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Fox Sports joins Dec. 7 remembrance festivities

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After being thrust into World War II on Dec. 7, 1941, the Pacific became a hotbed for the U.S. military and their allies in a combined effort to preserve freedom.

Along with the perilous duty, sports provided a welcome relief, as professional and top amateur athletes from around the country joined the rank and file in the Pacific to fight for one common cause, including Ted Williams, Joe Louis, Jackie Robinson, Joe Dimaggio, Yogi Berra and Bobby Jones, among others.

As survivors, family members, dignitaries from around the world and military members from all branches joined the yearly pilgrimage to Pearl Harbor in remembrance of Dec. 7, sports returned as part of the tradition with a special broadcast of NFL football, baseball clinics and a collegiate basketball tournament featuring the Naval Academy and three top-25 teams in the nation all presented by Fox Sports.

In a whirlwind of activities to honor military men, women and family members, Fox Sport kicked things off on Saturday morning with a baseball clinic and talk that was hosted by sportscaster Harold Reynolds, a two-time MLB all-star with the Seattle Mariners. It featured former New York Mets Benny Agbayani and current players Shane Victorino, Jeremy Guthrie and Mitch Harris, who pitches for the St. Louis Cardinals and is a graduate of the Naval Academy (2004-08).

"I graduated in 2008 and signed with the Cardinals and ended five years active in Norfolk," Harris recalled. "It's great because I've been on both sides. To be a naval officer and then come back here, it's great. It's always fun to give back and hopefully, if they learn a little something, a little inspiration, that's all we're hoping for."

Agbayani, who grew up in Aiea in a home overlooking Pearl Harbor, said that although he lived just outside the gates of Joint Base, the place has a way of giving you goose bumps

whenever you visit its hallowed ground.

"It a great honor because these men and women are fighting for our lives," he said. "For me, I'm like, I'm going to do this. They are away from their families, so it's almost like how it was when I was playing."

For them, it's protecting the United States of America. It's something that they pledged to do when they joined, and you know, it's something that I really appreciate them doing for us."

In overlooking the packed attendance at Ward Field, Agbayani said that he wasn't so surprised at the size of the crowd and also commented that it was good to see both young and older fans at the clinic.

"Baseball is America's pastime," Agbayani said. "Just coming here and seeing the kids smiling, you can see that they want to live that dream also. I dreamed about it as a little kid and I made it a reality. You never know, one of them might become a Major League Baseball player."

While Fox Sports may have kicked off their three-day visit with America's pastime, it followed up with two other sports that are becoming or might be just as popular.

On Sunday, the Fox football broadcasting team, with the likes of Howie Long, Terry Bradshaw and Michael Strahan took center stage by hosting their NFL Sunday coverage from the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

Then on Monday, Dec. 7, fans from around the world were treated to back-to-back NCAA Div. I basketball games featuring the nation's No. 7 team Oklahoma versus No. 9 Villanova in a showdown of top-10 squads.

In the nightcap, Naval Academy took on No. 25 Oregon.

The televised doubleheader, which was played at Bloch Arena, had Oklahoma beating Villanova, 78-55, while Oregon defeated Navy, 67-47.



At left, Major League Baseball player Shane Victorino gives batting tips to a child. Above right, St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Mitch Harris talks about proper pitching mechanics at the Fox Sports-hosted baseball clinic.

Top left, U.S. Naval Academy Parents Club of Hawaii greets U.S. Naval Academy's Navy men's basketball team, Dec. 4, at Honolulu International Airport for a Pac-12 matchup against Oregon.

Left, Naval Academy guard Shawn Anderson goes up a for lay-up.

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— Benny Agbayani
Former New York Mets player



Fox NFL Sunday live at Pearl Harbor



Above, Terry Bradshaw engages with Pearl Harbor survivors during Fox NFL Sunday Live Special at the Battleship Missouri Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Dec. 6. Using sports as a backdrop, Fox Sports paid tribute to the nation's military while enlightening Americans about Pearl Harbor Day during the 74th anniversary. At left, Fox NFL Sunday Live hosts and service members re-enact a football play during the special. Below, the hosts of Fox NFL Sunday in front of the Battleship Missouri Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photos by MC2 Brian M. Wilbur



Aloha shown to Fox Sports

Hula dancers participate on Dec. 5 in a ceremonial performance during the "Fox Sports Welcome Reception," at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Using sports as a backdrop, Fox Sports paid tribute to the nation's military while enlightening Americans about Pearl Harbor Day during the 74th anniversary.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Meranda Keller



647th Force Support Squadron repeats as football champs

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The 647th Force Support Squadron (647 FSS) may have just tightened their grip on the claim to be the most dominating flag football team in Joint Base history after they beat a talented 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES) Bulls, 19-7, to capture their second consecutive intramural flag football championship on Dec. 7 at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

In the team's two-year reign, the 647 FSS won 14 games without a loss en route to their first title and then ran the table one more time this year to arguably become the best team to ever hold up the championship trophy on JBPHH.

Two years ago, Commander, United States Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) became the first team on base to win back-to-back titles after Air Force squads, 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC) and the 561st Network Operation Squadron (561 NOS) Det.1, won the first two Joint Base flag football championships.

To date, the Air Force now holds a 4-2 edge in the battle for bragging rights for Joint Base's highest flag football award.

"We won 27 in a row," said 647 FSS defensive captain Staff Sgt. John Ribbins, who pointed out that the only blemish on the team's record was a double forfeit that disqualified both teams for unsportsmanlike conduct. "We never gave up more than 13 points in any game. I mean, you can't describe words for it, he said."

While the 647 FSS entered the game as the favorite to win it all, the team got an early wake-up call as the Bulls drew first blood to take the first lead.

After the Bulls defense came up with a stop in the red zone on the Force Support Squadron's first possession of the game, quarterback Staff Sgt. Chris Miranda got the CES offense off to a good start on a pass to Sgt. Labronze Paden, who then extended a lateral to Senior Airman Ty Robinson to complete an eight-yard gain.

On the next play from his own 26, Miranda rolled out of the pocket to his left and zipped a laser into the hands of Robinson, who made the catch and then turned it upfield for a 54-yard, catch-and-run into the end zone and a 6-0 lead.

The Bulls converted their point after touch-

down for a 7-0 advantage.

After being stopped in the red zone on their first drive, the 647 FSS, behind quarterback Tech. Sgt. Jason Price, completed a pass and rushed once to set the ball down at the 28.

Price then connected with Senior Airman Darren Palmer for a 17-yard pick up to the Bulls 25 and then went back to the middle, where he found a wide-open Ribbins for a touchdown.

The 647 FSS evened the score at 7-7 on the converted PAT and that's where it stood through halftime.

Starting with the ball in the second half, Price said he did not want a repeat of the first half, where the team got derailed twice in the red zone.

Instead of dropping back to pass on every down, Price reversed his strategy by sticking to a ground game.

Four of the first five plays were kept on the ground where Price used his legs to dash for 30 yards.

A pass on third down to Ribbins put the ball on the Bulls 19, and four plays later, Price completed a clutch fourth-down pass into the end zone to Airman 1st Class Isaac Cleveland for a 13-7 lead.

On the FSS's next possession, set up by an interception from Palmer, Price all but put the nails in the coffin when he ended a three-play, 50-yard drive to pay dirt with a short eight-yard strike to Cleveland for his second touchdown catch of the game and a 19-7 lead.

"This feels good," Price said about winning the team's second title in a row. "We got a couple of guys that came back, we got new guys and they came in real focused. What kept us focused was the fact that this would probably be our last time playing together. We took every game seriously, but when playoff time came, we just stepped it up a notch."

As the players took one last look around Millican Field, no one seemed to be in too much of a hurry to leave the grounds.

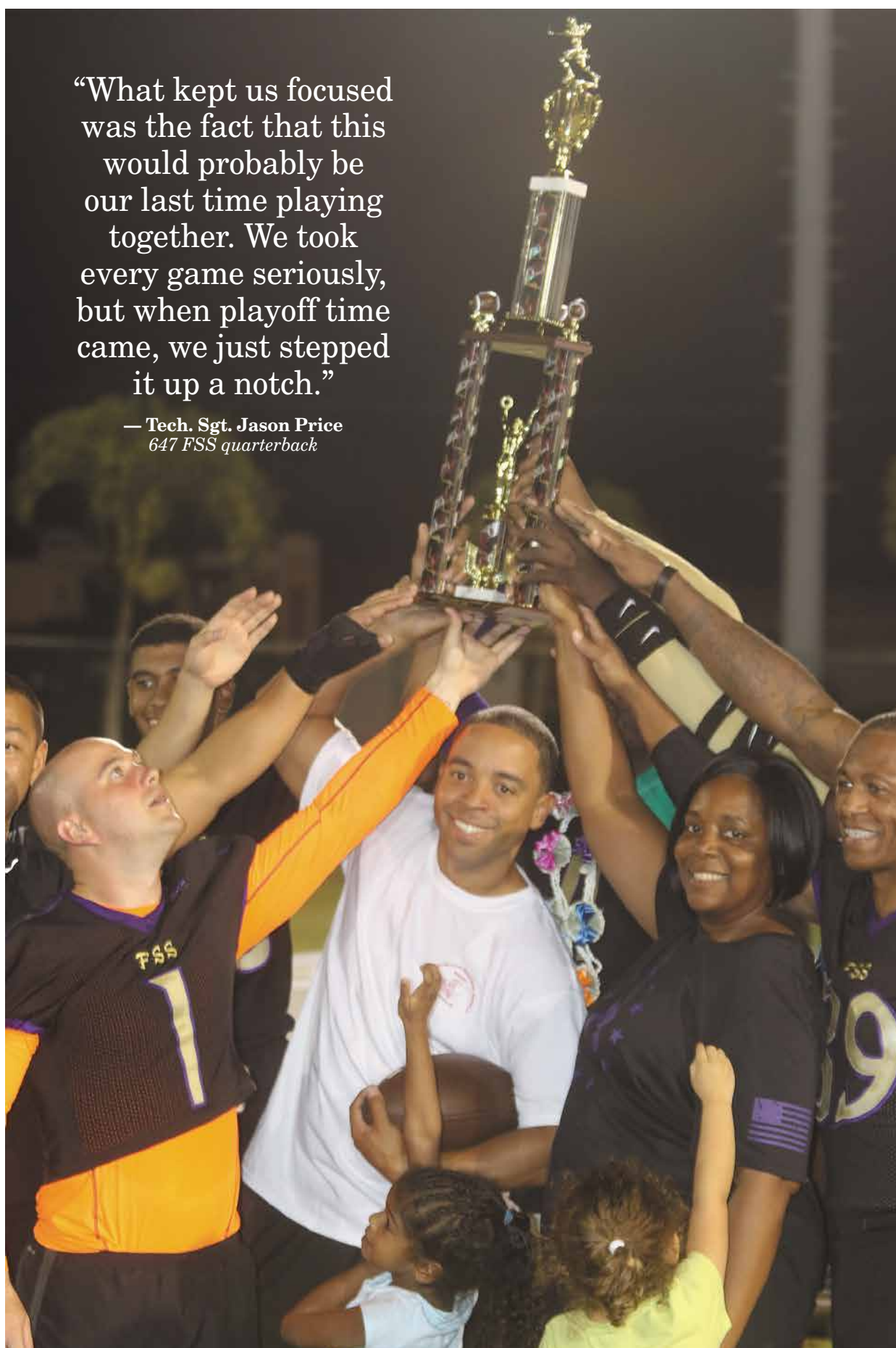
Ribbins, who said he is one of the few that would be back next season, said that the players just want to live every moment of the journey, which started almost six months ago.

"It was hard, but the main thing we did was that we started in July," Ribbins admitted. "Our main thing was to work on what we got to do and stay humble. We had the same core (of players). Unfortunately, most of us are leaving, so this is probably our last run together."



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— Tech. Sgt. Jason Price
647 FSS quarterback



Top, quarterback Tech. Sgt. Jason Price reaches back to deliver a bomb into the end zone. Above, teammates and family members of the 647th FSS celebrate with the championship trophy.

Midshipmen basketball team visits USS Michael Murphy

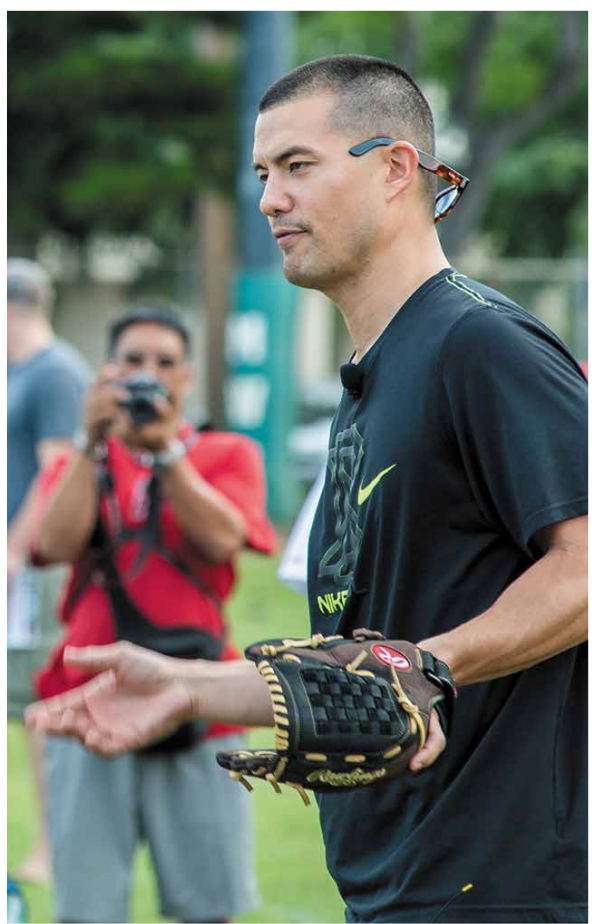
At right, Lt. Benjamin Olivas, training officer aboard USS Michael Murphy, speaks to the U.S. Naval Academy men's basketball team during a tour of the ship. The Navy midshipmen faced Oregon in a Pac-12 matchup Dec. 7 that aired on Fox Sports 1.



At left, U.S. Naval Academy midshipman Shawn Anderson reads information about Lt. Michael P. Murphy, the namesake of the USS Michael Murphy.

Photos by MC2 Jeff Troutman

Major League players interact with military members



U.S. Navy photos by MC3 Katarzyna Kobilja

Above, clockwise from top, Major League Baseball player Benny Agbayani teaches batting stances to military members and their families during MLB Players Clinic at Ward Field at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Major League Baseball player Jeremy Guthrie talks to military service members and their families. Major League Baseball player Shane Victorino autographs a book for a military service family member. Fox Sports paid tribute to the nation's military while enlightening Americans about Pearl Harbor Day during the 74th anniversary.

At right, Major League Baseball player Harold Reynolds autographs baseballs for military families.



DECEMBER

TOWER LIGHTING CELEBRATION

TODAY — The free 46th annual Tower Lighting Celebration will be held at the Freedom Tower mall. Entertainment will be provided by the Air Force Band of the Pacific. Festivities will include bounce houses, holiday crafts, interactive trampoline and gymnastics demonstrations and photos with Santa. Dinner plates and snacks will be available for purchase. Event shuttle service will be provided round-trip from the Hickam BX Garden Shop, starting at 4:15 p.m. until the event finish. The event is open to all military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests, but pets are not authorized at the event. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

EXCHANGE EVENTS WITH SANTA

SATURDAY — Kids can tell Santa their Christmas wishes at the Hickam Exchange Bxtra beginning at 11 a.m. FMI: 423-1304. In addition, breakfast with Santa Claus will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. 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. FMI: 423-3287 or Stephanie.Lau@nexweb.org.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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

HOLIDAY CONCERT

SATURDAY — 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.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

14-18 — Pearl Harbor Holiday Festival of Lights Tours will be held from Dec. 14 to 18. White boats will leave from Merry Point landing from Dec. 14 to 15 beginning 30 minutes after sunset until 8 p.m. Tours will also leave from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center on Dec. 17 and 18 at the same times. Judging by Navy Region Hawaii will be held at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16. For more information see page B-6.

TEEN CENTER PARENT NIGHT

15 — Teens ages 13 to 18 years old and their families can attend a free parent night at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Teen Center from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event will include food and activities. FMI: 448-0418.

PEEWEE SOCCER REGISTRATION

18 — Registration for the 2016 Peewee Soccer season closes Dec. 18. This youth sports and fitness activity is for ages 3 to 5. The cost is \$35. The season runs from Jan. 9 to April 2. Registration is done online. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 473-0789.

FREE SNEAK PREVIEW

19 — A free sneak preview of the movie "Point Break" in 3D (rated PG-13) will be shown 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, their family members and Department of Defense card holders may receive up to two tickets. FMI: 473-0726.

NORTH SHORE BIKE RIDE

19 — A North Shore bike ride will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 including a bicycle (or \$15 without). Participants need to sign up by Dec. 16. This trip is about seven miles round-trip on level terrain. The ride is offered through the Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation Outdoor Adventure Center at the Fleet Store. FMI: 473-1198.

HOLIDAY MEAL AT SILVER DOLPHIN

25 — A Christmas holiday meal will be served from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Silver Dolphin Bistro. The meal will include oven-roasted turkey, baked spiral ham and other holiday foods. The price of the meal is \$9.05 and is open to all active duty military, Department of Defense employees, retirees, and their family members with a valid ID card. FMI: 473-2948.

BREAKFAST FOR SINGLE SAILORS/AIRMEN

25 — Single Sailors and Airmen can have a free breakfast, including waffles, bacon, eggs and homemade cinnamon rolls. The breakfast will be served at three locations at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam: Gabrunas Hall Recreation Room, building 1300 series near Arizona Hall and The Gathering Place (Hickam dorms). Single Sailors and Airmen can attend anytime between 9 and 11:30 a.m. FMI: Paul Cassidy at 282-9068.



SPECTRE

A cryptic message from Bond's past sends him on a trail to uncover a sinister organization. While M battles political forces to keep the secret service alive, Bond peels back the layers of deceit to reveal the terrible truth behind SPECTRE.

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 12-11
7:00 PM The 33 (PG-13)

SATURDAY 12-12
3:00 PM Daddy's Home (PG) (*Free sneak preview*)
5:20 PM The Peanuts Movie (3-D) (G)
7:30 PM Our Brand Is Crisis (R)

SUNDAY 12-13
2:30 PM The Peanuts Movie (G)
4:40 PM SPECTRE (PG-13)
7:30 PM Burnt (R)

THURSDAY 12-17
7:00 PM SPECTRE (PG-13)

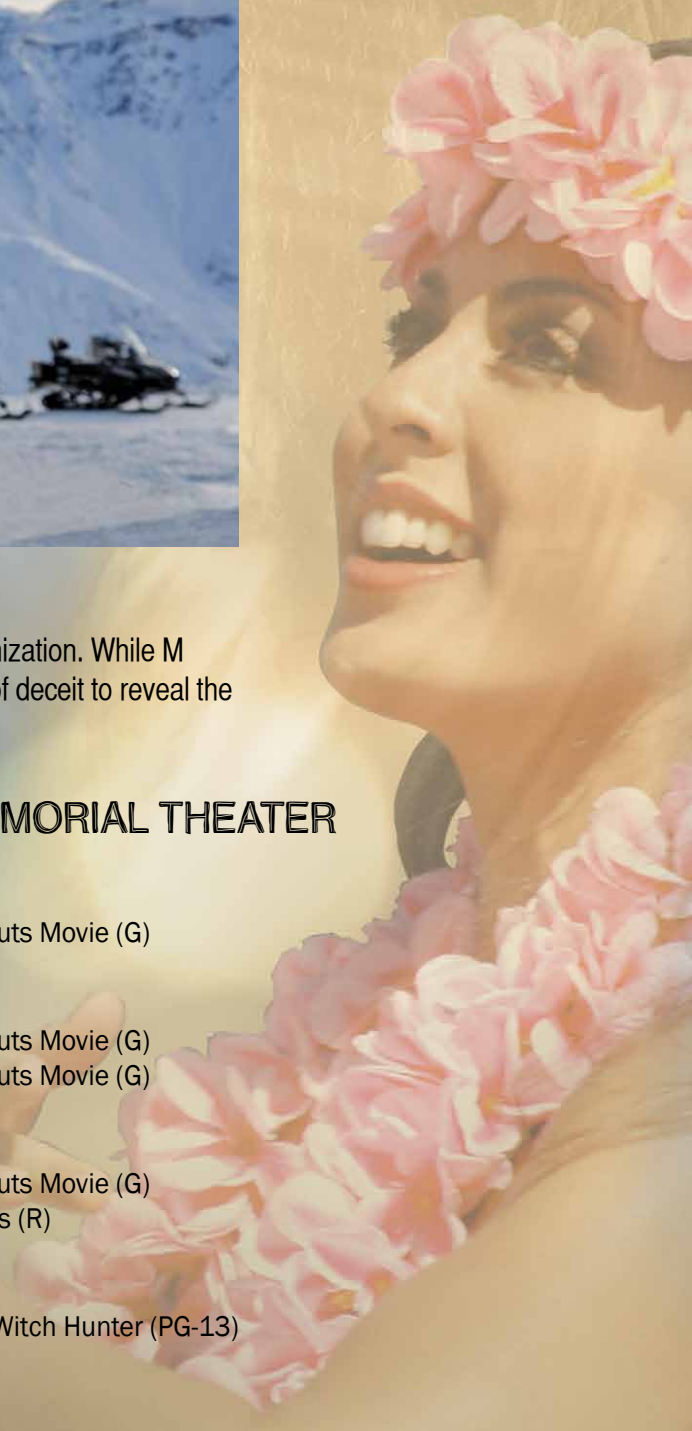
HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 12-11
6:00 PM The Peanuts Movie (G)

SATURDAY 12-12
2:00 PM The Peanuts Movie (G)
6:00 PM The Peanuts Movie (G)

SUNDAY 12-13
2:00 PM The Peanuts Movie (G)
6:00 PM Steve Jobs (R)

THURSDAY 12-17
7:00 PM The Last Witch Hunter (PG-13)



Pearl Harbor to celebrate Festival of Lights Dec. 14-18

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The annual Pearl Harbor Holiday Festival of Lights featuring ship and submarine lighting will be on display through Dec. 25.

Free harbor white boat tours for military and Department of Defense ID card holders will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 14 and 15 and 7:15 to 9 p.m. Dec. 16 departing from Merry Point Landing.

Free white boat tours for the public will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 17 and 18, departing from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

The tours are offered by the National Park Service. Seats are limited and tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the day of the tour at the visitor center.

No backpacks, fanny packs, luggage, diaper bags, camera bags, purses, large camera/tripods or other items which provide concealment are allowed in the visitor center or aboard the boats.

Do not leave your valuables in your car. Cameras and videos are allowed aboard for photos of the decorated ships. However, photographing security activities such as the patrol boats and shore or water security personnel is prohibited. A light jacket or sweater is recommended.

The annual ship/submarine holiday lighting competition will be judged the evening of Dec. 16 by a barge tour of the harbor. Judges tentatively will include representatives from Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Navy Region Hawaii.

The top three and honorable mentions will be selected for both ships and submarines. A special admiral's choice award will be presented to one ship or submarine of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific's choice. All ships and submarines are encouraged to show their festive spirit and provide the best holiday lighting and hospitality they can muster.

U.S. Women's Soccer Team visits JBPHH



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Katarzyna Kobiljak

U.S. Women's National Soccer Team athletes read the list of fallen military members aboard the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jerome D. Johnson

U.S. Women's National Soccer Team athletes visited the Makalapa Clinic at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to thank Wounded Warriors for their service.

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Fox NFL Sunday thanks Wounded Warriors



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Meranda Keller

Terry Bradshaw signs a football for Aircrewman (Mechanical) 1st Class Jason Gibson while visiting Makalapa Clinic at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to thank wounded warriors for their service. Using sports as a backdrop, Fox Sports paid tribute to the nation's military while enlightening Americans about Pearl Harbor Day during the 74th anniversary.

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. 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. 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.)

Upcoming blood drives

- Dec. 14 and 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Military Police, 455 Wilson Ave., Schofield Barracks.
- Dec. 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aloha Center (across from PACAF building.)
- 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.)



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FFD Hawaii holiday fire safety tips

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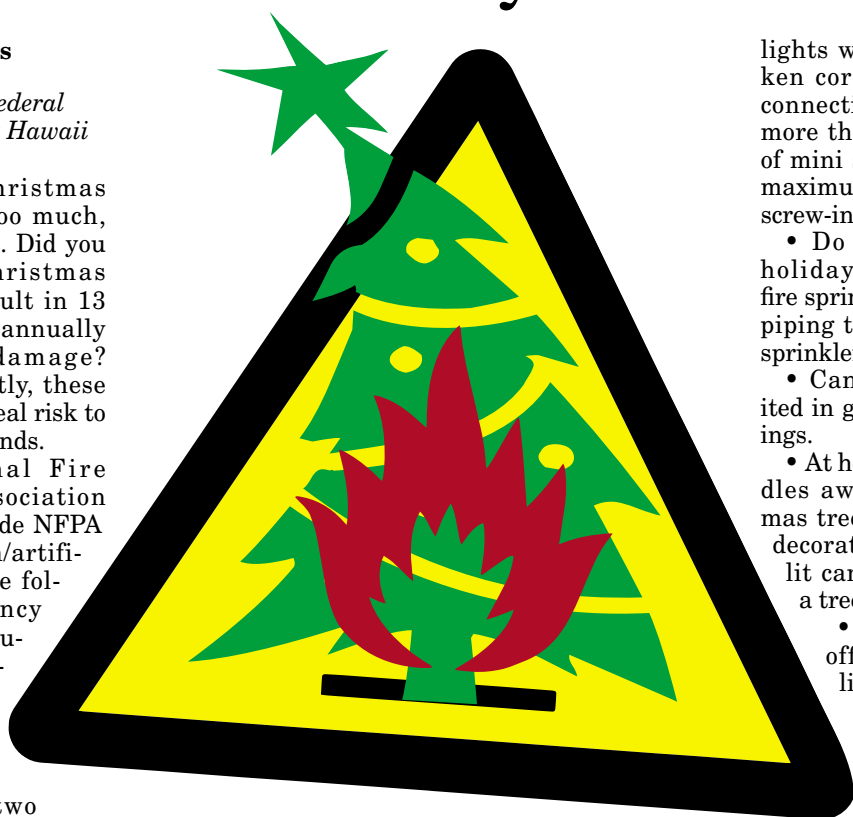
Don't let Christmas ever heat up too much, with fire that is. Did you know that Christmas trees alone result in 13 million dollars annually in property damage? More importantly, these fires present a real risk to families and friends.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Fire Code NFPA 1 permits fresh/artificial trees in the following occupancy types with an automatic sprinkler system: business, day care, industrial, mercantile, one and two family dwellings, and storage areas.

Trees of any type are prohibited in the following occupancy types: assembly, board and care, detention and correctional, dormitories and educational. Health care facilities are allowed only artificial trees with a UL-listed certification.

"When showcasing a live tree in your business or home, the combination of tree dryness, electrical malfunction with lights, and poorly located heating sources can make for a deadly combination," said Jeffrey Fernaays, Federal Fire Department Hawaii prevention chief.

Following these few simple tips to ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season:



Picking the tree

- If you have an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled, certified or identified by the manufacturer as fire retardant.
- Choose a tree with fresh, vibrant green needles that do not fall off when touched.

Placing the tree

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1-2 inches from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, such as fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add wa-

ter daily. If a fire inspector sees a tree with a large quantity of falling needles and no water, the occupant will be advised to remove the tree immediately.

Lighting the tree

- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory such as UL or FM-approved.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so cords are not damaged.
- Some lights are designed only for indoor or outdoor use. Any lights used outdoors must be labeled suitable for exterior placement and must be plugged into a ground-fault circuit interrupter protected receptacle.
- Replace any string of

lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in type lights.

- Do not attach any holiday decorations to fire sprinkler heads or the piping that supports the sprinkler system.

- Candles are prohibited in government buildings.

- At home, keep all candles away from Christmas trees, furniture and decorations. Never use lit candles to decorate a tree.

- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After the holiday season is over, prompt removal and proper disposal of a live tree should be a priority. The longer a tree is in a facility, the higher the fire risk becomes. Dried-out trees should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Most trees have a two-week life span once placed in a tree stand.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Outdoor electrical lights should be brought inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and to make them last longer.

(For more information about Federal Fire Department Hawaii or fire safety, contact Fire Inspector Angela Sanders at 471-8019 or angela.sanders1@navy.mil.)