

Life & Leisure

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SEARCH AND RESCUE SIMULATION

**Navy Public Affairs Support
Element West, Det. Hawaii**

Search and rescue swimmers stationed on Hawaii-based ships participated in training Feb. 27 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The training was run by the Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific which provides dynamic, quality afloat training for the Navy and Coast Guard in the middle Pacific region. It is designed to maintain a combat-ready force capable of performing a broad spectrum of maritime missions.

(Top, above) While safety observers watch from above, a search and rescue (SAR) swimmer performs underwater kettlebell walks to increase lung power and endurance at Scott Pool, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

(Left, above) Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 2nd Class Christopher Elrod (left), Quartermaster 2nd Class Ryan Skidgel (top right) and Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Patrick Molloy (right), assigned to various commands at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, participate in a simulated man overboard drill at Scott Pool while Chief Damage Controlman Greg Ball (right) oversees the exercise.

NIOC prevails over 324 IS Tigers in battle of unbeaten

Story and photos by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

On a night when three undefeated Red Division teams took to the court in an intramural basketball doubleheader at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center, only one team emerged with its perfect record still intact.

The defending base champion, Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii, used their 20-plus man squad to its fullest on March 4 to hold on and defeat 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) Tigers, 42-38, and capture sole possession of first place with a record of 5-0.

NIOC used a tight man-to-man defense to run off 13 straight points in the opening minutes of the game, but saw their lead dwindle down to nothing three times in the second half before handing the Tigers their first defeat of the season.

Despite squeaking past the Tigers, NIOC head coach Senior Chief Cryptologic Technician (Collection) Christopher Webb said that he'd gladly take the victory.

"A win is a win for us," Webb admitted. "This team is different. This is not the team that won two championships. We got different players and as we build the foundation for NIOC, we're trying to win championship after championship. So we're getting everybody to play and build that foundation. As we transfer out, the team stays strong."

While having a huge squad has its benefits, Webb pointed out that sometimes it's tough to keep consistency with so many players going in and out of the game.

After building a 13-0 lead to start the matchup, Webb said substitutions took NIOC out of sync and allowed the Tigers to creep back into the game.

"We have such a big bench. We try to play everybody," he stated. "So I



Reservist Senior Airman Sean Caddell tries to go over the defense of Tech. Sgt. Terrance Gist.

have to learn to control the flow of the game to know when to take the starters out and give them a rest. We lost our balance by playing almost 20 players in the first half. Going forward, we're going to have to cut the rotation."

Heading toward intermission, NIOC held a nine-point lead, but back-to-back baskets by Senior Airman A.J. Abdul and Tech. Sgt. Tim Harris cut the deficit down to five and 25-20 going into the break. After the halftime,

NIOC increased their lead to eight at 28-20, but Abdul sank a free throw after making a trey to complete a four-point play before Harris finished off a basket-and-one to make it a one-point game at 28-27. NIOC got a basket from



Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Quentin Leathers puts up a shot between two defenders during the showdown between Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii and the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) Tigers.

reservist Senior Airman Sean Caddell, but Abdul buried a trey to tie the score at 30-30.

Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 1st Class Jamarion Thomas put NIOC back out in front by a basket, but the Tigers came back to tie the score again at 34-34 on a putback by Harris.

After a timeout, Caddell flipped in a lay-up to make it 36-34 NIOC, but Harris evened the score on a fast-break lay-up with 1:39 remaining in the game.

With the game in its third deadlock, Thomas stepped into the spotlight one more time and sank a baseline jumper that put NIOC ahead for good.

"He's coming off of the streets right out of work, he's tight, but he comes here and gives a big hand," Webb acknowledged. "He's one of the leaders on the team."

Tigers' head coach Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 3rd Class Ryan Shirley said that even

though his team was handed its first loss of the season, he was proud of the way the players battled back from an early deficit.

"We let them get ahead of us early," he admitted. We put ourselves in a big hole, but I'm proud of the way our guys showed resiliency, fought back and everybody did what they needed to tie the game up."

Shirley said the loss isn't a setback and that the team is ready for the next challenge.

"There's no letdown," Shirley affirmed. "We fought, got an effort that the team can be proud of and coach can be proud of."

Webb said although NIOC was severely tested by the Tigers, it won't be hard to forget this game and move on to the next one.

"We're not going to worry about a one-point victory or four-point victory," Webb said. "At the end of the game, did we win? That was successful."

Civil Engineer Bulls send 15th MDG to first defeat

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

After losing their first three games of this season, the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES) Bulls picked up their second win in a row. They upset the previously unbeaten 15th Medical Group (15 MDG), 45-33, in an intramural basketball Red Division game on March 4 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

The Bulls got a huge game from Staff Sgt. Brian Sanders to take a five-point lead at half-time, before finishing off the 15 MDG in the final minutes of the game.

Sanders scored 10 points in the first half and tossed in six more in the second half, while teammates Staff Sgt. Labronze Paden and Airman 1st Class Jurel Burton balanced out the attack with nine and six points each.

With the win, the Bulls have improved their season's mark to 2-3, while the 15 MDG fell to a



Airman 1st Class Jurel Burton goes up for a shot inside the lane during a recent Red Division intramural basketball game.

record of 3-1.

"We got our chemistry back," said Burton about the Bulls second win of the season. "Last year, we started the season slow and then we picked it up. This year, we started again slow, faced some tough teams, but we've got our chemistry back and I don't see us losing again this year."

In the early minutes of the game, it appeared the Bulls would easily dispatch the 15 MDG after the Bulls stormed out of the gates and built an 11-point lead at 19-8.

However, sparked by a long-distance three ball by team captain Airman 1st Class Christopher McCloud, the 15 MDG cut the difference down to two at 19-17 with 1:17 remaining before halftime.

A basket and free throw by Sanders stopped the 9-0 run by the 15 MDG and gave the Bulls a 22-17 lead at the break.

The three points by Sanders just before half-time seemed to be the spark that the Bulls need-

ed to get back on track in the second half.

Back with momentum on their side, the Bulls maintained the lead and raised the advantage back to nine on a basket by Burton at 36-27 with 6:51 remaining on the clock.

Then on the next trip down the floor, Sanders sealed the game with a basket that put the Bulls back in full control at 38-27.

Although the 15 MDG made several runs to try and get back into the game, the Bulls answered every challenge and never let go of the lead.

Burton said that after experiencing so much hard-luck defeats early in the season, the Bulls were determined to not let this game slip away.

"In our timeouts, we were saying, 'composure,'" Burton said. "There is no shot clock. We just got to keep our composure and play our style of basketball."

While Burton credited the Bulls' improved chemistry for turning the season around, McCloud said

it was lack of the same on his team's part that sent the 15 MDG down to their first defeat.

McCloud said that he hopes the loss would be a wakeup call for the 15 MDG as it tries to get back on the winning track.

"We have to talk. There was no communication out here," said McCloud, who led his team with 10 points. "Their (Bulls) backdoor passes killed us all game. It's individual basketball. It's not the best player that wins the game; it's the best team. We're not a team yet. We're still individual players looking to become a team."

As McCloud and his teammates struggle to find their game, Burton said that he believes the Bulls are right where they should be and are working on getting stronger with each new game.

"There's more room for improvement, but I think we're a good team," he said. "I think we'll make a run."

University of Hawaii men's volleyball team to honor military

Tom Clements

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The University of Hawaii men's volleyball team will wear custom camouflage jerseys at Sunday's 5 p.m. match at the Stan Sheriff Center against the University of California, Irvine team in honor of the military.

The men's team began their season with a camp hosted by Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam on Dec. 28-30. The team trained in the Hickam gymnasium, ate their meals at the Silver Dolphin Bistro, listened to the experiences of military personnel who had deployed on missions, and even got a "basic training" early morning experience from former Air Force training instructors.

Some of those volunteers who assisted with the camp will be honored with floor level seats during the match.

Active duty, Department of Defense civilians, Reservists, and retired members of the military will receive 50 percent off select adult tickets (maximum of eight). A valid military identification card is required when purchasing tickets at the Stan Sheriff Center box office. Tickets are in special sections and supplies are limited. Other restrictions may apply.



Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam hosted the University of Hawaii men's volleyball team last December in preparation for their 2014 season. In order to promote a shared sense of purpose and camaraderie, the team trained, dined and housed together on the installation.

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Hangar talk on Saturday to explore role of women during WWII

Pacific Aviation Museum

In commemoration of Women's History Month, award-winning author Donna Knaff will examine the role of women during World War II from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

The hangar talk presentation will begin in the museum theater, followed by an audience question-and-answer session. A book signing and meeting with the author will begin at 3 p.m.

Knaff's book, "Beyond Rosie the Riveter: Women of World War II in American Popular Graphic Art," is available for purchase at the museum store. The event is free with regu-



These four female pilots leaving their ship at the four engine school at Lockbourne are members of a group of WASPS who were trained to ferry the B-17 Flying Fortresses.

U.S. Air Force photo

lar museum admission and free to museum members.

Knaff's book takes the reader back in time with the iconic images that promoted the war effort while confronting the definition of femininity in a world dominated by men. The author explores the challenges facing both men and women in a time when women took up the mantle traditionally reserved for the men and the impact this newfound empowerment had on our society.

The book won the Emily Toth Award for Best Work in Women's Studies and Popular Culture, awarded by the Popular Culture/American Culture Association.

Knaff is a post-doctoral fellow and World War II

historian at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command. She has been on missions to Guam, Guadalcanal, Germany, and Tarawa in search of the remains of missing American service members.

Knaff is former chief historian at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery, the only national memorial to women's military service in the United States. She was a visiting assistant professor of American Studies at Saint Louis University in St. Louis.

For more information, call 441-1007 or email Education@PacificAviationMuseum.org or visit www.PacificAviationMuseum.org.

MFSC to hold upcoming classes to help Sailors, Airmen, families

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Military and Family Support Center



The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) will hold upcoming classes. They include:

- Employment in Hawaii workshop will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. March 11 at MFSC Wahiawa. Participants can learn how to analyze the

local job market and how to locate local federal, state and civilian job opportunities using employment tools, including JEMS, job fairs, staffing agencies and career centers.

- Anger, Temper Tantrums and Sibling Rivalry workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to noon

March 12 at MFSC Pearl Harbor. This workshop is designed to help parents understand what triggers young children's anger and provide safe ways to deal with it.

- Acing the Interview workshop will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. March 12 at MFSC Hickam. The event will include skills training to help participants for an effective interview. It identifies various interview scenarios, different question types, how to prepare effective answers, what to

bring, and how to dress for the interview.

- Air Force Spouse 101: Heartlink will be held from 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 14 at MFSC Hickam.

The seminar is designed to increase awareness of the Air Force mission, customs and traditions. Many on and off-base resources and services will be available during this seminar.

For more information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 474-1999.

USS Arizona Memorial stamp to be unveiled March 13

National Park Service



Image courtesy of U.S. Post Office

The official unveiling of the USS Arizona Memorial Priority Mail Express Stamp will be on March 13.

This event will be hosted by the National Park Service, United States Postal Service and the United States Navy.

The ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center and is free and open to the public.

Speakers will include government and military officials, followed by the official unveiling of the stamp. Program signings,

opportunities to purchase the stamp and stamp cancellations will follow.

The Pacific Historic Parks bookstore will also have limited edition merchandise related to this celebration.

For more information, visit the website www.nps.gov/valr.

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Live the Great Life

MWR supports USS Chung-Hoon celebration picnic

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) celebrated its first place finish in the surface ship category of the 2013 Holiday Lighting Contest with a command picnic Feb. 28. The picnic was held at Hickam Harbor and supported by the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Outdoor Recreation staff.

"MWR is pleased to support the annual holiday ship lighting competition on Pearl Harbor by offering a free command picnic to the winning commands. It is an opportunity for MWR to give a little extra to support pride and camaraderie through an event that is valued by active duty members and their families. From what I saw a good time was had by all, which is all the motivation we need," said Tom Jones, MWR director.

The crew and their families enjoyed hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, sides, desserts and beverages provided by MWR. The out-



MWR Marketing photo

The USS Chung-Hoon crew and family members eat lunch cooked by MWR Outdoor Recreation staff.

door recreation staff also set up bounce houses for the kids and a dunk tank for laughs.

The Chung-Hoon provided games like beanbag toss and washer toss. Sonar Technician (Surface) 1st Class Matt Massetti hosted a pie-eating contest for adults and a cup cake-eating contest for the kids. The crew participated in other contests

throughout the afternoon.

"It was a great time for the crew to get together in a beautiful atmosphere to enjoy the beach and outdoors that we are lucky to be surrounded by. We (MWR) always look forward to these type of events and hope the crew enjoyed an afternoon of fun and relaxation," said Donna Matsushita, community activities director.



MWR Marketing photo

The 2014 Intramural Golf Tournament will be held March 21 at Navy Marine Golf Course.

Intramural Golf Tournament set by MWR Athletics

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The 2014 Intramural Golf Tournament is set for March 21 at Navy Marine Golf Course. Those interested in participating in this annual event will need to sign up by March 11 at the athletics office, building 667.

Golfers pay their green and cart fees on-site. Each

year, a variety of participants attend the event, including active duty military, family members and retirees. A majority of participants have been from the Air Force.

Last year 12 players competed for the title. There are still spots available, so interested participants can download their application at greatlifehawaii.com and spectators can cheer on their favorite player. For more information, call 473-2494/2437.

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Patrons can play until dusk at Mamala Bay Golf Course. From Monday through Friday, 2:30 p.m. to dusk, patrons can pay their greens fee for nine holes, then play as many holes as they can until dusk. The cart fee is \$8 per cart. All rental equipment needs to be turned in at dusk. FMI: 449-2304.

A March service special will be offered at Hickam Auto Skills Center. Patrons can bring in their vehicle and get it scanned for free. Diagnosis is not included. FMI: 449-2554.

Free bowling will be offered for those who see a movie at Sharkey Theater during the month of March. Patrons who turn in their movie ticket receipt at the Naval Station Bowling Center within 30 days of receipt date can get one free game of bowling. Shoe rental is not included. The offer is limited to one movie ticket purchase for one free game of bowling per person. FMI: 473-0726.

Call of Duty Black Ops II question-and-answer session and meet-and-greet will begin at 5 p.m. today at Brews & Cues at the Club Pearl Complex. Patrons can meet the voice actors who bring real-life action to Raul Menendez and Sgt. Frank Woods on video game consoles. The event is presented by USO and is open to military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Library Know-How will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hickam Library. Patrons will be instructed on how to search the online catalog, be familiarized with the Dewey Decimal system and learn about online resources. FMI: 449-8299.

Paint 'n' Sip will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 11 at J.R. Rockers Sports Cafe blue room. Cocktails and food will be available for purchase during the music and painting party. An experienced instructor will lead participants

step by step through the featured painting of the night. Patrons can leave with their own completed painting on canvas. All art supplies are included and no experience is necessary. The cost is \$40 per person. Advance registration and a \$20 deposit are required with the balance payable in cash at the door on the event night. FMI: 448-9907, ext. 2.

The Bead Mom Open Studio will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. March 11 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. The price of studio time includes materials enough for one pair of earrings. Patrons can also bring their own materials. The cost is \$6 per person. Participants need to have taken a Jewelry Making 101 Basics course. FMI: 448-9907.

Preschool Story Time will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. March 12 at the Hickam Library. The theme of the free event will be "Clap, Tap and Drum."

The theme of the March 26 story time will be "Dr. Seuss." FMI: 449-8299.

Kids' Book Club meeting for fourth and fifth-graders will begin at 2 p.m. March 12 at Hickam Library. Books selected for discussion for this free activity are available for borrowing at the library. FMI: 449-8299.

Shamrock 5K Fun Run begins at 7 a.m. March 13 at Wahiawa Annex Fitness Center. The free event in celebration of St. Patrick's Day is open to all eligible patrons. No registration is required. FMI: 653-5542.

Movie in the Park begins at 7:30 p.m. March 14 at Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. Patrons can bring some blankets and sit on the grass to watch an evening movie under the stars. The movie is still to be announced. The event is free and open for all ages. FMI: 449-5215.

Morale Welfare & Recreation

SPRING FEST TEEN LOCK-IN

There will be a Spring Fest Teen Lock-In from 7:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. beginning March 14 at the Hickam Teen Center. Scheduled activities include dodgeball, a pool tournament, a photo booth and bowling. Food and beverages will be provided throughout the night. Advance registration is encouraged and is open until capacity is met. FMI: 448-0418.

GROUP SURF LESSON

A group surf lesson will begin at 8 a.m. March 15 at White Plains Beach. The registration deadline is March 12. Shuttle service is included via the Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. Participants must be able to swim without a lifejacket. FMI: 473-1198.

SPRING OPEN HOUSE

In observance of National Craft Month, a free spring open house will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 15 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. There will be "make-n-takes," demos, door prizes, specials, and free hot dogs and soda. FMI: 448-9907.

UFC 171 IN HD

Watch Johnny "Bigg Rigg" Hendricks take on Robbie "Ruthless" Lawler in the title fight for the UFC welterweight championship March 15 at J.R. Rockers Sports Cafe. Doors open at 3 p.m. FMI: 448-2271.

MOONLIGHT PADDLE

A moonlight paddle will begin at 7 p.m. March 16 at Hickam Harbor. Participants of all paddling abilities are welcome. The trip includes kayaks, gear and professional guides. March 12 is the final day to register. FMI: 449-5215.

FORD ISLAND HISTORICAL TOUR

There will be a Ford Island historical tour from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. March 19. Ford Island played a significant role in World War II, and this tour will visit often-overlooked historical battle sites. FMI: 448-2295.

MWR NEWCOMERS LUNCH

A free MWR Newcomers Lunch will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 19 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. This event features lunch, MWR information booths, sponsor tables and activities for kids. This event is open to all military-affiliated personnel. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Community Calendar

MARCH

SUNDAY —The University of Hawaii men's volleyball team will wear custom camouflage jerseys at Sunday's 5 p.m. match at the Stan Sheriff Center against the University of California, Irvine team in honor of the military. Active duty, Department of Defense civilians, reservists, and retired members of the military receive 50 percent off select adult tickets (maximum of eight). A valid military identification card is required when purchasing tickets at the Stan Sheriff Center box office. Tickets are in special sections and supplies are limited. Other restrictions may apply.

11, 18 — Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has updated its schedule of upcoming blood drives as part of the Armed Services Blood Donor Program. Currently scheduled drives include March 11, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., NEX, Tripler Army Medical Center; and March 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 205th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Shafter. FMI: 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil or visit www.militaryblood.dod.mil.

13 — A "space available" brief will begin at 11 a.m. at Hickam Memorial Theater, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Air Mobility Command Passenger Terminal will host the briefing. FMI: 449-6833 or http://www.facebook.com/HickamAMC.

14 — The sixth annual St. Patrick's Day 5K Run in support of the 114th Submarine Birthday Ball will be held at Ford Island. The race begins at 7 a.m. in front of the Navy Lodge. The cost to run is \$20. T-shirts can be purchased for \$5 until March 9. Registration will continue the morning of the event and tables will be open at 6 a.m. Participants can show their St. Patrick's Day colors by wearing green socks, clothing and costumes. The run will be timed, and event timing chips will be given to the first 300 registrants. All Department of Defense (DoD) ID holders, spouses, children and DoD civilians are welcome to attend. Participants must have base access. Signups can be done online. FMI: www.submarineball.com or www.active.com.

15 — An early start for Mother's Day gifts and a spring one-stop shop will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Radford High School, 4361 Salt Lake Blvd. More than 50 vendors will attend and drawings will be held throughout the event. FMI: 927-9508 or email nanipua77@gmail.com.



THE LEGO MOVIE (PG)

The original 3D computer animated story follows Emmet, an ordinary, rules-following, perfectly average LEGO minifigure who is mistakenly identified as the most extraordinary person and the key to saving the world. He is drafted into a fellowship of strangers on an epic quest to stop an evil tyrant, a journey for which Emmet is hopelessly and hilariously underprepared.

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 3/7
7:00 PM Ride Along (PG-13)

SATURDAY 3/8
2:30 PM The LEGO Movie (3D) (PG)
4:50 pm Endless Love (PG-13)
7:10 pm The Monuments Men (PG-13)

SUNDAY 3/9
2:30 PM The LEGO Movie (PG)
4:40 pm The Nut Job (3D) (PG)
6:40 pm Her (R)

THURSDAY 3/13
7:00 PM Endless Love (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 3/7
6:00 PM The LEGO Movie (PG)

SATURDAY 3/8
4:00 PM The LEGO Movie (PG)
7:00 PM Studio appreciation advance screening – Free admission – Rated R. Tickets are available at your local exchange food court. Seating is open to non-ticket holders 30 minutes prior to showtime.

SUNDAY 3/9
2:00 PM The LEGO Movie (PG)

THURSDAY 3/13
7:00 PM Ride Along (PG-13)



Nimitz diary unveils Naval War College legacy of learning

U.S. Naval War College Public Affairs

The U.S. Naval War College (NWC) unveiled the public online digitization project of Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz's 4,000 page operational diary, known as The Nimitz Graybook, during an evening lecture Feb. 24 at NWC in Newport, R.I.

Covering activities and correspondence of the Pacific Command from Dec. 7, 1941 to Aug. 31, 1945, the Graybook is a historical record of operations and planning in the Pacific during World War II and serves as a window into Nimitz's decision-making process during the war.

"We can trace the planning process, a lot of which was pioneered here at the Naval War College, for large-scale operations and watch the war unfold almost as if we were in the room," said Craig L. Symonds, U.S. Naval Academy professor emeritus of history, during the evening lecture.

According to Symonds, Nimitz proclaimed that "the war-gaming experience and education he received here at NWC were central to his success in the Pacific war."

"Chester Nimitz once declared that he never encountered an event in the entire war that had not been anticipated at some level during the war-gaming practices that they had here at the Naval War College, except the kamikaze," said Symonds.

Following the war, Nimitz's Graybook remained classified for 30 years and even after it was declassified in 1972, scholars had to travel great distances to what is now the Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC) at Washington Navy Yard, to access the document.

Following the events of 9/11, scholars not associated with the Department of Defense had to leap more barriers in security to access the source.

In 2009, thanks to the generosity of the American Naval Records Society, the Naval Order of the United States and the Naval War College Foundation, the Graybook contents were scanned so that a CD-ROM version became available.

This proved helpful but making copies of carbon paper proved imperfect.

"It was evident that a fully digitized version, the version we celebrate and welcome this evening, was far more desirable and essential," said Symonds.

During the evening lecture, held on the anniversary of Nimitz's 129th birthday, Symonds provided insight to the contents of the Graybook and Nimitz's leadership and decision making process.

"Reading it pulls aside the curtain of history," said Symonds. "What do we see when we part aside that curtain?"

"It becomes evident that one essential key to Allied and American success in the Pacific was Nimitz's personal role as a theater commander and, in particular, his calm and even temperament."

"Behind those cool blue eyes was the calculating mind of a man who weighed the odds and made plans accordingly," said Symonds.

Following the Battle of Coral Sea and Doolittle Raid, Nimitz had lost two of his four carriers in the Pacific.

In May 1942, Nimitz learned from his code breaking team that the Japanese were planning an assault of Midway Atoll.

Nimitz was faced with a decision. Wait for repair of his carriers and preserve the only two carri-



U.S. Navy photo by MCG James E. Foehl
Rear Adm. Walter E. "Ted" Carter Jr., president of the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I., delivers remarks during the digital launch of The Nimitz Graybook Feb. 24 at the Naval War College.

ers left in the Pacific, or lay a trap for the Japanese and risk the only thing standing between them and the west coast of the U.S.

"Was Midway, that out-

post of coral and sand, worth risking the few carriers he had? Did Nimitz want to bet his career on an unlikely victory? Yes he did," said Symonds.

Nimitz believed he could

repair the Yorktown quickly and use Midway's airstrip as an immobile fourth carrier that couldn't be sunk.

"Instead of being surprised by the Japanese as

had happened at Pearl Harbor, Nimitz could surprise them and send some of their carriers and, as it turned out, all of their carriers to the bottom.

"It's hard today, aware of

how this battle turned out, to appreciate what a bold decision that was. It seems like a gamble. But in Nimitz's mind, it was not a gamble. He did not throw the dice carelessly or thoughtlessly. Nimitz fully expected to win and of course he did, spectacularly.

"More than any other single individual, Chester Nimitz was the man who won the war in the Pacific for the Allies. Now, thanks to the public availability of the Graybook, we can see and understand how he did it," said Symonds.

The digitization of the collection is the product of collaboration between the NWC and NHHC, funded through the Naval War College Foundation.

"We see this as a pilot program," said Capt. Henry Hendrix, director of NHHC. "The method in which The Graybook was digitized and cross-referenced is going to give us a path forward in making documents together that are accessible to scholars and the American public."

The Nimitz Graybook can be accessed at <http://www.usnwc.edu/graybook>.

For more news from Naval War College, visit www.navy.mil/local/nwc/.

Naval History and Heritage Command releases official new logo

MC1 Tim Comerford

Naval History and Heritage Command and Outreach Division

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Navy's Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC) revealed the command's new logo (available as a high-resolution download here: <http://ow.ly/uf6xz>), designed to represent its multifaceted mission on Feb. 27.

The symbolism of the logo is rich and reflective of the elements of the purpose of NHHC. The logo's centerpiece is USS Constitution, the U.S. Navy's oldest com-



missioned warship, which represents the Navy's commitment to warfighting readiness from its earliest days on the world's oceans. Furthermore, the representation of Constitution embodies NHHC's dedica-

tion to preserving and protecting maritime history.

The quill pen serves as a reminder that the practice of documenting and understanding history is an important element of the Navy's course.

The two compass roses which bookend the command's name are traditional symbols of nautical navigation, symbolizing NHHC's ability to both interpret the Navy's past and help provide direction to its future.

The circular, infinite, rope border reflects how the Navy's actions and decisions today will be judged alongside those of the past.

The use of blue and gold represents the Navy's traditional colors — blue representing the ocean and seas and gold for integrity and valor.

"Together the elements of the logo capture NHHC's mission — to reinforce naval history's relevance to its leadership, the American public and Sailors, past and present," said Capt. Henry Hendrix, NHHC's director.

"We wanted a logo that better reflected that drive, and I believe that the logo does so perfectly. It shows that as the Navy moves forward in its missions, NHHC will be there offering the wisdom of Sailors' past experiences to guide

its course to success."

NHHC's mission is to collect, preserve, protect, and make available the artifacts, documents and art that embody our naval history and heritage for future generations. Its branches interpret naval history and heritage, providing historically relevant support to Navy leadership and Sailors.

NHHC advances knowledge of naval history and heritage through professional research, analysis, interpretation, products and services. Through outreach to the American public, NHHC highlights the critical role the Navy plays in their daily lives and the importance of maintaining a strong Navy to protect their basic freedoms and America's maritime commerce.

The new design incorporates elements of logos submitted to the command through its summer-long logo contest, which offered many artists, naval history enthusiasts and designers

the opportunity to showcase their creativity and sense of style with a historic flair. The command

received more than 40 logo submissions from people around the U.S.

The winning design came from Nathan E. Quinn, a graphics specialist at the Defense Media Activity. The NHHC director and judging panel also favored a series of designs submitted by Peter Thielen Jr., which was awarded honorable mention. The new logo is based on the winning design but also incorporates elements of the honorable mention designs.

The Naval History and Heritage Command, located at the Washington Navy Yard, is responsible for the preservation, analysis and dissemination of U.S. naval history and heritage.

It is composed of many activities including the Navy Department Library, the Archives, the Navy art and artifact collections, underwater archaeology, Navy history, nine museums, USS Constitution repair facility and the historic ship Nautilus.

For more news from Naval History and Heritage Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/navhist/.

My Favorite Photo...

John Burns, administrative support assistant for Navy Region Hawaii, took this sunset photo recently from his apartment balcony over Pearl Harbor and the southern end of the Waianae mountain range.



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