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Joint Base to celebrate Women's History Month

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Women's History Month highlights the achievements of women who contributed to our culture, society and America's history.

In honor of Women's History Month, Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) will host events to celebrate this month's theme, "Working to form a more perfect union: Honoring women in public service and government."

Celebrated each year in March, the JBPHH diversity committee will kick off the event with a special meal at two locations, the

Silver Dolphin Bistro and Hale Aina dining facility at JBPHH on March 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The meal is open to U.S. military, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and active duty family members with a valid ID card. The cost of the meal at Silver Dolphin Bistro is \$5.55 and the meal price at Hale Aina dining facility is ala carte.

The main course of the menu will include French onion soup, prime rib roll, and fried chicken at Silver Dolphin Bistro while Hale Aina dining facility will serve pot roast, rotisserie style baked chicken, and salmon with Mediterranean basil sauce. Both meals will also include mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, salad

bar, fresh fruit, assorted desserts and beverages.

In addition, a cultural awareness observance will also take place at the Hickam Theater on March 31 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to recognize the accomplishments of women throughout history. The event will feature booth exhibits, opening remarks, a senior leadership panel, lunch, seminar and a stress relief yoga session.

According to the Library of Congress, Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981, in which the president of the United States proclaimed the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." In 1995, the president pro-

clamations designated the month of March as "Women's History Month." See page A-3 to read the president's proclamation.

To learn more about Women's History Month, visit <https://www.deomi.org/SpecialObservance/WHM.cfm>



Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense tours USS Michael Murphy

Ensign Kelly Lorentson

USS Michael Murphy Public Affairs Officer

The Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and Force Development, Dr. Mara E. Karlin, toured the USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) on Feb. 24. While aboard she met with Sailors and saw first-hand what the Navy's newest destroyer in the fleet had to offer.

The tour route included a visit to the foc'sle, bridge, combat information center (CIC), wardroom, and messdecks. At each location, several Sailors had the opportunity to meet Karlin and tell her a little bit about

their jobs onboard.

"I had the opportunity to meet Dr. Karlin and tell her about some of the weapons systems onboard," said Gunner's Mate Seaman Erica Greene. "I explained the types of targets the 5-inch gun can engage and types of rounds we carry."

Michael Murphy's Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Todd E. Hutchison, accompanied Karlin throughout the visit to explain the daily operations and various capabilities of the warship.

"It was a pleasure hosting Dr. Karlin," said Hutchison. "We enjoy any opportunity we have as Sailors in the fleet to host guests onboard and give them a first-hand perspective of life on the



Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Brandon Davis explains to Dr. Mara E. Karlin, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and Force Development, about the capabilities of the 5-inch gun, and daily operations during her tour on the USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), Feb. 24.

deckplates and our operational experience. Dr. Karlin and her staff had many challenging and well-informed questions, and I hope that their visit onboard provided the fleet perspective they were seeking."

Michael Murphy is named in honor of Lt. (SEAL) Michael Murphy, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for valorous service during Operation Red Wings in Afghanistan in 2005.

Michael Murphy is currently in port at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii conducting the first phase of training events in order to establish proficiency and certify multiple warfare areas in preparation for its next deployment.

USS Preble CO wins SECNAV innovation leadership award

MC1 Philip Pavlovich

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Cmdr. Jeffery Heames, commanding officer of Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Preble (DDG 88), homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, was recognized as the winner of 2015's SECNAV Innovation Awards Program's innovation leadership category, Feb. 8.

The SECNAV Innovation Awards program recognizes top talented Sailors, Marines and civilians who are continually creating innovative solutions for complex problems in the fleet.

"I've always loved ideas," said Heames. "Since I was brand-new to the Navy as an enlisted Sailor in 1991, I've been an appreciator of good ideas throughout. When I found out, I felt I won on behalf of the crew. It was their effort. They're the ones that had the courage to bring their ideas out. In my mind, it's 100 percent a shared award with every Sailor of the ship."

Heames, commissioned through the Officer Candidate School program in 1996, said he believes Sail-



Cmdr. Jeffery Heames

ors have a responsibility to apply critical thinking in solving problems, and that it's not all top down solutions. He believes that many great ideas come from the bottom up and has implemented an innovation instruction on board the Preble.

"We need to have an environment that can receive those ideas and do something with them," said Heames. "Sailors can present ideas to me through their chain of command, commanding officer suggestion box or even walk right up to my stateroom and talk to me about an idea. I believe most of the crew knows they can do that and that I'll listen to them. We can evaluate it and see if we can grow the idea into something that's useful or more useful if it needs refinement. Some of our best ideas came from

my most junior Sailors."

Heames said he views innovation as an attitude that he tries to inspire throughout the ship at every level. He said he wants an environment where everyone can contribute their ideas and one where someone can try to prove an idea. He said that someone can even apply that attitude to a very challenging situation like combat and get good ideas.

"While we focused primarily on warfighting and produced an extraordinary number of different tactics and concepts of operation that apply to how we use our ship and how we employ our weapon systems, there's a natural spin off that occurs when you have an innovation campaign and it opened the door wide open," said Heames. "While tactics was our main focus of effort, we thought 'Wouldn't it be great if we could improve the way we did administration, manage risks, do things safer or improve our command climate.'"

Since taking command in December 2014, Heames and his crew developed more than 54 innovative concepts directly resulting in his winning of

See USS Preble page A-4

USS Oklahoma Sailor from World War II accounted for

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Public Affairs

The Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced that the remains of a U.S. serviceman from World War II have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors. Adm. John Fuller, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, will attend.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Vernon T. Luke, 43, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, will be buried March 9 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, known as Punchbowl. On Dec. 7, 1941, Luke was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The USS Oklahoma suffered multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in 429 casualties, including Luke.

From December 1941 to June 1944, Navy personnel recovered the remains of the deceased crew, which were subsequently interred in the Halawa and Nu'uano Cemeteries.

In September 1947, tasked with recovering and identifying fallen U.S. personnel in the Pacific theater, members of the American Graves Registration Service (AGRS) disinterred the remains of U.S. casualties from the two cemeteries and transferred them to the central identification laboratory at Schofield Barracks. The laboratory staff was only able to confirm the identifications of 35 men from the USS Oklahoma at that time. The AGRS subsequently buried the unidentified remains in 46 plots at Punchbowl, in Honolulu. In October



Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Vernon T. Luke

1949, a military board classified those who could not be identified as "non-recoverable," including Luke.

In April 2015, the Deputy Secretary of Defense issued a policy memorandum directing the disinterment of unknowns associated with the USS Oklahoma. On June 15, 2015, DPAA personnel began exhuming the remains from the NMCP for analysis.

To identify Luke's remains, scientists from DPAA used circumstantial evidence and laboratory analysis, to include dental comparisons, which matched Luke's records.

Of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II, more than 400,000 died during the war.

Sponsors bond with wounded warriors during Pacific Trials

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Navy and Coast Guard wounded warrior athletes converged on the island of Oahu last week to compete in the 2016 Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials. Now in its fourth iteration, the trials were hosted by Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Navy Wounded Warrior-Safe Harbor, Feb 20-26.

As wounded warrior athletes prepared to compete in sports like wheelchair basketball, track and field and shooting events, Navy Wounded Warrior-Safe Harbor Hawaii sought ways to help athletes work through their jam-packed schedule with assistance from active duty sponsors.

The 2016 Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials sponsorship program encouraged active duty Sailors to volunteer, individually or as a team, to provide support to athletes during the trials. Things such as: meeting the warriors at the airport, showing up to their practices and competitions, and assisting them with preparation are some of the things a sponsor can do for their athlete.

Rear Adm. Michelle Skubic, director, Logistics, Fleet Supply and Ordnance for U.S. Pacific Fleet, recognized the importance of the relationship between spon-



Lt. Cmdr. Mariacristina Gomez, a wounded warrior athlete, chats with her sponsor, Chief Master-at-Arms Alexander Andino, before an air rifle competition during the 2016 Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials Feb. 25 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

sors and athletes first hand this year. With the help of her supply chapter, she sponsored retired Lt. John Edmonston. Skubic met Edmonston at the airport. Skubic and her team greeted Edmonston with lei and accompanied him to the USO where she sat down and had a chance to get to know him.

"There were a couple opportunities to break bread, get to know their stories, their personal stories to some extent, and just create a bond," said Skubic.

During the trials, there are a lot of moving parts and there is a lot crammed into the ever-chang-

ing six-day timetable. The events typically start around 8 a.m. and can run as late as 10 p.m. With such a demanding schedule, the sponsors help navigate and move the athletes through the trials more fluidly.

"Not only are the sponsors involved but different departments on the installation," said Chief Master-at-Arms Alexander Andino, assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. "We are all extremely accommodating to helping out, because we understand that they are only here for a short period of time. Let's make it the

best visit that we could possibly make it for them."

Andino is unique because he knew his wounded warrior athlete prior to the trials. Andino met Lt. Cmdr. Mariacristina Gomez in 2003, where she worked as his division officer in Naples, Italy. Andino was a young petty officer 2nd class, and Gomez a young lieutenant. Gomez, who was diagnosed with cancer, joined the Navy Wounded Warrior-Safe Harbor program to compete in the trials and Andino made sure he would be the one to sponsor her.

Gomez said "It was really awesome to know that my sponsor was going to be someone that I had served with previously. And it's not like it's just a work rapport, or being friends, it's more like we are family."

Andino reflected on the time he spent working under Gomez's leadership and claims that she hasn't changed. She is the same hard-charger he remembers. He describes his former division officer as a motivator with tons of heart who is demanding of excellence within herself and her Sailors.

"A large part of my success in the military is due to her and her influence in my life. She is unafraid and not intimidated by anyone, and I watched firsthand the way she would stand up for her Sailors. She takes that same approach to being in the wounded warrior program," said

Andino. "She pushes herself each and every time she is out there and when she is not competing, she is encouraging her fellow athletes to push themselves as well."

While the shared history that Andino and Gomez have is valuable, it is not the norm. Many sponsors are making new lasting connections and bonds with their athletes.

Aside from the daily assistance, and personal encouragement and building personal and professional bonds, the sponsorship program has another advantage. It gets the word out about the Navy Wounded Warrior-Safe Harbor to Sailors who may not have heard of the program before and inspires them to participate, said Andino.

Because of the positive responses about the volunteer program, more people are teaming up with other Sailors to sponsor a warrior. This has been a major benefit for the athlete as well as the sponsors.

"I definitely think that having sponsors is not a small impact. It's an enormous impact," said Gomez. "They really help out quite bit and my sponsors aren't just helping me. They've been helping out other people as well and making more friendships. Having sponsors facilitates things and it goes a lot smoother. It would not be the same without the sponsors. Not at all."

Two whales sighted at entrance to Pearl Harbor

Navy Region Hawaii
Public Affairs

Last Sunday morning, phone lines in Hawaii buzzed with the news that whales were at the Pearl Harbor entrance. The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Port Operations and Harbor Patrol teams kept Navy vessels at a respectful distance, protecting what turned out to be a cow/calf pair—a mom humpback whale and her calf.

"These whales continue



U.S. Navy photo by MA2 Jadira Viera
Mother and calf humpback whales appear at the entrance to Pearl Harbor, Feb. 28.

to be protected under both the Endangered Species and Marine Mammal Protection Acts," said Navy Region Hawaii Environmental Counsel Rebecca Hommon. "Some of these animals winter in Hawaii, mate, give birth and then head back to colder waters such as those off of Alaska to feed during the summer months."

As soon as the whales were observed, the Navy notified the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin-

istration (NOAA)'s Marine Mammal Response staff.

NOAA's David Schofield advised, "It's probably a normal situation of a mother whale bringing her calf in close to shore." NOAA officials expressed appreciation for the Navy's immediate response and knowledge that these marine mammals require a certain stand-off and slow boat traffic.

"Humpback whales continue to be protected under the Endangered Species, Marine Mammal Protec-

tion, and National Marine Sanctuaries Acts. It is unlawful to approach this marine mammal species by any means within 100 yards (90 m) and to operate any aircraft within 1,000 feet (300 m). If you see a marine mammal in distress (beached, entangled, or otherwise injured) please report the sighting immediately to Pacific Islands Region Marine Mammal Stranding and Entanglement Hotline 888-256-9840."

Hunt Companies acquire Forest City

Ohana Military
Communities

On Feb. 22 Hunt Companies finalized its acquisition of Forest City's military housing portfolio. This includes more than 7000 homes in Navy and Marine housing communities on Oahu and Kauai. Hunt is one of the largest providers of military housing in the United States.

Residents of former Forest City communities can expect to see the Hunt logo appearing on vehicles, employee name tags, and in their community offices over the next few months.

In Hawaii, the newly acquired military properties on Oahu and Kauai will operate under the name "Ohana Military Communities" so residents will also see that name or the abbreviation "OMC". For residents the name "Ohana Military Communities" may sound familiar since it was the partnership name already used for leases and payments. This means that current residents won't need to sign new lease agreements.

Susan Ridgeway, who will be continuing with the new organiza-



tion as senior director of operations for Ohana Military Communities, said "We are excited about this new endeavor and want to ensure residents that this change in property ownership will have little impact on them. The exceptional services you have come to know and expect will not change. Team members you are used to working with on a daily basis will also remain the same. This acquisition will mean more Hunt-managed homes for residents to choose from when planning to PCS from one installation to another. Thanks to the Hunt Loyalty Program, current residents can now receive

cash awards when they PCS to another Hunt home at their new duty station."

As with all transitions some things will change. These changes include the website and Facebook page which will become www.ohananavycommunities.com and www.facebook.com/ohananavymilitarycommunities. Another change will be the branding and the logo for Ohana Military Communities.

Company officials stated that Hunt is deeply committed to the PPV (Public Private Venture) program and to serving the members of the military and their families.

Among the military housing areas acquired are Navy and Marine Corps housing for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay, Pacific Missile Range Facility, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific, Camp Smith, Manana, Camp Stover, Pearl City Peninsula and Halawa.

For a complete list of Hunt Military Communities visit www.huntmilitarycommunities.com.

Veteran visits Pearl Harbor

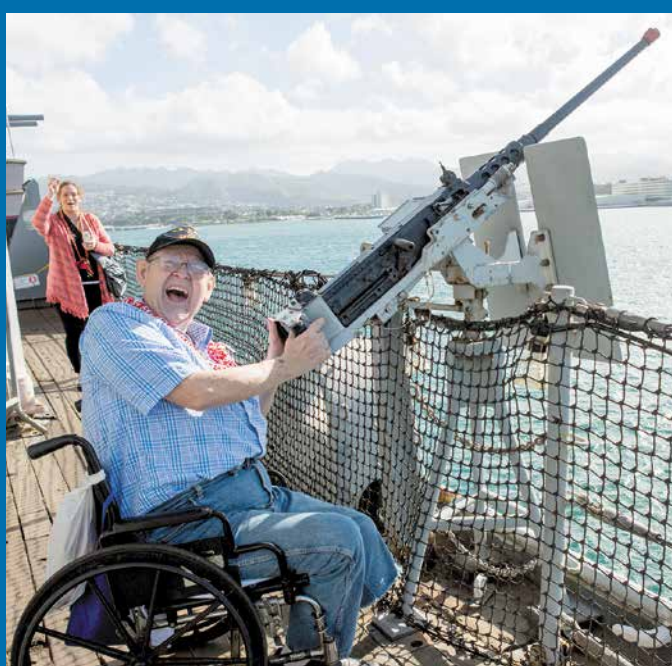


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Navy Vietnam veteran Charles Rushing, a Wisconsin native, playfully poses with a 50-caliber machine gun aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial. Rushing, who was briefly stationed at Pearl Harbor in 1969, received the trip to the islands thanks to the DREAM foundation, the first and largest national organization to provide wish-granting for terminally ill adults.

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What do you do to keep your heart healthy?



ET3 Joel Brock
USS Mississippi (SSN 782)

"Cardio. Running and swimming."

Tech Sgt. Antoinette Bryant
5th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

"The HPARC (Human Performance and Rehabilitation Center) offers a run class and the instructor is Mr. Jonathan Low. I do his class. It is Monday through Friday at 0600."



HN Dedrich Chantu
NHC Hawaii

"I swim and try to be around my friends. Being around friends is good for the soul. They become your family out here."

Maj. Kevin Fletcher
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

"I do a decent amount of running about three times per week and do some weights the other two to three days as well."



FTCS Sean Hirgle
Submarine Squadron Seven

"I usually go home for lunch because my wife cooks organic and healthy foods. I also run a lot."

Lt. j.g. John McCorkindale
NAVFAC Hawaii

"I am actually going to the gym right now and my protein is ready to be mixed when I get back."



Agnes Tauyan
Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

"I maintain my overall health through a lifestyle of clean eating, drinking lots of water, and exercising at least 30 minutes a day five days a week. It may sound like work but I love it, and it sure beats having a heart attack, stroke or other disease."

CTR3 Richard Valdez
NIOC Hawaii

"Cardio. Especially going on hikes."



Provided by Ensign Krystyna Nowakowski

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Remembering the legacies of Women's History

Barack Obama

President of the United State of America



President Barack Obama

Throughout history, women have driven humanity forward on the path to a more equal and just society, contributing in innumerable ways to our character and progress as a people. In the face of discrimination and undue hardship, they have never given up on the promise of America: that with hard work and determination, nothing is out of reach. During Women's History Month, we remember the trailblazers of the past, including the women who are not recorded in our history books, and we honor their legacies by carrying forward the valuable lessons learned from the powerful examples they set.

For too long, women were formally excluded from full participation in our society and our democracy. Because of the courage of so many bold women who dared to transcend preconceived expectations and prove they were capable of doing all that a man could do and more, advances were made, discoveries were revealed, barriers were broken, and progress triumphed. Whether serving in elected positions across America, leading groundbreaking civil rights movements,

venturing into unknown frontiers, or programming revolutionary technologies, generations of women that knew their gender was no obstacle to what they could accomplish have long stirred new ideas and opened new doors, having a profound and positive impact on our nation. Through hardship and strife and in every realm of life, women have spurred change in communities around the world, steadfastly joining together to overcome adversity and lead the charge for a fairer, more inclusive, and more progressive society.

During Women's History Month, we honor the countless women who sacrificed and strived to ensure all people have an equal shot at pursuing the American dream. As President, the first bill I signed into law was the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, making it easier for working American women to effectively challenge illegal, unequal pay

disparities. Additionally, my administration proposed collecting pay data from businesses to shine a light on pay discrimination, and I signed an executive order to ensure the federal government only works with and awards contracts to businesses that follow laws that uphold fair and equal labor practices. Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, insurance companies can no longer charge women more for health insurance simply because of their gender. And last year, we officially opened for women the last jobs left un- available to them in our military, because one of the best ways to ensure our armed forces remains the strongest in the world is to draw on the talents and skills of all Americans.

Though we have made great progress toward achieving gender equality, work remains to be done. Women still earn, on average, less for every dollar made by men, which is why I continue to call on the Congress to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act—a sensible step to provide women with basic tools to fight pay discrimination. Meanwhile, my administration has taken steps to support working families by fighting for paid leave for all Americans, providing women with more small business loans and opportunities, and ad-

ressing the challenges still faced by women and girls of color, who consistently face wider opportunity gaps and structural barriers—including greater discrepancies in pay. And although the majority of our nation's college and graduate students are women, they are still underrepresented in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, which is why we are encouraging more women and girls to pursue careers in these fields.

This May, the White House will host a summit on "The United State of Women," to highlight the advances we have made in the United States and across the globe and to expand our efforts on helping women confront the challenges they face and reach for their highest aspirations. We must strive to build the future we want our children to inherit—one in which their dreams are not deferred or denied, but where they are uplifted and praised. We have come far, but there is still far to go in shattering the glass ceiling that holds women back. This month, as we reflect on the marks made by women throughout history, let us uphold the responsibility that falls on all of us—regardless of gender—and fight for equal opportunity for our daughters as well as our sons.

Volunteer opportunity for Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup April 2

Military personnel and their family members ages 12 and above will have an opportunity to volunteer at the Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup, which will

take place from 7:30 to 11 a.m. April 2. The cleanup is a partnership of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam with the City and County of Honolulu. Volunteers can

meet at Best Buy Aiea parking lot by 7:30 a.m. Dress to get dirty. Wear covered shoes and sunscreen. Contact MAC William Matteson to volunteer via email at wil-

liam.n.matteson@navy.mil or call 216-7190. For more information on the event, contact Kathy Isobe at 473-0662 or email Kathy.isobe@navy.mil.



Hopper hands out 'nanoseconds'

Commodore Grace M. Hopper, United States Naval Reserve special assistant to the commander, Naval Data Automation Command, gives an autograph and a length of wire representing the distance an electron moves in a nanosecond to programmer/analyst Vici Gamboa of Naval Regional Data Automation Center, San Diego. The event took place during groundbreaking ceremonies for the Grace M. Hopper Navy Regional Data Automation Center at Naval Air Station, North Island, California on Sept. 27, 1985. The USS Hopper (DDG-70), homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, is named in Hopper's honor. March is Women's History Month.

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Air Force military working dog handler still 'whispers'

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Erica McReil, a former Air Force staff sergeant with the 7th Bomb Wing Security Forces, has a knack for being a K-9 military working dog handler.

Staff Sgt. Erica McReil received the Bronze Star Medal in January 2014 for her acts of heroism, merit and meritorious service exhibited while in a combat zone.

During her deployment, McReil and her military working dog Jonny were attached to an Army Special Forces unit. She was the first female military working dog trainer from Dyess Air Force Base embedded with an Army Special Forces unit.

During operations, McReil's position was lead. She was responsible for locating and isolating improvised explosive devices. McReil and Jonny saved lives by finding more than 50 IEDs throughout southern Afghanistan. Her actions directly resulted in a significant reduction in terrorist activity against local citizens and dramatically restricted the enemy's ability to operate.

Jonny, a German Shepherd, was the dog McReil was assigned to in Nov 2012 to take to Afghanistan with her.

Although "assigned" is the word used when a handler is placed with a mili-



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Erica McReil, 7th Security Forces Squadron military working dog trainer, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal Jan. 24, 2014, for her acts of heroism, merit and meritorious service she exhibited while deployed to Afghanistan.

tary working dog, McReil said Jonny became so much more than just an assigned dog to her. "From the beginning we had a strong bond and it only developed and strengthened. He became my partner, most trusted friend and comrade, and my family," McReil added.

After McReil left Dyess to move to Fort Bliss, Jonny had to stay there as he was assigned to that installation. In April of 2015, Jonny passed away due to

medical reasons, she said.

McReil said she has honorably separated from military service after 9.5 years to now pursue her love of training dogs in the civilian world. She moved to Hawaii this month to work as a "dog whisperer" with a dog training company on Oahu.

According to McReil, she decided to join the Air Force in August of 2006.

"I knew I wanted to do something that would

make a difference and give me a sense of accomplishment and I found that with the military," she said.

She said that she knew from the moment she arrived at basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, that she wanted to be a dog handler.

"I joined the Security Forces AFSC determined to make it to the K9 world. I spent the first two years of my career at Ramstein

AFB, Germany, volunteering and doing work on the side at the K9 kennels there to learn and gain recommendations for the application process," McReil said.

She then received a permanent change of station to Lajes Field, Portugal, and continued working with the handlers there until she received approval and a class date to attend military working dog handlers course at Lackland.

After graduating from the course in February 2011, she then had another permanent change of station to Dyess Air Force Base as a military working dog handler.

Following three years at Dyess as a handler and one tour to Afghanistan, McReil applied for a position as a military working dog ground combat instructor for Desert Defender Readiness Training Center, Fort Bliss, Texas.

She has training experience in basic to advanced obedience, detection capabilities, and personnel search. Most recently, she has spent two years not only training dogs, but also training the handlers who are assigned to them.

"Other than official training, I gained knowledge and experience from many people along the way to better my handling and training skills, to include Army, Marine, Navy, Army Special Forces, Navy SEALs and civilian

contractors. It has been through my vast array of different branches that I was able to gain so much knowledge and accomplish the things I have," McReil said.

McReil explained that she was the second woman in the Air Force to attach to a Special Forces unit, the first woman Air Force military working dog handler to receive the Bronze Star, and the second female military working dog handler in the military to receive a Bronze Star.

"The first female to attach to Special Forces was a very near and dear friend of mine, Master Sgt. Cynthia Brown, and Sgt. Zainah C. Creamer received the Bronze Star for her actions in Iraq and for giving her life in 2011," McReil said.

Being a woman in any job that is predominately male has its challenges, but the ups and downs come and go just as in any other job, according to McReil.

"The challenge comes from being viewed as a weaker mind or physically incapable of completing the mission to a standard. Throughout my years in Security Forces and as a handler/trainer there have been many challenges, but overall it all boils down to the fact that it does take a special type of person and personality to be a woman MWD (military working dog) handler/trainer," McReil said.

USS Preble leader develops creative concepts for ship

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the SECNAV Innovation Leadership Award.

One idea developed and implemented on board was a lunch event called the "Mess Decks Mash-Up," which was designed to improve crew morale.

"When you're on a long deploy-

ment people tend to do the same thing every day and hang around the same people every day," said Heames. "Sailors naturally gravitate towards shipmates within the same division, department or like-minded people. What we wanted to do was shuffle the deck a little bit mid-deployment, so we could change people's pat-

terns and give them a different exposure to different parts of the crew. Officers, chiefs, and enlisted all grabbed a ticket from the mess decks that told them where they would be eating that day. They were split up between the wardroom, chief mess and mess decks.

"It brought together people

who otherwise would not interact with each other," he said. "When we were midway through deployment and Sailors were getting conditioned to the same old things, this helped bring our team together more easily. It's not some grand innovation that will change the Navy, but it does change the attitude on the ship."

There are many contributors and influences Heames accredits to his success and leadership style, but he said he believes in order to be successful in innovation efforts you have to have a good ship. You can't take on an innovation effort without having sound fundamentals and a desire for improvement.

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Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Adm. Scott Swift shakes hands with a wounded warrior at the closing ceremony of the 2016 Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial in Pearl Harbor, Feb. 26.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jeff Troutman

(Below) Wounded Warrior adaptive athletes compete in an air rifle event during the 2016 Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials (WWPT) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Feb. 25. The top 40 athletes will be awarded a spot on Team Navy and advance to a competition among all branches of the military.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Gabrielle Joyner



(Left) An MH-60R Sea Hawk helicopter of the Helicopter Maritime Squadron (HSM 37) lands on the flight deck of the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), Feb. 23. Chung-Hoon is operating as part of the John C. Stennis Strike Group and Great Green Fleet on a regularly scheduled 7th Fleet deployment.

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

(Right) Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) take on supplies during a replenishment at sea with the Military Sealift Command combat support ship USNS Rainier (T-AOE 7), Feb. 27.

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(Above) Master Sgt. Rose Wedderburn, Aerospace Medicine Squadron flight chief, 15th Medical Group, serves food during the sixth annual Taste of Soul event at Hickam Nelles Chapel at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Feb. 27. The Gospel Fest and Taste of Soul events are the culmination of African American History Month events, hosted by the JBPHH African American Heritage Committee and Joint Base Observance Committee.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Stoltz

Life & Leisure

Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials foster teamwork, healing



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Meranda Keller

Doug Hill, a former U.S. Navy Sonar Technician Surface 3rd Class and Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials participant, competes in the cycling trials Feb. 24, at Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Story by
Staff Sgt. Chris Hubenthal

Defense Media Activity Hawaii

The 2016 Navy Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials (WWPT) took place the week of Feb. 20-26, including six days of adaptive sports training and competition to ultimately select the Team Navy roster that will compete in the Department of Defense Warrior Games this June at West Point Military Academy, New York.

Locations for the events included Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Iolani High School in Honolulu.

The event was hosted by Navy Region Hawaii and Navy Wounded Warrior-Safe Harbor.

More than 56 athletes, either prior service or active duty in the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard, competed in team events, including sitting volleyball and wheelchair basketball, as well as individual events, including shooting air rifles, archery, cycling, swimming, and track and field. Forty participants are slated to be selected for the team that will compete in June.

U.S. Navy Capt. Brent Breining, Navy Wounded Warrior Safe Harbor Program director assigned to the Commander, Naval Installations Command located in Washington, D.C., explained what the WWPT is designed to accomplish.

"We bring in recovering service members and their caregivers to participate in different athletic events," Breining said. "This is a part of their recovery



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Meranda Keller

Sailors and Coast Guardsmen watch the completion of the cycling trials.

and rehabilitation where we can reinvigorate their love of sports and the sense of being on a team through adaptive sports."

While assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines, U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Angelo Anderson was injured in Marjah, Afghanistan, in 2010 after taking small arms fire and was shot multiple times along the right side of his body. Anderson's femur was broken in his right leg and his humerus was broken in his upper right arm. Now Anderson is assigned to the Naval Surface Warfare Center and is a WWPT participant in this year's competition.

"Navy Region Hawaii and Navy Wounded Warrior-Safe

Harbor. has helped me a lot through adaptive sports and athletics," Anderson said. "I've played wheelchair basketball now, I've cycled, I've swam, I've ran track, and they've all been events through this program that has helped me out tremendously because, at this point now, it's healing for me. It's more than just physical therapy or the rehab that's needed. It's life changing."

Although the competition is set to select this year's Team Navy lineup, Breining noticed that winning a medal or a place on the team hasn't been the number one goal for the participants.

"What we've seen a lot through our Wounded Warriors is really spurring each other on in the recoveries through the adaptive sports," Breining said. "Really not seeing them in a cut-throat competition to make the team but trying to encourage one another to be the best that they can be and using their stories of resiliency and seeing the athletes who are farther along in their recoveries sharing hope with those who are just starting."

Anderson shared his feelings



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Meranda Keller

Sailors and Coast Guardsmen participate in a sitting volleyball match at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

of what he hopes to take away from the competition.

"Memories, those are things that I cherish when doing this you know, I'm not really so caught up in the hardware of getting a medal or a trophy or whatever the case may be," Anderson said. "I want to sit someday without all that and be like, 'Oh man,' and just smile and laugh with just the good times that came from this."

Franklin R. Parker, assistant secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, participated in practice with wounded warriors during the

event. After his experience on the court with the athletes he spoke at a WWPT symposium and explained what he felt was important during the trials.

"Navy Region Hawaii and Navy Wounded Warrior-Safe Harbor has the ultimate responsibility, and that is taking care of our people," Parker said. "In this work, there is a constant thread, it's all about people, and we are all about people. Everything we do, we use ships and planes, we need ordnance and weapons, but it's not those things that make it all work, it's the people, it's each and every one of you."



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Brad Parrish
U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Angelo Anderson, Naval Surface Warfare Center, competes in the cycling trials.



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Brad Parrish

U.S. Navy and Coast Guard participants compete in a sitting volleyball match.

Medical Group keeps pressure on division's top spot

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

The 15th Medical Group (15 MDG) turned up the heat from the opening buzzer and easily took care of the Bronze State Warriors in a lopsided, 73-24, victory, during the night's opening Gold Division intramural basketball game of a doubleheader on Feb. 29 at Hickam Fitness Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The Medical Group jumped out to a 10-point lead at the midway point of the first half and never looked back to win their third game in a row without a defeat, while the struggling Warriors fell to 0-4.

Leading the way for the Medical Group was sharp-shooting guard Sean Spears, a military family member, who, when he wasn't dropping long-range splashdowns from beyond the arc, was driving toward the hoop for some wide-open lay-ups.

With 6-foot-9-inch center Staff Sgt. Matthew Flowers controlling the boards and low post, Spears took advantage of some easy pickings from the three-point line and opened up with three of them in the early minutes of the game.

The hot hand, Spears said, was attributed to some pre-game warm-ups and the help of Flowers, who scored seven points in the paint before halftime.

"I came in a couple of hours early with my coach and had a little shoot around," Spears admitted. "Any team out here, they don't really have anyone his (Flowers) size. They've got to put two people on him half the time."

After knocking down three treys, Spears scored on a lay-up off of a breakaway to give the Medical Group their first double-digit lead of the game at 16-6 with 10:25 to go before halftime.

Six minutes later, a three-point bomb from Staff Sgt. Brian Breedlove upped the lead to 25-

9, and then with only 52 seconds on the clock, another lay-up by Spears opened up the lead to 20 at 29-9.

For the half, Spears led all scorers with 15 points on three treys and three field goals.

In the second half, Spears continued his assault on the basket by opening up with his fourth trey of the game to make it 34-11 in favor of Medical Group.

Then at the 10:07 mark, Spears swished his fifth and final trey for his 27th point and gave his team a 50-15 lead.

Breedlove's back-to-back lay-ups with 3:51 remaining in the game gave the Medical Group an insurmountable 63-20 lead.

Spears led the way for the Medical Group with 29 points, while teammates senior Airman Christopher McCloud added 15 and Breedlove chipped with 16 points.

Flowers, whose domination of the boards in the first half helped the Medical Group get off to a great start, didn't score in the second half because the team's runaway margin of victory limited his touches on the ball.

Still, Flowers, who is one of the biggest centers playing on base this season, said that he'll be ready when he is needed to control the boards in the next game and beyond.

"I should be, but you have to be in the right place and the right time," he said. "If they shoot their three pointers, let them have it and then hope I can get the rebound after that."

Armed with shooters, defenders, height and depth, Spears said that he definitely believes that the Medical Group has one of the better teams on base.

"Last year we didn't have any big men," Spears pointed out. "We've got two or three big men, so it definitely opens up things. We can always get better. I think we need to clean up the plays. Right now, we've only got a few players and sometimes people get too far ahead of themselves."



Sean Spears, a military family member, drives for two of his game-high 29 points.

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Staff Sgt. Corey Doss floats through the lane for a basket to lead 647 SFS over 15 MDG.

Security Forces lock down 15th Medical Group

**Story and photo by
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Sports Editor, Ho'okele

It took a little longer to get rolling, but once the 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) picked up the pace, it was doom for the 15th Medical Group (15 MDG), March 1. The 647 SFS raced out to a 58-35 win in the Over 30 League, White Division game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

Up by only six points at halftime, the 647 SFS raised the tempo in the second half and slowly built up an insurmountable lead in gaining their fifth win against one defeat.

The only blemish on the 647's record is a forfeit during week five, when all of the games were rescheduled for Hickam Fitness Center.

However, no team can claim the distinction of beating the 647 on the court this season.

Meanwhile, the 15 MDG over-30 squad got bumped out of third place and is currently sitting in fourth with a record of 3-3.

"We're old men, so it takes us about a good first half to get us going," said Tech. Sgt. Chris Jackson about the team's strong second half. "Nah, they (15 MDG) played a good first half, but in the second half, we talked about it and said let's push the pace. That's what we're good at and that's what we did."

Coming out of halftime, guard Tech. Sgt. Jug Magat, who hit three treys in the first half to keep the 15 MDG in the game, connected on another bomb from long distance to cut the lead in half at 27-24.

Back the other way, though, Staff Sgt. Corey Doss who lit up the first half with 15 points, immediately extended the lead back to six on a three-point shot from the perimeter.

A minute later, a basket by Tech. Sgt. Dion

Moore gave the 647 their first double-digit lead at 34-24 with 15:39 remaining in the game.

A basket-and-one by Doss made it 37-24 and then Jackson fired in a three ball to give the 647 a 40-24 lead after a 13-0 run.

Jackson got fouled putting up a three-pointer, and with 3:23 left on the clock locked up the game with three straight free throws for a 52-30 advantage.

"Our coach told us to run hard," Doss said about the team's strong second half. "He told us to that we got to score more points, turn it up at the end, just in case it was close."

For the game, Doss led all scorers with 31 points with 18 coming on six three-point baskets.

Jackson pumped in two treys and followed Doss in the books with a total of 13 points.

The Medical Group tried to stay in the game with a long-distance attack that saw the team put away 10 three-point baskets.

Magat led the team with five treys from long distance, while Staff Sgt. Tyrone Shannon added three bombs.

Although picking up the pace was instrumental to the team's win, Jackson said that he doesn't expect to keep the pedal to the metal from start to finish.

Jackson said that the league is the perfect venue for ageing players, who can no longer play 40 minutes of fast-break basketball.

"This is actually better for me," Jackson admitted. "I don't have to run around with the young tiger cats no more. It saves me because a lot of teams play at a slower pace. I don't have to push it as much, but at the same time, I can still push it when I need to."

In manhandling a tough team like the Medical Group, Doss said that the easy win does a lot to help keep the team believing in themselves.

"We're a confident group," Doss said. "We already know our capabilities and we know how each other plays, so it's easy."

D-Leaguers move up a spot with win over 747 CS

**Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz**

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Coming into their Above 30 League, White Division intramural basketball matchup against the 747th Communication Squadron (747 CS), guard Tech. Sgt. Jake Monroe said that he and his teammates on the D-Leaguers would have to step up if they wanted to earn another win over the 747.

Down to only six players, Monroe admitted feeling a bit nervous about the teams' second meeting, but like the first time around, the D-Leaguers proved that even down to a bare minimum, the team still had enough in its tank to come out on top.

The D-Leaguers beat the 747 CS, 57-32, on March 1 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and with the win, climbed up a notch into sole possession of third place with a 4-2 record.

Still searching for a winning formula, the 747 CS have now lost their fifth game out of six contests.

"We knew that we (were) going to be short tonight," Monroe said. "We have six and everybody is going to have to step it up. That's kind of the way it happened."

All six players on the D-Leaguers got into the books, but it was the duo of Monroe and Master Sgt. Mark Wood that really carried the team to victory.

Proving the perfect combination of inside and outside firepower, Monroe got things started right out of the gates with back-to-back treys to start off the first half.

By the time retired Department of Defense civilian David Sever calmly sank both of his free throws, the D-Leaguers opened up a 10-point lead at 16-6 with 9:32 remaining before

halftime.

The quick start, Wood noted, came from going over a game plan prior to tip-off and then executing it to perfection.

"We talked about what we wanted to do before the game and we actually kept our heads and did what we talked about," Wood said. "We're short, being with only six men, so we stayed in our spots on defense, and I think the biggest thing were the picks and rolls and the cuts against the zone."

One play early in the second half exemplified the level of execution that the D-Leaguers were able to achieve throughout the game.

With Master Sgt. Andrew McAdams bringing up the ball past the midcourt stripe, Monroe ran a backdoor moving to his right.

Without hesitation, McAdams one-handed a bullet through the lane and into the hands of Monroe, who in one motion, made the catch and softly kissed the ball off the glass for two.

"I didn't think that I was going to get to that ball," he admitted. "Also, I was moving so fast, I didn't think I would lay it up soft enough to where it was going to go in. That surprised me more than anyone else here."

The play raised the D-Leaguers' lead to 14 at 36-22, which grew to 22 after McAdams popped in a trey at the 6:28 mark to put the game away with a 50-28 advantage.

For the game, Monroe topped all scorers with 18 points, while teammate Wood was only a single point behind at 17.

"We beat them early in the year, so I think that helped our confidence," Monroe said. "You've got to win the games that you're suppose to win. It builds momentum. After a win, you feel more confident the next time and we need all the confidence we can get."



D-Leaguers post-player Master Sgt. Mark Wood shows the form that helped him score 17 points in the paint.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Holy Week schedule announced

Brandon Bosworth

Assistant Editor, Ho'okele

Several events are scheduled on and around Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for Holy Week.

Catholic services at Hickam Chapel Center

- Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m., March 4, 11, 18
- Palm Sunday Mass, 11 a.m., March 20
- Good Friday Service, 7 p.m., March 25
- Easter Mass, 11 a.m., March 27

Catholic services at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel

- Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper, 6:30 p.m., March 4, 11, 18
- Palm Sunday Mass, 8:30 a.m., March 20
- Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 p.m., March 24
- Easter Vigil Mass, 8 p.m., March 26

- Easter Mass, 9 a.m., March 27

Protestant services at Hickam Chapel Center

- Contemporary Palm Sunday Service, 8:30 a.m., March 20
- Contemporary Easter Worship Service, 8:30 a.m., March 27
- Christian Passover Seder Meal, 5 p.m., April 22

Protestant services at Nelles Chapel

- Gospel Palm Sunday Service, 10:45 a.m., March 20
- Gospel Easter Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., March 27

Protestant services at Submarine Memorial Chapel

- Traditional Palm Sunday Service, 10 a.m., March 20
- Traditional Easter Worship Service, 10 a.m., March 27

Protestant services at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel

- Palm Sunday Service, 11 a.m., March 20
- Good Friday Service, 5 p.m., March 25
- Easter Worship Service, 11 a.m., March 27

Other Protestant services

- Easter Sunrise Service, Battleship Missouri Memorial, 6:30 a.m., March 27
- Baptism at the Beach, Hickam Harbor, 1:30 p.m., March 27

Jewish services

- Jewish Passover Seder, Hale Koa Hotel, 6 p.m., April 22

For more information, call Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel at 473-3971 and Hickam Chapel Center at 449-1754.

PACFLT Band to perform at Hale Koa

U.S. Pacific Fleet Band

The U.S. Pacific Fleet Band Wind Ensemble will perform a free public concert from 5 to 6:15 p.m. March 9 at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki.

This will mark the final Pacific Fleet Band performance for Lt. Patrick Sweeten, the bandmaster, who will soon transfer to the mainland.

Musical features of the event will include a tribute to the new baseball season, and works by John Philip Sousa, John Williams, Sergey Prokofiev among many others.

Also showcased will be the band's unit about to be deployed this Spring with Pacific Partnership 2016, the world's largest humanitarian and disaster response-preparation mission in the Indo-Asia-Pacific. For more information, visit the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band Facebook page or contact 474-3693 or ops.pacfltbnd@navy.mil.

MY FAVORITE PHOTO



Maj. Robert Kleinpaste took this night photo of a C-17 landing at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Kleinpaste is an active duty Marine with United States Pacific Command, stationed at Camp Smith.

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Phoenix Navy Week 'shout-out' for all Sailors

Navy Office of Community Outreach

For the upcoming Phoenix Navy Week, The Navy Office of Community Outreach (NAVCO) is offering the opportunity to create and share short, recorded shout-outs (15-20 seconds) with a Navy key message for Sailors from the Phoenix area. The deadline is 8 a.m. March 16 Eastern Time.

Instructions are as follows:

- Call 1-855-OUR-NAVY (1-855-687-6289)
- Wait for a 3-5 second pause after voice directions and record message, after beep, using the template script below.
- Once you hang up, the audio file will automatically be sent to NAVCO's email where it will be screened before being shared with radio media outlets in the Sailors' hometown.
- Speak audibly and clearly. If we cannot understand your name, hometown or command your shout-out will be unusable.

A suggestion for Sailors' responses is as follows:

"Hi, I'm Navy (rank) (full name) from (hometown), (home state) and currently serving at (command) or aboard (ship and hull number).

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"I want to say hello to my family and friends and everyone in my hometown of Phoenix. I hope you enjoy Navy Week and remember, you can find out more information about Navy Week online at outreach.navy.mil. Go Navy!"

Joint Base restaurants to offer Easter brunch options

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation will be offering two brunch options for Easter on March 27.

At the Historic Hickam Officers' Club, the annual Easter Sunday brunch buffet has three seating times: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the lanai and at 11 a.m. in the main dining room.

In addition to traditional brunch favorites, executive chef Robert Souza is adding a few extras. "We're doing a stuffed boneless leg of lamb with a spinach, rosemary and cheese filling," he said.

"We will also have a carved steamship round." Souza added that specialty salads and desserts are also on the menu.

A pianist will provide musical entertainment in the dining room while a guitarist entertains on the lanai.

Reservations are required and will be accepted beginning Monday. A credit card is needed to make a reservation.

Cost for the Easter brunch buffet is \$32.95 for adults, \$18.95 for children 7-12 years, \$12.50 for ages 4-6 years and 3 and under are free. Patrons can call 448-4608 for more information.

Sam Choy's Island Style Seafood



MWR Marketing photo

A steamship round carving station will be featured at the Easter brunch buffet held at the Historic Hickam Officers' Club on March 27.

Grille on Hickam Harbor will also be holding an Easter brunch, as well as an Easter egg hunt at 9 a.m. for kids 10 and younger. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be available beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Prices for Sam Choy's Easter brunch are \$32.95 for adults and \$19.95 for children 6 to 12 years. Reservations are also recommended; customers are advised to call early to ensure their spot. Call 422-3002 for reservations and more information.

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FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 473-2494/2437.

OPEN COCKPIT DAY

5 — An Open Cockpit Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor hangar 79. Guests can climb into the cockpit of historic aircraft and talk-story with pilots. Flight suits and helmets will be provided.

FMI: www.pacificaviationmuseum.org or call 441-1007.

SPRING OPEN HOUSE

5 — Spring Open House will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center. Patrons can enjoy make-n-takes, demos, door prizes, sales store specials and free food. This is a free event in observance of National Craft Month.

FMI: 448-9907.

AFCEA LUNCHEON

8 — An AFCEA (Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association) luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fort Shafter, Hale Ikena Club. The cost is \$14 for preregistered members, \$17 for preregistered non-members and \$20 for walk-ins. Preregistration closes at 4 p.m. on the last Friday before the event. Todd Nacapuy, the Hawaii state chief information officer, is the guest speaker.

FMI: www.afcea-hawaii.org/ or Barry Fong at 441-8565 or barry.fong@level3.com.

RECRUITMENT EVENTS

8, 9 — The city of Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety in Northern California will be at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor from 2 to 4 p.m. March 8 to recruit public safety officers.

Police, firefighters, medical service and dispatchers will be recruited. FMI: www.facebook.com/JBPHH.MFSC/. In addition, the FBI will be recruiting from 1 to 3 p.m. March 9 at Military and Family Support Center Hickam.

FMI: at www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 474-1999.

O'MALLEY BOULEVARD LANE CLOSURES

9 TO 16 — From March 9 to 16, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., single lane closures will take place in the vicinity of O'Malley Boulevard and Atterbury Circle for underground telecommunications installation. Vehicle and pedestrian traffic control will be provided during the lane closures by the contractor, including signs, cones and flag personnel. All personnel should seek alternate routes during this time and plan for delays.

PCS WORKSHOP

10 — A workshop about understanding the Permanent Change of Station (PCS) process will be held from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam.

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TECHNOLOGY DAY

10 — A technology day event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Historic Hickam Officers Club. The event will include information technology and cyber security products and services. There is no fee to attend. FMI: dennis@fbcdb.com.

WINTER SOCIAL

18 — AFCEA (Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association) Hawaii will hold its winter social from 6 to 9 p.m. at Oahu Country Club in Honolulu. The event is free for active AFCEA Hawaii members and one guest. The theme is clothing from the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

FMI: <http://afcea-hawaii.org/project/2016-afcea-hawaii-winter-social/>

HELLO KITTY EASTER EVENT

19 — Authorized patrons can hop in to the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall children's department from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for an Easter celebration with Hello Kitty. There will be free balloons for authorized military children while supplies last.

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KUNG FU PANDA 3

When Po's long-lost panda father suddenly reappears, the reunited duo travels to a secret panda paradise to meet scores of hilarious new panda characters. But when the supernatural villain Kai begins to sweep across China defeating all the kung fu masters, Po must do the impossible—learn to train a village full of his fun-loving, clumsy brethren to become the ultimate band of Kung Fu Pandas!

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER

FRIDAY - 3/4

7:00 PM The Choice (PG-13)

SATURDAY - 3/5

2:30 PM Kung Fu Panda 3 (PG)

4:40 PM The Finest Hours 3D (PG-13)

7:00 PM Hail, Caesar! (PG-13)

SUNDAY - 3/6

2:30 PM Kung Fu Panda 3 3D (PG)

4:40 PM The Choice (PG-13)

7:00 PM The Finest Hours (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

FRIDAY - 3/4

6:00 PM Kung Fu Panda 3 3D (PG)

SATURDAY - 3/5

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6:00 PM Star Wars: The Force Awakens (PG-13)