

Life & Leisure

Tower Lighting will include pictures with Santa tonight

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The 45th Annual Tower Lighting Celebration will be held tonight on the lawn by Freedom Tower.

The festivities begin at 4:30 p.m., and patrons are encouraged to arrive early and claim their spot. An evening of live entertainment, prize giveaways, food, treats and more await families. One winner will receive a \$500 holiday shopping spree.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare

and Recreation has set up free activities for the kids, including bounce houses and holiday crafts.

A kid's clinic will offer projects teaching the children to build and create. Other interactive activities, including a trampoline demonstration, will take place across the grassy area.

Several on-base organizations will offer food booths with dinner plates, snacks and treats available for purchase. A milk and cookie tent will also return this year.

As the evening progresses, music will fill the air, courtesy of the Air Force Band of the Pacific and the Navy's Pacific Fleet Band.

Santa Claus will arrive at 5 p.m. to take free photos with the kids. MWR recommends getting in line early.

The Tower Lighting Ceremony is the main event at 7 p.m. when the lights will come on.

Parking in the immediate surrounding will be limited as areas will be cordoned off. MWR will provide free, round trip shuttle service from the BX garden shop to the event beginning at 4:15 p.m. until the end of the event.

For more information, go to www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Editor's note: See page B-3 for holiday lighting guidelines.



MWR highlights holiday happenings this month

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) has put together a variety of holiday-themed events and offers this month. In addition to the Tower Lighting Celebration tonight, patrons can check out what else MWR has to celebrate the holiday season. They include:

- Dec. 14, 18, 20-24, the Honolulu City Lights Holiday Tour will depart from Bloch Arena parking lot at 6 and 6:30 p.m. Advance purchase is required. Tickets have been going fast, so patrons are advised to call the Information, Tickets & Travel (ITT) office at 473-0792 to see which dates still have seats available.
- Dec. 14, Lunch and Bowl with Santa will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at the Hickam Bowling Center. The event is for children 12 years and younger. Participants will get one game of bowling (shoe rental included), lunch and a chance to meet Santa. The cost is \$8. For more information, call 473-2651.
- Dec. 20, the Ugly Sweater Run will begin at 8 a.m. at Hickam Fitness Center. This free 5K run is open to active duty military, Department of Defense civilians and their family members. Participants can win a prize if they run in their ugliest holiday sweater. For more information, call the Hickam Fitness Center at 448-2214.
- Dec. 25, Sharkey Theater will feature a "two for one" because some people prefer to relax and be entertained with a good movie on the holiday. For more information, patrons can visit www.greatlifehawaii.com and click on the "theaters" link in the recreation tab.

- Dec. 31, a New Year's Eve party will be held in the Country Bar at Club Pearl. There will be party favors, pupus and a toast at midnight. Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. The event is for those ages 18 years and older.

- Dec. 31, New Year's Eve dinner will be offered at Sam Choy's Island Style Seafood Grille. Harold Beltran, executive chef, is putting together dinner specials in addition to the popular menu items. Patrons ages 21 and older can receive a free glass of champagne to accompany the meal. For more information and to make a reservation, call 422-3002.

- Jan. 1, a New Year's special will be held at Sharkey Theater. Patrons can buy a small fountain drink and get a small popcorn for free.

- Dec. 20-31, 12 Days of Liberty will be offered. The program is open to all single Sailors and Airmen. MWR's Liberty Program will have 12 days of free activities.

The activities will include ice skating, massages, football game tickets, shark adventures, hikes, luaus, holiday meals and more. For more information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com or call Beeman Center at 473-2583.

- Through the month of December, there will be bowling specials at Hickam and Naval Station Bowling Centers. Patrons can bowl two games and get a third game free. For more information, call Naval Station Bowling Center at 473-2574 or Hickam Bowling Center at 448-9959.

- Throughout December, the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center will feature holiday-themed classes. For more information, call 448-9907.

- Brews & Cues at Club Pearl, Sharkey Theater, Naval Station Bowling Center (noon to 6 p.m.), Navy-Marine Golf Course, Barbers Point Golf Course and all Liberty Centers will be open on Christmas and New Year's Day.

Chung-Hoon win creates logjam at top of division

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

With only one game remaining in the regular season, USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) Koa Kai saved their best for the last by toppling league-leading USS Chafee (DDG 90) Bulldawgs, 26-20, Dec. 6, in an Afloat Division intramural flag football game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win not only locked up a spot in the upcoming playoffs but also threw Koa Kai into a virtual tie with the Bulldawgs with both teams finishing the regular season with identical 7-3 records.

This year's playoffs will be held over three days at Ward Field with the opening rounds kicking off on Dec. 13 and the championship game taking place two days later on Dec. 15.

"This is pretty big," said Koa Kai quarterback Yeoman 3rd Class Courtney Sims. "We don't have the best athletes, but we have people that's going to go out there and play and give it 100 percent. They'll play their hearts out. Heart beats skills."

In order to come out on top, the Koa Kai needed every bit of their tenacity as the team fell behind by two scores early in the first half.

Bulldawgs quarterback Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Cole

Swanson started off the game by engineering an efficient 65-yard drive on only eight plays, with Swanson taking the ball into the end zone by himself for a 6-0 lead.

The Bulldawgs converted their point-after attempt to increase their lead to 7-0.

After getting the job done on offense, the Bulldawgs defense took center stage and came up with a big play of their own when Engineman 1st Class Curtis Kimber picked off a pass by Sims to set up Chafee in good field position at the Chung-Hoon eight-yard line.

Three plays later, Swanson doubled the Bulldawgs lead by connecting on a short pass inside the end zone to Logistics Specialist Seaman Recruit Tyron Davis.

Down by two scores, Koa Kai finally showed some life on their next offensive drive.

Going back to the team's running back, Sims rushed the ball four times for positive yards and connected on three straight passes to get the team on the scoreboard with its first touchdown of the game.

Sims scampered in from 12 yards out to punch in the touchdown and then repeated the feat to convert the team's two-point attempt to pull to within six at 14-8.

The Bulldawgs reestablished their control of the game by moving 65 yards on only four plays for

their third touchdown of the game and 20-8 advantage.

However, just before halftime, Sims was off and running again.

The Koa Kai QB picked up 25 yards on the team's first play from scrimmage at their own 15 and then rushed for another 40 yards and a touchdown to make it 20-14 at halftime.

After stopping the Bulldawgs on downs, Chung-Hoon got the ball back at their own 15 and needed only seven plays to march deep into Chafee territory.

Facing fourth and goal from the Bulldawgs 21, Sims did what he does best and used his legs to

scramble into the end zone for the game-tying score.

Another defensive stop by Koa Kai gave Sims one last series to work his magic and the Chung-Hoon QB didn't disappoint.

From his own 30, Sims, with 41 seconds remaining in the game, rushed three straight times to put the ball at the Chafee 12-yard line.

On the very last play of the game, Sims rolled out of the pocket and connected with Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 3rd Class Daniel Kelley inside the end zone for the game-winning touchdown.

"They (the Bulldawgs) was probably thinking that I was going to run it," Sims said. "I wanted everybody to flow to the left. I looked up and saw Kelley and said, 'no, that's not the play,' but I just threw it up to him and he caught it."

Kelley explained that while the play might not have been what the QB expected, he just wanted to move to the open spot and become a big target for Sims.

"That side was predominately weaker than the other side," Kelley explained. "I'm 6' 3" so throw it up there and I'll go for it."



Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 3rd Class Daniel Kelley reaches up to secure a pass for the game-winning touchdown.

Residents 'Go Green'

Hickam Communities

Hickam Communities residents can join the Hickam Communities, "Green Hawaii holiday decorating contest."

Residents can go green this holiday season by creating a holiday display on their home's facade or front lawn using zero energy. They can use battery-powered or solar decorations and could win one of three \$200 gift cards.

Judging will be based on best overall decorations utilizing zero energy decorations. Judging will take place on Dec. 19 and winners will be notified on Dec. 22.

For more information and to nominate a Hickam Communities Home, log on to the website www.hickamcommunities.com/go/greenholiday.

Forest City to hold holiday events for residents

Forest City Military Communities

Forest City Military Communities will hold a series of holiday-themed events to celebrate Christmas and New Year. They include:

- Dec. 15-19, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Forest City residential management holiday wrapping elves will assist Moanalua Terrace housing residents with wrapping their presents.

- Dec. 17, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Surfin' Santa will be on hand at Pearl City Peninsula housing for a photo op. The event will include snacks and holiday crafts.

- Dec. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. Surfin' Santa will hand out treats at the East housing resident services office.

- Now through Dec. 21. Pearl City Peninsula housing residents can enter a coloring

completion with the prize winner drawn on Dec. 22.

- Now through Dec. 22. East housing area residents can enter a home-decorating contest. Winners will be announced on Dec. 24.

- Now through Dec. 22. East housing residents can submit their cutest Christmas pet pictures to their resident services office by 5 p.m. Dec. 22. Winners will be announced on Dec. 24. Photos can be submitted online by emailing anicosia@forestcity.net.

- Now through Dec. 23. East housing residents will have a giving tree event for Fisher House children. Residents can visit their resident services office for details.

- Now through Dec. 24. East housing residents can participate in an elf in the neighborhood contest. Residents can stop by their resident services office to let housing

officials know where they saw the elf and put their name in for prizes. Drawings will be held every Friday.

- Now through Dec. 30. East housing residents can visit their resident services office to enter their family for the mega family party pack for New Year's. The winner will be drawn on Dec. 31.

- In addition, all month long, Forest City Pearl City Peninsula housing area residents will also hold weekly ornament drawings at the resident services office. Throughout December, Pearl City Peninsula housing residents can stop by the resident services office from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Fridays for a holiday cookie treat.

For more information, visit www.fcnavyhawaii.com.



Live the Great Life



MWR Marketing photo
Patrons inspect vehicles for potential bidding.

'Small treasures' found at abandoned vehicle auction

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Hundreds of customers stopped by the abandoned vehicle auction on Dec. 6 to see if any hidden gems were among the various vehicles on the lot near Porter Gate at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

More than 150 vehicles, including cars, trucks and even motorcycles, were up for bid. The conditions of the vehicles covered a wide range. A few were in decent shape that caught the eyes of many patrons. Others appealed only to those looking for a fix-up job.

Doug Ikeda from MWR's Auto Skills Center said some good deals can be found for customers who realize what they're getting.

"You're attending an abandoned vehicle auction. There are no keys and the battery is dead," Ikeda said.

He added that per base rules, the vehicles need to be towed off the lot at the owner's expense. With the wide variation on state of repair, he said people are looking for a variety of reasons.

"Some guys look for project cars. A lot of people that come down are looking for a second car, or they want to buy a car for their kids. Some people just need parts for their vehicle. So there are all kinds of reasons," Ikeda said.

All bids are sealed so everyone has a fair shot at winning. Ikeda said he has seen bids high and low take the prize.

"I've seen winning bids that I wouldn't have gone that high, and I've seen people win with bids just above the minimum (\$150). People want the vehicle for a specific reason," Ikeda said.

Those who did not win this time, or didn't see anything that caught their eye, need not despair. Ikeda said another auction is planned for next year. Every vehicle has to go through a process before being designated abandoned, but if everything goes smoothly, organizers hope to hold it in early spring.

For more information about when the next auction will be held, customers can go to www.greatlifehawaii.com and click on the GLH Hot List button. From there, they can select vehicle auctions among a list of other special mailing lists to choose from.

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PeeWee Soccer Registration period for youth ages 3 to 5 years old closes today. The season runs from January to March. Registration is available at www.greatlifehawaii.com. The fee is \$35. FMI: 473-0789.

Free Karaoke Friday will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. today at the Escape Bowling Center (Wahiawa Annex). Free karaoke will be available during open bowling hours. FMI: 473-2651.

Free Golf Clinic will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at Mamala Bay Golf Course. FMI: 449-2304.

Machine Quilting: Star Quilt class will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday from Dec. 13 through 27 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Students can learn how to cut fabric and assemble the pattern while learning quilting tips and how to complete a quilt from start to finish. Tuition is \$100. FMI: 448-9907.

Gridiron Breakfast will be held from 7 to 11 a.m. Dec. 14 at Brews & Cues. Patrons can watch NFL football games with DirecTV Sunday Ticket. There is no cover charge. FMI: 473-1743.

NFL Football Sunday will begin at 8 a.m. Dec.

14 at J.R. Rockers Sports Café. There will be a special breakfast menu for \$7.50 for Air Force club members and \$9.50 for non-members. FMI: 448-2271.

Monday Night Kid's Night will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Dec. 15 at Sam Choy's Island Style Seafood Grille. Children ages 12 years and younger can get a free kid's meal with the purchase of an adult entrée. A bounce house will be available for children to play in from 5 to 7 p.m. FMI: 422-3002.

Sport Shot Monday will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Dec. 15 at Naval Station Bowling Center. Patrons can test their skills on some of the challenging lane patterns. The bowler with the highest three-game series for the night will receive three free games of bowling on his or her next visit. FMI: 473-2574.

Stretching & Core class will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Dec. 16 and Dec. 18 at the Hickam channel pathway. Attendees should bring a yoga mat and water to class. The fee is \$5 per class. FMI: 471-2019.

Cookies & Canvas: Beach Time painting class for youth ages 5 to 12 years old will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Hickam

Arts & Crafts Center. Students can create painted masterpieces on stretched canvas, while nibbling on a sweet treat. The fee is \$25 and includes supplies. FMI: 448-9907.

Ford Island Historical Tour will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon Dec. 17. Points of interest on this guided tour include the USS Utah and USS Oklahoma Memorials, the Navy Club Memorial honoring the USS Arizona, historic Nob Hill officer homes, and bombing and bullet strafing reminders. Round-trip transportation from the Information, Tickets & Travel (ITT)-Hickam office is included. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for children ages 3 to 11 years old. FMI: 448-2295.

Kids' Book Club will begin at 2 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library for youth in fourth and fifth grades. Group two (the "Third Wednesday" group) will discuss "Charlotte's Web" by E.B. White and will take home "The Westing Game" by Ellen Raskin. FMI: 449-8299.

Junior Golf Clinic will begin at 4 p.m. Dec. 17 at Barbers Point Golf Course. The pro will offer tips for junior golfers at this free clinic. FMI: 682-1911.

Challenge Your Balance yoga class will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 18 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. This class will emphasize standing balance poses with the option of double or triple mats for an additional challenge. The fee is \$5. FMI: 471-2019.

Liberty Programs' Barracks Bash will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Dec. 18 at Seawolf Tower. This free barbecue is for single, active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

Teen Parent Night bingo will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Hickam Teen Center for youth ages 13 to 18 years old and their parents. This free event celebrates National Bingo and Cookie Month. New families are always welcome. FMI: 448-0418.

Mongolian barbecue will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Dec. 18 on the lanai of the Historic Hickam Officers' Club. A variety of meats, vegetables and sauces will be available for 85 cents per ounce. Rice, noodles, soup, beverages and fortune cookies are included. FMI: 448-4608.

DECEMBER

VEHICLE REGISTRATION ONLINE APPOINTMENTS NOW — The new City & County Pearl Harbor Vehicle Registration office now offers a new online appointment system. Walk-in customers will no longer be taken. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The online appointment system is now open for reservations each Monday at 9 a.m. for Tuesday and Thursday appointments for that week. FMI: <http://go.usa.gov/s8Jk> or <http://www1.honolulu.gov/csd/satellite/jbphh.htm>.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AT PEARL HARBOR TODAY — Tours for the general public for the annual Festival of Lights will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. **Tonight is the last night for public tours.** Seats are limited and tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Ships and submarines around Pearl Harbor are displaying ornamental lights and decorations for the annual festival now through Dec. 25. FMI: Amanda Carona at 422-3315 or e-mail amanda_carona@nps.gov.

STREET SMART SAFETY BRIEF TODAY — The Navy Region Hawaii alcohol and drug control officer will hold Street Smart safety briefs with two show times, from 8 to 9 a.m. and from 10 to 11 a.m. at Sharkey Theater. The safety brief is geared toward holiday stand down safety.

SPOUSES PERSONNEL AND PAY BRIEF TODAY — Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) Pearl Harbor will hold a Spouses Personnel and Pay Brief from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the PSD Pearl Harbor classroom (1043). The classroom is located in the Moanalua Shopping Center. FMI: email anna.blackmon.ctr@navy.mil or celena.robison.ctr@navy.mil.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA SATURDAY — The annual Breakfast with Santa will begin at 8 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange food court lanai. Besides a pancake and bacon breakfast and a framed picture with Santa, the event will include glitter tattoos, balloon twisters, and holiday arts and crafts for children. The cost is \$12 for children and \$8 for adults. The event is for authorized patrons only. FMI: 423-3287.

CHRISTMAS ORIGAMI SATURDAY — Parent and child Christmas origami will be held from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. The event is for children ages 6 to 12 years old accompanied by a parent. The cost is \$20. Another Christmas origami class for youth ages 12 and older will be held Dec. 20 at the center. FMI: 448-9907.

HONOLULU CITY LIGHTS 14, 18, 20-24 — Annual Honolulu City Lights: holiday display tours will depart at 6 and 6:30 p.m. Dec. 14, 18 and 20-24 from Bloch Arena. The cost is \$15 per person ages 5 and older, and free for children ages 4 and under (on an adult's lap). FMI: 448-2295.

**INTERSTELLAR (PG-13)**

Interstellar chronicles the adventures of a group of explorers who make use of a newly discovered wormhole to surpass the limitations on human space travel and conquer the vast distances involved in an interstellar voyage.

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 12/12
7:00 p.m. Interstellar (PG-13)

SATURDAY 12/13
2:30 p.m. Big Hero 6 (PG)
5:00 p.m. Dumb and Dumber To (PG-13)
7:20 p.m. Beyond the Lights (PG-13)

SUNDAY 12/14
2:30 p.m. Big Hero 6 (3-D) (PG)
4:40 p.m. St. Vincent (PG-13)
6:50 p.m. John Wick (PG-13)

THURSDAY 12/18
7:00 p.m. Interstellar (PG-13)

FRIDAY 12/19
7:00 p.m. The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Pt. 1 (PG-13)

MEET DALLAS COWBOYS CHEERLEADERS 15 — MWR patrons can meet the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders beginning at 3 p.m. at the Club Pearl Brews & Cues, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Patrons can bring their cameras to take photos. The event is open to military affiliated personnel of all ages and their sponsored guests. In addition, shuttle service to Club Pearl (for single, active-duty Sailors and Airmen only) will depart from Liberty Express at 1:45 p.m., from Beeman Center at 2:30 p.m., and from Makai Rec Center at 2:45 p.m. FMI: 473-2583 or www.greatlifehawaii.com.

SPACE AVAILABLE BRIEF 19 — Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Air Mobility Command (AMC) Passenger Terminal will hold a "space available" brief beginning at 10 a.m. at the Hickam Memorial Theater to anyone interested in exploring this benefit. Space available travel is a means where military affiliated personnel can travel on aircraft when excess capability allows. FMI: 449-6833 or visit the Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/HickamAMC>.

UGLY SWEATER RUN 20 — An Ugly Sweater Run will begin at 8 a.m. at Hickam Fitness Center. The free event is open to active-duty military, Department of Defense civilians and their family members. Awards will be given to first and second place winners in mens, womens, youth and stroller categories. Special awards will be given to top three participants with the ugliest sweaters. Participants can sign up at the Hickam Fitness Center. FMI: 448-2214.

ALOHA CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST 25 — A free Aloha Christmas breakfast will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. for single Sailors and Airmen at two locations on the Pearl Harbor side of the base (Gabrunas Hall recreation room and Parche Memorial) and one on the Hickam side of the base (The Gathering Place, building 1856). Breakfast will include waffles, bacon, eggs and homemade cinnamon rolls. The event is sponsored by the JBPHH Chapel community. FMI: Johnathan Reilly at (716) 698-8953.

LIBERTY'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH 25 — A free Liberty's Christmas lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. at all Liberty Centers. The event is for single, active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

CHRISTMAS DAY DOUBLE FEATURE 25 — Patrons can watch two movies for the price of one admission ticket at 7 p.m. at Sharkey Theater. Moviegoers can check out the Sharkey Theater link on www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 473-0726.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 31 — A New Year's Eve party will begin at 8:30 p.m. at the Country Bar. The event will include party favors and pupus. Open to patrons ages 18 and older. FMI: 473-2583.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CRUISE, FIREWORKS 31 — A free New Year's Eve dinner cruise and fireworks off the shore of Waikiki with Liberty will be held. Shuttles will depart from the following Liberty centers: Express at 8:30 p.m., Beeman at 9 p.m., Instant at 9:15 p.m. and Makai Recreation at 9:30 p.m. The event is for single, active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

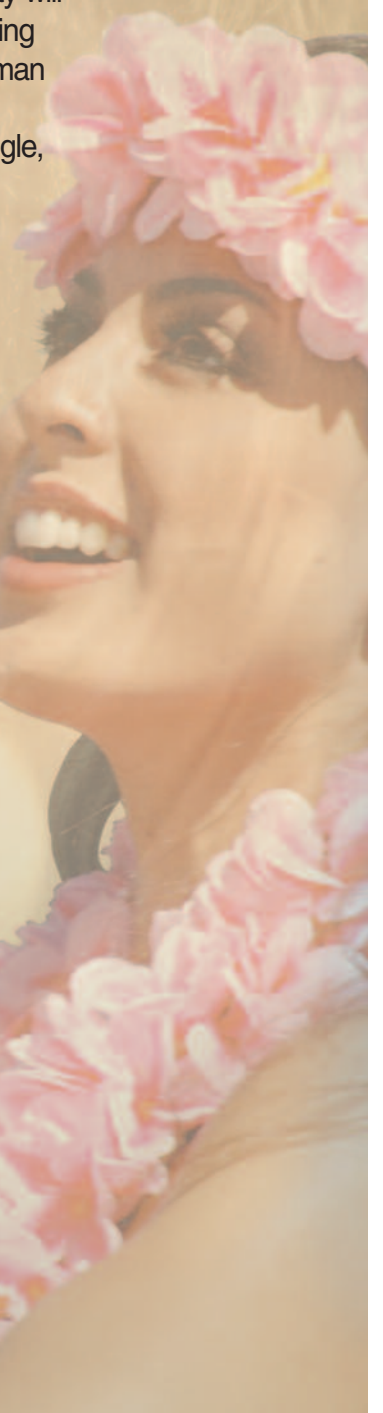
HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 12/19
6:00 p.m. Big Hero 6 (PG)

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4:00 p.m. Big Hero 6 (PG)
7:00 p.m. Interstellar (PG-13)

SUNDAY 12/21
2:00 p.m. Interstellar (PG-13)

No movie showings from December 22-25.





Diane Tanoura, Cookie Caper volunteer, sorts cookies in the cookie command central at the Makai Recreation Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Cookie Caper spreads holiday cheer

Story and photo by
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15th Wing Public Affairs

Members of Team Hickam and the local community helped kick off the holiday season Dec. 3 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam with the annual Cookie Caper.

The volunteers took a brief break from the daily grind to become Cookie Caper "elves," collecting dozens of cookies for this year's drive.

The Cookie Caper program solicits donations for freshly baked cookies from base and community members. Caper "elves" then collect and sort the cookies in holiday-themed bags, which are distributed to base Airmen.

"It's all about spirit. The purpose of the Cookie Caper is to see Team Hickam's holiday spirit," said Kristianne Swanson, Hickam Enlisted Spouses Club (HESC) president.

"Especially during the holidays, people want to find ways to give back to the community and this is a good way."

Swanson said the fresh baked goods can also help brighten an Airman's holiday season.

"Most of the Airmen are young and here alone away from their families," she said. "Sometimes this offers that little bit of cheer they need."

According to Swanson, volunteer bakers far exceeded the 600 dozen cookies that were needed to give each single Airman 12 cookies apiece.

Though the HESC headed the operation, Swanson said the event was a true community effort with volunteers coming from the active duty community, Hickam Officers Spouses Club, the First Sergeants Association, the Friends of Hickam and 15th Wing leadership, among others.

"Our job is people, and giving back to our Airmen is part of our mission," said Master Sgt. Alfred Wells, 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron first sergeant.

Wells said the Cookie Caper was a good opportunity to take care of Airmen while also strengthening partnerships.

"Taking care of our Airmen is everybody's business," he said. "This was fun. To partner with the Friends of Hickam and our spouses' clubs and other helping agencies on base was fun. This gives us a chance to come together for a good cause and strengthen those partnerships."

Wells said at the end of the day it's about coming together as a community and being a family.

"I think this gives a little piece of home," he said. "It lets them know somebody is thinking about them and we are their family away from home."

Armed services blood drive schedule updated

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

Currently scheduled drives include:

- Dec. 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3rd Marine Regiment, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.
- Dec. 22 and 23, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Blood

Donor Center, room 2A207, Tripler Army Medical Center.

- Jan. 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Club 14, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Honolulu, Sand Island.
- Jan. 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Camp Smith Pollack Theatre, Camp Smith.

For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil.

JBPHH food service to offer holiday meals Dec. 25

Don Robbins

Editor, Ho'okele

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam food service team will offer special holiday menus on Christmas Day at the Hale Aina Dining Facility and the Silver Dolphin Bistro Galley.

The Hale Aina Dining Facility meal will be offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with ala carte pricing. The meal will include appetizers such as shrimp cocktail and assorted nonfat yogurt, soup, salad, vegetables, entrees such as baked ham, roast turkey and boneless rib of beef, gravies and dressings, breads and rolls, assorted desserts and beverages.

The meal is open to all military, retirees and family members.

The Silver Dolphin Bistro Galley meal will be served from 2 to 4 p.m. and the price is \$7.70.

The meal will include chicken and wild rice soup, shrimp cocktail, oven roasted turkey, baked spiral ham with raisin sauce, carved steamship round with au jus, giblet and turkey gravy, cranberry sauce, bread stuffing with sausage, baby red mashed potatoes, baked macaroni and cheese, candied sweet potatoes, glazed baby carrots and green bean casserole.

The Silver Dolphin meal will also include assorted hot rolls, fresh salad bar, crab salad and potato salad, assorted pies, cakes and cheesecake. The meal will also include an ice cream bar with assorted toppings, nuts and hard candies, and a Silver Dolphin Bistro holiday cake.

The meal is open to all active duty military, Department of Defense employees, retirees and their families with a valid ID card. Attendees are asked to bring exact change to reduce time spent at the cashier stand.

For more information, call 473-2948 or email Robert.Pare@navy.mil.

That Guy.com



NORAD ready to track Santa



North American Aerospace Defense Command

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — The North American Aerospace Defense Command is ready to track Santa's yuletide journey. The NORAD Tracks Santa website, www.noradsanta.org, has been launched featuring a mobile version, a holiday countdown, new games and daily activities, and more. The website is available in eight languages: English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese and Chinese.

Official NORAD Tracks Santa apps are also available in the Windows, Apple and Google Play stores, so parents and children can count down the days until Santa's launch on their smart phones and tablets. Tracking opportunities are also offered on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Google+. Santa followers need to type "@noradsanta" into each search engine to get started.

Also new this year, the website features Santa's elves in the North Pole Village. NORAD Tracks Santa is introducing the newest elf and asking the public to help choose the perfect name for him. Details can be found via NORAD Tracks Santa social media or in the "Name the Elf" video in Santa's North Pole Movie Theater at www.noradsanta.org.

Starting at 12:01 a.m. MST on Dec. 24, website visitors can watch Santa make preparations for his flight. NORAD's "Santa Cams" will stream videos on the website as Santa makes his way over various locations. Then at 4 a.m. MST (6 a.m. EST), trackers worldwide can speak with a live phone operator to inquire as to Santa's whereabouts by dialing the toll-free number 1-877-Hi-NORAD (1-877-446-6723) or by sending an email to norad-trackssanta@outlook.com. Any time on Dec. 24, Windows Phone users can ask Cortana for Santa's location, and OnStar subscribers can press the OnStar button in their vehicles to find Santa.

NORAD Tracks Santa is a global experience for generations of families everywhere. This is due, in large part, to the efforts and services of numerous program contributors.

It all started in 1955 when a local media advertisement directed children to call Santa direct; only the number was misprinted. Instead of reaching Santa, the phone rang through to the crew commander on duty at the Continental Air Defense Command Operations Center. Thus began the tradition, which NORAD carried on since it was created in 1958.

JBPHH Chapel events planned for this month

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam chapels will be holding a variety of events celebrating Christmas and New Year's Day. They include:

Catholic services at Hickam Chapel Center

- Dec. 24, 5 p.m., Christmas Eve Family Mass.
- Dec. 24, 10 p.m., Christmas Eve Mass.
- Dec. 25, 11 a.m., Christmas Day Mass.
- Jan. 1, 11 a.m., Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation).

Catholic services at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel

- Dec. 24, 5 p.m., Christmas Eve Family Mass.
- Dec. 25, 9 a.m., Christmas Day Mass.
- Jan. 1, 9 a.m., Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation).

Protestant services at Hickam Chapels

- Dec. 21, 5 p.m., Children's Christmas Program, Hickam Chapel Center.
- Dec. 24, 7 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Hickam Chapel Center.
- Dec. 31, 10 p.m., Watchnight Service, Hickam Nelles Chapel.

Protestant services at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

- Dec. 19, 7 p.m., Children's Christmas Program.
- Dec. 24, 7 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Aloha Christmas Breakfast for single Sailors and Airmen

- Dec. 25, 9 to 11 a.m. Hickam Gathering Place, King Hall, building 1856.

For other religious observances, call Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel at 473-3971 and Hickam Chapel Center at 449-1754.

