

PACFLT Adm. Harris kicks off Pro Bowl



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USS Lake Erie completes its role in Koa Kai

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The guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG70) completed its part in exercise Koa Kai 14-1 on Jan. 29 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Koa Kai 14-1 is an integrated maritime training exercise to certify independent deployers in multiple warfare areas and provide integrated training in a multi-ship environment. Lake Erie conducted flight operations, visit board search and seizure drills, maneuvers with other ships in the area, and a replenishment at sea with the Royal Canadian navy auxiliary oil replenishment ship HMCS Protecteur.

“It’s a capstone of the basic level of training that makes certain we can operate in complex and operational scenarios,” Capt. John S. Banigan, commanding officer of Lake Erie said.

This exercise gave the crew of Lake Erie a chance to

spend time developing their ability to work as a war-fighting unit.

“The benefit I see on the deckplates is that the crew gets to cross train and work together to become a more cohesive unit,” said Command Master Chief Jack Johnson.

Lake Erie’s executive officer Lt. Cmdr. Raphael Castillejo agreed.

“It gave us an opportunity to give experience to watchstanders and provide last minute adjustment in the ways we fight the ship,” Castillejo said.

This year Koa Kai 14-1 had five guided-missile cruisers from Hawaii and San Diego along with four guided-missile destroyers which provided joint training throughout the fleet.

“Any operation that works with other ships in fleet not only benefits us (Lake Erie), but it benefits the synergy of all the other ships on the waterfront as well,” Castillejo said.

The Lake Erie conducted flight operations with the

2nd Squadron 6th Cavalry Regiment of the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade.

“The big challenge was working with the Kiowa Warriors and we learned a lot about joint flight operations,” Castillejo said. “Now we can write tactical memos for the fleet so they can use Army helos anywhere in the world.”

This was the first Koa Kai that featured a strike group as the composite warfare commander.

“This, unlike other Koa Kais, was a more holistic approach, in [that] a strike group-led the exercise,” Banigan said.

Along with the Army, Koa Kai was supported by Submarine Forces U.S. Pacific Fleet, Helicopter Strike Squadron 37, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2, Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 224, Marine Aircraft Group 24, Hawaii Air National Guard, and HMCS Protecteur.

“(Koa Kai) had great support from all services from the air to sea,” Banigan said.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Nardel Gervacio

An Army UH-60 Blackhawk from the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (25th CAB) conducts deck qualifications aboard guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) off the coast of Hawaii during exercise Koa Kai 14-1. (See more photos on page A-5).

Personal Readiness Summit planned for Feb. 4-6

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U.S. Pacific Fleet will host a Personal Readiness Summit from Feb. 4-6 at various locations. Sessions on Feb. 4 and 5 will be held at the Ford Island Conference Center on Ford Island and the Military and Family Support Center (MFSC), room 294. The theme of this year’s conference is “Respect.”

The Feb. 4 and 5 sessions will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Ford Island Conference Center. Command family ombudsmen and family readiness group leaders will address participants beginning at 6 p.m. Feb. 4 at the MFSC. Break-out sessions will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 6 at Ford Island Conference Center.

The event will culminate Feb. 6 with two all hands calls at Sharkey Theater. The first will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m. An



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Diana Quinlan

An officer reviews supplementary material provided during the combined U.S. Pacific Fleet and Commander Navy Region Hawaii, Personal Readiness Summit held March 26, 2013 on Ford Island at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (This year’s summit will be held Feb. 4-6. The theme for this year is “Respect.”)

afternoon all hands call will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Leadership, command program advisors and

command climate program, physical readiness program, family advocacy, and fleet stressors and programs.

Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, will address attendees on Tuesday morning and evening.

“Even when we’re not forward-deployed, there are stressors in the military. The impact is often hard for our Sailors, but it can be even harder for families who have to cope, adapt and overcome,” Williams said.

“How do we cope? We help each other. It’s a pact, a trust: When Sailors know their families are cared for and supported, they are more able to focus on the mission,” the admiral said.

(See next week’s Ho‘okele for full coverage of the Personal Readiness Summit.)



An SH-60B Seahawk participates in a recovery assistance exercise aboard guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97).

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15th Wing leaders recognize hard work, dedication

Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez

15th Wing Public Affairs

Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Leslie Bramlett, 15th Wing command chief, hosted a commander's call Jan. 23 at Hickam Memorial Theater, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The commander's call began with recognizing the wing quarterly award winners, followed by remarks from Roscoe.

"I want to start out with thanking each and every one of you for what you do," Roscoe said. "And thank you for all the hard work you put into making 2013 a successful year for the wing. There were some amazing chal-

lenges that you had to overcome, and you did with efficiency and outstanding teamwork."

Roscoe said challenges such as sequestration, the government shutdown, an operational readiness inspection, a visit from President Barack Obama and the wing's response to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines all contributed to a busy 2013.

"Through all of this, you never took your eye off the ball, and when I talk to your commanders, they tell me about the great things you all do on a daily basis," the commander said.

Roscoe also highlighted the importance in taking pride in being part of Hickam's heritage.

"Being stationed at Hickam, you are part of a

strong Air Force heritage, and you must always keep that in mind," he said.

Bramlett followed Roscoe's comments by also thanking the wing team members for their teamwork and a job well done.

"What an amazing opportunity to be a part of such an outstanding organization," Bramlett said. "As I look across this room and see the sea of Air Force uniforms, it can't help but to make you feel good about being part of the Air Force.

I get a lot of chances to go around and talk to Airmen about what it means to be part of the Air Force, and I always make it a point to highlight the fact that no one joins the Air Force to be alone, and that is evident in this room today."



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Jerome S. Tayborn

Chief Master Sgt. Leslie Bramlett, 15th Wing command chief, addresses Airmen during a commander's call Jan. 23 at Hickam Memorial Theater, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

USS Santa Fe returns to Pearl Harbor following deployment

MC1 Steven Khor

Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs Office

Smiles of excitement could be seen at the submarine piers for the crew of USS Santa Fe (SSN 763) as families and friends gathered to welcome back the Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Jan. 28 following a deployment to the western Pacific region.

"The crew performed superbly, meeting every challenge and excelling at every opportunity," said Cmdr. Timothy Poe, Santa Fe's commanding officer.

While deployed, 24 Sailors earned their designation as qualified in submarines and now wear their dolphin warfare insignia.

Along with this accomplishment, 20 Sailors advanced in rank and four Sailors were initiated into the Chiefs' Mess.

Poe said Santa Fe completed multiple missions vital to national security, strengthened the relationship with the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF), and enhanced theater security and cooperation through port visits in the Republic of Singapore as well as Japan.

"The most rewarding aspect of this deployment has been wit-



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Steven Khor

Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Eric Krukowski from the Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS Santa Fe (SSN 763) hugs his wife Heidi following the return of the submarine to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Jan. 28 after completing a six-month deployment to the western Pacific.

nessing the next generation of submariners gaining crucial experience by operating in some of the most demanding and challenging environments," said Poe.

Along with a warm welcome back to Pearl Harbor from families and friends, the crew was welcomed back by the Mayor of Santa Fe, David Coss, and other community leaders from New Mexico's capital city.

"All of these representatives, along with their families, are part of the Santa Fe ohana. The crew is honored to have them welcome us home," said Poe.

"Santa Fe has a very proud military community, so it is becoming a special relationship between our city and the USS Santa Fe," said Coss. "We are very proud to be here, we are proud of their service, and we are proud to say that

we have a submarine in the Navy."

Coss added that the USS Santa Fe committee was able to sponsor 10 crew members to travel to Santa Fe last Memorial Day to participate in numerous ceremonies and events. Nearly a year later, those same crew members still talk about how much they enjoyed the trip, especially the warm support they received from

the citizens of Santa Fe. The crew continues to talk about possibilities for the next trip to their namesake city.

"It's a curious thing to have pride in both directions. When I'm at home, I of course have a sense of pride in my work and what I do, but while I'm away, I take pride in home and everything that defines it," said Machinist's Mate 1st Class Robert Roybal, a crew member who grew up in Santa Fe. "To remember all the people back home and think of their support, one cannot help but to be humbled and intensely grateful."

"I'm ecstatic. I couldn't be more proud of him, and I'm just so happy," said Emily Randen, spouse of Santa Fe Sailor Culinary Specialist 1st Class Jared Randen. "I'm looking forward to spending time together as a family."

"It's the best feeling in the world. It's been a long six months, and it's just so great to have him back," said Ruth Davila, wife of Lt. Aaron Davila. "I'm excited to get reacquainted and seeing some sights around Hawaii."

Santa Fe is the second ship to be named in honor of the capital city of New Mexico. As an improved Los Angeles-class submarine, it features retractable bow planes and 12 vertical launch tubes for cruise missile strikes.

USS Lake Erie named CSADD Small Sea Chapter of Year



MC1 Elliott Fabrizio

Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

The Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) Sea and Shore chapters of the year were announced by the Chief of Naval Personnel on Jan. 23 in NAVADMIN 012/14.

USS Lake Erie (CG 70), homeported at Joint Base

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Diana Quinlan

The guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) returns March 29, to homeport at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam, was named Small Sea Chapter of the Year. USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 72) was named CSADD Large Sea Chapter of the Year.

"This year's judging was more difficult than ever," said Fleet Master Chief for Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education April Beldo. "All nomination packages demonstrated how CSADD Sailors help foster a positive image of our young Sailors to our communities and abroad."

The best practices that made the winning chapters to stand out included

integrating CSADD into their command indoctrination courses, organizing life skills workshops, making effective use of social media and networking resources with other organizations and chapters.

CSADD was established in June 2010 by OPNAVINST 1500.80 as a peer-to-peer mentoring group to positively influence young Sailors' behavior through resources and tools that promote good decision-making.

"Junior Sailors are naturally closer to each other than to their senior lead-

ers, and the great thing about CSADD is that this encourages Sailors to use that influence to promote positive decisions on and off-duty," said Beldo.

"Every time I visit Sailors in the fleet, I hear about the great things CSADD chapters are doing in their communities. I'm impressed, and I look forward to hearing about their future accomplishments," she said.

There are currently 300 chapters, which share their activities via Facebook and other networks.

For more information on CSADD, visit the website <http://ow.ly/t8d7g>

Commentary

NFL gets big 'thank you' for hometown connection

Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific



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This past Sunday, military service members stationed in Hawaii from all services were on the field being recognized and honored in the opening ceremony of the NFL Pro Bowl at Aloha Stadium. A joint military color guard participated. Adm. Harris, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, conducted the official coin toss. The ceremony was the culmination of a week of opportunities for service members and their families to meet and interact with some of the best players in the National Football League. NFL players and coaches practiced at Joint Base Pearl

Harbor-Hickam's Earhart Field last week and graciously met with fans, signed autographs and posed for photos. The NFL and its sponsors offered to upgrade and maintain Earhart Field, creating a lasting legacy of fitness for us.

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, some of the game's premier players also helped middle school students get active at Ward Field through Play 60. It was a perfect match: Play 60 promoting fitness and wellness at the joint base, one of DOD's key sites for its Healthy Base Initiative to fight obesity, prevent tobacco use, and encourage exercise. As we know, good fitness equates to greater readiness. Last Saturday, Aloha Stadium opened for Ohana (family) Day. This was a chance for the local community — including our military families — to interact with the all-stars, watch them practice, and see a rehearsal of the halftime show. Throughout the week, NFL players made it a point to thank military service members and families for

helping keep America safe. And the NFL generously provided free tickets to hundreds of service members to enjoy the game. During the Pro Bowl NBC broadcast on Sunday, there were scenes from throughout the Hawaiian Islands with several video clips of our joint base, USS Arizona Memorial and Battleship Missouri Memorial. The players and broadcasters expressed how much they appreciated the hospitality shown here in Hawaii. Now it's our turn to thank those who brought these opportunities to Hawaii for our military warfighters and families. We appreciate the NFL for including us. Throughout the year, many NFL coaches and players also go out of their way to support Wounded Warriors and visit forward-deployed forces.

We are proud of our association and appreciate the opportunity the Pro Bowl brings. When all-stars from our favorite teams take the field, it makes a connection with our hometowns and a link to our favorite football team and creates an energy-filled family atmosphere. By the way, I'm also proud of the way "our team" conducted themselves at the game and in tailgate parties — lots of camaraderie and spirit, without incidents. Of course, the hard work of our own all-stars on the region and joint base MWR team, working with the NFL and other organizations and groups, made it all possible. And I thank Mayor Caldwell and Chief Kealoa for the great cooperation shared with the City and County of

Honolulu and the Honolulu Police Department. If you were one of the many volunteers on the field and behind the scenes, or if you had a hand in sponsoring and supporting the Pro Bowl in Hawaii, thank you! The Pro Bowl, like our military, is a melting pot of people from all over the country, and that's why there was such a strong hometown connection. By all accounts, including from the players themselves, this year's new format, Team Rice and Team Sanders NFL Pro Bowl, was a huge success. I thought it was a great game with lots of fun, excitement and positive energy on and off the field. And, there was lots of strong defense — something those of us in uniform can identify with.

Diverse Views



What did you like about this year's Pro Bowl?



Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 2nd Class Dreamus Whitaker
Transient Personnel Unit (TPU)

"The one thing I liked about this year's Pro Bowl was the fact that it was un-conferenced and it had two NFL veterans choosing the teams versus just AFC and NFC. It seems best. It made it more fun to watch."

Airman 1st Class Harmandeep Kaur
647th Force Support Squadron

"The practice was my favorite part. Meeting all players was a blast."



Elaine Kaneshiro
Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel

"I liked it because it's ... entertaining with Deion Sanders and Jerry Rice being the captain of the teams and it's ... un-conferenced."

Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Watson
792nd Intelligence Support Squadron

"The format they played was a fresh change, a lot of good hits."



Doug Kozik
Navy Region Hawaii N5

"I like how they're trying to do a new format this year. Maybe it will generate interest and excitement and people attending it. Maybe it will keep it here in Hawaii."

Maj. John Mallory
65th Airlift Squadron

"I liked the new format, and the physicality was a welcome change from years past."



Staff Sgt. Jason Price
PACAF Protocol

"The intensity of the game! Hopefully this year's Pro Bowl resurrected the appreciation and passion for football."

Provided by MC1 Nardel Gervacio and David Underwood Jr.

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Traffic court location to change Feb. 5

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Security Department

In order to improve customer service and reduce wait times, effective Feb. 5, the traffic court location at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) will change from police headquarters to the Navy College building, JBPHH, building 679, first floor, in the USS Utah room. Building 679 is located at 1260 Pierce St. "Due to the heavy volume of traffic violations, traffic court will be relocated to the Navy College building in order to better serve our military, civilian and contractors with their citations," said JBPHH traffic clerk Sandra Harris. Traffic court will continue to be held

from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays with a check-in time of 12:45 p.m. "Traffic laws are designed to protect you and other drivers on the road. If we do not follow them, we are not only putting ourselves at risk but also innocent bystanders and drivers," said Lt. Robert Liberato, a traffic judge for JBPHH. The base security department stated that commands are encouraged to remind personnel that JBPHH continues to be committed to improving safety of the base population and that the following traffic offenses will result in suspension of base driving privileges. Offenses:

- Failure of operator or occupant to use restraint devices in a motor vehicle.
- Failure to properly restrain children in a child restraint system in a motor vehicle.
- Excessive speeding (eight mph or greater above the posted speed limit).
- Failure to wear required personal protective equipment (PPE) while operating or riding a motorcycle.
- Permitting an unlicensed person to operate a motor vehicle.
- Utilizing a cell phone or other portable electronic device while operating a motor vehicle.
- Reckless driving.

Sanctions imposed are as follows:

- First offense — 30 day suspension of base driving privileges.
- Second offense — one year suspension of base driving privileges.
- Third offense — permanent suspension of base driving privileges.

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USS Higbee honored noted Navy nurse



Official U.S. Navy photograph

USS Higbee (DD-806) is shown here underway in the Pacific Ocean on May 2, 1970. Higbee was commissioned Jan. 27, 1945 (69 years ago this week) and it was the first U.S. warship named for a female member of the U.S. Navy. Chief Nurse Lenah S. Higbee served as superintendent of the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps in World War I.

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Nation to celebrate African American History Month in February

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Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

As announced by NAVADMIN 016/14 released Jan. 27, the Navy joins the nation in celebrating the history and culture of African American Sailors during African American History Month throughout the month of February.

Established in 1926 as Negro History Week, President Gerald R. Ford expanded the celebration in 1976 to include the entire month of February. This year, Navy commands are encouraged to celebrate and reflect on the theme "Civil Rights in America."

African American Sailors have a legacy of honorable service in naval history through every major armed conflict since the Revolutionary War. During the Civil War, African American Sailors fought on every kind of Union warship, accounting for 10 to 24 percent of each ship's crew, and included eight Medal of Honor recipients.

During World War II, the Golden Thirteen were an example of African Americans breaking new ground in the Navy and in American society. In February 1944, 12 prior-enlisted African American servicemen were commissioned as ensigns and a 13th was made a warrant officer.

They were the first group of African American servicemen to complete

officer training in the Navy and led the way for future African Americans. These 13 officers not only made a contribution to the Navy during World War II, but to society as well. By the end of the war, 64 African Americans had become officers in the Navy.

Wesley A. Brown became the first African American graduate of the United States Naval Academy in 1949, joining the Navy's Civil Engineer Corps and retiring at the rank of lieutenant commander. He passed away May 22, 2012 after a distinguished career both in the Navy and in the civilian workforce.

Edna Young was the first African American woman to enlist in the regular Navy and later the first black woman to achieve the rank of chief petty officer. Young joined the Navy after the passage of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act on July 7, 1948.

In December 1996, Adm. J. Paul Reason became the first African American naval officer to wear four stars and assumed command of the Atlantic Fleet, comprising nearly 200 warships, 1,400 aircraft and 122,000 service men and women based at 18 major shore facilities.

Vice Adm. Michelle Howard is recognized for many first accomplishments, including the recognition as the first female United States Naval Academy graduate to be promoted to the rank of admiral, the first African American female

to command a combatant ship, and the first African American female promoted to two-star and three-star admiral. She has also been confirmed by the Senate to serve as vice chief of naval operations, the service's No. 2 uniformed officer. She will be the first African American and first woman to hold the job and the first female four-star admiral.

African Americans continue to serve with distinction, now comprising more than 17 percent of the active duty Navy total force end-strength. Sailors and their commands are encouraged to use this month to celebrate and recognize the exceptional and distinctive contributions and the unique histories and cultures that African American shipmates bring to the Navy.

More information can be found at the Naval History and Heritage Command at <http://ow.ly/t7Ho7>. A full-color brochure on the history of African Americans in the United States Navy is also available for download through the Naval History and Heritage Command link.

A complete educational presentation, including a downloadable educational poster, can be requested from the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) by email at deomipa@us.af.mil.

More information on Navy diversity events can be found on the Navy Office of Diversity and Inclusion calendar at <http://ow.ly/t7HwQ>.

USS Oklahoma Memorial cleanup



(Top): Chief Information Systems Technician Jared Miller of Defense Information Systems Agency, Pacific Field Office, joins Chief Fire Controlman Jeremy Yeske (center) of Center for Surface Combat Systems Detachment Pearl Harbor and Chief Fire Controlman Josh Scheib (bottom), assigned to Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATG MIDPAC) in volunteering to take care of the USS Oklahoma Memorial on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The memorial honors more than 400 Marines and Sailors who lost their lives on board battleship USS Oklahoma (BB 37) at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

U.S. Navy photos by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

Naval Aircrewman Tactical 2nd Class Joshua Curry performs a pre-flight inspection on an SH-60B Seahawk on board the flight deck of guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97).



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Johans Chavarro



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Fire Controlman 3rd Class Emily McCulley handles line aboard guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97) as Halsey departs from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to conduct training near Hawaii during exercise Koa Kai 14-1. Koa Kai is a semiannual exercise that improves cooperation, readiness and the capability of forces to respond quickly to various crises, ranging from armed conflict to humanitarian assistance.

Sailors participate in a simulated crash and salvage operation aboard guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97).



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Johans Chavarro



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Daniel Barker

Canadian underway replenishment ship HMCS Protecteur (AOR 509) transits the waters of Pearl Harbor during exercise Koa Kai 14-1.



(Left): Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and his wife, Suzy, wave to the crowd during the 2014 Night in Chinatown Street Festival parade. The multi-block street festival in the heart of Chinatown featured live entertainment, cuisine and crafts. The Chinatown Merchants Association hosted the parade, which is held annually to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

(Below): Members of the U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet Band march in downtown Chinatown during the 2014 Night in Chinatown Street Festival.

U.S. Navy photos by MC1 Nardel Gervacio



Traffic advisories announced for JBPHH

Beginning Jan. 30, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will implement traffic modifications in the vicinity of Hale Ali'i housing and building 1315, located between Hale Ali'i Avenue and Paul Hamilton Avenue.

The improvements will eliminate through traffic flow between Hale Ali'i Avenue and Paul Hamilton Avenue to alleviate pedestrian and vehicle safety hazards.

Traffic improvements are as follows:

- Barriers will be placed between the Hale Ali'i housing neighborhood rear driveway alleyway to eliminate the flow of through traffic from Hale Ali'i Avenue to Paul Hamilton Avenue.

Left turn arrows will be painted on the outbound lanes of the west parking lots of building 1315.

Drivers should heed traffic warning signs identifying

“no through traffic” and “residents and guests only.”

- In addition, beginning Feb. 3, JBPHH will implement traffic modifications to aid traffic flow in the vicinity of Porter Gate, located between South Avenue and Porter Avenue.

The improvements will result in better flow of traffic between the Hickam and Pearl Harbor sides of the joint base through Porter Gate.

Traffic improvements are along 11th Street, from Beard Avenue to South Avenue. Four stop signs have been removed to make 11th Street free flowing.

Drivers should continue to heed the 15 mph speed limit in the residential area and exercise caution when driving in the proximity of the school zone. Pedestrians have the right of way at crosswalks, and drivers must stop for pedestrians.

Legal office extends hours

Region Legal Service Office

The Region Legal Service Office Hawaii (RLSO) will be open for extended hours from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month beginning Feb. 5.

The legal assistance department understands that not every service member's schedule affords him or her the time to seek assistance during normal business hours. Therefore, in addition to normal hours, the office will be open from 6 to 7:30

p.m. Feb. 5.

The office remains committed to ensuring active duty military members and their families have ample opportunity to attend to legal matters and to plan and prepare for operational commitments.

Normal legal assistance walk-in hours are 8:30 to 11 a.m. Monday through Wednesday and from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday. Legal assistance is also available by appointment.

For more information, call the office at 473-4717.

Legal service office will hold divorce seminars

Region Legal Service Office

The Region Legal Service Office at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is now offering divorce seminars beginning at 9:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday.

The divorce seminar provides a general understanding about how to file for divorce in the state of Hawaii. The seminar also covers a variety of divorce and separation topics pertinent to individuals in the military and their families.

An attorney will be present at the end of the seminar to answer general questions. Spouses may attend the seminar separately or together.

Participants should arrive 10 minutes early to fill out paperwork prior to the divorce seminar. Upon completion of the seminar, if there are still specific questions, participants can see an available attorney or schedule an appointment for a future time.

For more information, call 473-4717.