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## Navy in Hawaii wins two CNO environmental awards

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Two Hawaii-based Navy commands were winners of Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Awards, it was announced Feb. 22, in Washington D.C.

The Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, on Kauai won the award for Natural Resources Conservation for small naval installations (along with Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan and Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan).

The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG-90), homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, was selected as the Navy's top surface combatant ship for the CNO environmental award.

In a message of congratulations, Vice Adm. P. H. Cullom, deputy chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics, said, "I would like to extend my thanks and congratulations to all of the fiscal year 2015 Environmental Award winners. Your efforts not only embody the environmental stewardship ethic, but also aid in fulfilling the Navy's national security mission. I applaud all of



the nominees for their tireless commitment to preserving resources and bettering the environment. Bravo Zulu!"

Working with federal and state agencies, schools, conservation organizations, the public and host community, PMRF implemented numerous groundbreaking initiatives toward conservation, environmental protection and protection of endangered species.

For example, under the

Laysan Albatross Conservation program, PMRF transferred eggs to Campbell National Wildlife refuge on Oahu to provide new shelter for the birds and reduce the risk of aircraft strikes.

The "Dark Sky" initiative, which directed the turning off of all non-essential exterior lighting on PMRF during the Newell Shearwater, Hawaiian and Band-Rumped Storm Petrel migration season, reduced "fallout"

by these endangered birds that are naturally attracted to light.

"The Ohana (family) here at Pacific Missile Range Facility is simply awesome and they truly deserve all the recognition. I couldn't be more proud of the daily efforts put forth by each and every member of our team," said Capt. Bruce Hay, commanding officer of PMRF.

In the past year USS Chafee transited more

than 37,000 miles on a seven-month deployment to the 3rd, 4th, and 7th Fleet Areas of Responsibility while participating in the Oceania Maritime Security Initiative, Talisman Sabre 15, UNITAS PAC 15, and UNITAS LANT 15. USS Chafee conducted all operations with no impact to marine mammals and with safe and clean refueling operations.

Environmental protection and energy conserva-

tion were at the forefront of operations, according to Cmdr. Shea Thompson, commanding officer of USS Chafee.

"We're all thrilled to have been selected for this award. We strive for efficiency in all aspects of our war-fighting operations and to be good stewards of our environment," said Thompson.

All CNO winners will go on to the Secretary of the Navy level of competition.

## JBPHH rededicates Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial

Story and photo by  
Tech. Sgt.  
Aaron Oelrich

15th Wing Public Affairs

Military members from Headquarters Pacific Air Forces and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam gathered to honor the Air Force recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor during a Feb. 19 rededication ceremony at Aloha Aina Park at Joint Base.

Maj. Gen. Kevin Schneider, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces chief of staff, presided over the ceremony and thanked the many people from all over JBPHH who helped to make the rededication ceremony possible.

The rededicated plaque now features Chief Master Sgt. Richard Echberger and Airman 1st Class William Pitsenbarger, who were posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for their actions in the Vietnam War, in addition to the 59 names originally displayed.

"There are a lot of words to describe these two men," said Schneider. "Heroic, brave, gallant, courageous, honorable—the list goes on. There is one word in particular that really resonates with me when I think about what these men were: selfless."

During the ceremony, Schneider and Chief Master Sgt. Michael Atkins, PACAF pararescue functional area manager, honored Pitsenbarger by placing a lei atop the Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial, and Traci Megenney, Echberger's granddaughter, and Cory Echberger, Echberger's son, placed a lei atop the memorial in honor of Echberger.

"This rededication was wonderful," said Cory Echberger. "It's more than just my dad's name on that plaque. It is also tribute to all the other service members and their families."

Although there are many stories to be told about the 61 recipients of the Medal of Honor, the ceremony was to pay tribute to



Traci Megenney, Chief Master Sgt. Richard Echberger's granddaughter; Cory Echberger, Chief Master Sgt. Richard Echberger's son; Master Sgt. Joseph Ippolito; Master Sgt. Martin Jackson; and Master Sgt. Alex Kuh; from the 56th Air Communications Squadron, unveil a plaque during the groundbreaking ceremony for the Chief Master Sargent Richard Echberger Cyber Operations Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Feb 17.

two of them.

Pitsenbarger was the 59th member of the U.S. Army Air Corps and Air Force to receive the nation's highest decoration for remaining behind enemy lines to treat wounded soldiers during the Vietnam War.

The 21-year-old Airman,

who was assigned to Detachment 6 of the 38th Aero Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Bien Hoa Air Base, Vietnam, was killed during an operation to extract Army casualties pinned down in a battle near Cam My, a few miles east of Saigon, April 11, 1966.

Pitsenbarger was originally awarded the Air Force Cross for his valor, however, the medal was later upgraded to the Congressional Medal of Honor in a ceremony Dec. 8, 2000.

Echberger was one of a team of 19 who directed 507 strike missions in North Vietnam and

Laos. The strikes attracted the attention of the North Vietnamese military, which attacked the site from the air before infiltrating sniper and combat troops to surround the installation.

Echberger and several of his colleagues were then pinned down by rifle fire and beset by grenades, which they kicked away while returning fire, displaying exceptional heroism.

Echberger placed two comrades in the helicopter's rescue sling before bear-hugging one more into the sling and to safety. As the helicopter lifted off, it was struck with a barrage of armor-piercing fire, hitting underbelly, mortally wounding Echberger.

He was awarded the Air Force Cross for his valor; however, the medal was later upgraded to the Congressional Medal of Honor in a ceremony Sept. 21, 2010.

"These men made a commitment to putting the mission first, putting others first, and to being selfless, said Schneider. "To me, this memorial and the memories of the names of the men on this plaque serve as a reminder of the power of selflessness."



## Wounded Warriors compete for Team Navy 2016

A relay exchange is made as a Wounded Warrior makes his way into the pool to complete the 200-yard relay at the 'Iolani School on Oahu, Feb. 24. Sailors and Coast Guardsmen from across the country are in Hawaii to compete in the 2016 Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials. Each athlete is vying for a slot on the Team Navy roster for the 2016 DOD Wounded Warrior Games, June 13-22, at U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.

U.S. Navy photo by MCC Barry Hirayama



# Motivation Hall opens for enlisted to officer transition

Story and photo by 2nd Lt. Kaitlin Daddona

15th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen and civilians gathered at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Feb. 19 for the unveiling of the Hall of Motivation, a showcase for Airmen who transitioned from the enlisted corps to officer at the education center.

The 647th Force Support Squadron's Force Development Flight began the Hall of Motivation project in 2014 to further motivate and inspire Airmen to pursue and complete higher education.

The recently completed project pays tribute to Air Force members who have begun their careers in the enlisted tier, in pursuit of higher education, and transitioned to the officer corps, eventually rising to the top of their professions as general officers.

The Hall of Motivation, which is the first of its kind in any Air Force education center, houses 15 display cases with each of the general officers' biographies, along with their personal advice for Airmen who want to follow a similar path. Each general, ranging from one to four stars, was asked to provide thoughts on the importance of higher education for enlisted personnel and junior officers.

"We're always looking for ways to motivate our Airmen to go to school, so we thought why not use some former enlisted members who became generals to give us some words of wisdom," said Dr. William Kono, the chief of Force Development at the 647th. "The hallway leads to the Air Force Officer Qualification Test taking room, so as they go to take the test, they can also think, 'Wow, I can be like this.'"

Senior Airman Shaun Clark, a signals analyst at the 392nd Intelligence Squadron, is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree after recently completing all requirements for his Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) degree and sees commissioning as a goal many enlisted members want to accomplish and also one that few actually meet.

"The hall shows me



those people truly were dedicated to commissioning and even though it was difficult, they stayed motivated and actually did it," Clark said. "It is also a sign of hope; the individuals who are in this hall give me hope to one day get switched from the enlisted corps to the officer corps."

Retired Brig. Gen. James Carroll, Hall of Motivation honoree and guest speaker for the unveiling ceremony, started his career in the enlisted corps before commissioning as an officer in 1986.

"Education is the key; it is the basis of everything," said Carroll. "That's why I'm here. I'm very passionate about that."

Carroll spoke about the importance education had on the progression of his own Air Force career, and how it continuously supplements all he does, even as a retired military member.

"I'm happy to be part of this dedication ceremony, not only because I'm in that hall, but because of what it represents," he said. "[Education] is the ground; it is the foundation from which we go upward."

The education center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, which houses the new Hall of Motivation, leads the Pacific Air Forces in degrees conferred for the CCAF, bachelor's and master's, supporting approximately 6,000 Airmen through in-person, online and over-the-phone counsel-

Dr. William Kono, Force Development Flight chief, Col. Richard Smith, 647th Air Base Group commander, Retired Brig. Gen. James Carroll, Hall of Motivation honoree, Lt. Col. Tracy Daniel, 647th Force Support Squadron commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Jerry Williams, 15th Wing command chief, cut the ribbon to reveal the new Hall of Motivation in the 647th Force Support Squadron's education center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Feb. 19.

## Building wealth highlighted

MC2 Charlotte Oliver

Defense Media Activity

"Make Saving Automatic!" is the theme for this year's "Military Saves Week," which kicked off this week with a proclamation signing at the Washington Navy Yard, Feb. 22.

Partnered with the Department of Defense Financial Readiness Campaign, this week is an opportunity for installations and organizations to promote good savings habits and a chance for service members and their families to assess their own saving status.

The program focuses on helping service members achieve their financial goals by providing savings advice, financial tools and resources and motivation.

"Military Saves Week" serves as part of the Military Saves Campaign, a year-round social marketing campaign to persuade, motivate and encourage members of the DoD to save money and reduce consumer debt.

Navy and Air Force service members or their family members who would like more information about resources and services offered through Military Saves, can contact the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Military and Family Support Center at 474-1999 or visit [www.greatlifeohawaii.com](http://www.greatlifeohawaii.com) or take the Military Saves pledge at <http://www.militarysaves.org/>



# Diverse VIEWS



What do you do to feel better when you are sick?



**CTI2 Joshua Beck**  
NIOC Hawaii

"Usually I read or go fence. I do historic European martial arts. When you start feeling sick sometimes you can go sweat it out."

**Master Sgt. Sean Colvin**  
DPAA Field Communications

"I stay in bed and sleep a lot. Try to hold down white bread and water."



**MA2 Jamil Gonzalez**  
JBPHH Security

"I go to the gym and sweat it out."

**Bethany Luti**  
Army Spouse

"I drink ginger ale and lay on the couch."



**Lt. j.g. Sean Philbin**  
USS Chafee (DDG-90)

"Orange juice and workout."

**Sgt. Brock Vazquez**  
545th Transportation Company

"I usually call my mom and get her chicken soup recipe. It's over 60 years old. It's been in the family a few generations."



**MACS Angelica Vironchi**  
Navy Region Hawaii

"I just suck it up. Drink water."

**Cmdr. Tim Yanik**  
Prospective commanding officer

USS Charlotte (SSN-766)

"I really don't get sick. We're in Hawaii after all!"



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Commentary

## Red Hill update: water still safe to drink

**Rear Adm. John Fuller**

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

(Last week Rear Adm. Fuller sent another Red Hill "stakeholder letter" to business and community leaders and elected officials. The entire letter is available on the Red Hill website at [www.cnic.navy.mil/redhill](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/redhill). Here is an excerpt.)

I am pleased to report that on Dec. 4, 2015, staff from the Navy, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), State of Hawaii Department of Health (DOH), and Region IX of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) concluded a week of face-to-face, in-depth meetings in accordance with the Administrative Order on Consent (Order) signed on Sept. 28, 2015.



Rear Adm. John Fuller

The Regulatory Agencies—EPA and DOH—invited additional subject matter experts to attend from the University of Hawaii, Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS), State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), and United States Geological Survey (USGS).

USGS members did not attend due to a scheduling conflict. Others, including represen-

tatives from the BWS, did not attend these meetings based on their indication that they would not sign Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs). These NDAs are to ensure that information which could give a future bidder an unfair competitive advantage in the contracting process is not shared until after that contract requirement is made public.

As an alternative means to receive input, the Regulatory Agencies, as well as Navy representatives, met with BWS staff and intend to continue to meet separately with subject matter experts who are not willing to sign an NDA.

These initial scoping meetings met our objectives. The participants organized into groups to address specific sections of the Statement of Work within the Order

including: tank inspection, repair and maintenance procedures report; tank upgrade alternatives report; corrosion and metal fatigue practices report; and the groundwater flow model and contaminant fate and transport report. We are pleased with the outcome of these discussions.

Shortly after these meetings, the Regulatory Agencies approved outlines for reports on two topics: current fuel release monitoring systems and corrosion and metal fatigue practices. We recently concluded scoping discussions about developing the reports pursuant to Sections 6 and 7 of the Statement of Work. Those sections address Investigation and Remediation of Releases, and Groundwater Protec-

See RED HILL page A-7



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter

Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific, far right, briefs members of the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, Moanalua Valley Community Association, and Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 during a visit Sept. 15, 2015, to one of the fuel tanks at the Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage Facility near Pearl Harbor.

## Final week for COLA Living Pattern Survey

### U.S. Pacific Command

The Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) for active duty military personnel in Hawaii significantly decreased on three out of four islands in Hawaii in 2015. As a result, USPAACOM obtained approval from the Defense Travel Management Office (DTMO) to do an out-of-cycle Living Pattern Survey (LPS) until March 1.

COLA is intended to equalize the purchasing power so service members stationed overseas (to include Hawaii) can purchase the same level

of goods and services as they could if they were stationed in the continental United States. Thus, the average prices of 120 goods and services in Hawaii will be compared to the average prices of the same items in the continental United States. Service members can have a direct impact on their COLA by participating in a Living Pattern Survey (LPS). This survey captures the collective shopping behavior in an overseas location.

During the last LPS in early 2014 approximately 4,800 out of

49,680 assigned active duty personnel in Hawaii participated in the LPS, and USPAACOM has established a significant participation goal and aggressive publicity campaign for the 2016 LPS.

According to Colonel Peter Santa Ana, Director of Manpower and Personnel at HQ USPAACOM, "We are getting the word out to all of our military in Hawaii to participate in the online Living Pattern Survey, and we have set a target of 70 percent participation. We will also send weekly status reports to the service components.

With everyone's support and participation, we can ensure the 2016 COLA determination process will be as accurate as possible."

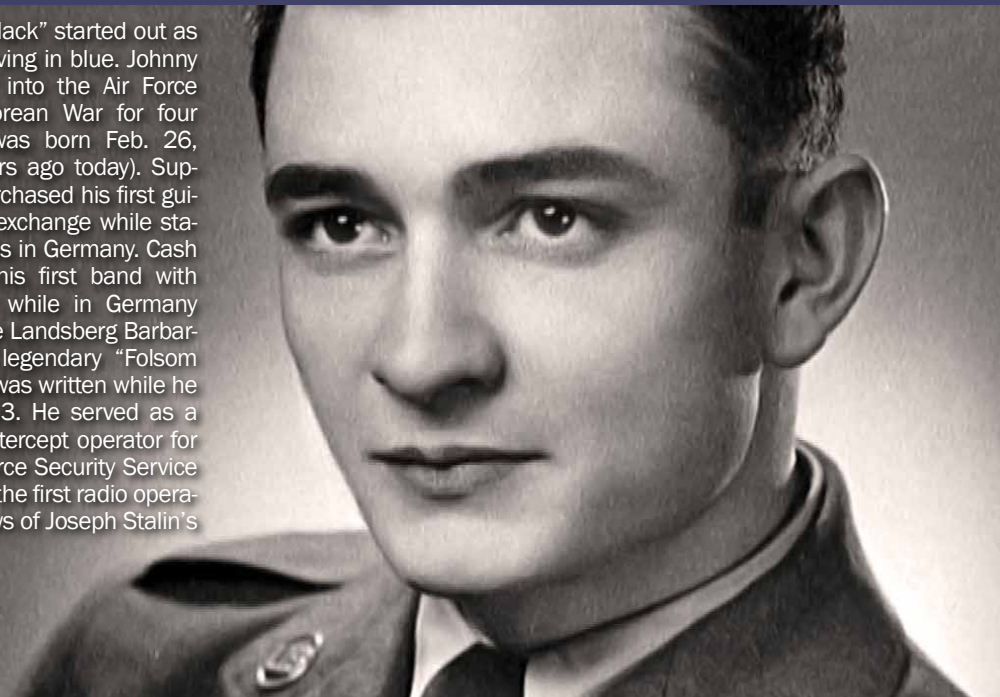
Service members with family members are encouraged to work together in completing the survey at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/colaSurvey.cfm?ID=hawaii>.

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## Johnny Cash served in Air Force

"The Man in Black" started out as an Airman serving in blue. Johnny Cash enlisted into the Air Force during the Korean War for four years. Cash was born Feb. 26, 1932 (84 years ago today). Supposedly he purchased his first guitar at a base exchange while stationed overseas in Germany. Cash also created his first band with fellow Airmen while in Germany called the "The Landsberg Barbarians." Cash's legendary "Folsom Prison Blues" was written while he served in 1953. He served as a Morse code intercept operator for the U.S. Air Force Security Service where he was the first radio operator to hear news of Joseph Stalin's death.

U.S. Air Force photo



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# New \$6.8 million waste-to-energy system unveiled

**Hawaii Air National Guard and Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism staffs**

*154th Wing Public Affairs*

The High Technology Development Corporation's Hawaii Center for Advanced Transportation Technologies sponsored a demonstration of a \$6.8 million renewable and clean, waste-to-energy generating system at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Feb. 19.

The demonstration runs through this summer at JBPHH, near the campus of the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG), and was done through a contract with Biomass Energy Systems, Inc. (BESI) The waste to energy project demonstration showcases the efficacy of converting 10 tons of waste per day to electricity using a state-of-the-art gasification technology.

The Air Force Research Labs selected the HIANG's 154th Wing to demonstrate an integrated microgrid concept that tests the viability of using renewable energy and microgrids to assure that the Air Force can continue mission critical operations regardless of the



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz  
U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz pulls the ribbon at the unveiling ceremony of a new \$6.8 million waste-to-energy system at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Feb. 19.

state of the public utility grid or cyber-attack. Phase I of the microgrid will utilize a rotary kiln gasifier that turns waste into fuel, heat and electricity.

"The Air Force's effort to develop a microgrid testbed in Hawaii will

help ensure that the Air National Guard has access to the energy it needs to execute its defense and homeland security missions, while providing a proof of concept that clean energy and microgrid technologies can support the Air

Force's broader energy security goals," said Sen. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii).

Schatz, who was instrumental in convincing the Air Force to select Hawaii as a demonstration site, officiated over the demonstration ceremony. JBPHH was selected based on Hawaii's variety of renewable energy sources, the high cost of electricity and complexity of the Hawaii Air Guard's 154th Wing, which operates the F-22, the most advanced fighter in the U.S. inventory.

"The Hawaii Guard's flying wing is as complex as any Air Force fighter wing, but in a much more compact footprint," said HCATT Director, and former HIANG Commander Brig. Gen. Stan Osseman. "This demonstration signifies an important step toward energy security and Net Zero goals for waste, not only for the military, but for civilian populations throughout the islands, and even beyond."

The waste-to-energy project represents an investment by the Air Force to determine the feasibility of solving the challenge of waste disposal with the opportunity to offset the cost of electricity on base. The system at JBPHH

was built by Biomass energy Systems Inc. (BESI.) It is designed to handle between two and ten tons of waste per day and generate a net 200 to 300 kW of base-load power using four generators run from the syngas produced by the gasifier.

"The system is clean, reliable and rugged," said Renee Comly, president and CEO of BESI. "We are pleased to demonstrate how a system like this can be a real asset as we move towards a world run on clean energy."

The BESI rotary kiln system was installed at JBPHH in December 2015 and has completed all of its initial testing this month. It will begin running specific "recipes" for several weeks to collect data using specific "feedstock" that can be expected from a military base with a population of about 2000 people.

The system will then be tested on its ability to produce hydrogen that can be used in fuel cell vehicles already being demonstrated at JBPHH. It will then be used to produce a liquid jet fuel from waste. Eventually, the Air Force plans to include the gasifier in the first phase of its micro-grid project at the end of this year.

## 15th Wing holds first Enlisted Forced Distribution Panel

**2nd Lt. Kaitlin Daddona**

*15th Wing Public Affairs*

The 15th Wing conducted its first Enlisted Forced Distribution Panel (EFDP) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Jan. 16. It was a panel that determined which promotion recommendation technical sergeants assigned to small units would receive on their 2015 enlisted performance reports.

The panel, a 13-member group led by panel president Col. Randy Huiss, 15th Wing commander, took four hours and 40 minutes to grade all competing records.

"Going in, it was unchar-

tered territory, but a lot of learning took place," said Chief Master Sgt. Jerry Williams, 15th Wing command chief, the only enlisted advisor on the EFDP.

Last year, the Air Force announced updated enlisted performance report forms and the utilization of new forced distribution and senior rater stratification restrictions to round out the incremental changes to enlisted evaluations and promotion systems with performance as the driving factor in promotions.

This EFDP determined "promote now," "must promote," or "promote" ratings for those in squadrons with ten or fewer promotion eligible Airmen.

"The intent of the EFDP and forced distribution process is to ensure Airmen awarded the top two promotion recommendations of 'promote now' and 'must promote' receive a distinct advantage when competing for promotion," said Master Sgt. Jack Jones, superintendent Force Management. "The benefit of the panel is that you have a group of seasoned officers as panel members, reviewing records and selecting the best of the best for the top two promotion recommendations."

Once the EFDP selected the Airmen eligible to receive the top promotion recommendations, the remaining Airmen received

outright "promotes." Airmen who received "promote" recommendations from the EFDP or directly from their unit had significant opportunities for promotion as overall promotion percentages exceed the allocations controlled under forced distribution.

Five percent of eligible technical sergeants, or those who received a "promote now" rating, received a 50-point advantage over those who received a "promote" rating. Those who received a "must promote" rating, 10 percent of technical sergeants, received a 20-point advantage.

The panel graded a mock folder prior to the actual competing records to

ensure scoring procedures were understood. Then, each competing record was scored on a ten point scale, resulting in a maximum of 130 points available. If a variation of more than 1.5 points was received on a candidate's record, deliberation was required.

"For individuals promoting in the future, the EFDP could result in a distinct advantage if a member receives a top two promotion recommendation," said Jones. "Therefore, members must ensure that their records indicate advanced job performance in their primary duties as well as encompassing the whole airmen concept of leading major

programs, pursuing higher education, and competing for group and wing level awards."

When it comes to performing well before the panel, Williams says it's important to be your best in your job as well as outside activities.

"Everything matters," he said. "You have to always be willing to step outside of your comfort zone to separate yourself from your peers. If you're offered an opportunity, even if it's not the norm for you, step up. Show folks that you can succeed in any capacity, whether in your functional AFSC duties or volunteering. Those little things matter."



# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



Builder 1st Class Brandon Sparks, a participant of the 2016 Navy Wounded Warrior (NWW) Pacific Trials, joins in a panel discussion during the NWW-Safe Harbor's Navy Region Hawaii Wounded Warrior Family Symposium at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Feb. 23. The top 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 Johans Chavarro

Engineman 2nd Class (SW) Wren Pettett speaks to a class of young Airmen during one of their briefings at the First Term Airmen Center (FTAC). Pettett, an Oklahoma native, discussed his experience as one of the first responders to a Feb. 18 helicopter crash in the waters of Pearl Harbor. He encouraged the Airmen to always be aware of their surroundings and if a crisis should arise, to step in and do what you can to help.

U.S. Navy photo by Blair Martin



(Below) The U.S. Pacific Fleet Band wind ensemble performed for guests during a free live concert at the Hale Koa Hotel at Waikiki, Feb. 24. The next performance will be held on March 9. (For more information on the upcoming performance, see page B4.)

Photo courtesy of U.S. Pacific Fleet Band



Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) haul in a handling line during a replenishment-at-sea with the fast combat support ship USNS Rainier (T-AOE 7). 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



The guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) fires its MK-45 5-inch gun during a live fire exercise Feb. 18 in the Pacific Ocean.

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





# NCTAMS PAC flies Retention Excellence pennant

Lt. Jessica Alexander

NCTAMS PAC Public Affairs

Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) in Wahiawa held a ceremony on Feb. 10 in honor of earning the right to fly the Retention Excellence pennant.

Capt. William A. Dodge Jr., NCTAMS PAC commanding officer, invited Rear Adm. Matthew J. Kohler, commander, Navy Information Forces (NAVIFOR), to speak at the occasion.

"We are honored to have Rear Admiral Kohler here from Information Forces, our TYCOM, to help us celebrate raising the Retention Excellence pennant," Dodge said.

Kohler talked about the CNO's new strategic design for the Navy and how it affects the newly, and aptly, named Information Warfare Community.

"The work that you do here is vital, and it will continue to be vital as we continue to rise and meet the demand of our adversaries that are challenging exactly in the areas that you and I work in everyday. We are a war fighting capability, and the pins that we wear are a symbol of the kind of warfare capability that we present everyday to our Navy. Thank you all for your



U.S. Navy photo by ITC Brendan McLaughlin

Rear Adm. Matthew J. Kohler presents Navy Counselor 1st Class Antonia Hauser with a NAVIFOR command coin for her hard work and dedication in helping NCTAMS PAC achieve the Retention Excellence Award for FY15.

great work," Kohler said.

Before raising the pennant, Cmdr. James B. Gateau, NCTAMS PAC chief staff officer, recognized five Sailors who have made great contributions to the improvement of NCTAMS PAC and its subordinate commands. Kohler presented each Sailor with a NAVIFOR command coin.

"I would like to congratulate the command on retention excellence," said Kohler. "The real work it takes to achieve this, as recognized by the pennant we will raise in a few moments, is really earned by all of you. This achievement

really indicates the type of environment that all of you create here."

"Each one of you is responsible for the kind of environment that focuses on a mission and has a clear passion for their mission, which is contagious across the workforce. That, to me, is the true measure of what earns this retention excellence award," Kohler added.

Following the ceremony, Dodge gave Kohler a tour of Wahiawa Annex and a tour of the Dan Healy Communications Center, where Dodge explained the roles and responsibilities of each

of the functional areas on the Joint Fleet Telecommunications Operations Center watch floor.

Kohler received a command brief covering current and future quality of life improvements for Sailors at Joint Base Pearl Harbor- Hickam Wahiawa Annex. At the conclusion of the brief, NCTAMS PAC leaders expressed their gratitude that Kohler was able to be present to celebrate NCTAMS PAC's achievement.



## Makalapa fence line to be upgraded

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii

Upgrades to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's Makalapa Compound perimeter privacy fence along Kamehameha Highway will be conducted over the coming months.

Crews have begun trimming trees to accommodate fence line security upgrades. On or about Feb. 29, construction crews will begin taking down the wooden privacy fence and erecting an 8-foot chain-link fence with barbed wire.

Follow-on work will include restoring the privacy fence using all-new materials. There will be some lag between these efforts possible resulting in several days with no privacy fence along isolated sections as the work progresses.

Work will begin on the west end of the fence line and continue toward Radford Drive until completion in late June 2016.

Personnel will be on-site at all times to maintain a secure perimeter while the fence is open.

For more information or to report issues regarding this project, contact NAVFAC Hawaii assistant public works officer Lt. David Mcleod at 449-3141 or jack.mcleod@navy.mil



# Aiea High School Air Force JROTC visits Joint Base

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Students from Aiea High School's Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) got the opportunity to see what it is like to be an active duty member of the Air Force during their Feb. 18 visit to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The 30 JROTC students started the day by marching in their dress uniforms across the flight line to a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, where two pilots and two loadmasters from the 535th Airlift Squadron, gave them a tour of the aircraft and a briefing about the day-to-day operations as a C-17 crewmember.

"This is really cool being able to get into the cockpit of the C-17, see all the buttons, hold the controls in my hand," said John Bieganek, a Cadet Senior Airman in the Aiea High School's Air Force JROTC. "To thinking that I could one day fly this plane is very cool."

After all the JROTC members had an opportunity to sit in the cockpit, they moved on to the 647th Explosive Ord-

nance Disposal unit.

Airmen from the 647th EOD kept the students' attention by talking about the different equipment they use to detect, disable and dispose of different types of explosives, such as improvised explosives devices also known as IED.

The final stop of the tour was to the 647th Security Forces Squadron's military working dog kennel, where students were given several different demonstrations showing the military working dogs in action. The JROTC students watched as the MWDs and their handlers worked together to take down a simulated suspect in several different scenarios, ranging from personnel in an unauthorized location to a vehicle chase, where the suspect attempts to run from the vehicle. Additionally, the students were shown how the members of the 647th SFS care for the Military Working Dogs by providing a tour of the kennel.

"It was so awesome to see everything today," said Bieganek. "I am looking forward to seeing more in the future."

The students were not the only ones who enjoyed the tour.

"We are excited to host

these types of visits," said Senior Master Sgt. Gregory Wasson, JROTC coordinator for JBPHH. "We get to show how proud we are of what we do and we get an opportunity to educate the young people. What they get from the tours here at JBPHH is to see what the different jobs and skill sets there are [in the armed forces]."

Cadet Senior Airman Elitah Lopez, from Aiea High School's Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, listens as Airman 1st Class Craig Austin, from 647th Explosive Ordnance Disposal, talks about the Air Force medium size robot at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Feb 18.



## Red Hill update

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tion and Evaluation. The team expects to complete the scoping work for Tank Inspection, Repair, and Maintenance Procedures, and for Tank Upgrade Alternatives, by the end of March. Draft reports for Release Detection/Tank Tightness Testing and Corrosion and Metal Fatigue Practices are due in April.

The meetings gave considerable attention to the topic of groundwater monitoring. As you may recall, the Navy installed two additional monitoring wells in the Red Hill area in October 2014, bringing the number of active monitoring wells to nine, plus one additional sampling point for 10 total sampling locations. The December 2015 discussions about additional monitoring wells first focused on evaluating the complexity of the surrounding geology and aquifer conditions. The team identified areas where we needed additional information to improve our ability to assess and predict the potential migration of subsurface fuel constituents

The Navy continues to monitor the quality of the drinking water sources closest to the Red Hill facility and share that data with EPA and DOH. As I mentioned in my November 2015 letter, over the years, we intermittently detected trace amounts of fuel constituents adjacent to the Navy's Red Hill drinking water shaft ... at barely detectable levels. The other important facts about our trace detections are that these levels are far below DOH Environmental Action Levels (EAL), and most importantly, these levels pose no risk to human health.

Most recently, in July 2015, we detected trace amounts of total petroleum hydrocarbons (a fuel constituent) at an estimated value of 17 parts per billion, well below the EAL of 100 parts per billion. Our EPA-certified lab had to estimate the amount because the detection level was too low to accurately quantify.

The water was and continues to be safe to drink. Moving from today and looking into the future, the Navy will continue to perform diligent and careful water quality analyses on our water. We will continue to submit water test results to DOH, and will promptly inform DOH, EPA and the public if there is ever any risk to the safety of the drinking water.

While wishing to move forward as quickly as appropriate, we support the Regulatory Agencies' addition of subject matter experts to the discussions and will continue to collaborate on best solutions for Red Hill. We support and share the desire to have the best expertise available and to have them as well informed as possible before making decisions.

Thank you for your continued support to our military and our mission in Hawaii. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns regarding Red Hill or our progress. I encourage you to review the Navy's website on Red Hill and suggest that you subscribe to EPA's website. You can find those sites at [www.cnic.navy.mil/redhill](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/redhill) and [www.epa.gov/region9/waste/ust/redhill/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/region9/waste/ust/redhill/index.html).



# Life & Leisure

## Historic fishpond receives 'TLC' from military, community

Story and photos by  
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Sometimes, historical sites will be neglected until they fade into a distant memory. Loko Pa'aiau Fishpond was almost one of those, but thanks to the efforts of local community members, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii, and Navy Region Hawaii, the fishpond is undergoing restoration.

Located in the McGrew Loop Navy housing community, many military service members are unaware that Loko Pa'aiau is in their own backyard.

"[The cleanups] started a little over a year ago with Pono Pacific. We were in partnership with the Aiea Hawaiian Civic Club. It's a Navy-Native Hawaiian partnership," said Jeff Pantaleo, NAVFAC archeologist, of the monthly cleanup efforts designed to integrate the Navy's environmental conser-



vation program with the Hawaiian Islands.

Individuals participating in the Feb. 20 cleanup ranged from Aiea Elementary School students to McGrew Loop residents, and Hawaii State Rep.

Aaron Ling Johanson.

The cleanup event began with an oli, a chant sung in order to ask permission to enter the fishpond. Pantaleo then gave volunteers a brief history of the fishpond. Rebecca Smith, NAVFAC environmental planner, informed them about invasive species.

Smith explained to the group that while the mangrove may be a welcome invasive species in some parts of the country (namely Florida); most native Hawaiian plants are unable to survive where the mangrove is present.

The goals of the cleanup were removal of trash and uprooting invasive mangrove and pickleweed plants. Volunteers were able to see an abundance of wildlife — including crabs, birds, and a barracuda — which are all signs that pond restoration efforts are succeeding.

Katie Young from Johanson's office was born and raised on Oahu.

ancestry to before the time of King Kamehameha, Lum is involved with both environmental conservation and community-military relations on Oahu.

"This is a healing place. It is important that we create a healing space here where we can integrate traditional practices of our people [...] with veterans. Our grandfather was there on Dec. 7. We've always had relations with the military," Lum said.

Green waste was taken from the cleanup site to be properly disposed of at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

According to Pantaleo, preserving the fishpond is extremely important because there were once an estimated 22 fishponds around Pearl Harbor, and now only three remain.

The preservation and restoration of Loko Pa'aiau is an ongoing process. Cleanups usually take place every four to eight weeks. Another cleanup is scheduled for April to commemorate Earth month.

For more information or to volunteer, call Pantaleo at 471-1171, ext. 368 or email [jeff.pantaleo@navy.mil](mailto:jeff.pantaleo@navy.mil).

"This is my first time [volunteering here], but I've helped clean up at two other fishponds. They are really culturally significant. They were a traditional food source for Native Hawaiians," Young said.

Hawaiian cultural expert Kehaulani Lum also was involved with the cleanup. Tracing her





# Big shots propel Medical Group over Dry Dock

Story and photo by  
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A deep three ball at the buzzer put the 15th Medical Group (15 MDG) up at half-time and another long bomb broke a tie midway through the second half to lead the 15 MDG to fight off a determined Dry Dock squad, 53-40, on Feb. 23 in a White Division matchup at Hickam Fitness Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The White Division is solely for military personnel age 30 and above and is getting its first time in the spotlight during the evening's primetime schedule.

The Medical Group, which entered the game with a record of 2-2, is now showing signs of becoming the division-contending team that everyone expected them to be.

Beating a solid team such as Dry Dock, which was among the league leaders with a record of 2-1 before losing to the 15 MDG, just might be the signal that things are about to change.

"I think that will make us multidimensional," said retired military member Rick June about the Medical Group's more diverse attack. "Of course, I know I can get to the hole, but when we have our big man in the paint and perimeter shooters, that makes it even better because we have more options."

While the team did a great job of spreading the ball around, the first half was a matchup of the teams' top-two scorers in June and Dry Dock post-player Electronics Technician 1st Class Richard Wheeler, who at age 40, continues to defy Father Time.

Against the Medical Group, Wheeler was his usual wheeling-and-dealing self in knocking down 10 of Dry Dock's 18 first-half points.

June, who had been slowed down by a few nagging injuries, had a breakout game against Dry Dock and if it wasn't for his shooting heroics in the first half, the 15 MDG would have gone into the break trailing.

Instead, down by a point at 18-17 with only a second on the clock before halftime,

June took a crosscourt pass from about 30 feet away from the basket on the left wing.

Just at the buzzer, June hoisted a rainbow from downtown that swished through the net as time expired, giving the 15 MDG a 20-18 at halftime.

"I was just thinking about Steph Curry and his quick release," June said. "I was thinking, just catch it, see the rim and release, and that's what I did."

In the second half, a basket by Wheeler in the first minute of play tied the score at 20-20.

Dry Dock eventually fell behind at 25-20, but scored five straight points on a trey by Culinary Specialist 1st Class Charles Hixembaugh and two free throws by Wheeler to knot it up at 25-25 with 9:57 remaining in the game.

The deadlock didn't last long as on the next trip down the floor, the 15 MDG started a fast break that ended with a dime from June to Capt. Angel Vargas for three and a 28-25 advantage.

"I'm like the most mediocre player on this team compared to all these superstars," Vargas said. "The fact that they trust me to give me that shot makes me feel like I'm part of the team. I felt confident and really good. I knew that was going in."

June said that the shot by Vargas was the jolt that the team needed.

"That was a big momentum shift," June acknowledged. "We needed that. I know what I can do, but for my teammates, that builds confidence."

Three minutes later at 5:52 on the clock, the Medical Group scored on a putback by Staff Sgt. Matthew Flowers, the team's 6-foot-9-inch center, to cap off a 9-0 run and build a 34-25 lead.

For the game, June led all scorers with 20 points, while Flowers added 13 points, with 11 coming in the second half.

Wheeler led Dry Dock with 17 points and was assisted with nine points, all from beyond the three-point arc, by Hixembaugh.

"Once we start stringing together some wins and push to the playoffs, we'll be good," June said about the team's hopes for 2016. "We'll build confidence and let the other teams know that we're not a joke."



Retired military service member Rick June powers his way past the defense and to the basket for two points.



# Toon Squad runs past Bronze State Warriors

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

The 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) Toon Squad continued their season of excellence by delivering a blistering 54-32 beat down of 792nd Intelligence Support Squadron Bronze State Warriors on Feb. 22 in a Gold Division intramural basketball showdown at Hickam Fitness Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win kept Toon Squad atop of the division with a perfect 3-0 record, while the Warriors fell to 0-3.

Aided by a strong bench, Toon Squad kept the pressure on the Warriors from the opening buzzer until the end to easily pick up their third straight victory.

For Toon Squad, a total of nine players got into the scorer's book, with guard Staff Sgt. Zac Enyart setting the stage with back-to-back treys to open the game.

Enyart, who went on to finish with nine points, said that getting the game started with a couple of long bombs did wonders in helping Toon Squad establish their run-and-gun style of play.

"It's definitely important for our guys because anytime a player sees that first shot or

two go in, it just make the rim seem a whole lot bigger," Enyart said. "As we were hitting the outside shot, it forced them to play out a little bit more, the lanes opened up, their back guys playing on the blocks were forced to come up and allowed us to get the ball moving once we started seeing those open lanes."

Try as they might, the Warriors had no answer for the Toon Squad attack and with 50 seconds remaining, a putback by Senior Airman Shayne Jansma gave the team its biggest lead of the first half at 33-17.

Jansma, who was playing his first game after returning from TDY, said that having a deep bench is what makes Toon Squad's aggressive style of play possible.

"Having people off the bench is a benefit," he admitted. "It gives people rest and it works out for us."

While the bench is deep with numbers, it's not just the volume that keeps the team moving at a high speed.

Enyart revealed that no matter who is on the floor, you could bet that all of their players come with a pretty high IQ when it comes to basketball.

"There's a lot of guys on this team that come from storied basketball backgrounds," Enyart pointed out. "We spent some time before the season figuring



Toon Squad Senior Airman Shayne Jansma fights to get a shot off under the basket.

each other out, working on that chemistry and our squadron in general has a really good mo-

rale. There isn't anybody like a prima donna. Everybody has got each other's back."

In the second half, the game continued much in the same way things went in the first half.

Finally, with only 2:17 remaining on the clock, Toon Squad opened up a 21-point lead on a basket by Senior Airman Joshua Joseph on a dime from Jansma that made it 52-31.

Although execution has been a theme for the Toon Squad early in the season, Jansma said that there is one key element that stirs and mixes everything together.

"The most important thing is that we have fun," he stated. "Also, we make sure that we don't get too out of our heads. We keep our minds on the task at hand and handle business."

Still even with everything moving like a well-oiled machine, Enyart said that with so many games remaining in the season, there are areas on the floor that Toon Squad needs to improve if they want to win the division.

"The biggest thing that I see is that we need to box out better down low and get those rebounds," he acknowledged. "Even when we get the ball inside, we're not finishing. Our outside shots are doing well, but we need to work on the inside. If our outside isn't working one night, we got to have our low game."

# JMAST outlasts Bad Newz in seesaw affair

Story and photo by  
**Randy Dela Cruz**

*Sports Editor, Ho'okele*

Electrician's Mate 1st Class T.R. Phillips and Yeoman 1st Class Kareem Turnbull maintained a balanced attack that raised Joint Maritime Ashore Support Team Pacific (JMAST PAC) past Bad Newz from Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMSPAC), 45-39, on Feb. 22 in a Gold Division intramural basketball game at Hickam Fitness Center.

With Phillips taking care of business from the perimeter, Turnbull was bullish inside the paint, where he pumped in 21 points on offense and locked down the key on defense.

"We realized that they didn't have any big men," Turnbull said. "So the plan is always to slow it down and attack the paint."

In the early moments of the game, both teams traded baskets throughout and with 9:08 remaining in the first half, Bad Newz guard Lance Cpl. Nicolas Smith sank a basket to draw his team to within two points at 17-15.

That's where Turnbull decided to take matters into his own hands.



Yeoman 1st Class Kareem Turnbull powers up a shot near the basket. Turnbull led all JMAST scorers with 21 points, while dominating the boards on defense.

Following the basket by Smith, Turnbull scored on a lay-up, pumped in another basket on a putback and went 3-for-4 from the free-throw line for a 7-0 run that put JMAST

out on top by nine points at 24-15.

"I tried my shot at first and then when I realized it wasn't falling, I figured the best way for me score was to drive it in

the paint," said Turnbull about scoring seven straight points. "They had no shot blockers and they didn't have anyone that could stop me."

The short outburst was enough for JMAST to take a 24-20 lead into halftime, but immediately coming out of the break, Smith knocked down his third three of the game to cut the lead down to one.

However, back the other way, Phillips returned the favor with a trey of his own to up the lead back to four at 27-23.

Then with 14:52 remaining in the game, Smith gave Bad Newz their first lead by dropping a basket to make it 28-27.

Once again, just like in the opening minute of the second half, Phillips came back with another clutch shot.

This time the JMAST guard popped in a trey to retake the lead at 30-28.

"That's my MVP right there," Turnbull said about Phillips. "He's always there for me. Every time I need a break from scoring so I can focus on defense, he always takes over and comes up big for us."

A three by Smith did pull Bad Newz back to within one at 32-31, but that was as close as they would get as JMAST held on for their second win of the season.

Phillips added 18 points to combine with Turnbull's 21 and score 39 of the team's total of 45 points.

Meanwhile for Bad Newz, Smith was the team's top gun with 23 points, 15 coming from beyond the three-point arc, and teammate Lance Cpl. Javior Rangel helped out with a dozen points.

"The main reason why we lost was because we was playing slow tonight," Smith admitted. "The only way we stayed in it was by trying to keep them off the offensive boards."

Smith noted that the turning point was probably when Turnbull scored seven straight points and Bad Newz went scoreless for nearly seven minutes.

"The scoreboard says it all," Smith stated. "That was the difference in the game."

With both teams entering the game with identical records at 1-1, Turnbull said that because JMAST has only six players, these are the kind of games that the team needs to win.

"I told my team that the difference between good teams and great teams is that they win all the games they're supposed to win," Turnbull said. "These teams that are our level, we have to pull through and win these games."

# First abandoned vehicle auction of the year scheduled for March

**Justin Hirai**

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

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation on Joint Base will be holding its first abandoned vehicle auction of 2016 on March 5 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The auction is open to all military personnel and the general public. Vehicles are sold as is, with all sales final. No refunds will be issued.

The abandoned car lot is located on the Pearl Harbor side of JBPHH on South Avenue, with parking available along the fence outside the lot. Those without base access can park in the Pass and ID Office parking lot, just outside Nimitz Gate. There will be a free shuttle service providing transportation to the sales lots every half hour starting at 8 a.m.

until 1:30 p.m.

Vehicles in the lot will be available for bidding, which must be completed on the day of the auction, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. The minimum bid for all vehicles is \$150. Successful bidders will be notified beginning March 7 and must complete payment by the following business day after notification. Acceptable payments include cash, credit card, money order or cashier's checks; no personal checks accepted.

The vehicles up for auction are not in operating condition; they do not have keys and must be removed by a towing company or appropriate transport. Vehicles can't be towed by another vehicle with ropes, chains or tow bars.

To see a list of rules and pictures of vehicles available for auction visit [www.greatlifeafter.com](http://www.greatlifeafter.com). For more information, call 471-9072.



More than 70 vehicles will be up for bid at the abandoned vehicle auction on March 5.

Fleet and Family Readiness Marketing photo



# Commissaries offer ways to stretch dollars

## Defense Commissary Agency

With its average overall savings of 30 percent, the commissary can play a crucial role in helping eligible shoppers stretch every dollar they spend on groceries, and stick to a budget.

It should not be a surprise then that the Defense Commissary Agency supports Military Saves Week, being held this year now through Feb. 27.

Military Saves is a component of the nonprofit America Saves and a partner in the Department of Defense's Financial Readiness Campaign. According to their website, [www.militarysaves.org](http://www.militarysaves.org), the organization "seeks to motivate, support and encourage military families to save money, reduce debt and build wealth."

On the website, service members and

their families and civilian employees are encouraged to take the Military Saves pledge. Organizations are asked to promote savings year-round and during Military Saves Week.

The website also offers financial planning tools and advice to active-duty, guard and reserve service members, their families, Department of Defense civilians and contractors, retirees and veterans.

While commissaries play a central role in saving eligible patrons money, they can also help afford a healthier lifestyle, with a commitment to offering plentiful and economical fresh foods and organic alternatives. Commissaries also promote healthy cooking at home by hosting cooking demonstrations and promoting simple healthy meal recipes even the busiest family

can accommodate, both in-store and on this website.

Here are some of the benefits of shopping at the commissary that can help preserve your budget:

- Commissaries offer better-for-you food choices, including organics and a growing number of "specialty" items, such as gluten-free alternatives, low sodium, sugar-free and reduced-calorie products.
- Nearly 500 commissary value brand items in 55 categories offer savings of about 23 percent when compared to the store brand and private label items found in commercial retail stores. In some instances, savings could reach as much as 50 percent.
- Commissaries strongly support use of coupons for additional savings, and the Commissary Rewards Card

banks electronic coupons for automatic savings at checkout. Card users recently topped 964,000, with more than 8 million digital coupons redeemed, savings patrons more than \$8.8 million.

For more information, visit the Rewards Card page at [www.commissaries.com/rewards/index.cfm](http://www.commissaries.com/rewards/index.cfm)

"Military Saves is a great source for financial planning tools, ideas and encouragement, not only during Military Saves Week, but year-round," said Traci Russ, DeCA's director of sales. "Military members and their families can follow them on Facebook, Twitter, through their website and their newsletter. And be sure to include shopping at your commissary when planning your budget. With savings around 30 percent, it's worth the trip!"

## Illusionist Craig Karges coming to Sharkey Theater

### Reid Tokeshi

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

Illusionist Craig Karges will be performing at Sharkey Theater, March 13 at 6 p.m.

Lara Katine, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation special events coordinator, said Karges has long been a supporter of the military, visiting various locations for years.

Katine attended the last show Karges did in Hawaii, and said audiences can expect an amazing, mind-blowing show.

"I left shocked and could not comprehend how he did what he did," she said. "He can read minds, float tables and make metal objects bend."

Because portions of his show require silence and focus, Katine said the Sunday evening show is appropriate for ages 10 years and up. Loud noises or activity can distract and conflict with the show.

Tickets are not required for entry, and seating is on a first come, first served basis. Doors to Sharkey Theater will open at 5:30 p.m. and the snack bar will be open to purchase food and drinks.

Karges will also perform a free show at the Pacific Mis-



MWR Marketing photo

Illusionist Craig Karges brings his magic show to Sharkey Theater on March 13.

sile Range Facility (PMRF) at Barking Sands, Kauai, on March 14. The PMRF perfor-

mance takes place 6:30 p.m. at Shenanigans. For more information, call 335-4346.

## 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.pacfltband@navy.mil](mailto:ops.pacfltband@navy.mil).

## Judges sought for science, engineering fair

### Kimberly Crutchfield

*School Liaison  
Navy Region Hawaii*

The Hawaii Academy of Science is asking for help with Judge Recruitment for the 59th Hawaii State Science and Engineering Fair.

Judges are needed from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. March 29 at the Hawaii Convention Center Exhibition Hall III.

They will be interviewing students in grades six to eight at the Junior Research Level or students in grades nine to 12 at the Senior Research Level. Judge load is usually no more

than 10 projects.

Judges must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree, and may be candidates for a master's or PhD. They also accept volunteers with two or more years in the field.

Judges are needed in all science fields, engineering areas, environmental developments

and this year there are new categories in embedded systems, robotics and system security.

Parking at the convention center is validated for the judges and there will be a light lunch.

For more information, call Sarah Tamayose, director, at 956-7930 or email [acadsci@hawaii.edu](mailto:acadsci@hawaii.edu).



## FEBRUARY

### GOSPEL FESTIVAL/TASTE OF SOUL

**SATURDAY** — 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.

### ACADEMY AWARDS NIGHT

**SUNDAY** — Academy Awards Oscars Night will begin at 7 p.m. at Sharkey Theater. Moviegoers will receive a free refill with a purchase of a large bag of popcorn.  
FMI: 473-0726.

### SNEAK PREVIEW

**SUNDAY** — A sneak preview of the movie "Whiskey Tango Foxtrot" will begin at 6 p.m. at Sharkey Theater. This is a free event to the first 400 authorized patrons. The ticket booth and doors will open at 4:30 p.m. Active duty may receive up to four tickets. Retired military, military family members and Department of Defense card holders may receive up to two tickets. This movie is rated R.  
FMI: 473-2651 or www.greatlifeohawaii.com.

## MARCH

### MEGADETH APPEARANCE

**2** — Thrash metal band Megadeth will be at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange second floor near electronics from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. to sign autographs and meet with fans. The band's new album is "Dystopia." The event is open to authorized patrons only.  
FMI: 423-3287 or stephanie.lau@nexweb.org.

### 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.

### OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

**5** — Action sports outdoor movie night will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Hickam Harbor. This event will feature a film "Where the Trail Ends" at no charge. Patrons can bring snacks, drinks, a chair or blanket. Patrons are not allowed to bring bottles, pets, tent or umbrellas.  
FMI: 449-5215.

### 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.

### INTRAMURAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**10** — An intramural golf tournament will be held at Mamala Bay Golf Course. The first tee time is 11:30 a.m. Fees vary. Participants need to sign up by March 2. The tournament is limited to players from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam active-duty military, Department of Defense civilians and family members 18 and older. Priority will be given to active-duty. Call the intramurals office to sign up. Awards will be given to the two winners in the lowest gross. A minimum of 20 participants will be needed for the event. FMI: 473-2494 or 473-2437.

### 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.  
FMI: 423-3287 or email 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.

### BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

**19** — Authorized patrons can enjoy food and games this year with the annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange Food Court lanai. The event will include glitter tattoos, balloon art, arts and crafts and prizes. In addition, the event will include a pancake and ham breakfast. The price is \$12 for children and \$8 for adults. Tickets will go on sale at the end of February.  
FMI: 423-3287 or stephanie.lau@nexweb.org.



## THE FINEST HOURS

On Feb. 18, 1952, a massive nor'easter strikes New England, wreaking havoc on the ships caught in its deadly path. The SS Pendleton, an oil tanker bound for Boston, is ripped in half, trapping more than 30 sailors inside its rapidly-sinking stern. As the senior officer on board, first assistant engineer Ray Sybert soon realizes it is up to him to take charge of the frightened crew and inspire the men to set aside their differences and work together to ride out one of the worst storms to ever hit the East Coast. Meanwhile, as word of the disaster reaches the U.S. Coast Guard station in Chatham, Massachusetts, Warrant Officer Daniel Cluff orders a daring operation to rescue the stranded men.

### Movie Showtimes

#### SHARKEY THEATER

**FRIDAY - 2/26**

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

**SATURDAY - 2/27**

2:30 PM Kung Fu Panda 3 (PG)

7:00 PM Sneak Preview: London Has Fallen (R)

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**SUNDAY - 2/28**

2:30 PM Kung Fu Panda 3 (PG)

6:00 PM Sneak Preview: Whiskey Tango Foxtrot

6:00 PM Whiskey Tango Foxtrot (R)

#### HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

**FRIDAY - 2/26**

6:00 PM The 5th Wave (PG-13)

**SATURDAY - 2/27**

3:00 PM Norm of the North (PG)

6:00 PM Dirty Grandpa (R)

**SUNDAY 2/28**

3:00 PM The 5th Wave (PG-13)

6:00 PM The Boy (PG-13)