

Life & Leisure

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(From left): Staff Sgt. Megan Kelly and Master Sgt. Dove George, 65th Airlift Squadron, carry a large piece of lumber.

HICKAM AIRMEN LEND A HELPING HAND

Hickam Airmen and other volunteers gave back to the community on March 5 by helping to build homes for families in need. The effort was part of a Honolulu Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Day that took place in Waimanalo.

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

Tech. Sgt. Manny Garibay, 15th Maintenance Group, uses a nail gun to secure plywood on a rooftop.



Hickam Airmen and local volunteers assist with sawing during Honolulu Habitat for Humanity volunteer day.



Hickam Airmen and local volunteers tackle sawing wood during the home-building event.



Staff Sgt. Megan Kelly, 65th Airlift Squadron, holds a ladder for a volunteer.



Tech. Sgt. Manny Garibay, 15th Maintenance Group, and Master Sgt. David Fritz, 65th Airlift Squadron, help build a rooftop.

Tops in Blue makes Airman's dream come true

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Airman 1st Class Kyle A. McCarty, a KC-135 crew chief with the 15th Maintenance Squadron, was selected to perform with the Air Force's premiere entertainment group Tops in Blue (TIB).

Tops in Blue is an all-active duty, U.S. Air Force special unit made up of talented amateur performers who are selected for their entertainment abilities.

McCarty is no stranger to the stage. He performed last year in the Idol talent show at joint base at the Hickam Memorial Theater and won second place with his performance of Bill Withers' 1971 hit, "Ain't No Sunshine." He also performed with the local band Melodie Soul & Blue Light.

McCarty has been singing since he was a young child. He credits his grandmother for his love of soul music. She introduced him to the Drifters' version of "White Christmas" while he stayed with her during the Christmas season. The doo-wop music sparked his interest into listening to Motown and R&B music.

He grew up in Berlin, N.J., a small town southeast of Camden before entering the Air Force in January 2012. He heard about Tops in Blue prior to enlisting and while at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He paid a visit to their facility, not knowing he needed per-

mission before going there. But he got a lucky break and was met by one of the personnel who worked there, and they gave him a moment of their time.



McCarty received his first duty assignment to Hawaii and has been dreaming about being a part of TIB for the past two years. "What I really want from TIB is the opportunity to grow as a performer and to gain a heightened knowledge of how a real show is put together," said McCarty.

"This experience will most definitely broaden my abilities by taking me out of my comfort zone and will

teach me things that a lot of aspiring entertainers never get a

chance to learn."

He will begin his tour with a 60-day training period at Lackland, the "home of Tops in Blue." The training is a highly accelerated educational process that will hone his skills and prepare him to be a world-class performer and distinguished Air Force ambassador.

Following the training, he will tour around the globe for nine months, entertaining deployed troops, military families, promote community relations, and support Air Force recruitment efforts.

McCarty has had the good fortune to work with others in the music industry. He said he has worked with members of the legendary Motown groups, the Temptations and the Four Tops. "Over the past seven years my godfather, Bruce Williamson of the Temptations, has helped me by taking on the role of mentor and helping me understand and execute live performing," he said.

He has also recorded on the "Back To Class" projects produced by Drew Schultz which included the Four

Tops, Chairmen of the Board, the Funk Brothers, Spyder Turner and other legends from Detroit.

"I've sung on many stages in casinos and venues in Atlantic City, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington, D.C.," he said. "I'm currently in the planning phase of singing for Ronald Bell of Kool and the Gang once the TIB tour has completed."

McCarty has the support of his supervisor, co-workers and first sergeant. Tech. Sgt. James Walter, shop chief and supervisor, said this is a great opportunity for McCarty.

"He's a great crew chief and a hard worker on and off duty," said Walters. McCarty volunteers to sing the National Anthem at different events also. Walters said there are not a lot of opportunities for TDYs here, and this will give McCarty the chance to see the world.

Master Sgt. Nicholas Headen, 15th Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, said he wants McCarty to get recognized for the hard work he has put in and earning his selection to Tops in Blue.

McCarty plans to return to Hawaii after his tour of performing with a more powerful skill set than what he leaves with. He said that he has made a decent name for himself in the local area, singing heavy funk with the Blue Light Funk band, but he wants to come back with even more fire-power than before.

"I would say to all aspiring singers and musicians that getting ahead in music is not a cakewalk. It takes determination, planning and a lot of practice to get a fraction of what you want, and sometimes the world will let you down."

"But if you feel you have the talent and can survive this shark tank of a business, then do it, and don't let anything get in your way. Distractions and fall-backs will hinder you. I've been singing for 10 years and am only now reaching a portion of my goals," he added.

The Tops in Blue team is always looking for new talent. If you want to be a part of the "best of the best," visit their website at: <https://www.usafservices.com/TopsInBlue.aspx>.

My Favorite Photo...



Don Robbins took this floral photo recently on a rainy morning in Wahiawa.

Email editor@hookelenews.com to submit (non-posed) photos.



Photos courtesy of A1C Kyle A. McCarty
Airman 1st Class Kyle A. McCarty performs at recent concerts.

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www.hookelenews.com or www.cnrc.navy.mil/hawaii

Cyberspace Wing rolls into first with win over Marauders

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The 67th Cyberspace Wing (67 CW) gained sole possession of first place by toppling previously unbeaten 747th Communication Squadron (747 CS) Marauders, 38-29, on March 6 in a Blue Division intramural basketball game at Hickam Fitness Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Led by the towering presence of 6-foot-10-inch center Airman 1st Class Theryn Hudson and strong forward Airman 1st Class Demetrius Harvey, the 67 CW scored the first eight points of the game en route to a 21-12 lead at halftime before going on to claim their fourth victory of the season against no defeats.

Meanwhile, the Marauders suffered their first loss of the season and tumbled out of the Blue Division's top spot to third place behind the 67 CW and Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC).

"We tried to run the floor, box out and try and get rebounds," said Harvey about gaining the win. "I know in the second half we didn't do as good and they came back, but once we were able to

box out again and play physical, we got the lead back up and got the win."

The tough inside play of Hudson and Harvey was especially dominating in the early moments of the game, when the 67 CW took an 8-0 lead and held the Marauders scoreless for the six minutes of the game until 747 CS guard Airman 1st Class Luigi Van Veen pulled up and sank a trey.

"We practiced earlier this week, preparing for their height," said Marauders head coach Master Sgt. Jerry Graham. "We got flustered in the beginning because of their (67 CW) height, but I'm proud of my guys for pushing forward."

Later in the first half, Van Veen struck again with another three-pointer to cut the margin down to three at 15-12 with 4:32 remaining before the half, but the 67 CW regained control and outscored their opponent, 6-0, to take a 21-12 lead going into the break.

In the second half, the 67 CW used their first possession to take their first double-digit lead when Harvey scored on a lay-up for a 23-12 advantage.

Three minutes later, Harvey put the 67 CW back up by 11 on a rim-rattling dunk to make it 27-16 at the 14:34 mark.

Although the throw down by Harvey would have been



Airman 1st Class Theryn Hudson uses his entire 6-foot-10-inch frame to put up a baseline jumper during a Blue Division intramural basketball game between the 67th Cyberspace Wing (67 CW) and the 747th Communication Squadron (747 CS) Marauders.

enough to discourage most teams from making a come-

back, the dunk seemed to awaken the Marauders.

Back-to-back baskets by Airman 1st Class Bilal

Karoum topped off a 10-4 run by Marauders to make it a five-point game at 31-26 with 1:35 remaining on the clock.

"I wanted to stay in a man-to-man and sag on the big guys," said Graham about how the team managed to cut the lead. "As we were sagging, we were able to confuse them a little bit."

However, Airman 1st Class Robert Light, who had been kept off the scoreboard for the entire game, put the 67 CW back on track and in control by coming up with a huge tap-in with under a minute left in the game.

"We got lackadaisical on defense," Harvey admitted. "Once we came together, we were able to pull through."

While Graham was disappointed about experiencing his first defeat of the season, he assured that the team would be back.

"As with anything, you learn from your mistakes," he said. "We're going to go back to the books and work on the things that we need to correct."

Harvey said that as the only undefeated team in the Blue Division, he feels that the title is theirs to take.

"The way I see it, I think we're the best team in the league," Harvey said. "If we play like the best team, we'll be good. If we play down to the level of our competition, anything can happen."

Chung-Hoon stuns Paul Hamilton with amazing comeback

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Down by as many as 16 points in the second half, USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) Koa Kai mounted a frenzied comeback to tie the score and then completed the rally with a buzzer-beating shot from the fingertips of Yeoman 3rd Class Courtney Sims for a 42-40 victory over USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) on March 8. The matchup up took place in an Afloat Division intramural basketball game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

Sims, who was held scoreless in the first half, began to warm up right after the break before going wild in the final two minutes of play.

Down by 10 points at 40-30 with less than two minutes remaining on the clock, Sims pumped in eight straight points on two treys and a basket to pull Chung-Hoon to within two points with 41 ticks left on the clock.

Then after tying the score on a lay-up down the left side of the lane, Sims, after a timeout, pulled up from the right wing and swished the game-winner as the horn sounded to end the contest.

The win raised Chung-Hoon's record to 4-1 and kept them in the



Yeoman 3rd Class Courtney Sims fights off the defense of Electronics Technician 2nd Class Kevin Kohr to score a game-tying basket.

hunt for the division's top spot, while Paul Hamilton tasted their first loss of season and fell to 5-1.

"We never quit," said Sims, who scored all of his game-high 17 points in the second half. "To

get back to where you want to be, you can't quit."

Early in the game, Paul Hamilton threatened to run away from Chung-Hoon by opening up on an 8-0 run and then taking a 22-13 advantage at the 8:32 mark on a basket-and-one by Sonar Technician (Surface) 3rd Class Bill Puttman.

After the team's lead fell to seven at 25-18 at halftime, Puttman later scored on a put-back to up the lead back to nine at 29-20 with 14:28 remaining in the game.

A free throw by Yeoman 1st Class Tyson Huff made it a 10-point game at 30-20, and then Huff capped off a short 6-0 run on a fast-break basket to seemingly put Paul Hamilton comfortably ahead at 36-20 with only 6:01 left on the clock.

The 16-point advantage may have given Paul Hamilton a false sense of security, as the team quickly gave up the next six points before Sims stole the final minutes of play.

Starting with back-to-back three-point bombs to cut the lead down to four, Sims pumped in another shot from the perimeter to make it a two-point game.

Then as the seconds wound down to 20, Sims took his game inside and scored on a lay-up to tie the game at 40-40.

Another stop by Chung-Hoon on defense gave them back the ball, where head coach Chief Gunner's Mate Marcus Rodgers called timeout to set up the final play.

With only enough time to turn and shoot, Sims got the pass from the sideline before putting the ball through the net for the 42-40 victory.

"Give credit where credit is due," said Puttman, who scored 10 points for Paul Hamilton. "They (Chung-Hoon) outplayed us in the end."

Puttman indicated that the game showed that you could never rest in this league, even with a double-digit lead.

"I'll admit to that," said Puttman about maybe relaxing a bit in the final two minutes of play. "We're going to have to work on our stamina, fundamentals and mental strength."

Although Sims was on fire at the end of the game, he credited his teammates for helping him get open and then spotting him for the clear shot.

"I have good teammates around me," he pointed out. "I got frustrated, but they just told me to keep my head up. I don't look at it as carrying (the team). The first half, I was forcing things and they just told me to be calm. And it came."

Bulls outdistance Exploiters for third straight victory

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Staff Sgt. Labronze Paden racked up 25 points, with 17 in the first half to lead the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES) Bulls over the 8th Intelligence Squadron Exploiters, 57-50, in a Red Division intramural basketball matchup at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

Taking full advantage of the Exploiters two-three zone, Paden zeroed in from long range to pump in five three-pointers in the first half and help the Bulls build up a 33-23 lead going into halftime.

The win by the 647 CES evened out the team's record at 3-3 after the Bulls opened the season with three straight losses.

Meanwhile, the struggling Exploiters dropped their fifth game of the season against two victories.

"I'm a natural two guard," said Paden about his marksmanship from beyond the three-point arc.

While the game started off as a shootout, it wasn't long before Paden and his teammates began to take control.

Up by a score of 22-11, Paden knocked down his fourth trey of the game to give the Bulls a 14-point lead with 8:54 remaining before halftime.

The Exploiters managed to cut the deficit down to eight on back-to-back treys from Lt. Col. James Weaver and Master Sgt. Josh Gerrish, but a basket by Airman 1st Class Jurel Burton upped the Bulls lead back to double-digits at 27-17 before holding on to keep the lead at 10 points at halftime.

In the first half, both teams combined to convert an incredible 11 three-point baskets with Paden leading the Bulls with five and the duo of Weaver and Gerrish, respectively, hitting three and two each from long distance.

While their outside shooting percentage dropped considerably in the second half, the Bulls took care of business at the free-throw line and by controlling the ball on offense.

Although the Exploiters were able to draw to within six points several times during the second half, the Bulls answered each time.

The Exploiters cut the lead down to six points for the last time with less than two minutes to go in the game, but a basket by Staff Sgt. Brian Sanders and

two free throws by Burton raised the lead back to 10 with 1:20 remaining on the clock to secure the win.

Besides Paden's game-leading 25 points, Burton contributed 17 points for the Bulls, while the Exploiters were led by Weaver with 10 points and Capt. Anwar Johnson with 15 points.

"I think we played well tonight, but down the stretch we missed a lot of free throws," Johnson said. "They (Bulls) shot really well for three especially in the first half. So we tried to change up the defense to a three-two, but on that we weren't getting rebounds and were allowing penetration through the middle."

Although the Bulls won by only seven points, this was a game in which the team seemed to be in full control from the beginning until the end.

Paden said that the win shows that the Bulls have turned the season around, and he hopes that the victories continue through the rest of the year and the playoffs.

"We practice and play together all the time, so we've developed a little chemistry," said Paden about the Bulls three-game-winning streak. "We're playing for the championship."



Airman 1st Class Jurel Burton goes up for a shot against the defense of Capt. Anwar Johnson during a clash between the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES) Bulls and the 8th Intelligence Squadron Exploiters.



Live the Great Life

Hickam Arts & Crafts Center open house features new classes

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

In celebration of National Craft Month, a free open house will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center.

Patrons can visit all five sections of the center, including ceramics/pottery, framing, engraving, woodworking and the sales store and see the services offered. Free hot dogs and soft drinks will be available.

New programs and instructors will be showcased with instructors on hand to answer questions. Teachers in digital photography and Zentangle will display their works and discuss upcoming classes. Zentangle is described as an easy-to-learn method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns. In addition, the new acrylics instructor will be offering "make-n-takes."

Kids can receive mini lessons in origami (the Japanese art of paper folding) at one of several "creation stations" set up in the center. Crafting demonstrations and displays throughout the center will provide customers a glimpse of what the center encompasses.

"I hope they come away with a knowledge of the broad scope of programs we provide and the importance of creativity to a child and all ages," said Donna Sommer,



Demonstrations will be provided at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center's open house Saturday. MWR Marketing photo

arts and crafts director.

Door prizes, special sales in the retail store and information on the next scheduled classes are other highlights of the event.

For more information, call 448-9907.



The waterfront lawn at Hickam Harbor is the location for tonight's movie.

MWR Marketing photo

Movies in the park to be held at Hickam Harbor

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Outdoor Recreation program (ODR) will hold a free activity tonight.

A screen will be set up at the waterfront grassy area in front of Sam Choy's and a G-rated movie will be shown. The movie is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Patrons and their families can spread

out their blanket on the lawn and bring some snacks and drinks (no alcohol). In the spirit of keeping the waterfront beautiful for everyone, customers are asked to clean up their area at the end of the evening.

On April 11, ODR will show another movie with a different theme. The title is to be announced, but will showcase outdoor adventure.

Geared more toward adults, the film will highlight environmental awareness and preservation and extreme sports.

For more information, call 449-5215.

Your Weekly Fun with MWR



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St. Paddy's Day 5K Run will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday starting at the Hickam Fitness Center. Participants can run in green and wear a St. Paddy's Day costume. The free event is open to all eligible patrons and their sponsored guests. No registration is required. FMI: 448-2214.

Hickam Historical Tour will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 21 and 28. The event will include lunch. Due to the nature of the tour, it is not recommended for children under 6 years old. The cost is \$45 for adults and \$40 for children ages 3 to 11. The tour departs from (Information Tickets & Travel) Hickam office and Royal Alakai Lodge. FMI: 448-2295.

Intramural Softball League Coaches Meeting will begin at 1 p.m. March 19 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center classroom. The season runs April 7 through June. The league is limited to commands from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Any additional active-duty members not belonging to a command team will come from a players' pool. FMI: 473-2494 or 473-2437.

Patriot Tour will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursdays, March 20 and 27, starting at Hickam ITT. The tour will include the USS Arizona Memorial, USS Utah Memorial, USS Oklahoma Memorial and the Navy Club Memorial on Ford Island. The event will conclude with a visit to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. The event will include a buffet lunch. The cost is \$55 for adults and \$45 for children ages 3 to 11. FMI: 448-2295.

MWR Newcomers Luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 19 at Tradewinds Enlisted Club ballroom. The free event will include a free buffet lunch, information booths, sponsor tables and giveaways. The event will include activities for children. It is open to all military-affiliated personnel. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Spartan Sprint will begin at 7 a.m. March 23 at Aloha Stadium. Tickets are available through ITT. This obstacle course run will test participants' physical and mental endurance and abilities. If participants purchase their reg-

istration through ITT, the insurance fee is included (\$14 value), plus no taxes or additional fees. The cost is \$86 for adult contestants and \$35 for youths (ages 4-13). Participants must register by March 17. FMI: 473-0792.

Pearl Harbor Valor Tour will be held Tuesdays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., March 18 to 28, starting from the ITT-Hickam office. The tour includes the USS Arizona Memorial, the USS Utah Memorial, the USS Oklahoma Memorial and the Navy Club Memorial. The cost is \$25 per person and free for children age 2 years and younger sitting on an adult's lap. FMI: 448-2295.

Ko Olina Whale Watching Cruises will be held on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 3:45 p.m. through April 6. The cost is \$45 for adults and \$40 for children up to 11 years. The activity includes round-trip transportation from ITT-Hickam and bottled water will be provided. Participants are advised to bring sunscreen protection. FMI: 448-2295.

Wine Tasting Tours will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. March 17 and 31. Included in the event are roundtrip transportation from the ITT-Hickam office, light appetizers, a souvenir, giveaways and same-night retail discounts. The cost is \$25 per person (ages 21 years and older only). There is limited seating of 20 people maximum per tour. FMI: 448-2295.

Community Calendar

MARCH

NCIS CRIME REDUCTION PROGRAM

NOW — From the start of the fiscal year 2014 second quarter, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Crime Reduction Program (CRP) has been focusing its efforts on the prevention of sexual assaults. The CRP is an awareness and education program which unites law enforcement and community service organizations with a shared goal of educating Sailors, Marines and Department of the Navy civilians about common threats to their safety. With the increasing focus on sexual assault prevention, second quarter CRP has been extended through April to align with Sexual Assault Prevention Month. For more information, contact your local NCIS representative.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY 5K RUN

TODAY — The sixth annual St. Patrick's Day 5K Run in support of the 114th Submarine Officer's 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. 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. All Department of Defense ID holders, spouses, children and DoD civilians are welcome to attend. Participants must have base access. FMI: www.submarineball.com or www.active.com.

BATTLESHIP MISSOURI MEMORIAL SPECIAL

15 TO 31 — The USS Missouri Memorial Association will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its founding in March, with a special savings on admission to the Battleship Missouri Memorial. From March 15 through 31, Hawaii residents and members of the military can purchase two general admission tickets for \$20 total, and child admission tickets (ages 4 to 12) for \$5. Showing a Hawaii or military ID upon purchase is required. FMI: 1-877-644-4896 or visit USSMissouri.org.

DOWN SYNDROME INFORMATION FAIR

18 — An Exceptional Families, Exceptional Service information fair will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor, 4827 Bougainville Drive. Guest speakers will include Ann Sullivan, executive director of Down Syndrome Ohana of Hawaii, and parents of children with the syndrome. Register online under the MFSC class calendar. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

BLOOD DRIVES

18, 31 — 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 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 205th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Shafter; and March 31, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Naval Submarine Support Command, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. FMI: 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil or visit www.militaryblood.dod.mil.

EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE FOR BRIDGE RUN

21 — The early entry deadline for the 17th annual Ford Island Bridge Run is March 21. The run will begin at 7 a.m. April 5. The cost is \$20 for military and family members and \$25 for non-military. FMI: 473-0784 or www.greatlifehawaii.com.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY GLOW RUN

22 — A St. Patrick's Day Glow Run will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at Bellows Air Force Station. The free event is open to active duty military, military retirees, Reservists, National Guard, current and retired Department of Defense civilian employees with an authorized ID card and their families. Participants can dress up wearing green or any festive costume, and bring glow sticks and LEDs. The band Kealohalani Blend will perform beginning at 6:30 p.m. FMI: 259-4112.

THOMPSON SQUARE IN CONCERT

23 — Vocal duo Thompson Square will perform a concert beginning at 5 p.m. at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. A pre-concert party will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. with games and prize giveaways. The event is open to Department of Defense ID cardholders and their sponsored guests. In case of rain, the event will be held in the Club Pearl Paradise Lounge. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH FAIR

25 — A Women's History Month fair will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Makai Recreation Center on the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. FMI: email guss.alexander@us.af.mil or Tanya.wyatt@us.af.mil.

DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE IN AVIATION

29 — Young people interested in aviation as a career or hobby can attend a special aviation day with hands-on workshops, a career fair, flight lab and interactive science exhibits. In addition, Capt. Sharyn Emminger Dey, the first female pilot for Hawaiian Airlines, will be honored. The event is free with museum admission and to museum members. FMI: 441-1007 or email education@pacificaviationmuseum.org.

APRIL

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY DEADLINE

2 — The deadline for Hickam Communities residents to submit an application to WinnCompanies' Winning Edge Scholarship Program is April 2. Residents are eligible if they are pursuing some form of higher education in a community college, college, university or trade/professional school. Scholarship grants start at \$1,000. Application packets can be picked up at Hickam Communities housing office at 211 Mercury Road or its leasing office at 211 Kokomalei St. Applications are also available on the website. FMI: www.hickamcommunities.com/go/WinningEdge.

KEEP CALM AND EAT A CUPCAKE

17 — Hui 'O Na Wahine will hold a luncheon event called "Keep Calm and Eat A Cupcake" at the Nehelani Club, Schofield Barracks. The cost is \$20 at the door, or by Paypal for \$21 plus three free opportunity tickets. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and lunch begins at 11 a.m. Participants need to RSVP by noon April 11. FMI: huischofield@gmail.com or www.schofieldspouses.com.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

19 — Breakfast with the Easter bunny will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange food court lanai. All military families (authorized patrons) and their children can participate in the breakfast. The event will also include games, prizes, balloon art, glitter tattoos, crafts and a goody bag. Tickets will go sale starting March 21 at the NEX main mall rotunda. FMI: 423-3287.



THE MONUMENTS MEN (PG13)

This is an incredible true story of the seven art historians and museum curators who went behind enemy lines during World War II on a mission to recover some of the world's greatest works of art. With war raging in Europe, the Nazis had managed to plunder some of the biggest art collections on the continent.

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 3/14
7:00 PM Robocop (PG-13)

SATURDAY 3/15
2:30 PM (3D) The LEGO Movie (PG)
4:50 PM Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (PG-13)
7:10 PM Labor Day (PG-13)

SUNDAY 3/16
2:30 PM The LEGO Movie (PG)
4:40 pm Winter's Tale (PG)
7:00 pm The Monuments Men (PG-13)

THURSDAY 3/20
7:00 PM Robocop (PG-13)

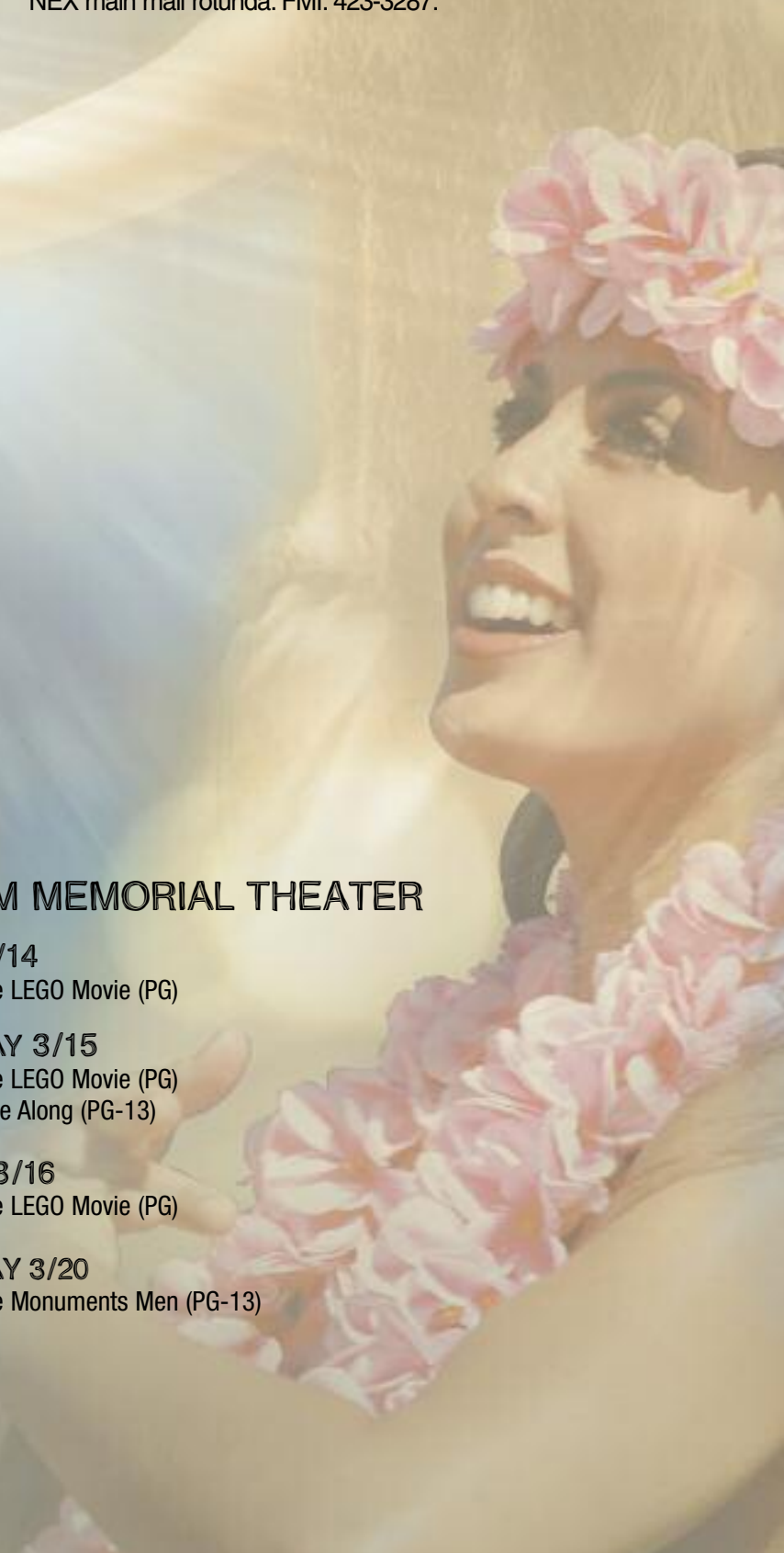
HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 3/14
6:00 PM The LEGO Movie (PG)

SATURDAY 3/15
4:00 PM The LEGO Movie (PG)
7:00 PM Ride Along (PG-13)

SUNDAY 3/16
2:00 PM The LEGO Movie (PG)

THURSDAY 3/20
7:00 PM The Monuments Men (PG-13)



Tuition assistance available for Sailors

Susan D. Henson

Center for Personal and Professional Development Public Affairs

The Center for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) is asking Sailors to submit their Navy tuition assistance (TA) requests, and now would be good, said the director of Navy Voluntary Education (VOLED) on March 3.

According to Ernest D'Antonio, CPPD's VOLED program director, the expenditure rate for TA funding is currently below normal levels, which means there is more funding available than usual at this time of the year.

"We use historical 'burn rates' as a guide for allocating TA funding throughout the year," he said. "We plan really well for routine years. After furloughs and a government shutdown, fiscal year 2014 (FY-14) hasn't been a routine year," he said.

Lt. Cdr. Mark Wadsworth, director of CPPD Support Site Saufley Field in Pensacola, Fla., leads the team that monitors CPPD's Navy TA spending. He said FY-14 TA execution is currently trailing FY-13's execution rate by just over \$6 million year-to-date.

"We want Sailors to continue to pursue their education and submit their TA requests. We work hard to allocate every TA dollar available to give Sailors the most opportunities to use their TA funding allotment for each fiscal year," D'Antonio said.

He said more than 25,000 Sailors have used TA benefits so far this fiscal year and emphasized that a Sailor's command is an important part of TA authorizations because they are the first step in the process after a Sailor submits a request.

"It's each command's responsibility to ensure their Sailors are aware of and meet all relevant TA policies, are comfortable with their Sailors' ability to complete a requested course, and process each Sailor's TA request promptly," he said.

"A command approver can review a Sailor's request and deny it if all Navy requirements aren't met, if the Sailor's performance isn't up to standards, or if the command's mission might not permit the Sailor to complete the course. Ultimately, it's the commanding officer's decision," said D'Antonio.

He also recommended each command approver continually review the Sailor's education progress.

"Our biggest reason for

disapproval of TA requests is they aren't received from the Sailor's command approver prior to the course start date, as required by DOD instruction. Often when we review a TA request, a Sailor may be missing some of the TA prerequisites such as a current education counseling by a Navy College Office (NCO) or virtual education center (VEC) counselor, or an individual education plan or degree plan on file, or missing a grade from a past course," he said.

According to Capt. John Newcomer, CPPD commanding officer, Navy leaders are committed to providing Sailors with voluntary education opportunities.

"We know that educated Sailors are strong performers with well-developed critical thinking skills and the ability to make informed decisions. A college degree is an investment in a Sailor and a contributing factor in Navy mission accomplishment."

For more information about the Center for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD), visit: <https://www.netc.navy.mil/centers/cppd/>.

Bike path cleanup set for April 5



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Volunteers can participate in a Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup on April 5.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and other military volunteers can participate in the Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup led by the City and County of Honolulu from 8 to 11 a.m. on April 5.

Volunteers, including family members ages 12 and above, can help in the area along the bike path between McGrew Point (also known as Aiea Bay State Recreational Area and Neil S. Blaisdell Park including Pu'uloa Stream

near Blaisdell Park. Volunteers should meet at Blaisdell State Recreational Area by 8 a.m.

Work will include trash removal, weeding and beautification. Volunteers should dress to get dirty, wear covered shoes and bring sunscreen.

To volunteer, contact MAC William Matteson, william.n.matteson@navy.mil or 473-0151. For more information, call Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi at 473-0660 or e-mail eric.galassi@navy.mil

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Hawaii Junior Officers unite for new service group

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Junior officers across all branches of service recently formed a new community service group, the Junior Officer Social Society of Hawaii (JOSSH), providing an opportunity for like-minded fellow junior officers, families and friends to give back to the community while stationed here in Hawaii.

"I saw among my peers a high demand to volunteer and give back to Hawaii and the military," said Navy Lt. Benjamin Allen, co-founder of JOSSH. "What was lacking was an organization or a vehicle to quickly bring together like-minded junior officers with the same desires to volunteer."

Started as a Facebook page in 2012 by Allen and Navy Lt. Matthew Beaudette, the group has service members from all military branches

and encourages participation from friends and families in their activities. JOSSH serves a unifying function, identifying community service projects from various groups and connecting a community of interested volunteers.

"Our group is an active and energetic entity, committed to giving back to local and military charities," said Allen. "We all believe our time in the service and our time on the islands has added value to our lives, and we want to share that positivity and energy back with the communities that we cherish."

JOSSH organizers say they are committed to bringing Hawaii's junior officers together in order to support local and national charities by volunteering their time and talents.

"Most people in the military are committed to and believe in service to others. This is an opportunity to further that calling in our local community," said Beaudette. "This is a way for junior officers to rally together,

have fun and streamline their efforts to the common cause of giving back to Hawaii."

JOSSH is encouraging new members and volunteers to support their first community outreach project, teaming up with the Surf Rider Foundation for a World Water Day beach cleanup at Kailua Beach Park on March 22.

"We want it to be as much fun as it is work," said Beaudette. "So we'll do a beach cleanup, then roll right into a barbeque afterwards."

The JOSSH organization is an independent social volunteer network with no official affiliation with any military service or command. For more information on JOSSH and participation in future volunteer opportunities throughout Hawaii, visit them on Facebook, keywords Junior Officer Social Society of Hawaii. They can also be reached on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/JOSocietyHawaii>, or email at JuniorOfficerSociety-Hawaii@gmail.com.

