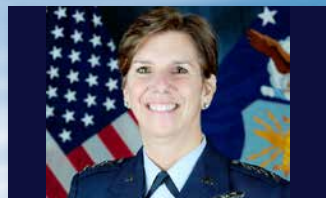


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USS Chosin departs for new homeport

Commander, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

SAN DIEGO – The U.S. Navy announced that USS Chosin (CG 65) will change its homeport from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, to San Diego, Calif.

Chosin is scheduled to depart Pearl Harbor today to begin the cruiser modernization program in San Diego. The ship

will be considered on deployment until July 1, at which time it will officially change its homeport to San Diego. This move supports the Navy's plan to modernize select cruisers to extend their service lives to 40 years, as well as upgrade shipboard combat systems to address current and future warfighting requirements.

USS Chosin was commissioned in 1991 and since then has proudly served in the Pacific from its homeport of Pearl Harbor.

In 1992, Chosin deployed for the first time to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Southern Watch. On several occasions over the years, Sailors aboard Chosin rescued stranded fishermen at sea, including Iraqi and Yemeni seafarers.

In 2014, USS Chosin led recovery efforts of the disabled Canadian navy oil replenishment ship Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Protecteur (AOR 509) after an engine fire. Chosin participated in humanitarian operations in the Pacific and dozens of international exercises, including Rim of the Pacific exercises in the Hawaiian Islands.

"Thousands of men and women served aboard USS Chosin over the past 25 years that the 'War Dragon' was homeported here at Pearl Harbor," said Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific and Navy Region Hawaii.

"Chosin Sailors and their proud ship kept sea lanes open, built strong international partnerships and

stood at the ready to defend our nation."

"We wish USS Chosin fair winds and following seas as the 'War Dragon' prepares for modernization—taking warfighting readiness to the next level," Fuller said. "I join her commanding officer, Capt. Kevin Brand, and Chosin shipmates, past and present, who offer deep appreciation to the people of Hawaii for their strong support and aloha over many years."

Chosin is the first U.S. Navy warship named in commemoration of the First Marine Division's heroism at the Chosin Reservoir in the Korean War, "The Chosin Few." The ship's motto is "Invictus," Latin for invincible or unconquered.

The Navy will maintain cruisers undergoing modernization in a commissioned status using a reduced crew size and transferring the administrative

control of the ship to

Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command at the start of the modernization period. At a future date, the Navy will restore the ship to full manning and transfer administrative control back to the Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet as the ship returns to operational status.

Cruisers are designed to directly support a Carrier Strike Group (CSG) as the Air Defense Commander (ADC). These ships are multi-mission surface combatants capable of supporting carrier strike groups, expeditionary strike groups, or operating as flagships of surface action groups. They are equipped with Tomahawk cruise missiles giving them additional long-range strike warfare capability.

Maintaining the most technologically advanced ships supports the commitment of United States to the security, stability, and prosperity of the Indo-Asia-Pacific.

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(Above) The Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) conducts exercises off the coast of Hawaii, March 26, 2012.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Barker

(Below) USS Chosin (CG 65) pulls in to its homeport of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam following a deployment to the western Pacific region, Nov. 22, 2013.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Dustin W. Sisco

Arrival to departure—How life has changed for Chosin Sailors since 1991

Ensign Krystyna Nowakowski

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Twenty-five years ago, there were no women aboard the USS Chosin. Women could not serve aboard a combatant ship until 1993. The uniform of the day was dungarees, rather than the blue camouflage Navy working uniform.

A visit to the ship's store would involve a greeting from a storekeeper rather than a ship's ser-

viceman or logistics specialist. A routine dental cleaning would be done by a rated dental technician, not a specially trained hospital corpsman.

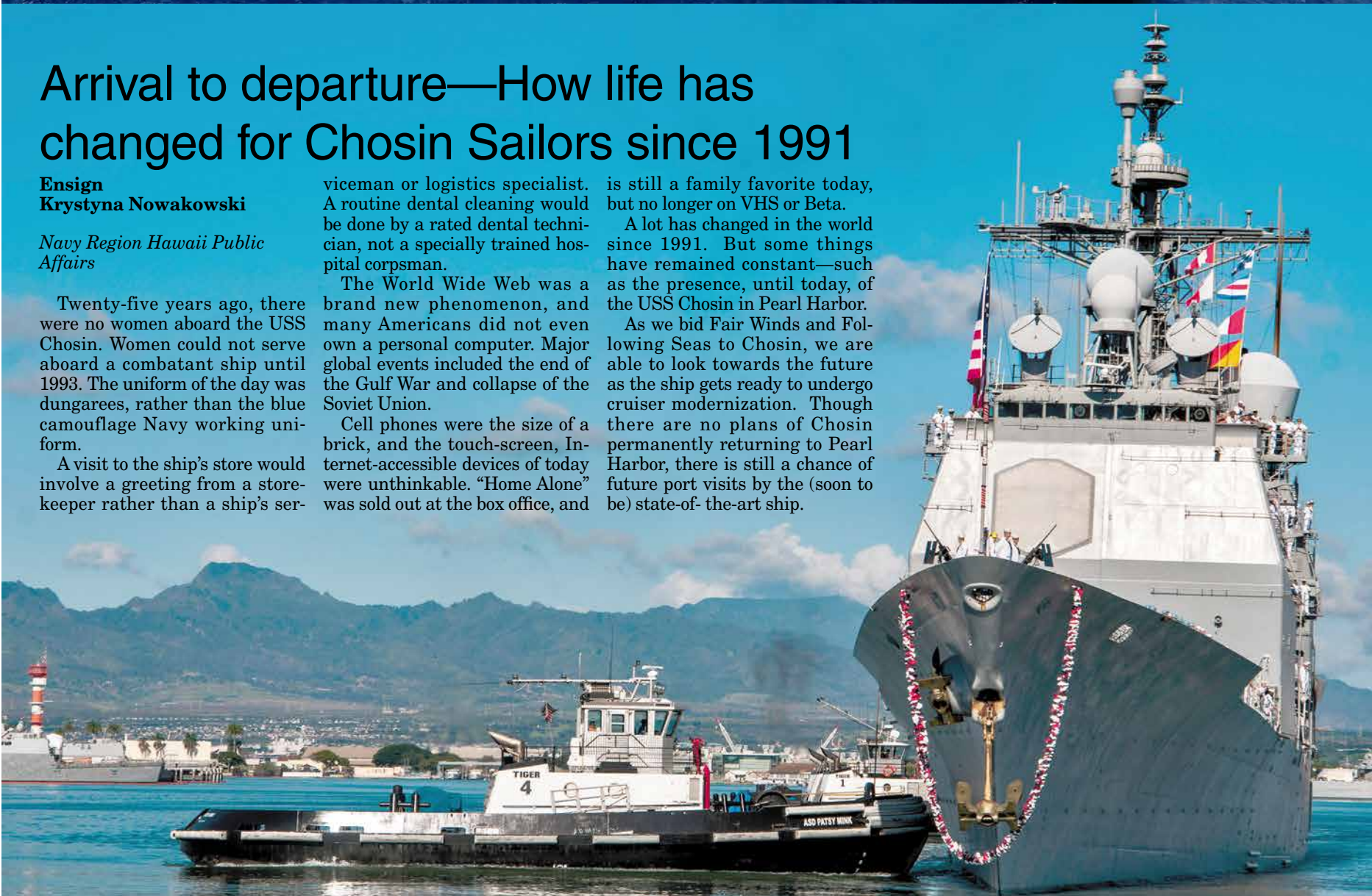
The World Wide Web was a brand new phenomenon, and many Americans did not even own a personal computer. Major global events included the end of the Gulf War and collapse of the Soviet Union.

Cell phones were the size of a brick, and the touch-screen, Internet-accessible devices of today were unthinkable. "Home Alone" was sold out at the box office, and

is still a family favorite today, but no longer on VHS or Beta.

A lot has changed in the world since 1991. But some things have remained constant—such as the presence, until today, of the USS Chosin in Pearl Harbor.

As we bid Fair Winds and Following Seas to Chosin, we are able to look towards the future as the ship gets ready to undergo cruiser modernization. Though there are no plans of Chosin permanently returning to Pearl Harbor, there is still a chance of future port visits by the (soon to be) state-of-the-art ship.



PACAF commander visits Airmen in South Korea

Story and photo by Sr. Airman Dustin King

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea—The commander of Pacific Air Forces met with Airmen from the 8th Fighter Wing (FW) during her visit to Kunsan March 17 to see firsthand how the Wolf Pack maintains its ability to fight.

Gen. Lori J. Robinson started her visit with a trip to Big Coyote, during which she witnessed how the 8th Security Forces Squadron defends the base.

Members from the 8th Security Force Squadron, 8th Force Support Squadron (FSS) and 80th Fighter Squadron provided Robinson with an 8th FW mission brief. She also participated in a defense strategy demonstration from the 8th FSS that showcased how Wolf Pack Airmen are prepared to defend the base.

“From what I just saw in that demonstration, I can honestly say Kunsan is ready to fight tonight to deter aggression from the North Korean regime and prevail during a crisis on the peninsula,” Robinson said.

Following the mission brief, Robinson stopped at many units, including the 8th Communications Squadron, the Air Traffic Control tower, and the medical readiness facility to meet with Airmen and learn how they contribute to the PACAF mission.

After recognizing multiple Airmen for their accomplishments, the final stop on her tour was to the base theater, where more than 500 members of the Pack gathered for an all-call.

During the discussion, she emphasized the importance of staying connected with families



Gen. Lori J. Robinson, Pacific Air Forces commander, shakes hands with Senior Airman Kimberlee Kutt, 8th Force Support Squadron fitness center journeyman during her visit to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 17.

and her expectations for Airmen before opening the floor for questions.

“We have been working with your leadership on a virtual key spouse program,” Robinson said. “Our focus is on ensuring that you’re focused every day at producing combat air power while staying connected to your families.”

Robinson said that if Airmen

and families are taken care of then they’ll take care of the mission.

“We could have the greatest hardware, we could have the best technology, and we could have the most incredible places to work and live, but without the human dimension, without that key critical enabler of airmen and their families, we can’t take care of the

mission,” Robinson said.

Robinson spoke to the importance of building Airmen as leaders.

“I believe that the duty of a leader is to create more leaders,” Robinson said. “My job is making sure the folks that work for me are better than me and those that I have the privilege to be a commander with and for understand what my

priorities are.”

Lastly, Robinson thanked the Wolf Pack for their efforts in maintaining their ability to defend the base, accept follow on forces, and take the fight north.

“I want to thank the Wolf Pack for the opportunity to sit down and hear how you generate combat air power and defend the peninsula day in and day out,” said Robinson.

Robinson tapped to be first female combatant commander

Cheryl Pellerin

DoD News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—Defense Secretary Ash Carter has named a new commander for U.S. Northern Command to be confirmed by the Senate. If confirmed, the new Northern Command chief will be the first woman



Gen. Lori J. Robinson

to lead a U.S. combatant command.

Carter made the announcement to pick Gen. Lori J. Robinson during a media interview March 18. President Barack Obama has approved the choice and will nominate her to the Senate, the secretary said.

Robinson now commands Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) and is the air

component commander for U.S. Pacific Command.

She’s also executive director of the Pacific Air Combat Operations staff at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

PACAF is responsible for Air Force activities spread over half the globe in a command that supports more than 46,000 Airmen serving mainly in Japan, Korea, Hawaii,

Alaska and Guam.

Robinson also is a senior air battle manager with more than 900 flight hours in the E-3B/C airborne warning and control system aircraft and the E-8C joint surveillance target attack radar system aircraft.

The general, Carter said, “has very deep operational experience, is now running the air forces

in the Pacific, which is a very challenging place for the Air Force and a very intense operational tempo.”

Naming the first female combatant commander, Carter added, demonstrates “that we have coming along now a lot of female officers who are exceptionally strong. Lori certainly fits into that category.”

USS North Carolina submarine returns from third deployment

Lt. j.g. Samuel Boyle

Commander, Submarine Forces Pacific

The Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS North Carolina (SSN 777) returned to its homeport of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to a festive St. Patrick’s Day reception on March 17, after the completion of its third scheduled deployment to the western Pacific.

During deployment, the nuclear-powered warship traveled more than 36,000 nautical miles and conducted three port-call visits Japan, Guam and South Korea while conducting combined, international training exercises and missions considered critical to national security.

“I can’t speak enough about this crew of Tar Heels,” said Cmdr. Gary Montalvo, commanding officer aboard USS North Carolina. “The singular accomplishments are too many to list. We have developed into not only an effective warfighting team, but also a family, the Tar Heel family.”

One of the highlights of the deployment was conducting a bilateral anti-submarine warfare training exercise with the Republic of Korea Navy (ROKN) submarine ROKS Kim Jwa-Jin (SS 076). During the exercise, the Tar Heel Boat hosted several dignitaries and local officials, including the U.S. ambassador to South Korea, Mark Lippert, and the commander of the Republic of



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael H. Lee

Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Claro Marasigan greets his sons following the return of the Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS North Carolina (SSN 777) to Pearl Harbor after completing a six-month western Pacific deployment.

Korea Fleet, Vice Adm. Ki Sik Lee.

“We hosted three members of the ROKN submarine force under way and had the opportunity to share stories and experiences where we realized submarining provides a truly common bond no matter the nation,” said Montalvo.

While deployed, 14 crew members earned their submarine warfare qualifications and now wear the coveted submarine warfare insignia, or dol-

phins. Additionally, five Sailors were advanced in rank.

“With 70 percent of the crew experiencing their first deployment, we relied heavily on both a comprehensive pre-deployment training period and the experience and mentorship of our senior crew members,” Montalvo said.

“This is a family of humble and hungry Sailors excited about the challenges ahead. I am confident there is nothing these Tar Heels cannot accom-

plish as a team.”

While the crew of the submarine prepared for their highly anticipated return, friends and family members, most of them clad in green, eagerly waited for their loved ones along the channel and on the pier.

“Is that not the most beautiful sight in the world?” exclaimed Adriana O’Donnell, the wife of the chief of the boat aboard North Carolina, Master Chief Sonar Technician J.R. O’Donnell, as the boat ap-

proached the buoy chain that guides vessels into Pearl Harbor.

Waiting along the shore were the proud parents of Electronics Technician 2nd Class Jeremiah Jacobs, who hails from Clinton Township, Mich.

“We wanted to be here to see him” said Ret. Master Chief Personnelman Jeffrey Jacobs, speaking from experience. “It is important to have someone waiting for you.”

Correction

A story about mentalist Craig Karges on page B-1 of the March 18 Ho’okele should have read: “Paul Newman is an Army World War II veteran. The person celebrating a birthday was Harold Smith, an Army veteran.” We apologize for the error.

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Diverse VIEWS



What is the best thing about being stationed in Hawaii?



FC1 Steve Axe
USS Chosin (CG 65)

"Probably the weather and the people. The history here, too - there are so many significant places on the island that lots of people don't know about."

Lt. j.g. Kristen Brinkley
USS Chosin (CG 65)

"The history and the scenery. My favorite place on the island is Kailua Beach."



OS1 Andrea Buesch
USS Chosin (CG 65)

"The local food. My favorite is Aiea Bowl's Dine In. It's a bowling alley with its own café. Their oxtail soup is on point. The kobe beef short ribs are good too."

CS2 Robert Carter
USS Chosin (CG 65)

"It's always sunny."



Ensign Scott Douglas
USS Chosin (CG 65)

"I like that there's a lot of things to do. Being around the history is really cool. It's great being so close to the Missouri and the Arizona Memorial."

GM3 James Jacobs
USS Chosin (CG 65)

"The beaches. I like Electric Beach the best because I like to snorkel."



IT2 William Marshall
USS Chosin (CG 65)

"Definitely the entire windward side of the island because of the views and the beaches. I like everything about it."

DC2 Kevin Underriter
USS Chosin (CG 65)

"The weather. The beaches are beautiful and the World War II history is fascinating."



IT2 Christian Vanlandingham
USS Chosin (CG 65)

"Body surfing. It's great."

Provided by Ensign Krystyna Nowakowski

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USS Chosin departs for San Diego after 25 years here

Chosin's 'distinguished achievement service record'

Rear Adm. John Fuller

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific



Rear Adm. John Fuller

When we say "aloha" and "a hui hou" to USS Chosin today as the War Dragon leaves Pearl Harbor, we will remember her long and distinguished record of achievement and service.

USS Chosin's first and only homeport—for the past 25 years—has been here at Pearl Harbor.

Thousands of men and women served aboard USS Chosin over the past quarter century. Chosin Sailors and their proud ship kept the sea lanes open, built strong international partnerships and faithfully stood watch, ready to defend our nation.

Like other ships on our waterfront, Chosin worked with our friends and allies. For example, in 2013, while forward-deployed to the western Pacific, Chosin's crew participated in Aegis scenario interoperability training with the Republic of Korea Navy.

Chosin gained a reputation over the years for being in the right place to render aid to stranded international mariners, from rescuing fishermen in the Arabian Gulf to recovering the Canadian

navy ship HMCS Protector in the Pacific after it experienced a fire.

Over the years, in addition to deploying forward, Chosin participated in numerous Rim of the Pacific and Koa Kai exercises near Pearl Harbor.

Named for the "Chosin Few" Marines of the Korean War at the Battle of Chosin Reservoir, USS

Chosin has been a bridge from the past to the present and to the future.

I commend the Commanding Officer, Capt. Brand, and Chosin's men and women for embracing the warrior ethos—they trained and were ready to fight, and thus demonstrated how presence with power preserves peace.

In the weeks leading up to this day, crew and family members demonstrated friendship, camaraderie and community service through a Chosin ohana cruise, a picnic at Foster Point last week and a bike path cleanup March 4 coordinated by chiefs and petty officers with the Hawaii Bicycling League.

I'm impressed by something CTR1 Allen Gray

said about the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail cleanup: "I personally feel that it is a big deal for cyclists to have a safe and clean area to ride. This gives the U.S. Navy and the USS Chosin an opportunity to give back to the community in a tangible way."

For 25 years Sailors aboard USS Chosin, through their achievements and service, gave back to the people of Hawaii and our nation—in a tangible way.

The War Dragon heads to San Diego today for cruiser modernization. It's the end of an era, but what it really means is CG-65 will begin a new and bold chapter.

Thank you, USS Chosin. Invictus! Congratulations, shipmates, on a job well done.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Justin A. Johndro

Sailors assigned to the guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) participate in the 106th Annual Rose Festival Parade during Fleet Week, June 6, 2015.

Pet restriction at Fort Kamehameha Beach to start April 1

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

As of April 1, Fort Kamehameha Beach and Ahua Reef on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) will be designated a "No Pets Allowed" location and permanently closed to all domestic animals in an effort to protect endangered bird and plant species and restore the reef and important wetland sites.

Fort Kamehameha Beach and Ahua Reef, also known as "Dog Beach," located along the Hickam shoreline, includes the Ahua Reef Wetland, which houses protected bird species and endangered plants that need to be safeguarded from all domestic animals.

"We appreciate the understanding and compliance of pet owners to this new policy and welcome families to visit other unleashed dog parks at the main base, Ford Island, and Pearl City Peninsula," said Navy Capt. Stan Keeve, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Other nearby dog parks include: Moanalua Dog Park (2900 Moanalua

Rd.); Kamila Dog Park (7250-7288 Ohana Nui Circle); Pearl City Peninsula Dog Park (Lehua Ave.); and Ford Island Dog Park (1275 Saratoga Blvd.). Those who wish to learn about other dog friendly locations on Oahu, please visit the Hawaiian Humane Society's webpage: <http://www.hawaiianhumane.org/Dog-Friendly-Beaches.html>.

"The closure of the area to domestic pets must be taken to comply with Navy regulations and environmental laws such as the Endangered Species Act," said Keeve. "We also have an agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore Ahua Reef Wetland, minimize predation of adult waterbirds by feral animals, and enforce the restriction of domestic pets from Ahua Reef Wetland for the protection of listed species. Failure to do so could result in adverse actions against the Navy and Air Force missions at JBPHH."

Rebecca Smith, JBPHH Natural Resource manager, added, "Protecting the Hawaiian duck (koloa maoli), Hawaiian coot ('alae ke'oke'o), Hawaiian common moorhen ('alae 'ula),

and Hawaiian stilt (ae'o) is directed under the Endangered Species Act. Loss of wetland habitat was one of the primary causes for their decline at Fort Kamehameha Beach and Ahua Reef."

Families are still welcome to walk the beach and view the protected birds as well as the sunrise and sunset.

"We invite personnel and families to observe the Hawaiian stilt which is commonly seen there," said Smith. "We are currently tagging and tracking these birds to better understand their movement around the harbor. Our goal at JBPHH is to thoroughly understand the population of endangered water birds that make Pearl Harbor wetlands their home."

On Nov. 17, 2015, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii closed the shoreline area and its waters to personnel and their pets so a contractor could begin removing invasive mangroves. The mangrove removal project is expected to be completed by the end of March.

Pioneering pilot prepares for flight



U.S. Air Force photo

1st Lt. Jeannie Flynn, the first F-15E female pilot, sits in the cockpit with the 555th Fighter Squadron patch visible on her right shoulder in this photo from Oct. 21, 1993. Flynn was assigned to the 555th for six months for F-15E tactical training.

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William P. Lawrence, Paul Hamilton to swap homeports

Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) will swap homeports with USS William P. Lawrence (DDG 110) this summer, the U.S. Navy announced March 17.

William P. Lawrence departed San Diego on a regularly scheduled deployment in January and will arrive in Hawaii in mid-2016, and Pearl Harbor-based Paul Hamilton will move to San Diego.

This move supports the rebalance to the Indo-Asia-Pacific, placing our most advanced capabilities and greater capacity in that vital theater. Likewise, it will allow Paul Hamilton, also a guided-missile destroyer, to proceed to San Diego for a scheduled extended dry-docking selected restricted availability.

William P. Lawrence are Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers that perform key roles in support of a carrier strike group, expeditionary strike group, or surface action group.

DDGs are capable of sustained combat operations supporting forward presence, maritime security, sea control and deterrence. These combatants operate in a network centric warfare environment and execute multi-mission tasking to include air, surface, undersea, space and cyber warfare. DDGs coordinate with units of a task group to conduct naval operations and execute the Maritime Strategy under a naval component commander.

Maintaining the most technologically advanced ships supports the United States' commitment to the security, stability, and prosperity of the Indo-Asia-Pacific.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Christopher Frost

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) and USS William P. Lawrence (DDG 110) steam in formation behind USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) during a show of force transit exercise Nov. 11, 2015 to prepare for future deployments.

'Unknown' Sailors identified, receive full military honors

Story and photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter

Navy Public Affairs Support Element Detachment Hawaii

Almost 75 years after the attack on Pearl Harbor, two Sailors, Machinist's Mate 1st Class Vernon Luke and Ensign Lewis Stockdale, were buried with full military honors during two separate re-interment ceremonies at the National Cemetery of the Pacific, also known as Punchbowl, March 9 and 18.

Stockdale and Luke were both stationed and died aboard the USS Oklahoma during the attack on Pearl Harbor. They remained unidentified until last year, when their remains were disinterred along with approximately 386 other service members from 45 graves at Punchbowl, according to a release by the Defense POW/MIA Accountability Agency (DPAA).



Sailors from the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Honors and Ceremonies carry the remains of Ensign Lewis Stockdale, who was killed during the attack on Pearl Harbor, during a reinterment ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

"It's good to give the family closure," said Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander of U.S. Navy Region Hawaii, Naval Sur-

face Group, Middle Pacific. "Now instead of being one of the unnamed people who's buried out at sea or buried in an unknown tomb,

you can say specifically 'this was my family member—I know exactly where they are. We now have a place to go and see them.'"

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Honors and Ceremonial Guard provided military honors, which included a rifle sa-

lute and presentation of the burial flags to the families.

Trudy Ritz, Luke's niece, said the ceremony meant a lot to her and her family.

"It felt wonderful for the closure," said Ritz. "To know that there is a grave site here at Punchbowl means a lot."

According to the DPAA, it is estimated that 80 percent of the unknown remains connected with the USS Oklahoma can be identified within five years.

"I've seen what my family has gone through," said Ritz. "I hope more and more families have the same satisfaction of having a grave site."

According to the DPAA website, more than 82,000 Americans remain missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, and the Vietnam War. For those service members killed-in-action, the DPAA community is charged with locating, recovering and identifying their remains.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights

(Right) USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) held a formal change of command ceremony March 18 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The ceremony marked the passage of command from Cmdr. Todd E. Hutchison to Cmdr. Robert A. Heely, Jr.

U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Joshua A. Flanagan



(Left) Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) handle the phone-and-distance line as the ship conducts a replenishment-at-sea with USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), March 8.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Marcus L. Stanley

(Right) A U.S. Navy diver assigned to Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1 demonstrate how to pilot a remote operated vehicle, used for visibility on salvage operations, for the members of the country band Brothers Osborne at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, March 22. The Brothers Osborne recently performed a free concert at Club Pearl.

U.S. Navy photo by Traci B. Feibel



(Below) JBPHH Airmen and Sailors, joined by members of the Chief's Group, conduct a clean up of Aloha Aina Park March 17. The group collected seven 55-gallon bags of trash in an effort to beautify the installation.

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



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Stoltz
 (Above) Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Capt. Stanley Keeve Jr., commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, center, cut a ceremonial cake with service members from Region and Joint Base during a special Women's History Month luncheon, held March 23 at the Silver Dolphin Bistro, located at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

(Right) Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor tour guide Laughlin Tanaka explains history of aviation in Pearl Harbor to U.S. Pacific Fleet Sea Sailor of the Year (SOY) finalists during a tour of the museum, March 22.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Phillip Pavlovich



Descendents of WWII hero visit Pearl Harbor historic hall

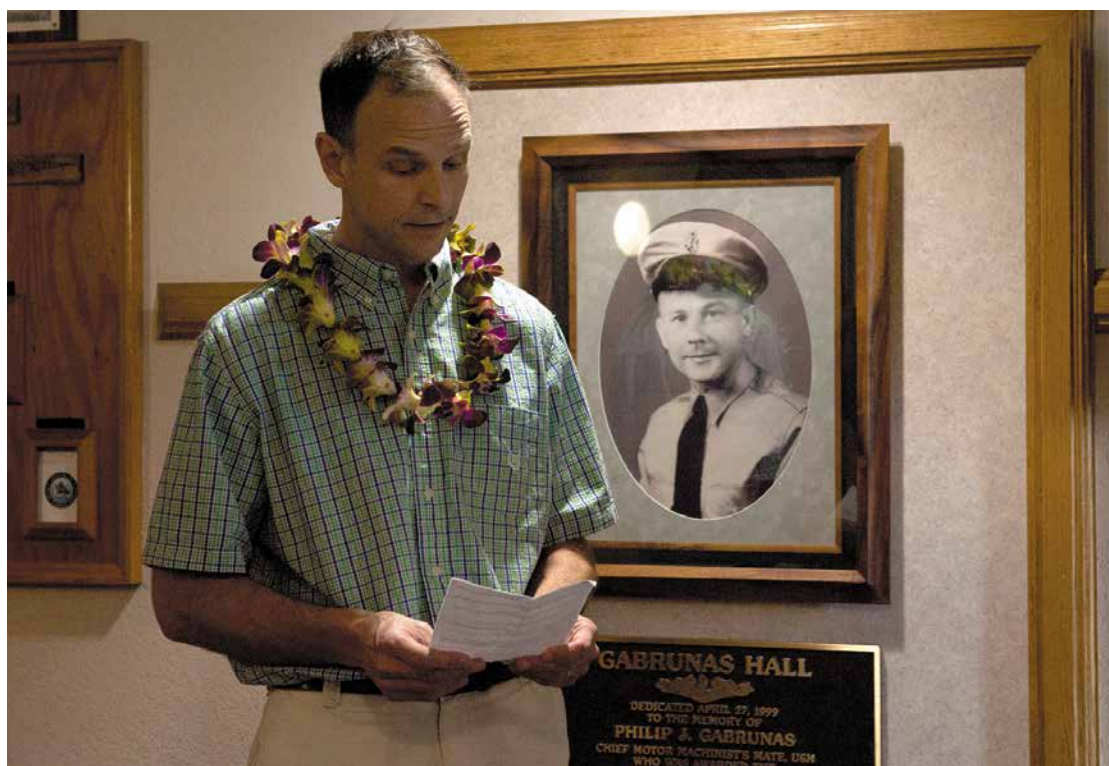
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Philip J. Collins, the great-nephew of Chief Motor Machinist's Mate Philip J. Gabrunas who was killed during World War II, and family visited Gabrunas Hall at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, March 21.

"My great-uncle Philip Joseph Gabrunas, also known as Chief Gabrunas, was Chief Motor Machinist's Mate United States Navy aboard USS Sculpin (SS 191) when she was attacked by Japanese destroyer north of Oroluk, an island near Truk located in the South Pacific Nov. 19, 1943," said Collins during his meeting with Sailors in charge of maintaining Gabrunas Hall.

Gabrunas voluntarily manned an unassigned station of the hydraulic manifold. Thanks to his heroic sacrifice, many of the other Sailors were able to successfully



Philip J. Collins, Fort Montgomery, N.Y., a grand-nephew of Chief Motor Machinist's Mate Philip J. Gabrunas reads a speech at the Gabrunas Hall at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

abandon the vessel and avoid certain peril. For his heroic actions, Gabrunas was post-

humously awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart medals.

"Even though 65 years have passed since his (Gabrunas') ultimate sacrifice," said Col-

lins, "we believe Philip Gabrunas' memory stands here in effect as a force of the leadership and we have ability to honor his memory today."

It was a return visit for Collins and his wife who were able to attend the opening ceremony back in 1999, but it was a first visit for his daughter and other family members.

"Gabrunas Hall, which as we know is a home to more than 200 Sailors, stands here very impressively," said Collins. "To me, it symbolizes the strength and bravery of my great uncle."

"The fact his legacy and contributions during World War II are memorialized here is deeply meaningful to my family," said Collins, "we know Philip Gabrunas is on eternal patrol."

"We are very thankful for an opportunity to meet with the family of Chief Gabrunas," said Master Chief Adeline Lopes, senior enlisted in charge of Gabrunas Hall. "Not often junior Sailors have a chance to hear a family story behind a fallen Chief after whom the building is named."

Service members pitch ideas at 'The Bridge' innovation program

Story and photo by
MC2 Jeffrey Troutman

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"The Bridge," a program initiated by U.S. Pacific Fleet, provided an open forum for attendees to pitch thought-provoking and innovative ideas for improving standards and practices within the Navy.

"Participation in this program informs senior leadership of new ways to improve our Navy from the inside out," said Cmdr. Rich Lebron, the program's facilitator. "This is a Sailor-fueled forum that enables us to bridge the gap between the junior enlisted all the way to the admirals. It provides them with a voice to share their ideas to other subject matter experts, to see how those ideas are translated and received."

Approximately 100 service members and Department of Defense employees attended the program, with many pitching innovative ideas to the audience through videos, models or props. Ideas ranged from a shipboard oil filtration system, to drones that could help provide aid and

relief to foreign countries in a state of emergency, to ways of improving morale at any given command. All ideas were welcomed and presenters were given the opportunity to field questions and input from both the audience and a five-member judging panel, who tallied the effectiveness of each idea proposed.

"There are so many different images around the world of what exactly the U.S. Navy is, specifically," said Yeoman 3rd Class Forrest Jones during his proposal on cultural awareness within the Navy. "A cultural competency class for Sailors would go a long way towards making a contact point with people from other cultures. It would help present an image of service members—and the American people as a whole—that is, by and large, positive."

The judge's results for each idea presented will be tabulated and announced on March 31, where the three highest scored ideas will be presented to Adm. Scott Swift, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet for dissemination.

"I think The Bridge program is a great idea," said Operations Specialist 2nd Class Dylan Cook, who presented the shipboard oil



Sailors from the USS Preble (DDG 88) participate in "The Bridge" innovation workshop .

filtration idea. "I believe everyone has good ideas, and bringing people together in a forum like this allows people's voice to be heard and their ideas considered."

"This program encourages

thinking individuals who are actively trying to innovate and solve problems as a unit," said Cmdr. Jeff Heames, commanding officer of USS Preble (DDG 88). "There is a need for innovation in our day-to-day op-

erations. I want my Sailors to engage in problems and innovate good workable solutions. I want them to be engaged in their Navy. That kind of thinking will help them perform better in their training forum."

Shipyard course kicks off with 12 students from seven nations

Jensin W. Sommer

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Twelve international naval officers are on Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam to attend a six-week International Shipyard Management Course (ISMC) hosted by Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNSY) and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (IMF), Feb. 29 to April 15.

Since its inception 17 years ago, 152 naval officers from around the world have graduated from the annual course managed and executed by PHNSY & IMF. The course is funded

by Naval Education & Training Security Assistance Field Activity based in Pensacola, Florida.

This year's attendees are junior and senior officers from the navies of Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei, Guyana, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and the Philippines. During the course, they will learn about shipyard project management, capabilities, docking and undocking processes, security, quality assurance, safety and how to establish analysis programs.

They will also visit various local cultural and military installations in Hawaii. One of their first tours was to USS Paul

Hamilton (DDG 65) where they were hosted by the destroyer's Commanding Officer, Cmdr. John Barsano and Executive Officer, Cmdr. Danielle Defant.

Lt. Cmdr Mitt Abdessaid, an electrical engineer from the Algerian Navy, expressed appreciation for the cleanliness of the ship and the warm welcome and professionalism of the crew during their visit on March 1. This was his first time onboard a U.S. Navy destroyer.

"We do not have destroyers in our Navy, mainly just corvettes, which are like frigates," Abdessaid said. "Most of the ships in our Navy were made in

Russia, so they are quite different. It was interesting to see how American ships are designed with Sailor's life quality at sea

as an important factor." Other excursions planned for the foreign officers include trips to Hawaii Volcanoes National

Park, the Bishop Museum, State of Hawaii Capitol, the USS Arizona Memorial and the Polynesian Cultural Center.

Life & Leisure

Brothers Osborne gets the crowd dancing at Club Pearl concert

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Grammy-nominated country duo Brothers Osborne performed at Club Pearl's Paradise Lounge, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, March 21.

Even though the concert was held on a weeknight, hundreds turned out. Many showed up early, waiting for the doors to open. Alex Markley, an Army Soldier, came over from Schofield for the concert.

"I was excited," said Markley. "I've heard a lot of their music before. I grew up in the South and I'm a big country fan."

Taylor Shackelford and Abril Ramirez, both Sailors aboard the USS Halsey (DDG 97), first heard about the concert a few weeks ago when they came to Club Pearl to eat.

Being fans of the genre—"We're both from Texas," they pointed out—Ramirez and Shackelford were happy to hear that country music was coming to the base. While Shackelford was familiar with the Brothers Osborne, Ramirez wasn't.

"When I saw that they were coming here I started researching them a little," he said. Shackelford added that they listened to the band's songs before coming to Club Pearl.

Once the concert began at 7:30 p.m. the crowd filled the standing room only area in front of the stage. The band played nonstop for 90 minutes. T.J. Osborne's vocals rang through the hall, his deep baritone heard loud and clear through the music. Older brother John showed off his guitar skills, with several shredding solos keeping the crowd's energy level high.

Adding to the atmosphere was the impromptu dancing taking place on the sides of the stage. Audience members twirled in the style of swing, cha cha, waltz and line dancing as the band played on.

After the concert, Brothers Osborne held a meet-and-greet with more than 100 fans.

John Osborne, pictured above at left plays guitar. At right, T.J. Osborne sings to the crowd. Below country music patrons danced throughout the show.

JROTC students make a contribution

Bob Takao
Senior Army Instructor

Punahou School Army JROTC

Elijah Chang, Ian Ramirez and Dean Muilenburg are good buddies and Punahou High School seniors.

They played football together, they look forward to graduation this spring and hopefully attending prestigious military academies on the mainland. All of them are officers in the Army JROTC program at the school. Recently, they took the initiative to do something good for someone else.

Their football team has a tradition of having shirts made up with senior player's names on the back. These shirts are worn by others who support that player.

This year, Chang, Ramirez and Muilenburg decided to ask permission to sell their shirts for donations and they decided to use those donations to support AccessSurf Hawaii. AccessSurf Hawaii provides free monthly programs to anyone with a physical or cognitive disability to enjoy the beach and ocean. AccessSurf provides specialized beach mats, beach chairs and modified surfboards along with a team of trained volunteers in a safe and caring environment.

A monthly "Day at the Beach" program is open to anyone with a disability and their families and a monthly "Wounded Warrior Day at the Beach" is open to any injured service man or woman (active or veteran) and their families.

Having access to the calming and healing power of the ocean has been paramount for many service men and women who have suffered a physical injury, traumatic brain injury or PTSD with their recovery.

Wounded Warrior Day at the Beach events serve an average of 30 to 40 participants a month.

The boys saw in the news one day where AccessSurf had been vandalized and lost some equipment. This is how they decided where they would donate their money. The donations grew to \$1,000. This month, they were surprised when a crowd of nearly 200 surrounded them at White Plains Beach for the presentation.

Chang said, "It was really neat to see all these people there and know that our donation was going to a great cause. It definitely made me feel like we made a difference."

"Wounded warriors deserve our support. They've sacrificed a lot to help defend our country," Muilenburg said.

"We rely on the support of the community to continue to provide our free programs. This generous donation will have a direct impact on the lives of the people we serve. We greatly appreciate and are honored to receive this support," said Cara Short, executive director of AccessSurf.

Ramirez has already received an appointment to attend West Point for the class of 2020. Chang and Muilenburg are hoping their offers are coming soon from West Point and Annapolis respectively. Regardless, they all have backup college plans and based upon what they did for AccessSurf and the wounded warriors they support, they feel their futures will be bright no matter where they end up going to college.

Muilenburg is the son of Rear Adm. Bret J. Muilenburg, commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command and chief of Civil Engineers. He was formerly assigned to various commands in Hawaii.



Photo courtesy of Punahou School

Punahou High School seniors Elijah Chang, Ian Ramirez and Dean Muilenburg recently made donations to AccessSurf.



NSSC point guard Lt. Derrick Olsen is fouled while driving to the basket.

NSSC reserves spark lopsided win over Warriors

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

On a night when Naval Submarine Support Command (NSSC) came to the gym minus star player Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Kali Pettigrew and team captain and coach Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Jerry Acosta, the team rallied behind Chief Yeoman Markus Howard and a strong bench to overrun the Bronze State Warriors of 792nd Intelligence Support Squadron by a score of 73-33 on March 21 in a Gold Division intramural basketball game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

With a record of 5-1, the win kept NSSC in the hunt for the division's regular-season title, while the Warriors fell to 1-5.

After falling behind by four points early in the game, NSSC, behind the shooting of Howard, opened up a 15-point lead at halftime and never looked back.

Howard accounted for 16 of the team's 30 points in the first half on a variety of shots that included four baskets, two free throws and two three-point bombs.

"I just feel like we started off sloppy," Howard said. "We played to their level of competition and somebody had to step up and luckily my shot was falling."

Minutes into the first half, it was the Warriors that came up with the big shots as Airman 1st Class David Augmon came up with back-to-back three pointers to lead his team to an early 10-6 advantage.

The lead didn't last long, though, as NSSC picked up the pace and got their first lead of the game on a basket by Yeoman 2nd Class Cosy Duplessis to make it 11-10 with 12:10 remaining before halftime.

Playing up to speed and completely warmed up, NSSC attacked at will until finally at the 5:34 mark, they stretched their lead to double figures on a three-point bomb by Howard that

made it 24-14.

While Howard certainly was the main cog in the team's comeback and then blowout, the stretch forward also got major support from reserve guard Lt. Analee Jacques, who popped in seven points on a trey and two baskets and handed out three dimes, while giving starting point guard Lt. Derrick Olsen some much needed rest in the first half.

Coming out of the break, the team didn't skip a beat as it continued its torrid pace toward their fifth win.

Although the clock showed 11:39 remained in the game, the showdown was all but over after NSSC shooters connected on three straight treys to take a 33-point lead.

Starting with Jacques, NSSC followed up with two more three-point baskets by Lt. Matthew Budow and Duplessis for an insurmountable 54-21 lead.

For the game, NSSC got points from eight different players, with Howard leading the way with 18 points and Jacques chipping in 10 points in a reserve role.

Augmon, whose shooting early in the game put the Warriors temporarily in the lead, stayed hot throughout the matchup.

After scoring 10 points in the first half, Augmon came back in the second half to score 10 more points to finish as the game's high scorer with 20.

Despite missing a few of their top players, Howard said that what's so great about this team is that everyone comes to play.

"We just trust in each other," he stated. "We know each other's capabilities and we just keep giving them the ball. We're blessed to have genuine players."

Olsen, who scored eight points from his point guard position, said that no matter who is on the floor, NSSC is willing to give it their all.

"You go with the personnel you have and you just hustle," Olsen acknowledged. "Regardless of who we have out there, we all know what we have to do to take care of business."

"We just trust in each other ... we know each other's capabilities and we just keep giving them the ball. We're blessed to have genuine players."

- Chief Yeoman Markus Howard

Registration opens for camping at Hickam Harbor

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR) is once again presenting a weekend of camping, family activities and a movie under the stars April 22-23. The two-day event is being organized and managed by MWR's Outdoor Recreation (ODR) department.

The weekend begins with setting up camp on the grass at Hickam Harbor at 4 p.m. April 22. Attendees can spend the afternoon creating their own fun.

As the sun sets, ODR will set up a movie screen so everyone can view a family-friendly film under the stars. At the conclusion of the film, families will camp out for the night.

When the morning comes around on April 23, camping gear will be packed away to make room for the next event, the annual Earth Day Celebration. There will

be live musical entertainment featuring the Navy's Pacific Fleet Band as well as food vendors, information booths, events and activities to entertain and educate kids and adults.

For those wishing to camp overnight, advanced registration is required. Reservations for the camp start April 1 and are being accepted at the Hickam Harbor Marina office. Cost is \$30-\$35 to reserve a camping space. The fee does not include camping gear. Those wishing to rent camping equipment can contact the Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC) at 473-1198 for information. Camping time is from 4 p.m. on April 22 to 8 a.m. on April 23.

The Earth Day celebration begins at 11 a.m. Attendance is free and is open to all base-eligible patrons. Patrons do not need to camp the night before to attend the Earth Day festivities.

(For more information on *Camping in the Park/Movie on the Beach and Earth Day*, call ODR at 449-5215.)

Air Force spouse tops figure competition

Story and photos
by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Two years ago, Air Force Capt. Anjanette Lowe, 109th Air Operations Group, garnered double victories by winning top honors in the Bikini Divas and Bikini Open Division at the 2014 International Natural Bodybuilding Association (INBA) Hawaii State and Pacific Rim Armed Forces Bodybuilding championships.

On March 20 at the Kaimuki High School Auditorium, it was déjà vu all over again as another woman from the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam fitness community emerged to bring home double medals at the all-natural bodybuilding event.

Jaclyn White, whose husband, Tech. Sgt. Jason White, is a member of the 747th Communication Squadron, was without a doubt the most outstanding competitor of the afternoon for her sparkling stage presentation that gave audience members a spectacular all-angle view of her impeccable physique.

White not only was crowned state and Pacific Rim Armed Forces figure champion, but in doing so, also accomplished the rare feat of earning a coveted profession card, which now allows her to enter the professional arena where she can move on to compete for cash and prizes.

Although White has been competing for only a year and a half, her first contest was in 2015, when she placed second in her division at the National Physique Committees Ikaika Bodybuilding Championships.

Now, only a year later, White is a proud holder of her very own pro card, a fact that speaks well of her potential to eventually take the stage with the best in the world.

"It's amazing because I didn't think that I'd ever get it," she admitted. "After having a child, I said, 'oh, forget it,' but I really set my heart on it. I was going to



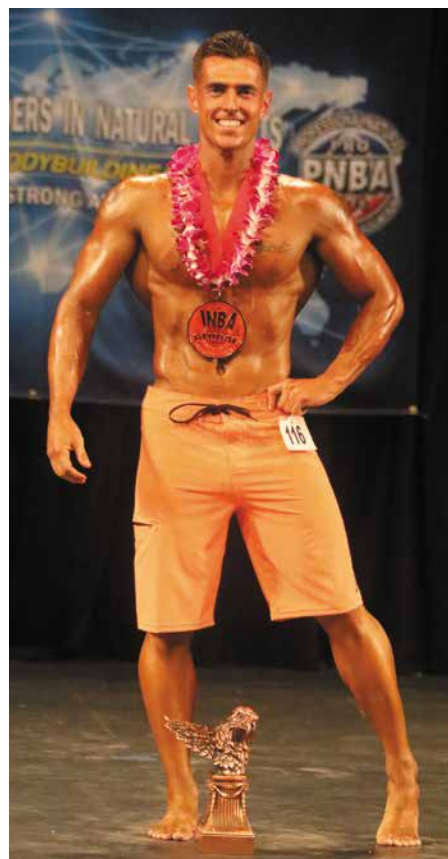
At left, Jaclyn White, whose husband is Tech. Sgt. Jason White, poses with the hardware she won at the International Natural Bodybuilding Association (INBA) Hawaii State and Pacific Rim Armed Forces Bodybuilding championships. Marine Staff Sgt. Christopher Giannetti, pictured at right, won the men's physique open division and is now pro qualified.

buckle down. I was going to do this and I worked out a schedule with my husband because you have to make time."

Besides White, other military members also scored well with the judges.

In the men's novice group, Army Sgt. 1st Class Jean Monvilus took first place and was followed by Army 1st Lt. Sean Huges.

Huges, who trains at the Hickam Fitness Center under the supervision of certified trainer Lisa McGarry, also sought out and received training and diet advice from Senior Chief Sonar



Technician Arvin Combs of the Center for Surface Combat System. Combs is a former INBA champion who now competes on the professional circuit.

In the men's physique open, Marine Staff Sgt. Christopher Giannetti took top honors over Japanese competitor Hiroshi Fukai and longtime Hickam Department of Defense civilian Eassie Soares-Haae who at age 57 is still going strong.

For his win, Giannetti took home medals for state and Pacific Rim Armed Forces while becoming the second con-

testant of the afternoon to qualify for a pro card.

INBA and PNBA CEO Diana Kakos said that although she wished that there were more participants, she was very pleased at the quality and preparation from every contestant at the event.

"They each have their own goals," Kakos said about the competitors. "They sacrificed a lot to make it to the stage. Whether there is five, 10, 15 or 100 athletes, they all worked equally as hard to make it and bring all their fitness goals to the stage."

Kakos, who along with her husband Denny, president of the organization, said that the INBA and PNBA, in addition to Hawaii, held three other events throughout the mainland over the weekend. They annually hold 50 events around the world.

As if that isn't enough to do, Denny is lobbying very hard to make bodybuilding an Olympic sport, if not as an actual medal event, than at least as an exhibition, Diana said.

"We're a global family," said Diana about how the organization is able to do so much. "There is so much cohesiveness with all the athletes and with social media. Everybody can stay in touch."

Jason said that he, Jaclyn and their child are soon to PCS out of Hawaii this year, but no matter where they go, the family is sure to bring the lifestyle advocated by the INBA and PNBA wherever they go.

"I just try to support her 100 percent," he said. "I know that this is what she wants to do. I can't wait for the next one."

Tired and depleted, Jaclyn said that she isn't even thinking about the next show.

After weeks of being on a tight and strict diet, she said after the show that there is only one thing on her mind.

"I'll assess the rest of the year, but I'm looking for some pizza right now," she said with a laugh. "I can't even think ahead right now. I just want some pizza."

Security Forces escape defeat from Dry Dock

Story and photo
by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

No matter what division or level you play in, one thing is for certain: never take your opponent for granted.

In a battle between teams on the opposite ends of the division, the high-powered, division-leading 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) appeared to be a big favorite to easily get past the 3-5 Dry Dock. In a surprise turn of events this one went wire-to-wire and wasn't decided until overtime, when 647 SFS point guard Tech. Sgt. Chris Jackson calmly sank two free throws with 20 seconds remaining to lead Security Forces to a 57-54 victory on March 22 in a White Division, 30 and Above League matchup at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

The 647 SFS, whose only loss came on a forfeit, have tightened their grip on the division title with a record of 8-1, while Dry Dock's record stands at 3-6.

"They way the game was going, I wanted to be at the free-throw line," said Jackson about his clutch free throws at the end of the game. "Coming down to regulation, we had guys step up there and they looked confident, but the ball just rolled out. I wanted to be at the free-throw line with all of the pressure on me. I've played basketball all my life and it's just another shot to me. I stepped up, sank both of them and we held on for the win. It was a tough game."

While Dry Dock's record would indicate that the team is struggling this season, most of its troubles took place in the first couple weeks of the season, when the team was scrambling to get enough players on the squad.

However with the recent addition of big man retired Navy chief and now department of defense civilian Troy McCloud, Dry Dock is a new and greatly improved squad.

McCloud, who anchored the former Naval Station basketball team to three straight base championships about five seasons ago, is still as tough as ever inside the paint and has solidified Dry Dock's trio of big men that also include Chief Electronics Technician, Nuclear Power Keith Bauer and

Electronics Technician 1st Class Richard Wheeler.

Jackson admitted that the overall size and athleticism of Dry Dock's big men did a lot to disrupt Security Forces' offense and production under the basket.

"That's the first team we've played all year that had a lot of size," Jackson said. "They had the big men and when they would miss shots, they were getting so many offensive rebounds and we were having to foul them."

In total, Dry Dock marched five players to the charity stripe throughout the game and was given 29 attempts from the line.

Unfortunately, instead of using the free throws to pull away from the 647 SFS, Dry Dock shooters managed to make good on only 10 free throws, while missing a whopping 19.

If Dry Dock were able to convert all of their throws from the line, the team would have enjoyed a blowout 73-57 victory and become the only team this season to beat the 647 SFS on the court.

Dry Dock guard Culinary Specialist 2nd Class James Bayliss said his team's inability to consistently hit free throws has been a thorn in their side all season.

Still, Bayliss insists that it's just a matter of time before Dry Dock improves their shooting from the stripe, and when they do, the team should be able to run the table in the upcoming playoffs.

"We hit them (free throws) when we're warming up," Bayliss said. "We've lost around four games this season just because of free throws. But I'm 100 percent sure we're still the top contender in this league."

With all six teams qualifying for the postseason, there is a good possibility that these same two teams will meet again.

Jackson said that while he is looking forward to the rematch, you can expect that the 647 SFS will devise some type of plan that will slow down Dry Dock's attack and nullify their big men — especially McCloud.

"This can't shake your confidence," Jackson stated. "You come in here and you always got to be confident. We just got to play our game and if we play our game to the best of our abilities then we should come out on top."



Security Forces power forward Staff Sgt. David Arline goes up for the basket-and-one against the defense of Dry Dock big man Chief Electronics Technician, Nuclear Power Keith Bauer.

Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange celebrated the Easter holiday early on March 19 with 56 children and 51 adults at Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

Photos by Stephanie Lau, Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange Customer Relations Manager



'Hoppy' times planned for Easter events this weekend

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Patrons of Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation can "hop to it" and enjoy Easter-themed events this weekend.

• Liberty's Early Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at Beeman Center. The free event will feature an Easter egg hunt with prizes. An Easter-themed lunch will also be served. This event is for single, active-duty military E1-E6 only. For more information, call 473-2583.

• Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel will hold an Easter egg hunt from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday. The event will also include food and games. For more information, call 473-3971.

• Hawaiian Easter Sunday North Shore Beach Hopping with Liberty will be held Sunday. Participants will leave Liberty Express at 9:30 a.m., Beeman Center at 8:30 a.m., Instant Liberty at 8:45 a.m., and Makai Recreation at 9 a.m. Patrons should bring lots of sunscreen for this free North Shore beach-hopping event. Participants can bring their swim clothes, towel, camera, and money for food afterwards. If they have their own snorkel gear, they are welcome to bring it. This event is for single, active-duty military E1-E6 only. For more information, call 473-2583.

• Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at Sam Choy's Island Style Seafood Grille. The cost is \$32.95 for adults and \$19.95 for children ages 6-12 years old. The event is free for

children 5 years and under.

The egg hunt will be held on the lawn beginning at 9 a.m. for babies to children 10 years old. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will begin at 8:30 a.m. Please make reservations to ensure a space. For more information, call 422-3002.

• Easter Brunch at IRONS table + tavern will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. The chefs have prepared a special lineup of brunch items to add on to the regular lunch menu. Rather than standing in a buffet line, patrons can order from a selection of signature plates, sandwiches and more. This is not your typical brunch, with unique offerings such as blue crab hash eggs benedict, IRONS Cubano sandwich, mixed seafood pan roast and more. Reservations are recommended. For more information, call 421-1234

Holy Week, Easter services scheduled

Several Holy Week and Easter events are scheduled around Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Catholic services at Hickam Chapel Center

- Good Friday Service, 7 p.m., tonight
- Easter Mass, 11 a.m., Sunday

Catholic services at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel

- Easter Vigil Mass, 8 p.m., Saturday
- Easter Mass, 9 a.m., Sunday

Protestant services at Hickam Chapel Center

- Contemporary Easter Worship Service, 8:30 a.m., Sunday
- Christian Passover Seder Meal, 5 p.m., April 22

Protestant services at Nelles Chapel

- Gospel Easter Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Sunday

Protestant services at Submarine Memorial Chapel

- Traditional Easter Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sunday

Protestant services at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel

- Good Friday Service, 5 p.m., tonight
- Easter Worship Service, 11 a.m., March 27.

Other Protestant services

- Easter Sunrise Service, Battleship Missouri Memorial, 6:30 a.m., Sunday
- Baptism at the Beach, Hickam Harbor, 1:30 p.m., Sunday

Jewish services

- Jewish Passover Seder, Hale Koa Hotel, 6 p.m., April 22

(For more information, call Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel at 473-3971 and Hickam Chapel Center at 449-1754.)



MARCH

ALL-MILITARY BOWLING TOURNAMENT

MARCH 29 AND APRIL 1 — The 19th annual Hawaii All-Military Bowling Tournament will include events at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Bowlers will compete at the bowling center on the Pearl Harbor side of the base on March 29 and at the Hickam bowling center on April 1. Bowling begins at 10 a.m. The event is free for spectators to watch bowlers compete for the title. FMI: 473-2651.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENT

31 — A Women's History Month event will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hickam Memorial Theater. The theme is "Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government." The event will feature booth exhibits, opening remarks, a senior leadership panel, lunch, seminar and a stress relief yoga session. FMI: 473-3971/4086.

APRIL

TSUNAMI AWARENESS WALK

1 — In honor of National Preparedness Month, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will host its annual Tsunami One-Mile Walk to Safety, starting at 11:30 a.m. at Aloha Aina Park, near Wright Brothers Cafe. The event will finish at Hickam Fitness Center. The walk event will start in conjunction with the sound of the 11:45 a.m. monthly statewide tsunami-warning test. Transportation will be provided back to the starting point for the participants. All base personnel are encouraged to attend. FMI: Staff Sgt. Sally Mason at 808-448-2760 or email sally.mason@us.af.mil or Senior Airman Mylene Alarcon at 808-448-2753 or email at mylene.alarcon@us.af.mil.

FORD ISLAND BRIDGE RUN

2 — The 19th annual Ford Island Bridge Run will begin at 7 a.m. Late entry (after March 16) is \$35 until April 1. Online registration closes on March 28 at midnight. Race day entry will be \$45, accepted until 6:45 a.m. T-shirts for late entries will be based on availability. The race will cross the bridge onto historic Ford Island, circle the island clockwise and return back to Richardson Field. The bridge will close to all traffic from approximately 6:45 to 7:30 a.m. FMI: www.greatlifeohawaii.com or call 473-0784.

PEARL HARBOR BIKE PATH CLEANUP

2 — Military personnel and their family members ages 12 and above will have an opportunity to volunteer at the Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup, which will take place from 7:30 to 11 a.m. The cleanup is a partnership of Joint Base Harbor-Hickam with the City

and County of Honolulu. Volunteers can meet at the Best Buy Aiea parking lot by 7:30 a.m. Dress to get dirty. Wear covered shoes and sunscreen. Contact MAC William Matteson to volunteer via email at William.n.matteson@navy.mil or call 216-7190. FMI: call Kathy Isobe at 473-0662 or email Kathy.isobe@navy.mil.

WOMEN'S SURF LESSONS

3 — Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation Outdoor Recreation staff will hold women's surf lessons at Hickam Harbor from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$30. Participants can learn how to get on the right board and receive personal instruction. They need to be able to swim without a lifejacket and need to sign up by March 31. FMI: 449-5215.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

4, 5 — Commander, Navy Region Hawaii Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO) is coordinating training events for Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. A Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) victim advocate will participate in a breakout session from 1 to 2:30 p.m. April 4 at Building 150. A presentation from 8 to 9 a.m. April 5 at Sharkey Theater for all hands called "Can I Kiss You?" will be led by Mike Domitrz, executive director of the Date Safe Project. Another SAPR victim advocate breakout session will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. April 5 at building 150.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS RUN/WALK

7 — A free 5K run/walk in conjunction with Sexual Assault Awareness Month will be held outdoors at the Wahiawa Annex Fitness Center beginning at 7 a.m. T-shirts will be provided to the first 100 finishers. The event is open to all eligible patrons. FMI: 653-5542.

ADVANCE SCREENING

9 — A free advance screening of the movie "Barbershop: The Next Cut" (PG-13) will be held at Hickam Memorial Theater. Doors open at 2 p.m. and the movie starts at 3 p.m. Tickets are available at Hickam Food Court. FMI: 422-4425.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK LUNCHEON

26 — In honor of National Volunteer Week, the Joint Base Military and Family Support Center is spearheading the 2016 Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Volunteer Recognition Luncheon which will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. April 26 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. Nominations are due by March 28. Volunteer categories include family, spouse, youth, command/unit/directorate, community/nonprofit agency and JBPHH community volunteer of the year. FMI: call Susan Hodge at 474-1999.



DEADPOOL

Based upon Marvel Comics' most unconventional anti-hero, Deadpool tells the origin story of former Special Forces operative turned mercenary Wade Wilson, who after being subjected to a rogue experiment that leaves him with accelerated healing powers, adopts the alter ego Deadpool.

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER

FRIDAY - 25
7:00 PM Eddie the Eagle (PG-13)

SATURDAY - 26
2:30 PM Gods of Egypt (3-D) (PG-13)
5:10 PM Eddie the Eagle (PG-13)
7:20 PM Deadpool (R)

SUNDAY - 27
2:30 PM Eddie the Eagle (PG-13)
4:50 PM Zoolander 2 (PG-13)
7:00 PM Hail, Caesar! (PG-13)

THURSDAY - 31
7:00 PM Eddie the Eagle (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

FRIDAY - 25
6:00 PM Zoolander 2 (PG-13)

SATURDAY - 26
3:00 PM Kung Fu Panda 3 3D (PG-13)
6:00 PM Deadpool (R)

SUNDAY - 27
3:00 PM Race (PG-13)
6:00 PM Zoolander 2 (PG-13)

THURSDAY - 31
7:00 PM Deadpool (R)



NEX rewards 'A-OK' student

Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange

This quarter's recipient of the A-OK student award is Nicholas Alvarado.

The award presentation took place at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange on March 17. Alvarado is the son of retired Army Maj. Wilbert (8th Theater Sustainment Command at Fort Shafter) and Jennifer Alvarado.

Alvarado is a junior at Mililani High School and will be applying to Cal Tech and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

In his spare time, Alvarado likes to work on computer programming and looks forward to a major in computer science.

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEX-COM) has been offering students a chance to help pay for college through its A-OK Student Reward Program since 1997. The A-OK Student Reward Program offers all qualified students to participate in a quarterly drawing for monetary awards of \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,000 or \$500 for a total of \$5,500 per quarter.

Any eligible full-

time student that has a B-grade point average equivalent or better, as determined by their school system, may enter the drawing. Home-schooled students can also qualify with acknowledgement that the student has a "B" average or equivalent record of accomplishment. Eligible students include children of active duty military members, Reservists and military retirees enrolled in first through 12th grade. Children without an individual Identification Card must be accompanied by their sponsor to submit their entry. Each student may enter only once each grading period and must re-enter with each qualifying report card.

Patrons can stop by any NEX with a current report card or progress report and have a NEX associate verify the eligibility, to enter the drawing. Then, they can fill out an entry card and obtain an A-OK ID which entitles the student to 19 discount coupons for NEX products and services. Along with the award, each winner will receive a lapel pin, certificate and medallion ribbon In Honor of Academic Excellence.

MY FAVORITE PHOTO



Tony Verceluz, Ho'okele Graphic Artist, captured this photo of a Eumorpha Pandorus (Pandora Sphinx moth).

Do you enjoy taking pictures and have a favorite photo? Here is your opportunity to see it featured in the Ho'okele. Along with your photo, please send a little bit of information about the photo, such as where it was taken or any interesting details. Also include the name of the photographer and contact information.

How to submit: send your non-posed photos to editor@hookelenews.com.



Photo by Stephanie Lau, Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange customer relations manager Alison Price-Temaeva, a Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange department manager, awards the A-OK student certificate and medallion to Nicholas Alvarado.

Upcoming blood drives



The following are a few basic requirements that must be met in order to donate blood with the ASBP.

In general, donors need to:

- Have not donated blood previously within the last eight weeks.
- Weigh at least 110 pounds.
- Be at least 17 years of age.
- Have been feeling well for at least three days prior to donating.
- Be well hydrated and have eaten something prior to donating.
- Have picture ID and know when/where you have traveled.
- Be able to list the types of medications currently being taken.

Currently scheduled drives include:

- March 29, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., NEX, Tripler Army Medical Center
- April 1, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, building 2, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
- April 11 and 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3rd Radio Battalion, Marine Corps Base Hawaii
- April 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 1845 Wasp Blvd., Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

(For more information, contact Michelle Lele-Himalaya, Armed Services Blood Program, Tripler Army Medical Center, at 433-6699 or email Michelle.Lele.civ@mail.mil.)