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Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Boxer (LHD 4) arrives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, May 14. Sailors and Marines of the Boxer Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) and 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) are embarked on Boxer on a regularly-scheduled deployment. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Justin R. Pacheco)

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A guided-missile cruiser and destroyers of Commander, Naval Surface Force Pacific deploy independently or as part of a group for Commander, U.S. Third Fleet and in the Seventh Fleet and Fifth Fleet areas of responsibility. The Navy, including your Navy team in Hawaii, builds partnerships and strengthens interoperability in the Pacific. Each year, Navy ships, submarines and aircraft from Hawaii participate in various training exercises with allies and friends in the Pacific and Indian Oceans to strengthen interoperability. Navy service members and civilians conduct humanitarian assistance and disaster response missions in the South Pacific and in Asia. Working with the U.S. Coast Guard, the Navy in Hawaii provides drug interdiction and fisheries enforcement operations for Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. In even-numbered years Hawaii hosts the biennial summer Rim of the Pacific Exercise, the world's largest military maritime exercise, featuring more than two dozen nations and 25,000 personnel.

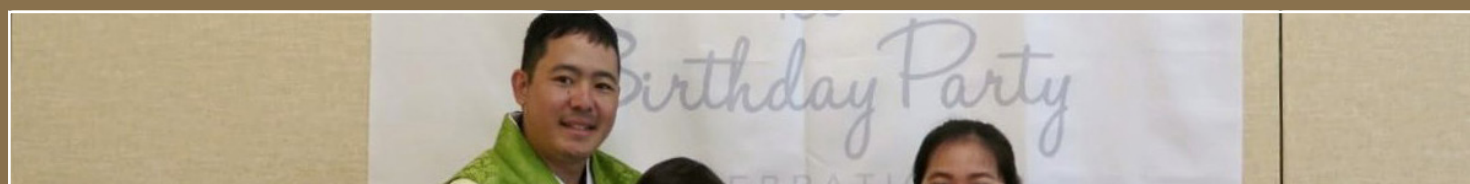
The Navy family in Hawaii comprises around 50,000 people, most of whom are active duty service members and their families, and includes nearly 15,000 civilians and contractors as part of our workforce.

JBPHH includes the Pearl Harbor waterfront, Hickam flight line, Wahiawa annex and several other areas in West Oahu and provides a major logistics and other support hub for the military and military families. Supporting the nation's ballistic missile defense initiative, the Pacific Missile Range Facility on the western coast of "The Garden Island," is the world's largest instrumented multidimensional testing and training missile range.

We provide services to the U.S. Pacific Command, one of DOD's six geographic combatant commands, with an area of responsibility covering half the globe. We directly support two component commands whose headquarters are on JBPHH: Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Commander, U.S. Pacific Air Force. Close to our own Region/MIDPAC headquarters command is Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. With 18 forward-deployable combat-ready U.S. Navy submarines, Pearl Harbor is home to the largest submarine presence in the Pacific. The Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, on JBPHH, is the largest ship repair facility between the West Coast and the Far East. Within our region we support more than 100 tenant commands.



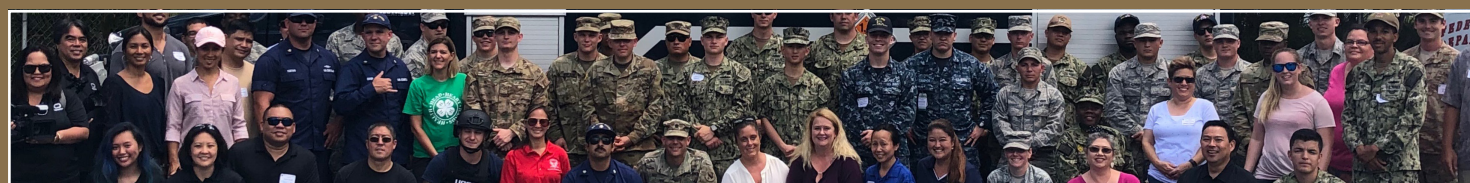
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From the editor

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Navy, Air Force conducts HURREX

In preparation for hurricane season, Navy Region Hawaii conducted its annual hurricane readiness exercise, HURREX, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) and Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), May 13-17.

Hurricane season runs from June 1 to Nov. 30. This year, Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam conducted both pre- and post-landfall components to the exercise.

HURREX allows Navy and Air Force activities in Hawaii to review, exercise and validate their response plans and operational capabilities as they pertain to the threat of hurricanes and effects of severe weather

During the exercise, personnel at JBPHH and PMRF may have noticed exercise events and notifications that took place which included computer desktop notifications, Straight Talk Line notifications, Facebook alert updates and marquee messages. All exercise-related communications was prefaced with “exercise-

exercise-exercise.”

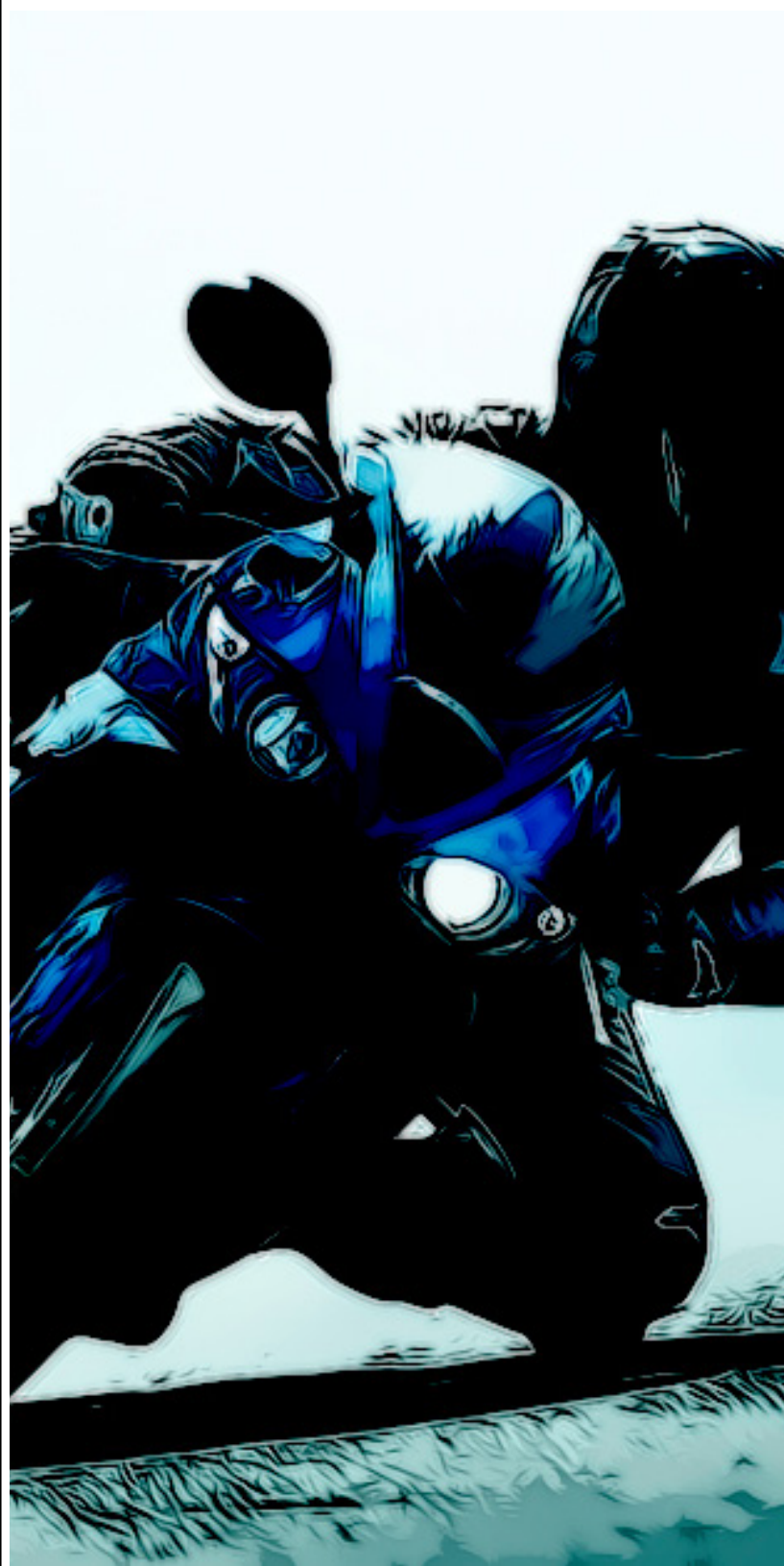
TCCOR (tropical cyclone condition of readiness) levels were set for commands to execute their TCCOR checklists. The military uses TCCOR levels based on the arrival of destructive winds, which triggers specific actions.

According to the Central Pacific Hurricane Center, Hawaii is certainly not immune to direct impacts from tropical cyclones. Three hurricane landfalls have occurred since 1950: Hurricane Dot (1959), Hurricane Iwa (1982), and Hurricane Iniki (1992). Each of these hurricanes brought very significant damage in their wake.

Everyone needs to be prepared for the unexpected. Preparing for a hurricane is one of the most important things you can do for the safety of you and your family in the event of a natural disaster. The time to prepare is now. For more information, visit www.ready.gov, www.ready.navy.mil or www.beready.af.mil.



May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month: ‘Look twice’ for motorcycles



As we approach the 101 critical days of summer which goes from Memorial Day until Labor Day, May begins with Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and is typically the time to remind drivers and motorcyclists to share the road and to be alert.

Drivers are urged to “look twice” for motorcycles, especially at intersections. Some of the most common accidents are those in which drivers don’t see the motorcycle and turn unexpectedly in front of a rider.

The Naval Safety Center stated that motorcycle mishaps occur because of perceptual issues known as “inattentive blindness” – the inability to see the motorcycle approaching head-on.

According to JBPHHINST 5560.1A, motorcyclists should wear outer upper garments of brightly colored material during daylight hours to enhance the ability of other vehicle operators to see and avoid motorcyclists. In addition, motorcyclists should wear reflective material or vests during nighttime or in low-light conditions.

In an effort to reduce mishaps, the following personal protection

equipment or PPE are required for motorcyclist:

- 1. Helmet** – A Department of Transportation approved helmet.
- 2. Eye protection** – Protective eye devices designed for motorcycle operators (impact or shatter resistant safety glasses, goggles, wrap around glasses sealing the eye, or face shield properly attached to the helmet) shall be worn.
- 3. Foot protection** – Sturdy, over the ankle footwear that affords protection for the feet and ankles.
- 4. Long sleeved shirt or jacket** – Motorcycle jackets constructed of abrasion resistant materials such as leather, Kevlar, or cordura and containing impact-absorbing padding.
- 5. Long trousers or pants** - Motorcycle pants constructed of abrasion resistant materials such as leather, Kevlar, or cordura and containing impact-absorbing padding..
- 6. Gloves** – Full-fingered gloves or mittens designed for use on a motorcycle.
- 7. Reflective outer garment or vest** – Worn from 30 minutes

before sunset to 30 minutes after sunrise. Must be clearly visible and not covered by backpacks.

“Wearing the proper gear and training are required for all active duty personnel to ride both on and off base in Hawaii,” said Bill Labby, Navy motorcycle safety contractor. “Each rider must also maintain compliance with Level 1 [Basic rider course], Level 2 [Advanced rider course] and refresher training.”

Motorcycle safety training programs are available to provide both novice and experienced motorcycle operators with the opportunity to enhance their riding skills, knowledge, and techniques to ride safely.

“Each command in Navy Region is assigned a motorcycle safety representative (MSR) to ensure all riders are identified and provided the required training as well as information on the local base regulations,” Labby said.

A time to remember: HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Story and photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jessica Blackwell

A Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony was held at Aloha Jewish Chapel at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, May 2.

The ceremony was led by Daniel Bender, a lay leader and Jewish educator at the chapel. As Bender led with prayers and received readers for the ceremony, he offered a moment of reflection to those in attendance which seemed to resonate with this year's theme, "Beyond religious boundaries: Learning from the Holocaust."

The Holocaust was a devastating and systematic campaign carried out by the Nazi regime and its allies between 1933 and 1945. Jews were mainly targeted, but other groups and those who conflicted with the regime's political, ideological, and behavioral stances were also persecuted. The result of this persecution was the killing of six million Jews and millions of other people.

"We count on you to be who you are; to be the tremendous giving participants who are not indifferent to what you see going on in the world," said Bender. "It is not okay to be indifferent to another's suffering. This makes us more sensitive and more ready to help others."

Holocaust Remembrance Day, also known as Yom HaShoah, is

a presidential proclamation that encourages all people of the United States to observe the Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust and the liberation of the Nazi death camps. They are urged to remember the lessons of this atrocity so it is never repeated.

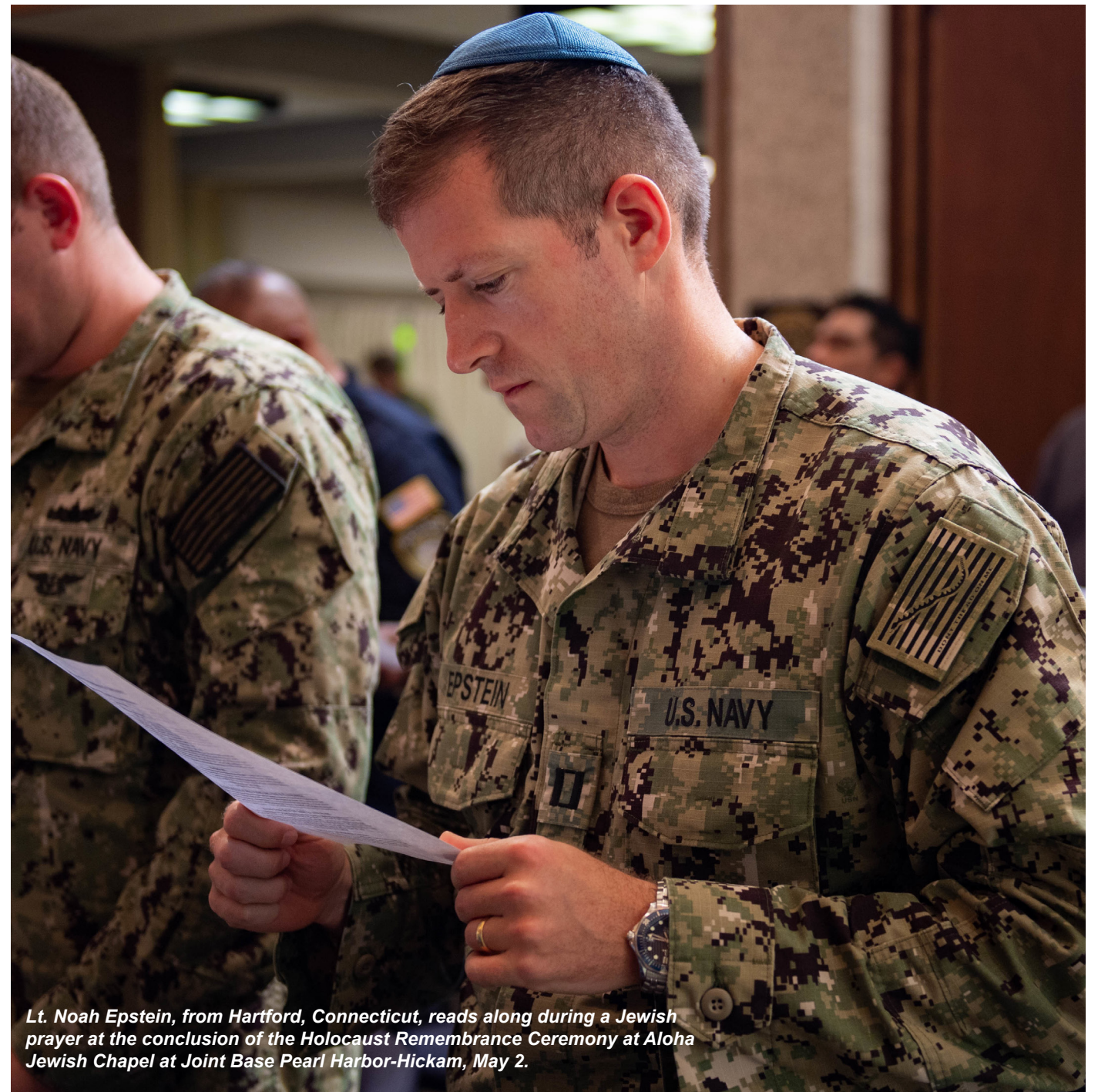
"With absolute devotion, we will continue to advance human rights, combat anti-semitism, and dispel all forms of hatred in every part of the world," states the 2019 proclamation made by President Donald J. Trump.

Notable songstress and author Laurie Rubin performed a classical piece during the ceremony. Her calling to perform and teach is a great example of how she is trying to carry out the efforts stated in this years proclamation and connect the world.

"There is something very unifying about music in particular, that it gets to your heart," said Rubin. "Through our organization, Ohana Arts, we try and foster peace through the universal language of the arts. We feel the arts can do that [bring people together] above anything else."

Holocaust Remembrance Day is one of the special observances the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute supports that are established by law, bill, or resolution of Congress. The exact

dates for the Days of Remembrance vary each year according to the Hebrew calendar. This year the observance was held April 28 - May 5.



Lt. Noah Epstein, from Hartford, Connecticut, reads along during a Jewish prayer at the conclusion of the Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony at Aloha Jewish Chapel at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, May 2.



Senior Airman Tyler Wandtke, from Evansville, Indiana, lights one of six candles representing the six million Jews killed in the Holocaust during the Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony at Aloha Jewish Chapel at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, May 2.



Staff Sgt. Nicholas Takara
Hawaii Air National Guard

by the Federal Aviation Administration

May is Asian-American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, set aside to highlight those whose origins constitute this geographical area, and recognize all they have contributed to the U.S. There are more than 115,000 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who serve throughout the Department of Defense.

Staff Sgt. Nicholas Takara, Hawaii Air National Guardsman and deployed to the 386th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, is one of those U.S. military members who has contributed to a stronger and more unified force.

“Recognizing diversity in the military is extremely important because we are a diverse military,” he said. “It’s important to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of Asian-American and Pacific Islanders in the past who contributed to American growth.”

Takara has deep roots to Hawaii as his family members settled on the island almost 100 years ago. As a fourth-generation Hawaiian, Takara recalls his upbringing with fondness.

“My dad’s side of the family is Okinawan, while my mom is Chinese, Japanese, Hawaiian and Mexican,” Takara said. “Being from such a diverse background, gave me insight into different cultures and traditions, especially growing up in Hawaii.”

Raised in a predominately-Chinese household, Takara’s mother passed down various traditions to him.

“Growing up, we celebrated Ching Ming, which is set aside to honor ancestors who have passed away,” he said. “We visited their graves and offered food to them during those times. Also extremely popular in Hawaii, is the celebration of the Chinese New Year. My family and I would attend the parade in Chinatown every year. Looking back, it was always a part of my childhood, and now my wife and I take our children so they can experience those traditions as well.”

After spending his formative years in Hawaii, Takara desired to take a path less familiar to him and his family members by joining the U.S. Marine Corps.

“For majority of my adolescence, I didn’t even realize joining the military was an option,” Takara said. “During my junior year of high school, I found out one of my friends was interested in joining the U.S. Marine Corps, and I became interested in taking that path. In 2006, I ended up enlisting and spent almost ten years serving as a U.S. Marine.”

Takara started his career as a Marine Air Ground Task

Force planning specialist before cross training to become a Korean linguist.

“At the time, there was a need for Korean linguists and I decided I wanted to pursue that career and go to the Defense Language Institute. After being in school for almost two years, I had follow-on-training in Texas, before being assigned a home station, which happened to be Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. I was happy with that as I had the opportunity to go back home and be close to family and friends again.”

In 2016, Takara took a different direction when he ended up separating from the Marines and joined the Hawaii Air National Guard later that year.

“Coming from the Marines, the Air Force was intriguing to me – I wanted to learn more and join the ranks. I ultimately got the job I wanted, which was security forces.”

With his deployment to Ali Al Salem being his first Air Force deployment, Takara said each experience he had would stay with him. During his deployment,

Takara utilized his language skills to introduce a Korean cultural awareness and language forum to other Airmen.

“The purpose of holding the Korean forums was to have conversations with native speakers and those who had an interest in learning more about the language and culture,” he said. “We have topics of the day, which range from traditions to clothing to current events.”

With his background as a linguist in the Marine Corps and having hosted the Korean forum during his deployment, Takara would like to take his Air Force career a step further by serving as a linguist again.

“Reflecting on my military career up to this point, I am fortunate to have had the experiences and served with extremely dedicated people in both branches,” Takara said. “Being able to contribute in the capacity I have means a lot and I want to continue to serve and strive to make an impact.”



Staff Sgt. Nicholas Takara, 386th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron member and Hawaii Air National Guardsman, stands with his wife and children in Hawaii, March 20, 2017. Takara and his family are wearing hanbok, which is a traditional Korean attire worn on special occasions. (Courtesy photo)



Vice Adm. Robert Kihune, (Ret.)

Robert Kihune graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1959, with a Bachelor of Science degree in marine engineering, followed by a graduate degree in electrical engineering in 1965.

During the Vietnam War, Kihune commanded a guided-missile destroyer that conducted nightly strikes against North Vietnam while successfully dodging hundreds of rounds of enemy fire without



Rear Admiral Robert E. U. Kihune, commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group 5, enters the cockpit of an Airborne Early Warning Squadron 112 (VAW-112) E-2C Hawkeye aircraft. The aircraft is parked on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63).

sustaining damage. Kihune was awarded a Legion of Merit with a combat "V" for gallantry. Kihune's sea duty tours also included command of two aircraft carrier battle groups, the USS Kitty Hawk and USS Nimitz, as well as the USS New Jersey battleship group. His significant ashore tours included assistant chief of Naval Operations for surface warfare at the Pentagon and commander of the Naval Surface Forces of the Pacific Fleet. Additionally, he was chief of Naval Education and Training responsible for all technical school house training in the U.S. Navy, including flight training and recruit training. After 35 years of distinguished service, Kihune retired from the Navy in 1994 with the rank of vice admiral. Vice Adm. Kihune was the first Hawaiian vice admiral.

Vice Admiral Robert K. U. Kihune was born in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii. He entered the U. S. Naval Academy in 1955 and was commissioned an ensign in June 1959.

From July 1959 until September 1961, Kihune served as Damage Control Assistant, Electronics Material Officer and Combat Information Center Officer aboard USS PRITCHETT (DD 561). He was then assigned as

A Soviet rear admiral, left, talks with VADM Robert K.U. Kihune, commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, following a wreath-laying ceremony at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery. Three ships of the Soviet Pacific Fleet are in San Diego for a five-day goodwill visit

Commissioning Communications Officer aboard USS ROBISON (DDG 12) and subsequently as CIC Officer. He attended the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School in July 1963 earning a degree in Communications Engineering.

After completing his postgraduate education, Kihune was assigned as Operations Officer aboard USS FARRAGUT (DOG 6) until May 1967. He was then assigned as Executive Officer, USS DAVIDSON (FF 1045). His next assignment was at the Bureau of Naval Personnel where he served as the Head, Communications Activities Placement in the Officer Assignment Division.

In December 1971 he assumed command of USS COCHRANE (DDG 21). During the Vietnam War, Cochrane conducted nightly strikes against North Vietnam while successfully dodging hundreds of rounds of enemy fire without sustaining damage. Kihune was awarded a Legion of Merit with a combat "V" for gallantry.

Next he was assigned to COMTHIRDFLT as the Electronics Warfare Officer, Surface Warfare Officer and Exercise Coordinator. In August 1977 he attended the Senior Course at the U. S. Naval War

College. He was subsequently assigned as Special Assistant and Navy Planner for JCS matters to the DCNO (Command and Control).

Kihune assumed command of Destroyer Squadron THIRTY-FIVE in July 1980. He was assigned Chief of Staff to Commander Naval Surface Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet in August 1982. Following his selection to flag rank in February 1983, he was assigned as Director, Command, Control and Communications (C3S) at Headquarters, U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany. In September 1986, Kihune assumed command of Cruiser Destroyer Group FIVE, and later that month, was selected for promotion to Rear Admiral (upper half), U. S. Navy.

On August 27, 1988, Kihune assumed the position of Commander Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet and was promoted to Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy.

Vice Admiral Kihune was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two Gold Stars and Combat "V," the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

After 35 years of distinguished service, Kihune retired from the Navy in 1994 with the rank of vice admiral.





Rear Adm. Gordon P. Chung-Hoon, (Ret.)

Rear Adm. Gordon P. Chung-Hoon, was born on July 25, 1910 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The second youngest of five Chung-Hoon children, he attended the U.S. Naval Academy and graduated in May 1934. While at the Naval Academy, he was a valued member of the Navy Football team.

Rear Admiral Chung-Hoon is a recipient of the Navy Cross and Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and extraordinary heroism as Commanding Officer of USS Sigsbee (DD 502) from May 1944 to October 1945. In the spring of 1945, Sigsbee assisted in the destruction of 20 enemy planes while screening a carrier strike force

off the Japanese island of Kyushu. On April 14, 1945, while on radar picket station off Okinawa, a kamikaze crashed into Sigsbee, reducing her starboard engine to five knots and knocking out the ship's port engine and steering control. The attack killed 23 SIGSBEE crewman and nearly sank the ship. Despite the damage, Admiral Chung-Hoon, then a Commander, valiantly kept his anti-aircraft batteries delivering "prolonged and effective fire" against the continuing enemy air attack while simultaneously directing the damage control efforts that allowed Sigsbee to make port under her own power.

USS Sigsbee (DD 502) was commissioned on January 1, 1943, and was decommissioned March 31 1947. After the war, she returned to Charleston, South Carolina, and was moored in the Wando River. Sigsbee was then moved to the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard where she remained until she was sold and scrapped in 1974.

After retiring from the Navy in 1959, Rear Admiral Chung-Hoon was appointed by William Quinn, Hawaii's first elected governor since statehood, to serve as director of the state Department of Agriculture. Rear Admiral Chung-Hoon died in July 1979.

USS Chung-Hoon

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) is the 43rd ship in the Arleigh Burke class of Aegis guided-missile destroyers.

Construction of Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) began on January 17, 2001, and DDG 93's keel was laid on January 14, 2002. On December 15, 2002, the drydock was ballasted down, and CHUNG-HOON floated free. She was then moved to her christening birth. DDG 93 was christened on January 11, 2003 by the ship's sponsor, Ms. Michelle Punana Chung-

Hoon, the niece of Rear Admiral Chung-Hoon.

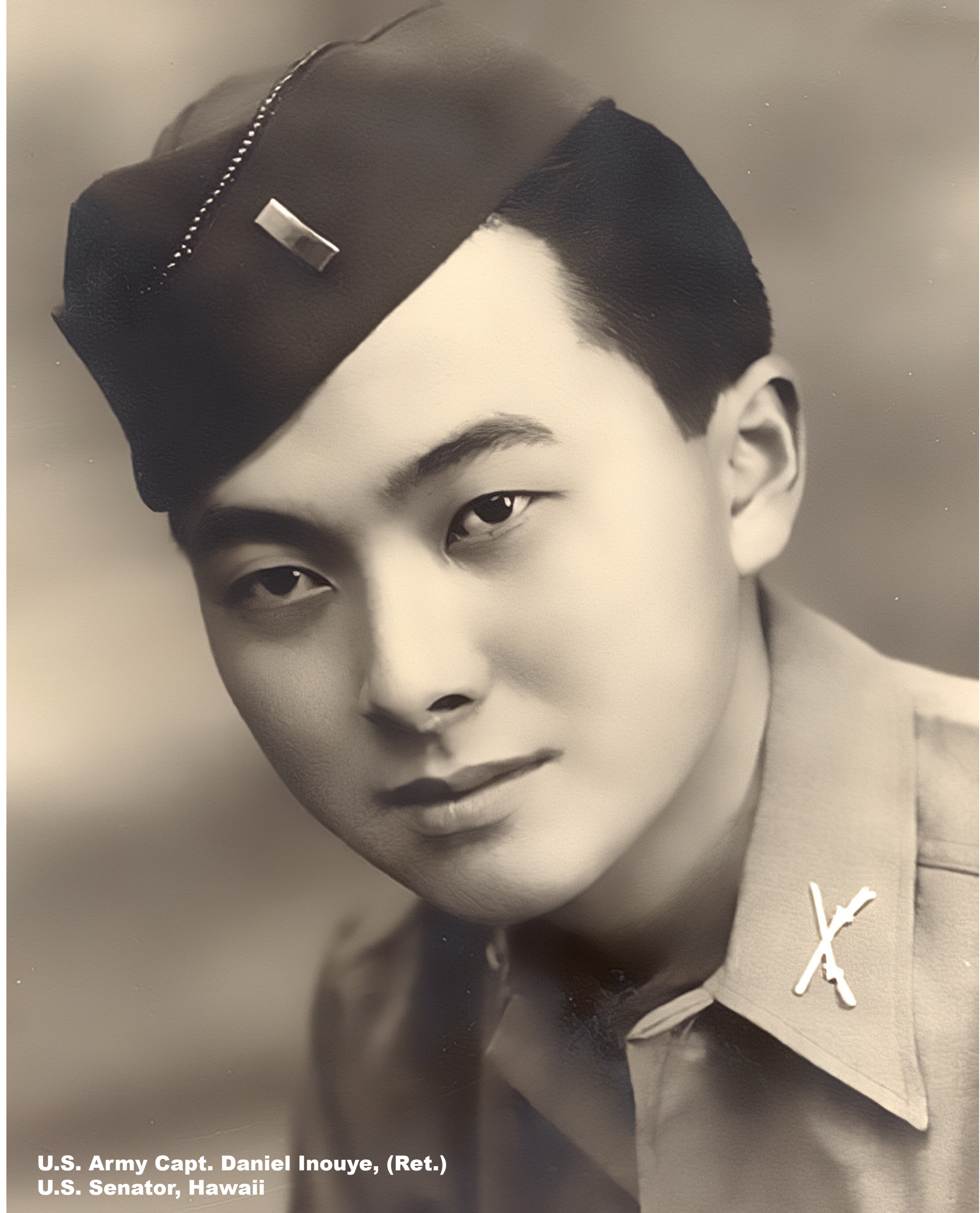
More than 1,300 guests attended the christening ceremony highlighting the courageous actions of Chung-Hoon. Perry White, stepson of Gordon Chung-Hoon, addressed the audience with memories of Chung-Hoon as a father figure. "He did things only because they were the right things to do," White said. "I never saw him do anything because somebody wanted him to do it, or he thought it would improve his chances for gaining something. He had an incredible, clear internal compass that always kept him on the right course."

DDG 93 was formally commissioned USS Chung-Hoon during its commissioning ceremony held on September 18, 2004.

Tai Sing Loo Shakes hands with Commander Gordon P Chung-Hoon (L) as Tai Sing Loo retires after 31 years and 6 months continuous service as official Pearl Harbor naval base photographer, on 31 October 1949. Commander Chung-Hoon was the 14th naval district civilian personnel director at that time. (National Archives)



The guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) fires an SM-2 missile during a live-fire exercise while in the Pacific, Nov. 190, 2015. Sailors from the John C. Stennis Strike Group are participating in a sustainment training exercise (SUSTEX) to prepare for future deployments. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jonathan Jiang/Released)



U.S. Army Capt. Daniel Inouye, (Ret.)
U.S. Senator, Hawaii

Dan Inouye was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. His parents had emigrated from Japan to settle in Hawaii's Bingham Tract, which was a Chinese-American enclave in Honolulu. Coming of age as tension grew with Imperial Japan was hard enough,

but graduating from high school in Hawaii as a Japanese American immediately following the surprise attack of Pearl Harbor leading to the death of over 1,000 Americans prove especially difficult for Inouye. Curfews were enforced for

Japanese Americans in Hawaii. There was an attempt to ship them to internment camps but the local economy for the islands relied heavily on Japanese American businesses. He attempted to enlist in the military but was turned away. He spent a year enduring insults and being questioned about his patriotism. In 1943, when the U.S. Army dropped its enlistment ban on Japanese Americans, Inouye curtailed his premedical studies at the University of Hawaii and enlisted in the Army.

He volunteered to be part of the segregated all-Nisei - 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The Team was composed of Japanese American volunteers from the internment camps, Hawaii, states outside of the west coast exclusion zone, and Japanese American soldiers who were already serving in the U.S. Army when the war broke out. The 442nd Regiment of Japanese-Americans would go on to be one the most decorated unit for its size and length of service in the history of American warfare.

In early 1945 Lieutenant Inouye and the 442nd redeployed to the Gothic Line. For nine months in 1944 German Field Marshal Kesselring directed the construction of the Gothic Line along the top of the Apennines in the mountains joining Italy and France.

On April 21, 1945 Lieutenant Inouye was leading a flanking attack on a heavily-defended ridge near San Terenzo in Tuscany, Italy. The American platoon was in turn flanked in a surprise ambush by three MG-43 machine guns at relatively close range. Inouye's platoon of 30 men was being cut to pieces. He stood up to look for the best avenue for cover when he was shot in the stomach.

Ignoring his wound, he proceeded to attack and destroy the first machine gun nest with hand grenades and his Thompson submachine gun. When informed of the severity of his wound, he

refused treatment and rallied his men for an attack on the second machine gun position, which he successfully destroyed before collapsing from blood loss. As his squad distracted the third machine gunner, Inouye crawled toward the final bunker, coming within 10 yards. As he raised himself up and cocked his arm to throw his last grenade, a German soldier inside the bunker fired a rifle grenade, which struck his right elbow, nearly severing most of his arm and leaving his primed grenade reflexively "clenched in a fist that suddenly didn't belong to me anymore". Inouye's horrified soldiers moved to his aid, but he shouted for them to keep back out of fear his severed fist would involuntarily relax and drop the grenade. While the German inside the bunker reloaded his rifle, Inouye pried the live grenade from his useless right hand and transferred it to his left. As the enemy soldier aimed his rifle at him, Inouye tossed the grenade into the bunker and destroyed it. He stumbled to his feet and continued forward, silencing the last German resistance with a one-handed burst from his Thompson before being wounded in the leg and tumbling unconscious to the bottom of the ridge. He awoke to see the worried men of his platoon hovering over him. His only comment before being

carried away was to order them back to their positions, saying "nobody called off the war!"

Although Inouye had lost his right arm, he remained in the military until 1947 and was honorably discharged with the rank of captain. At the time of his leaving the Army, he was a recipient of the Bronze Star medal and Purple Heart. Inouye was initially awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his bravery in this action, with the award later being upgraded to the Medal of Honor by President Bill Clinton, alongside 19 other Nisei servicemen who served in the 442nd.

Daniel Inouye was one of the most influential politicians of the late 20th Century. He had an unparalleled 50 year career in the United States Senate representing his home state of Hawaii ending in 2012. He served as President pro tempore of the Senate in his final years, which made him the highest-ranking Asian American politician in U.S history. His contributions to perpetuating National Park sites in Hawaii including securing funding for Kalaupapa National Historic Park as well as the continued preservation of the USS Arizona Memorial were immeasurable.



Amputee Daniel Inouye with Bob Dole at Percy Jones Army Hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan. U.S. Navy Photo



Rear Adm. Jon C. Kreitz, deputy director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), renders a salute to Fireman 1st Class Grant Clark Cook Jr. at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, May 9. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jamarius Fortson)



A Sailor assigned to Navy Region Hawaii presents a flag to Colleen Neumann, next of kin to U.S. Navy Fireman 1st Class Grant Clark Cook Jr., at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, May 9. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jamarius Fortson)

USS Oklahoma Sailor identified

BY DPAA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Navy Fireman 1st Class Grant C. Cook, Jr., killed during the attack on the USS Oklahoma in World War II was recently identified. His remains were buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu, May 9.

Cook was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which sustained fire from Japanese aircraft and multiple torpedo hits causing the ship to capsize and resulted in the deaths of over 400 crew members on Dec. 7, 1941, at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor. Cook was recently identified through DNA analysis by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's (DPAA) forensic laboratory and returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

Cook's name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are missing from World War II. A rosette is Placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

For more information about DPAA, visit www.dpaa.mil.



Personnel attending the funeral for U.S. Navy Fireman 1st Class Grant Clark Cook Jr. pay their respects at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, May 9. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jamarius Fortson)

Memorial Day *Events*

Mayor's 70th annual Memorial Day parade

May 25 from 4 p.m. beginning at Fort DeRussy Park.

Hawaii World War I Centennial Memorial Day ceremony

May 26 from 9:30 a.m. at the Waikiki Natatorium.

Veterans Candlelight Memorial Day Eve ceremony

May 26 from 4:30 p.m. at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

Mayor's 70th Memorial Day ceremony

May 27 from 8 a.m. at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

Governor's Memorial Day ceremony

May 27 from 1 p.m. at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe.

Bowfin Base and USS Submarine Veterans Memorial Day ceremony

May 27 from 11 a.m. at Subase Memorial on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Shinnyo Lantern Floating

May 27 from 3:30 p.m. at Magic Island, Ala Moana Beach Park.

Kauai Memorial Day ceremony

May 27 from 1 p.m. at the Veterans Cemetery hosted by the Kauai Veterans Council.

Remember and Honor

Hickam Elementary, military engineers showcase STEM expo

By Hickam Elementary School

Hickam Elementary School, along with the Hawaii Department of Education (DOE) and the Hawaii military services, strongly believe in serving the community and looking for ways to engage and encourage students to develop into the next generation of engineers.

On May 15, their partnership developed a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) expo focused on engineers and the career field at Hickam Elementary School.

The expo showcased robots, mine detectors, earthquake simulators, media production, marine development, environmental conservation tools, virtual reality welding machines and more.

With ties to the school's AVID Career Day events, the STEM expo was a template for future engagements with elementary students.

"Career exploration doesn't just mean a field trip or a guest speaker, but can include exposure to hands-on equipment and a variety of engineers to freely explore from the comfort of school," said Alisa Bender, Hickam Elementary School principal. "This is a way to get them curious and excited about real-world problem-solving and career possibilities."

The STEM expo began as an idea for a Hawaii education-military partnership through the Joint Venture Educational Forum (JVEF), a cooperative partnership between the military community and HIDOE and other community organizations. They highlight the successes of their 18-year partnership.

The 647th Civil Engineering Squadron, Pacific Air Forces, and the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard STEM program, were among the presenters.



A Sailor assigned to the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Louisville (SSN 724) greets his loved ones at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, after completing their latest deployment, May 2. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Daniel Hinton)

Seabees preserve USS Arizona history

Story by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jessica Blackwell, Navy Public Affairs Support Detachment Hawaii



Steelworker 3rd Class Cameron Fields, crew leader at Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303 detachment Hawaii, cuts a piece of steel salvaged from the USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor, May 7. This piece, as well as other historical relics, will be displayed in one of more than 100 locations around the world. These visible pieces will allow the public to consider and discuss the significance of the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor and World War II. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Allen Michael McNair)

In the aftermath and from the ashes of Dec. 7, 1941, which propelled the United States into World War II, rose a new call and opportunity to serve in the Navy: the Naval Construction Battalions. Today, they are known as Seabees.

At the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Navy used civilian contractors to construct and support bases and other locations. However, with an increasing need to be able to defend and resist against military attacks, civilians could no longer be used. According to the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park, under international law it was illegal to arm civilians and have them resist the enemy. It states "If they did they could be executed as guerrillas." On Jan. 5, 1942, Rear

a part of the Arizona that was removed in the 1950s due to corrosion and safety concerns. Before its removal it acted as a foundation for a makeshift platform where visitors to the Arizona could stand and where ceremonies could be conducted. It was a precursor to the white memorial structure known and visited today.

The Seabees and Neuman have taken on the responsibility to cut sections of the previously removed portion of the Arizona and ship them to various approved locations.

"Mostly people come to us. We have a lot of Pearl Harbor survivors that know about this [effort]," said Neuman. "They will reach out to local museums and share what they would like to see. As long as you are a legitimate educational institution or not-for-profit and the piece will be on public



Construction Electrician 3rd Class Mitchell Labree, a Sailor assigned to Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303 detachment Hawaii, measures a wooden beam in order to build a shipping crate for a piece of steel salvaged from the USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor, May 7. This piece will be shipped to the Imperial War Museum in London and is intended to be a centerpiece for the Pacific War wing of the museum. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Allen Michael McNair)



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Adm. Ben Moreell received approval to organize the Naval Construction Force. In a matter of days, the first naval construction unit deployed.

Today, with seven rates ranging from builder (BU) to engineering aide (EA) to utilitiesman (UT), Seabees are a fully-functioning construction crew. They are strategically placed, ready to deploy at a moment's notice, and able to build, erect and salvage in various types of environments. Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 303 Detachment Pearl Harbor is one such unit.

CBMU 303 Detachment Pearl Harbor has the unique opportunity to assist and service the land from which they were birthed. One of their current projects is assisting Jim Neuman, History and Heritage outreach manager at Navy Region Hawaii, and his team with the USS Arizona Relics Program.

"The USS Arizona Relics Program was born in 1995 when Congress authorized the Navy to move pieces of the wreckage out to educational institutions and not-for-profit organizations," Neuman said.

The program is currently focusing on

display, you can acquire a piece."

A sentiment both the Seabees and Neuman have in common is the need to share a piece of history with others.

"Because of the amount of time [the section] has been out here, we want to make sure we get as much of it out to the public as possible," said Neuman. "It doesn't help for it to sit here and no one get a chance to see it."

Builder 1st Class Christian Guzman, attached to CBMU 303 Detachment Pearl Harbor, who has helped lead the Seabees in this project, appreciates the opportunity for he and his team to recover sections for the public worldwide.

"We have a special tie to Pearl Harbor and World War II because that's how we began. It is of historical significance that we, as Seabees, are able to work on the USS Arizona," Guzman said.

Neuman explained that the Seabees were the obvious choice when considering how to satisfy the different requests through the program.

"It is Navy history, Navy legacy, so it made sense that if we were going to have somebody actually cutting pieces of the [Arizona] wreckage we should have

the Seabees do it," said Neuman. "Because of their legacy, what they do historically and their mission, they have enthusiastically embraced it, which I really appreciate."

To date, the Seabees of CBMU 303 Detachment Pearl Harbor have completed three phases of the project. Those phases consisted of cutting and shipping out various sized pieces to Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in Arizona, the Panhandle War Memorial in Texas, and the World War II Foundation in Rhode Island.

They are currently working on phase four which will be shipped to the Imperial War Museum in London, England.

"Britain was an ally in World War II. When the Empire of Japan surrendered on Sept. 2, 1945, on the USS Missouri, they didn't only surrender to the U.S. they surrendered to the allies as well. They all signed the document so I'm thrilled that the museum sees the significance," said Neuman. "They want to tell the whole

story of World War II, not just the part they played. Visitors to the museum will be able to see part of the USS Arizona, and I think that's great."

The Seabees and Neuman will continue to partner together, work on the removed section of the Arizona and ship pieces out until there is nothing left.

The Seabees are proud to be a part of this undertaking as well as other jobs they execute around the island of Oahu.

"We have a whole spectrum of skill sets. This project only showcases a snippet of



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May is Military Appreciation Month. What made you decide to join the military?

Submitted by Helen Zukeran and David D. Underwood, Jr.

**1st Lt. Phianh Botello
56th Air
Communications
Squadron**

"To give back to the great nation who saved my family during the Vietnam War."



**Master Sgt. Andrea Espinoza
15th Aircraft
Maintenance
Squadron**

"To see the world, meet new people, and get my education."



**Information Systems
Technician 1st Class
Ryan Arnold
Regional Operation
Center**

"I was right out of high school and it seemed like the best idea."



**Cryptologic
Technician
(Collection) Seaman
Leonetta Grinage
NIOC Hawaii**

"Traveling to other countries."



Feeding the Homeless: Airmen impact community, pay it forward



By MSgt. Josephine A. Santana and SSgt. Sarah Lizbeth Bippert, 647 Logistics Readiness Squadron

Members across 11 squadrons throughout Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam played a major role in ensuring the success of the "Feed the Homeless" initiative, which was led by Senior Airman Matthew Harney from the 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Approximately 85 volunteers drove this effort by collecting over 1,892 lbs. of donated goods and supplies from their squadron. These Airmen and families spent their Saturday morning establishing an assembly line to prepare 1,014 peanut butter and jelly or lunch meat sack lunches

which included chips, fruit snacks, granola bars, and a bottled water or juice pouch. Packed lunches were distributed in six target zones across Oahu: Wahiawa, Waianae, Waikiki, Chinatown, Ala Moana, and Nimitz.

Participating a third time in the "Feed the Homeless" initiative, Harney was inspired to do this after participating in a similar event in October 2017.

Determined to make a difference, his initiative brought this event into fruition. Since the beginning of the "Feed the Homeless" event, Harney rallied 267 volunteers from 21 organizations, collected 4,314 lbs. of

goods and supplies, and distributed 2,612 lunches to those in need.

In under a year, this event has grown each time. The outpouring of support from senior leadership to the volunteers have been overwhelming.

"I remember the joy and relief each individual showed me when I provided them with a meal, and it made me feel like I was truly impacting their life," Harney said.

Harney is scheduled to PCS in November, but hopes this event continues and becomes bigger and better each time.



Volunteers prepare sack lunches as part of the assembly line during the "Feed the Homeless" event at Bldg. 1072 on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Matthew Christian Harney)



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JBPBH Lane Closure

Now - The ramp exiting Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) onto H-1 East will be closed on weeknights for guideway construction activities from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. for approximately two weeks. All vehicles exiting JBPHH heading eastbound on H-1 will be detoured to Nimitz Highway eastbound. The two right lanes of H-1 East between the on-ramp and the Airport Exit will also be closed. For more information, call 566-2299 or visit www.honolulustransit.org.

Youth Sports Summer Camps Registration

Now - Registration is open now until May 31. Sign up your child for golf, soccer, softball, archery or tennis. All camps begin in June. Cost ranges from \$40 to \$80. For more information, call 473-0789.

Arizona Pool opens for Summer

May - The Arizona Pool located at Ford Island will open during the summer months beginning Memorial Day weekend (May 25-27), then everyday beginning June 1 from 1 to 5 p.m. These hours will continue until July 28.

Online Registration for Summer Swim Lessons

Begins May 20 - Lessons consist of eight 30-minute sessions and will take place at the Hickam Family Pool beginning June 3. For more information, call 448-2384.

Cookies and Canvas

May 22 - Kids can create a painted masterpiece while nibbling on a sweet treat from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Arts & Crafts Center. This monthly activity has a different painting subject each session. Cost is \$30 per person, includes all art supplies and is open to ages 7 to 14. Advance sign-up is encouraged. For more information, call 448-9907.

Writing Workshop

May 25 - Aspiring writers can get tips from a member of Organization of Military Community Writers at the JBPHH Library at 4 p.m. This is a free event open to ages 18 and older. For more information, call 449-8299.

Ford Island Historic Trail Dedication

May 21 - A dedication ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. at the Ford Island Historic Trail. For more information, call 473-2880.

AAPI observance

May 31 - The JBPHH diversity committee will host a recognition ceremony at the Hickam BX pavilion from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to commemorate Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month. This year's theme is "Unite Our Mission By Engaging Each Other." For more information, contact Master Sgt. Stoddart at 315-448-0711.

Ahua Reef Wetland Restoration

May 31 - Help restore a coastal wetland at the Ahua Reef, located on the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, from 8 a.m. to noon by creating a habitat for native plants and birds. Activities include pulling invasive weeds and trash pickup. Bring closed-toe shoes, sun block, water, a hat and socks. To volunteer, contact BMC Torrentes at daniel.torrentes1@navy.mil.

Operation IgNite

May 31 - Tee off at Mamala Bay Golf Course with glow golf beginning at 7:30 p.m. and lights up the greens until 11 p.m. Cost is \$10 for three holes of golf, a glow necklace and an LED golf ball to keep. Bring your blankets and chairs as the event is followed by a movie under the stars at 8 p.m. Call 449-2304 for details.

Float Night

May 31- Keep cool at Scott Pool from 5 to 7 p.m. Bring your own individual-sized floats and chill or splash around. Free ice cream floats (while supplies last) will be served. This is a free event open to all ages. For more information, call 473-0394.

#TGIF

May 31- Get your weekend off to a rockin' start from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Paradise Lounge in Club Pearl. Go back to the 80s with live music entertainment by The Smyths (tribute band for the Smiths). There is no cover and it's open to ages 18 and older. For more information, call 473-1743.

CYP Hiring Fair

June 1 - The Child & Youth Programs (CYP) will host a hiring fair at Peltier Child Development Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit www.greatlifeohawaii.com/cyp.

Chuck Milligan's Hypnosis Show

June 1 - This hilarious comedy hypnosis show will compel you to laugh. This adult themed show will begin at 8 p.m. at the Paradise Lounge at Club Pearl. Open to ages 18 and older. For more information, visit jbphh.greatlifeohawaii.com.

Summer Reading Program

Begins June 1 - This annual program encourages children and adults to continue reading to keep up their comprehension while school is not in session. Weekly activities add to the fun and a final party will take place on July 1 for all the participants. For more information, call 449-8299.

Youth Ocean Summer Adventure Camps

Begins June 3 - Register your child for two weeks of fun in the sun at Hickam Harbor. Sessions begin June 3, June 17, July 8 and July 22. Cost is \$175 per person and is open to ages 7 to 15 years old. For more information, call 449-5215.

Liberty Bowling

June 3 - Single, active-duty Sailors and Airmen can bowl free every first Monday of the month at Naval Station Bowling Center from 6 to 8 p.m. This includes free shoe rental, pizza and soda.

Summer Craft Camps

Begins June 4 - Register your child for this camp at the Arts & Crafts Center. This class is four sessions which begins June 4 to July 30. Cost is \$70 for ages 7 and older, includes all supplies. For more information, call 448-9907.

King of the Hill Bowling Tournament

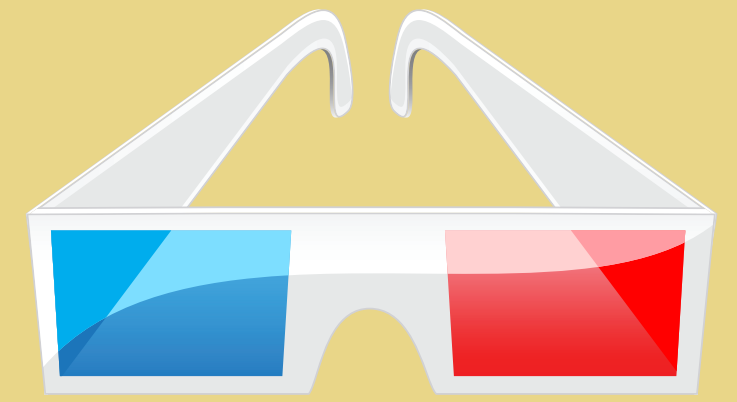
Every Thursday - Bowl two free games at the Naval Station Bowling Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a chance to be declared King of the Hill. This event is open to active-duty personnel. The two highest scores of the month will win 10 free games. For more information, call 473-2574.

Father's Day Massage

Month of June - Dad gets his turn with the Father's Day Massage Special happening throughout the month of June at the Hickam Memorial Fitness Center. This special is a 90-minute massage for \$80. For more information, call 448-2214.

All-Military Surf Classic

June 15 - Test yourself against fellow service members in Hawaii's state sport. This event will take place at White Plains Beach. Registration forms are being accepted at Hickam Marina and White Plains Beach. For more information on costs and divisions, call 682-4925 or visit jbphh.greatlifeohawaii.com.



Movie Showtimes

**Movie schedules are subject to change*

Sharkey Theater

Thursday, May 23:

7 p.m. Breakthrough (PG)

Friday, May 24:

6:30 p.m. Avengers: Endgame (3D) (PG-13)

Saturday, May 25:

2:30 p.m. Ugly Dolls (PG)

5 p.m. Avengers: Endgame (PG-13)

Sunday, May 26:

1:30 p.m. Avengers: Endgame (3D) (PG-13)

5:20 p.m. Avengers: Endgame (PG-13)

Thursday, May 30:

7 p.m. Ugly Dolls (PG)

Friday, May 31:

6:30 p.m. Avengers: Endgame (PG-13)

Saturday, June 1:

2:30 p.m. Avengers: Endgame (PG-13)

6:10 p.m. Avengers: Endgame (3D) (PG-13)

Sunday, June 2:

1:30 p.m. Ugly Dolls (PG)

3:30 p.m. Avengers: Endgame (3D) (PG-13)

Hickam Memorial Theater

Thursday, May 23:

6:30 p.m. Little (PG-13)

Friday, May 24:

7 p.m. Avengers: Endgame (PG-13)

Saturday, May 25:

3 p.m. Free Advance Screening. (PG)

6 p.m. The Curse of La Llorona (R)

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Thursday, May 30:

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Friday, May 31:

7 p.m. Avengers: Endgame (PG-13)

Saturday, June 1:

3 p.m. Breakthrough (PG)

6 p.m. Long Shot (R)

Sunday, June 2:

2 p.m. Avengers: Endgame (PG-13)

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Tropical Condition Conditions of Readiness (TCCOR) are the methods used by the Navy to inform the base population and tenant commands of the location and projected landfall of an approaching hurricane. At each TCCOR level, installations have set actions or checklists to complete prior to the storm's arrival. These checklists range from verifying recall procedures to closing facilities and sandbagging.

TCCOR 5 indicates possible threats of destructive winds are indicated within **96 hours**. This is not the absence of threat; it just indicates that any storm / hurricane is **greater than 96 hours** away.

TCCOR 4 indicates possible threats of destructive winds are indicated within **72 hours**. Actions included in this TCCOR include verifying your recall bill, ensuring storm gear lockers are ready, identifying missile hazards in and around your building, and topping off vehicle fuel tanks.

TCCOR 3 indicates destructive winds of force indicated are possible within **48 hours**. Actions included in this TCCOR include removing equipment from the floor and placing 36" or higher, backing up files, powering down machines not in use, and covering them in plastic.

TCCOR 2 indicates destructive winds of force indicated are anticipated within **24 hours**. Actions included in this TCCOR include ceasing non-essential activities, completing your EAP TCCOR Checklist, taping all windows with an 'X' pattern, and testing communications.

TCCOR 1 indicates destructive winds of force indicated are occurring or anticipated within **12 hours**. Actions included in this TCCOR include securing all utilities as directed by CDO / NAVFAC, conducting a muster of all personnel, and preparing to shelter in place.

