



A participant low crawls beneath camouflage netting.

# 'Swamp Romp'

Story and photos by  
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Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Marine Corps Community Services Hawaii and Combat Logistics Battalion 3 hosted the 21st annual Swamp Romp Feb. 7 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii's Landing Zone Boondocker.

The race was 5 miles long and contained many obstacles from mud pits to climbing walls and everything in between.

Participants of the race could either run by themselves or in groups of five or six. The race is Hawaii's first mud and obstacle run and was open to the general public.

This year there were approximately 1,120 participants in the race including 289 individuals and 137 teams.

Members of various military services participated, including U.S. Pacific Fleet.

"This year's turnout was lower than previous years," said Krista Shipes, the athletic director and race coordinator for Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit. "We believe this is due to the influx of new, similar races coming to the island."

Shipes said this is the largest race of the Commanding Officer's Fitness Series. Construction of the race's 12 obstacles began in January and was installed the week prior to the race.

"There was a lot of running and mud, then more running and even more mud," said Christopher Burke of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367. "You crawled with the mud, swung on a rope with mud; it was

overall a lot of fun though."

Burke recommends that anyone who plans to run the race next year tape the tops of their socks and shoes to keep mud out.

"I ran into a lot of deep mud and obstacles," Burke said. "There were things to crawl over and under; it was a lot of fun."

Burke said the race was a lot more difficult than he had thought. He said with each step he took, his feet got stuck into the sinking mud, which tired him out.

"At new twists and turns you just think, 'Is this the last one yet,'" Burke said.

One of the things that kept Burke going was the fact that he couldn't let his own group beat him.

He said the mud and ponds were extremely smelly and humid which added to the intensity of the race.

"It didn't smell good and it didn't taste any better," Burke said. "You just have to block it out and keep running."

Awards were given to the top three male and female



A team rushes through the first obstacle.

individual winners. Medals were also given to the top three teams in each team division.

The overall feedback was positive and participants enjoyed the race, Shipes said.

The Beast, a 10-kilometer race, is on March 21. For more information on any of the races and to see results, visit [mccshawaii.com](http://mccshawaii.com).



Participants run through Marine Corps Base Hawaii's 21st annual Swamp Romp held Feb. 7 at Landing Zone Boondocker.



A team finishes Marine Corps Base Hawaii's Swamp Romp.



A man dressed up as "Pokemon" character Pikachu joined hundreds of participants in the event.

# Defending champs Port Royal hang on for win

Story and photos by  
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The 2014 Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam intramural champions USS Port Royal (CG 73) were tested right out of the gates this season but weathered the storm to defeat Pearl City Peninsula (PCP) Warriors, 31-24, in an Afloat Division season-opening game Feb. 7 at JBPHH Fitness Center.

The game was tight all the way to the end with Port Royal clinging to a 27-24 lead with only a minute remaining in the game.

"It's just getting the bugs out," said Port Royal point guard Logistics Specialist 3rd London Waldon. "This always happens the first game. Coming into a brand new season, a lot of these guys haven't seen this level before."

Early in the game, it became clear that Port Royal was far from the well-oiled machine that cleared the table in last year's playoffs.

Although the Warriors were also struggling in the early minutes of the game, Port Royal needed five minutes before posting their first score on a trey by Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Zach Robley.

The teams stayed cold for the next five minutes as well, with the score stuck at 4-2 in favor of Port Royal.

Then, with only six minutes remaining in the half, Port Royal finally showed some life on offense.

Seaman Michael Elzen zeroed in on a trey to make it 10-2, and five seconds later Port Royal got a double-digit lead at 12-2 on a steal and basket by Waldon.

Up at 16-4 going into the second half, Waldon immediately popped in a trey to put Port Royal ahead with their biggest lead of the game at 19-4.

While Port Royal was threatening to run away with the game, the Warriors finally awoke from their slumber and began to inch their way back into the game.

A three-point shot by Special Warfare Operator 1st Class Nicolas Wagoner at the 11:13 mark completed an 8-0 run to cut the lead down to seven at 19-12.

Another trey by Waldon, his second of the game, ended the run. However, back-to-back free throws by Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Ricardo Hodges pulled the Warriors to within three points at 24-21 with 3:05 remaining in the game.

Elzen answered with his second trey



Seaman Apprentice Tariq Jackson tries to score in the post.



Seaman Michael Elzen splits the defense of the PCP Warriors. Elzen sparked two rallies with a couple of three-points baskets in helping USS Port Royal (CG 73) to the opening-season win.

of the game to put Port Royal back out to a six-point lead at 27-21.

With time running out, the Warriors scrambled back to pull to within three points again at 27-24 with only a minute left to play.

However, a clutch basket inside the paint on a putback by Seaman Apprentice Tariq Jackson sealed the game for Port Royal with only 13 ticks left on the clock.

The loss was disappointing on many fronts for the Warriors, who battled back in the second half only to fall

short.

Compounding the defeat was the fact that the Warriors made 28 trips to the charity stripe but converted only 13.

"This is our first time playing with each other," said Cooper, who led the Warriors with eight points on making eight of 12 shot from the free-throw line. "But we have tenacity and we don't quit, so that's what made the comeback."

Despite struggling in their first game

after winning the title, Waldon said that he doesn't think that the close game against the Warriors would have any bearing on Port Royal's future.

"It doesn't cause us any concern," he stated. "Our mindset is always the same. Last year was last year. We've got to start a new season. This is hard because everybody else wants it as bad as we do."

# Aggressive play leads Force Support Squadron to win

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The 647th Force Support Squadron (647 FSS) got out to a slow start, but once they got on a roll, there was nothing to stop them from beating Naval Sea Systems Command (NSSC), 57-40, in a Red Division intramural basketball game Feb. 11 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

The 647 FSS trailed by as much as seven points with only four minutes remaining in the first half, but the team went on a tear to outscore NSSC by a margin of 12-3 and close off the half with a 23-21 lead.

"The coach told us to play defense and turn it up and run," said 647 FSS point guard Master Sgt. Jack Jones. "We got some easy fast-break points and stayed on it."

The win was the second in a row for the 647 FSS after losing their season opener, while the NSSC lost their first game of the young season.

Following the tip-off, both teams traded baskets in the early minutes of play before NSSC went on a mini run and took an 18-9 lead.

Senior Airman Travis Phelps stopped the bleeding with back-to-back free throws to make it 18-11 and teammate Senior Mike Stephens followed up with two baskets in a row to narrow the margin down to four.

NSSC upped the lead back to five at 21-15 but, from that point on, the tide quickly changed in favor of the 647 FSS.

Staff Sgt. Visconti Christman calmly zeroed in on a three-pointer from the corner and made it a one-point game by following up on a lay-up.

Then with time quickly running down, Stephens swished a trey at the buzzer to give the 647 FSS a 23-21 advantage at intermission.

Halftime did nothing to cool down the warmed-up 647 FSS, which opened the second half on a 10-0 run, which began on a trey by Musician Seaman Brian Mathis and ended on another trey by Stephens.

"It started with defense," said 647 FSS head coach Chief Master Sgt. Eric Dugger about the team's strong run. "I think those guys wanted to come out and play aggressive in their zone, get some easy



Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Kali Pettigrew positions himself for the shot.

baskets, get good movement with the ball, be patient and get what we need."

Mathis, who was scoreless in the first half, popped in his second trey of the night to give the 647 FSS a 40-25 lead at the 14:25 mark.

Then Jones added back-to-back hoops with just less than 10 minutes remaining to push the 647 FSS out to their biggest lead at 46-29.

Although NSSC staged a small comeback on the strength of four points from Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Kali Pettigrew to whittle the lead down to 10 at 48-38, the 647 FSS answered with seven straight points of their own to put the game away for good.

Stephens led the way for the 647 FSS with 18 points and was followed by Jones with 12, Mathis with 11, Phelps with 10 and Christman with seven.

Several NSSC players also excelled in the showdown, with Pettigrew leading the way with 11 points, while the team got eight points apiece from Logistics



Master Sgt. Jack Jones goes up for two of his 12 points.

Specialist 2nd Class Jerry Acosta and Lt. j.g. Derrick Olson.

The convincing win may just be the catalyst that the 647 FSS needed to kick-start their season.

Jones believes that the team is talented enough to go all the way, while Dugger

said he hopes that the win sends a message to the league and themselves.

"Hopefully it will send the message to my guys that we can play with anybody in the league," he pointed out. "We're here, we got a good team and every night we're going to play hard."

## Strong second half helps 735th AMS defeat Bushmasters

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The 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735 AMS) outscored the 25th Air Support Operation Squadron (25 ASOS) Bushmasters by 11 points in the second half to earn a 45-30 victory Feb. 5 in a Blue Division intramural basketball game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

The win raised the 735's early-season record to 2-0, while the hard-luck Bushmasters have now lost two games in a row.

"We just wanted to make sure that we helped each other out," said Staff Sgt. Joseph Rutledge about the 735's strong second-half stand. "We just made sure that no one got beat on the drive."

For the 735 AMS, Staff Sgt. Jason Lockhart got things off to a good start with some deadly shooting from the perimeter.

Shortly after tip-off, Lockhart connected on a jumper from the wing and followed up with a trey to help the 735 take a 10-3 lead.

However, after cutting the margin down to five at 10-5, Staff Sgt. Robert Dixie showed he could drain it from outside as well and put the Bushmasters ahead at 11-10 on back-to-back splashdowns from beyond the arc.

The Bushmasters went on to take a four-point lead, but with 6:04 left on the clock before halftime, Tech. Sgt. Marco Knight tied the game up with a basket to even the score at 17-17.

Another basket by Rutledge put the 735 up at 19-17, but the lead was quickly erased on Dixie's third trey of the half.

The lead would be the last for the Bushmasters, as the 735 regained the



Tech. Sgt. Marco Knight goes up for two of eight points to help the 735th Air Mobility Squadron beat 25th Air Support Operation Squadron (25 ASOS) Bushmasters.

lead at 23-21 on a shot from Knight before going into the break ahead at 25-21.

The second half started almost exactly the same way as the first, with Lockhart using his soft touch from the outside to drain a basket and a trey to lead the 735 to their first double-digit lead at 32-21.

While the Bushmasters were able to bounce back in the first half on the strength of Dixie and Staff Sgt. Jammaar Milner, the second half would not include any comeback heroics.

Milner scored seven points in the first half, while teammate Dixie added nine on three long-distance bombs from three-point land to account for 16 of the team's 21 first-half points.

In the second half, Milner was able to convert only one basket, while Dixie was completely shut out.

"I think the problem was that we just took a lot of bad shots in the second half," Milner admitted. "We started settling for threes instead of really working the ball and making good passes."

Rutledge said that the difference in the game was that the 735 stuck to their game plan.

By rotating the ball and being patient, Rutledge said that the 735 were able to break down the Bushmasters defense and get the ball to an open shooter.

"We try to do a high pick-and-roll to open up the shot," Rutledge pointed out. If not we try to get it to the big man, so he can take it to the hole and get points on the board."

Milner said that in order to fix the things that are holding back the Bushmasters, the team would have to commit and spend more time practicing.

But as long as everyone gives 100 percent on the court, he'll be satisfied win or lose.

"We just got to keep playing as a team," he affirmed. "I hate losing, but at the same time, it's more about the effort."

Meanwhile, for Rutledge, the team's second win in a row only fuels the fire for the guys to keep pushing for the ultimate prize.

"I think we're going to do pretty good," he stated. "We definitely plan on making it to the playoffs and hopefully compete for the championship."

## Joint base basketball standings announced

JBPHH intramural basketball standings  
(as of Feb. 10, 2015)

Blue Division	W	L
1. NIOC HI	2	0
2. COMPACFLT	2	0
3. 690th COS	2	0
4. 735 AMS	2	0
5. 647 CES	1	0
6. 324 IS	1	1
7. 17 OWS	0	2
8. JIOC	0	2
9. HQ PACAF	0	2
10. Bushmasters	0	2
11. 647 LRS	0	1

Red Division	W	L
1. NSSC	2	0
2. PHMSY IMF	2	0
3. Pound Town	2	0
4. 8 IS	2	0
5. 15 MXG	1	1
6. 647 FSS	1	1
7. 747 CS	1	1
8. Security	1	1
9. Bronze St. Warriors	0	2
10. Company I	0	2
11. 15 MDG	0	2
12. Nock Boyz	0	2

Afloat Division	W	L
1. Chosin	1	0
2. O'Kane	1	0
3. Port Royal	1	0
4. John Paul Jones	1	0
5. Jefferson City	1	0
6. Chung-Hoon	0	1
7. Bremerton	0	1
8. PCP Warriors	0	1
9. Hopper	0	1
10. Corpus Christi	0	1

## Wounded Warrior Family Symposium planned

Navy Region Hawaii

Public Affairs

A Navy Wounded Warrior Family Symposium will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 10 at the Hickam Officers Club.

Navy Wounded Warrior Safe Harbor coordinates the non-medical care of seriously wounded, ill and injured Sailors and Coast Guardsmen, in addition to providing resources and support to their families.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Juan P. Garcia III will deliver the opening remarks. Participants are asked to RSVP as early as possible because seating is limited to 100 guests.

The event is designed to encourage attendance by command leaders and medical providers to provide a clear understanding of the Navy Wounded Warrior-Safe Harbor mission and reinforce best

practices in care coordination, family and caregiver support, medical and disability benefits, and employment and transition services.

Wounded warriors, family members, caretakers and providers will share experiences, ideas and resources with all in attendance.

Lunch will be provided. For more information, call 426-6381 or email Thomas.D.Howell7.mil@mail.mil.

## Traveling exhibit to open in March

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor will serve as the first stop of the "National Memories" United States tour March 14.

The exhibit, which first went on display in the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen in 2010, has toured through mainland China and Taiwan.

Through the use of imagery and more than 100 historic photos taken by

the 164th U.S. Signal Photo Company in the China Burma India Theater, "National Memories" brings to life the unusual and little known camaraderie that existed between Chinese and U.S. soldiers as their countries joined forces during World War II.

During WWII, the U.S. provided military assistance to China. That meant sending U.S. troops to China to train Chinese soldiers. In April 1941,

President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a secret agreement that led to the creation of the famed first American Volunteer Group of the Chinese Air Force the Flying Tigers. The story of the Flying Tigers and an actual Curtiss P-40 Warhawk are part of a permanent exhibit at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

For more information, call 441-1007 or email Education@PacificAviationMuseum.org.



# Live the Great Life



Vendors who wish to participate in the spring craft fair will need to show a sample of their handiwork upon registration. MWR Marketing photo

## Japanese martial arts demo planned

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam  
Morale, Welfare & Recreation

There is an opportunity to observe authentic Japanese performances from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday at Hickam Fitness Center.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) will hold the Japanese martial arts demonstration and traditional performing arts.

Students from the Nippon Sport Science University will be performing in this exhibition. The university is known in Japan for physical education and sports, counting many Olympic medalists as past students.

There will be demonstrations in a variety of Japanese martial arts, including archery, sumo wrestling and karate. Traditional dance will also be performed, as well as the playing of the Japanese drum called "Wadaiko."

Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free and is open to all military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests.

For more information, call 922-6300.

## Craft fair vendor registration now open

Justin Hirai

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam  
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Artists and crafters will have a chance to show their wares in one of the first big crafters events of the year.

Registration began last Friday for those who would like to participate in the 40th Annual Spring Craft Fair.

The craft fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 2 in the grassy area next to the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center on Kuntz Avenue. Between 2,000 and 3,000 patrons attend the craft fair each year.

Any variety of crafts can be sold as long as they are handmade by the vendor. Items such as woodworking, jewelry, fabric or yarn crafts, paintings, photography and glasswork have been sold at previous spring craft fairs.

"You get the thrill of selling something you made and it will go to a good home. You also get a chance to make new customer contacts for future sales and network with other crafters," said Donna Sommer, Hickam Arts & Crafts Center director.

"The Hickam Craft Fair is bigger and better than others outside of the base. We enforce the handmade rule and our craft vendors appreciate this,"

Sommer said.

The craft fair will also offer live entertainment, pony rides, archery games, make-and-takes for the kids, demonstrations and a variety of food.

Artists and crafters can register in person at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center store or mail in their application. Either way they decide to register, they will need to have pictures of their handmade crafts.

Visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) to download a registration form, rules and pricing and look for the spring craft fair vendor registration event page.

For more information, call 448-9907, ext. 101 or 102.

## Your Weekly Fun with MWR

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**All-Military Bowling Tryouts** Registration closes today. Tryouts are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Feb. 19 at Hickam Bowling Center and at 10 a.m. Feb. 20 at Naval Station Bowling Center. Participants can bowl eight games each day, 16 games total. The top six male and top four female bowlers will advance to the Hawaii All-Military Bowling Tournament in April. Tryouts are open to all active-duty Air Force and Navy personnel. The cost is \$16 per day. FMI: 473-2651.

**Lucky Friday the 13th Double Feature** will begin at 5:30 p.m. today at Sharkey Theater. Patrons can purchase one movie ticket and see two movies for the price of one: "Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb" (PG) and "Taken 3" (PG-13). FMI: 473-0726.

**Movies in the Park** will begin at 7 p.m. today at the MWR Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor lawn. Patrons can bring blankets,

drinks and snacks to watch a free movie, which will be suitable for all ages. FMI: 449 5215.

**Valentine's Day 5K** will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday at Hickam Fitness Center. Awards will be given to first and second places in each category, including men, women, youth (ages 14 and below), and strollers. This free 5K run is open to all eligible patrons. FMI: 448-2214.

**Chinese New Year Celebration "2015: Year of the Sheep"** Chinatown Food & Historic Tour will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The cost is \$33 for adults, \$25 for children ages 3 to 11 years old, and free for children on an adult's lap (no large strollers). FMI: 448-2295.

**Chinese New Year Celebration "2015: Year of the Sheep"** Chinese New Year Parade &

Dinner will be held from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday. The cost is \$37 for adults, \$30 for children ages 3 to 11 years old, and free for children on an adult's lap (no large strollers). FMI: 448-2295.

**Parent Night: Mint Chocolate Chip Month** will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Hickam Teen Center for families of teens ages 13 to 18 years old. Parents and siblings are invited to celebrate Mint Chocolate Chip Month at this free event. New families are welcome. FMI: 448-0418.

**Traditional Black and White Darkroom Film Processing and Printing class** will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, Feb. 14 and Feb. 21, at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. This two-session class will cover the developing of black and white film, printing a contact sheet and making enlargements from the processed negatives. Tuition is \$50. FMI: 448-9907.

**Whale Watching Cruise** will depart at noon Saturday from the MWR Information, Tickets & Travel-Hickam office for Ko Olina Marina. Participants can sail along the west coast of Oahu to search for humpback whales. Tickets are \$45 for adults and \$40 for children ages newborn to 11 years old. FMI: 448-2295.

**Couples Valentine's Day Origami class** will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center for patrons ages 13 and older. The cost is \$20 including supplies. FMI: 448-9907.

**Valentine's Day Movie Special** will be available Saturday at Sharkey Theater. Patrons can save their movie ticket receipts and bring them in to the Naval Station Bowling Center the same day to receive a free game of bowling for each movie ticket purchased. FMI: 473-0726.

**FEBRUARY****POTLUCK, GOODS DONATION**

**14** — A potluck and goods donation for the homeless will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at Kakaako Gateway Park at the corner of Ilalo Street and Ohe Street. Donations requested include toiletries, gift certificates to purchase food, and nonperishable food. Volunteers are also needed to set up for the event. FMI: Master Sgt. Keisha Price at 449-8924 or [www.facebook.com/15thWing/](http://www.facebook.com/15thWing/).

**GATE CLOSURE**

**16** — In support of the 31st annual Great Aloha Run on Presidents Day, Borchers Gate will be closed during the event. Luapele Gate will be the alternate gate between the hours of 7 to 11 a.m. In addition, Center Drive and Radford Drive will not be accessible by Kamehameha Highway. Makalapa Gate will be open inbound and modified outbound to allow eastbound traffic between the hours of 7 and 11 a.m. Kuntz Gate access by Elliot Street will be modified outbound to allow eastbound traffic on Nimitz Highway only. Catlin Drive, Camp Catlin Drive, Peltier Avenue and Puuloa Road will not be accessible from Nimitz Highway. FMI: [www.greataloharun.com](http://www.greataloharun.com).

**GREAT CLOTHING GIVEAWAY**

**18** — E1-E5 families with children are invited to join USO Hawaii for the second Great Clothing Giveaway at USO Hickam. There will be a selection of children's clothing items that are direct from the store in a variety of sizes from preemie baby to young adult. Space is limited, so registration is required. FMI: <https://www.facebook.com/HawaiiUSO>.

**MUSIC AT BELLOWS AFS**

**21** — Live music will be featured from 5 to 7 p.m. at Turtle Cove at Bellows Air Force Station. This is a free event, open to active duty military, military retirees, Reservists, National Guard, current and retired Department of Defense civilian employees with an authorized ID card and their families. FMI: 259-4112.

**AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

**26, 28** — The following events are planned for African American History Month:

- Feb. 26, 7:30 a.m. Pearl Harbor Colors Honors and Heritage ceremony will be held at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. The monthly Navy history and heritage event will feature music by Pacific Fleet Band and guest speaker Capt. Stan Keeve, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam commander.
- Feb. 26, 9:30 a.m., A special observance will be held at Sharkey Theater. Guest speaker will be Alphonso Braggs, president of the Hawaii Chapter of the NAACP.
- Feb. 26, 11 a.m. A special luncheon will be offered at Silver Dolphin Bistro.
- Feb. 28, 3 p.m. A Gospel Fest & Taste of Soul will be held at Nellis Chapel.

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

**NOW** — Navy Region Hawaii will host the Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials from March 9 to 13. Athletes from the trials will be selected to represent the Navy and Coast Guard at the annual Warrior Games in the fall. Navy Region Hawaii is asking for volunteers to support the event. There will be a mandatory brief for all athlete sponsors and event coordinators from 9 to 10:30 a.m. March 2 at Hickam Theater. FMI: [Matthew.P.Butler@navy.mil](mailto:Matthew.P.Butler@navy.mil) or 472-8881, ext. 332 or 371-0271, or [Christopher.Creek@navy.mil](mailto:Christopher.Creek@navy.mil) or 472-8881, ext. 332.

**NCIS CRIME REDUCTION PROGRAM**

**NOW** — From the start of fiscal year 2015, the NCIS Crime Reduction Program (CRP) has been focusing its efforts on the awareness and prevention of domestic violence. The CRP is a program which unites law enforcement and community service organizations with a shared goal of educating Sailors, Marines and Department of the Navy civilians about common threats to their safety. With the increasing focus on domestic violence prevention, the first quarter CRP has been extended through March. FMI: 474-1218, or the NCIS Hotline at 1-877-579-3648, text "NCIS" and tip information to CRIMES (274637) or call the DoD Safe Helpline at 1-877-955-5247.

**TAX ASSISTANCE CENTER**

**NOW** — The Navy Tax Assistance Center is now open. The self-service model center is located at the Navy College, 1260 Pierce St., building 679, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in classroom 11. The tax center will be open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. FMI: [Ursula.m.smith1@navy.mil](mailto:Ursula.m.smith1@navy.mil) or 473-0443.

**O'MALLEY VCC CLOSED TEMPORARILY**

**NOW** — The O'Malley Visitor Control Center (VCC) is closed for approximately three months for renovation. All sponsors (except those authorized call-in privilege sponsorship) will need to meet their guests at the Nimitz VCC, building 3455 (also known as pass and ID), located outside Nimitz Gate for access onto the installation. During the renovation period, Nimitz VCC will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. FMI: 449-0865.

**MARCH****WOUNDED WARRIOR FAMILY SYMPOSIUM**

**10** — A Navy Wounded Warrior Family Symposium will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hickam Officers Club.

Navy Wounded Warrior Safe Harbor coordinates the non-medical care of seriously wounded, ill and injured Sailors and Coast Guardsmen, in addition to providing resources and support to their families. Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Juan P. Garcia III will deliver the opening remarks. Participants are asked to RSVP as early as possible because seating is limited to 100 guests. FMI: 426-6381 or email [Thomas.D.Howell7.mil@mail.mil](mailto:Thomas.D.Howell7.mil@mail.mil).

**TAKEN 3 (PG-13)**

Liam Neeson returns as ex-covert operative Bryan Mills, whose reconciliation with his ex-wife is tragically cut short when she is brutally murdered. Consumed with rage, and framed for the crime, he goes on the run to evade the relentless pursuit of the CIA, FBI and the police. For one last time, Mills must use his "particular set of skills," to track down the real killers, exact his unique brand of justice, and protect the only thing that matters to him now – his daughter.

**SHARKEY THEATER****TODAY 2/13****Friday the 13th Double Feature**

See two movies for the price of one.

5:30 p.m. Night at the Museum: Secrets of the Tomb (PG)  
7:40 p.m. Taken 3 (PG-13)

**SATURDAY 2/14**

2:30 p.m. Paddington (PG)  
4:50 p.m. Big Eyes (PG-13)  
7:10 p.m. The Wedding Ringer (R)

**SUNDAY 2/15**

2:30 p.m. Paddington (PG)  
4:50 p.m. Taken 3 (PG-13)  
7:10 p.m. American Sniper (R)

**HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER****TODAY 2/13**

6:00 p.m. Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG-13)

**SATURDAY 2/14**

4:00 p.m. American Sniper (R)  
7:00 p.m. Taken 3 (PG-13)

**SUNDAY 2/15**

2:00 p.m. Annie (PG)

**MONDAY 2/16**

Special matinee showing receives a free soda (any size) with purchase of a large popcorn.  
2:00 p.m. Into the Woods (PG)

**THURSDAY 2/19**

7:00 p.m. American Sniper (R)





## My Favorite Photo...

Becky Hommon, Navy Region Hawaii attorney, took this recent photo of the Honolulu Art Museum's Mediterranean Garden. Hommon said the garden provides a spot of quiet beauty for mental refreshment and military members receive an admission discount.

How to submit: send your non-posed photos to editor@hookelenews.com.

## TAMC blood drive schedule updated

Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has announced upcoming blood drives as part of the Armed Services Blood Donor Program (ASBP).

Currently scheduled drives include:

- Feb. 18 and 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3rd Marine

Regiment, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

- Feb. 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., NEX, Tripler Army Medical Center.

For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email [michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil](mailto:michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil) or visit [www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil).

## Gospel Fest, Taste of Soul set

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Special Observance Committee will hold its sixth annual Gospel Fest and Taste of Soul event at 3 p.m. Feb. 28 at Nelles Chapel, building 500.

The Gospel Fest will involve a number of choirs and praise teams from across the island.

The Taste of Soul event will involve tasting of a variety of soul food dishes with the opportunity for participants to have their best soul food dishes judged.

For more information about how to volunteer or to bring a soul food dish, email [shadonna.mcphaul1.1@us.af.mil](mailto:shadonna.mcphaul1.1@us.af.mil) or call 449-6562.

## Military shoppers have a chance at \$10,000 grand prize

### Army & Air Force Exchange Service

A \$10,000 grand prize is up for grabs in the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's latest "Because of You" contest. Authorized shoppers can enter by visiting [shopmyexchange.com](http://shopmyexchange.com).

With the Spend Free Spree contest, military shoppers have a chance to win a \$10,000 exchange gift card or a \$2,000 gift card for second place. From Feb. 13-28, authorized exchange shoppers can enter at [shopmyexchange.com/BecauseOfYou](http://shopmyexchange.com/BecauseOfYou).

The contest is part of an exchange year-long effort to recognize service members' unique contributions to the country.

"This \$10,000 prize could change someone's life," said Chief Master Sgt. Sean Applegate, exchange senior enlisted advisor. "This is the exchange's way of thanking military members and their families for their service and sacrifice."

Complete contest rules can be found at [shopmyexchange.com/BecauseOfYou](http://shopmyexchange.com/BecauseOfYou). Winners will be notified on or about March 15.