

Life & Leisure

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Community Calendar

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FITNESS AND WELLNESS FAIR

TODAY — The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Fitness and Wellness Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. The free event will include mini workouts, fitness evaluations, healthy foods and the second annual fire truck pull. FMI: 471-2019.

MEET THE OLYMPIANS

TODAY — MWR patrons can meet the Olympians at 11 a.m. at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center and at 5:30 p.m. at J.R. Rockers Sports Café. Sochi 2014 U.S. Winter Olympics medalists snowboarder Kelly Clark, bobsledder Steven Holcomb and downhill skier Andrew Weibrecht will be in attendance at the event. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

SUPER GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY — The MWR Super Garage Sale will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at Richardson Field. No pets are allowed at the event or on the field. Admission is free for shoppers. FMI: 473-0792.

ENLISTEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

SATURDAY — Our Community Salutes (OCS) of Hawaii will hold a traditional military recognition ceremony to honor the young men and women who will enlist in each of the armed services. The ceremony is open to the public from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Hale Koa Hotel's Ilima lawn, 2055 Kalia Road in Honolulu. FMI: Blake Ferguson at 448-1464 or 485-9081 or email oschawaii@region@gmail.com.

AFCEA LUNCHEON EVENT

13 — The Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association (AFCEA) luncheon event will be held at Hale Ikena Club, Fort Shafter. Check-in is at 11 a.m. and the buffet begins at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$17 for members who preregister and \$17 at the door or for nonmembers. The speaker will be Maj. Gen. James Walton, commanding general, 311th Signal Command. FMI: <http://afcea-hawaii.org> or 441-8565 or 441-8524.

KIDS RUN REGISTRATION

15 — America's Armed Forces Kids Run registration will close May 15. This free event for youth ages five to 13 years old will begin at 9 a.m. May 17 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The younger kids run a half-mile with the seven and eight-year-olds running one mile and the older kids running two miles. FMI: www.americaskidsrun.org or 473-0789.

CAREER FAIR

16 — The Joint Employment Management System (JEMS) and Army Career Alumni Program career fair will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Makai Recreation Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The fair is to support active duty service members who are leaving the military due to downsizing. FMI: www.jemsjobs.com.

PINEAPPLE RUN

17 — The Central Oahu Chief Petty Officer Association is seeking service members to participate in the 39th annual Pineapple Run 10K beginning at 7 a.m. in Wahiawa. Trophies will be awarded to the top three overall male and female finishers. Finisher medals will be provided to the first 500 finishers. First, second and third place medals for male and female in each age group will be awarded. Registration can be done online at www.active.com. FMI: email pineapplerunhi@gmail.com and visit the Pineapple Run 10K Facebook page.

COMBINED MILITARY CONCERT

17 — The Hawaii Theatre Center and the Honolulu Council of the Navy League will celebrate Military Appreciation Month with the 29th Annual Combined Military Concert beginning at 6 p.m. at the historic Hawaii Theatre. This year the United States Air Force is the military lead band and will be conducted by Capt. Haley Armstrong, U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific. The event is free to the public. Public, general admission seating for ticket holders will begin at 5:30 p.m. Those without tickets will be admitted at 5:50 p.m., depending on available seating. Ticket and event information is available from the Hawaii Theatre box office. FMI: 528-0506.

OPEN COCKPIT DAY

17 — Visitors will have the opportunity to sit in the seat, man the controls and feel the history of World War II and modern fighters at open cockpit day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. The event is free with paid museum admission and free for museum members. Guests younger than 10 years of age will require parental supervision to climb up into the aircraft. Guests must also be able to climb boarding stairs and into a cockpit to participate. Museum visitors are invited to bring cameras. FMI: www.pacificaviationmuseum.org or 441-1007.



GODZILLA (PG-13)

The king of all monsters gets a reboot with this Warner Bros./Legendary Pictures production helmed by Gareth Edwards, who gained critical attention with his intimate twist on the giant-creature genre with his feature-film debut, *Monsters*. Frank Darabont (*The Mist*) and Max Borenstein provide the script.

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 5/9

7:00 PM Sabotage (R)

SATURDAY 5/10

2:30 PM Captain America: The Winter Soldier (PG-13)

7:00 PM Advance screening of Godzilla in 3-D (PG-13)

Free to the first 400 authorized patrons. Assigned seating tickets will be distributed at the ticket booth at 5:30 p.m. Active duty personnel can receive up to four tickets. Others; military family members, military retirees, DoD personnel with ID card can receive up to two tickets.

SUNDAY 5/11

2:30 PM Rio 2 (G)

4:40 PM (3D) Captain America: The Winter Soldier (R)

7:20 PM Noah (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 5/9

6:00 PM Captain America: The Winter Soldier (PG-13)

SATURDAY 5/10

2:00 PM Mr. Peabody & Sherman (PG) 92 min

6:00 PM Studio appreciation advance screening

Free admission – (PG-13). Tickets available at your local Exchange food court. Seating is open to non-ticket holders 30 minutes prior to showtime.

SUNDAY 5/11

2:00 PM Muppets Most Wanted (PG)

THURSDAY 5/15

7:00 PM Captain America: The Winter Soldier (PG-13)

Movie Showtimes

Undefeated 613th AOC keeps winning streak going

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

The 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC) scored two goals in the first half and then let their defense do the rest to gain a 2-1 victory over Coast Guard Fake Madrid on May 3 in a Blue Division intramural soccer game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win kept the 613 AOC's perfect record intact at 4-0, while Fake Madrid suffered their third defeat in four games.

Last season, the 613 AOC won their first eight games of the season before absorbing a loss. And with four games in the book this year, it looks like the team is well on its way to another outstanding season.

"It's not the coaches," said 613 AOC head coach Paul Imperial, a Department of Defense (DoD) civilian. "We just got great guys. We had all of our players today. If we were missing one of our players, it may have been a different story. We're lucky to have a large organization. I got a large pool of players and out of that pool, some of them are just great."

The team's talent was especially evident in the first half when the 613 AOC controlled most of the action.

Based largely on the play of Senior Airman Jeremy Reding, who seemed to always be in the right spot at the right time, the 613 AOC consistently attacked the goal and kept Fake Madrid pinned behind the midfield stripe.

After several shots on goal, the 613 AOC finally broke the ice on goal from the foot of Army Sgt. 1st Class John Zahnee, who took a pass from Reding, drove down to the end line and booted a shot past Fake Madrid goalkeeper Lt. Cmdr. Mary Ann Swendsen.

"He's (Zahnee) a good player and he can read the game," Reding noted. "If I have my head down on the ball and I hear him, it's pretty easy to pick my head up and find him. I have confidence in him and his ability to take it the rest of the way."

Later in the first half, Reding was Johnny-on-the-spot once again, when he booted a corner kick to the heart of the Fake Madrid goal.

The pass hit an open spot, where Operations Specialist 2nd Class Valentine Edward launched a header that hit the goal's upright before dropping beyond the line for a score and 2-0 lead.

"That was a great finish," Reding said. "We had our sweeper take a free kick, he found me wide open, and it gave me a good opportunity to find a cross."

While Reding was at the head



Operations Specialist 2nd Class Valentine Edward, striker for 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC), battles Oscar Torres, a military family member for Coast Guard Fake Madrid, during a Blue Division intramural soccer game.

of each goal, he said that his teammates make it very easy for him to find.

"Our players are doing a great job of getting open and finding space," he pointed out. "They're making it real easy for me to pick them up. It's just about moving off the ball."

In the first half, the 613 AOC limited Fake Madrid to only two shots on goal to take a 2-0 advantage into the break.

Although the 613 AOC played outstanding defense to keep their opponent off of the scoreboard, Imperial said that it was the team's offense that should be credited for the first-half shutout.

"Actually, we played an offensive game," he admitted. "That's what I tried to do. I put all of my best players upfront and a strong offense is a good defense."

Fake Madrid managed to pull to within a score in the second half on a header for a goal from Chief Storekeeper Dominic Hegarty, but that's as close as the Coast Guard team would get to the league-leading 613 AOC.

"A lot of communication and work ethic," said Reding about the team's success. "We're all playing together and trying to support each other, so when one guy attacks the ball to try to win it, we all kind of support and protect him. We're just going to take one game at a time and try to win each one."

My Favorite Photo...

Ho'okele assistant editor Brandon Bosworth took this photo of a bee hovering over pentas blossoms near the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island.



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

All-Navy Sports seeking applications for rugby tryouts

All-Navy Sports

The Navy and Marine Corps have been invited to participate in the Commonwealth Navies Rugby Cup's new Four Nation's Maritime Cup tournament in Auckland, New Zealand from Sept. 18 to Oct. 5.

All-Navy Sports is seeking applications for tryouts to be held at Camp Pendleton, Calif. beginning Aug. 18.

The Commonwealth Navies Rugby Cup was established in 1997 and has seen the Royal New Zealand Navy, Royal Navy and Royal Australian Navy compete every three years since.

The tournament is a

round-robin format over two and a half weeks and culminates with a tournament selection Barbarians team playing a local representative team.

In 2014, it is the Royal New Zealand Navy's turn to host the tournament and, with the agreement with the Commonwealth Navies Rugby Cup executive committee, it is intended to introduce a fourth team to complete for a new "Four Nations Maritime Cup."

Applications are due to All-Navy Sports no later than June 15 and can be found at http://www.navyfitness.org/all-navy_sports/.

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Fired up Pac Fleet officers storm past Swaggernauts



Cmdr. Steven Curry is about to launch a deep fly ball that fell for an error and scored two runs for Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Officers (CPF Os).

**Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz**

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

The Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Officers (CPF Os) batted around the order in a second-inning explosion to

crush Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (CNSG MIDPAC) Swaggernauts, 20-2, on May 5 in a Red Division intramural softball matchup at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

After struggling at the plate for the past three games, the CPF Os finally

broke out of their slump and pummeled two Swaggernauts pitchers for seven hits, two from the bat of Cmdr. Steven Curry, to score 11 runs in the second inning and take a 12-0 lead.

The win evened out the CPF O's record to 2-2, while the Swaggernauts saw their mark drop to 1-3.

"We were working as a team," explained Curry about the squad's breakout in the second inning. "It was just clicking. We were getting the hits and we needed to do what we did. I think it was just the initial hit and how it just flows."

While both teams entered the game with identical

records, the CPF Os proved to be the superior squad from the start by immediately jumping on Swaggernauts' pitching for two hits and a run in the first inning.

Jay Washabaugh, a Department of Defense civilian and pitcher for the CPF Os, helped out his own cause by slicing an RBI single with two outs for a 1-0 advantage.

Washabaugh then proceeded to shut out the Swaggernauts in their turn at-bat before the CPF Os brought the house down in the second.

In the top of the second, the CPF Os drew back-to-back walks before Cmdr. Tim Holyk singled to drive in a run.

Curry then got his first hit of the inning to drive in another run for a 3-0 lead.

Two more walks allowed by the Swaggernauts raised the CPF Os' lead to 4-0 and with the bases loaded, Department of Defense civilian Dan Abordonado hit a double for two more runs.

Washabaugh followed up with another two-bagger to clear the bases and put the CPF Os ahead by a score of 8-0.

A single by Lt. Matt Myers drove in Washabaugh, while a two-run double by Lt. Cmdr. Kirk Dotson and an RBI single by Curry, his second of the inning, completed the CPF O's 11-run rally.

Up by 12-0, the CPF O's kept the heat on by posting three more runs in the top of the third and one in the fourth before closing out the game early on the league's mercy rule with four more runs in the top of the fifth.

Washabaugh, who was the beneficiary of the team's hot streak at the plate, posted shutouts in three of the four innings he pitched.

He said it's about time that the team woke up from its three-game slump.

"That's been our problem so far is that we just didn't have any run production," he admitted. "We've been playing pretty well on defense, but we just haven't had any offense. I wish I could bottle it and save it up for next time."

Curry said that the team's big night at the plate might be just what the team needed to put itself back in contention.

At any rate, Curry said that he likes the direction that the team is heading for as it looks forward to the rest of the season.

"We're getting there," he said. "The first couple of games we had the jitters and now we're doing a lot better."

Washabaugh agreed with Curry and added that the win has made it a brand new season for the CPF Os.

"Now we're 2-2," he said. "We should be right in the middle of it. I'm happy to be at .500."

Bats pick up speed as Air Mobility Command triumphs

**Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz**

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Staff Sgt. Alex Lopez jacked two long dingers to lead the 735th Air Mobility Command (735 AMC) to a commanding 17-7 thumping of Team Law and Order on May 6 in a White Division intramural softball game at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Down by a score of 4-0 in the top of the first, Lopez posted the team's first run by smashing a deep fly ball over the head of the Law and Order centerfielder for an inside-the-park homer in the bottom of the frame.

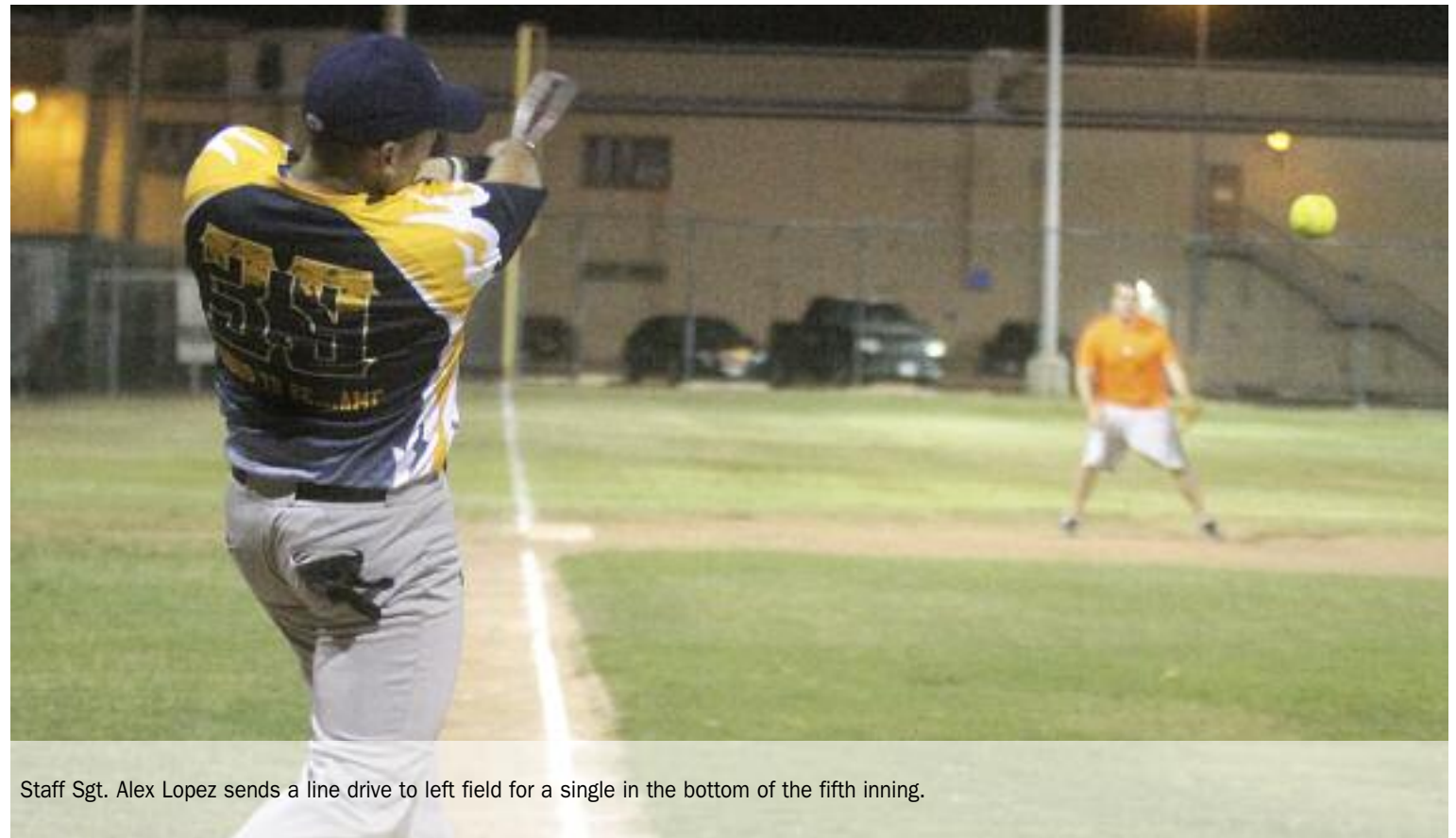
The shot seemed to light a fire under the 735's attack as the team went on to score a dozen runs in their next turn at-bat to take a 13-4 advantage en route to the five-inning, mercy-rule win.

The 735 maintained their grip on the division's top spot and improved their record to 5-0, while Law and Order dropped a game under .500 at 2-3.

"Any hit that gets us in the ballgame, it just gets everyone going," Lopez said. "As soon as someone just starts hitting, it just ignites everyone else to hit."

While Law and Order eventually fell to the heavy lumber of the 735, the team jumped out in the first inning to take a 4-0 lead.

The big hit of the frame



Staff Sgt. Alex Lopez sends a line drive to left field for a single in the bottom of the fifth inning.

came off the bat of Law and Order shortstop Michael Vito, a military family member, who lined a two-run single with the bases loaded.

After Lopez got the 735 on the scoreboard, Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Braga retired Law and Order without a run in the top of the second before the team's bats came alive in the bottom half.

Staff Sgt. Scott Knight led off the inning with a single and was followed by first baseman Jimmie Miller, a retired Navy chief

and current Department of Defense civilian, who lined a rope to the outfield that split the defense and rolled toward the fence.

The hit scored Knight with the team's second run and left Miller in scoring position at third base.

"I tried to put in as much as I can anytime I'm on the field," Miller said. "If it takes me as a spark, I'm good with that."

Fueled by the homer by Lopez and the triple by Miller, the 735 added four more runs before Lopez walked up to the plate with

two runners on base for his second at-bat.

While the first shot by Lopez was an inside-the-park job, this time he left no doubt about where the ball would land.

Lopez took a letter-high pitch and crushed a towering fly ball that easily cleared the left-field fence before striking a light pole in the parking lot for a three-run homer.

"I didn't even feel it," said Lopez about the monstrous blast. "Any pitch below my chest, preferably, I like it."

The 735 went on to send seven more batters up to the plate and score four more times to take a comfortable nine-run lead.

In the bottom of the third, Knight and Miller combined to drive in three more runs before the team sent everyone home for good on an RBI single by Miller in the bottom of the fifth.

Miller said that although the 735 AMC usually gets out to a slow start, it isn't long before the team's bats start crushing the ball.

"That's the intent," said

Miller about the 735's ability to hit the ball hard. "We had to adjust, but we just try hard."

Although the going is good for the 735 right now, Lopez admitted that the team will have to go through more adjustments later in the season when several teammates are scheduled for deployment.

"Unfortunately, we're losing three of our folks in June," he said. "We're trying to recruit nightshift personnel. Hope we can recruit some of those guys."

Local commands assist Ronald McDonald Charities of Hawaii

Don Robbins

Editor, Ho'okele

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Junior Enlisted Association (JEA), the Makalapa Branch Medical First Class Petty Officer Association (FCPOA), SEAL (Sea, Air, Land) Delivery Vehicle Team One (SDTV-1) Junior Enlisted Organization (JEO) and University of Hawaii students on recently assisted the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Hawaii to help fold letters and stuff them into envelopes for a large mailing list for Mothers Day.

More than 30 volunteers

participated in the letter project to send inspirational letters to mothers and let them know about the services the Ronald McDonald House provides.

The joint base JEA plans to assist the Ronald McDonald House Hawaii with events and projects on a regular basis.

"We are thankful to be given the opportunity to help with stuffing envelopes for Mothers Day at the Ronald McDonald Charities of Hawaii," said Quartermaster 2nd Class Caroline Fisher of JBPHH port operations, harbor control tower. Fisher is a JEA member.

This is the JEA's first of

many events to come with the Ronald McDonald Charities of Hawaii, said JEA vice president Master-At-Arms 3rd Class Abrel Smith of JBPHH Security. The charity plays a vital role in the community for ill children and their families, he said.

"It was only right that we play a key role in helping stuff letters to deserving mothers across the country and provide a safe, comfortable home for visiting families," Smith said.

For more information on joining the JEA or future volunteer opportunities, email leland.harris@navy.mil or abrel.smith@navy.mil.



Volunteers recently assist the Ronald McDonald Charities of Hawaii by stuffing envelopes.

Photo courtesy of MA3 Abrel Smith



Live the Great Life

Spring craft fair takes place at joint base



Keiki competitions were a part of the craft fair festivities on May 3.

MWR Marketing photo

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation Annual Spring Craft Fair took place May 3 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center.

Patrons strolled through more than 100 booths of crafters, finding unique pieces locally handmade.

Woodworks, jewelry, paintings, photography, glassworks and other items were among the pop-

up tents lining the grassy area next to the center. Recognizing the holiday coming around the corner, many were offering items suited for Mother's Day gifts.

Activities for children were also featured at the 39th annual event. A safe archery booth returned from the fall fair held last year. Hula hoop competitions were held at the main stage, with winning children awarded prizes from the sales store.

The make-n-take tent was also busy with young artists taking turns creating their own little

works of art. The most popular activity for the kids was the pony rides.

The fair also included food and drink offerings from the variety of vendors. Local-style plate lunches, hot dogs, snacks and beverages and shave ice were on the menu.

Live music from the band Hulili kept the crowd entertained with their mix of pop, Hawaiian and reggae sounds.

Sommer said the next craft fair is scheduled for early November in time for holiday shopping.

Navy offers teen summer camp scholarship program

Justin Hirai

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Navy Child and Youth Programs are offering a summer camp scholarship program for youth ages 13-17 years old.

Four different camps are available, which include Sailing Camp, California Adventure, Panama City Water Adventures and European Backpacking Outdoor Adventure. Applicants must complete an application by May 14.

Sailing Camp is open to ages 13-15 and will run from July 6-12 at NSA Annapolis, Md. and Washington, D.C. Selected participants will enjoy a five-day basic keelboat and sailing fundamentals course, Washington, D.C. monument tour, U.S. Naval Academy tour and other fun events. They will also acquire a U.S. Sailing's entry-level certification for basic keelboat.

The California Adventure is open to ages 14-17 and will run from July 6-18 at NAS Lemoore, San Francisco and Yosemite National Park, Calif. Youth can

participate in activities such as hiking tours and rock climbing in Yosemite, tours of the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz, and a San Francisco Giants Major League Baseball game.

The Panama City Water Adventures will be open to youth ages 14-17 and run from July 13-26. Youth can earn PADI certifications by the Navy Dive School at NSA Panama City. They can also participate in local snorkeling, scalloping, deep-sea fishing, surf lessons and a trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

The European Backpacking Outdoor Adventure is open to youth ages 15-17 and will run from July 14-27 in Barcelona, Spain; Chamonix, France; and Interlaken, Switzerland. While there, youth will be able to kayak, paddle board, snorkel, white water raft, rock/ice climb and hike, all while backpacking through Europe.

For more information and an application form, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com and click on the Navy Teen Summer Camp Scholarship Program banner on the website homepage.

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Memorial Day Intramural Softball Tournament Registration ends today. The tournament is scheduled for May 23 through May 26 and is open to active-duty, family members 18 years and older, and Department of Defense civilians assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Trophies will be awarded to individuals on first-place teams. The registration fee is \$200 per team. FMI: 473-2494 or 473-2437.

Machine Quilting: Honu (Turtle) Quilt class will be held from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday from May 10 through May 31 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Students can learn how to cut fabric and assemble the pattern while learning quilting tips and how to complete a quilt from start to finish. Tuition is \$100. FMI: 448-9907.

Library Know-How will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Hickam Library. This free class will cover how to use the online catalog and the Dewey Decimal system and will

include demonstrations of available online resources. FMI: 449-8299.

Portrait Drawing and Painting class will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday from May 10 through May 24 and on May 30 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Students can learn how to draw portraits from subjects in real life and from photographs. Tuition is \$60. FMI: 448-9907.

Youth Adventure Sports Registration period will open May 12 and close June 2. The summer session for youth ages 12-15 years old runs June through August with surfing, hiking, biking, paddleboarding and kayaking adventures. The fee is \$120. Registration is available at www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 473-0789.

Fashion Illustration class will be held from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. every Monday from May 12 through June 16 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center for youth ages 12 years and

older. Fundamentals such as proportion, form, anatomical exaggerations and gesture are covered. Basic sketching and painting experience is a plus but is not required. Tuition is \$65. FMI: 448-9907.

Beginning Adult Watercolor class will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday from May 13 through June 17 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Students can learn how to use and apply basic tools, techniques and procedures of watercolor to compose and paint pictures. Tuition is \$70. FMI: 448-9907.

Preschool Story Time will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. May 14 at the Hickam Library. The theme of this free program is "House and Home." FMI: 449-8299.

Moonlight Paddle at Hickam Harbor will begin at 8 p.m. May 14. Participants of all paddling

abilities are welcome. The trip will be led by Hickam Harbor's Outdoor Recreation staff and includes all required gear. The cost is \$25, and the sign-up deadline is May 11. FMI: 449-5215.

Kids' Book Club for fourth and fifth graders will begin at 2 p.m. May 14 at the Hickam Library. Books selected for discussion are available at the library to borrow. FMI: 449-8299.

Patriot Tour will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 15 with visits to the USS Arizona Memorial, the USS Utah Memorial, the USS Oklahoma Memorial and the Navy Club Memorial on Ford Island and the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. The guided tour will be led by a historian from Information, Tickets & Travel and will include a buffet lunch. FMI: 448-2295.

Military helps with beach cleanup



More than 50 volunteers from U.S. Pacific Command, Joint Intel Ops Center (PACOM JIOC) participate in a beach cleanup from "Dog Beach" to the Ahua Reef restored wetlands held May 2 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The nearly mile-long Ahua Reef beach shoreline along the coast of Oahu provides a refuge for rare wetland plants and animals.

U.S. Navy photos by MCI Daniel Barker



Hawaii schools participate in SeaPerch Underwater Robotics competition

Story and photos by
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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Public Affairs

Students from elementary and middle schools participated in the 2014 Hawaii State SeaPerch Robotics competition May 3 at U.S. Coast Guard Base Honolulu on Sand Island.

Hosted by the U.S. Coast Guard, the robotics competition was co-sponsored by the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNSY), the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR), the Hawaii Department of Education (DOE) and the Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association (AFCEA) Hawaii.

SeaPerch is an innovative underwater robotics program that equips teachers and students with the resources they need to build an underwater remote-operated vehicle (ROV) that provides science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) concepts throughout the project.

"We've been doing this for about four years. For the first two years, all we did was build robots with a very small group of kids participating," said Cmdr. Bryan Dailey, deputy director of Joint Interagency Task Force West and organizer of the event.

"Last year, we actually said okay, we're going to not focus on building the robot so much, but we are going to announce a competition. Once we announced the competition, all of a sudden we've grown from four robots to 17 robots and 13 schools in one year."

"Kids are competitive; we have 32 robots and 17 schools participating this year. We've almost doubled in size," Dailey added.

With very little adult-direct assistance, students built the robots themselves by soldering circuit boards, waterproofing the engines, wiring and testing while mentors provided guidance and safety.

"This is the first time for our students to compete in SeaPerch," said Cathy Callejo, robotics coach at Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School. "Building was the most exciting and the students were inspired to use the tools."

This year's competition featured two challenging underwater events consisting of the "obstacle course" where teams navigate their ROV through large rings and the "heist course" where the teams' ROVs pick up weights from the bottom of the pool, attempt to manipulate a simple latch to open a door on a mesh vault wall, then carry the weight through the door within five minutes.

While competitors maneuver their ROVs from the pool deck, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Navy divers assigned to Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 1 (MDSU1) and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard volunteered and spent the whole day underwater to reset obstacles, helping robots out of the pool and evaluated the robots' performance.

In addition to the underwater events, a poster and video presentation were displayed and judged at the banquet area of Club 14 at the U.S. Coast Guard base.

Overall, coming together as a community and as a team provided a successful learning experience among students.

"I've learned to trust my teammates and robotics is a lot of fun. While we are enjoying ourselves, we are not only learning and gaining experience, we are also getting a better understanding," said Brandon Evans, eighth grader at Ewa Makai Middle School.

"I like building the ROV the most because it's a really fun experience to cut all the PVC pipes and put it together, assemble it and do trial and error until it gets to do what it needs to do," said Evan Cavender, a student at Iroquois Elementary School.

Through engineering concepts, problem solving, teamwork and technical applications, students have the opportunity to learn about robotics as part of a science and engineering technology curriculum.

"SeaPerch is a gateway, an initial introduction to a lot of engineering principles. You want to get kids motivated and interested in it, which gives them an outlet to the creative work they put into their robot," said Dailey.

For more information about Hawaii SeaPerch, visit <http://seaperch-hawaii.org/>.



Teams from elementary and middle schools navigate their underwater remotely operated vehicles (ROV) through an obstacle course held May 3 during the SeaPerch robotics competition at the U.S. Coast Guard base at Sand Island. The competition was hosted by the U.S. Coast Guard and co-sponsored by the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, SPAWAR, Hawaii Department of Education and AFCEA.



Brig. Gen. Dennis Doyle (left), commanding general of Pacific Regional Medical Command (PRMC) and Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC), stands with Col. Jennifer Bedick (right), regional nurse executive for PRMC and deputy commander for nursing at TAMC, to cut the ceremonial ribbon at the TAMC National Nurses Week kickoff event May 6.

Tripler honors nurses with weeklong celebration

Story and photo by
Capt. Joshua Gscheidmeier

Pacific Regional Medical Command

Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) celebrates National Nurses Week this week, an annual week-long celebration which began May 6 and ends May 12, where the hard work and dedication of all nursing professionals is honored.

Brig. Gen. Dennis Doyle, commanding general for Pacific Regional Medical Command and TAMC, kicked off the celebration with a ribbon cutting and provided some words of appreciation for all attending.

"From the bottom of the collective hearts of the Tripler *ohana* and the Pacific Region, I want to thank you for what you do and encourage you to keep doing it," he said.

This year's theme, "Nurses: Leading the Way," recognized nurses in all their leadership roles, from boardroom to bedside, private practice to Army medical centers.

"Selfless service encompasses (definitive healing) by sustaining the fighting force, their families and retirees," said 2nd Lt. Nathan Cox, staff nurse in medical telemetry.

In honor of all nursing personnel, TAMC will hold numerous events such as a night shift pizza party, fun run/walk, scavenger hunts, various continuing education and case studies, and ending with an ice cream social.

Blood drive schedule updated

Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has updated its schedule of upcoming blood drives as part of the Armed Services Blood Donor Program (ASBP).

Currently scheduled drives include:

- **Today**, 7:30 a.m. to noon, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, building 2, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.
- **May 15**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., SEAL (Sea Air Land) Division Team-1 SDVT-1 classrooms.
- **May 19**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Club 14, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Honolulu, Sand Island.
- **May 20**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., oceanside lobby, Tripler Army Medical Center.
- **May 21**, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., blood donor center, room 2A207, Tripler Army Medical Center.
- **May 22**, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hickam BX, building 1235, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil. Check www.militaryblood.dod.mil for the latest information.

Bellows Air Force Station to host free movies in May

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Bellows Air Force Station will host free movies with popcorn on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning at 4 p.m. at Turtle Cove.

The schedule includes:

- May 12, "Captain Phillips" (PG-13).
- May 14, "Frozen" (PG).
- May 19, "Grudge Match" (PG-13).
- May 21, "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" (PG-13).
- May 26, "Saving Mr. Banks" (PG-13).
- May 28, "Walking with Dinosaurs" (PG).

In addition, a movie under the stars featuring Disney's "Frozen" will be held at 7:30 p.m. May 30 on the lawn behind Turtle Cove. The event will feature free popcorn and ice pops while supplies last. Snacks will be available for purchase. Participants can bring blankets.

For more information, call 259-4112 or visit www.bellows.afs.com.

