

## Air show set to soar this weekend

**Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs**

The general public is invited to experience two of the world's most exciting flight demonstrations as they soar in the skies over Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during the Wings Over the Pacific air show on Sept. 27 and 28.

The U. S. Navy Blue Angels F/A-18 Hornets and the U. S. Air Force F-22 Raptor demonstration team will be among the featured air show performers during the two-day air show, which is free and open to the public. The event opens at 10 a.m. and runs until 5:30 p.m.

The Blue Angels will display their precision formation flying and aerobatic demonstrations. The F-22 demo team will offer a rare performance, one of only 20 air shows in North America in 2014.

The Navy's parachute team, Leap Frogs, will launch the air show with a flag jump after the opening ceremony at 11 a.m. These air acts and more will perform throughout the day, culminating with the Blue Angels in the late afternoon. All acts are subject to weather conditions.

The Wings Over the Pacific air show will feature a variety of static displays of vintage and modern aircraft. The Air Force will showcase its military transport aircraft, the C-17 Globemaster, which will also perform during the air show, and the military aerial refueling aircraft, KC-135 Stratotanker.

The Army will bring Stryker armored vehicles, Howitzer variants and other assets from the 25th Infantry Division. The Coast Guard will have an HH-65 Dolphin helicopter and rescue C-130, and the Marine Corps will showcase an



(Above) U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, diamond formation flies the Diamond 360 maneuver. U.S. Navy photo by MCLs Eric Rowley

(Top right photo illustration) Tom Frosch, commanding officer and flight leader, completes take off checks prior to a practice flight demonstration. U.S. Navy photo by MCL Rachel McMarr

(Right photo illustration) Lt. Cmdr. David Tickle signs autographs for excited fans after performing in the Air Power Arkansas 2012 air show. U.S. Navy photo by MCL Eric Rowley



U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, delta formation perform a pitch up break. U.S. Navy photo by MCL Eric Rowley

RQ-7 Shadow unmanned aerial vehicle.

Featured historic aircraft will include the vintage warbird SNJ (T-6), 1928 Pietenpol Air Camper and Hawaiian Air 1929 Bellanca. These and other military and civilian general aviation aircraft will be on display.

The air show will offer food, beverages and merchandise booths for

purchase and an "Xtreme Fun Zone" with rides, games and more for kids.

For a complete list of restricted items and other information, visit [www.wingsoverthepacific.com](http://www.wingsoverthepacific.com). Follow the latest air show happenings at <https://www.facebook.com/WingsOverthePacificairshow> and on Twitter at #JBPHH\_airshow.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden



U.S. Air Force photo

(Above) A U.S. Army Stryker combat vehicle is guided into a C-17 Globemaster III from the 535th Airlift Squadron during a 25th Infantry Division training exercise on the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam flightline Aug. 13. (Left) F-22 Raptors will be performing.



U.S. Navy photo by MCL Michelle Turner

The U.S. Navy parachute demonstration team, the Leap Frogs, perform during the 2011 Naval Air Station Lemoore Central Valley Air Show rehearsal. The Leap Frogs are based in San Diego and perform aerial parachute demonstrations across the United States in support of Naval Special Warfare and Navy Recruiting as a "Global Force For Good."

### Wings Over the Pacific advisories

**Noise advisory**

The base and surrounding community can expect increased noise during the air show practices and performance times as follows: 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. today, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

**Base access**

From 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, O'Malley Gate will be used solely for air

show civilian traffic. Drivers who enter through O'Malley Gate will be directed to air show parking. Base residents and employees should enter through any other gate to avoid air show traffic. City buses with routes to Pearl Harbor-Hickam will operate as normal for authorized personnel only (DOD/military ID required).

**Street closures**

From 4 to 5:15 p.m. Friday through Sunday, movement along Ft Kamehameha Street to Mamala Bay Drive will be restricted due to overhead flight restrictions. No transiting will be allowed during this period.

**Parking lot closures**

Security will block off entry into parking areas surrounding the airfield after

duty hours today. The following parking lots will be affected: PACAF parking lots on O'Malley Boulevard, PACAF parking lots on D Street, AMC terminal parking, 535 AS C-17 auditorium parking lot, JR Rockers parking lot, Hickam Memorial Theater parking lot, parking lots on Freedom Avenue, building 2115 (both parking areas in front and behind), building 2192 parking lot.



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# Wing Warrior Day training tests aircrew's survival skills

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez

15th Wing Public Affairs

Aircrew members from the 535th Airlift Squadron (AS), 65th AS and the 96th Air Refueling Squadron (ARS) participated in a Wing Warrior Day exercise Sept. 12, allowing them to complete required tri-annual training and help support joint-service cooperation and capabilities.

"We had to evade through thick brush and anything else that provided us cover from enemy combatants," said Maj. Juan Amaya, 96th ARS and training participant.

"This was great training because it was more involved and hands-on than normal with it being in conjunction with Wing Warrior Day."

The training was a refresher survival, evasion, resistance and escape (SERE) course for the aircrew which, upon completion, allows them to maintain their flying status. They had to train as if their aircraft went down in a hostile environment.

This required them to evade enemy combatants,



Air Force pararescue Airmen arrive at an evacuation point after parachuting into the area to make contact with downed aircrew members during a Wing Warrior Day training and exercise held Sept. 12 at Kahuku Training Area.

find and secure a safe area to stay overnight, and establish communication with rescue units for an evacuation. Overhead, Army 25th Combat Aviation Brigade

UH-60 Black Hawks and OH-58 Kiowas provided air support and reconnaissance.

"I think joint training like this is extremely important to improving real-world

capabilities," said Staff Sgt. Marcus Ohler, 15th Operations Support (OSS) Squadron Weapons and Tactics.

"The Air Force, Army and

Marines have been working cooperatively on this, and it's had a positive impact on how we train. With all of these training resources, we've been able to make

this training as realistic as possible without having to simulate very much."

Once the aircrew reached an evacuation point, they communicated by radio with rescue support to receive further instruction and, within minutes, a crew of pararescue Airmen parachuted from the sky into a nearby location and made their way to aircrew. After the aircrew validated who they were to the rescuers, everyone on the ground made their way to UH-60s for evacuation.

"This is not only training for the aircrew, but it's training for everyone involved," said Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Ray, 15th OSS SERE Operations. "For the [pararescuemen], this is what they do real-world. They're sent into hostile environments to rescue people."

Ray was the SERE trainer for the downed aircrew, providing them with instruction and guidance during the exercise.

The rescued aircrew members were flown to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, where they boarded a C-17 Globemaster III back to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

# Energy official discusses Navy's future at summit

Story and photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Detachment Hawaii.

Capt. James Goudreau, acting deputy assistant secretary of the Navy of energy, described energy's importance to the Navy to hundreds of participants at the 2014 Asia Pacific Clean Energy Summit (APCES) held

Sept. 16 at the Hawaii Convention Center.

These remarks started the second day of the three-day annual event, which brings together business, technology and policy leaders from all over the globe.

"The Chief of Naval Operations, when he talks about our mission—the Navy's mission at large—he talked about warfighting first," said Goudreau.

"He talks about operating

forward, and he talks about being ready. We can't do any single one of those things, never mind the entire package, without addressing how we use energy, without addressing what our value is, what the vulnerabilities are, and how we need to change not only what we buy but how we operate," Goudreau said.

The United States Department of Defense is responsible for more than

80 percent of all U.S. government fuel consumption, according to a Congressional Research Service report in 2010.

According to Goudreau, saving energy maximizes operation stability and will help build a more capable force to help execute the Navy's mission every single day.

"We're the best Navy in the world today because of how we use petroleum, but in order for us to do this in the future, we have to change how we think about it," said Goudreau.

"We have to change our culture. We have to become more efficient in how we use fuel in every single day operations. We have to buy systems that deliver the required capability but don't increase other vulnerabili-

ties at the same time."

Goudreau explained some of the major challenges and vulnerabilities the Navy faces in everyday operations. He discussed how culture change plays a role in easing those challenges.

"The discussion itself is about change," said Goudreau. "It's not necessarily about energy, climate, innovation or individual technological component. It's about how do we recognize the change that's happening to us and how do we react to that change."

Goudreau quoted a 1957 speech by Adm. Hyman Rickover, the "father of the nuclear Navy," warning that the world will someday run out of fossil fuels.

"Fossil fuels resemble capital in the bank. A prudent

and responsible parent will use his capital sparingly in order to pass on to his children as much as possible of his inheritance," Rickover said.

"A selfish and irresponsible parent will squander it in riotous living and care not one whit how his offspring will fare," he said.

"For too long, the price of oil was \$10 per barrel, and we could get it wherever we wanted and whenever we wanted. We treated it like oxygen—you breathe in, you breathe out—it's always there. That's not always going to be the case. We have to change how we perceive the value of energy," Goudreau said.

To learn more about the Navy's energy goals, visit <http://greenfleet.dodlive.mil/energy/>



Capt. James Goudreau, (right), acting deputy assistant secretary of the Navy of (energy) talks with participants of the 2014 Asia Pacific Clean Energy Summit (APCES).

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter

## Lane closures announced

Turn lanes into the parking lot next to the Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) headquarters building will be closed off daily from Oct. 1 to 22 from O'Malley Boulevard and Atterbury

Circle to access communication manholes. The work schedule will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Vehicle and pedestrian traffic control will be provided during the lane clo-

sures by the contractor, including signs, cones and flag personnel.

Motorists should seek alternate routes during this time and plan for delays.

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Commentary

# Showcasing excellence and pride at air show this weekend

**Rear Adm. Rick Williams**

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific



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Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz led the United States military to victory in the Pacific in World War II. At the end of the war, seeing the importance of aviation in the Navy's future, he called for the formation of a flight demonstration team to inform and do outreach with the American public.

The Blue Angels team was born a year later, 1946.

We can only imagine what Adm. Nimitz would say today if he could see the powerful blue-and-gold F/A-18 Hornets and the impressive Navy-Marine Corps team,

representing the best in naval aviation.

At this weekend's "Wings Over the Pacific" air show, we are fortunate to host not

only the world-famous Blue Angels pilots and "Leapfrogs" parachute team but also the Air Combat Command F-22 Demonstration Team and Pacific Air Force C-17 Globemaster.

There will be civilian participants and plenty of static displays, including many U.S. Army aircraft, at the air show, too, with participation from all services.

I hope to see you out at the joint base flight line, where we will help "The Blues" meet their mission of showcasing "the pride and professionalism of our Navy and Marine Corps team by inspiring a culture of excellence and service..."

When Adm. Nimitz called for the formation of a flight demonstration team, the U.S. Air Force as we know it

had not yet been created. But Nimitz had seen the power of integrated air-sea operations in his victories at the Battle of Midway and across the Pacific.

Today, in recognition of the air-sea battle concept, we understand the need to integrate our communication and operations and work jointly. That's why it's extremely satisfying to conduct the "Wings Over the Pacific" air show with our Air Force, Marine Corps and Army brothers and sisters and for all of us to share the air show with tens of thousands of visitors this weekend at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

This is a demonstration of the world's most impressive tactical fighter jets and pilots, a showcase of what our

military and aviation industry team is capable of. The Blue Angels pilots conduct maneuvers and demonstrate skills that translate to exceptional warfighting capabilities unmatched in the world's skies. Remember, these pilots go back to the fleet and mentor others with their advanced skills.

A special word of thanks to Blues CO, Cmdr. Tom Frosch, and all of the other pilots and support personnel here this weekend to provide this show. Being a member of the Blue Angels and other demonstration teams is not without risk and is certainly a commitment of time away from family in support of our military and our country. We thank you all for sharing your time and talents with us.

Also, a big thank you to everyone at joint base who has been working hard to set up this great event and ensure its safety and security. For the many people working this weekend, and especially for the volunteers, we appreciate your contributions.

Finally, I join Capt. Keeve, joint base commander; Col. "Bull" Kirkendall, deputy joint base commander; and Maj. Kelly Church, air show director, in expressing appreciation for the local community's support as we present this air show here in Hawaii.

On Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting, our military will demonstrate excellence and show our pride and professionalism. See you there!

## Diverse Views



**What advice would you have for a new military service member or a new military family?**



**PMRF Fire Chief Paul Garrigan**  
Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF)

"Keep everything in perspective. You are one of a small percentage of American people. Focus on the most meaningful part of your job, service to your country."

**Staff Sgt. Kyle Boehme**  
15th Maintenance Group

"Be flexible, enjoy the ride. You'll only get out as much as you put in."

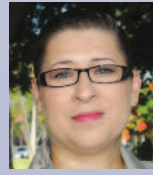


**Master-at-Arms 1st Class Melvin Ramos**  
PMRF

"Have a plan, from choosing your schools, to housing and transportation. Have a plan."

**Capt. Angela Joy-Radden**  
17th Operational Weather Squadron

"Get involved in the community. Travel and enjoy the benefits the military provides. This is the best, most rewarding job you will ever have."



**Chief Fire Controlman Joshua Nash**  
Aegis Ashore

"Get out in the community and experience the local culture. I've seen too many young Sailors, especially overseas, sit in their rooms or on the ship and waste a perfect opportunity that most people never get to do. Take advantage of it."



**Engineman 1st Class Nicholas Milos**  
Seaborne Powered Targets

"Always stay positive because the military is what you make of it. If you have a negative attitude towards it, you're not going to have a good time."

**Staff Sgt. Dorothy Cadenas**  
324th Intelligence Squadron

"Every challenge is a chance to learn something about yourself, grow, or appreciate things. Take the extra time to do things right and volunteer for things you love. Make your passion your work."



**Senior Chief Aviation Machinist's Mate Rolan Jiao**  
PMRF

"The military lifestyle can be very stressful. The family needs to support each other."

**Senior Airman Nikita Nikitenko**  
324th Intelligence Squadron

"Pay attention to what they teach you. You might need it later."



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## The Blue Angels



U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, perform the delta flat pass during a flight demonstration at the Air Power Arkansas 2012 air show at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. on Sept. 8.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Eric Rowley

## U.S. Air Force becomes independent service



Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force

On Sept. 18, 1947 (67 years ago this month), the U.S. Air Force was born as an independent service. On that day, W. Stuart Symington took the oath of office as the first secretary of the United States Air Force. Later that day the new service secretary, along with Gen. Carl A. "Tooeey" Spaatz, sent a jubilant wire to Gen. Henry H. "Hap" Arnold announcing that "at long last the U.S. Air Force came into being at noon today." In this photo, Symington, former assistant secretary of war for air, takes the oath of office as secretary of the Air Force from Fred Vincent, chief justice. From left are Symington; Kenneth C. Royall, secretary of the Army; James N. Forrestal, secretary of national defense; Vincent; and John Sullivan, secretary of the Navy.

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# JBPHH helps CFC campaign climb to new heights

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A kickoff event held Sept. 18 at Ward Field at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam launched the Hawaii-Pacific 2014 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

Attendees participated in games and obstacle courses at the event which provided an opportunity to expose patrons to the CFC, its mission and how to participate in the fundraiser.

"This year we wanted to do something different. We wanted to raise awareness of spirit and raise the spirit of giving, but we also wanted to have fun," said Lt. Cmdr. Michael Barksdale, CFC coach for Navy Region Hawaii (NRH).

"So to reach the deck plate Sailor, we thought it'd be outstanding to offer various recreational activities that they may not normally participate in," Barksdale explained.

As a way to raise awareness about donating, 16 charities set up displays with information and pamphlets during the event, demonstrating to guests that there are people behind the name.

Danielle King, community outreach specialist for Fam-



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Johans

Operations Specialist 3rd Class Edison Liang, a Sailor assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Preble (DDG 88), scales the Alpine Tower during the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) kickoff event at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 19.

ily Programs Hawaii, said being able to make face-to-face contact with Sailors and federal employees helps make the organization's story real and lets them see how it affects change.

"A lot of times you'll just see a name on a list and think 'what does that mean to me?,' but for us to come out here and talk with them and show them the photos about what we do lets people understand how what

we do affects change," said King. "And we come out here because we care. All of us care about the different causes we support."

Religious Program Specialist 2nd Class Johnnie Howard, a Sailor assigned to NRH, echoed King's sentiments, explaining that having the chance to speak with charity representatives helps during the decision-making process of deciding what char-

ities to donate to.

"With just a name and an email, you can't really tell who's involved, but seeing them in person and talking to them and hearing their personal story on why they're a part of the organization helps a lot with deciding what organization to donate to," said Howard.

According to Barksdale, reaching out with the intent of making 100 percent

contact with Sailors and federal employees throughout commands is an important goal of the CFC campaign because it ensures people don't forget about the idea of donating.

"One hundred percent contact guarantees that all federal employees have the opportunity to give and makes sure that all federal employees are aware there is an opportunity to give," said Barksdale.

"They may not give at that moment, but at least they know what's out there and with the campaign lasting a month and a half, they now also have the opportunity to change their mind."

Lt. j.g. John Thomas, CFC chairman for Navy Information Operations Center Hawaii, explained that consistent exposure to the CFC also helps people find organizations and causes they are passionate about.

"A lot of the success of these campaigns come from just people reaching out and spreading the word," said Thomas.

"The more you educate people, the more and more they realize they want to donate to an organization and be a part of that organization."

This year's annual CFC drive will run from Sept. 15 through Oct. 31 and gives military service members and federal employees the opportunity to make donations to local and/or nationwide charities.

The mission of the CFC is to encourage philanthropy and to provide all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

For more information about CFC, visit <http://www.cfc-hawaii.org>. (See page A-5 for additional photos).

## Taking a shot at the flu



Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Megan Williamson delivers a flu shot to Capt. Andrew Findley, commanding officer, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, on Sept. 23 at Bloch Arena, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Seasonal flu vaccinations will also be offered at various exchanges. For more flu vaccination information, call the Oahu Joint Services Flu Hotline at 433-1FLU (1358).

U.S. Navy photo by Brandon Bosworth

## Legal advocates participate in sexual assault prosecution seminar

MC1 Ernesto Bonilla

Navy Region Hawaii  
Public Affairs

Military trial counsels and staff judge advocates from the Navy, Army, Marine Corps and Coast Guard convened at Lockwood Hall on Sept. 11-12 for a two-day seminar on sexual assault prosecution.

Organized by Navy Region Legal Service Office Hawaii for all branches of service, the seminar aimed to improve sexual assault prosecution through presentations from subject matter experts and discussions between service members.

"In the five years that I've been here, I haven't seen a joint service seminar on prosecution," said Capt. Bill Boland, commanding officer of Region Legal Service Office Hawaii.

"Essentially our systems are based on the same rules—the Constitution, Uniform Code of Military Justice, and the Manual for Court Martials. There are some subtle differences but nothing too big," said Boland.

The seminar began with opening remarks by Rear Adm. Bob Girrier, deputy

commander and chief of staff, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

"Sexual assault is a cancer. If other Sailors are hurting Sailors, then it's something that needs to be rooted out. You can't have people hurting people in any way, but particularly in a way that's so invasive and so harmful to people's psyche and long-term development. It has a huge impact on readiness, good order and discipline."

One of the subject matter experts was George Brauchler, the district attorney for the 18th Judicial District in Colorado, lead prosecutor for the Aurora movie theater mass murders, and a U.S. Army Reserve judge advocate.

Brauchler's topics included courtroom persuasion and the effective use of courtroom technology.

"Seeing is believing. I think we've grown up in an industry that is so bent on the written word, than even the spoken word, that we've lost the ability to realize that those words are more impactful when you can anchor them in someone's head with a picture, an image," said Brauchler.

"You retain 50 percent of what you see, but only re-

tain 20 percent of what we hear. If you can anchor those spoken words to an image, you have increased the impact on that panel member," Brauchler said.

Participating services also presented material on how different challenges and sexual assault are dealt with in their respective offices.

"One of the parts of the seminar that I really enjoyed was when the senior trial counsel from each branch shared some of their best practices, things that they use in their investigations and prosecutions," said Lt. j.g. Erick Norton, Region Legal Service Office Hawaii.

"Sexual assault is an issue that we take very seriously, and collaborative meetings like this help us sharpen our skills, learn new methods, and figure out better ways to prosecute these crimes," Norton said.

To contact a sexual assault response coordinator at the Department of Defense Safe Help Line, call (877) 995-5247.

To learn more about Navy's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program, visit [www.sapr.navy.mil](http://www.sapr.navy.mil).

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# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



Sailors aboard the Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97) heave around on a line during a replenishment-at-sea in the Pacific Ocean on Sept. 19 with the Military Sealift Command dry cargo ship USNS Cesar Chavez (T-AKE 14). Halsey is currently participating in Valiant Shield, which is a U.S. only exercise integrating Navy, Air Force, Army and Marine Corps assets.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Bradley J. Gee

Chief Hospital Corpsman Benny Chavez from Los Angeles, conducts cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training on Sept. 20, on the mess decks of the Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97) while in the Pacific Ocean.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Bradley J. Gee



Boatswain's Mate Seaman Alisha Jacobs from Chicago mans the helm on the bridge of Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97) on Sept. 17 in the Pacific Ocean during exercise Valiant Shield.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Bradley J. Gee

(Right) Seaman Mitchell Randolph, a Sailor assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90), participates in an obstacle course during a Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) kickoff event at JBPHH Sept. 19.

(Below) Sailors, families, and friends participate in a dodgeball tournament during a CFC kickoff event at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photos by MC3 Johans Chavarro





U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Erik Cardenas

# JPAC honors POWs/MIAs at Punchbowl ceremony

MC2 Vladimir V. Potapenko

Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command

The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command hosted a national POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony Sept. 19 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu. The event honored the sacrifices made by those who had been kept in captivity in service of their country and those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for its defense and remain missing.

Guest speaker Navy Capt. (ret.) James Hickerson, a former prisoner-of-war from the Vietnam War, chronicled the trials, tribulations and insights connected to his captivity. Relying on faith and the support of his fellow prisoners, Hickerson was able to withstand the tortures of being a POW for more than five years.

Nadine Siak, the deputy director of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, spoke about the significance of the day and the necessity to remember the path laid in blood by those who have served this country honorably.



(Left to right): Navy Capt. (ret.) James Hickerson, a former POW from the Vietnam War; Marine Corps Col. Patrick Byron, JPAC deputy commanding officer; Army Master Sgt. Michael Swam, JPAC senior enlisted leader; and Air Force Maj. Gen. Kelly McKeague, JPAC commanding general; lay down a wreath in honor of POWs and MIAs as part of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command's National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at the National Memorial Center of the Pacific (Punchbowl) on Sept. 19.

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brought to mind. "I considered how the families had to endure the years of absence, awaiting an answer on their loved one's fate they feared would never come. How these families must feel after JPAC succeeds in identifying their loved one, bringing closure to a long uncertain chapter in their lives. [This is] a miracle," she said.

More than 400 people attended the event, taking

part in JPAC's effort to highlight the memory of all POWs and MIAs. To honor those MIAs JPAC helped to return home to their loved ones, the names of all of the service members identified since the last National POW/MIA Recognition Day were read as were all the countries in which the remains of Americans service members were recovered and are undergoing forensic analysis.

Among the attendees

were Glenda Tucker, the wife of Maj. James Tucker, and Natalie Rausch, the daughter of Col. Warren Anderson. The U.S. Air Force officers remain missing after their RF-4C aircraft was shot down over North Vietnam in April 1966. Tucker has been a long-time resident of Hawaii, and Rausch recently moved to Fort Shafter with her husband who is a U.S. Army chaplain.

The Marine Forces Pacific Band provided music throughout the ceremony, and a U.S. Pacific Command Joint Service Color Guard and U.S. Air Force firing detail rendered appropriate honors.

"National POW/MIA Recognition Day is but a single day for our nation to commend those individuals who have suffered and died in the name of ensuring America's freedoms," said Air Force Maj. Gen. Kelly

McKeague, JPAC commander.

"But throughout the year, JPAC's military and civilian professionals dutifully dedicate ourselves to honoring their sacrifices in searching for, recovering, and identifying America's missing heroes," McKeague said.

Established by an Act of Congress in 1998, National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed annually on the third Friday in September.

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Ships from the George Washington and Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Groups are underway in formation at the conclusion of Valiant Shield 2014. USS Halsey (DDG-97), homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, was one of the Navy ships participating in the exercise.

## Valiant Shield 2014 exercise comes to successful end

**Tech. Sgt. Brok McCarthy**

JOINT REGION MARIANAS — The fifth iteration of Valiant Shield came to a close here Sept. 23 after nine days of joint air, land and sea interoperability training between the U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Army.

“Overall, Valiant Shield 2014 was a very successful exercise,” said Navy Rear Adm. Russell Allen, Valiant Shield exercise director.

“Opposition forces provided a robust challenge to our air, sea and cyber forces, which enhanced our ability to function as a joint

force and validated the air-sea battle concept. The lessons learned will help further the development of tactics, techniques and procedures in the joint environment, especially those for the air-sea-battle concept.”

The goal of Valiant Shield 2014 was to bring together more than 18,000 service members, 200 aircraft and 19 surface vessels to develop a “pre-integrated” joint force built from habitual relationships. This force builds interoperable and complementary cross-domain capabilities and benefits from realistic, shared training.

During the air operation

portions of the exercise, the Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps completed scenarios that included simulated defensive counter-air missions, strike missions, suppressions of enemy air defenses, maritime interdiction, air-to-air refueling and command and control operations.

In addition, infantry Marines, along with Guam National Guardsmen, conducted an island seizure exercise on Tinian Island, approximately 50 miles north of Guam. Marines were inserted on the island by two Ospreys from Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine

Aircraft Wing, III MEF. Once on the beach, they encountered opposition provided by Guam’s Army National Guard, Company A, 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry. Over the course of several days, the infantry faced increasingly complicated scenarios while trying to capture an old World War II-era compound.

Valiant Shield 2014 featured several firsts, including the deployment of an Army Patriot missile battery from the 1-1 Air Defense Artillery Battalion and the integration of the Task Force Talon terminal high altitude area defense battery assets, previously deployed to Guam.

One of the many sea-based Valiant Shield scenarios was a live-fire sink exercise, which sank the decommissioned USS Fresno (LST 1182) in waters 18,000 feet deep, approximately 215 nautical miles northeast of Guam.

Units from the Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps also participated in the sinking exercise, firing a variety of ship-based and aircraft-based weaponry to enhance tactical proficiency and targeting against a surface target at sea.

The lessons learned from exercises like VS14 will assist the U.S. in continuing to develop regional and global power projection ca-

pabilities that provide a full range of options to succeed in defense of its interests and those of its allies and partners around the world.

“Valiant Shield was extremely successful for gathering lessons learned in a joint environment,” said U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Andrew Toth, Valiant Shield air boss.

“Weather was an issue at the beginning, but thanks to the hard work of some dedicated people, we were able to accomplish all of our objectives. What we learned during Valiant Shield will provide us invaluable improvements to the way we plan and execute future operations.”