

PACAF C-17 demo team to perform in Singapore

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The Pacific Air Forces C-17 Demonstration Team departed for Singapore on Feb. 6 to take part in Singapore International Airshow 2014, the country's bi-annual air show being held this year at Changi East International Airport.

During the show, the C-17 demo team will demonstrate the flexible combat capabilities of the Globemaster III including highlighting its maximum take-off power, maneuverability and range of speeds.

The team will also display the aircraft's ability to make assault landings, a feat Maj. Christopher Ross, PACAF C-17 demo team lead, said is extremely impressive for such a huge aircraft.

"If you've ever seen an air show, you can probably remember what it feels like when jets roar overhead," he said. "The

excitement and energy of an air show is a physical demonstration of U.S. commitment to our allies in the PACOM AOR [area of responsibility]. When we fly U.S. aircraft above hundreds of thousands of spectators, it shows that our country cares, and people remember it forever."

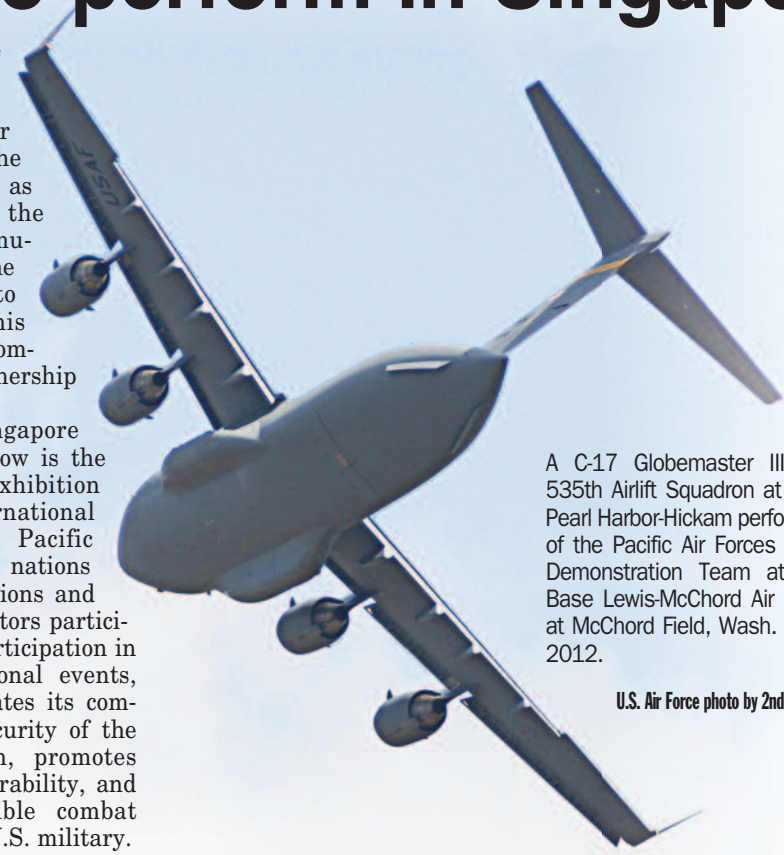
In addition to the C-17 aerial demonstration, air show attendees will have the opportunity to meet and greet members of the team and view a C-17 static display as well as take in other U.S. aircraft aerial demonstrations and displays.

The five-day show will include three days of displays and demonstrations by defense companies and contractors aimed at promoting military to military discussions on aircraft and equipment, which can enable greater interoperability of platforms.

Ross said the team is especially excited for the upcoming show because it is the largest defense exposition in Asia.

"The Singapore International Airshow is focused on building stronger relations between the U.S. and Singapore as well as amongst the international community," said Ross. "The U.S. is honored to participate in this year's show and committed to its partnership with Singapore."

The Singapore International Airshow is the largest defense exhibition and biennial international tradeshow in the Pacific with more than 50 nations and foreign delegations and 800 defense contractors participating. Through participation in airshows and regional events, the U.S. demonstrates its commitment to the security of the Asia-Pacific region, promotes equipment interoperability, and displays the flexible combat capabilities of the U.S. military.



A C-17 Globemaster III from the 535th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam performs as part of the Pacific Air Forces C-17 Aerial Demonstration Team at the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Air Expo 2012 at McChord Field, Wash. on July 21, 2012.

U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Jessica Colby

Keeping them flying



Airmen from the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron prepare to replace an auxiliary power unit inlet door actuator on a C-17 Globemaster III on the flightline at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 4. The inherent flexibility and performance of the C-17 force improves the ability of the total airlift system to fulfill worldwide air mobility requirements of the United States.



Master Sgt. Aaron Silva, 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron designated crew chief, prepares to set up fuel and ground lines prior to refueling a C-17 Globemaster III on the flightline at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (See additional photo on page A-5)

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U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

An Airman asks a question during a commander's call for all Pacific Air Forces personnel held by Gen. "Hawk" Carlisle, PACAF commander on Feb. 4 at the Hickam Officers Club at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

COMPACAF talks about force shaping during all-call

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

Gen. "Hawk" Carlisle, Pacific Air Forces commander, met Feb. 4 with PACAF Airmen at the Hickam Officer's Club during two separate "all-calls" centered on force management topics.

In 2013 the Department of Defense was mandated to cut \$43 billion from its budget, approximately 10 percent in less than a year. Approximately \$10 billion of those cuts were required of the Air Force.

Congress' balanced budget control act returned about half of that \$10 billion in fiscal year 2014 and projects to return around \$2.2 billion in 2015. In 2016, however, the effects of sequestration will cause the Air Force to change significantly.

"Instead of going down very steeply, we're going down (more gradually)," said Carlisle. "If something doesn't happen between now and FY16 when we go back to (full) sequestration, our Air

Force will be fundamentally different than it is today. We will not be the global power that we are today if we have to go through the continued sequestration cuts of '16."

Due to this requirement for increased cuts, the Air Force has been forced to turn to reducing its personnel, Carlisle said.

According to Chief Master Sgt. Steve McDonald, PACAF command chief, 50,000 enlisted Airmen have already been notified that they are eligible to be removed from the Air Force when the retention board meets in the summer. This puts the onus on front-line supervisors to help Airmen understand their options and transition to the next phase of their lives, if necessary.

"If you look across the 280,000 Airmen that we have enlisted in the force, 50,000 of them got a notice saying, 'you're eligible to be sent out of our force.' That's probably putting a lot of anxiety on our Airmen, and we really need to talk to each one of them," McDonald said. "They really need to do what's in their best interest

at this point for them and for their families. We'll continue the mission, we'll train people, we'll do what we do. For those Airmen who have given and sacrificed so much to be part of this institution and now won't be part of the institution any longer, it's very unfortunate. Based on where we're at with the budget and with the things that are happening, it has to be done," McDonald said.

This reduction in force has increased the need for "bold and innovative leadership," according to Carlisle, as the Air Force will rely heavily on its Airmen to operate in an environment with fewer resources.

"I need you more now than ever. We need your help because I don't have the answers. Gen. (Mark) Welsh, Chief (James) Cody, they don't have the answers. Secretary (Deborah Lee) James, she doesn't have the answers. The people that do it day in and day out — you, the (numbered air forces), the wings, you're the ones that have the answers. And

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NCTAMS PAC holds change of command

Lt. j.g. Marc Sunby

Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific Public Affairs



U.S. Navy photo by ET2 Jeffery Maine
 Capt. John L. MacMichael Jr. (right) congratulates Capt. William A. Dodge Jr. after Dodge assumed command of Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific during the command's 53rd change of command ceremony.

Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) held the command's 53rd change of command ceremony Feb. 7 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Wahiawa Annex.

Capt. William A. Dodge Jr. relieved Capt. John L. MacMichael Jr. as commanding officer.

MacMichael, who assumed command of NCTAMS PAC in October 2011, led 1,700 personnel in four subordinate commands.

"As I reflect on 27 months in command at NCTAMS PAC and 25 years of naval service, I am amazed at the opportunities for leadership in the Navy," said MacMichael.

"From ship handling during the first and second Persian Gulf Wars, flying in the E-2C Hawkeye over Afghanistan post 9-11, serving in Iraq, and becoming an information professional, I have been blessed with adventure coupled with technical and leadership challenges."

"I remain eye-wateringly humbled by the technical proficiency, skill and sense of duty displayed by the Sailors, civilians and con-

tractors I worked along-side during my tenure as commanding officer at NCTAMS PAC. I can think of no higher calling," MacMichael added.

MacMichael, who was retiring, was the guest speaker and presented his son with the Legion of Merit for his exceptionally meritorious service from October 2011 to February 2014 and

thanked him for his service to the Navy and to the United States.

"I am pleased to see that although the means and methods at NCTAMS PAC have changed, the communication's mission and tradition of superb support to the fleet and professionalism continues undiminished to this day. I take great pride in presenting this recognition of

your naval service, and I know your grandfather shares that as well," said MacMichael.

He served operational tours as a surface warfare officer and E-2C naval flight officer before transitioning to the IP community.

During this time, he achieved his surface warfare officer and naval flight officer designations

as well as officer of the deck (afloat), engineering officer of the watch, and strike lead qualifications. He completed eight operational deployments as a SWO and NFO.

As an information professional officer, MacMichael held the following assignments: NIOC Norfolk, combat systems officer; USS Nimitz (CVN 68), chief staff officer; Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Atlantic, theater C4I director, Iraq Joint Operating Area; and director for the office of compliance and assessment, Navy Network Warfare Command.

MacMichael's military decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Air Medal (Strike/Flight), four Meritorious Service Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various other unit and service awards, including campaign medals.

Dodge has had a unique career that started with an enlistment in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1984.

After achieving the rank of private first class, he accepted an appointment to the United States Naval Academy and is a 1989 graduate from that institution.

He earned his naval flight officer wings in

1990 and served in combat operations in three different aircraft before re-designating as an information warfare officer.

Dodge deployed to Afghanistan for a year-long individual augmentation assignment for JIATF 435.

His other notable assignments include U.S. 5th Fleet staff, CNO's staff, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet staff, and CO of Navy Information Operations Command Whidbey Island.

Dodge's military decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Air Medals (one with Combat "V" and five Strike/Flight awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, five Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals (one with Combat "V"), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various other unit and service awards, including campaign medals.

NCTAMS PAC's mission is to provide the operational platform with information—secure and reliable, classified and unclassified voice, messaging, video and data telecommunications to U.S. naval, joint, interagency, and coalition operating forces worldwide.

Hawaii chiefs and first class Sailors participate in CPO Pride Run

Story and photo by MC1 David Kolmel

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

More than 300 chief petty officers (CPO) and first class petty officers (FCPO) stationed across Hawaii gathered recently at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for the inaugural FY14 CPO 365 5K run.

CPO 365 is a program started by Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick West to prepare and train FCPOs about their leadership roles and to maintain continued focus and development once selected to the rank of chief petty officer.

The run provided the opportunity to develop relationships through physical training (PT) and was a great opportunity for chiefs and first classes from Hawaii to come together.

"Nothing builds teams like doing PT together," said U.S. Pacific Fleet's Command Master Chief Teresa Carroll.

"The run is not just unity with CPOs and FCPOs, it is Hawaii's chief's mess and Hawaii's first class petty officer's mess coming together. Chiefs rely heavily on first classes, and this is a great opportunity to build that rela-



Chief petty officers and first class petty officers from across the Hawaii region conduct a CPO 365 Pride Run at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

tionship as well as mentor them."

CPO 365 allows first classes and chiefs to calibrate through facilitated training, community relations projects and PT events.

"Seeing all the chiefs and first classes out there this morning showed that we are a strong

force and that the personal development goes beyond the classroom and that the CPO 365 program is working," said Culinary Specialist 1st Class David Souchon. "It really showed the good relationship between the messes."

The purpose of the run was to not only bond the chiefs and

first classes, but to inspire junior Sailors.

"My hope is they [other Sailors] are thinking I want to be there one day," Carroll said. "It also builds confidence in leadership as they see us working together."

The run started at Quick Field on the Pearl Harbor side of

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and circled around the Missing Man Formation on Hickam before returning to Quick Field. This 5K run kicks off a monthly region-wide CPO 365 PT event.

"I'm excited and proud of what this new year brings with CPO 365," Carroll said.



Road closures for Great Aloha Run announced

In support of the 30th annual Great Aloha Run on Presidents Day Feb. 17, Borchers Gate will be closed during the race and Center Drive and Radford Drive will not be accessible via Kamehameha Highway.

Also, from 7 to 11 a.m., Luapele Gate will be open and Makalapa Gate will be open inbound and modified outbound to allow east-bound traffic.

The 8.15-mile race will start at sunrise from the Aloha Tower Marketplace, wind down Nimitz and Kamehameha Highways and end at Aloha Stadium.

Several water aid stations will be available along the route, including a

water aid station on Kamehameha Highway near Borchers Gate.

More than 25,000 participants are expected, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs.

About 30 to 40 Sailors from the USS Texas are expected to participate in the Great Aloha Run as part of the Sounds of Freedom team, along with Sailors from the USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), USS Port Royal (CG 73) and Commander, US. Pacific Fleet.

For more information about the event visit <http://www.greataloharun.com>.

Chapel to host resiliency skills workshop Feb. 21-23

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A free Warrior Resiliency Skills Workshop is scheduled for single service members Feb. 21-23.

According to Religious Program Specialist 2nd Class Johnnie Howard, Chaplains Religious Enhancement Development Operation program lead, the workshop will help attendees build inner strength and self-awareness while also strengthening interpersonal and leadership skills.

The workshop will take place at a local area hotel and will treat 20 E-5s and below to a character building weekend among their peers.

"There are tons of recreational things for single service members to do, but there was something missing," said Howard. "We realized there was a high demand for educational and enriching experiences, and this is a great opportunity for them to get that while also getting to meet new people."

Howard said workshop participants can expect a jam-packed weekend full of interactive group activities and not the standard briefing and PowerPoint lecture format.

"This is a different approach to building resiliency and leadership skills, and I really think the participants will walk away having learned more about themselves," he said. "They are definitely going to get new tools for their personal and professional toolboxes."

In addition to leadership skills and resiliency, Howard said a large portion of the weekend is spent teaching service members how to be better communicators.

"Communication is a big focus because it is an essential skill we need at work," he said. "Hopefully the participants will come here and learn more about their own personalities and how and why their co-workers do things."

Chaplain (Capt.) Deborah Hughley, 647th Air Base Group chaplain, said the workshops will be a great chance for participants to concentrate on self-improvement.

"This is a great event for young Airmen and Sailors because it's an opportunity to be in a stress-free environment with peers and colleagues with the focus on becoming a better you," she said.

For more information or to sign-up for the Warrior Resiliency Skills Workshop, email credohawaii@navy.mil or call (808) 257-1919.

Commentary

Navy celebrates inspiring leaders during African American History Month

Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

On Feb. 3, Dr. Mitch Yamasaki, professor of history from Chaminade University, assisted Navy Region Hawaii in celebrating African American History Month. We appreciate his time, insights and reflections, and I want to thank everyone who assisted in this year's special program.

"Civil Rights in America" is the theme for 2014.

Fifty years ago (one year after the centennial of the Emancipation Proclamation), President Lyndon B. Johnson

signed the landmark Civil Rights Act. That initiative forever linked the civil rights movement directly with the promises in the

Declaration of Independence and the guarantees in the U.S. Constitution.

Of course, long before the Civil Rights Act was signed — as far back as the Revolutionary War and Civil War and especially after World War Two — our military was breaking down the barriers of discrimination based on race, gender and national origin.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 provided equal opportunity, thus becoming a tangible reality for service members for the next generation. Now we can reflect on some of the great achievements made so far.

At the all hands call, I shared my admiration of the trailblazing senior leaders for whom I have

worked, Vice Adm. Michelle Howard (deputy chief of naval operations for operations, plans and strategy), and Vice Adm. Melvin G. Williams Jr. (former commander, U.S. 2nd Fleet).

When asked what African American History Month means to her, Howard replied, "By taking the time to educate ourselves on our history and the people who shaped this nation, we can more fully appreciate the ideals set down by the founders. We are blessed to live in a time where the promise of the 14th Amendment has come to fruition. It's a reminder that our work is to sustain freedom and ensure that rights and liberty belong to

all our citizens."

Williams said, "Having diverse thought, experience, background and skills amongst individuals who contribute to the team efforts, combined with the creation of an environment whereby individuals may realize their full potential, leads to improved readiness and enhanced mission performance."

I spoke about another inspirational leader in our Navy's history — Master Chief Carl Brashear, the Navy's first African American master diver, who showed the world that an individual's goals can be achieved through honor, courage and commitment and that people should not be prejudged or held back

because of the color of their skin.

Brashear, who became a wounded warrior after a shipboard accident in 1967, famously also became the first Navy diver to be restored to full active duty as an amputee, becoming a trailblazer of a different sort for another generation of men and women serving in uniform.

These are just a few of the inspirational people we remember and focus on this month. I encourage everyone to learn more about those who blazed a trail in civil rights in America for others and who made the military better for us all. Learn more this month at www.navy.mil or www.dod.gov.

Diverse Views

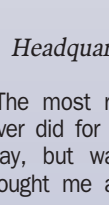


What is the most romantic thing you've ever done?



ABE2 Dreamus Whitaker
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"Tokyo Tower. We had a candlelit dinner at the top."



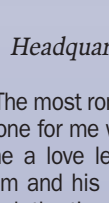
Technical Sgt. Lucelia Ball
Headquarters PACAF Public Affairs

"The most romantic thing my husband ever did for me was not on Valentine's Day, but was actually on Easter. He bought me a basket full of goodies: a dozen roses, a gigantic teddy bear and one of those huge Toblerone chocolate bars."



YNSN Cory Jenkins
USS Lake Erie (CG 70)

"My girlfriend wants to go skydiving, so I decided to surprise her and take her skydiving on Valentine's Day."



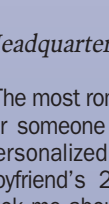
Belinda Whitlow
Headquarters PACAF Public Affairs

"The most romantic thing anyone has ever done for me was when my husband wrote me a love letter. Because it came from him and his heart, the words he actually took the time to write and express meant more than any card or gift he could buy me."



YN2 David Copeland
USS Columbia (SSN 771)

"The most romantic thing I will do for my girlfriend is this Valentine's Day. I got her a necklace from Tiffany's and I'm taking her to dinner at the Top of Waikiki."



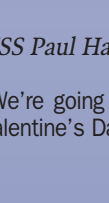
First Lt. Jessica Tait
Headquarters PACAF Public Affairs

"The most romantic thing I have ever done for someone was when I hand-made 22 personalized cards for my (then) boyfriend's 22nd birthday. The process took me about two months to make, and each card was unique. I also wrote him every day when he was away for training, because letters are some of the best morale boosters in that environment."



Lt. j.g. Nick Hedjazi
USS Greenville (SSN 772)

"I surprised the girl. I told her I couldn't come, then I came to her house with flowers and a teddy bear."



SHSN Andrew Gonzalez
USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)

"We're going to the Star of Honolulu for Valentine's Day."

Provided by Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi and SrA Christopher Stoltz

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Commentary

Presidents Day is time to remember leaders' legacies

Vice Adm. William D. French

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Vice Adm. William D. French

As I write this, another snowstorm is bearing down on Washington, D.C. and we're wishing that spring was closer.

Just as the snow is approaching, so is a well-earned holiday on Monday, Feb. 17 — a day I hope you spend enjoying time with family, friends and great activities.

But as we enjoy the long weekend, I encourage you to remember that Presidents Day (less commonly known as Washington's Birthday), is more than a day off. The holiday offers us a great occasion to commemorate the presidency throughout our nation's history.

Since 1789, when George Washington took the oath of

office in New York City as the first president of the fledgling United States, only 44 citizens have served in our country's highest office and as our military's commander-in-chief. We owe them an enormous debt for their service, sacrifice and leadership. The presidency isn't about

building our young and fragile nation. His strength, integrity and vision of national purpose have been emulated by many presidents. It's what has made this country a strong and free global power.

Washington has been attributed with saying, "To be prepared for war is one of the most effective means of preserving peace." I believe this aligns perfectly with our mission within the CNIC enterprise — and what you do every day. At headquarters, the regions and the installations, we support those who prepare for war to preserve peace.

For that support you provide so well, I offer my thanks and my admiration for your continuing superb service to this nation. President Washington would be proud. I wish you the best for a great Presidents Day — have a safe weekend.

Sailor honored for heroism during Pearl Harbor attack

Navy Mess Attendant 1st Class Doris Miller speaks during a visit to the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill. on Jan. 7, 1943. He is wearing the Navy Cross medal, awarded for heroism during the Pearl Harbor attack on Dec. 7, 1941. February is African American History Month.

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15th Wing celebrates African American history

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15th Wing Public Affairs

Members of the 15th Wing gathered to celebrate African American history and reflect on notable figures of the civil rights movement during a luncheon Feb. 6 at the Hickam Officers Club.

The luncheon, hosted by the Hickam African American Heritage Association, featured guest speaker Chaplain (Maj.) Anthony J. Cook, the chaplain for the 130th Engineer Brigade (rear detachment). Cook highlighted the importance of honoring historical figures who paved the way for the freedoms all Americans enjoy today.

"It's unfathomable not having the basic freedoms we have today in America, things like sitting next to someone of another race on a plane," Cook said.

"These basic things that we don't even think twice about today are

possible because of the hard work and perseverance of the brave men and women of the civil rights movement."

Master Sgt. Dejneki Peyton, 15th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron flight chief and an organizer of the luncheon, said the event is a time to reflect on what African American historical figures did for our country.

"This event is a great time to come together, learn and have a good time," Peyton said. "All of the presenters and organizers are passionate about being here, and it really reflects on the mood and energy."

The luncheon included poetry, a "Who am I?" reading of historical black figures, and a singing of the song "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, said it is always important and impactful when the wing members gather to celebrate diversity.

"I'm proud to be the commander of such a diverse and creative wing,"



Airman 1st Class Daniel Lee and Senior Airman Kelvin Johnson, 15th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron dental technicians, serve food at the African American History Month luncheon at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 6. (See additional photo on page A-5).

Roscoe said. "It truly makes me so happy to know we have people from all walks of life working together that come together, to reflect on history's most outstanding freedom fighters."

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that's what we need. We need a new way of thinking. We need bold and innovative leadership. We need to think of better ways to do what we're trying to do."

Despite the hardships, however, Carlisle said the Air Force's core responsibility remains the same.

"We can never lose sight of our job and why we do what we do. We owe it to the American people to produce the very best Air Force we can produce with the amount of resources they give us," Carlisle said. "We have to be able to do that job of defending this nation, so we have to build the best Air Force we can build with the resources we have."

Despite the unfortunate cuts PACAF will face in the future, Carlisle said this moral obligation to safeguard America is made possible by its supremely resilient Airmen.

"The work (PACAF Airmen) do is incredible. If you look at FY13, that had to be as bad a position as we could have possibly been put in," Carlisle said. "What you all did to make us the most effective we could possibly be—to be the best warfighting capability that we could possibly produce in the Pacific—was because of the work you guys did. My hats off to you. It was an incredible year."

"Thank you for everything you've done, thanks for being great Airmen, thanks for stepping up and doing what we ask you to do, and we will do everything in our power to take care of you."

Joint base hosts Native Hawaiian Cultural Communication Course

Story and photo by Brandon Bosworth

Staff Writer

The Department of the Navy, in association with the Department of Defense (DoD) Office of the Deputy Under Secretary (installations and environment), hosted the 2014 Native Hawaiian Cultural Communication Course (NHCCC) on Feb. 4, 5 and 6. The event was primarily held at the Hickam Officer's Club, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The NHCCC is designed to help DoD personnel better understand the department's consultation responsibilities and working relationships with Native Hawaiian organizations.

The NHCCC faculty



Jeff Pantaleo, archaeologist at Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii, talks about the Halealoha Haleamau Native Hawaiian burial vault during the 2014 Native Hawaiian Cultural Communication Course held Feb. 4-6 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

specialists in history, culture, intercultural communication and consultation, and legal experts as well as

DoD program staff.

The course covered topics such as the history of the relationship between the United States government and Native Hawaiians, an introduction to Hawaiian concepts, culture and the intercultural communication process, and discussions of the DoD's consultation policy with Native Hawaiian organizations.

While the bulk of the training took place at the Hickam Officer's Club, participants also visited Halealoha Haleamau, a Native Hawaiian burial vault located in the unoccupied Fort Kamehameha housing area near the entrance of the Pearl Harbor channel.

The vault is a replica of a traditional Hawaiian burial platform and serves as a permanent repository for

Native Hawaiian burials recovered on the base since 1997. It is highlighted as an example of successful consultation between the DoD and the Native Hawaiian community.

Jeff Pantaleo, archaeologist at the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii, was pleased with the 2014 Native Hawaiian Cultural Communication Course.

"We received a lot of positive feedback," he said. "Some of the topics or concerns the participants voiced included who to consult with, how consultation proceeds and finishes, and what to do if consults disagree with DoD or each other."

Pantaleo hopes to hold annual Native Hawaiian Cultural Communication Courses in the future.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

Staff Sgt. Tamia Griffie, 15th Medical Operations Squadron mental health technician, sings the Star Spangled Banner during the African American History Month luncheon at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 6. The luncheon was hosted by the Hickam African American Heritage Association.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez



Senior Airman Joshua Braun, 15th Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment (AGE) journeyman (right), performs routine maintenance on a low pressure air compressor as Tech. Sgt. Kekoa Uyeda, 154th Maintenance Squadron AGE craftsman (left), inspects the process in the KC-135 AGE shop at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 6.

U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Jerome S. Tayborn

Master Sgt. Rolando Layugan, 154th Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment craftsman, performs routine maintenance on a boom trailer at the KC-135 AGE shop at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

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Airmen from the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron prepare to close the thrust reverse and engine accessory doors of a C-17 Globemaster III prior to performing routine maintenance on the aircraft on the flightline at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 4.

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Gen. "Hawk" Carlisle, Pacific Air Forces commander, speaks during a "commander's call" for all PACAF personnel Feb. 4 at the Hickam Officers Club at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

USS Buffalo Sailors recognized for life-saving blood donations

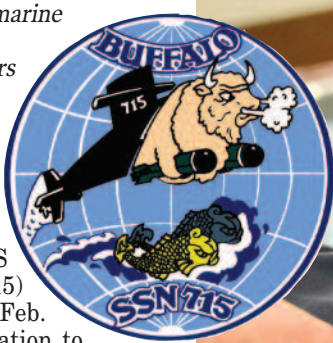
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The crew of the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Buffalo (SSN 715) was recognized Feb. 5 for their dedication to making life-saving blood donations to the Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) during a donor appreciation ceremony at the Hickam Officers Club.

Brig. Gen. Dennis Doyle, commanding general at Pacific Regional Medical Command and Tripler Army Medical Center's (TAMC), presented plaques to Buffalo's commanding officer, Cmdr. Brian Tothoro, and Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Dominic Tenn for their coordination and promotion of numerous blood drives throughout the year.

"The Tripler Blood Center col-



Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Daniel Wacek of Buffalo, N.Y. donates blood during an Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) blood drive organized by the Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS Buffalo (SSN 715).

lects about 6,000 pints annually, all of it donated by you volunteers," said Doyle during the awards luncheon. "That number alone is a testament to the world changing and lifesaving

power of volunteerism."

Tothoro said the award isn't about his command, but more about recognizing the need for donating blood to the armed forces as a whole.

"My Sailors were not doing this for recognition," said Tothoro. "They were doing it because it's the right thing to do."

The crew was motivated to give donations year-round by the stories of forward-deployed troops needing blood, some in excess of 40 units per person. Several Army and Marine units known for their strong blood drive support have been called up to go overseas recently, and the Buffalo Sailors saw the need to fill the gap created by their departure.

"One day, someone you know is going to be in need," said Tenn, the organizer for Buffalo's blood drive efforts. "A couple of pints can go a long way to help not just people in the Navy, but other service members as well as people in their families."

Guest speaker Shannon Wadziski, a military spouse, choked back tears to share her experience from an emergency surgery on Oct. 25 during which she received lifesaving transfusions from the ASBP.

"Thank you all for your generous and selfless gifts of dona-

tion," said Wadziski. "Without individuals like yourselves and the workplaces that allowed you the time to donate, I would not be here and would not have been able to kiss my children this morning."

ASBP provides quality blood products for service members, veterans and their families in both peace and war. As a joint operation among the military services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines), the ASBP has many components working together to collect, process, store, distribute and transfuse blood worldwide.

"Blood is needed all the time and year-round," said Tothoro. "If the recognition from this award generates interest and increased donations even on a small scale, then this is the true meaning of the ASBP's donor recognition program."

The blood and blood products are used for patients of all ages, for many reasons from cancer patients to those with battlefield injuries. Military members and their families depend on blood donors every day.

15th Wing Staff Agencies highlight importance of resiliency during Wingman Day

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Airmen and civilians from the 15th Wing Staff Agencies (WSA) joined together Feb. 7 to participate in Wingman Day at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

This is a day that the Air Force has set aside to focus on Airmen and the camaraderie that they all share.

Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, spoke to the 15th WSA team to kick off the event at the 535th Airlift Squadron conference room and told the group, "The work that you all do here is incredible."

Roscoe spoke briefly about the importance of Wingman Day and emphasized the importance of feedback.

"Wingman Day is the fundamental core to developing our Airmen," Roscoe said. "If we don't create a contractual agreement with our subordinates and build rapport, I worry we won't be strong enough to stop bad situations from happening. We need to lay out what's important to our Airmen and give them constructive criticism while assessing their performance. After all, giving feedback is critical."

After the opening comments, Tech. Sgt. David Scott, Professional Military Education Center and resiliency instructor, laid the foundation for the event by presenting a resiliency briefing that provided interactive activities for team building, communication, accountability and mission performance.

Scott challenged the participants to recall an instance in which they experienced resiliency



Airmen and civilians from the 15th Wing Staff Agencies work together to find clues for an icebreaker communication activity during Wingman Day at the Nelles Annex Chapel at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam held Feb. 7.

in their lives and shared a few with the group.

After the commander's call, the 15th WSA team gathered at the Nelles Chapel Annex for fellowship activities. Personnel were split up into several teams to compete in various teambuilding and communication exercises.

The healthy living-themed event encouraged everyone to share healthy nutritional facts and cooking ideas with each other. Participants brought in their favorite healthy living recipes which ranged from juice mixes to avocado-chocolate ice cream.

The event concluded with a

bowling competition, and the winning team received a squadron trophy for their abilities to work together as the most effective team.

For Airman 1st Class Cameron Geiger, 15th Comptroller Squadron customer service representative, this was his first Wingman Day — having only been at Hickam for three days.

"Wingman Day was a good experience all around," said Geiger. "The morale for this event seemed really high. Everyone was having a good time while learning something educational at the same time. I really enjoyed how different people defined what resiliency meant to them and how they gave their own specific instances where they had experienced resiliency in their lives. Today helped me to realize that I have always been a resilient Airman."