

**Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs** 

National African American History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role they have played in the history of the United States.

In observance of African American History

year during the month of February, Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) will celebrate this month's theme "Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memories."

Today, the JBPHH diversity and special observance committee will present a cultural awareness observance at Nelles Chapel at Month, celebrated each 10 a.m. Following the ob-

servance, a special meal will take place at the Silver Dolphin Bistro from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meal is open to U.S. military, Department of Defense civilians and active duty family members with a valid ID card. The cost of the meal is \$5.55 per person.

Menu items will include shrimp and chicken gumbo soup, Moroccan Shabbat catfish, bobotie (meatloaf), Southern fried chicken,

barbecue pork spare ribs, mashed potatoes, baked macaroni and cheese, herbed green beans and glazed carrots. The meal will also include a salad bar and fresh fruit, hot sweet cornbread, dinner rolls and assorted desserts.

In the upcoming weeks, a Gospel Fest and a Taste of Soul will be held at the Nelles Chapel on Feb. 27 at 1 p.m.

According to the Defense Equal Opportunity Man-

agement Institute, to commemorate and celebrate the contributions to the nation made by people of African descent, Black History Month had its origins in 1915 when American historian and author Dr. Carter G. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Known as the "Father of Black History," Woodson founded the celebration he called "Negro History Week" in 1926. He selected the second week of February because

it fell between the birthdays of the famed orator and abolitionist Frederick **Douglass and President** Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, the celebration expanded to include the entire month.

To learn more about African American history, visit https://www.deomi. org/SpecialObservance/ AABHM.cfm

# Hickam CDDAR team raises P-3 Orion at Kalaeloa Airport

Story and photo by **Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz** 

#### 154th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen from the Hawaii Air National Guard 154th Maintenance Squadron (MXS), and active duty 15th MXS successfully completed a lift of a P-3 Orion Aircraft at Kalaeloa Airport, Jan. 27.

Lifting of the P-3 was part of an annual training exercise for Hickam's Crash, Damaged, Dis-

move a disabled aircraft. "The team's capabilities cover the full spectrum of incident responses from simply towing an aircraft out of the dirt to lifting it off the ground with specialized air bags and cranes.' said Mix.

Lifting the P-3 required close coordination and constant communication between the personnel operating five separate lift bag stations and six tethering positions. The exercise provided an opportunity for both initial and recurrent training as well as the inspection of CDDAR equipment. "The P-3 lift included challenges such as multiple lift stations, wing angle, weight and balance, and multiple team coordination." said Chief Master Sgt. Edward Essman, 154th MXS Aircraft Maintenance Manager. "Assigned team chiefs for the training had to safely coordinate the stations to evenly lift the P-3 to a working height that Once investigative and would allow a successful recovery." According to Essman, no one lift or recovery operation is the same; each situation requires a tai-



abled Aircraft, Recovery (CDDAR) team.

"It (CDDAR) is a team of highly trained and specialized maintainers who work to quickly remove and recover a disabled aircraft with the goal of minimizing additional damage." said Maj. Brian S. Mix, 15th MXS commander. "By doing so we can re-open the airbase or airport as quickly as possible while hopefully maintaining the aircraft in such a condition that it can be fully repaired and returned to service.'

safety operations have been completed, the CD-DAR team utilizes a wide range of techniques and equipment to safely re-

Airmen from the Hawaii Air National Guard 154th Maintenance Squadron and active duty 15th Maintenance Squadron inspect a lifted P-3 Orion aircraft during a Crash, Damaged, Disabled Aircraft Recovery training exercise, Jan. 27, at Kalealoa, Hawaii.

lored approach.

"Every scenario is different so what type of aircraft, where the incident occurred, and what type of incident happened would factor into our response posture." said Essman. "In most instances, we would be responding with the crash investigators and help them preserve any evidence to be

used in their investiga- and are able to share lestion.

In addition to guard and active duty airmen, exercise participants included Army, Coast Guard, and civilian personnel.

Total force integration enjoyed here is important," said Essman. "We enjoy working and training with multiple services proven invaluable.

sons learned and improve response capability by building off each other's knowledge."

According to Essman, Hickam's CDDAR team has been called to respond to a few real world instances. In each of those cases, training such as January's P-3 lift has

"Few functions require more precise individual and team actions, yet are provided even fewer occasions in which the individual and team can become proficient through actual hands on experience." said Essman.

Naval Air Museum Barbers Point provided the decommission P-3 aircraft used in the exercise.

# Admiral tosses coin at Pro Bowl

Adm. Scott Swift, commander of U.S Pacific Fleet, participates in the opening coin toss during the 2016 Pro Bowl at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu Jan. 31. (Additional photos and story on page B-1.)

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



# February 5, 2016 Ho'okele A-2 5th ASOS Airman saves drowning civilian

#### 15th Wing Public Affairs

Air Force Staff Sgt. John E. Kinsley III, tactical air control party specialist (TACP) of the 25th Air Support Operations Squadron recently rescued a kayaker from potential drowning off the coast of Waialua on the North Shore.

"I was enjoying a day on the beach with my family when we noticed a kayaker practicing in the waves, then all of a sud-

Staff Sgt. Christopher Stoltz den, we saw the kayak coming the boogey board and made the shore until they were into shore, but the kayaker wasn't inside," said Kinsley.

"I heard a cry for help and saw the kayaker caught in a riptide. Immediately, I grabbed my child's boogey board and swam towards the kayaker as I battled 10 to 15 foot waves in the process," Kinsley added.

"As I got closer to the kayaker, he got a burst of motivation and started making his way toward me," said Kinsley. "I grabbed onto him, gave him sure he got his breath back before we headed back to shore."

Calvin, who did not provide his last name, was the person in the kayak and shared his perspective of the experience.

"I was kayak surfing a few hundred feet off the beach when my kayak was overturned and swept away. I immediately started swimming toward shore, battling the currents with waves constantly crashing on me," said Calvin.

The two swam east along place at the right time.'

freed from the riptide's grasp. Once they arrived back on the beach, Kinsley made sure Calvin was OK before heading back to his family.

"I guess I didn't even realize what just happened, it was just a relief to see that he was OK," said Kinsley. "I think as a TACP, when you're going through training, they instill the fundamental value of 'never give up," Kinsley explained. "I was at the right

At the end of the day, Calvin exchanged information with Kinsley and was able to send an email to his chain-of-command, thanking him for his efforts.

"Honestly, I'm not shocked to hear that John didn't hesitate one second when he saw that man's life in danger," said Lt. Col. Russell J. Hall, 25th ASOS commander. "I'm very proud of what Kinsley did. He is a role-model in the 25 ASOS and proves it each day with selfless actions like these.'

## Ashes of Pearl Harbor survivor scattered at the USS Utah Memorial

#### **Brandon Bosworth**

#### Assistant Editor, Ho`okele

The ashes of Coxswain John Pidcock, a survivor of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, and his wife, Bonnie, were scattered in the waters near the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH). during a ceremony held Jan. 27.

"John's loving wife Bonnie thought it would be a great idea to save his remains until after she died, have the family bring both his and hers here to Pearl Harbor to be scattered in these waters so they could be together again, forever,<sup>3</sup> said Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivor liaison, who spoke at the ceremony. "She knew deep in her heart John would want to return to Pearl Harbor and be with his friends and shipmates lost that fateful day in 1941.'

Pidcock was born on Jan. 21 1924 in West Virginia. He joined the Navy shortly after his 17th birthday and served throughout World War II.

On Dec. 7, 1941, Pidcock was serving aboard USS Tangier, which was berthed right next to the USS Utah.

"The Tangier's guns were firing immediately after the beginning of the attack," Taylor said. "The crew could actually see the planes dropping their bombs and follow the bombs from the planes to where they hit. Many landed very close to the Tangier but luckily they all missed. John said the Japanese aircraft were so low they could actually see the pilot's faces smiling at sailors who were trapped them. The crew could inside." also see the rescue efforts of the sailors cut-Utah trying to rescue and speak at the service.



Pidcock's son, Ron "Frog" Pidcock, and Ron's ting through the skin wife, Paulette, flew in of the overturned USS from Oklahoma to attend

of his service aboard the Tangier," he said. "Tangier got three of the Japanese planes that were downed on Dec. 7." John Pidcock was hon22, 1945. After the war, New Year's Day, 2008.

The Jan. 27 service Guard. Cmdr. George mony."

"My father was proud orably discharged from featured a gun salute Mendes, command chapthe U.S. Navy on Oct. and the presentation lain at JBPHH, provided of the burial flag to the he worked in a steel mill family by the Joint Base for 32 years. He died on Pearl Harbor-Hickam said Ron Pidcock. "This

the benediction.

"I was overwhelmed," Honors and Ceremonial was a wonderful cere-

# Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam supports Military Saves Week

#### **Military and Family Support Center**

As part of Military Saves Week 2016, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam urges the community to participate in the program by taking the Military Saves pledge at www.militarysaves.org, Feb. 22-27.

Military Saves Week is an opportunity for service members and their families to set a goal, make a plan and save automatically.

The Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) is partnering with the Veteran Administration (VA), Home Ownfinancial planner, and the Pearl Harbor. A guest

tration to help people save Security Administration on Feb. 23 from 11:30 more successfully and encourage more people to save.

This program focuses on helping military families and Department of Defense civilians improve their financial well-being by attending events, workshops and classes offered.

The MFSC is offering a number of free events in support of Military Saves to help people build wealth, not debt.

Upcoming events include:

 A financially savvy retirees event will be held on Feb. 10 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Military and ership Center, a certified Family Support Center Social Security Adminis- speaker from the Social workshop will take place

will be present.

•A 5K run/walk will take place on Feb. 20 across from the Hawaii Air National Guard at Hickam. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. Run time starts at 7:30 a.m. Families are welcome. Register online and bring the waiver form to participate. Registration and waiver forms will also be available on site.

•An investing for retirement event will be held on Feb. 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. A certified financial planner will participate

• A military saves

a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. Speakers from Veteran Affairs and Hawaii Home Ownership Center will participate.

To register for classes, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 474-1999.

Military Saves Week is coordinated by America Saves and the Consumer Federation of America in partnership with the Department of Defense. The Week is an annual opportunity for organizations to promote good savings behavior and a chance for individuals to assess their own saving status.

## Abandoned bicycles to be removed beginning Feb. 12

bor-Hickam has been experi- doned bicycles, and those biencing numerous issues with cycles not claimed after the personnel abandoning privately owned bicycles near barracks and other facilities throughout the base.

In early January, Security center.

Joint Base Pearl Har- began placing notices on aban-30-day period will be removed beginning Feb. 12.

The abandoned bicycles will be sent to the base recycling



# Diverse

What's the most unusual Valentine's Day gift that you ever received?



HM2 Kimberly Biolsi USS Hopper (DDG-70)

"I received a flat tire when I was single."

Master Sgt. Kyle Fenimore Det. 3, 21st Space Operations Squadron

"One year in elementary school I received Garbage Pail Kids cards."





NHC Hawaii SMART Center "A pedicure. I didn't know that guys

HM1 Themygerard Mendoza

needed cleansing too."

Arlene Maeda PACAF

"Several years ago, I received a bouquet of blue roses from my dog, Cricket. They were so unusual and beautiful."





**DC1** Candice Mitchell JBPHH 1st Lt.

"I have never really received anything unusual."

#### Senior Master Sgt. Shane Siebert PACAF

"Homemade cookies that traveled half way around the world while I was stationed in Korea. It was a huge batch of cookies and I ended up sharing them with my friends who also were away from loved ones."



STG3 Kenia Vazquezgarcia USS Preble (DDG-88)

"Mainly just teddy bears and flowers."

Tech. Sgt. Abraham Walker Defense Information Systems Agency Pacific

"I did not receive an unusual gift for Valentine's Day before. However, I bought my wife a towel from one of the members in the Japanese Air Force. The gift was unusual because it had



# Reflect on African American History Month

Barack Obama

President of the United States of America

America's greatness is a testament to generations of courageous individuals who, in the face of uncomfortable truths, accepted that the work of perfecting our Nation is unending and strived to expand the reach of freedom to all. For too long, our most basic liberties had been denied to African Americans, and today, we pay tribute to countless good-hearted citizensalong the Underground Railroad, aboard a bus in Alabama, and all across our country-who stood up and sat in to help right the wrongs of our past and extend the promise of America to all our people.

**During National African** American History Month, we recognize these champions of justice and the sacrifices they made to bring us to this point, we honor the contributions of African Americans since our country's beginning, and we recommit to reaching for a day when no person is judged by anything but the content of their character.

From the Revolutionary War through the abolitionist movement, to marches from Selma to Montgomery and across America today, African Americans



President Barack Obama

have remained devoted to the proposition that all of us are created equal, even when their own rights were denied. As we rejoice in the victories won by men and women who believed in the idea of a just and fair America, we remember that, throughout history, our success has been driven by bold individuals who were willing to speak out and change the status quo.

Refusing to accept our Nation's original sin, African Americans bound by the chains of slavery broke free and headed North, and many others who knew slavery was antithetical to our country's conception of human rights and dignity fought to bring their moral imagination to life.

When Jim Crow mocked the advances made by the 13th Amendment, a new generation of men and women galvanized and organized with the same force of faith as their enslaved a disservice to all who came

young people still echo the call for equality, bringing attention to disparities that continue to plague our society in ways that mirror the non-violent tactics of the civil rights movement while adapting to modern times. Let us also not forget

those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we could make our voices heard by exercising our right to vote. Even in the face of legal challenges, every eligible voter should not take for granted what is our right to shape our democracy.

We have made great progress on the journey toward ensuring our ideals ring true for all people. Today, African American high school graduation and college enrollment rates are at an all-time high. The African-American unemployment rate has been halved since its Great Recession peak. More than 2 million African Americans gained health insurance thanks to the Affordable Care Act.

The incarceration rates for African-American men and women fell during each year of this Administration and are at their lowest points in over two decades. Yet challenges persist and obstacles still stand in the way of becoming the country envisioned at our founding, and we would do

ancestors. Our Nation's before us if we remained blind to the way past injustices shape the present. The United States is home to 5 percent of the world's population, but 25 percent of the world's prisoners—a disproportionate number of whom are African American—so we must find ways to reform our criminal justice system and ensure that it is fairer and more effective

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While we've seen unemployment rates decrease, many communities, particularly those of color, continue to experience significant gaps in educational and employment opportunities, causing too many young men and women to feel like no matter how hard they try, they may never achieve their dreams.

Our responsibility as citizens is to address the inequalities and injustices that linger, and we must secure our birthright freedoms for all people. As we mark the 40th year of National African American History Month, let us reflect on the sacrifices and contributions made by generations of African Americans, and let us resolve to continue our march toward a day when every person knows the unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

# Cast your vote for an accurate COLA survey

#### Rear Adm. John Fuller

Commentary -

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

The Defense Travel Management Office is conducting a Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) Living Pattern Survey (LPS) from now until March 1. It's our opportunity to accurately portray how much it costs to live and work here in Hawaii.

In the 2014 survey, fewer than ten percent of us responded (4,800 of more than 49,000 Sailors). Consequently, the survey was not fully representative, and COLA rates were reduced for most of Hawaii.

This month we have an opportunity to set the record straight and ensure accurate representation. Service members here on Oahu should take the survey at: http://ow.ly/XRLfj.

I encourage military

filling out the survey, especially if they are involved in shopping for groceries, clothing, furnishings, entertainment, etc. They can access the survey from a home computer.

The comprehensive but simple survey may take up to an hour to complete. Questions such as "Have you or any member of your household purchased seafood in the past year?" are blank section to determine goods are purchased off base.

Like voting, the survey is our shipmates and their families.

the process.

sponsibility.

U.S. Senator John H.

Rear Adm. John Fuller

USS Chafee (DDG 90), and a United States Marine veteran of Guadalcanal and Korea, said in 1999, "The Constitution is a document that provides each citizen with broad rights. The right to assemble peacefully; the right to speak and publish freely; the freedom to worship without interference; freedom from unlawful search and seizure; freedom from slavery and involuntary servitude; the right to vote. It is these freedoms that

#### an American."

We who defend the Constitution have a right and a say in our participatory democracy. We have the right to vote even when deployed. And we have the right to cast our vote for the laws that impact our readiness and ability to serve.

The opportunity we have to participate in this month's COLA survey is in accordance with laws 10 USC 136 and 37 USC 403 (c).

Let's be precise and let's be thorough: only completed surveys are counted.

This is our chance to ensure the 2016 COLA results—and subsequent Retail Price Report—are as accurate as possible. Thanks for doing your part.

To learn more, visit http://ow.ly/XRM6Z or call David Tom, Quality of Life & Education Analyst Directorate of Manpower and Personnel, USPACOM

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voluntary and confidential. I consider it a civic duty for

Also like voting, the results are in the hands of the people—our critical enablers-who participate in

This is a right and a re-

a picture of a geisha on it, and when heat was applied to the towel, all of the clothes would disappear. At the time I did not realize the towel could do this.'



HM2 Erica Weatherford NHC Hawaii SMART Center

"A coffee maker. I don't know why I got that. It seemed weird."

#### Staff Sgt. Joguanna Wengerd 37th Intelligence Squadron

"Valentine's Day is near my 'half wedding anniversary,' Feb. 10. My husband and I give each other traditional gifts every year, but we missed our fifth anniversary (gift of wood), because we took a trip to Australia. Since we decided we still

wanted to keep the tradition, while on a snowboarding trip to Colorado, we got new snowboards."

Provided by Ensign Krystyna Nowakowski and David D. Underwood Jr.

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spouses to participate in Chafee, namesake to our define what it means to be J102, at (808) 477-8272.

# Navy's John Coltrane plays sax in Hawaii



Photo courtesy of the U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii

This is a photo of Army and Navy bands at a war bond rally in the Hawaiian Armory, June 19, 1945. Jazz legend John Coltrane is the saxophone player in the bottom row far right. Coltrane was stationed at Pearl Harbor at the time. February is African American History Month.

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# **Carter announces 12 weeks paid military maternity leave, other benefits**

#### Lisa Ferdinando

Department of Defense News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON-The Defense Department is increasing military maternity leave and instituting other changes in an effort to support military families, improve retention and strengthen the force of the future, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said Jan. 28.

force can now take 12 weeks of fully paid maternity leave. Carter told reporters at the Pentagon. The 12-week benefit is double the amount of quite simple—we want Jan. 28.

time for paid maternity leave from when he became defense chief nearly a year ago, he noted.

"This puts the Department of Defense (DoD) in the top tier of institutions nationwide and will have significant influence on decision-making for our military family members," Carter said.

While being an incentive for attracting and retaining talent, the secretary said, the benefit also promotes the health Women across the joint and wellness of mothers through facilitating recovery and promoting feeding and bonding with the infant.

'Our calculation is



DoD photo by Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Adrian Cadiz

Defense Secretary Ash Carter discusses reforms to his Force of the Future program to improve the quality of life for military personnel during a briefing at the Pentagon,

our people to be able to balance two of the most solemn commitments they can ever make: a commitment to serve their country and a commitment to start and support a family," he said.

The announcement builds on previously announced initiatives on strengthening the force of the future, he said. Those previous reforms, he added, included opening all remaining combat occupations to women.

The maternity leave decision applies to all service members in the active duty component and to reserve-component members serving in cmBPY.

a full-time status or on definite active duty recall or mobilization orders in excess of 12 months.

To better support new mothers when they return to work, Carter said, he is requiring that a mothers' room be made available in every DoD facility with more than 50 women. In addition, the Defense Department is seeking legislation to expand military paternity leave from the current 10-day leave benefit to a 14-day noncontinuous leave benefit, he said.

For more information, visit the U.S. Department of Defense website at http://go.usa.gov/

## Navy awards \$19.6 million to build new SEAL operations facility in Hawaii

#### **Denise Emsley**

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii

PEARL HARBOR-Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii awarded a \$19.6 million firm-fixed-price task order under a mul-

tiple award construction contract to Bethel-Webcor JV-1, a small business in Anchorage, Alaska, Jan. 25

The project will construct a waterfront support facility for Naval Special Warfare Group 3 (NSWG-3) at Pearl City Peninsula.

The new facility is to struction will be moving support Navy divers and technicians by providing work space for operations, training, planning and mission support in addition to equipment storage and load out areas.

"We are very pleased that this contract has

forward," said Command Master Chief David Salisbury, NSWG-3. "Space has been at a premium for many years and the new structure and renovation will afford us some much needed room to work."

NSWG-3 Holistic Human effort will greatly enhance Performance Center.

This project will include renovations to Building 987 and construction of a second floor space in the building's high bay area.

"The additional space Facility space will also being created by NAVFAC been awarded and con- be provided in support of Hawaii in this combined

our capability to support training," said Salisbury. "With our ever increasing workload and limited land here on Oahu, this project is a welcomed addition to our community."

Work is expected for completion by February 2018.

# Hickam shoreline closure for mangrove removal continues this month

#### **NAVFAC Hawaii Public Affairs**

As part of the Navy's mission to restore and improve the natural habitats at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam (JB-PHH), mangrove removal began Nov. 17 along the Hickam shoreline. The area includes the beach starting at the Navy's Fort Kamehameha Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Air National Guard parking lot (to include Kamehameha Beach Park, commonly known as Dog Beach).

This closure is necessary as a public health and safety precaution due to the use of heavy machinery such as chainsaws, chippers and large work trucks. The whole area, including the parking lot, is closed until Feb.

29, 2016, or until NAVFAC Hawaii Natural Resources staff determines that conditions are safe

All dogs, even those on a leash, are not permitted in the parking lot, on the shoreline, or in the waters from the Navy treatment plant to the Air National Guard parking lot throughout the removal process

Please observe all posted signs and do not enter the work area designated by the orange safety fencing, both into the parking lot and along the shoreline. JBPHH security will be patrolling the area to ensure compliance.

While the Hickam shoreline is closed, dog owners have a number of locations to take their dogs for exercise. There

are several dog parks in the area, including Moanalua dog park at 2900 Moanalua Rd., Kamila dog park at 7250-7288 Ohana Nui Circle, Pearl City Peninsula dog park on Lehua Avenue, and Ford Island dog park at 1275 Saratoga Blvd. In addition, the Hawaiian Humane Society's web page atwww.hawaiianhumane.org/ Dog-Friendly-Beaches.html lists dog-friendly beaches.

Call NAVFAC Hawaii Environmental at 471-1171 ext. 243, to report any issues regarding this mangrove removal action.

Work is continuing along the Hickam shoreline to remove mangroves. All those in the area are advised to keep dogs and children away from workers and equipment.



# Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights

Electronics Technician 2nd Class David M. Menteer hugs his daughter as he prepares to get underway Jan. 27 aboard USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93).

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Marcus L. Stanley





Sailors pull in a mooring line during sea-and-anchor detail Jan. 28 as the guided-missile destroyer USS Stockdale (DDG 106) departs Pearl Harbor. Providing a combat-ready force to protect collective maritime interests, Stockdale, assigned to the Stennis strike group, is operating as part of the Great Green Fleet on a regularly scheduled western Pacific deployment.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 David A. Cox



Chad Lindsey, Shop 11 second

Hau'oli Kikaha, a National Football League (NFL) player, speaks with Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Sailors during a barge tour of the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor Jan. 26. NFL players were in Honolulu for the 2016 Pro Bowl held at Aloha Stadium Jan. 31.

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# Military supports 2016 NFL Pro Bowl

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#### Staff Sgt. Chris Hubenthal

Defense Media Activity Hawaii News Bureau

ALOHA STADIUM — Military members volunteered their time to support the 2016 NFL Pro Bowl, Jan. 31. A joint honor guard detail rendered honors as the American flag was displayed across the field, followed by the U.S. Air Force conducting a C-17 Globemaster flyover.

Aside from the military's involvement in the pregame performance, hundreds of military volunteers also worked together behind the scenes to move the pregame show logistics on and off the field in support of Rachel Platten's performance of her song "Fight Song."

"Fight Song." U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Xenia Dillon, 15th Aerospace Medical Squadron, explained her role as a Pro Bowl volunteer.

"There were 13 or 15 different moving pieces and over 200 volunteers with the military," Dillon said. "We did the pregame first

everyone said 'OK so, one, two, three, go' and it was just seam-

less." Team Irvin defeated Team Rice 49-27 and once the game was over NFL players took the time to thank the military for their service.

"Thank you so much for everything you all do," said Derek Carr of the Oakland Raiders. "You are all the true heroes. Everyone watches football and looks up to us but you guys are the true heroes and we know it so thank you so much and God bless."

Michael Irvin, former NFL football player for the Dallas Cowboys and former ESPN broadcaster, made a shout out that echoed Carr's statement of what a hero is. "I am Michael 'The Playmaker' Irvin, three-time Super Bowl champion with the Dallas Cowboys and I am an NFL Hall of Famer but I tell you this... there are no greater Hall of Famers than the troops," said Michael Irvin. "We appreciate all you do that allows us to live the life and do the things that we do. We get to play a game and have fun because you play the real game and keep us safe."

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show for the singer that came out to do it, Rachel Platten, we set up her stage and crew. All the big pieces that were coming through the tunnel that were all lined up, we all had to push them out coordinating together."

Dillon said that the volunteers spent extra time practicing the quick stage set up to be better prepared for game day.

"We did a bunch of practices late at night," Dillon said. "The military all just pulled together. It was really easy honestly because

#### Photo illustration

Photos by Randy DelaCruz, Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal and Tech. Sgt. Aaron Oelrich

#### MHO'OKELE SPORTS 💋

# Medical Group controls FACSFAC PH in big win

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Randy Dela Cruz

Last season, the 15th Medical Group (15 MDG) came up short with a second-place finish in their division.

Against Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility (FACSFAC), the 15 MDG unveiled their latest version and if it is a preview of things to come, the team should be among the select group of squads headed to the playoffs.

In the season opener for both teams, the 15 MDG took control early and kept the pressure on throughout the game in gaining a decisive 52-30 victory on Feb. 1 in a battle of Gold Division running mates at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

A total of nine players tallied points for the 15 MDG, which interchanged players at a steady pace in order to keep FACSFAC from gaining traction.

"Last season, we kind of slowed the ball down and it kind of burned us," 15 MDG head coach Staff Sgt. Tyrone Shannon admitted. "This year, we kind of want to get out and run a little more.'

A basket by guard Senior Airman Ronnie Patterson gave the 15 MDG an 18-6 lead at the halfway point of the first half and allowed Shannon the luxury of working on the team's game the rest of the way.

"Since it was a big lead, we just wanted to come out and run our plays,<sup>2</sup> Shannon said. "We wanted to break down and get some practice out of this game.'

With 2:10 remaining in the first half, Senior Airman Christopher McCloud finished off a down breakaway fast break with a lay-up to make it 24-10 en route to a 29-10 lead at the break.

Not wanting to lose momentum in the second half, Shannon said that he told the players thing and don't slow down.

The players must have taken the instruction to heart, as within seconds of the second half Staff Sgt. Matthew Flowers connected on a basketand-one to give the 15 MDG its first 20-pointplus lead at 32-10.

At 6-foot-9-inches tall, Flowers gives the team the kind of post presence it sorely needed last season, Shannon said.

"Last year, our tallest player was like 6 foot," Shannon pointed out. "So to have a 6-9 player, I'm happy."

ture of the game, Shannon gave both potential all-star players McCloud

tired Rick June a lot of rest, but stated that people should not get used to seeing that, as he expects the duo to play huge roles in the team's run this season.

"They will be important," Shannon noted. "As long as they keep their heads in and don't shoot any wild threes and take it to the hole, we'll be good."

has been a standout player for the past few seasons with MDG, said that while it's been frustrating to come up short, he believes that this year's edition has what it takes to win it all.

"I feel like we have a great team," Mc-Cloud said. "We just need to slow and run

to keep doing the same our funda-

Due to the runaway naand the recently re-

McCloud, who

mentals. As long

as we're fundamentally sound, we can make a deep run this year." As one of the

leaders. McCloud said that he will do all he can to make sure that the team stays focused.

"I just try to do my part, but my main thing is as long as you give 100 percent, I cannot complain," he said. "Our motto this year is, we rather shoot the ball than turn the ball over. If we have a good lead, we just want to push the ball."

(Left) Senior Airman Christopher McCloud of the 15th Medical Group team goes up to haul down a rebound before triggering a fast break.

(Below) 15 MDG guard Senior Airman Ronnie Patterson floats from the baseline to drop a basket.

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WinnCompanies, the firm providing property management and maintenance services to Hickam the 2016–2017 academic Communities, is offering scholarships to residents.

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living in communities panies' chief executive officer.

> Scholarship awards generally start at \$1,000. Log on to www.hickamcommunities.com/go/winningedge to find out if you or a member of your family is eligible.

> All completed applications must be submitted to a Hickam Communities Community Center no later than April 1 for consideration.

MHO'OKELE SPORTS

# Naval Sea Systems Command crushes Lo Life

#### Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

#### Sports Editor, Ho'okele

A couple of runs in the first half was all Naval Sea Systems Command (NSSC) needed to seize control and cruise to a 66-19 victory over Lo Life on Feb. 1 in a Gold Division matchup at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

Tied at 3-3 early in the first half, NSSC, triggered by backto-back baskets by Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Jerry Acosta, went on a 7-0 run to take a 10-3 advantage.

Then after giving up a basket, NSSC scored another 11 straight points to take a 21-5 lead, before going on to the lopsided win.

"The good thing about this year is we have a bunch of young people and that helps us keep the pedal to the metal," said Acosta, who also serves as the team's head coach. "It's fun and we hope to have a good year."

NSSC picked up their 21st point on a trey by Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Devyn Gibson and then increased their lead by 20 on a basket-and-one by Legalman 1st Class Kevin Harrison to make it 26-6 with 3:41 remaining before halftime.

Up by a score of 29-8 at the break, the onslaught continued into the second half as Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Kali Pettigrew pulled up behind the arc and sank a three-pointer on the first shot after halftime to make it 32-8.

Then as the clock struck 12:52, Gibson knocked down his second big three of the game to elevate the team's lead to 31 at 44 - 13.

However, with only 2:34 left in the game, Pettigrew scored on a putback under the basket to give NSSC their first 40-point lead of the game at 59-19, before going on to win by 47 points.

Although nine players got on the scoreboard for NSSC, Pet-

tigrew was among the top playmakers of the game by chipping in with a game-high 18 points, with most of his production coming in the second half.

Pettigrew, who pumped in two shots from beyond the threepoint arc, said that he was surprised by his offensive output.

"Today, I thought I'd be more of a defensive player," he said. "But the team's energy carried me a little more so it made me elevate my game more. My teammates carried me, so I carried them.'

Besides Pettigrew's 18, the team also got solid scoring contributions from Acosta with eight, Harrison with 10 and Yeoman 2nd Class Brian Haygood with seven.

Pettigrew credited the wellrounded attack to the savvy of Acosta, who seems to have a knack of placing people where they are needed the most.

"The coach keeps this team together," Pettigrew pointed out. I have to give credit to him for knowing how I play and for my teammates as well."

With a group that is so talented and deep, Acosta explained that in order to get the most out of every player, he must pay attention and put them in places in which they can excel.

"I'm all about putting people in at the right time," Acosta said. "If his strength is cutting and shooting, another guy might be to just stand at the threepoint line. If I need someone to hustle, I'll put in some hustle guys to put some pressure on the other team."

Regardless of what combination he puts on the floor, Acosta said that it's all done with the notion of preparing the team for the big prize at the end of the season.

"I think we can win it all," he admitted. "Everybody is good on this team. They all got a lot of experience and I'm looking forward to it."



# Dry Dock comes back to win to stay undefeated

#### Story and photo by **Randy Dela Cruz**

#### Sports Editor, Ho'okele

For the second week in a row, Dry Dock trailed at halftime, but got hot in the second half to earn another comeback victory with a 43-30 decision over the 747th Communication Squadron (747 CS) on Feb. 2 in a 30-and-above White Divi sion intramural basketball game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. The game was almost a mirror image of Dry Dock's win over the Old Bulls in the season opener a week ago, when the team trailed by a point at halftime, but turned up the heat in the second half. The win improved Dry Dock's record to 2-0, while the hard-luck 747 CS fell to 0-2. "Maybe due to our age we don't warm up until the second half, said Dry Dock's post man Electronics Technician 1st Class Richard Wheeler, who was the team's leading scorer for the second week in a row. "I'm just glad we didn't let them pull too far ahead. The game stayed close and because of the second-half momentum, we brought it all together and came out with a victory.



the vigor of a much younger player in pacing Dry Dock with 17 points.

More importantly, within striking distance by sinking 11 of the team's 16 total points in the first half.

The 747 CS saw a sixpoint advantage evaporate in the first half, but came back with a basket at the buzzer by Tech. Sgt. Rickey Nance to inch ahead at 17-16 at halftime. Following the break, Dry Dock immediately opened on a 6-0 run to take the lead at 22-17. However, the 747 CS staged a comeback, and when Tech. Sgt. Quinton Ridges topped off a fast break on an assist from Staff Sgt. Larry Best, the team trailed by only a point at 25-24 with less than 10 minutes remaining in the game. After the basket by Ridges, Dry Dock pushed the ball upcourt and found Machinist's Mate 1st Class Alan Mason standing all alone from beyond the three-point arc. Without hesitation, Mason pulled up for the shot and swished a longrange trey to give Dry Dock some much-needed breathing room at 28-24. The shot seemed to spark life into Dry Dock's perimeter game, as the team followed up Mason's clutch bomb with three more in suc- played together.'

continued to play with cession to take a commanding 37-24 lead with only 7:04 left on the clock.

During the team's tor-Wheeler kept Dry Dock rid outside run, Mason accounted for another trey, while teammate Culinary Specialist 2nd Class James Baylis chipped in with two from downtown.

"Its just momentum I guess," said Baylis as he tried to explain the turning point of the game. "I think what we figure out is that we tire them out in the first half, so now it's just let's have fun. We start seeing the holes and weaknesses in the team and we take advantage.' Although Dry Dock has yet to put together strong halves back-toback, Baylis said that he feels it's just a matter of time. "We need to practice more," Baylis admitted. "It's really hard to practice because we're a submarine community." Wheeler agreed with Baylis, but added that the team had better start putting things together really soon, as he expects the action in the division to heat up. "We know that the teams are only going to get better as the season goes on," Wheeler acknowledged. "We haven't had a better start because we haven't played together. Our first game was the first time we

Wheeler, who may be one of the division's senior players at age 40,

### NEX gives back to students with its A-OK student reward program gram offers all qualified B-grade point average clude dependent chil- entry. Each student may fill out an entry card

#### Navy Exchange Service Command

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) has been offering students a chance to help pay for college through its A-OK Student Reward Program since 1997. The A-OK Student Reward Pro- time student that has a

students to participate equivalent or better, in a quarterly drawing for monetary awards of \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,000 or \$500 for a total of \$5,500 per quarter. The next drawing will be held at the end of Februarv 2016.

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as determined by their school system, may enter the drawing. Homeschooled students can also qualify with acknowledgement that the student has a "B" average or equivalent record of accomplishment.

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which entitles the student to19 discount coupons for NEX products and services.

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## February 5, 2016 Ho'okele B-4 IRONS table + tavern opens at Navy-Marine Golf Course

#### **Reid Tokeshi**

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Navy-Marine Golf Course now has a full-service restaurant. After some delay, IRONS table + tavern is open and serving lunch and dinner overlooking the rolling hills of the course.

in phases. Dinner service started on Jan. 23, and lunch began this week. The opening was just a few days later than the originally scheduled Jan. 18 date.

General Manager Mike Wells said some last-minute issues delayed the opening, and he wanted to make sure the new staff was trained properly before opening.

"First impressions are everything," said Wells.

The restaurant opened IRONS Table + Tavern serves lunch and dinner

"We wouldn't have been

out the staff suitably trained). Now everything is great." Described as casual upscale dining, Wells said IRONS is the type of place that will appeal to a variety of diners.

able to do a good job (with-

We've had families

come in where everyone is having burgers and kids meals," he said. "But at the same time we have someone all dressed up, on a date with a nice bottle of wine. They're ten feet away from each other and they're all comfortable. It's a nice feel. We're able to achieve this without being

pretentious or stuffy."

IRONS opened with a relatively small menu that has expanded in response to customer feedback.

'We've probably doubled our menu already since we opened," said Wells. He added that a kid's menu is available, and the staff is trained to be aware of

Photo courtesy of Great Life Hawaii

customer's dietary needs. "We've already had several requests for lactose-free, gluten-free options, and we're on top of that."

Wells said customer response has been really good.

"Of course, we'll continue to grow off of the feedback. It's just a matter

of training the servers to get familiar with what the guests' needs are."

With Valentine's Day around the corner, Wells said IRONS is a great option for those who haven't made their plans yet. While not set at the time of the interview, Wells added there would be a few surprises appropriate for the occasion.

Regardless of the occasion, Wells wanted everyone to know that the wait for IRONS table + tavern is worth it. "We're excited to be up and going, and ready for everyone to come in and enjoy.<sup>3</sup>

IRONS table + tavern is located on the second floor of the Navy-Marine Golf Course clubhouse and is open daily. Lunch is offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner is served from 5 to 8 p.m. The tavern is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

# MWR offers Valentine's activities

Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation has scheduled upcoming Valentine's themed events.

Preschool Story Time will begin at 9 a.m. Feb. 10 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library.

The theme will be "Valentine Friends." This is a free event.

For more information, call 449-8299.

Valentine's Day 5K will begin at 8 a.m. Feb.13 at the Hickam Fitness Center. Awards will be given to each first place winner in the following categories: men's, women's, youth boy's, youth girl's and men's and women's stroller. Participants can register on the day of the event. This is a free event.

For more information, call 448-2214.

Li'l Sweeties Card Making & Candy Shop will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Feb.



13 at Pool 2 on the Hickam side. Kids can make Valentine cards, which will be displayed in the facility throughout the month, and visit the candy booth, where they can make little bags of candy. There will be Valentine's Day activities throughout the pool area, including "Plenty of Fish in the Sea" (fishing game where kids will fish for small prizes). All ages are welcome. This is a free event.

For more information, call 260-9736.

Couples Golf Clinic will begin at 1 p.m. Feb. 13 at Mamala Bay Golf Course. This is a free event.

For more information, call 449-2304.

Valentine's Day Teen Social will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Teen Center for ages 13 to 18 years old. Participants can bring a friend or a sweetheart. Food will be provided. The cost is \$5. Participants must pre-register.

For more information, call 448-0418.

A Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Feb. 13 in the Historic Hickam Officers' Club main dining room. All ranks are welcome. The cost is \$54.95 per person with a club member discount of \$2. The event will include live jazz music and a five-course dinner.

The event is for adults only. For reservations, call 448-4608 and for more information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

# **MY FAVORITE PHOTO**



John Burns, administrative support assistant for Navy Region Hawaii, used a zoom lens to take this photo of seals from a distance of several yards while on a recent hike to the end of Kaena Point. Please send your favorite photos to editor@ hookelenews.com

#### **FEBRUARY**

#### **AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH EVENTS**

**TODAY** — An African American History Month observance with the theme "Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American History," will be held today at 10 a.m. at Hickam Nelles Chapel, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. In addition, a special African American History Month luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today at the Silver Dolphin Bistro. The cost of the luncheon is \$5.55 per person. The meal is open to U.S. military, Department of Defense employees, retirees and active duty family members with a valid ID card. FMI: 473-2519.

#### JOINT BASE TAX ASSISTANCE CENTER

**NOW** — The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Tax Assistance Center is open now through the April tax deadline. The center is located at the Navy College building, first floor, classroom 11, 1260 Pierce St. (building 679). Volunteer Income Tax Assistance-certified tax volunteers can assist with questions about filing tax returns electronically using this year's self-service program. Hours are 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. to noon on Fridays. No appointments are available. The center is walk-in only. FMI: 473-4112 or 473-0443.

#### FINANCIAL FAIR DAY

8 — A financial fair day will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. Training books will be available for managing money and credit, saving and investing, thrift savings plan, car buying and home buying. Register at www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 474-1999.

#### FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT

**9** — A federal employment class will be held from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Wahiawa. The class will include how to navigate USAJobs as well as how to build a competitive resume within the system. Registration is encouraged. It is also suggested that participants bring their own laptop and a federal job advertisement from USAJobs that they may be interested in pursuing. Register at www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 474-1999.

#### **AFCEA LUNCHEON**

**9** — An Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fort Shafter Hale Ikena Club, 711 Morton Drive, Honolulu. The guest speaker will be Rear Adm. Kathleen Creighton, U.S. Pacific Command. The cost is \$14 for preregistered members, \$17 for preregistered non-members and \$20 for walk-ins. Preregistration closes at 4 p.m. today. Walk-ins are welcome on a space-available basis. FMI: www. afcea-hawaii.org or Barry Fong at 441-8565 or email Barry. Fong@Level3.com.

#### **RETIREMENT FINANCIAL HEALTH CHECK**

10 — A retirement financial health check will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. The event will include discussion of survivor benefit plans and Social Security. Register at www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 474-1999.

#### FINANCIALLY SAVVY RETIREES

10 — A financially savvy retirees class about social security will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. This quarterly financial seminar is designed to provide advice on subjects such as estate planning, wills and trusts, protecting yourself against fraud, long-term care and other topics. The class will also focus on Social Security services and benefits available. Register at www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 474-1999.

#### **CHINESE LION DANCE**

**15** — Celebrate the Year of the Monkey with a Chinese Lion Dance beginning at 11 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall first floor. All authorized patrons are welcome to attend the free performance by the Lung Kong Physical Culture Club Hawaii. FMI: 423-3287 or stephanie.lau@nexweb.org.

#### **KEIKI FISHING EVENT**

**19** — A keiki (children's) fishing event will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange children's department. This is a free event for authorized patrons. There will be no live fish involved with this family-friendly game. FMI: 423-3287 or stephanie.lau@nexweb.org.

#### **MILITARY SAVES WEEK**

**22-27** — The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Military and Family Support Center locations will hold special workshops and classes to provide financial information on managing personal finances, retirement investing, homeownership and other subjects. Participants can register now before classes fill up. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

#### **GOSPEL FEST/TASTE OF SOUL**

**27** — The sixth annual Gospel Festival/Taste of Soul in honor of African American History Month will begin at 1 p.m. at Nelles Chapel, Joint Base. Email Gregory Anthony at happywith4sons@ gmail.com or Deborah Hughley at Deborah.hughley@us.af.mil or call 449-6562 or 449-1754 to submit a dish in the food contest. FMI: Tech Sgt. ShaDonna McPhaul at 449-6562.



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This dramatic thriller is based on the incredible true David vs. Goliath story of Dr. Bennet Omalu, the brilliant forensic neuropathologist who made the first discovery of CTE, a sports-related brain trauma, in a pro player and fought for the truth to be known. Omalu's emotional quest puts him at dangerous odds with one of the most powerful—and beloved—institutions in the world.

## SHARKEY THEATER

FRIDAY - 2/5 7:00 PM The Revenant (R)

SATURDAY - 2/6 2:30 PM Star Wars: The Force Awakens (3D) (PG-13) 5:10 PM Joy (PG-13) 7:40 PM Daddy's Home (PG-13)

SUNDAY - 2/7 2:30 PM Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip (PG) 4:30 PM Concussion (PG-13) 6:50 PM Sisters (R)

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