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Memorial ceremony concludes

JBPBH POLICE WEEK

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden
Airmen from 647th Security Forces Squadron and Sailors began their Police on Patrol Parade before making their way through Hickam Communities to kick off Police Week, May 11, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Oelrich
Personnel from 15th Wing and Joint Base leadership, enforcement officers from JBPBH and local community as well as Airmen, Sailors, Coast Guardsmen and civilians, look on as members of the honor guard raise the flag to half-staff in honor of National Peace Officers' Memorial Day at JBPBH on May 15.

Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden
15th Wing Public Affairs

In the spirit of commemorating Peace Officers' Memorial Day, Col. Michael Florio, U.S. Pacific Command anti-terrorism/critical infrastructure protection division chief and ceremony guest speaker, spoke May 15 in detail about what it means to be a peace officer.

"There is no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for his friend," he said.

In 1962, President Kennedy declared May 15 as National Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week. Since then, Police Week has served as a time to pay special recognition to law enforce-

ment officers who lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

"Your presence today pays tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice," Florio told the crowd of 15th Wing and Joint Base leadership, joint law enforcement officers and Airmen, Sailors and Coast Guardsmen in attendance.

Florio said it's both a great privilege and responsibility to serve and protect and encouraged the group of law enforcement officers to never become complacent.

"We are called to mourn those who gave their lives in the line of duty," he said.

In addition to the closing ceremony, the 647th Security Forces Squadron defenders hosted several community events through-

out the week, which began May 11 with a 5K ruck march. A parade through Hickam Communities and a police fair at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange also gave the defenders an opportunity to interact with the local community while demonstrating some of their unique capabilities.

"This is about building relationships in the community," said Tech. Sgt. Burt Tagaloa, 647th SFS police services NCO in charge.

"We're out there for them every day, but a lot of times people don't know that because they don't see us. We wanted to celebrate the state and federal officers who wear the badge and who have worn the badge, raise

awareness, and thank the community for their support," he said.

Lt. Col. Juan Silva Jr., 647th SFS commander, said there are more than 900,000 law enforcement officers within the United States, each serving within their own communities and throughout the nation, and police week is about honoring their heritage.

"We take time out to thank our communities as the relationship between a citizen and a law enforcement officer is critical," he said.

"We know that we police our communities together. At the end of police week, we recognize Peace Officer's Memorial Day as a day we pay tribute and honor

those law enforcement officers across the nation who lost their lives in the line of duty as we remember them for their bravery and willness to protect and serve the innocent."

Silva said though law enforcement can at times be a thankless profession, those who wear the badge understand that it's not about the recognition, but the service.

"Let us not forget, we have lost security department Navy civilians, Navy master-of-arms and USAF defenders in the line of duty, and we offer our deepest sympathy and respect to their families and friends," he said. "They will always be remembered."



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Oelrich
Staff Sgt. Matthew Zantene, 647th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, dressed in a dog training personnel protective outfit, runs from a 647th Security Forces Squadron military working dog during a National Police Week fair demonstration May 13 at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden
Airmen from 647th Security Forces Squadron took to the streets of Earhart Village for their Police on Patrol Parade through Hickam Communities to kick off Police Week, May 11 at JBPBH.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden
Airmen from 647th Security Forces Squadron hand out candy during their Police on Patrol Parade through Hickam Communities at JBPBH.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Oelrich
Airmen from the 647th Security Forces Squadron participate in a 2.5-mile ruck march May 11 to kick off Police Week.

Photo Illustration

Division-leading Pound Town thumps 15th MXG

Story and photos by Randy Dela Cruz

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The showdown between the top two teams in the White Division turned out to be a one-sided affair as 647th Security Forces Squadron Pound Town scored the first 11 runs and then cruised to a 15-2 victory over the 15th Maintenance Group (15 MXG) on May 19 at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Pound Town, the defending intramural softball champions, raised their current record to a perfect 6-0 while the 15 MXG lost only for the second time against four wins.

"We thought this would be a tougher game, but we jumped on them early," said Pound Town pitcher Eddie Silva. "We scored the first 11 runs and then put the pressure on them."

There was nothing fancy about Pound Town's decisive victory as the team went to basics to build up a huge lead.

In the top of the first inning, Pound Town led off with three straight singles to score the first run of the game.

The RBI single came off the bat of Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Cameron Bowman, who laced a liner to center field for the first run.

Then singles by Master-at-Arms 2nd

Class Dennis Lewis and Senior Airman Joe Szczech plated runs two and three before Senior Airman Jace Henry blasted a triple to drive in two more runs and take a 5-0 lead after the top of the first inning.

In their next turn at-bat, Pound Town picked up right where they left off by marching eight batters to the plate to score three more runs.

The big hit in the inning was a shot by Staff Sgt. Jordan Locke that handcuffed the second baseman and allowed two runs to score.

"When I step up to the plate, my number one priority is to hit the ball hard," Locke said. "I'm not looking to do anything crazy with it. If you hit the ball hard, you're going to get hits."

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Devyn McNeil made it 9-0 with an RBI single in the top of the third, and in the next inning Locke picked up RBI number three with a single en route to a three-run fourth and a 12-0 lead.

The MXG finally got on board with two runs in the bottom of the fourth, but Pound Town, behind two more RBIs by Locke, scored three times in the top of the fifth to put the game away for good.

Although the game was played with first place at stake, Locke said that no matter who they play, Pound Town just comes to win.



Staff Sgt. Jordan Locke lines a single to drive in two of his five RBIs to help Pound Town defeat the 15th MXG.



Pound Town second baseman Senior Airman Brian Jurek catches 1st Lt. James Johnson in a rundown for an out.

"We approached this game like any other game," Locke said. "It doesn't matter if they're 0-5 or 5-0, we approach the game the same way. We come out here to win. Our number one goal is base hits. Base hits win games and defense as well."

Silva, who has been a part of the Pound Town's amazing four-year run that saw the team win two intramural championships and reach the finals three out of four seasons, said that although there are many new players on this year's squad, the team is just as competitive as in previous seasons.

"I want to say that we're just reloading, but I don't want to sound too cocky," Silva said. "We're very loose. It's a very good bunch of guys. I think we've got the most speed that we've ever had and good camaraderie."

Locke agreed with Silva and added that if Pound Town just does what they know they can do, then the team should be in for another stellar season.

"We just come out here and do our thing," said Locke, who also remarked that the team doesn't mind playing with a bulls-eye on their backs. "Hit after hit, that stuff is contagious. After a couple of hits, we all get in the groove and those hits turn into runs."

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Our Community Salutes recognizes U.S. Armed Forces enlistees

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Oahu's high school seniors planning to join the U.S. Armed Forces were honored by the local community during the Our Community Salutes (OCS) recognition ceremony May 17 at the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

Our Community Salutes is a community-based initiative to recognize and honor graduating high school seniors who plan to join the Armed Forces

after graduation. Our Community Salutes is made up of military members, veterans, community leaders, educators and businesspersons who value the importance of the young men and women who have volunteered to serve their country.

Enlistees joining the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force and Air National Guard were recognized during the ceremony. Each enlistee received a certificate of appreciation and an OCS coin for their dedication to the country.

U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Finis A. Dodson,

94th Army Air Missile Defense Command, provided the enlistees with his advice as a military member and guest speaker at the event.

"Lead from the front. Don't expect your Soldiers to do something that you are not willing to do yourself," Dodson said. "Become mentally and physically fit. Execute orders in your own name," he said.

"Become the expert in whatever you are doing. Trust but verify. Take care of Soldiers by making sure they are ready to fight. Dream big, but focus small. It's not time to reach for the senior grade yet. Most of all have fun."

Hawaii State Sen. Fred Hemmings also addressed the enlistees, sharing these thoughts.

"I want you to leave here optimistic and knowing that you have the full support of this nation," Hemmings said. "You have great men and women who have gone before you who will reach back and help you along. Your officers, sergeant majors, and all those in the military are eager to have you become a part of their band of brothers and sisters."



U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Finis A. Dodson, 94th Army Air Missile Defense Command, speaks during the Our Community Salutes recognition ceremony.



A U.S. Navy enlistee and high school graduate is recognized by Senior Chief Aerographer's Mate Enrique Acosta, senior enlisted advisor Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC), and Capt. Ashley Evans, commanding officer of JTWC, during the Our Community Salutes recognition ceremony held May 17 at the Battleship Missouri Memorial on Ford Island.

Many of the enlistees had different reasons for joining the military.

Theodore Hayashi, a U.S. Navy enlistee from Kailua High School, said he had an interest in the military from a young age.

"I have wanted to join the ROTC since I was little, so when I got into high school, I tried it out and liked it," said Hayashi. "I climbed through the ranks of cadet, lieutenant colonel, group commander.

It gave me many experiences and shaped what I was going to do after high school to serve the country."

For Curtis Colipano, a U.S. Air Force National Guard enlistee from Damien Memorial School, military runs in the family.

"I chose the Air Force National Guard because my dad is in the Air Force National Guard," said Colipano. "I grew up watching him and knew

that is what I wanted to do."

This was the second year the OCS recognition ceremony has been held in Hawaii. The OCS ceremony started in southern New Jersey in 2009 and has now spread across the nation.

"I think the event is cool," said Auggeray Alvarez a U.S. Army enlistee from Farrington High school. "It is nice that they are recognizing us for joining the military."

NSSC picks up third win with rally over Coast Guard

Story and photo by
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Down by a score of 3-0, Naval Sea Systems Command (NSSC) Longshots overtook U.S. Coast Guard Base Honolulu in the bottom of the fourth inning and then hung on to a 13-10 win on May 18 in a Red Division intramural softball game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win drew the Longhorns one game closer to .500 at 3-4 while the Coast Guard lost for only the second time, now two in a row, to fall to 4-2.

"I knew they (Coast Guard) were good," said Chief Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) K.C. Knopik. "I think it's just staying confident. Just thinking base hits mainly because if you go out there and try and kill it, you're just going to pop up or something."

While NSSC was thinking small ball, Coast Guard, with a lineup stocked with power hitters, including All-Armed Forces player Storekeeper 2nd Class Niko Langas, put their muscle on display in their very first at-bat.

In the top of the first inning, with one out, Yeoman 3rd Class Taylor Femmer stepped into the batter's box and put the hammer on a pitch.



Machinist's Mate 1st Class Adam Zimmer makes contact for a hit. Zimmer and his teammates scored six times in the bottom of the fourth to help the NSSC Longshots defeat the Coast Guard.

The ball continued to rise and finally descended past the left-field fence and dropped onto North Road for a 1-0 lead.

Femmer's blast traveled approximately 340 feet and is one of the few softballs ever parked outside of the spacious Ward Field.

"I knew it was gone right when I hit it," Femmer said. "The wind helped me a little and it just kept going."

Teammate Electrician's Mate

1st Class Micah Curimao topped off the first inning with a two-run single to take a 3-0 lead.

The Longshots got a run back in the bottom of the second on an error that allowed Electronics Technician 1st Class Kyle Longnecker to round the bases, but the Coast Guard got it back in the top of the third on an RBI single from Machinery Technician 3rd Class Rocky Recio.

Back down by three runs, the Longshots got out to a great start in the bottom of the third by loading up the bases with no outs.

A run came home on an infield hit by Longnecker and then Chief Electrician's Mate Mike Reuss lofted a fly ball for a sacrifice fly to drive in another run, but a throwing error back into the infield allowed the Longshots to clear the bases and take their first lead

of the game at 6-4.

The Coast Guard came back in the top of the fourth to retake the lead with a three-run inning, but that would be their final advantage of the game.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Longshots scored six times to go up by a score of 12-7.

The big hit in the inning came off Knopik, who smashed a drive over the top and rolled to the outfield fence for a three-run inside-the-park homer.

"I was just thinking base hit," Knopik said about his long drive. "I was trying to get it off the ground, like a line drive over second base. I started to burn it, when I saw it (the ball) go over him (the outfielder)."

The fourth-inning rally proved to be big enough to hold off the Coast Guard and raise the Longshots to victory.

While the Longshots have been on a rollercoaster ride throughout the first seven games of the season, the win over a tough Coast Guard team seems to bode well for the squad's fortunes in the second half of the year.

Knopik said that if the Longshots show up with a full lineup each time they take the field, the team should be hard to beat.

"We got a good squad," Knopik pointed out. "If we all show up and play like we know we can, that's the main thing."

Shipyard comes from behind to oust 15th MXG 'B'

Story and photo by
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Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNSY) fell behind late in the second half, but ultimately prevailed over a tough 15th Maintenance Group (15 MXG) "B" squad, 4-2, on May 16 in an intramural soccer semifinal playoff game at Quick Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win ushered the defending Summer Soccer League and current Red Division champs into the intramural championship against Blue Division title-holder Pacific Command/ Joint Intelligence Operation Center/Pacific Fleet (PACOM JIOC/PACFLT) which will be May 23 at Earhart Field starting at 9 a.m.

"We're going to take advantage of this, and we're going to come strong next week," said PHNSY team captain Moussa Niang, who is a Department of Defense civilian. "Hopefully, we'll take the trophy home again."

To win it all, PHNSY will have to bring their "A" game

against a very loaded and talented PACOM JIOC/PACFLT team.

While Shipyard was able to overcome a slow start against the 15th MXG, things might not turn out so well if they falter out of the gates next time around.

"Shipyard does not play well when we're down," Niang admitted. "We just have to get out and play our game."

Although Shipyard got the first goal on a penalty kick by Gas Turbine Systems (Electrical) 3rd Class Terry Gross, the team struggled in the first half to maintain a consistent press on offense.

Then, after a scoreless first half by the MXG, the team finally broke through early in the second half on a goal by Staff Sgt. Jason White to tie the score at 1-1.

"I don't think the goalie was expecting a shot," White said. "I took a quick peek, and I think I might have caught him off guard."

The score remained tied for the next few minutes, but then White struck again to put the MXG ahead at 2-1.

"That one was just good positioning," said White about his second kick for goal. "I just hap-

pened to be in the right place at the right time."

White's second goal seemed to put the MXG in a prime position to defeat Shipyard, as the team seemed to be controlling most of the action.

Just when things looked to be going all of the MXG's way, Shipyard managed to finally break through to the top of the box for a shot at goal.

Although the first shot missed the mark and ricocheted off the right upright, Fire Control Technician 2nd Class Christopher Pesantes followed the caromed ball and booted it into the net for the tie.

"I was just trying to get it to the goal," Pesantes said. "I just took the rebound after it (the ball) bounced off."

With approximately three minutes remaining on the clock, it appeared that the game was headed for a shootout, but Gross had other things on his mind.

Chasing down a free ball, Gross caught up with the ball and made an incredible off-balance header for a goal and a 3-2 lead.

Moments later, Gross put the game away for good by completing a fast break with a goal on a



Gas Turbine Systems (Electrical) 3rd Class Terry Gross sneaks the ball past the reach of goalkeeper Senior Airman Trevor Gibbins on a penalty kick.

one-on-one opportunity against the goalkeeper.

"That guy is selfless," said Niang about Gross. "If there is a way to score a goal, he can do it. Any way he can score a goal, he'll get it for us. I don't know how he does it, but he's amazing."

With everything on the line next week, Niang said that he hopes that Shipyard will be able to field a full lineup and that

defense will be the key. Another factor in the game, Niang admitted, will be the new turf that was installed at Earhart Field.

"It's been a long time since I've played on an artificial field, so yeah, it will make a difference," he noted. "If we see we're struggling, we'll make adjustments. But again, we're just going to come out hard and play to win."



Live the Great Life

'Read to the Rhythm' at library

Justin Hirai

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The Department of Defense and Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation 2015 Summer Reading Program will be held from May 27 through July 18 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library.

The program will begin with the summer reading kickoff from 10 a.m. to noon May 27 at the library. Attendees can receive online registration help and a goody bag. Those who are unable to attend the kickoff event can stop by the library during normal business hours and ask for registration assistance.

The theme this year is "Read to the Rhythm," which encourages participants to explore music via reading, hands-on crafts, activities and entertainment.

Those who participate in the reading program can earn prizes by completing reading goals and logging them during the allotted time frame.

The age group the reader falls into determines their spe-

cific reading goals and prizes. There are four age groups: "read-to-me and beginner" readers from birth to age 7; "I can read chapter book readers" from ages 8 to 12; teens from ages 13 to 18; and adults ages 19 and older.

"The core purpose of the summer reading program is to introduce very young children to the library and reading, to keep school age kids and 'adult kids' of all ages engaged in a lifetime love of reading," said Phyllis Frenzel, JBPHH Library director.

"The main programming purpose is to achieve an optimal blend of independent learning via reading, hands on craft activities and even enter-

tainment to create happy reading memories," she said.

Weekly activities like the hands-on crafts and entertainment take place throughout the duration of the program.

Making playable instruments with recycled materials and a family or group rap recital are a few examples of what is scheduled. A performance and instrument demonstration by the Pacific Fleet jazz and pop combo is also planned.

Patrons who would like to self-register online can do so at EVANCED: <https://usaf.evanced.info/hickam/sr/homepage.asp> beginning May 27. They can also call the library at 449-8299.



MWR Marketing photo

The annual summer reading program from the Department of Defense and JBPHH Morale, Welfare and Recreation is designed to encourage reading from a very young age up to adulthood.

MWR concert set for Memorial Day

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation



Courtesy of Kristian Bush

Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Memorial Day concert, featuring Kristian Bush, will be held Monday at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The outdoor concert is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. and gates will open at 3:30 p.m.

Admission is free and is open to all of those with base access and their guests.

Country music fans know Kristian Bush as half of the musical duo Sugarland. The group garnered multiple Grammy, Academy of Country Music and Country Music Association awards over the last decade.

Bush released his first solo effort, "Southern Gravity" last month, and Monday's concert will feature songs from his album, including the hit song "Trailer Hitch."

DJ Bryan Gray will entertain the crowd from 3:30 to

Country music performer Kristian Bush will take the stage on Memorial Day at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

5:30 p.m. with music, prize giveaways and more.

For the safety and security of patrons, the following guidelines have been established. Authorized items include small clutches, blankets and folding chairs. All items are subject to search. Outside food and beverage, pets, backpacks, bags/totes, purses, umbrellas, video/audio recorders and tents are not authorized.

For a complete list of authorized and unauthorized items, go to www.greatlifehawaii.com.

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Memorial Day Softball Tournament will be held today through May 25 at various fields. There is no admission fee for spectators. FMI: 473-2494, 473-2437.

Free Golf Clinic will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at Mamala Bay Golf Course. FMI: 449-2304.

PeeWee Flag Football Registration period opens May 25 and closes June 19 for youth ages 3 to 5 years old. The season runs July 11 through Sept. 29. The registration fee is \$35, and registration is available at www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 473-0789.

Preschool Story Time will begin at 9 a.m. May 27 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library. The theme will be "rhythm band." FMI: 449-8299.

Intramural Volleyball Coaches Meeting will begin at 1 p.m. May 27 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. The league runs June 24 through September and is limited to commands from JBPHH. Any additional active-duty members not belonging to a command team will come from a players' pool. There is no registration fee. FMI: 473-2494, 473-2437.

Mongolian BBQ will be offered from 5:30 to 8 p.m. May 28 on the

lanai of the Historic Hickam Officers' Club. A variety of meats, vegetables and sauces will be available. Rice, noodles, soup, beverages and fortune cookies are included. FMI: 448-4608.

All-Military Surf Classic Registration deadline is May 30 for a meet to be held June 6 at White Plains Beach, Kalaeloa (Barbers Point). The meet is open to active-duty, Reservists, retired, Department of Defense civilians and family members only. "Sponsoring" someone into the event is not allowed. Participants may enter one division only, with the exception of active-duty members, who may enter two

divisions. The rules and entry form are available at www.greatlifehawaii.com. Entry fees are to be determined. FMI: 682-4925.

Spearfishing Excursion will begin at 9 a.m. May 30 at the MWR Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor office. Participants need to have taken MWR's "Learn to Spearfish" course, as the skills needed for this activity are moderate to difficult. The cost is \$20. Sign-up deadline is May 28. FMI: 449-5215.

Biking the North Shore excursion will begin at 9 a.m. May 30. MWR Outdoor Adventure Center staff will

lead participants on a seven-mile round-trip ride on level terrain from Waimea Bay to Sunset Beach. The cost is \$25 including a bicycle or \$20 without. The sign-up deadline is May 28. FMI: 473-1198.

Chuck Milligan Comedy Hypnosis Shows will be held May 30-31 at Sharkey Theater. The adult-themed show (18 years and older) will be held May 30 at 7 p.m. The all-hands show will be held May 31 at 5 p.m. Participation on stage is limited to those ages 14 years and older, and seating is limited to the first 300 patrons. The show is free, and no tickets are needed. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Community Calendar

MAY MFSC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY NOW — The JBPHH Military and Family Support Center is seeking volunteers. FMI: Susan Hodge at 474-1999.

KEIKI ID EVENT SATURDAY — A free keiki (child) ID event for authorized patrons will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall children's department. The Honolulu Police Department will provide photos for the children's IDs. FMI: 423-3287.

MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY — The movie "Big Hero 6" will be shown at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange lower parking lot. Patrons can pick up their admission tickets from the NEX aloha center concierge desk prior to movie night. Seating is limited to the first 150 authorized patrons who should be prepared to present an authorized patronage ID. Seating starts at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7 p.m. FMI: 423-3287.

STAR WARS CHARACTERS SUNDAY — Star Wars characters Luke Skywalker, a Jedi knight and Storm Troopers will make an appearance and greet fans at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is free for authorized patrons. FMI: 423-3287.

FINANCIAL SEMINAR 27 — A financial seminar titled Financially Savvy Retirees will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. Financial experts will discuss topics such as estate planning, wills and trusts, protection against fraud and long-term care. Visit www.greatlifehawaii.com to register. FMI: 474-1999.

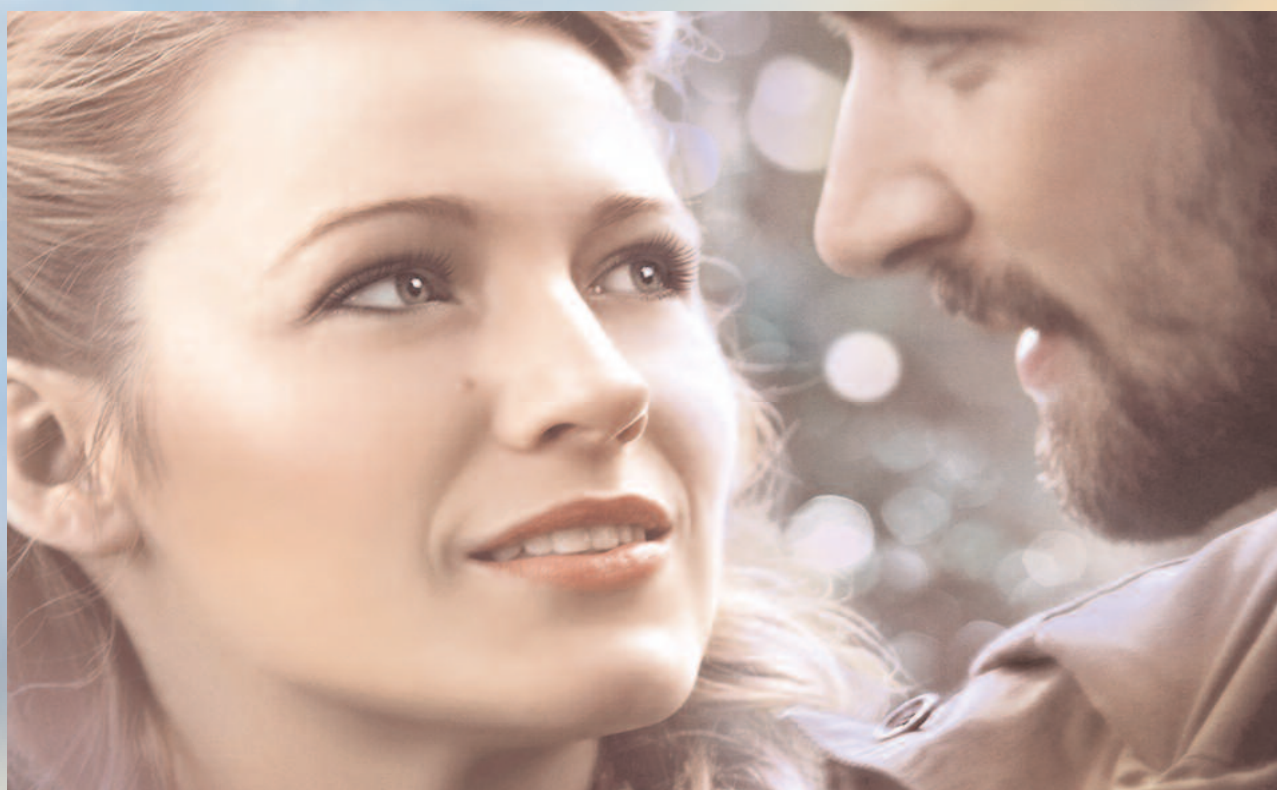
HICKAM RADIOLOGY CLOSURE 28 — The Hickam radiology department will be closed from May 28 to July 15 for major construction and equipment upgrades. The closest military radiology facility is Naval Health Clinic Hawaii Makalapa clinic, JBPHH. FMI: 473-1880, ext. 2200.

CULTURAL SHOWCASE 29 — A cultural showcase for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Sharkey Theater on the Pearl Harbor side of the base, followed by a special lunch until 12:30 p.m. at the Silver Dolphin Bistro galley. The cost of the lunch is \$5.55 per person. FMI: kon.lee@us.af.mil or 449-3639.

COLOR YOUR SUMMER 30 — A Color Your Summer 2.0 event will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. at the JBPHH Teen Center, building 1859. The event for teens ages 13 to 18 will include a variety of "color games," so teens should wear white or black and be ready to get dirty. The colors are similar to what are used in 5K color runs. The cost is \$5. Food will be provided. Shuttle service will be provided from Hickam Memorial Theatre leaving at 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. to Sharkey Theatre. It will leave Sharkey Theatre at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 1 p.m. FMI: 448-0418 or www.greatlifehawaii.com.

CHUCK MILLIGAN COMEDY HYPNOSIS 30, 31 — Chuck Milligan will perform a free adult-themed comedy hypnosis show for patrons ages 18 and older from 7 to 9 p.m. May 30 at building 628, Moore St. In addition, Milligan will perform a show for teens from 5 to 7 p.m. May 31 at 1859 McChord St. Shows are open to military-affiliated personnel, Department of Defense cardholders and their sponsored guests. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

JUNE BATTLE OF MIDWAY COMMEMORATIONS 4, 6 — Marking the 73rd anniversary of the Battle of Midway, two special programs will be held at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. The events will feature Craig L. Symonds, one of America's leading naval historians and an award-winning author. A free presentation for military families will begin at 3 p.m. June 4 in the museum theater, followed by a reception and book signing by the author in the museum gallery of hangar 37. In addition, a presentation for the public will begin at 1:30 p.m. June 6 in the museum theater, followed by a book signing in the museum gallery of hangar 37. FMI: 441-1000, or www.PacificAviationMuseum.org.



THE AGE OF ADALINE (PG 13)

After miraculously remaining 29 years old for almost eight decades, Adaline Bowman has lived a solitary existence, never allowing herself to get close to anyone who might reveal her secret. But a chance encounter with charismatic philanthropist Ellis Jones reignites her passion for life and romance. When a weekend with his parents threatens to uncover the truth, Adaline makes a decision that will change her life forever.

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 5/22
7:00 PM Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 (PG)

SATURDAY 5/23
2:30 PM Little Boy (PG 13)
4:40 PM The Age of Adaline (PG 13)
7:00 PM Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 (PG)

SUNDAY 5/24
2:30 PM Little Boy (PG 13)
4:40 PM Furious 7 (PG 13)
7:20 PM Unfriended (R)

THURSDAY 5/28
7:00 PM The Age of Adaline (PG 13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 5/22
6:00 PM Home 3-D (PG)

SATURDAY 5/23
4:00 PM Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 (PG)
7:00 PM Furious 7 (PG 13)

SUNDAY 5/24
2:00 PM Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 (PG)

THURSDAY 5/28
7:00 PM Unfriended (R)



Combined Military Band Concert honors military service

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The 30th Annual Combined Military Band Concert kicked off Military Appreciation Month and Armed Forces Day as military musicians played a free concert May 16 at the historic Hawaii Theatre in Honolulu.

The Navy League of the United States Honolulu Council sponsored the free concert, which featured 60 musicians from all four branches of the U.S. military including the Army National Guard.

Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr. opened the concert with remarks about the important tradition of musicians serve in the military and their role in helping maintain peace and prosperity.

"It's most fitting that we're here tonight to celebrate National Military Appreciation Month, as we honor both current and former members of the U.S. armed forces who have defended our honor and freedom for the past 239 years," said Harris.

"For as long as there's been a U.S. military, there's

been a military band. Tonight's concert is a tribute to those who have served, who currently serve, and to the loved ones who support us while we serve."

The performance lasted more than two hours and featured an array of both traditional music and popular jazz and country songs of the past 50 years.

Navy Lt. Patrick Sweeten, a conductor of the Combined Military Band, said the performance signified not just a group of musicians sharing a stage together, but a symbol of unity across our country's military branches.

"What you saw on stage tonight, collectively, is nearly 900 years of military service to our great nation," said Sweeten. "All five bands who came together for this show feature outstanding musicians, and it was evident in their performance here tonight."

Many of the audience members routinely attended the annual performance each year, and several spoke of both the professionalism and the proficiency of the musicians' performance.

"I make it a point to come every year to support these young men and women, and I'm never disappointed," said Ann Ruby, an Army

veteran currently living in Honolulu.

"The music, combined with the historical videos and photos displayed on the projector screen behind the musicians, makes for an incredibly moving experience. I'm already looking forward to next year's show."

One of the highlights of the evening's performance belonged to the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band Pacific Partnership acoustic trio, led by Musician 3rd Class Steven LaMonica, who performed an acoustic cover of 2012 American Idol winner Phillip Phillips' hit song "Home."

"That young man's performance of that song was unbelievable," said Donald Bloss, an attendee from Kaneohe. "I looked around after that last note rang out and the people around me — including myself — had tears in their eyes. It was an awesome performance and such an honor for these military members to share their talents with us here tonight."

National Military Appreciation Month encourages U.S. citizens to observe May as a symbol of patriotic unity, to honor current and former members of the U.S. armed forces, as well as those who have died in the pursuit of freedom and peace.

Heritage month luncheon set

A special meal in honor of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month will be offered from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 29 at the Silver Dolphin Bistro.

The price is \$5.55 and the meal is open to active duty military, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and family members of active duty military with valid ID cards.

The meal will include pork sinigang

soup, lechon roast pork, huli huli chicken, beef and broccoli, shrimp pancit miki, vegetable fried rice, steamed jasmine rice, stir-fried vegetables, seasoned green peas, fried lumpia with sweet sour sauce, hot pandesal, pan de coco, Asian style macaroni salad, haupia cream pie, chocolate chip cookies, coconut bread pudding and assorted ice cream. For more information, call 473-2519.



U.S. Navy Lt. Patrick Sweeten, conductor for the 2013 Combined Military Band, leads musicians during a performance at the Hawaii Theatre in Honolulu.



Traditional Japanese swords were on display at JBPHH Library on May 16.

JBPHH Library hosts swords event

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The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library hosted a presentation about the history, construction, terminology and etiquette of traditional Japanese swords as part of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month on May 16. Sword collector Mike Nii was the guest speaker at the event, and several examples from his own collection were on display.

Nii, a retired U.S. Army Soldier who served in Vietnam and the first Gulf War, began collecting Japanese swords in 1985. His father was a Nisei (first generation Japanese American) who served in the famed 442nd Infantry Regiment, and as he got older Nii started getting more interested in his family's Japanese history.

As part of that growing interest, he started looking into swords that could have belonged to his grandfather as well traditional Japanese swords in general. Nii has been collecting and learning about swords ever since.

One of the first things Nii spoke about was sword terminology, specifically "samurai sword" versus "Japanese sword."

"People use the term 'samurai sword' a lot because of movies," he said. "But the samurai pretty much ceased to exist during the Meiji Restoration [1868].

Nowadays, Japanese swords are essentially works of art."

Nii also spoke at length about maintaining

Japanese swords. Polishing swords is a highly refined skill, requiring years of practice. Certified polishers have to undergo a 10-year apprenticeship, versus a five-year apprenticeship for swordmakers. They often use natural whetstones for sharpening, and a petroleum-free clove-based vegetable oil for polishing. It can be a slow process, and dangerous, he said.

"I usually cut myself about three times when polishing a sword," said Nii.

Polishing is important for the upkeep of the swords, which can pick up rust quite easily. To prevent rust, swords need to be oiled at least once a month.

Japanese sword craft dates back more than 1,500 years. Nii said it is possible to estimate the age of an antique sword based on its shape and metal composition. The oldest sword in his collection dates from 1436, and still looks new.

Swords are still made in Japan using authentic, traditional methods. Their manufacture and sales are strictly regulated, and swordmakers are limited to making three swords a month. New swords can easily sell for \$40,000 or more.

When asked why he remains fascinated by Japanese swords, Nii said, "It's in my blood. I want to keep the family traditions alive."

Nii has noticed that many people who don't have roots in Japan are also interested in these swords.

"It's the word 'samurai,'" he said. "It has a big appeal to people."

Blood drives announced

- May 26, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., NEX, Tripler Army Medical Center.
- May 28, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Club 14, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Honolulu, Sand Island.
- June 1, 8 a.m. to noon, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24, building 375, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.
- June 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., SEAL Division Team-1 SDVT-1 classrooms.
- June 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Naval Submarine Support Command, 822 Clark St. suite 400, JBPHH.
- June 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Camp Smith Pollack Theatre, Camp Smith.
- June 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Makalapa Clinic, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil.