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## PILOT *for a* DAY

### Kirby Balinski



Kirby Balinski looks on as Capt. Damion Liu, a pilot in the 535th Airlift Squadron, answers questions about the cockpit of a C-17 Globemaster III.

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When local teenager Kirby Balinski saw his childhood dream of becoming a military pilot undercut by a sudden medical diagnosis, members of the 15th Operations Group at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam stepped in to make his dream come true.

After being diagnosed with a serious illness in October 2013, Kirby was offered the opportunity to "make a wish" by the Make a Wish (MAW) Foundation.

His wish to be a pilot was granted in three parts. He and his family were sent to Magic Mountain and Universal Studios in California in order for Kirby to experience the feeling of moving through the air at top speed. He was then given the opportunity to "fly" a glider plane and, lastly, the MAW foundation partnered with the 15th Wing to give Kirby the ultimate Pilot For a Day experience.

The Pilot For a Day program was created for children who have serious or chronic health conditions. The 15th Wing's program invites children of all ages to be guests of one of its flying squadrons for an entire day. The day is planned to give each child, and also the child's family, a break from the challenges they may face.

"I've seen three or four of these Pilot For a Day experiences and, for me, being able to walk them through a day in our shoes and see the smiles on their faces and their family's faces is priceless," said Capt. Rush Taylor, 535th Airlift Squadron (AS) pilot and Kirby's Pilot For a Day mentor.

"It's easy to connect to these kids because they want to do something I wanted to do myself 15 years ago, and being able to help them realize that dream even a little bit is important to me. Kirby and I come from different backgrounds and different situations but we both

had the same dream."

For a flying enthusiast such as Kirby, whose passion to fly was born watching World War II pilots on the History Channel, the day turned out to be just what the doctor ordered to lift his spirits and renew his commitment to achieving his goal to fly.

The day began for Kirby with an introduction to his host flying unit, the 535th AS, where he was given his flightsuit, name tag and tour of the squadron. Kirby and his family were then given the full Pilot For a Day experience including C-17 Globemaster III and loadmaster simulator tours and flights and the opportunity to operate the virtual reality parachute trainer at the 15th Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment section.

Additionally, Kirby was given a chance to try on night vision goggles, fitted for a flight helmet and oxygen mask, strapped into a parachute, and given a tour of C-17 static aircraft.

According to Kirby, the entire experience left him somewhat overwhelmed but more determined than ever to realize his dream of becoming a pilot.

"I learned a lot today," he said. "There's a lot I'm going to have to learn to become a pilot and, it seems much harder to do than I thought but I'm still going to try to do it."

Though Kirby ranked the overall Pilot For a Day experience as one of the best experiences of his life, he said the C-17 flight simulator was his favorite part about the day.

"Flying the flight simulator gave me a chance to see what it would be like to really fly one of these aircraft," he said. "I originally wished to go to Six Flags because I thought riding roller coasters would be the closest I could get to flying and experiencing the G-force experience pilots feel, but this was awesome.

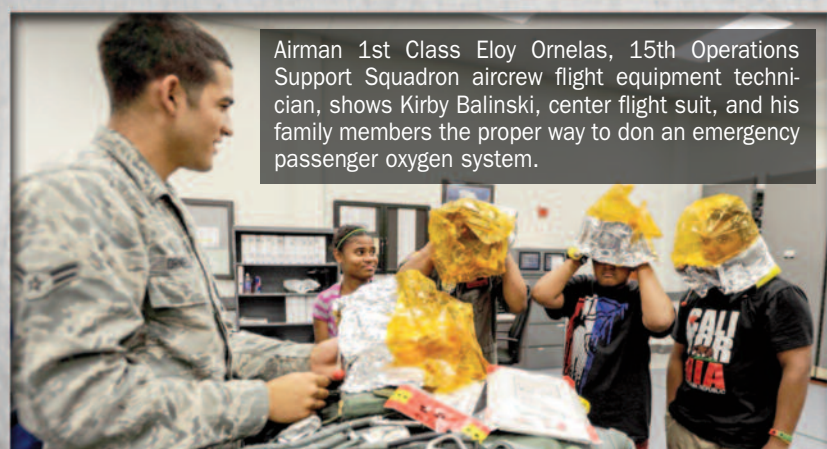
"I don't know how to explain it. This was the type of thing I've always wanted to do when I was younger and I finally got a taste of it. I want more."



Kirby Balinski picks up a teddy bear during a demonstration of the Air Force medium sized robot at the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight facility at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



Kirby Balinski looks on as Capt. Damion Liu explains how the C-17 Globemaster III simulator works.



Airman 1st Class Eloy Ormelas, 15th Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment technician, shows Kirby Balinski, center flight suit, and his family members the proper way to don an emergency passenger oxygen system.

# Wahine Koa's tight defense wraps up Bombshells

Story and photo by  
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Looks like women's flag football champions Wahine Koa will have a tough time defending their title this season, but if defense wins championships, then the team should be right there in the hunt.

After giving up the first touchdown of the game to the Bombshells, the Koa defense got picks from Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 2nd Class Michelle Dannenberger, Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii, and Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Adrianna Tirado-Young, Naval Operation Support Center, to lead the way for a 21-6 victory in an Ohana Sports Alliance women's flag football game on June 1 at Manana Community Park, Pearl City.

Both women's flag football teams are a mixture of civilians and active-duty military or armed forces family members.

"It is (more challenging) because the other teams have definitely stepped it up," said Wahine Koa head coach August Young, who is the husband of Adrianna. "But we have so many new girls and trying to rotate them in and get chemistry, you know we're still building."

Early in the first half, the Bombshells pulled ahead by a score of 6-0 on a pass play from new quarterback Sheena Phelps, a Navy spouse, to Ashley Jenkins, who is the wife of Bombshells head coach Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Jenkins.

The Koa quickly tied the score on their next possession when quarterback Dana Hester found Dee Hawkins in the corner of the end zone and then went ahead, 7-6, after converting their point-after-touchdown attempt.

Hawkins is the wife of Koa offensive coordinator Lt. j.g. Gennaro Hawkins, Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific.

The lead stood up through halftime, but coming out of the break the Koa offense responded with their best drive of the game.

Newcomer Nicole Aberilla set the team up in good field position by returning the kickoff to the 35-yard line of the Bombshells.

Aberilla rushed for seven yards on the first play from scrimmage before running back Sharda Ingano took a pitch out from Hester and then scampered down the right sideline for a 20-yard pickup that placed the ball at the Bombshells eight-yard line.

Four plays later, facing a fourth and goal from the two, Hester took the hike and plunged the nose of the football over the goal line for a 13-6 advantage.

Phelps tried to rally the Bombshells on the team's next possession, but after picking up a first down, the QB made a crucial error when the veteran linebacker Dannenberger got her first interception of the season.

"Every pick is exciting," she said. "It's just August's coaching and all the stuff we work on in practice."

While the Koa didn't capitalize on the pick, the play seemed to spark the team to become even stingier on defense.



Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Adrianna Tirado-Young, Naval Operation Support Center, picks off a pass for Wahine Koa. Tirado-Young led a tough defensive effort in a 21-6 win over the Bombshells.

Later, an interception by Young gave the Koa's offense another opportunity to put the game away for good and this time, the ladies took it home.

Working from the Bombshells' 25, Hester needed only three plays and then found Sgt. Danielle Little for six.

Although the Bombshells dropped another tough one to their old nemesis, Phelps said that she still has high hopes for the team to make a return to the title matchup, like it did two seasons ago.

A former indoor football QB, Phelps admitted that she has big shoes to fill after taking over from previous signal caller Caryn Harman, whose family PCSed earlier this year.

"We're definitely looking to be a championship team," she pointed out. "We know that it's been pretty much a one-team race for the last few years, but every year is different. The game starts off 0-0."

While Young admitted that he had some doubts about coming back as head coach, he and his

wife sat down and decided that they needed to finish what they started.

Over the years, Young has built a juggernaut that has dominated wahine flag football and with the family leaving the islands at the end of this year, he said that he wants to go out with a bang.

"I talked to my wife and she was like, 'we leave in December, let's finish these two seasons out strong,'" he said. "Next season, there will be nine teams, so it's exciting."

# Pac Fleet officers hold off Joint Base Port Ops

Story and photo by  
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While the rainy weather has already played musical chairs with the current intramural softball season, the Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Officers (CPF Os) and Joint Base Port Ops (JBPO) had to dance around another obstacle on June 2 in their Red Division showdown at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

A problem with the field's lights forced both teams to beat the oncoming darkness in a matchup that resembled softball on fast-forward.

Still the game reached a total of six innings before being called by field umpires and, when it was over, the Officers managed to hang on to a 7-5 win over JBPO.

"It wasn't bad until the last inning," said Lt. Cmdr. Kirk Dodson. "And then it got really bad - especially around shortstop and third base. No one could see the ball, so they had to play back on the grass. It was definitely a hindrance to us."

Early in the game, the Officers used some clutch hitting to jump out in front before the lack of lights turned it into a defensive nightmare.

Up by three runs after two innings, Cmdr. Mark Nowalk banged a two-out triple in the top of the third before coming home on a clutch single by Lt. A.J. Falvo to make it 4-1.



Lt. Matt Myers slides safely at home with the sixth run for Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Officers (CPF Os).

Then in the top of the fourth, the Officers got a leadoff single by pitcher Jay Washabaugh, a Department of Defense civilian.

After an infield error put runners on first and third, Cmdr. Garrett Gray sliced a single to drive in Washabaugh with the team's fifth run of the game.

Lt. Matt Myers scored on a sacrifice fly to make it 6-1 going into the bottom of the fourth.

After getting two of the first

three batters out on routine plays, Washabaugh looked like he was going to sail untouched through another shutout inning.

However, with a runner on base, JBPO got a huge boost when southpaw Lt. Andre Barber blasted a shot past the outfield for an inside-the-park homer to cut the lead down to half at 6-3.

"Somebody had to make a play," said Barber about his home run. "I was more focused on not hitting

the catcher, so I was doing a more controlled swing. I got good contact, and I knew that the ball was going over his (outfielder) head and I started really going for it right after first."

Both teams went scoreless in the fifth inning, but another infield error on a hit ball by Gray accounted for the team's seventh run heading into the bottom half.

Washabaugh was able to get the first batter out on an infield

grounder, but after the infield was forced to play back on the ball due to darkness, back-to-back ground balls produced runners on first and third.

The JBPO's got one run on a sacrifice by Barber and plated another run to make it 7-5, but that was as close as they would get.

Despite having to come back under less than ideal conditions, Barbers said that the speeded-up tempo of the game helped JBPO in the later innings.

"We put ourselves in a deep hole in the beginning and that was in the good light," he admitted. "We actually came back when we were rushing, so I don't think it was much of an issue. We definitely could have used another inning."

Dodson said that the team's clutch hitting probably saved the day for the Officers, which improved their divisional record to 3-2.

"Those two rallies were all just singles and nobody is hitting the ball real hard, but they were put in the right place," he said. "That was huge. Two or three times, we were down two outs, and we get a couple of runs going and we move on."

After moving above .500 for the first time this season, Dodson said that he thinks that the team is ready to make its move.

"We had a lot of guys on travel, and now we've got a lot of people back," he said. "They're coming back and everyone is starting to play together. It definitely is helping."

# Naval Health Clinic Hawaii holds soccer top spot

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

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In a battle of the unbeaten teams, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH) got two goals from three different players to handily defeat USS Port Royal (CG 73), 7-1, on May 31 in an intramural soccer White Division game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win placed NHCH in sole possession of first place with a record of 6-0-1, while Port Royal fell into second with a divisional mark of 5-1-1.

"We've been playing with each other for a couple seasons now," said Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Shane Loeffler, who was one of the NHCH players with two goals in the game. "But I think the biggest thing today was speed. We just were crossing them up. It was just breakaway balls."

Although NHCH dominated play throughout the matchup, it was Port Royal that got on the scoreboard first, when Gunner's Mate 1st Class Jeanot Blaise booted a straightway ball that hit the upright before landing just beyond the line for a 1-0 advantage.

The lead was short-lived though as Loeffler tied the score up immediately with a shot from the right wing.

While the goal was a crucial shot that started NHCH's comeback, Loeffler



Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Talla Mamadou focuses on the ball before kicking in his second goal of the game for Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH).

downplayed the kick as being the catalyst that got the team going.

"It's not a lot because we're trying to win," he said. "It was like, OK we got one, but we still got to get one more."

From that point on, it was all NHCH as the team got

back-to-back goals from Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Talla Mamadou and Hospitalman Cory Kaufman to take a 3-1 lead into half-time.

The team's momentum continued in the second half as Mamadou picked up right where he left off by

getting his second goal of the game and a 4-1 lead.

Then back-to-back goals by Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 2nd Class Dylan Harris made it 6-1 before Loeffler added his final second goal of the game to complete the 7-1 decisive victory.

Following the loss, members of Port Royal were noticeably dejected, but Blaise took things in stride.

Blaise credited the strong play of NHCH, but promised that the defeat would only serve to make the Port Royal stronger.

Next week is the final

games of the regular season, and the playoffs are scheduled for the weekend of June 14-15.

"The other team was pretty good. They had a great game," Blaise said. "It just wasn't our day. Our weakness was in the midfield, so once they got control of the midfield, they beat us."

Even in defeat, Blaise believes that Port Royal would be ready to take on the competition in the postseason.

"Our motto is the will to win," he said. "Whether the score is 7-1 or 2-1, we still have the will to win. We'll come back strong and put our best effort out there."

Loeffler said that communication and being in the right place and the right time were heavy factors in defeating a solid team like Port Royal.

"We were just playing the ball right," he acknowledged. "You could just see that most of the people knew where the ball was going to go and they were stopping it early."

Loeffler said that he and teammates are looking forward to the playoffs, not just for the chance to win the base championship, but also for the opportunity to play against the top teams from all divisions.

"This feels good," he said. "I think in the playoffs, they're going to let us play against the other divisions, so that will be interesting to see."

## JEMS Job Fair provides assistance with employment



(Above) Debi Merwick (left), technical recruiter, and Celina Trujillo, human resources assistant with Bishop and Company, talk with job seekers during a Joint Employment Management Systems (JEMS) Job Fair at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on May 16. Their fair was held to support active duty service members who are leaving the military due to downsizing. The fair was co-sponsored by the Army Career-Alumni Program.

(Left) Thanh Wallace, U.S. Army Pacific, talks with Malia Taylor during the JEMS Job fair.

Photos by David D. Underwood Jr.



Master Sgt. Lara Murdzia charms the crowd with her rendition of "Taking a Chance on Love." Papanua, the jazz ensemble with the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific-Hawaii, played at Bishop Square on April 3.

## Bellows Air Force Station to host concert, movies

### Bellows Air Force Station

The U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific-Hawaii jazz ensemble Papanua will perform a free concert tonight from 6 to 7 p.m. at the outdoor deck, building 220, Bellows Air Force Station. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Bellows Air Force Station will also show free movies and popcorn at Turtle Cove on Mondays and Wednesdays through the

month of June. Show times are at 4 p.m.

- June 9, 47 "Ronin" (PG-13)
- June 11, "Captain Phillips" (PG-13)
- June 16, "Frozen" (PG)
- June 18, "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" (PG-13)
- June 23, "Saving Mr. Banks" (PG-13)
- June 25, "Walking With Dinosaurs" (PG)
- June 30, "Lone Survivor" (R)

For more information, visit [www.BellowsAFS.com](http://www.BellowsAFS.com).

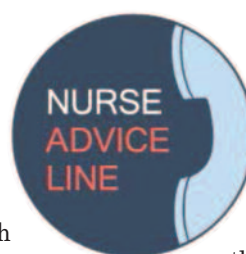
## Nurse Advice Line to provide patients with immediate health advice

### 15th Medical Group

Sometimes it is difficult to know if and when to seek medical help for acute health problems, so having professional help at a moment's notice is invaluable. The Military Health System's new nurse advice line for TRICARE beneficiaries does just that.

TRICARE beneficiaries in Hawaii can call the NAL toll-free 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The NAL is a team of registered nurses who are available to answer a variety of urgent healthcare questions. They can help patients decide whether self-care is the best option, or if it is better to see a healthcare provider. There will always be a live person on the line to address beneficiary concerns.



The NAL offers a variety of solutions for all TRICARE beneficiaries. For pediatric issues, the NAL will route the beneficiary to a pediatric nurse. If follow-up is necessary or requested, the NAL will call the beneficiary back to check the child's status a few hours later.

The NAL will make same-day appointments with the beneficiary's primary care manager for TRICARE Prime beneficiaries who are enrolled at military treatment facilities.

If a same day appointment is not available, the NAL will re-direct the beneficiary to the closest urgent care center and advise the PCM that an urgent care referral is needed, so the patient does not have to worry about paying any point of service co-pays.

All other TRICARE beneficiaries who are not enrolled at a MTF will receive professional health advice about their urgent health concern and when to seek urgent care.

When calling the NAL, a customer service representative will verify the beneficiary's eligibility through the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System.

Beneficiaries with an acute health care concern or question will be connected with a registered nurse who will ask the beneficiary a series of very standard questions to determine the next steps and allow the NAL nurse to provide the best advice possible.

Beneficiaries can still call their PCM or clinic, but the NAL is another option for beneficiaries to access the care they need in a timely fashion. To access the NAL, dial 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273); option one.



# Live the Great Life

## Free comedy hypnosis shows to be held this weekend

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam  
Morale Welfare and Recreation

Comedy hypnotist Chuck Milligan will perform shows Saturday and Sunday at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Milligan has been performing comedy hypnosis for more than 19 years. His shows have been called entertaining, while making sure to maintain the dignity of the volunteers from the audience. He performed in two packed shows on the joint base back in 2011.

Saturday's show is adult-themed (for 18 years and older) and will be held at Club Pearl in the Paradise Lounge. No tickets are needed for the 8:30 p.m. show but patrons are advised to get there early to get the best seats.

Sunday's show is open to all ages, including teen audiences. The 5:30 p.m. show will be held at the Makai Recreation Center. No tickets are needed for this show, but seating will be limited to the first 300 people. Participation on stage will be limited to ages 14 years and older.

For more information, call 473-2431.



Chuck Milligan will perform comedy hypnosis shows at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam this weekend. MWR Marketing photo



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Surfers from all branches of service are expected to compete this weekend.

## All Military Surf Classic will take to water this weekend

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam  
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's Morale, Welfare and Recreation annual All-Military Surf Classic will be held from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at White Plains Beach. It is free to attend and watch the contest.

This year's classic will include approximately 90 contestants, of which about half are active duty.

"The highest turnout (among active duty) came from the Air Force and Army," said Marvin Nuestro, lifeguard at White Plains Beach.

Competition will be broken into short- and long-board divisions for Department of Defense (DoD) employees and active duty military. Different age categories within each division will keep the matches fair.

In addition to trophies, prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Bragging rights will be on the line among the mili-

tary services. The top three finishers of each branch will count toward a "top branch award." Last year's award was won by the Air Force.

Military retirees, reservists, DoD employees and their families will compete in the open division. Children ages 12 and under will also get in the water and participate in their own division. Nuestro said that more than a dozen youngsters are signed up this year.

For more information, call 682-4925, 449-5215.

## Your Weekly Fun with MWR

**Adult Hand-Building with Clay class** will be held from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday from June 7 through June 28 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Students can learn basic ceramic techniques for pinch-pots, coil building and about underglaze and glaze technique. Tuition is \$45. FMI: 448-9907.

**Beginning Origami class** will be held from 12:30 to 2 p.m. every Saturday from June 7 through June 28 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center for youth ages 12 and older. Students can learn the basics of the Japanese art of paper folding, including types of folds, origami bases, and origami and its relation to Japanese culture. Tuition is \$40. 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.

**Intermediate Origami class** will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. every Saturday from June 7 through June 28 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center for youth ages 13 and older. Students can continue learning about Japanese culture and origami as an art form

and mathematical expression while building on the skills learned in the beginning origami class. Tuition is \$40. FMI: 448-9907.

**Preschool Story Time** will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. June 11 at the Hickam Library. The theme of this free program is "Hands and Feet." FMI: 449-8299.

**Patriot Tour** will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. June 12 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. Guided tour is led by a historian from Information, Tickets & Travel and includes a buffet lunch. FMI: 448-2295.

**Free Golf Clinic** will begin at noon June 12 at the Navy-Marine Golf Course. FMI: 471-0142.

**Cookie & Cake Decorating for Kids** class will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. every Thursday from June 12 through June 26 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center for youth ages five to 12 years old. Students can learn to decorate cookies, cupcakes and mini cakes and eat what they decorate. Tuition is \$50,

and all supplies are included. FMI: 448-9907.

**Mongolian Barbecue** will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. June 12 on the lanai of the Historic Hickam Officers' Club. A variety of meats, vegetables and sauces will be available for 85 cents per ounce, and rice, noodles, soup, beverages and fortune cookies are included. FMI: 448-4608.

**Push Up Competition** will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 13 at the Hickam Fitness Center. Competitors need to register for this free event. FMI: 448-2214.

**Hickam Historical Tour** will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 13 with visits to the original Hickam Field buildings. The tour departs from the Information, Tickets & Travel-Hickam office and Royal Alaka'i Lodge. The tour includes lunch. Due to the nature of the tour, it is not recommended for children under 6 years old. FMI: 448-2295.

**Moonlight Hike at Lanikai Pillboxes** will begin at 7 p.m. June 13. Staff from the MWR Outdoor Adventure Center will lead an intermediate hike in the hills overlooking the windward coast. The cost is \$15. The sign-up deadline is June 10. FMI: 473-1198.

**Moonlight Paddle at Hickam Harbor** will begin at 8 p.m. June 13. Participants of all paddling abilities are welcome. The trip led by Hickam Harbor's Outdoor Recreation staff will include all required gear. The cost is \$25. The sign-up deadline is June 10. FMI: 449-5215.

**Women's Surfing Class** will begin at 9 a.m. June 14 at Hickam Harbor. The class will cover the basics in a stress-free environment. Participants need to be proficient swimmers and able to swim without a life-jacket. The cost is \$30. The sign-up deadline is June 12. FMI: 449-5215.

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**Spearfishing Excursion** will begin at 9 a.m. June 15 at Hickam Harbor. Participants must have taken MWR's "Learn to Spearfish" course, as the skills needed for this activity can be moderate to difficult. The cost is \$20. The sign-up deadline is June 12. FMI: 449-5215.

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**JUNE****POOLS OPEN FOR SUMMER SEASON**

**NOW** — In time for the warmer weather, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation has announced extended pool hours for the summer season. The new hours include the seasonal opening of Arizona Pool now through Labor Day only. New hours have also been announced for Scott Pool, Hickam Pools 1 and 2 and Towers Pool. FMI: <http://www.hookelenews.com/pools-to-open-for-summer-season/> and <http://ow.ly/xALYI>

**NURSE ADVICE LINE**

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**SPECIAL MIDWAY PROGRAM**

**SATURDAY** — From 2 to 4 p.m., the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor will commemorate the 72nd anniversary of the turning point of World War II with a special Midway program. Burl Burlingame, curator and author, will present a talk titled "Flying Fortresses Over Midway" at 2 p.m., followed by a 3 p.m. presentation and behind-the-scenes look at the restoration progress of the museum's Flying Fortress, the "Swamp Ghost" B-17E, by Jim Martinelli, restoration manager. On display in hangar 37 will be one of six Midway murals donated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The event is free with museum admission and free to museum members. FMI: [www.pacificaviation.org](http://www.pacificaviation.org) or 441-1000.

**BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE**

**9, 17, 18, 19, 23** — 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).

- June 9, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Schofield PX, Schofield Barracks.
- June 17, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2nd Brigade, building 2097, Schofield Barracks.
- June 18 and 19, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Wheeler Army Air Field 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, building 102, Wheeler Army Airfield.
- June 23, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

FMI: 433-6699 or 433-6148, email [michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil](mailto:michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil) or [www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil).

**ACING THE INTERVIEW**

**10** — An Acing the Interview workshop will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) Wahiawa. The workshop is designed to teach participants of what to bring for a job interview, become familiar with various interview formats, and prepare to ask and answer questions effectively. Participants should register online. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) or 474-1999.

**SUMMER CRAFT CAMP**

**10** — Summer Craft Camp will be held from 10 a.m. to noon June 10 through June 13 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Weekly sessions are available until the end of July for youth ages 7 years and older. New creative projects will be offered each session. The cost is \$55 per session. FMI: 448-9907.

**AFCEA LUNCHEON EVENT**

**10** — An Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) luncheon event will be held at Hale Ikena Club, Fort Shafter. Sonny Bhagowalis, the state's chief advisor on technology and cyber security, will be the guest speaker. Check-in is at 11 a.m. and the buffet begins at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$14 for AFCEA members who pre-register and \$17 at the door or for non-members. FMI: <http://afcea-hawaii.org>, or 441-8565 or 441-8524.

**INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE**

**11** — An intramural volleyball league coaches meeting will begin at 1 p.m. June 11 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center, building 1338. The season runs June 26 through September. The league is limited to commands from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. There is no charge for teams to participate. FMI: 473-2494 or 473-2437.

**KIDS' BOOK CLUB**

**11** — Kids' Book Club will begin at 2 p.m. at Hickam Library for youth in fourth and fifth grades. The club will read and discuss selected books, and book club books count toward "Paws to Read" summer reading. FMI: 449-8299.

**JUMP INTO SUMMER 5K RUN**

**12** — A Jump Into Summer 5K Run will begin at 7 a.m. at the Wahiawa Annex Fitness Center. This free event is open to all eligible patrons. FMI: 653-5542.

**AIR FORCE SPOUSE 101: HEARTLINK**

**13** — Air Force spouses who are new to the service or have been a military spouse for a while but still have questions can attend the Air Force Spouse 101: Heartlink program from 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at MFSC Hickam. The event will include a free lunch. Participants should register online. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) or call 474-1999.

**RAISING FINANCIALLY FIT KIDS**

**13** — A workshop called Raising Financially Fit Kids will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at MFSC Pearl Harbor. This workshop for parents discusses ideas about money management and setting children on the road to fiscal responsibility. Participants can register online. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) or 474-1999.

**THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN 2 (PG-13)**

We've always known that Spider-Man's most important battle has been within himself: the struggle between the ordinary obligations of Peter Parker and the extraordinary responsibilities of Spider-Man. But in *The Amazing Spider-Man 2*, Peter Parker finds that a greater conflict lies ahead. It's great to be Spider-Man for Peter Parker, but being Spider-Man comes at a price: only Spider-Man can protect his fellow New Yorkers from the formidable villains that threaten the city.

**SHARKEY THEATER****TODAY 6/6**

7:00 PM *The Amazing Spider-Man 2* (PG-13)

**SATURDAY 6/7**

2:30 PM *The Amazing Spider-Man 2* (PG-13)

5:10 PM *Mom's Night Out* (PG)

7:10 PM *Neighbors* (R)

**SUNDAY 6/8**

2:30 PM *The Amazing Spider-Man 2* (3D) (PG-13)

5:10 pm *Neighbors* (R)

7:10 pm *The Other Woman* (PG-13)

**THURSDAY 6/12**

7:00 PM *Mom's Night Out* (PG)

**HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER****TODAY 6/6**

6:00 PM *Bears* (G)

**SATURDAY 6/7**

4:00 PM *Rio 2* (G)

7:00 PM *A Haunted House 2* (R)

**SUNDAY 6/8**

2:00 PM *Rio 2* (G)

**THURSDAY 6/12**

7:00 PM *The Quiet Ones* (PG-13)



# MWR offers adult swim classes at Hickam Pool 2

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According to a recent study by the American Red Cross, more than half of all Americans (54 percent) either can't swim or do not have all of the basic swimming skills.

For those who either cannot swim, or who can swim but want to improve their technique, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) offers a variety of group swim classes for children, teens and adults.

The adult swim classes are especially popular, particularly with active duty service members. According to Denise McCarthy, lead guard, about 60 percent of adult students are active duty.

"We get lots of active duty personnel who need to pass their second class swim crawl," she said.

Holding the classes at noon also attracts more military students.

"There was lots of positive feedback about moving the classes from the evening to lunchtime," McCarthy said. "Many students use their lunch PT time to take classes or swim laps."



Students work on developing water skills at Hickam Pool 2, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, during one of MWR's adult swim classes.

Skill levels of students participating in the adult swim classes range from those dealing with a serious fear of water to swimmers who want to improve their technique. Classes are limited to 10 students, and there are

two instructors per class.

McCarthy finds teaching adults to swim to be especially rewarding.

"I love teaching adults because they are so appreciative," she said. "They really want to learn and are happy to pick up a new skill."

MWR offers swim classes at Hickam Pool 2 starting at noon, Monday through Thursday. Classes are divided into four age groups: 6 months-3 years old, 3-4 years old, 5-16 years old and 17 years and older.

In addition, just in time

for the warmer weather, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam MWR has announced extended pool hours for the summer season.

The new hours include the seasonal opening of Arizona Pool now through Labor Day

only. New hours have also been announced for Scott Pool, Hickam Pools 1 and 2 and Towers Pool.

Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, has championed the opening of and community support for the Region's pools.

"Swimming pools are more than recreation only. They are 'fitness centers,' especially for our wounded warriors. They are alcohol-free alternatives for our warfighters and their families. They provide a social venue for students and visitors, and they provide quality of life, physical fitness and readiness training for us all," Williams said.

"Promoting good health and fitness can save money and otherwise have a positive impact on our careers, our shipmates and our families," the admiral said.

For more information on the swim classes, call 260-9736.

For more information on the extended pool hours for the summer season, visit the following web links: <http://www.hookenews.com/pools-to-open-for-summer-season/> and <http://ow.ly/xpiEE>.