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## Holiday harmonies to happen at Hale Koa

### Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

A free, open-to-the-public holiday concert by the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band will begin at 5 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Hale Koa Hotel.

The outdoor concert will take place under the large banyan tree in the courtyard of the hotel, located at 2055 Kalia Road in Waikiki.

No tickets are required, as seating is open. Casual/holiday attire is encouraged.

The event will include music and entertainment from the Pacific Fleet Band's wind ensemble to get the audience in the holiday spirit.

Guests can tap their feet to the band's newest group, Starboard Swing. In addition, the celebration will feature a showcase of jazz music, with arrangements from the band's musicians.

Under the operational control of the commander, United States Pacific Fleet, Pacific Fleet Band is dedicated to providing musical support throughout a 100 million square mile area of responsibility for official functions, morale and retention programs, community outreach performances, and Navy recruiting initiatives.

Annual band highlights include deployments in support of Pacific Partnership, the largest humanitarian and disaster response preparation mission in the Indo-Asia-Pacific, and public outreach performances throughout the region.

Representing the United States Navy in Hawaii for more than 75 years, the professional military musicians of Pacific Fleet Band continue as ambassadors for the nation and an outreach organization for the United States Pacific Fleet.

(For more information, call U.S. Pacific Fleet Band Operations at 474-3693 or email [ops.pacflband@navy.mil](mailto:ops.pacflband@navy.mil). Visit the band's website at <http://www.cpf.navy.mil/cpf-band/index.shtml> or <https://www.facebook.com/Pacific-Fleet-Band-157493485668/>.)



Photos by MU2 (SW) Alex Ivy

Top and above, MU3 (SW) Steven Lamonica sings as Lt. Patrick Sweeten, pictured below, conducts the Pacific Fleet Band at a recent event.





# Civil Engineer Squadron 'Bull-ish' in lopsided win

Story and photo by  
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One week before the championship game, the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES) Bulls delivered a strong message to teams around Joint Base that this season's intramural flag football title might have to go through the 647 CES.

In a dominating performance over Commander, Navy Region Hawaii/Middle Pacific (CNRH/MIDPAC), the 647 CES broke out to a 26-0 lead at halftime before cruising to a 41-6 Red Division victory on Dec. 1 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

On Dec. 5, the Bulls will open play in the post-season with a showdown versus 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735 AMS) at Earhart Field, starting at 4 p.m.

"We feel great," said Bulls wide receiver Staff Sgt. Josh Smith, who caught three passes for touchdowns in the team's win over CNRH/MIDPAC. "Last year at the end of the playoffs, we had a bad loss and we felt we could have won it then. So when we came in this season, we definitely had high hopes. As long as our defense holds up, I don't see any team beating us."

Looking to clean up their game before the postseason, the Bulls punctuated their intent by picking up six points on the first play of the game.

With the ball at his own 15, quarterback Staff Sgt. Chris Miranda flipped a short flair toward the direction of Smith, who made the catch and some-



Staff Sgt. Josh Smith focuses on the ball before making a secure grab in the end zone for a touchdown.

how got out of traffic to score on a 65-yard, pass-and-catch for a 6-0 lead.

"We like to start it off nice and easy to get the game going," Smith said. "The corner bit on it, I turned and there was a wide-open field."

On the Bulls' next set of downs, Miranda got the

ball at midfield at the 40, and four plays later, went back to Smith, who broke to the right side of the end zone.

The ball got tipped, but Smith, despite having the ball ricochet off of his knee, managed to reach down and secure the ball for his second touchdown

of the night and 12-0 advantage.

A two-touchdown game would be huge for any receiver, but on this night the duo of Miranda and Smith, when on the team's next possession, hooked up for their third touchdown in a row.

Instead of duplicat-

ing one of the previous two scores, Miranda and Smith found another way to reach the end zone.

This time, the QB just went over the top and lobbed a 35-yard bomb to Smith for an 18-0 lead in the first half.

"Josh has been doing that all season long," said

Miranda about his favorite receiver. "I've been lucky to be able to just throw the ball and he's been making big plays all year."

While most games are nearly impossible to call as over with a whole half of football left to play, the Bulls may have put this one away early as Miranda connected on his fourth touchdown pass of the game just before halftime.

With only seconds on the clock until intermission, Miranda went four-for-four during a 76-yard drive that ended on a catch in the end zone by Senior Airman Ty Robinson to increase the lead to 24-0.

The Bulls then finished off a two-point conversion to make it 26-0 at the break.

Halftime did nothing to dull the Bulls attack, as the team punched in two more touchdowns on back-to-back possessions to start off the second half.

MIDPAC's only score came late in the game on a short pass from Lt. Cmdr. Paul Murch to Senior Chief Sonar Technician Charles Paul.

Following the win, Miranda said that although the game didn't mean anything to the overall standings and seeds heading into the playoffs, the Bulls needed to come out sharp to prepare for the tough competition ahead.

After a strong regular season, Miranda said that this year's playoffs are all about redemption for the Bulls.

"We're here to avenge our loss from last year," he pointed out. "We just want to come out this year, play hard. We just can't wait for the playoffs."



# Port Royal Rip City must wait for playoff berth

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Entering the final day of the regular season in the Afloat Division, three teams stood on the bubble to learn if their destiny included a ticket to the big dance.

While the landscape has cleared up a bit, two teams are still in limbo and must wait for the final decision by Morale, Welfare and Recreation intramural sports to see which squad will join USS Asheville (SSN 758), USS Chosin (CG 65) War Dragons and USS Port Royal (CG 73) as the fourth and final seed from the Afloat Division.

While one of the two teams, USS O'Kane (DDG-77), was expected to be in the hunt for a postseason spot, the second team waiting in the wings, USS Port Royal (CG 73) Rip City, a last-minute entry into the Afloat Division, is the biggest surprise of the season on Joint Base.

Rip City entered the season almost as an afterthought, when a few Sailors on Port Royal realized that their playing time would be severely limited if they signed up to battle for a spot on the ship's "A" squad.

Meeting every Satur-



Gas Turbine System (Electrical) 3rd Class Jacob Gonzales reaches out for a pass.

day to take on all challengers from the 15-team Afloat Division, Rip City came to play with only one thought on their minds: have fun.

After opening with a win in their first game of the season, Rip City did more than just have fun and on Nov. 28, the team pulled out an overtime

win over USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to finish the regular season with a 6-3 record and in a tie with O'Kane for the fourth and final seed.

"We want to continue the season," said Damage Controlman 3rd Class Jacob Min, who scored the

game-winning touchdown in overtime. "We made this team from scratch and we didn't know that we're going to make it this far, but now we just want to keep going."

Due to the importance of the game, Rip City may have pressed too much against Chung-Hoon and struggled to generate any-

thing on offense in the first half.

Quarterback Seaman Hans Hauge had Port Royal knocking on the door late in the first half, but his pass into the end zone was picked off by Yeoman 3rd Class Courtney Sims, who ran the football coast-to-coast for an 80-yard pick six and 6-0 going into halftime.

Picking up right where they left off in the first half, Chung-Hoon kept the momentum going in their favor with a three-play, 65-yard drive for a touchdown.

Sims scored his second touchdown of the game on a 19-yard rush into the end zone.

The converted point after touchdown made it 13-0 in favor of Chung-Hoon, but Hauge soon erased the zero with a five-play-scoring drive of his own.

After moving the football from his own 20 to the Chung-Hoon one on four plays, Hauge nosed the ball over the goal line for Rip City's first score.

Port Royal got its extra point to pull to within six at 13-7, and then after forcing Chung-Hoon to hand the ball over on downs, Hauge had one final shot to keep the game going.

Starting from his own 36, Hauge moved the ball to the nine on a 23-yard rush with 1:02 left to

go in the game.

On second and goal from the nine, Hauge connected on a pass inside the end zone to Gas Turbine System (Electrical) 3rd Class Jacob Gonzales to tie and send the game into overtime.

In overtime, each team gets to run four plays from 10 yards out of the end zone.

Chung-Hoon got the ball first and although the team scored a touchdown on a toss from quarterback Ensign Jarrel Boyce to Operations Specialist Seaman Apprentice Matthew Feeler on the team's second down, Hauge gave Port Royal the win when he connected with Min on Rip City's first play from scrimmage.

"The whole time, Min was doing the post and he was open," Hauge said. "And it happened, at that time, he was wide open so that worked out for us."

While the focus of the season was always to come out and have fun, Hauge said, things really picked up once players began to settle in their positions.

One of the more recent add-ons is Ensign Obi Uzoma, who was a four-year player at linebacker for Naval Academy.

"This is really sweet," Hauge said. "At least we're in the talks for the playoffs. That's pretty good for us."

# Asheville nails down Afloat Division's top seed

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USS Asheville (SSN 758) locked up the Afloat Division's top seed in the upcoming playoffs by defeating USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), 20-12, on Nov. 28 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Michael Fajardo, Asheville quarterback, accounted for all three of the team's touchdowns with two coming via the air and one on a keeper to improve Asheville's record to 9-1, while Michael Murphy's season ended with a mark of 3-7.

Asheville will be one of 16 teams to compete in the Joint Base intramural flag football championship, which will be held at Ward Field from Dec. 5-7.

Fajardo said he was pleased that the team's hard work paid off with the division's No. 1 seed, but added that from here on in, everyone's record is the same.

"We can't let it get to us, but it is exciting," said Fajardo about the team's

near-spotless record. "We still got to come out, execute and do what we've been doing all season, which is rely on our defense and score when we can."

Against Michael Murphy, as Asheville has done all season, the team didn't dazzle, but just came out and played solid football.

On Asheville's first play of the game, Fajardo took the snap from the 18 and broke out on a long gainer that covered 55 yards to the Michael Murphy seven-yard line.

A short completion on first down made it second and goal from the three, then Fajardo connected on a scoring pass into the end zone to Sonar Technician (Submarine) Seaman Aaron Murphy for a 6-0 lead.

On his first set of downs, Michael Murphy quarterback Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Terrence Sample misfired on his first two passes but used his legs to move the ball 35 yards on three carries to the Asheville 30.

Then, on first down, Sample rolled to his right and lofted the ball over



Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Michael Fajardo leaps up in front of Electronics Technician 3rd Class Thaddeus McKinney to intercept a pass.

the defense and into the hands of Culinary Specialist Seaman Javier Savary, who made the catch and cruised into the end zone to tie the score at 6-6.

Back the other way, Fajardo unleashed a long bomb of his own, which

hit Murphy in stride down the right sideline.

Although Murphy had clear sailing to the end zone, he stopped short and even backed away from the goal line before Michael Murphy defenders converged on him and pulled his flag at the five.

"I thought I made it, but I guess not," Murphy said. "I was upset a little about it at first, but you can't do anything."

It's a good thing for Murphy that Fajardo covered his teammate's error by taking it into the end zone on a short run to

make it 13-6 at halftime. After the break, it didn't take Fajardo long before he helped his team lock up the win for good.

On the team's second possession, Fajardo came up with a second and final touchdown toss of the day.

This time, the QB went over the top one more time and hit Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Laguan Jones for a commanding 19-6 lead.

As the team prepares for the playoffs, Murphy said that as long as the team continues to have fun and pays attention to details, Asheville should do well against any team.

For Fajardo, the key probably lies in the team's ability to maintain an even keel and be consistent.

"We try to stay level, regardless of what happens," he explained. "Big plays, bad plays, we just got to stay level and execute our game plan. We don't try to get too ahead of ourselves. We're just a bunch of guys playing football and doing what we love. We work hard and we play for each other."



## Joint Base hosts Special Olympics

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Special Olympics Hawaii hosted its Holiday Classic, Nov. 21 and 22, at venues including Club Pearl and the Hickam bowling lanes at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

The Holiday Classic is a multi-competition event where teams from neighboring islands and Oahu gather to compete in sports. The event brought together members of the community with military from all branches of service. Volunteers and coordinators worked for months to put on the event for the Special Olympics athletes.

According to [www.specialolympicshawaii.org](http://www.specialolympicshawaii.org), the mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

It gives them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Clockwise from left, Staff Sgt. Justin Klukan from 647 SFS/S5P, one of the coordinators, and a participant open the ceremony by lighting the Olympic torch. They both were selected for the honor. Participants in the Special Olympics Hawaii event at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam enjoy the activities.

Photos by Senior Airman Khin Myat Thu Tun and Courtesy of Special Olympics Hawaii





# Holiday tower lighting celebration scheduled for next week



MWR Marketing photo

There will be a variety of activities for kids at the Freedom Tower Lighting Celebration on Dec. 11.

**Reid Tokeshi**

*Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation*

A holiday tradition returns to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam next week with the 46th annual holiday lighting of the Freedom Tower on Dec. 11.

There will be a variety of attractions this year, including several activities for kids, including bounce houses, an interactive trampoline exhibition and craft building.

“It’s definitely one for the family, with so many activities you may not be able to get through every-

thing while there,” said Lara Katine, JBPHH Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s special events.

There will also be food booths offering a variety of meals available for purchase. Live musical entertainment will be provided by the Air Force Band of the Pacific throughout the evening.

One of the most anticipated features of the Freedom Tower Lighting is the free photo with Santa Claus. MWR’s marketing department will take a high quality photo that customers can later download for free.

The evening concludes with the lighting of Free-

dom Tower. Hundreds of lights are strung up on the tower, resembling a Christmas tree. The tower will remain lit every evening through the holidays.

The 46th annual Freedom Tower Lighting Celebration will begin at 4:30 p.m. Customers are welcome to bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Pets are not authorized at the event. MWR will provide a free round-trip shuttle service from the Hickam BX Garden Shop, beginning at 4:15 p.m. The lighting of the tower takes place at 7 p.m.

(For more information, go to [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).)

## MWR’s Honolulu City Lights tour begins Sunday

**Justin Hirai**

*Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation*

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Information Tickets and Travel (ITT) department is once again hosting its annual Honolulu City Lights holiday tour throughout the month of December. The tour takes patrons on a ride through Honolulu, with a stop to see the large holiday displays at Honolulu Hale.

Tours leave from both the Hickam ITT office or Bloch Arena, each with different tour dates, departure times and prices.

The Hickam tour dates are from Dec. 6 to 22, with two departure times per day. The first departure is at 6 p.m. and costs \$15 per person, ages 5 years and up. The second departure time is at 8:30 p.m.

and costs \$10 per person. Transportation for these tours will be aboard the Hickam ITT Trolley.

The Pearl Harbor tour dates are Dec. 13, 17, 18, 21, 22 and 23, with departure times at 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person, ages 5 years and older. Transportation for these tour dates will be aboard a double decker bus.

One child, 4 years of age and under, sitting on an adult’s lap, is allowed free admission per paying adult. No large strollers or carriers are allowed (umbrella type are permitted). Reservations can be made at any ITT location. Call any location for more information and tour availability:

- Fleet Store ITT: 473-0792
- Hickam ITT: 448-2295
- Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange ITT: 422-2757
- Barbers Point ITT: 682-2019
- Wahiawa Annex ITT: 564-4445/4446

## Switchfoot performs at JBPHH



MWR Marketing photo by Maria Sittre-Fujii

National recording artists Switchfoot performed at a Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) concert Nov. 22. Switchfoot is known for hits such as “Dare You to Move,” “Love Alone is Worth the Fight” and “Dark Horses.” The performance was presented by Armed Forces Entertainment.



## DECEMBER

## TEMPORARY BRIDGE CLOSURES

**TODAY, 7** — All lanes of the Ford Island Bridge will be closed from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. today for rehearsal operations in support of ceremonials. All lanes of the Ford Island Bridge will be closed from 7 to 10 a.m. Dec. 7 for operations in support of the ceremonies. Motorists and pedestrians should plan accordingly for those two days. The small craft gate will be closed during bridge opening. All boat traffic under the causeway will be suspended during these events. FMI: Andrew.mcpherson.4@usaf.mil or 449-3105.

## FOX SPORTS MLB ALL-STAR EVENT

**SATURDAY** — The Fox Sports Major League Baseball All-Star Event will begin at 9 a.m. at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The event will feature meet-and-greet opportunities with professional baseball players and an autograph session for kids. The event is free and open to all military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

## SALUTE TO THE TROOPS

**SATURDAY** — USO Hawaii will hold a Salute to the Troops from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Wet 'n Wild Hawaii. The event will feature free admission to all active duty military, Reserve and retired military and their families. The cost of onsite parking is \$8 per vehicle. The park will be closed to the general public during the event. FMI: Facebook.com/HawaiiUSO or 422-1213.

## SNEAK PREVIEW

**SATURDAY** — A free sneak preview of the movie "In the Heart of the Sea" in 3D will begin at 7 p.m. at Sharkey Theater. The movie is free for the first 400 authorized patrons. The ticket booth and doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Active-duty military may receive up to four tickets. Retired military, military family members and Department of Defense card holders may receive up to two tickets. The movie is rated PG-13. FMI: 473-0726.

## PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

**7** — Navy Region Hawaii and the National Park Service World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument will co-host a joint ceremony from 7:45 to 9:15 a.m. observing the 74th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day at Kilo Pier, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Historian David Kennedy will give the principal address.

*For a schedule of national Pearl Harbor remembrance day events, please refer to page A1 and go to [pearlharborevents.com](http://pearlharborevents.com).*

## PEARL HARBOR DAY MEMORIAL PARADE

**7** — The fifth annual Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade will take place in Waikiki with opening ceremonies at 5 p.m. followed by the parade at 6 p.m. Pearl Harbor survivors are scheduled to participate in the event.

## FOX SPORTS PEARL HARBOR INVITATIONAL

**7** — Fox Sports Pearl Harbor Invitational basketball games will be held Dec. 7 at Bloch Arena, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Free ticket distribution is at the Fleet Store Information, Tickets and Travel office. The event will include men's Division 1 NCAA basketball games. The first game will begin at 2 p.m., featuring Villanova University vs. the University of Oklahoma. The second game will feature the U.S. Naval Academy vs. the University of Oregon. Admission gates will open at 12:30 p.m. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

## TECHNOLOGY EXPO

**7-11** — A Tactical Advancements for the Next Generation (TANG) technology innovation expo will be held at Lockwood Hall. The technology showcase event is open to anyone with Joint Base access.

## FLOAT NIGHT

**11** — A float night event will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Scott Pool. Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons who bring a wrapped donation for Toys for Tots to the event will get a free root beer float and Christmas treats. Then, they can lounge in the pool with their floaties, inflatables and rubber duckies. Personal-sized flotation devices are allowed only. FMI: 473-0394 or www.greatlifehawaii.com.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**12** — InspirationStudios, known for their inspirational music with ukulele and other instruments, will perform at noon at the Hickam BX. FMI: 423-7885.

## HOLIDAY CONCERT

**12** — A free, open-to-the-public holiday concert by the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band will begin at 5 p.m. at the Hale Koa Hotel. The outdoor concert will take place under the large banyan tree in the courtyard of the hotel, located at 2055 Kalia Road in Waikiki. No tickets are required, as seating is open. Casual/holiday attire is encouraged. FMI: U.S. Pacific Fleet Band Operations at 474-3693 or ops.pacfltband@navy.mil.



## OUR BRAND IS CRISIS

A battle-hardened American political consultant is sent to help re-elect a controversial president in Bolivia, where she must compete with a long-term rival working for another candidate.

## Movie Showtimes

## SHARKEY THEATER

**TODAY - 12/4**

7:00 PM Spectre (PG-13)

**SATURDAY - 12/5**

2:30 PM Love The Coopers (PG-13)

7:00 PM The Heart of the Sea (3-D)

(Free sneak preview) PG-13

**SUNDAY - 12/6**

6:00 PM Revenant (Free sneak preview) (R)

**THURSDAY - 12/10**

7:00 PM Burnt (R)

## HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

**TODAY - 12/4**

6:00 PM The Last Witch Hunter (PG-13)

**SATURDAY - 12/5**

2:00 PM Hotel Transylvania 2 (PG)

6:00 PM Goosebumps (PG)

**SUNDAY - 12/6**

2:00 PM The Martian (PG-13)

6:00 PM Our Brand Is Crisis (R)

**THURSDAY - 12/10**

7:00 PM Our Brand is Crisis (R)





# Holiday chapel events scheduled

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam chapels will hold a variety of events celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's Day.

## Catholic Services at Hickam Chapel Center

- Dec. 8, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Immaculate Conception Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Dec. 24, 5 p.m., Christmas Eve Family Mass
- Dec. 24, 11 p.m., Christmas Eve Family Mass
- Dec. 25, 11 a.m., Christmas Day Mass
- Jan. 1, 11 a.m., New Year's Day Mass

## Catholic Services at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel

- Dec. 8 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Immaculate Conception Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Dec. 24, 8 p.m., Christmas Eve Family Mass
- Dec. 25, 9 a.m., Christmas Day Mass
- Jan. 1, 9 a.m., New Year's Day Mass

## Protestant Services at Hickam Chapels

- Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Hickam Chapel Center
- Dec. 31, 10 p.m., Gospel Watchnight Service, Hickam Nelles Chapel

## Protestant Services at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel

- Dec. 20, 4:30 p.m., Christmas Family Concert
- Dec. 24, 6:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

## Jewish Services at Aloha Jewish Chapel

- Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., Shabbat Hanukkah Service.

*(For other religious observances, call Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel at 473-3971 and Hickam Chapel Center at 449-1754.)*



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# Exchanges to celebrate events with Santa

Kids can tell Santa their Christmas wishes at the Hickam Exchange Bxtra beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday and again on Dec. 12. *(For more information, call 423-1304.)*

In addition, breakfast with Santa Claus will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. Dec. 12 at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange food court lanai, second floor. The cost of the event is \$12 per child for a meal of pancakes and bacon, a goody bag, a picture with Santa, glitter tattoos, holiday activities, craft making, door prizes and balloon twisting. The cost of the event is \$8 per adult for pancakes and bacon, with coffee or tea and door prizes. Participants should arrive by 7:45 a.m. because doors will close promptly at 8 a.m. *(For more information, call 423-3287 or Stephanie.Lau@nexweb.org.)*

# MY FAVORITE PHOTO



John Burns, administrative support assistant for Navy Region Hawaii, took this photo of the Grand Canyon during a recent mainland visit. *How to submit: Send your (non-posed) photos to editor@hookelenews.com.*

# MFSC schedules upcoming classes

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) has scheduled upcoming events.

- A stress management class will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. Dec. 8 at MFSC Pearl Harbor. Participants can learn how stress affects personal and professional lives, how to decrease stress, how to interrupt the stress cycle and use relaxation techniques.
- A federal resume writing class will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 9 at MFSC Hickam. Participants can gain information on the federal employment process, learn how to search for job openings, interpret vacancy announcements,

recognize key words and build a proficient and well-organized federal resume.

- A workshop called Smooth Move will be held from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Dec. 10 at MFSC Hickam. This workshop features speakers from various departments to give participants a better understanding of the permanent change of station (PCS) process such as: entitlements, shipping a vehicle, filling out necessary paperwork, researching new base and location and financial planning. Participants can register for all classes online. *(For more information, visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) or call 474-1999.)*

# Upcoming blood drives

- Dec. 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 8th Special Troops Battalion, Macomb Road, building X0625, room 115, Fort Shafter.
- Dec. 14 and 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Military Police, 455 Wilson Ave., Schofield Barracks.
- Dec. 21, 9 to 11 a.m., Health Clinic, building 683, Schofield Barracks.
- Jan. 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Schofield Barracks Tropics, Schofield Barracks.
- Jan. 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., SEAL Division Team-1 SDVT-1 classrooms.

*(For more information, contact Michelle Lele-Himalaya, Armed Services Blood Program, Tripler Army Medical Center, at 433-6699 or email [Michelle.Lele.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Michelle.Lele.civ@mail.mil).)*