memorial Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to attend a First Class Petty Officer's Symposium.

Approximately 200 FCPOs who were looking to gain leadership and career advice from the Pearl Harbor Chief's Action Group (CAG), in conjunction with the First Class Petty Officer's Association were in attendance for the symposium.

U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief Marco Ramirez addressed the attendees via a pre-recorded video statement, congratulating first classes who were about to take the chief petty officers exam, as well as stressing the importance of the symposium.

"As first class petty officers, you are the ones, at your level, leading the [junior] Sailors in our Navy," said Ramirez.

"You're our replacements, your leadership, what you do and how you do it makes a difference. This symposium will not only help build you to be better leaders but also



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter

Chanda Johnston, work and family life consultant and accredited financial counselor at the Military and Family Support Center, speaks to first class petty officers stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during a first class petty officer symposium held at Hickam Memorial Theater.

help you recognize destructive behaviors and educate you to intervene when necessary," Ramirez said.

He challenged the FCPOs to ask members of the CAG tough questions that may be on the collective minds of those in attendance but seldom addressed in an open forum such as this.

"The purpose of this kind of get-together is to do some professional training with the Pearl Harbor FCPOs, to help them become future chief petty officers, and to guide

their junior Sailors along the way," said Master Chief Intelligence Specialist Jason Martin, who spoke to the Sailors about professional development and advancement.

"My hope is that the Sailors who attended today's symposium will have a better understanding of the resources they have to be competitive for advancement. The opportunities are definitely out there; they just have to find them," Martin said.

Topics covered during the symposium included important

changes occurring in today's Navy, tips for maintaining an individual's electronic service record, career information and policies, individual augmentee assignments, and more.

Sailors who attended the symposium found the training worthwhile in conjunction with the goals they had set for themselves upon making first class and beginning their journey to the chief petty officer's selection board.

According to Air Traffic Controller 1st Class Jolyn San Nicolas, assigned to Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), the information she received at the symposium will enable her to not only enhance her own career but the careers of those around her.

"I'm all for educated knowledge and I'm excited to be here," said San Nicolas. "The evaluation writing block and the segment on uniform regulations were especially helpful, because it teaches me how to better serve my junior Sailors and be a better first class for them."

Additionally, many of the topics during the symposium were geared toward helping the FCPOs better understand the often overwhelming process of preparing their service record for selection to chief petty officers. Navy heritage, ethics, proper fitness and nutri-

tion were all covered in an effort to help even the newest FCPOs in attendance begin planning their route to khaki leadership.

"The Navy is always changing around us, so seminars like this enable me to stay current on things like proper fitness, proper ethics, and how to inspire the most out of myself and my junior Sailors," said Air Traffic Controller 1st Class Courtney Sears, assigned to MCBH.

"It's just a great way to learn about the resources available to you," she said.

Sears said she would advise other FCPOs who didn't attend the symposium to attend future outings if they were interested in enhancing their chances for selection to chief.

"The opportunity to network amongst your peers and the amount of combined knowledge in the room is a huge benefit to everyone in attendance," said Sears.

"There's a bigger picture to the Navy than just what's in your office. From preparing your chief's package to actually taking the exam, the information you can walk away with from symposiums like this is enormous. I would highly encourage every FCPO who is looking to further their career to attend."

Commentary

Battle of Sunda Strait lessons and need to be ready

Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

The Battle of Sunda Strait was fought 73 years ago this week more than 6,000 miles from Hawaii. The battle against a formidable, trained and determined enemy occurred nearly three months after the attack here on Dec. 7, 1941.

As most of our Pacific Fleet battleships lay alongside Ford Island "battered and smoldering," in the words of author/historian James D. Hornfischer, far to the east of us in the Java Sea USS Houston (CA 30) was surprised by a superior Japanese task force near Indonesia in what would be the biggest surface naval engagement since World War I.

With an already damaged gun turret from a previous encounter with the enemy—and without the ability to track with radar from afar—Houston was at a disadvantage in the Battle of Sunda Strait.

Meanwhile, the more experienced Japanese navy, with advanced radar, torpedoes and training in night tactics, seized the advantage.

In those early months of the war, our ships' weapons systems and tactics were outmatched by the adversary's capabilities. Fierce fighting in the dark of night and shorter range weapons created chaos and friendly fire incidents.

Hornfischer shows how in the decade before the war, USS Houston, U.S. Fleet flagship in 1938, was considered President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "own" — used by him on extended cruises and even on fishing expeditions.

Unfortunately, warfighting readiness and the ability to operate forward were immaterial to the distinctive mythology and polished image that grew up around the former flagship. Failure to modernize and adapt to new technology and tactics can have tragic consequences.

Today, the lessons of Sunda Strait reinforce the

importance of Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Greenert's tenets — Warfighting First, Operate Forward, Be Ready. And, directly supporting "warfighting first" is Commander, Naval Surface Force U.S. Pacific Fleet Vice Adm. Rowden's concept of distributed lethality, using our surface action groups in power projection to protect sea lanes.

Vice Adm. Rowden is leading surface warriors using new tactics and training to ensure our readiness and maintain an upper hand in battle. We take this personally here where we have a large surface action group poised and ready at Pearl Harbor.

Key lessons from the Battle of Sunda Strait:

- Never mirror image an adversary or underestimate their strength and capabilities.

- Don't fight the last war; commit to innovation and new strategies.
- Train to be ready.

Other lessons in those first few months of the Pacific war: the need for adequate resources, the importance of unity of command, and the strength of cooperative partnerships.

Early on, Imperial Japanese forces, thanks to strong command and control, had the upper hand because of their control over sea lanes and resources, from Manchuria to Southeast Asia, including the Philippines and Java.

In response and in the aftermath of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States quickly accelerated its industrial base, created the Joint Chiefs of Staff in early 1942, and worked closely with our Allies — especially the British, Dutch, Chinese

and Australians. Australian and American Sailors shed blood together at the Battle of Sunda Strait, in which both USS Houston and HMAS Perth (D 29) were sunk and hundreds were killed or captured and sent to POW camps.

Our partnership with Australia after the Battle of Sunda Strait grew stronger throughout the war and proved invaluable in later advances against the enemy, including at Guadalcanal.

While it's important to commemorate the Battle of Sunda Strait, just as we memorialize Pearl Harbor Day, commemoration is not enough. To truly honor the sacrifice of the men who fought and died in the Java Sea 73 years ago, we must commit ourselves to learning the lessons and follow the CNO's warfighting readiness tenets.

Diverse Views



What is the best way to show support for wounded warriors?

Lt. Andre Barber
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



"The best way to support wounded warriors is constant, sustained recognition. We cannot let awareness of our heroes be a fad or a trend because their challenges and suffering is not. They have to wake up every day and face the world with their disabilities. They should be known and honored as the heroes they are."



Tech. Sgt. Alejandra Anderson
392nd Intelligence Squadron

"By giving them someone they can count on. Someone like a personal friend who is constantly calling, keeping them motivated and in good spirits."

FC3 Deborah Rosen
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



"This hits close to home as my husband is diagnosed with PTSD. His suffering may not have physical signs, but he still faces challenges every day. I believe a great way to help our wounded warriors is to increase funding and options for rehabilitation, and possibly implement reintegration back into civilian life if they are deemed unfit to serve. I also believe more support for the families should be provided because having a wounded warrior in the family can be devastating emotionally and financially for everyone involved."



Master Sgt. Kris Bennett
56th Air and Space Communications Squadron

"By keeping people aware that these men and women sustained injuries serving our country."

Chief Navy Counselor Athena Allen
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



"The best way to support our wounded warriors is to continue to build relationships with them through assets like the Navy Safe Harbor Program. We also need to continue to raise awareness and publicize their merits as well as continue to celebrate their lives."



Staff Sgt. Robert Hartwell
HQ PACAF

"Be there for them, for anything they need. They paved the way for us by giving us a great sacrifice. The least we can do is sacrifice some time to help and give back to them. We should want to, wounded or not."

Senior Master Sgt. Kristen Stanley
154 Maintenance Squadron, HIANG



"Just listen. When they are ready, they might want to tell their story. If they aren't, just be there."

Provided by SrAirman Christopher Stoltz and David D. Underwood Jr.

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USS Houston surprised in Battle of Sunda Strait



U.S. Navy photo

During the Battle of Sunda Strait, the cruisers USS Houston (CA 30) (shown here) and HMAS Perth, proceeding in company toward the Sunda Strait on the western end of the island of Java, encountered a Japanese landing in progress at Banten Bay. The battle was fought 73 years ago this week. The view of the Houston in this photo was taken in 1934 prior to the Battle of Sunda Strait. It was fitted with a ramp on the side for the convenience of President Franklin D. Roosevelt when he traveled aboard the ship.

Volunteers needed for Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and other military volunteers can participate in the next Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup led by the City and County of Honolulu. The cleanup will be held April 4.

City and County of Honolulu organizers have requested a specific area for joint base volunteers, including family members ages 12 and above, to help in the recently cleared mangrove land along the bike path near Kalauao Stream.

Volunteers should meet at the far end of the Best Buy parking lot in Aiea by 7:30 a.m.

Work will include trash removal, weeding and beautification. Volunteers should dress to get dirty, wear covered shoes and bring sunscreen.

The City and County of Honolulu will also host Earth Month kick-off festivities following the cleanup effort at Neal Blaisdell Park, starting at 11 a.m.

To volunteer, contact Chief Master-at-Arms William Matteson, william.n.matteson@navy.mil or (209) 216-7190. For more information, call Tom Clements at 473-0662 or e-mail tom.clements@navy.mil.



U.S. Navy photo

Michael Hays, a community service volunteer, cleans up a bike path that runs along Pearl Harbor's waterfront.

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USS Olympia returns from western Pacific deployment

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The Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS Olympia (SSN 717) returned Feb. 25 from a scheduled deployment to the western Pacific, welcomed by families and friends gathered at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Cmdr. Thomas Shugart, the submarine's commanding officer, said the crew was outstanding and productive throughout the deployment.

"It was fantastic," said Shugart. "Our Sailors did a great job representing us and the nation overseas, working with our allies and projecting power forward in defense of peace and harmony in the western Pacific."

Olympia successfully completed an array of undersea operations and training evolutions and worked with allied partners in several multinational exercises, thus improving the overall mis-



Electronics Technician 1st Class Kyle Miller of the Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS Olympia (SSN 717) hugs his wife following the return of the submarine Feb. 25 to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after a scheduled deployment to the western Pacific. (Additional photos on page A-5.)

sion readiness of U.S. and allied forces.

Shugart commended his crew for being great ambassadors on behalf of the na-

tion and said they had a lot of fun.

"The guys were very excited to visit places like Korea and Japan," said

Shugart. "They saw a lot of sights, which is a part of what joining the Navy is about. It's seeing the world."

Shugart added that the crew has a deep sense of pride brought on by their accomplishments while on deployment.

In addition to gaining the experience of operating in the western Pacific, the deployment afforded Sailors the opportunity to work on qualifications.

"We had several Sailors and officers who received their submarine warfare qualifications while on deployment," said Olympia's chief of the boat, Master Chief Electronics Technician Roland Midgett.

"Through the various events Olympia participated in, we were able to present their 'dolphins' uniform insignia at various ports or on the bridge during the underway period," he said.

"We are elated to be back," added Midgett. "It's great to have accomplished all we have, and now the crew is ready to spend some time

with the families."

Olympia returned home with a new second in charge. Lt. Cmdr. Rob Walls relieved Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Flaherty as executive officer of Olympia in a pre-scheduled relief during the deployment.

When Olympia rounded the corner inside Pearl Harbor to a crowd of families and friends, it became apparent that they were finally home.

Jana Miller, wife of Electronics Technician 1st Class Kyle Miller said she is looking forward to seeing his face and giving him a big hug.

"Welcome home, guys!" exclaimed Miller. "We are gonna go camping and try to go home for the summer."

Sonar Technician (Submarines) Seaman John Barnes, one of the newest Sailors on board, said he found the deployment challenging yet rewarding.

"It really makes you realize how close you become with your family on the boat, and there is nothing like it," said Barnes. "It was long, it was aggravating at some point, but in the end,

it was well worth it, definitely a good experience."

Many Sailors aboard Olympia distinguished themselves during this deployment period and were recognized through promotions, awards or earning their submarine warfare pin signifying their qualification as submariners.

Olympia's Sailor of the Year is Machinist's Mate 1st Class Kyle Hulett, The Junior Sailor of the Year is Electrician's Mate 1st Class Jory Anderson and the Blue Jacket of the Year is Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Jake Newman.

USS Olympia is the second ship of the United States Navy to be named after Olympia, Wash. Commissioned on Nov. 17, 1984, Olympia is the 29th ship of the Los Angeles-class, nuclear-powered, fast attack submarines. The submarine is 362 feet long, displaces 6,900 tons and can be armed with sophisticated Mark-48 torpedoes and Tomahawk cruise mis-

Eaton assumes command of 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing

Kristine Hojnicky

515th Air Mobility Operations Wing

Col. Casey D. Eaton assumed command of the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing (AMOW) during a ceremony March 2 at the Historic Hickam Officers' Club at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

"It is a tremendous honor to be joining the team at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam alongside the men and women of the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing," Eaton said.

"The wing flourished under the leadership of Col. Al Miller, and I look forward to giving my all to build on that reputation of excellence. Accelerating air mobility throughout the Pacific starts right here, and I'm extraordinarily proud to be a part of this mission."

Eaton comes to JBPHH from

Headquarters, North American Aerospace Defense Command-U.S. Northern Command in Colorado Springs, Colo. where he served as the deputy chief of staff. As commander of the 515th AMOW, headquartered at JBPHH, he is responsible for 1,800 geographically separated personnel across 26 operating locations and nine Pacific time-zones from Alaska to Diego Garcia, with an annual budget of more than \$50 million.

Maj. Gen. Frederick H. Martin, U. S. Air Force Expeditionary Center (USAF EC) commander, presided over the ceremony.

"All of you should feel proud to be a part of the 515th AMOW team," Martin said. "Your continued effort and partnership with PACAF, PACOM and mission partners at your dispersed locations ensures that our nation can continue to project rapid global



U.S. Navy photo by SrA Christopher Stoltz

Maj. Gen. Frederick Martin, commander, U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., hands the reins and the guidon over to Col. Casey D. Eaton during the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing assumption of command ceremony, held March 2 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

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Martin also recognized Col. Jeffrey Pierce, 515th AMOW vice commander, for his leadership. Pierce has led the wing since Feb. 4 when

Col. Albert G. Miller, the wing's previous commander, relinquished command.

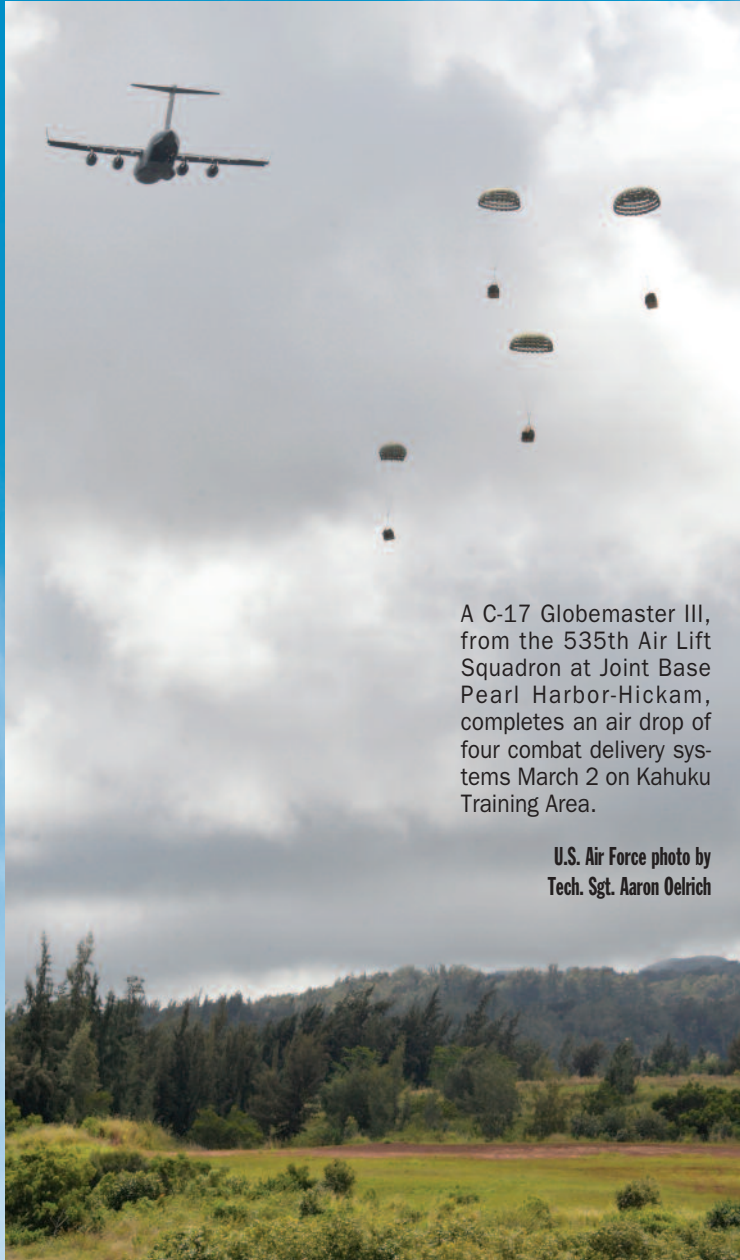
"Col. Pierce, I commend you for everything you have done to seam-

lessly lead this wing through its changeover, to continue executing the mission, and in graciously welcoming Col. Eaton to the team," Martin said.

The assumption of command ceremony comes at the end of a five-day commanders' conference for wing leadership and annual award nominees that included briefings from Pacific Command, 18th Air Force, Air Mobility Command (AMC) and the National Defense University. Other events included professional development seminars and the wing's annual awards banquet.

The 515th AMOW serves as the Pacific arm of the USAF EC and AMC. The wing's mission is to provide agile enroute capability to accelerate global air mobility for war fighters throughout the Pacific, utilizing command and control, aerial port operations and aircraft maintenance.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



A C-17 Globemaster III, from the 535th Air Lift Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, completes an air drop of four combat delivery systems March 2 on Kahuku Training Area.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Delrich



Hula dancers from the Polynesian Cultural Center perform for the crew of the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Olympia (SSN 717) Feb. 25 as crew members prepare to moor the submarine at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Steven Khor



The family of Master Chief Electronics Technician Mark Wolfe, assigned to the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Olympia (SSN 717), cheer for his arrival Feb. 25 at the submarine piers of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Steven Khor

(Right) USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) Gas Turbine System Technician Mechanical 3rd Class Seth Gerber lets go of the rope so elementary students can start a tug-of-war game in the school playground Feb. 26. Paul Hamilton Sailors participated in a community relations project at Upi Elementary School in Yigo where they gave presentations about their naval careers and the importance of education and participated in the school's "Fitness Pride Day."



U.S. Navy photo by Tanya M. Champaco Mendiola



(Left) Operations Specialist Seaman Apprentice Micheal A. Stewart II shows students how to navigate a hopscotch obstacle in the school playground Feb. 26.

U.S. Navy photo by Tanya M. Champaco Mendiola



(Right) USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) Chief Hospital Corpsman (SW/AW/FMF) Altiba Mathlin helps students do sit ups in the school playground Feb. 26.

U.S. Navy photo by Tanya M. Champaco Mendiola



The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) submarine JS Hakuryu (SS 503) arrives Feb. 27 at the submarine piers of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Steven Khor



Crew members aboard the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) submarine JS Hakuryu (SS 503) prepare the submarine to moor to the pier following its arrival at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Feb. 27.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Steven Khor



U.S. Navy photo by MCC John M. Hageman

Gunnery Sgt. Bryon Bebout, assigned to the Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC), observes wreckage from a B-24 Liberator aircraft during excavation operations in Madang Province in 2011.

Airmen missing from WWII returned

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced that the remains of U.S. servicemen, missing in action from World War II, have been accounted for and are being returned to their families.

The following service members have been accounted for and will be buried with full military honors: Army Air Forces 1st Lt. William D. Bernier of Augusta, Mont.; 1st Lt. Bryant E. Poulsen of Salt Lake City, Utah; 1st Lt. Herbert V. Young Jr. of Clarkdale, Ariz.; and Tech Sgt. Charles L. Johnston of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Tech Sgt. Hugh F. Moore of Elkton, Md. and Staff Sgt. John E. Copeland of Dearing, Kan.; Staff Sgt. Charles J. Jones of Athens, Ga.; and Staff Sgt. Charles A. Gardner of San Francisco, Calif.

Jones was buried Feb. 28 in Athens, Ga. and Johnston was buried March 2 in Arlington National Cemetery. On March 18, there will be a group burial service at Arlington National Cemetery honoring Poulsen, Copeland and the other crew members.

Bernier was buried Sept.

19, 2014 in his hometown. Young was buried Oct. 15, 2014, in Prescott, Ariz.; Moore was buried on Nov. 11, 2014, in his hometown. Gardner was buried on Dec. 4, 2014 in Arlington National Cemetery.

On April 10, 1944, 12 B-24D Liberator crew members took off from Texter Strip, Nazdab Air Field, New Guinea, on a mission to attack an anti-aircraft site at Hansa Bay. The aircraft was shot down by enemy anti-aircraft fire over the Madang Province, New Guinea. Four of the crewmen were able to parachute from the aircraft but were reported to have died in captivity.

Following World War II, the Army Graves Registration Service (AGRS) conducted investigations and recovered the remains of three of the missing Airmen. In May 1949, AGRS concluded the remaining nine crew members were unrecoverable.

In 2001, a U.S.-led team located wreckage of a B-24D that bore the tail number of this aircraft. After several surveys, Department of Defense teams excavated the site and recovered human remains and non-biological material evidence.

To identify Jones' remains, scientists from DPAA and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) used circumstantial evidence and forensic identification tools, including mitochondrial DNA, which matched Jones' maternal niece.

To identify Johnston's remains, they matched Johnston's maternal cousins.

To identify Gardner's remains, they matched Gardner's maternal niece and nephew.

To identify Young's remains, they matched Young's sister.

To identify Moore's remains, they matched Moore's niece and grand-niece.

To identify Bernier's remains, they matched Bernier's cousins.

To account for Poulsen and Copeland, scientists from DPAA used circumstantial evidence that placed them on the aircraft and accounted for as them as part of the group.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans who went missing while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at www.dpaa.mil or call 703-699-1169.

NMCRS launches fund drive

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"For a lot of these guys it is a collateral duty, so we want to make sure that they go back to their commands with all the tools they need to have a successful fund drive," said Lt. Cindy Suarez, coordinator of the 2015 NMCRS fund drive.

The key person's goal is to get 100 percent contact for all Sailors and Marines based on Oahu, Hawaii and to track and manage the completion of donation forms at each command through an assigned representative of the program.

"Our goal is 100 percent contact, but we also want them to be creative and to think outside the box with the fund drive events and make it fun," said Suarez. "The representatives have to recruit those superstars in their command to be their cheerleaders."

Jennifer Cox, a Navy spouse and case worker for the NMCRS, who has been volunteering with the organization for 12 years, said she is more than happy to be of service.

"It's a great way for me as a spouse to give back, and I think that in emergency situations there is so much we can do to help improve our Sailors and Marines situation for

now and for the future," said Cox. "I think our mission is so important, to help our service members be ready to do their job and not have to worry about all those things at home."

Chief Cryptologic Technician (Networks) Bruce Hawkins, a key person for U.S. Pacific Fleet, shared what he learned from the fund drive kickoff.

"I'm an operations (ops) chief. I focus on ops mission. That's what I live and breathe. For me I thought it was a great way to lead into the NMCRS kickoff when the admiral spoke about how the NMCRS supports mission and supports operations," said Hawkins. "That's near and dear to my heart. That's why I'm here to fight the fight."

NMCRS was founded in 1904 as a private, nonprofit charitable organization that provides financial, educational and additional programs and services to members of U.S. naval services, their family members and survivors. The NMCRS mission is to help Sailors and Marines become financially self-sufficient and prepare for the unexpected.

The fund drive will run March 4-April 10. For more information about NMCRS and the resources they offer, visit www.nmcrs.org.



Airmen from the 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron build combat delivery systems Feb. 25 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (Additional photo on page A-5.)

15th Wing Airmen support joint exercise

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The 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS) and 535th Airlift Squadron (AS) conducted two resupply air drops in support of the 25th Infantry Division (ID), Schofield Barracks, exercise Lightning Forge.

The air drop was accomplished using two C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, which dropped 11,200 lbs of supplies over two days. In total, there were 16 pallets containing 576 boxes of meals-ready-to-eat and 64 ammunition containers, critical to the 25 ID training objectives.

"The mission was to resupply the Army units on the ground in support of Lightning Forge," said Maj. Andrew Beckett, aircraft commander and the mission commander from the 15th operations group.

"For this exercise, rather than the training bundles that we would normally drop we actually have people that are relying on us to receive the materials, it is an added realism to the training," he said.

According to Army Sgt. 1st Class Roderick Buck from the 5th Battlefield Coordination Detachment, 380th Ground Liaison Office attached to the 15th Wing, exercise Lightning Forge is a force-on-force scenario involving eight battalions for the 25th ID.

The exercise is used to prepare the 25th ID for their Joint Readiness Training Center rotation. The JRTC is used to certify army units for deployment.

Coordination between 25th ID and the

15th Wing started in late January and continued through the recovery of the air drop in early March.

The coordination for the air drop was facilitated by Buck and also Army Capt. Gilbert Parker, both from the 5th Battlefield Coordination Detachment, 380th Ground Liaison Office attached to the 15th Wing. According to Buck, their job is working out all the small details in joint operations and translate what the Army wants from the Air Force and what the Air Force needs back from the Army.

"Coordination and communication are key, when you emphasize on joint capabilities, communication is a decisive factor in the success of an operation," said Parker.

The air drop was a combined effort by the 25th Transportation Company delivering the supplies to the 647th LRS palletized and preparing the supplies so that 535th AS could drop them to the 25th ID personnel on the ground.

"The C-17 is optimally designed to support the Army. It can carry strikers, tanks, support gear, it can conduct air drops of supply, personnel and gear in to theater, so actually training with the Army units out here is a great opportunity," said Beckett.

According to Buck, future joint operations will increase the communication to the Air Force through in-depth briefings on Army operations and the Air Force's role in them.

"The emphasis of the military is to bring the branches together as much as we can to work in parallel towards the same objective," said Parker.

SPAWAR brings IT security and virtualization training to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

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The Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) NetOps Support Team (NST) Fly-Away Team (FAT) Reserve component recently provided IT training support to Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (MIDPAC) and other units during a detachment to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Training classes began Feb. 23 and concluded today.

The team provided classroom training in security as well as VMware virtualization. This was the first virtualization class in the MIDPAC region. Virtualization enables users to access networked operating systems from a single or multiple stations. This system will help the Navy both reduce its cyber footprint and increase security.

"Ships have limited space for servers and virtualizing the cyber environment makes sense. We need to train the fleet on how to use software like VMware," said Cmdr. Eric A. Stoeckel, customer advocate, Naval Air Systems Command Systems, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Keyport, Wash. "It saves money, saves space, consolidates hardware, and provides better security."

At the end of each class, those who passed the certification examinations were given CompTia designation for Security Plus class and VCA certification for



Chief Warrant Officer Daryn Bartlett, SPAWAR NetOps Support Team, holds IT security training March 3 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

VMware class.

The SPAWAR NST team is made up of Reservists who are attached to the SPAWAR Reserve Program at multiple sites across the country.

"The SPAWAR Reserve Program provides unique military and technical capabilities in support of team SPAWAR's mission, contingency response, and

resolution of C4ISR issues that impact current and future fleet readiness," said Stoeckel. "The instructor team brings unique civilian experience to the fleet."

For future training requests, contact Stoeckel at eric.a.stoeckel@navy.mil or Chief Information Technician Christopher Castillo at Christopher.castillo@navy.mil.

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JBP HH hosts cyberspace mission commander training

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15th Wing Public Affairs

Members of the cyberspace community gathered Feb. 23-27 at the 535th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a week-long training course on large force employment of defensive cyberspace capabilities.

The cyberspace mission commander training course was developed by weapons officers at the 67th Cyberspace Wing to teach large force employment, roles and responsibilities of the mission commander, and integration of cyberspace forces identified in the Air Force Cyberspace Tasking Order.

The result is a training program that teaches the United States Air Force Weapons School ME3C-mission planning process, as well as tactical defensive cyberspace integration



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Matthew McGovern

Capt. Donald Franklin, 26th Operations Support Squadron chief of wing tactics at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, explains the agenda during the first day of the cyber space mission commander training held Feb. 23 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

and command and control through a dedicated mission commander.

“The process we’re teaching was missing in the cyber community,” said Capt. D. Tyler Franklin, the chief of

wing weapons and tactics at the 67th Cyberspace Wing, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. “This course fills in those gaps by providing a foundation for tactical mission planning and advanced

integration of multiple cyber weapon systems.”

The week was divided into an academic phase and practical application phase. The first training day was focused on teaching the stu-

dents the ME3C-(PC)2 mission planning process. The rest of the week focused on planning three specific missions in defense of the 613th Air Operations Center.

“We believe there is real value in this course,” Franklin said. “When you go back to your organization, you know what you need to know about defensive mission planning and you’ve been given an opportunity to practice applying it in a safe environment.”

Franklin said the experience of planning three simulated missions gave students more confidence in the application of the mission planning principles.

“By the time they left here, they had three missions under their belt and they saw that it’s not difficult, it’s not scary, and when you use it, it works,” he said.

Franklin said after one week of training, students are ready to go back to their

units and hit the ground running.

“This course has greatly improved my ability to plan defensive cyber operations by giving me the tactical perspective necessary to create an executable plan,” said Master Sgt. Alex Kuh, 613 AOC cyber operations planner.

“As a mission commander, I feel confident in assuming the responsibility to lead the planning, coordination and execution of the mission.”

The training is the first of its kind at a base in the Pacific, but Franklin said commanders are taking note of the benefits of bringing in the team to teach this course.

“What we’ve seen from the six courses we’ve had so far is that there is a night and day contrast to how things were done before and how they are executed now that we have more trained mission commanders in the units,” Franklin said.

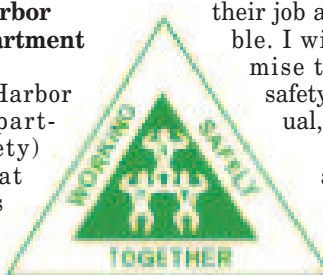
JBP HH Safety Department commits to cultivating elite safety culture

Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam Safety Department

Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam Safety Department (JBP HH Safety) has announced that their focus in 2015 is to cultivate the way for service members, civilians and their families to enhance their quality of life.

According to Miranda A. Caban, JBP HH safety director, they plan to set the bar at its highest level: to predict, prevent and plan their way to the future.

“As JBP HH safety director, it is my goal to ensure that everyone on this installation performs



their job as safe as possible. I will not compromise the health and safety of any individual,” said Caban.

“While creating a safe workplace starts with management, it involves everyone. We all need to work together to achieve our common goal of an accident-free workplace.”

Here are some guidelines provided by the safety department.

- Create a proactive safety culture at the workplace by preparing for any situation, participation and controlling the

work environment. Always going far and above the minimum standards not just for you, but for everyone, creates a proactive safety culture. You are your first line of defense. Many accidents are preventable with more attention to good safety procedures and training.

- Always remember the five steps to operation risk management (ORM). (1) Identify the hazards. List all hazards associated with the operation. (2) Assess the hazards. Determine the associated degree of risk in terms of probability and severity. (3) Make risk decision. Develop risk control options. Start with the most serious risk first and select controls that will re-

duce the risk to a minimum. Decide if the benefits outweigh the risks. (4) Implement controls. (5) Supervise and evaluate. Conduct follow-up evaluations of the controls to ensure they remain in place and have the desired effect.

Melody Sale is the new JBP HH safety supervisor. “As the JBP HH newly promoted safety supervisor, I am confident that, together with our team of safety experts and our extended safety supporters throughout this installation, we can look forward to improvements in programs, communication and overall support,” she said.

“The concept of safety does not start with our office but with

each individual working on JBP HH installation. We want to promote good safety behavior and welcome ideas that can improve work processes. Our triangle logo with the three man symbol depicts what we believe—management, worker and JBP HH Safety working safely together. We are one ohana (family). Let’s all share the safety responsibility,” Sale said.

JBP HH Safety Department is located at 1260 Pierce St., building 679, suite 112 and can be contacted at 473-1169 or 473-1166 and via email: cni_h_jbphh_safety@navy.mil.

The CNIC Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam website is <http://ow.ly/JWAu0>.