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The United States Postal Service revealed a new priority mail express stamp featuring the USS Arizona Memorial during a first day of issue ceremony March 13 at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument.

Some of those in attendance at the event included Pearl Harbor survivors. Several key community leaders participating as guest speakers included Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, former U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Akaka, and John Edgar, U.S. Postal Service information technology vice president.

Williams spoke about the importance and historical significance of the stamp unveiling.

"This week's ceremony is another example of the Navy's, Hawaii's and our commitment to remember Pearl Harbor and preserve the enduring legacy of peace that the USS Arizona Memorial represents," said Williams.



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"Let's admire this stamp, appreciate what it stands for as it is our connection to today's challenges."

"Today, nearly a hundred years to the day that the Navy laid the keel to begin construction of the Arizona, we gather to pay tribute to its final resting spot," said Edgar. "Not everyone will have an opportunity to visit Hawaii and see the memorial, but with this stamp, they will be able to see what it looks like and be reminded of what it stands for."

Those in attendance were able to purchase the official USS Arizona Memorial Priority Mail Express stamps and have them hand canceled with a special commemorative first day of issue postmark by postal personnel at the site.

The stamp, designed by art director Phil Jordan and featuring an illustration of the Arizona Memorial created by artist Dan Cosgrove, pays tribute to the more than 2,400 people who lost their lives in the 1941 attack of Dec. 7, 1941 by the Imperial Japanese Navy.

The new priority stamp is available for purchase online at USPS.com, by phone at 900-782-6724 or at post offices nationwide.

Wardawgs end Wahine Koa's four-year winning streak

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

What looked to be just another Sunday in the park for the Wahine Koa women's flag football team turned into an adventure of the unknown for many of the team's players.

After going undefeated for four years, the Wahine Koa got beaten by the Wardawgs, 14-12, on March 16 in an Extreme Flag Football league matchup at Keehi Lagoon Park in Honolulu.

Both teams entered the showdown with league records of 4-0, but for Wahine Koa, which played as the Navy Sharks in their first two seasons, the loss was tough to swallow after years of perfection came to a crashing halt.

Many of the players from Wahine Koa are active-duty military or

stocked with personnel affiliated with Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay.

"It happens to the best. You can't win them all," said Wahine Koa head coach August Young whose wife, Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Adriana Tirado-Young, is a starting defensive back on the team. "We actually beat ourselves. We didn't read what they were giving us on defense, which was a man-to-man coverage. I kind of picked up on it just a little bit too late. As a team, we know we lost together. We just couldn't crack what they were doing."

An omen for things to come may have been established early in the contest when
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spouse, recorded a safety within the opening minutes to give the Wardawgs a 2-0 lead.

However, coming from behind for the first time this season didn't appear to hamper the Wahine Koa attack as the team responded midway through the first half by moving 40 yards on three plays to take the lead at 6-2.

Quarterback Dana Hester came up with the big play on the short drive by picking up 38 yards on a keeper before retired Army veteran Simone Davis broke the goal line on a two-yard plunge for the score.

An interception by Wahine Koa defensive back Shardae Ingano ended the Wardawgs final drive in the first half to preserve the

the way to the Wahine Koa 20-yard line.

Working with a short field, Wardawgs quarterback Loretta Palmer, a Navy spouse, finally broke through the Wahine Koa defense by capping off a five-play drive on a one-yard keeper up the middle to put her team up by a score of 8-6.

"Talking at halftime, the first thing I said was our defense was playing great, but now we have to get our offense into the end zone," said Wardawgs head coach Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Arthur Manning, 3rd Marine Regiment. "We stuck to our guns.

out on top, the Wardawgs defense got the biggest play of the game when defensive back Amanda Pendarvis stepped in front of intended receiver Sandy Robinson in the flat and recorded a pick-six for a 14-6 lead.

"I was watching the quarterback's eyes," Pendarvis said. "I had to get it done. We needed a cushion. It was follow that first block and get into the end zone."

The defense then followed up with a gutsy four-and-out stoppage after Ingano returned the kickoff to the Wardawgs 15-yard line.

Later, after Davis ran in for her second touchdown of the game to pull the Wahine Koa back to within two points

on the final play of regulation, the Wardawgs sealed the win by stopping a two-point conversion attempt.

"From here, we just forget about it and moved on," said Young about the loss. "The ride of being undefeated was good, but now it's like the regular season is thrown out. We could lose next week and it don't matter. But come playoffs, championship time, that's when we know we really got to step it up and take no prisoners."

Although the win was extremely exciting for Manning and his players, the head coach said that there's still some unfinished business to take care of.

He said that in order to stay locked in and focused, he would make sure to keep the gals busy in practice.

"First I'm going to work them hard in practice tomorrow because it keeps them humble," he pointed out. "You can't let attitudes inflate, but always remember to put work on the field. That's what gets us wins. It's not your attitude, not your personality or that you're a great athlete. It's because you put work in."



family members of the armed forces based at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, while the Wardawgs are equally



Koa's four-point advantage going into halftime.

After both teams exchanged the football on downs to start off the second half, the Wardawgs got a huge boost from Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class Lachandra Owhochokwo, Patrol Squadron 47, who returned a punt all

We knew what would work. We didn't make any adjustments. We just changed mentality. Let's get aggressive and run our plays."

Immediately after Palmer put the team back

Wahine Koa receiver Sandy Robinson keeps her eyes on the ball as she tries to track down a pass and complete a game-tying, two-point conversion. Unfortunately for Robinson, the pass fell beyond her reach.

Radford High School students benefit from NMSI grant

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In 2011, the United States ranked 52nd in the quality of mathematics and science education, and fifth (and declining) in overall global competitiveness, according to the World Economic Forum's 2011 The Global Competitiveness Report.

Radford High School is trying hard to reverse this trend through an Initiative for Military Families grant from the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI) organization. This is intended to provide consistent, high-level science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education in high schools serving high populations of students from military families.

This is the third and final year of the NMSI grant, and for Malia Kau, college and career counselor, it has been a godsend. Before the NMSI grant, only 78 students took math, science or English advanced placement (AP) exams.

This school year, there are 184 students who will be taking the AP final exam in math, English



Photo courtesy of Radford High School

Radford High School students, Megan Joaquin, Corey Snider and Nicole Fernandez, discuss an AP calculus problem recently at Radford High School.

and science AP exams. Moreover, many are taking more than one AP course.

"The culture at Radford is changing with more students wanting to take more rigorous classes and talking about college as compared to the years before the grant," Kau said. Three Radford 12th grade students are very appreciative for the benefits and

learning opportunities as a result of this grant.

Corey Snider, an Air Force family member, took three AP courses during the 11th grade: language, world history and calculus A/B and is taking four AP courses this year: calculus B/C, physics, statistics and English literature. He has already been accepted and offered a \$90,000

scholarship to Illinois Institute of Technology. For Snider, the AP classes he was able to take confirmed his desire of majoring in architectural engineering in college.

Megan Joaquin, a Navy family member, took AP language and AP statistics during the 11th grade and is now taking AP calculus A/B this year. She wants to major in pre-pharmacy and eventually become a pharmacist.

Nicole Fernandez is a non-military student who said she has benefited greatly from this NMSI Radford grant and is thankful that Radford was a recipient of the NMSI grant. She started in the 10th grade with AP U.S. history, then AP biology and AP language in the 11th grade and now AP calculus, AP statistics, AP environmental science and AP literature in her senior year.

The expanded AP opportunities made possible by this grant enabled her to push and challenge herself for harder classes. She has already been accepted into Colorado State University. Fernandez wants to major in animal science and zoology with the goal of becoming a veterinarian.

For Fernandez, a major benefit

was the Saturday study session from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. every other month with four different parts taught by different AP teachers from Radford and other schools.

"It definitely gave me different perspectives on the subject matter," she said.

"NMSI spurred my interest in studying more challenging subjects, and I feel more prepared to enter college. The grant even paid for our school bus to the Saturday classes and our lunch," Snider said.

"The teachers made the subject matter interesting and reinforced my interest in the medical field and becoming a pharmacist," Joaquin said. "My older brother attended and graduated from Radford before this NMSI grant, and I'm really lucky that I was born the 'right time.'"

"Before the grant, only the top students took AP classes. Now students are taking the challenging courses who weren't in honors classes before. If there are any people who can fund to keep it going, this is a program that definitely benefits everyone: our teachers, students and families," Kau said.

Chosin beats hard-luck Chafee to keep in hunt

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Down by as much as 11 points in the second half, USS Chosin (CG 65) kept their playoff hopes alive by coming back to beat USS Chafee (DDG 90) Bulldogs 39-34, in overtime on March 15 in an Afloat Division intramural basketball game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

With the game tied at 34-34 in overtime, Logistics Specialist Seaman Terron Outlaw put the game away by sinking a free throw before putting back a missed shot for a basket to give Chosin a 37-34 with only seconds remaining on the clock.

The win raised Chosin's record to 3-2 and kept them in a tie for fifth place in the Afloat Division — only one position out of the coveted fourth and final playoff spot.

"We definitely needed this one after that last loss," acknowledged interim co-head coach Logistics Specialist 2nd Class John Dumas. "We had a letdown after that loss."

Early on, it seemed as if Chosin wouldn't need any last-minute heroics to overcome Chafee which, despite putting together a competitive team, entered the matchup with only one win against three losses.

Although Chosin stormed out of the gates to build an 11-2 advantage, Chafee fought back and caught their opponent at 12-12 on two free throws by Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Nil Edward Tamo with 7:05 remaining on the clock before halftime.

Then up by two points with time running down before intermission, Chafee got back-to-back, fast-break baskets to take a 20-14 lead at the break.

"When substitutions went in, we had mismatches. That is what got them



USS Chosin (CG 65) guard Boatswain's Mate Seaman Fred Pippins goes airborne to the hoop during an Afloat Division intramural basketball game against USS Chafee (DDG 90) Bulldogs.

(Chafee) into the game," Dumas admitted. "We were doing four or five (substitutions) at a time because we got a lot of bodies. I had to

make the decision to put the right people back in there."

With Dumas trying to find the right combination

to put on the floor, Chafee continued to exploit the mismatches well into the second half.

A putback by Tamo with

13:03 left in the game raised Chafee to their biggest lead at 27-16.

However, Chosin started to turn things around and with 1:37 remaining on the clock, a basket-and-one by post-player Sonar Technician (Surface) 3rd Class Daniel Russell closed the gap to two points at 32-30.

Yeoman Seaman Brandyn Nichols missed a golden opportunity to tie the score by missing two free throws, but after Tamo got called for pushing off, Nichols got a second chance and tied the game at 32-32 with a putback to send the teams into overtime.

"I started going with a big lineup," said Dumas about the second-half comeback. "We had three bigs in there all the time and that made a whole lot of difference. We got better on the boards and was able to get second-chance points."

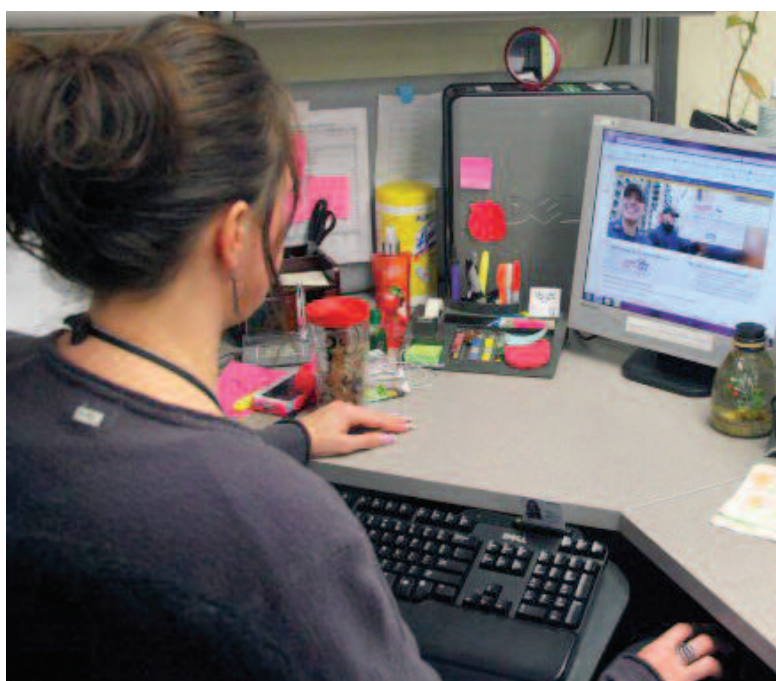
In overtime, the teams traded baskets at the start, but Chosin closed out the game by scoring the last five points to earn the win.

"Toward the end of the game, our guys just weren't taking care of the ball," said Chafee head coach Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Chris Mountain. "I was hoping this was going to be a win, but we got the Chung-Hoon next. That's the guys I want to play. I've got a game plan for them and we just got to get there."

Chafee will get the opportunity to square off against the 5-1 USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) on March 22, starting at 10 a.m., at the fitness center.

Operations Specialist 1st Class Arthur Richardson, interim co-head coach of Chosin, said that while it feels good to remain in the hunt, he understands that the team has a long way to go before the playoffs.

"I'm not going to lie; we got a lot of work to do," Richardson said. "But we're going to make some noise."



Christie Thies, military family member, uses TRICAREonline.com.

TRICARE Service Centers to close April 1

Story and photo by Spc. Paxton Busch

Pacific Regional Medical Command

The TRICARE Service Center at Tripler Army Medical Center along with offices across the U.S. will close April 1.

TRICARE beneficiaries will still be able to manage benefits through TRICARE online self-service options at www.TRICARE.mil.

Under the "I want to..." section of the website, users can enroll or purchase a plan, file or check a claim, view referrals and prior authorizations, find a doctor, schedule appointments and more.

Christie Thies, military family member, said enrolling in www.TRICAREonline.com works with her family's busy schedule.

"Having four children, time management is a must in our family and we have many appointments that take priority. Tricare online is simple, convenient and quick. I can make an appointment for all my children and self within a few minutes," she said.

In addition to scheduling appointments through TRICARE online, qualified beneficiaries can also refill prescriptions.

"My favorite feature is the prescription refill. This, too, saves me time from calling the doctor and waiting for the refilled to be placed," Thies said.

Prior to enrolling in the free services, Thies felt there would be too many hoops to maneuver around the website, but since signing up she has changed her mind.

"This program will benefit other families by cutting out the middle man on the phone, talking through dates and when you can see it for yourself online and make several appointments at once. The discreetness of the website is perfect," she said.

For more information on booking appointments online and other services, visit www.TRICAREonline.com.

For a full list of TRICARE self-service options, visit www.TRICARE.mil.

For assistance over the phone, call TRICARE's toll-free number at 1-877-698-7422 for the TRICARE west region.

New web-based records system to begin April 14 at JBPHH veterinary facility

Public Health Command District-Central Pacific

Beginning April 14, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will become one of the last Army veterinary clinics to use a new web-based records system.

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Veterinary Treatment Facility is located at building 1864 on Kuntz Avenue. Remote online veterinary record (ROVR) is a secure web-based application that will allow veterinary facilities worldwide to access patient records, as well as an effective way to provide quality veterinary care to service members' pets.

One of the most important features the ROVR application will provide will be the continuity of patient care. For example, when a service member will have a permanent change of station from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to Lackland Air Force Base, and then to Rota Naval Base years later, the level of patient care provided to their pets will not change.

Furthermore, the service member won't have to collect their patient's records when out-

processing a veterinary treatment facility. In order to achieve this equalized level of care, patrons can expect prices to be modified to accommodate the goal of standardized care in all veterinary facilities, no matter the location.

During the second week of April, key staff members will undergo training for ROVR in preparation for the application launch. The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam veterinary treatment facility will be closed from April 10-11 and from April 14-16 to ensure the transition in systems is successful.

During this time, the rest of the veterinary treatment facility staff will be trained on the new ROVR application and to make necessary adjustments to our computer systems. Once the clinic opens on April 17, it will be operating at a very slow pace with a reduced number of patients being seen, then gradually become fully operational by the first week of May.

Patrons are asked to be patient and understanding during this transition period.

For appointments and more information, call 449-6481.

SAAM event to be held April 1

In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) Navy Region Hawaii and the 15th Wing will hold a presentation by Anne Munch titled "Sexual Assault: Naming the Unnamed Conspirator" on April 1 at Hickam Memorial Theater.

The event will also include a Navy Region Hawaii and 15th Wing proclamation signing with Capt. Mark S. Manfredi, chief of staff for Navy Region Hawaii and Col. John Roscoe, commander, 15th Wing.

The first presentation from 9 to 11 a.m. will be an all hands and commander's call.

The second presentation from 1 to 3 p.m. will be for senior Navy and Air Force leaders.

Munch works full time providing speaking, training and consulting in the area of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking. She is a recognized subject matter expert in her field.

For more information, call 474-0154.

Joint base to hold 'Walk to Safety' April 1

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Department of Emergency Management will hold a one-mile "Walk to Safety" beginning at 11:30 a.m. April 1.

The purpose of the event is to promote tsunami awareness and demonstrate that people can walk to safety in less than 30 minutes. April is Tsunami Awareness Month.

The walk will start in conjunction with the monthly tsunami siren tests. The event will be held on the waterfront at Aloha Aina Park, next to Wright Brothers Café.

Participants will walk from the park, down Signer Street, to the softball fields near the Hickam Fitness Center.

Participants will receive handouts and other information on tsunami readiness.

The event is planned in conjunction with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Hawaii Civil Defense, the City and County of Honolulu Department of Emergency Management and the American Red Cross.

For more information, call Larry Sabatine, JBPHH Department of Emergency Management, at 448-2742.

Bike path cleanup to be held 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. 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 and beyond.

Volunteers should meet at Blaisdell Park 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, work number 473-0151. For more information, call Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi at 473-0660 or e-mail eric.galassi@navy.mil or call Tom Clements, Navy Region Hawaii outreach, at work 473-0662 or cell 445-4981.

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Live the Great Life

Airman's aim is true in 3-Point Shootout Contest

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Senior Airman AJ Abdul-Rahim from 324 Intelligence Squadron and Tech. Sgt. LaWanda Blount proved to be the best in the 3-point shootout contest held March 7 at Hickam Fitness Center. More than 35 participants entered this year's contest, a marked increase over last year, according to B.J. Bentley, Hickam fitness manager.

Abdul-Rahim beat out Senior Airman Travis Phelps from 647 Force Support Squadron (FSS) and Staff Sgt. Jason Huestis from 735 Air Mobility Squadron to take top honors in the men's division. Blount took the top spot in the women's division over Master Sgt. Brandi Thomas from Pacific Air Forces and Staff Sgt. Chasity Hercher from 482 FSS.



MWR Marketing photo

The 3-Point Shootout Contest took place March 7 at Hickam Fitness Center.

"I think the turnout was really well across the board," said Staff Sgt. Meaghan DiNovo and that many of the contestants enjoyed the contest. "Even after getting eliminated many stayed behind to see the outcome," she added.

Abdul-Rahim and Blount

won prizes for their first place finish, and the top three in each division received a certificate.

DiNovo said contenders for their next contest can look forward to June when the center will be holding competitions in push-ups and bench press.

Thompson Square to hold free concert this Sunday

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Two-time Academy of Country Music "Vocal Duo of the Year" Thompson Square will bring their brand of country western music beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday to Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The free concert will be brought to the base courtesy of Navy Entertainment and joint base Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR).

Since their debut in 2010, the husband and wife duo of Keifer and Shawna Thompson has been one of the hottest country music acts. Their string of chart toppers include "Are You Gonna Kiss Me or Not," "I Got You," "Glass" and their most recent No. 1 hit "Everything I Shouldn't Be Thinking About."



Photo courtesy of Thompson Square
Vocal duo Thompson Square will perform Sunday at Ward Field.

The concert is part of a musical tour of military bases in Asia and the Pacific. Previous stops in-

cluded Okinawa, Japan and Guam.

Gates open at 3 p.m. and DJ Bryan Gray from Outlaw Country 97.5 will be on hand for a pre-party with games and prizes. Patrons are encouraged to arrive early.

A variety of food and beverages will be available for purchase from vendors and food trucks. Plate lunches, barbecue, Mexican, pizza and sweets are among the offerings.

Patrons are welcome to bring small clutches, blankets, small diaper bags, baby formula/bottles and low, beach-style chairs. Outside food and beverages, pets, backpacks, bags/totes, purses larger than a small clutch, large or tall chairs, umbrellas, tents and video/audio recorders are not authorized. Personal phones are allowed. All items are subject to search. Parking is free in the surrounding areas to Ward Field.

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Play Until Dusk Golf will be held Monday through Friday beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Māmala Bay Golf Course. Patrons can pay a green fee for nine holes, then play as many holes as they can until dusk. The cost for the cart fee is \$8. Rental equipment needs to be turned in at dusk. FMI: 449-2304.

March Service Special is ongoing throughout this month 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 is available throughout March. Patrons can turn in their Sharkey Theater movie ticket receipt at the Naval Station Bowling Center within 30 days of receipt date for 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.

Library Know-How will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Hickam Library. The event will include how to search the online catalog, information about the Dewey Decimal System and demonstrations. FMI: 449-8299.

Command Fitness Leader Training Course will be held from March 24 to 28 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. The free course is open only to active-duty Navy and Marines. All registration needs to be done through CNIC. Participants need to have current CPR certification, command designation letter, application (signed by commanding officer) and current physical fitness assessment scores of excellent or better. All documents should be sent to vicki.teran@navy.mil and cfltraining@navy.mil, or call 202-433-4367. FMI: Mark McFarland at 471-2021 or mark.mcfarland@navy.mil.

Intramural Soccer League Coaches Meeting will be held at 1 p.m. March 26 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center classroom. The season runs from April 12 through June. The league is limited to commands from joint base. Any additional active-duty members not belonging to a command team will come from a players' pool. FMI: 473-2494 or 473-2437.

"Mom & Me" Jewelry: Bracelet Class will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. March 27 at Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. The cost is \$12 per couple (adult and child 7-12 years old) and supplies are included. Each child must be accompanied by their mother or another responsible adult, up to two children per adult. FMI: 448-9907.

March Madness Family Night will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. March 27 at the Hickam Teen Center. The free event for teens and their families will include basketball activities and meatball dishes inspired by the March

Madness college tournaments. FMI: 448-0418.

The Annual Creative Writing Contest at Hickam Library will accept submissions through April 5. Aspiring authors and poets, can share their talents and submit their best work. There are two divisions, poetry and short story, and three age groups: child (6-10 years), young adult (11-18 years), and adult (19 years and up). Prizes for both divisions will be awarded in all age categories. Winners will be announced April 19 and refreshments will be served. The contest is free to enter. FMI: 449-8299.

Ko Olina Whale Watching Cruises will be held from noon to 3:45 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through April 6. The cost is \$45 for adults and \$40 for children up to 11 years. The fee includes round-trip transportation from Information, Tickets and Travel-Hickam. Bottled water will be provided. Participants should bring their own sunscreen. FMI: 448-2295.

MARCH

NMCRS FUND DRIVE

NOW TO APRIL 4 — The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Pearl Harbor chapter has begun its annual fund drive. This year's theme is "Be the Safety Net." Contributions are used exclusively to help Sailors and Marines in time of need in providing a safety net which can be drawn upon when unforeseen emergencies arise. FMI: www.nmcrs.org/adfd/pearlharbor.

AFAF CAMPAIGN

NOW — The 15th Wing's 2014 Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) has begun. This year's theme is "Commitment to Caring." Donors can find out more about the charities the AFAF supports at <https://www.afassistancefund.org>. FMI: 448-6068 or valorie.whitehill@us.af.mil.

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.

BATTLESHIP MISSOURI MEMORIAL SPECIAL

NOW 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. Through March 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.

EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE FOR BRIDGE RUN

TODAY — The early entry deadline for the 17th annual Ford Island Bridge Run is today. The run will begin at 7 a.m. April 5. The cost is \$20 for military and family members and \$25 for non-military. After today the cost is \$30. T-shirts for late entries are based on availability. FMI: 473-0784 or www.greatlifehawaii.com.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY GLOW RUN

SATURDAY — 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. Bring glow sticks and LEDs. The band Kealohalani Blend will perform beginning at 6:30 p.m. FMI: 259-4112.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE

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 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.

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. 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 today at the NEX main mall rotunda. FMI: 423-3287.



ROBOCOP (PG-13)

In RoboCop, the year is 2028 and multinational conglomerate OmniCorp is at the center of robot technology. Overseas, their drones have been used by the military for years, but have been forbidden for law enforcement in America. Now OmniCorp wants to bring their controversial technology to the home front, and they see a golden opportunity to do it.

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 3/21
7:00 PM The LEGO Movie (PG)

SATURDAY 3/22
2:30 PM The LEGO Movie (PG)
4:50 PM Pompeii (3D) (PG-13)
7:10 PM Non-Stop (PG-13)

SUNDAY 3/23
2:30 PM Robocop (PG-13)
5:00 pm The Monuments Men (PG-13)
7:20 pm Pompeii (PG-13)

THURSDAY 3/27
7:00 PM About Last Night (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 3/21
6:00 PM Robocop (PG-13)

SATURDAY 3/22
4:00 PM The LEGO Movie (PG)
7:00 PM Robocop (PG-13)

SUNDAY 3/23
2:00 PM The LEGO Movie (PG)

THURSDAY 3/27
7:00 PM Pompeii (PG-13)



NIOC Hawaii one win away from perfect season

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Back-to-back defending intramural basketball champions Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii withstood a stiff challenge from 15th Medical Group (15 MDG), but held on to secure their seventh straight victory of the season in a matchup of Red Division teams on March 18 at Hickam Fitness Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The champs will try to lock up the number-one seed when they square off against Commander United States Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) in the regular-season finale March 25 at Hickam Fitness Center, with the tipoff scheduled for 6 p.m.

While ending the regular season with an unblemished record would be quite an achievement, NIOC assistant coach Chief Yeoman Chris William said that the team is on the lookout for bigger fish to fry.

"Having a perfect record isn't really a goal," said William after the team's 51-42 win over the 15 MDG. "The main goal for us is to make it to the championship round. That's been our goal since day one and myself and coach Webb [NIOC head coach Senior Chief Cryptologic Technician (Collection) Christopher Webb] just try to make sure that these guys stay focused to keep that championship in sight."

If NIOC is going to stay on track to win it all, the team will have to do it without the services of six-



foot-five-inch behemoth Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Quentin Leathers, who recently transferred out of the command.

Playing without Leathers for the first time proved to be quite a challenge as the team struggled to put away the 15 MDG.

Although NIOC got out to a quick 8-0 start and prevented the 15 MDG from scoring until Airman 1st Class Christopher McCloud threw down a slam-dunk eight minutes into the contest, the defending champs entered halftime clinging to a two-point lead at 21-19.

McCloud tied the game with a basket at the 16:55 mark, but NIOC responded with five straight points before Cryptologic Technician (Networks) 2nd Class Michael Lyles dropped a bomb from beyond the arc to stretch the team's lead to eight at 29-21.

"It was one of those things that shifted momentum," William said. "It helped our confidence because for a little bit, we weren't getting the stops that we needed. But when he (Lyles) knocked down that three-point shot, that raised our energy level to finish the game strong."

McCloud managed to stage a small comeback by following a basket with a three ball to make it 29-26 at the 11:52 mark.

However, that would prove to be as close as the

15 MDG would get, as NIOC used the rest of the time to pull away and secure the win.

"We just missed shots," McCloud said about the team's third loss in a row after winning the first three. "As soon as we started hitting shots, we were back in the game. In the second half, we got four straight turnovers and they started inching away. We have to control the ball. The turnovers are just killing us right now."

In the absence of Leathers, NIOC forward Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Dykendric Butler picked up the slack under the boards and played a big part in the team's win over the 15 MDG.

Butler was a force on the boards and came up with nine big points on three baskets and a trey.

"With us not having Leathers, someone had to step up and Butler was the one," William pointed out. "He scored some points, played great defense and he got the game ball from us today."

Staying on the road to perfection hasn't been an easy task for NIOC, which will have to close out the regular season by playing two of the top four teams in the division.

Williams said that while he would have preferred an easier route to the playoffs, NIOC comes ready to play no matter whom they face.

"We don't take anybody for granted," he said. "We go into every game knowing that at anytime, any team can beat us. We go into every game with the same intensity and same respect."

Cryptologic Technician (Networks) 2nd Class Michael Lyles goes up for a baseline jumper in a Red Division intramural basketball game.

STORY IDEAS?

Contact the Ho'okele editor for guidelines and story/photo submission requirements

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HO'okele

March 29 hula performance to honor Prince Kuhio

A Hula Halau O' Kehaulani performance will begin at 10 a.m. March 29 at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall rotunda waterfall.

NEX will celebrate the birthday of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole with a cultural dance by Kumu Kehaulani and her hula students. There will be *kahiko* (traditional) and *auana* (modern) performances for authorized patrons.

The prince was heir to the throne of the Kingdom of Hawaii, and later territorial delegate to the United States Congress. He wrote the first Hawaii Statehood bill in 1919, and won passage of the Hawaiian Homes Act. This provided 20,000 acres of land to Hawaiian Homesteaders.

The actual date of his birthday is March 26. For more information, call 423-3287.



Sailor from Waianae gets checkup

Hospitalman Whitney Smith from Brighton, Mo. conducts a health examination on Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Thomas Phousong from Waianae on March 15 aboard the forward-deployed amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) in the East China Sea.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael Achterling

That Guy.com

REASON #270 NOT TO BE THAT GUY:



My Favorite Photo...

Brandon Bosworth took this recent photo of Diamond Head as seen from Shangri La, the mansion built for the late heiress Doris Duke in the 1930s.



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