

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam celebrates World Wetlands Day

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Service members and volunteers from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) helped celebrate World Wetlands Day by volunteering their services Feb. 5 at Ahua Reef.

About 35 volunteers helped restore the wetland habitat at Ahua Reef at JBPHH. Some of the work included pulling or cutting non native plants, out planting of native plants and spreading mulch.

"The purpose of these activities is to bring awareness to the general public about the importance of wetland habitats and also to help restore and preserve these habitats for the native plants and shore birds," said Grace Hew Len, environmental public affairs officer of Navy Region Hawaii.

Airmen, Sailors and other volunteers learned about elements of Hawaii's environment and how to preserve and take care of Hawaii's wetlands and the animals that live there.

The event was sponsored by the Air Force, in cooperation with Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Navy Region Hawaii, and is just one of the environmental programs implemented to restore areas impacted by non-native and invasive plant species.

"Our goal is to create habitat void of invasive species so that the wetland and coastline can be utilized by not only native shorebirds, but native plants as well," said Joel Helm, Booz Allen Hamilton natural resource specialist.

World Wetlands Day was celebrated for the first time Feb. 2, 1997 and has provided an annual opportunity for the public to learn about the importance of wetland habitats.

"As an island state, we live in a fragile environment that needs to be preserved and cared for," Hew Len said.

"I think cleanup events like these can have an impact on our military personnel because they will leave knowing they can make a difference. I also like to see our Sailors and Airmen become a part of the community and to appreciate where they live and



Photos by David Sullivan and Sydnie Hetzel

work," Hew Len said.

Not only is this the first JBPHH community outreach effort of the year, but according to organizers it is also the first JBPHH World Wetlands Day cleanup event.

This year's event planted more than 200 native Hawaiian plants at Ahua Reef, grown locally by Hawaiian plant specialists, Hui Ku Maoli Ola. The area is heavily overrun by invasive species including pickleweed, kiawe and red mangrove. Currently, the base has a population of shorebird species, including the endangered and endemic Hawaiian stilt and the native Pacific golden plover, which use wetland areas such as Ahua Reef for food resources and shelter.

The efforts made Feb. 5 are designed to encourage the shorebirds to the vicinity with the planting of the native Hawaiian plant species.

Mike Sanders, a Ford Island resident, stated his rea-

soning for volunteering his time was, "to give back to Hawaii environment and thought I'd come and lend a hand."

Bill Grannis, an Air Force civilian employee, commented, "I'm really proud of the environmental efforts going on around here to bring in some native (Hawaiian) species and remove some of the invasive species." He added, "I hope to see this place flourish with the native plants that originated here."

Jennifer Zheng, a graduate of UH said, "The most fun is seeing the after part of what was the new plants we planted and the amount of area cleared; it is really rewarding."

World Wetlands Day, along with Earth Day, is among numerous events on the global calendar of environmental events. To be more involved or help to get a cleanup started, call the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at 473-2926.

Fast-breaking Shooters win fourth in a row

Story and photo by
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Navy Diver 2nd Class Patrick Davis led a strong inside game with 12 points to help the SEAL (sea, air, land) Delivery Vehicle Team One (SDVT-1) Shooters beat Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii #2, 47-27, at Bloch Arena, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Feb. 2.

The win gave the Shooters their fourth straight league victory after opening the season with a loss to 3-Peat, while NIOC #2 saw its record drop to 2-3.

"In the first game, we hadn't practiced at all," said Shooters point guard Special Warfare Operator 2nd Class James McDermott. "We've won four in a row now by about 20 points. We're really starting to hit our stride."

Against NIOC #2, the Shooters pushed the ball on transitions and pounded the action inside the paint to grind their opponent's man-to-man defense into submission.

However, it was the Shooters' airtight two-three-zone defense that seemed to be the key to the team's dominating triumph.

After Department of Defense (DoD) civilian guard Ronald Cogdell scored on a lay-up to tie the score at 13-13 with 7:30 remaining in the first half, the Shooters

switched to a zone defense on their next time down the floor.

The move appeared to ignite the team's attack, as the Shooters held NIOC #2 scoreless for the rest of the half, while going on a 14-0 run to take a 27-13 lead into the break.

"We noticed that they (NIOC) weren't shooting good so we went to a zone," said Davis about the team's defensive strategy. "We tried to run out to their shooters and basically didn't give them anything easy in the paint."

Things didn't get any easier for NIOC #2 following intermission. The Shooters scored the first five points in the second half, before DoD civilian Kris Lazarou sank a basket at the 14:40 mark to finally end the Shooters' run at 19.

"We weren't playing as a team," said Lazarou about the NIOC's disastrous drought. "Once they (Shooters) put in a zone, people started isolating themselves – playing one-on-five instead of as a team."

On offense, the Shooters big front line of Davis, Special Warfare Operator 2nd Torey Averic and Yeoman 2nd Class Clinton Miller were busy cutting up NIOC's man-to-man defense on short catch-and-shoot baskets near the hoop.

"With them playing man, they didn't get back on defense as well," McDermott said. "It opened it up a

little bit more because the lane wasn't as crowded. We were just trying to work the ball down inside."

While the Shooters' front line did have a height advantage on NIOC #2, Lazarou, who led all scorers with 15 points, said that it was the Shooters' passing game that created so many easy opportunities.

"It was more rotation," Lazarou stated. "No matter how big a person is you can still box them out. It's more how much you want the ball and how much heart you have."

The Shooters' fast pace also factored heavily into the team's win. McDermott explained that the team's fully stocked bench makes it easy for the Shooters to push the ball up court for the full duration of the game.

"With our bench, we got fresh people in at all times," McDermott said. "In the second half, most of our starters didn't even play because we have so much depth."

With the season at the midway point, Davis said that he is hopeful that the team will be able to keep its current fortunes going at full throttle.

The players, added Davis, just need to keep focused and stick to the basics.

"You know, we just need to take it a game at a time, play hard, close down the shooters, and go after loose balls," he said.



SEAL (sea, air, land) Delivery Vehicle Team One (SDVT-1) Shooters forward Special Warfare Operator 2nd Torey Averic goes up high off the glass for two of his six points during the team's 47-27 win over Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii #2 in an Ashore Intramural Basketball League game at Bloch Arena, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Feb. 2. The Shooters have won four straight games to raise their record to 4-1.

Chafee outlasts Port Royal in double OT

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USS Chafee (DDG 90) Culinary Specialist 1st Class Nicolas Josshua scored on a layup as time expired to help his team to a 38-37 double overtime victory over USS Port Royal (CG 73) in an Afloat Intramural Basketball League game at Bloch Arena, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Feb. 5.

The win raised Chafee's record to 2-1, while Port Royal had its mark drop down to 1-3.

"We didn't want to go 1-2," said Operations Specialist Seaman Seyron Hawkins, who led Chafee with 12 points. "We came to win."

While Chafee arrived at Bloch with its eyes set on victory, Port Royal wasn't about to hand over the game without a fight.

Although Chafee led throughout most of the game, the lead was never more than five points, as Port Royal fought back each time to keep its chances alive.

Down by three points with 1:10 remaining in the first half, Port Royal sharpshooter Quartermaster Seaman Brian Myles connected on his first of three three-pointers to tie the score at 11-11.

Chafee quickly regained the lead on a shot by Gunner's Mate



USS Chafee (DDG 90) Logistics Specialist Seaman Dexter Brown gets his shot challenged by Culinary Specialist Seaman Deondre Graham of USS Port Royal (CG 73) during an Afloat Intramural Basketball League game at Bloch Arena, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Feb. 5. Chafee edged Port Royal, 38-37, in double overtime.

2nd Class Marcus Hester, but Myles sank a basket to tie the score 13-13 at halftime.

In the second half, Chafee got out in front and enjoyed its largest lead of the game at 26-21 with 40 seconds remaining on the clock.

However, Myles, who scored 11 points for Port Royal, sank a shot to cut the lead down to 26-23 to keep the game within reach.

Then, after Hawkins went two-for-two at the free-throw line to give Chafee a 29-26 advantage, Myles received a pass on the left wing and tossed in a game-tying trey with only nine ticks on the clock.

Chafee had a chance to win the game at the end of regulation with two free throws, but missed the opportunity as the contest entered its first overtime period.

In OT, Chafee got out to a quick lead on a three-point bomb by Logistics Specialist Seaman Dexter Brown, but Port Royal tied the score at 32-32 on another trey by Myles.

A free throw by Port Royal put the team out in front by one, but Hawkins made good on a free throw to tie the score before giving Chafee the lead at 35-33 on a put back of a missed shot.

After Port Royal tied the score at 35-35, Chafee could have ended the game again on free

throws at the end of the period, but could not connect from the charity stripe, which sent the game into its second overtime.

With time running out and Port Royal clinging to a 37-36 lead, Chafee got the ball and moved into position down the right baseline.

Brown completed a pass to Josshua, as the Chafee post player rotated toward the hoop.

In one smooth swoop, Josshua got the ball and took it straight up to the basket and banked it off the glass.

After bouncing on the rim for what seemed to be an eternity, the ball dropped through the net as the final horn sounded.

"We didn't have a play. We just tried to spread the floor, tried to get a mismatch and catch them off-guard," Brown said about the game-winning shot. "His (Josshua) guy had his back turned to him, so I passed it to him and he went in for the score."

Hawkins said that the game was much harder than he anticipated, but promised that the team will get better in the coming weeks.

"Most of our team haven't been to practice, so we weren't in condition," Hawkins admitted. "We've been out to sea this whole week, but we still had to close it out in the end. We knew that we were going to win."

Joint Intelligence Operation Center runs past 647th FSS

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A fusion of height, speed and lights-out shooting by Joint Intelligence Operation Center (JIOC) was too much to handle for a depleted 647th Force Support Squadron (647 FSS) as the combined forces command blitzed its way to a 64-34 victory in a Hickam Intramural Basketball League game at Hickam Fitness Center Gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), on Feb. 7.

The win raised JIOC's record to a spotless 6-0 in the league's Monday-Wednesday Division, while the 647 FSS fell to its fourth defeat in five games.

"We didn't have enough people today," said Airman 1st Class Mike Hargrove, who scored 20 of the 34 points for the 647 FSS. "We had only five guys show up, so we couldn't keep up the pace. Their tempo was a little too fast for us today."

After an early 4-4 tie, JIOC stepped up its attack and streaked out to a 10-point lead, when Staff Sgt. Allen Birtcil scored on a layup off of an assist by Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Josh Kelly.

Although the 647 FSS fought back and whittled down the margin to six points at 21-15, JIOC, on the long-distance shooting of Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Lorenzo Nichols and the powerful inside game of 6-foot-7-inch center Navy Lt. Adam Hudson, raced out to another 10-0 run to take a commanding 33-17 advantage into halftime.

Most of the damage recorded by JIOC during the first half came off of the hot hand of Nichols and the strong inside presence of Hudson.



The house lights spotlight the rim-rattling dunk of Joint Intelligence Operation Center (JIOC) 6-foot-7-inch center Navy Lt. Adam Hudson against the 647th Force Support Squadron (647 FSS) in a Hickam Intramural Basketball League game at Hickam Fitness Center Gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Feb. 7. Hudson's powerful inside game helped JIOC score its sixth consecutive win by trouncing the 647 FSS, 64-34.

Nichols tickled the bottom of the net with four bulls-eyes from beyond the arch and finished with 14 points, while Hudson controlled the paint with a dozen close-range points.

"Being in the right place at the right time," explained Hudson about his tough play under the basket. "This team has been together for three years. They know to look for me down low and we're pretty good at knowing where each other will be on the court."

While JIOC substituted freely in the second half, things got even worse for the 647 FSS, as the worn-weary players couldn't stop their fast-breaking opponents.

The lead for JIOC increased to 20 points on a basket by Nichols at the 16:41 mark, and a second-chance tip-in by Kelly ballooned the team's advantage to 30 points at 49-19 with 12:47 remaining in the game.

By the 11-minute mark in the second half, JIOC had outscored the 647 FSS by a margin of 20-2. For the night, a total of 10 players got in the scoring column for JIOC.

"Every player on our team contributed in some way," Hudson said. "There really is no weakness on our team."

Nichols added that when JIOC is running on all cylinders, it presents a real challenge for any squad in the league to stop.

Opponents, Nichols indicated, will have to pick their poison and hope that JIOC shooters have an off night.

"With all the big guys that we have and all the shooters, you got to pick and choose," Nichols said. "Tonight they (647 FSS) chose to guard the big guys, so guys like me and others can shoot. That's why we won."





Photo by Melissa Cole

Students at Nimitz Elementary School near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam celebrate Chinese New Year on Feb. 3.

Nimitz Elementary celebrates Chinese New Year

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Nimitz Elementary School, located next to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, held a Chinese New Year celebration to mark a major cultural event on the morning of Feb. 3.

Melissa Cole, the school's parent-community networking coordinator (PCNC), explained that a group arrived from the Gee Yung International Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association. "They performed the lion dance and did a martial arts demonstration. The stu-

dents fed the lions "li-see" or little red envelopes filled with monetary gifts for good luck. For many of our students, it was a new and exciting cultural experience," Cole said.

She is married to Air Force Staff Sgt. Elisha Cole, a linguist at Hickam. Their daughter Sydney attends third grade at the school. As PCNC, Cole supports the staff and helps ensure that school functions run smoothly.

"Nimitz is a great school and the people here are nice. The teachers care and there is a sense of community. I live within walking distance of Nimitz Elementary. So do a lot of

students who go here," Cole said.

Cole said about 670 students from preschool through sixth grade attend Nimitz Elementary. Many students are from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and the school is led by Kenneth Lee, principal.

According to Cole, other upcoming activities at the school include a Jump Rope for Heart American Heart Association event on March 10 and a McTeachers Night at the Moanalua Shopping Center McDonalds on March 9 from 4 to 7 p.m. Funds raised from the McTeachers night go toward class activities, Cole said.

Group effort beautifies Navy Hale Keiki School

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Contributing Writer

Navy Hale Keiki School (NHKS) received a detailed facelift on Jan. 22 during the school's beautification day project.

More than 100 volunteers gathered, including those from Naval Supply Corps, Home Depot, Air Force, Radford High School students, a Kapolei boy scout troop and parents and staff from NHKS.

NHKS now has newly renovated restrooms with the latest sensor faucets, new paint and upgraded fixtures and vanities. Volunteers poured a concrete slab sidewalk, reconstructed steps to one of the modular buildings and many other additional projects. Jared Kaonohi built outside shelving as his Eagle Scout project.

"It has been said that it takes a village to raise a child, but it certainly helps if the village has assistance from the United States Navy Supply Corps, the United States Air Force, Home Depot and the Boy Scouts of America," said Jim Murray of Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Pearl Harbor.

"It was a great feeling to see so many people from different organizations working together on a noble cause," said Michael Courto, a FISC postal employee, who was painting benches with some Air Force service members from the 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS).

Glenn Simcox, a former contractor, spent most of the day assembling cabinetry with contracting co-worker Jose Sampayan. "The folks from Home Depot were helpful and fun to work with," Simcox said.



Photo courtesy of NHKS

More than 100 volunteers from the Navy, Air Force, Home Depot and Navy Hale Keiki School (NHKS) gathered on Jan. 22 for NHKS's Beautification Day. Home Depot donated \$10,000 to assist volunteers with supplies and volunteers worked into the evening to ensure the students would be able to enjoy their school's new look when they arrived for classes on Monday.

"I was impressed with the school grounds. I see lots of pride in ownership at Hale Keiki."

"When I drove into the parking lot, I was stunned," said Capt. John Polowczyk, FISC commanding officer. Polowczyk said, "As I searched for an open parking stall, I saw clusters of people industriously painting, scraping, sawing, pounding nails, cleaning, assembling cabinetry, and doing everything for the school with the exception of grading homework papers."

"It's as though we were doing a year's worth of tasks in one day," Polowczyk said.

Navy Hale Keiki regularly benefits from visits by Navy, Air Force and civilian volunteers who read to students or engage in grounds improvement projects.

"This was the first time, however, that we have tackled an endeavor of this magnitude," said Shari Gullede, NHKS director.

She stated that much of the project's success was due to Home Depot, which

not only fielded the largest contingent of volunteers, but also contributed \$5,000 to the renovations.

Much of the work was unseen and occurred during the weeks prior to the event.

Murray explained, "Volunteers had to be coordinated, grant money had to be in place, the necessary tools and supplies had to be determined, food and drinks for volunteers had to be arranged... at times, the list seemed endless."

The to-do list incorporated many elements and at the forefront was the issue of storage at the school.

"The school is always short of storage space," Gullede stated. "Home Depot organized us and built a storage shed which cleared many of the teachers' outside closets of school materials, opening those areas for the students' activities."

Gullede announced that after the work was completed, Home Depot continued their support and granted an additional \$5,000 to NHKS.

Luncheon, gospel festival, celebrate African-American heritage

Two upcoming events are among those commemorating African-American history this month.

Alphonso Braggs, the president of the Hawaii Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), will be the guest speaker at the African-American Heritage Association. The event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 24 at J.R. Rockers on Hickam. Organizers remind participants to pur-

chase their tickets early. For more information and to purchase tickets, call Master Sgt. Chandra Davis at 448-1611.

In addition, the African-American Heritage Association is sponsoring a Gospel Festival and Taste of Soul from 5 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 26 at the Hickam Main Chapel.

Local churches and special talents will be showcased in honor of African-American History Month. For more information, call 448-1611.

PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM **Maniawa Nanea** LEISURE

Morale Welfare & Recreation

PRE-TEEN VALENTINE'S DANCE

A pre-teen Valentine's Dance will be held at the teen center from 6 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 12. It includes a night of dancing, contests, prizes and Valentine's chocolates. The cost is \$5 per person and all pre-teens ages 10 -14 are invited. FMI: 448-2296.

KO OLINA WHALE WATCH CRUISE

Take a mid-day cruise on the west side of Oahu in search of humpback whales. The cruise departs from Information, Ticket and Travel-Hickam at 11:15 a.m. on Saturday. The cost is \$35 for adults and \$30 for children ages 5-11. Children ages four and under not allowed for safety reasons. FMI: 448-2295.

FLIP TURN CLINIC

A flip turn clinic will be held from 11:30 a.m. to noon this Saturday at Towers Pool to improve your flip turn. Participants of all ages and abilities are welcome and the session is free of charge. FMI: 471-9723.

INTRODUCTION TO CAKE DECORATING

Learn basic cake decorating techniques including flowers, writing and cake preparation at this class. It runs on Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. starting Saturday through March 12 at the Arts & Crafts Center on Hickam. Participants must be at least 12 years old. The cost is \$25 per person plus the cost of supplies. FMI: 448-2295.

CUPID'S RED & WHITE BALL

Have a prime rib dinner with baked potato at this year's Red & White Ball starting at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday at J.R. Rockers. Flowers will be presented to the ladies, and the DJ will start spinning at 9 p.m. while the step competition starts at 11:30 p.m. The members' cost is \$12.95 and non-members cost is \$14.95. FMI: 448-2271.

LEARN TO STANDUP PADDLEBOARD

Join MWR outdoor recreation and learn to standup paddleboard on Sunday at the Hickam Harbor. Choose from either the 10 a.m. or the 11 a.m. hour-long session. The cost is \$20 per person. Registration is requested by today. FMI: 449-5215.

VALENTINE'S DAY RUN

Join the Hickam Fitness Center during your lunch break on Feb.14 for a 5K run that begins and ends at the fitness center. The cost is free and no registration is required. FMI: 448-2214.

VALENTINE'S DAY SWEETHEART DINNER

Join J.R. Rockers at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 14 for cocktails and 6:30 p.m. for a seven-course dinner with champagne paired with live entertainment. The cost is \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members. Or make reservations at the Hickam Officers' Club for a gourmet dinner from 6 to 9 p.m. The cost per couple is \$85.95 with a \$10 members first discount. FMI: 448-2271 for J.R. Rockers and 448-4608 for the officers' club.

For more information on events, visit www.greatlifeohawaii.com or www.hickamservices.com/

Community Calendar

February

12 ~ Celebrate Valentine's Day with Navy Hale Keiki School at the annual auction "Pohai Kealoha" at 5:30 p.m. at Koolau Ballrooms in Kaneohe. There will be complimentary parking. Complimentary childcare will be available for the dinner buffet. FMI: 423-1727.

12 ~ Casino Night hosted by Supply Corps Officers Spouse Club will be from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Hickam Officers' Club. There will be a live and silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, black jack and poker. Tickets are \$25 for pre-sale and \$30 at the door. FMI: www.SCAHspouses.com.

18 ~ The 15th Wing Annual Awards Luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Feb. 18 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. The event is titled "A salute to America's heroes in the Pacific and beyond: a deployer's destination." RSVP through electronic invitation or call Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Michelle Rootes at 448-6311.

24 ~ The partners in care class will be held at 11 a.m. at the Hickam Pharmacy for Hickam Prime patients. Participants in the class will be taught proper over-the-counter medicine administration. Classes are usually scheduled the fourth Thursday of the month. FMI: 488-6000.

25 ~ Tickets are now available for the Team Hickam Annual Awards Ceremony which will be held at 6 p.m. on Feb. 25 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The cost for each ticket is \$32 for club members and \$34 for non-club members. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with the banquet at 7 p.m. Contact individual command first sergeant for electronic RSVPs and tickets.

Movie Showtimes



Gulliver's Travels (PG)

In a contemporary re-imagining of the classic tale, Gulliver, a big-talking mailroom clerk who, after he's mistakenly assigned a travel piece on the Bermuda Triangle, suddenly finds himself a giant among men when he washes ashore on the hidden island of Lilliput, home to a population of very tiny people. At first enslaved by the diminutive and industrious Lilliputians, and later declared their hero, Gulliver comes to learn that it's how big you are on the inside that counts.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY
7:00 PM Little Fockers (PG-13)

SATURDAY
2:30 PM Yogi Bear (PG)
4:45 PM Gulliver's Travels (PG)
7:15 PM Little Fockers (PG-13)

SUNDAY
2:30 PM TRON: Legacy (PG)
5:00 PM Yogi Bear (PG)
7:00 PM How Do You Know (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY
6:00 PM Gulliver's Travels (PG)
8:30 PM Season of the Witch (PG-13)

SATURDAY
4:00 PM Yogi Bear (PG)
7:00 PM Gulliver's Travels (PG)

SUNDAY
2:00 PM Shrek Forever After: The Final Chapter (PG)



Historic renovations making strides

Hickam Communities, LLC

Undertaking one of the largest contiguous historic renovation projects in the U.S. is no easy task, but Hickam Communities development, design and construction teams said they are making great progress at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"Restoring and renovating homes in the historic district is an important part of preserving part of Hawaii's and our nation's history," said Jerry Schmitz, project director of Hickam Communities. "We're very proud to have the opportunity to preserve this legacy for our Airmen and their families."

More than 623 historic homes will be restored and rehabilitated. The restoration project is part of the second phase of the Air Force's residential development plan. Renovations generally break down into three categories.

One category is conversion of duplex units. Extensive interior modifications are involved in converting duplex units



Photo by Mark Brown

Major renovations on historic homes are taking place throughout the Hickam historic district. This spring, families will begin moving into more than 90 historic homes. Many modern features such as kitchens that open up to new family rooms, built-in breakfast bars, indoor laundry facilities and central air-conditioning have been added while still retaining the historical character of homes.

into single family, four-bedroom homes. This new floor plan will be achieved without making additions to the existing structure.

A second category concerns additions to homes. Some homes in the historic district will receive rear additions to existing

floor plans to create three-bedroom, two-bath homes with formal living and dining areas. Additions include a master bedroom suite, family room, utility room, exterior storage room and mechanical room.

The third category is interior reconfigura-

tions. Work on some of the larger floor plans will improve the layout and livability of key portions of the interior space.

Upon completion in 2013, the historic district will have 423 homes for enlisted and officer families.

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Contact your local NMCRS office today.

For more information, call 473-0282 or visit www.nmcers.org.

Lane closure will support child center construction

Lane closures will take place in support of new child development center construction.

Lane closures will occur at the intersection of Center Drive and C Avenue from 2 to 6 p.m. on Feb. 16, and from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 26.

Center Drive and C Avenue lanes will remain open in each direction throughout the lane closure.

Drivers and pedestrians should approach the work area with caution and obey all warning signs and flagmen.

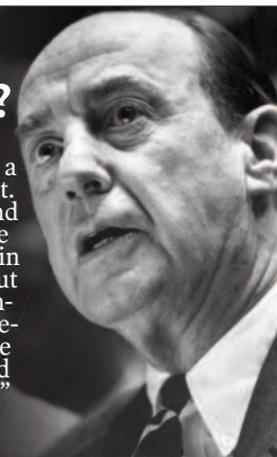


WHO SAID IT?
"All virtue is summed up in dealing justly."

Last Week's
WHO SAID IT?

"America is much more than a geographical fact. It is a political and moral fact — the first community in which men set out in principle to institutionalize freedom, responsible government, and human equality."

Adlai Stevenson



This Week's Trivia
What was the first U.S. Navy ship to be named for an African-American?

Last Issue's Question:
Who was issued ID number 01 when the U.S. military started issuing dog tags in 1918?

Answer:
Gen. John J. Pershing.

