



## Pearl Harbor Survivor, USS Missouri Sailor laid to rest

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A memorial ceremony was held for Pearl Harbor survivor Chief Commisaryman Richard L. Brown, on Sept. 21, at the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island.

The ceremony included a short religious service, the scattering of ashes, and a three-volley rifle salute provided by the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Navy Detachment Honor Guard. A U.S. Navy bugler from U.S. Pacific Band was also on hand to sound Taps, and a Sailor presented an American flag to Brown's son, retired U.S. Navy Cmdr. Bruce Brown.

"The ceremony was phenomenal," Brown said. "It was way more than we were expecting or wanted. It's obvious that they take a great amount of pride of doing it. The class of the presentation was phenomenal. Dad has got to be smiling."

Richard served aboard

the USS West Virginia (BB 48) during the attack on Dec. 7, 1941. He was also one of the very few individuals who witnessed that attack and the surrender aboard the USS Missouri (BB 63) ending the war.

Richard was born on June 24, 1918 in Leighton, Mich. and joined the Navy in Sept. 1940. After completing recruit training in Great Lakes, Ill., he was assigned to the battleship West Virginia. He was a 23-year-old Seaman when his ship, located on battleship row, was attacked by Japanese aircraft.

He was getting ready to go to Ford Island to play a baseball game when the sirens began wailing. He said the planes were so low he could see the smiling faces of the pilots.

Blown over the side, Richard swam through burning fuel oil to reach the safety of Ford Island. West Virginia settled upright on the harbor bottom after being hit by numerous torpedoes and bombs. Richard made it to dry land and remained there on various assignments until a few days

later when he and his friends returned to the ship to retrieve their personal belongings.

He said the water was knee-deep in his compartment. His locker was at the foot of the ladder and everything inside was burned to a crisp. Another Sailor's locker had the same thing happen except everything was burnt but his Bible. Richard said that gave everyone more faith to go on.

It was during the period he was off the ship when a muster was held and Richard wasn't present. As a result, his mother and father received the following Western Union telegram:

"The Navy department deeply regrets to inform you your son, Richard L. Brown, Seaman first class, U.S. Navy, was lost in action in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country. The department extends to you its sincerest sympathy in your great loss. To prevent possible aid to our enemies, please do not divulge the name of his ship or station. If remains are recovered

they will be interred temporarily in the locality where death occurred and you will be notified accordingly."

The telegram was signed by Adm. Chester Nimitz. The Brown family received the terrible news the week before Christmas.

Later, on Christmas eve, a new admiral released the following message:

"The Navy department is pleased to advise you that a report has been received that your son, Richard L. Brown, Seaman first class, U.S. navy, previously reported as lost in action, is now accounted for and in all probability will communicate with you at his very first opportunity. The department regrets any unnecessary anxiety caused you by its previous message - signed, Rear Admiral Randal Jacobs."

Richard's wife, now also deceased, said the word spread through the town and every church tolled its bell for Richard that Christmas Eve. According to her, it was a very happy holiday season for the Brown family.

Richard didn't talk at all

for a long time about the attack, or about serving on three ships during the war, two of which he survived their sinking. When he did start years later, he talked about the men who were trapped below. He said he could hear them tapping on the walls and floors of the ship with flashlights or any other hard object they could find. He said it bothered him forever after.

After the Dec. 7 attack, Richard was assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Lexington (CV 2). In May 1942, serving as a baker, the ship was bombed and torpedoed and sunk during the battle of the Coral Sea. He managed to abandon ship and survived his second disastrous attack. He was assigned to the USS Block Island (CVE 21) and was transferred after one voyage to Missouri. Later, Richard learned that Block Island was torpedoed and sunk.

While aboard Missouri, he witnessed the end of the war ceremony, one of the few people in the world who were at Pearl Harbor, and also in Tokyo Bay during the surrender. He said

he watched the Japanese come up the gangway - Gen. McArthur didn't shake hands or give any kind of greeting, just pointed to where they should sit. He said the crowd watching the occasion was huge, and it was totally silent. He didn't recall any jubilation and as soon as it was over, they went back to their duties of guard and patrol.

Richard was discharged in 1946 with the exalted rank of chief petty officer. Richard's son, Bruce, said that to this day, he is proud of his dad becoming a chief!

"He taught me to how to be a man," Bruce said. "He taught me how to take responsibility. He probably learned that when he was in the military."

After Richard's naval service he returned to his hometown where he opened a bakery. Richard was active in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and was the only known Maryland-Virginia member to have witnessed both Pearl Harbor and the events at Tokyo Bay. Richard passed away on Aug. 19, 1999.



# Retired officer bikes across America to honor military

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Contributing Writer

Duty, honor and America are three words synonymous with the U.S. military. These are also the three words wielded by retired Army Lt. Col. Doug Adams and his wife, retired Army Col. Debra Lewis, to name the more than 18,000-mile bicycle ride he is making across all 50 states to honor the military.

"They (people) kind of assume the focus is on the cycling," Adams said. "They kind of assume I was already a cyclist and that the idea of doing it to honor the military came second, but I was involved volunteering with a lot of veterans organizations."

Both husband and wife are graduates of the 1980 class of West Point (the first to allow women). They then both served illustrious military careers, meeting years later in the Pentagon. Adams retired after 20 years of service and Lewis retired after 30. After not having owned a bicycle since high school, Adams bought a bicycle in mid-July of 2009 to get back in shape. No more than two weeks later, he was cycling around the parade field at Fort Lewis, Wash., from which he could see Mount Rainier.

"I had wanted to climb that mountain for a long time and I told myself I was going to climb it," Adams said. "Then it was



Courtesy photo  
Retired Army Lt. Col. Doug Adams, with support from his wife, retired Army Col. Debra Lewis, is making an 18,000-mile bicycle ride across all 50 states to honor the military.

like a vision that literally dropped into my head."

Adams kept quiet about his revelation, but it was something that wouldn't leave him alone. So a few weeks later, after her

retirement, he decided to ask Lewis's permission.

Her first question for him was, "You're not expecting me to cycle too are you?" Within a month they

were planning their trip. They selected one year as the length of time he would complete his journey because it is the average length of a service member's deployment.

They decided to call it the "Duty, Honor, America Tour" in respect to those they were honoring.

"We weren't quite sure when we embarked on this journey how we would be received," Lewis said. "We found overwhelming support that they (the public) do care."

Choosing not to be a charity was an important part of their mission, as they try to inform civilians, as well as those who continue to serve and their families, how they can help by just donating their time; they also educate on already existing charities. The couple honors those who have served and continue to do so by visiting more than 80 military installations along the length of their trip, as well as numerous veterans' homes.

They suggest asking how you can help someone rather than asking if they need help; the usual answer to the latter question is a no. Also recommended is trying more than once because people have a hard time asking for help. Sometimes all someone needs is a listening ear to hear about his or her experiences serving, they said.

Their yearlong expedition is culminating on the Big Island. Hawaii is the last of all 50 states that the couple has been through, and it has a special importance to both of them.

"I served two different

assignments here, and we were married on the Big Island," Lewis said.

Adams is from Ke'au, also on the Big Island.

As far as looking ahead, another "deployment" isn't on the agenda for now. They'll both rest for a few weeks and then begin compiling the numerous blog entries, photos and videos they accumulated throughout their year together.

"You have the tour, and you have the legacy of the tour," Adams said.

After traveling for a year together, both Adams and Lewis have different perspectives on what stood out the most or remembered best on their expedition. For Lewis, it was the range of different people that they had met.

"The conversations, the enthusiasm ... when people understand what we're doing they seem to support what we're doing," Lewis said.

For Adams, it was being able to say thanks to veterans, especially to World War II veterans.

The mission to honor those who served before them, those who served with them and those who continue to serve has been long, but vastly important for Adams and Lewis.

"We just hope that we inspire other people," Lewis said. "When you pick it apart day by day, it adds up. Over time, people are accomplishing great things. I just hope they don't worry that every day is perfect."

# Logistics Readiness Squadron reaches volleyball final four

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (647 LRS) continued its journey through the postseason by getting past the 96th Air Refueling Squadron (96 ARS) in straight sets, 25-8 and 25-17, during the first round of the Intramural Volleyball League playoffs at Hickam Fitness Center gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 23.

The championship series will conclude at the fitness center tonight (Sept. 30) with two semifinal matchups taking place, before the winner-take-all showdown for the title at 7:30 p.m.

The 647 will kick off the night's events with a semifinal game with the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) starting at 5:30 p.m. The winner of the battle will square off against the victors of the Hawaii Air National Guard versus the 647th Security Forces Squadron clash.

Against the 324, the 647 will be facing an old nemesis from its Monday Division. During the season, the 647 got past the IS early in the year, but according to the 324 head coach Staff Sgt. Matt Harvey, the loss came at a time when his team was short a couple of players.

While the 647 captured the division's regular-season crown with an undefeated record of 9-0, the 324 ended the year in third with a mark of 7-2.

Master Sgt. Carrie Elders of the 647, who is one of the top setters and servers in the league, said that while she is not taking anything for granted, she believes that the team stands a good chance of making it to the finals.

"I think we're pretty good - especially when we have our whole team," Elders said. "We were missing a few of our key players - really good big



Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Ervin Toliver and Department of Defense civilian Charles Spenser of the 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (647 LRS) volleyball team go up to reject a shot by 96th Air Refueling Squadron (96 ARS) hitter 1st Lt. Geoff Hanson during an Intramural Volleyball League playoff matchup at Hickam Fitness Center gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 23. The undefeated 647 LRS advanced to the semifinals with a straight-set win over the 96 ARS.

blockers. That will help."

Although the 647 was without the services of frontcourt player Department of Defense civilian Jacob Brovelli and a few others, it was far more fortunate than the

96 ARS, which arrived for its postseason skirmish with only five players - one short of a full team.

Elders opened service for the 647 and proceeded to pummel the shorthanded ARS with her hard

overhand serves that had the 96 backpedaling early in the first set.

Aided with the frontcourt of play of Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Ervin Toliver and Tech. Sgt. Chris Gilmore, who

recorded two kills apiece, Elders added three service aces to help lead her team to an 8-0 lead.

"I can't speak for the rest of them, but I was just trying for certain spots," said Elders about the

647's pinpoint serving.

A side-out by 96 ARS 1st Lt. Geoff Hanson stopped the 647 run, but three points later, the LRS went on another decisive streak to gain firm control of the first set.

With Toliver holding service, the 647 LRS strung seven points in a row to take a commanding 17-4 advantage. Toliver directly accounted for four of the seven points by slamming four aces.

Although Elders didn't feel that the 96's shortage of players helped her team charge out in front, Hanson disagreed.

"I don't think you should lose a point for having less people on the court, but that's just the way it goes," Hanson stated. "It definitely hurt us a bunch."

While the second set started out in nearly the same way as the first, with the 647 getting out to a 14-7 lead, things began to change, as the 96 ARS staged a strong comeback.

Hanson served up two aces in helping the 96 narrow the gap at 12-15, before capping off a three-point run with a kill to tie the score at 15-15.

However, with the score even at 16 apiece, Toliver served the 647 to five consecutive points, which included two aces, to help his team take a comfortable lead, before closing out the win.

Following the game, Elders said that playing against a scrappy team, such as the 96, was good preparation for the tough road ahead.

She added that challenge from the 96 was an eye-opener for what improvements are needed to take the 647 to the next level.

"Our passes need to be better - especially when it's a free ball," Elders pointed out. "We're still running plays during our practices. We're actually working on serving, sets, passing and stuff like that. We're still working on our skills and fundamentals."

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# Defense leads 647th FSS to shutout victory

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A suffocating defense and the scrambling skills of quarterback Staff Sgt. Jason Price helped lead the 647th Force Support Squadron (647 FSS) and raise its record to 2-0 with a 21-0 win over the 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735 AMS) in a Hickam Intramural Flag Football League Blue Division game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 21.

Price, who consistently eluded the 735's pass rush, threw for one touchdown in the first half and two more in the second, but stated that the team's outstanding play on defense was the main reason for the victory.

"We had a great defense," Price said. "Our rushers put pressure on him (735 QB Senior Airman Marcus Marshall) the whole game. The defense is what brought us the win. It was a goose egg, you know?"

Early in the game, the 647 defense made its presence known after it stepped up and turned back Marshall and his crew on a tough goal-line stand.

The 735 started the game on its own 18 and marched its way downfield until it had the ball resting on the 647's six-yard line on third down.

Following a one-yard pickup by Marshall, the 735 faced a fourth and five yards to go for a touchdown, but the team was flagged for being offside, which placed the ball back on the 10.

The infraction seemed to upset the 735's momentum, as Marshall misfired on a pass to the end zone, which handed the ball over to the 647.

"That hurt a lot," said Marshall about the penalty. "It kind of messed up our tempo."

After dodging the bullet, Price immediately took advantage of the situation and quickly marched his team out the danger zone and into enemy territory.

Price completed his first two passes to



Staff Sgt. Jason Price, quarterback for 647th Force Support Squadron (647 FSS) flag football squad, is about to release a pass for a touchdown to Master Sgt. Juan Valles during the team's Hickam Intramural Flag Football League Blue Division game versus the 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735 AMS) at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 21. Price threw for three touchdowns in helping the 647 beat the 735 by a score of 21-0.

place the ball at the 735's 34-yard line and moved the chains even further, when he scrambled for a 16-yard pickup on the very next play.

Then facing a fourth and three yards to go for a score, Price came up with a clutch toss to Tech. Sgt. James Chatman, who was camped all alone in the middle of the end zone.

"It's all about audibles," said Price about the team's impressive 70-yard drive. "We call plays in the huddle, but once we get to the line we audible because the defense is always showing us something different. So basically, we're just taking what the defense gives us."

The 647 converted its point after touchdown to take a 7-0 lead that would last until halftime.

After intermission, Price went back to his favorite receiver Chatman to start the team's second scoring drive of the night.

Price connected with Chatman on three passes, with the last catch placing the ball on the 735's 19-yard line.

A run by Price on first down setup the 647 at the 10, before the quarterback hooked up with Master Sgt. Juan Valles for a touchdown, which increased the lead to 14-0 after the extra-point conversion.

The 735's next drive stalled on its own 35, which left a short field for Price and his teammates.

Price directed his team to the 11 on six plays, before the QB hit pay dirt with Valles once again for the duo's second touchdown and final score of the game.

Marshall, whose team's record is now at 0-2, said that while the 735 is struggling to get things going, he believes that it will turn its season around soon.

"We're just not seeing the whole field," Marshall explained. "We got to work on our routes. Once we get our timing down, we'll be all right."

Meanwhile, with the 647 gaining its second win in a row, Price said that the team could be on its way to a winning season.

"It builds confidence," said Price, who reminded that the 647 went 1-9 last season. "It's all about putting the pieces together."

# Na Koa Ke Kai dominates Kunia 'A' team

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Special Warfare Operator 2nd Class James McDermott hauled in two long-distance passes for touchdowns and teammate Yeoman 2nd Class Clinton Miller chipped in with two interceptions on defense, as Na Koa Ke Kai trounced the Kunia "A" football squad, 32-12, in an Ashore Intramural Flag Football League game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 27.

McDermott scored on a 38-yard bomb from quarterback Lt. j.g. Doug Hawk in the first half, then later rounded out the team's scoring on a 52-yard toss from Hawk in the second half.

Earlier in the game, McDermott helped set up Na Koa Ke Kai's first touchdown by catching a 32-yard pass that placed the ball on Kunia's one-yard line.

"I just ran and Hawk found me," McDermott said. "I think the defense got a little confused, whenever he (Hawk) started rolling around the pocket. Once he started to do that, the defense lost track of the receivers and I was just for-



Na Koa Ke Kai quarterback Lt. j.g. Doug Hawk eludes a pass rush before tossing a touchdown pass to Special Warfare Operator 2nd Class James McDermott during an Ashore Intramural Flag Football League game versus the Kunia "A" team at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 27. Na Koa Ke Kai raised its league record to 2-0 with a 32-12 victory over Kunia.

fortunate enough to find the holes."

In steamrolling to its second win against no defeats, Na Koa Ke Kai, a team that is mainly comprised of Sailors from SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team-One (SDVT-1), started its first set of downs in great field posi-

tion, when Miller picked off a pass from Kunia quarterback Army Sgt. Daniel Meagher on the second play of the game and returned it to the Kunia 31.

Four plays later, Hawk hooked up with McDermott for the duo's first bomb, which set up a short one-

yard toss to Miller in the end zone for a 6-0 lead.

Following a tough defensive stand that stopped Kunia on the Na Koa Ke Kai's eight-yard line, Hawk completed a short pass for a three-yard gain, before connecting with Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Will

Francia on a huge gainer that placed the ball at the Kunia 38.

Then on the very next play, Hawk found McDermott, who was standing alone in the left corner of the end zone, for the team's second touchdown.

The converted two-point attempt gave Na Koa Ke Kai a 14-0 advantage.

Although Kunia found itself behind by two scores, the team fought back and narrowed the margin down to a touchdown after Meagher connected with Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 3rd Class Jasmond Guest on a 62-yard catch-and-run for six points just before the half.

However, Na Koa Ke Kai quickly seized momentum back after the break by going on a 62-yard drive on six plays, with Hawk rushing in the final 21 yards for six.

While Kunia came back to mount a long drive of its own on its very next series, the team's push forward came to a dramatic halt, when Hawk stepped out in front of a Meagher pass at the seven-yard line and returned it up field, before flipping the ball back to Francia, who covered the remaining yards for a touchdown and a com-

manding 26-6 lead.

McDermott's second touchdown of the day extended the team's lead to 32-6, while Cryptologic Technician (Networks) Seaman Reauthtie Yun of Kunia rushed in for the final score of the evening.

"Big mistakes. That's what it came down to," said Meagher about the team's first loss of the season. "We could have had the game, but we beat ourselves. It was just a culmination of things. There were a lot of mistakes up and down the field. That's what happens when you come out here and don't execute."

In spite of having played only two games this season, Na Koa Ke Kai, which translates from the Hawaiian language to mean warriors of the seas, appears to be in midseason form.

McDermott explained that familiarity with one another is a key component to the team's early success.

"Everyone has played together before, so that's definitely an advantage," he stated. "We just know where we're going to be. We got a lot of athleticism and speed, but I would say that experience is the No. 1 contributing factor."

## Blood drive at Hickam helps troops

Sarah Arnold, wife of Navy Chief (AWC) Dale Arnold, of the Surface Rescue Swimmers School, San Diego gives blood at a drive at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service on the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Sept. 21. Her blood is being drawn by Staff Sgt. Julie Lynn-Carswell of Tripler Army Medical Center, donor unit, for the Army Services Blood Program. She has been a frequent blood donor. Sarah said she was giving blood, "because it's the right thing to do, it's a way to show that I support and care for our troops."

Photo by William Braddock, Senior Exchange Associate



## Pearl Harbor Shipyard trades workers earn 'apprentice to engineer' scholarships



U.S. Navy photo by Marshall Fukuki

A lei-bedecked Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard graduating apprentice, William Segall, is congratulated by (left) Rear Adm. James Caldwell Jr., commander of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; and his wife, and (right) Segall's wife, shipyard management analyst Debbie Segall, and daughter. A total of 111 men and women graduated from the shipyard's apprentice program. Segall, of Pearl City, is one of four high-potential trades workers awarded shipyard scholarships in late August to attend the University of Hawaii full-time for four years while earning an engineering degree.

### Katie Vanes

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard awarded scholarships to four high-potential blue-collar workers that pay them full-time wages while they pursue engineering degrees at the University of Hawaii.

Russell Shigeoka and William Segall, Marine machinery mechanics, Jayme Navor, sheet metal mechanic and Daniel McMaster, machinist, are this year's recipients of command-sponsored apprentice-to-engineer (A2E) scholarships. The four-year program prepares trainees for careers in the skilled trades, such as welders, electricians, machinists and sheet metal mechanics.

Upon graduating from the University of Hawaii, the four workers will be employed as engineers at the shipyard, which has

women to apply their technical skills acquired in apprenticeship to our Navy's engineering needs," said Capt. Brian Osgood shipyard commander. "Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard provides a means for blue-collar workers to continue their formal education beyond apprenticeship and obtain an engineering degree. In return, our shipyard receives qualified engineers with great practical experience," he said.

Shigeoka, Segall, Navor and McMaster are all recent graduates of the shipyard's apprentice program. The four-year program prepares trainees for careers in the skilled trades, such as welders, electricians, machinists and sheet metal mechanics.

Upon graduating from the University of Hawaii, the four workers will be employed as engineers at the shipyard, which has

awarded nine full-ride scholarships since the A2E program started in 2009.

"You shouldn't do a job unless you're happy doing it, but you should also never be satisfied," said Segall, a Pearl City resident and former machinist's mate in the Navy. "This was the best opportunity because it allows us to move up. I'm glad to be working with (the marine machinist) shop, but supporting them from the engineering side."

McMaster, a Navy Reservist who lives in Honolulu, called the scholarship "a great opportunity that you can't pass up."

Navor, also of Honolulu, said, "The A2E scholarship allows me to further my education and improve myself so I can better my career. The program gives more opportunities to move up and laterally to other positions in the shipyard."

## CCME scholarship new deadline announced

Hickam Education Office

As a reminder to all members of the military community and their spouses pursuing off-duty education, the Council of Colleges and Military Educators (CCME) has 10 \$1,000 scholarships to award; five for active duty (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine and Coast Guard officer and enlisted, Reservists and National Guard) and five for military spouses.

The new deadline for scholarship applications to be received is Nov. 1.

The link <http://bit.ly/kK2lls> provides all

of the eligibility requirements and links to the applications.

For more information, contact ETCS (SWAW) Jason C. Szot, Enlisted Education Program coordinator, at [jason.szot@navy.mil](mailto:jason.szot@navy.mil), or call (850)452-7268.

In addition, spouses of active duty Air Force members may be eligible for Spouse Tuition Assistance Program (STAP) funds. Applications will be accepted from Nov. 14 to Dec. 9 for classes with a term start date for January, February and March 2012. Go to <https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/stap/>. For information, call the Hickam Education Office at 448-0022 or email [647fss.fsde@hickam.af.mil](mailto:647fss.fsde@hickam.af.mil).

## Market and flea event at community center supports home businesses

Hickam Communities LLC

Hickam Communities recently held its first market and flea event at its Ka Makani Community Center. Approximately 25 vendors and home businesses participated, presenting their product line and treasured for-sale items.

More than 150 attendees checked out art, jewelry, food products, handmade items, handbags, candles, make-up and Christmas ornaments. "Providing a venue for our residents to promote their home businesses to neighbors and potential customers is a great opportunity for everyone," said Steve Quinn, director of property management for Hickam Communities. "The talent, creativity and entrepreneurial spirit showcased by a variety of businesses were inspiring," he said.

Chloe Ullman and Shannon Napoli, partners in a cupcake catering business called Cupcake Wives, agreed that these types of events are very helpful in getting a new business much-needed exposure to reach new clientele. The event was also an opportunity for participants to meet other vendors and get direct

feedback from customers on their products.

Vendor registration was free, but each participating business donated a product or certificate to be raffled at the event. In addition to a variety of products and services, there was also a craft activity that gave event-goers an opportunity to create paper pumpkins.

Hickam Communities plans to schedule more market and flea events. Home-based business owners and consumers who are looking for unique and interesting gifts or valuable services are encouraged to check Hickam Communities community calendar for details. For more information, contact Ka Makani Community Center at 853-3800.

### New events and programs

New programs are being offered this fall at Hickam Communities community centers. The Earhart Community Center is offering Toddler Time, a program for parents and toddlers. It is held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. every Friday. Crafts, story time, sing-alongs and dancing are on the agenda. To R.S.V.P. or for more information, call 853-3750.

Yappy Hour, presented by Tails of Hawaii, is the

newest program at Ka Makani Community Center. It's a "dog-loving good time" held on the last Wednesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. Tails of Hawaii will bring some of their pet-friendly pooches, and residents are encouraged to bring their own puppies and dogs. It's a social hour filled with expert dog advice, giveaways and dog snacks, games and coupons. To R.S.V.P. or for more information, call 853-3800.

### Boo Bash

Hickam Communities' annual Boo Bash will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Earhart Community Center. Activities will include decorating sugar cookies, carving pumpkins, a costume contest, and enjoying treats.

If you are planning to attend, you must register in advance to ensure a pumpkin is reserved for your family. Please remember it is one pumpkin per family, and families need to bring their own carving implements. R.S.V.P. by Oct. 21 and add your name to the pumpkin patch brigade. Call 853-3750.

Costumes aren't just for the little ones. Be the best dressed family and win a prize in the costume contest.

## Commentary

### Oktoberfest will benefit children's hospital

Owen Shieh

Aloha Shrine

Summer is drawing to a close, and while people in Hawaii may not have the opportunity of experiencing the colors of fall foliage or the onset of cooler temperatures, a weekend of traditional autumn celebration will take place at the second annual Shriners Oktoberfest. This three-day event will take place at the Gordon Biersch at Aloha Tower Marketplace, with festivities from Oct. 7 to 9.

The weekend will begin with a special pa hana and military night on Friday for service members and their families. On Saturday, live entertainment as well as German food and beverages will accompany an authentic Oktoberfest

celebration. Finally, the weekend will close with a Keiki Oktoberfest on Sunday for the family. A silent auction will take place throughout the weekend.

Many military servicemen in Hawaii are members of the Shriners, such as retired Maj. Geronimo T. Mateo of the U.S. Army/Hawaii National Guard, who has coordinated missions in the Pacific AOR from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. "I'm really looking forward to this year's event," he said. "I'm bringing my family to eat good food and have fun! This event will definitely help our local Shriners hospital raise some needed funds."

All proceeds from Oktoberfest will be donated to the Shriners Hospital for Children in

Honolulu, which is part of an international health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs. In Hawaii, children up to the age of 18 with orthopedic conditions are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of patient's ability to pay. The hospital serves patients from throughout the Pacific Basin, the largest region of any of the 22 hospitals.

Admission is \$20 per day for adults, \$45 for a weekend pass, and \$5 for keiki (free on Sunday).

For more information, visit <http://www.shrinersoktoberfest.com>.

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Learn about the contributions made by Hispanic Americans in the United States starting at 9 a.m. now through Oct. 15 at Hickam Library. Information on how to discover more about Hispanic culture and heritage will be available. FMI: 449-8299.

**EFMP RESOURCE FAIR**  
A free Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) resource fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 7 at Makai Recreation Center. Meet representatives from more than 20 support organizations in the area. The event will have entertainment, pupus, a bouncy castle for children, arts and crafts and networking with other EFMP families and resources. Register online at [www.greatlifeohawaii.com](http://www.greatlifeohawaii.com) by noon Oct. 3. FMI: Military and Family Support Center at 474-1999 or 449-0300.

**NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON AND BUS TOUR**  
A free newcomers luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 11 at Tradewinds Enlisted Club and J.R. Rockers. The newcomers luncheon is held monthly and is open to all personnel on PCS orders including family members during the first three months of arrival. A base bus tour for newcomers will also be held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. FMI: [www.greatlifeohawaii.com](http://www.greatlifeohawaii.com)

**SUPER GARAGE SALE**  
A super garage sale will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 15 at Richardson Field. FMI: 449-3354 or visit [www.greatlifeohawaii.com](http://www.greatlifeohawaii.com)

**UFC FIGHTS**  
UFC 136 in high definition can be seen from 2 to 5 p.m. Oct. 8 at Tradewinds Enlisted Club and J.R. Rockers. The main event is Edgar vs. Maynard. The event is free for club members and \$10 for nonmembers. FMI: 448-2271, ext. 227.

**DISCOVERERS' DAY ALL-NIGHTER**  
A Discoverers' Day all-nighter will be held from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Oct. 9-10 at Tradewinds Enlisted Club and J.R. Rockers. The event is free for members and \$10 cover for nonmembers. The club will be closed Oct. 10 in observance of Discoverers' Day. FMI: 448-2271.

**CHINATOWN WALKING TOUR**  
A Chinatown walking tour will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 15. Cost is \$25 for adults, \$20 for children ages 3 to 11. Price includes round-trip shuttle from ITT-Hickam, guided tour and dim sum lunch. This walking tour provides the opportunity to visit historical buildings, open markets, Chinese-style bakeries and noodle factories, Chinese herb and acupuncture therapy clinics and other sites. FMI: [www.greatlifeohawaii.com](http://www.greatlifeohawaii.com) or call 448-2295.

For more information on events, visit [www.greatlifeohawaii.com](http://www.greatlifeohawaii.com).

**Community Calendar**

**September**

Through Sept. 30 — The Department of the Navy Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (DON SAPRO) has been tasked to conduct a department-wide sexual assault survey assessing the functionality and effectiveness of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program. In addition, DON SAPRO is directed to determine the scope of sexual assaults within the Department of the Navy. The survey is confidential and anonymous. The survey can be accessed at [www.donsapro.navy.mil/survey.html](http://www.donsapro.navy.mil/survey.html) and will be available through Sept. 30.

**30** — A free Hispanic heritage month celebration fiesta will take place Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Ward Field. The event will include world-class salsa from instructor, performer, choreographer Jerome Ramos offering a free dance class. Food will be donated by local Latin vendors. FMI: 449-8188 or 473-0801.

**October**

**1** — In observance of National Public Lands Day, a cleanup project at Halealoha Haleamau burial platform, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will take place from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 1. The work will involve trimming naupaka hedge, outplanting native Hawaiian plants and ti leaves surrounding the burial platform, cutting native grasses and removing invasive plants. FMI: Patricia Colemon at 473-0369 or email [patricia.colemon@navy.mil](mailto:patricia.colemon@navy.mil).

**4, 11** — Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) blood drives will be held at Pearl Harbor on Oct. 4 and the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange on Oct. 11. FMI: 433-6148 or e-mail [michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil](mailto:michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil).

**8** — The Navy Officers Ball will be held Oct. 8 at Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa Ballroom. Guest speaker will be Adm. Patrick M. Walsh, commander U.S. Pacific Fleet. Cost is \$65 for O3 and below, \$70 for O4, O5 and DoD civilians, \$75 for O6 and above and SES. For tickets and FMI: Lt. j.g. Michael Baugh at 474-8903 or [michael.h.baugh@navy.mil](mailto:michael.h.baugh@navy.mil) or Lt. Andrew Gates at 471-3740.

**11** — The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Hawaii buffet luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. Oct. 11 at the Fort Shafter Hale Ikena Club. The speaker is Rear Adm. Katherine L. Gregory, commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific (NAVFAC Pacific). The topic is NAVFAC Pacific overview and project updates. FMI: [www.afceahawaii.org](http://www.afceahawaii.org) or call Ken at 441-8524.

**Movie Showtimes**



**Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG)**

A retired spy is called back into action, and to bond with her new step-children, she invites them along for the adventure to stop the evil Timekeeper from taking over the world.

**SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER**

**TODAY**  
7:00 PM The Help (PG-13)

**SATURDAY**  
2:30 PM Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG)  
4:45 PM Our Idiot Brother (PG-13)  
7:00 PM 30 Minutes or Less (R)

**SUNDAY**  
2:30 PM Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG)  
4:45 PM Final Destination 5 (R)  
7:00 PM The Help (PG-13)

**HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER**

**TODAY**  
6:00 PM Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG)  
8:30 PM 30 Minutes or Less (R)

**SATURDAY**  
4:00 PM Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG)  
7:00 PM Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13)

**SUNDAY**  
2:00 PM Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG)



# Pearl Harbor shipyard workers receive NAVSEA Excellence Awards

Katie Vanes

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

WASHINGTON, D.C. —Sixty-two Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard workers received Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) Excellence Awards at a presentation ceremony Sept. 14 at the Washington Navy Yard.

"The highest ideals of this command are reflected through our meaningful service and achievements," NAVSEA Commander Vice Adm. Kevin McCoy noted in his letters of commendation to the award recipients. "These awards reflect the esteem in which you are held by the community."

The awards commend military and civilian individuals, teams and activities across the NAVSEA enterprise for their contributions in innovation and improvement in the areas of product quality, technical innovation, cost control/schedule acceleration, organizational efficiency and process improvement.

Shipyard electrical systems inspector Sal St. Germain earned an individual NAVSEA Excellence Award for his leadership in the Electrical Community of



U.S. Navy photo by Laura Lakeway

Vice Adm. Kevin McCoy, commander of Naval Sea Systems Command, presents a NAVSEA Excellence Award to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard's USS Greenville (SSN 772) flyaway support team during a recognition ceremony at the Washington Navy Yard. Representing the team are, from second from left, electrician supervisors Thomas Miguel and Atae Kiesel-Mokiao, electrician Grant Kato, electrical engineer Brandon Ramo, rigger Jodee-Kalae Inoue, and Cmdr. Jeffrey Heydon.

Practice (CoP), a group formed to improve performance of electrical work.

Accomplishments under St. Germain's leadership included direct contributions to the execution of switchboard work on USS

Chicago (SSN 721) 11 days early, and completion of USS Greenville (SSN 772) repairs in Guam eight days early.

St. Germain also led the development, standardization and application of per-

formance metrics for all Shipyard CoPs, according to process improvement director Mike Nystrom. St. Germain additionally mentors other CoP leaders and is currently leading the way in incorporating safety into

technical work documents.

A shipyard multi-trade, 61-member special purpose team, called a tiger team, won a group NAVSEA Excellence Award for repairs to Greenville in Guam last December. Planning for the

major maintenance effort was conducted under emergency conditions in four days. The group completed the job an unprecedented eight days early, saving the shipyard \$210,000 in per diem expenses while gaining the Greenville crew eight more operational days at sea.

Six members of the Greenville team attended the award ceremony. "It was an honor to represent the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard tiger team in receiving this award," electrical engineer Brandon Ramo said. "I applaud the team's commitment because it was very hard to be away from home during (that) time of the year and prepare ourselves to possibly work through the Christmas (holidays)... We strive to be better at what we do, and each job accomplished is one lesson learned to better the next."

Electrician supervisor Thomas Miguel said, "This was a tremendous honor not only for our ... team but for our entire shipyard." Hundreds of people have been on similar special purpose teams over the years, he noted, and "it took all of those people's input and hard work to get us where we are today."

## Evening with Chuck Yeager planned for Nov. 3 at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

One of the most monumental aviators in American history, Gen. Chuck Yeager, will present a talk from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 3, in Hangar 37 at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

This is a fundraiser for the museum as it raises the final funds needed to complete the Ford Island Control Tower stabilization.

"Gen. Yeager is a long time supporter of the museum and we are honored he has returned to Hawaii to help the museum. He will



share his flying experiences with our members and guests," Kenneth DeHoff, executive director, said.

Yeager is considered a living legend in aviation,

the first person to break the sound barrier, on Oct. 14, 1947. His aviation feats set the bar for pilots everywhere and rocketed the United States ahead in worldwide aerospace technology, an advantage the U.S. still holds today.

Yeager's presentation starts promptly at 6 p.m., followed by pupu reception. The cost is \$35 at the door; \$25 in advance. Reservations are essential to attend. Call 441-1007 or email SpecialEvents@PacificAviationMuseum.org.

Call 441-1000 or visit www.PacificAviationMuseum.org for more information.

## Tickets available for Navy officers, enlisted balls

The Navy Officers Ball will be held Oct. 8 at Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa Ballroom. Guest speaker will be Adm. Patrick M. Walsh, commander U.S. Pacific Fleet. Cost is \$65 for O-3 and below, \$70 for O-4, O-5 and Department of Defense civilians, \$75 for O-6 and above and SES. For tickets and for more information, contact Lt. j.g. Michael Baugh at 474-8903 or michael.h.baugh@navy.mil or Lt. Andrew

Gates at 471-3740.

The Navy Enlisted Birthday Ball will be held Oct. 14 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Tickets are available for purchase by contacting Adrienne.allen@navy.mil or gary.jefferson1@navy.mil. Ticket prices are \$35 for E-4 and below, \$45 for E-5, \$55 for E-6, and \$60 for E-7 and above. For more information, call 473-4191.

## My Favorite Photo...

Navy Lt. Erik N. Molina took this picture of a "cat whisker" flower in the Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden during a recent trip to the Big Island.

Photo by Lt. Erik N. Molina



How to submit

### My favorite photo...

Do you enjoy taking pictures and have a favorite photo? Would you like to see it featured in Ho'okele? Here is your opportunity. Submissions must be from people affiliated with the military services, including active duty, family members, Reserve, retired and Department of Defense civilians, etc.

Your favorite photo can be just about anything, but keep in mind that it should be in good taste. We aren't looking for posed family shots or group shots. But if you have a photo that you think is interesting and creative, here is

your chance to see it published.

Photo submissions will be reviewed by Ho'okele editors who will determine if/when they will run in the newspaper. 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.

Please send your photos to editor@hookelenews.com and "cc" Karen Spangler, managing editor, at karen.spangler@navy.mil and Don Robbins, assistant editor, at drobbins@hookelenews.com.

Brush up on your photography skills. Ready, set, shoot!

## Military families 'go green' by the million

**TriWest Healthcare Alliance**

Embracing the urge to purge their paper clutter, military members and their families have helped halt the printing of more than 1 million healthcare statements.

Beneficiaries with TriWest Healthcare Alliance—the Department of Defense contractor that manages the 21-state TRICARE West Region healthcare program—have chosen in droves to receive their healthcare statements in paperless form, surging past the 1 million mark in August.

And by providing electronic solutions, TriWest is ensuring military families receive prompt, accurate delivery of their healthcare information.

TriWest's "go green" program started in fall 2009 and has since branched out to include paperless options for referrals and authorizations, and fee statements.

All told, more than 200,000 TRICARE West Region beneficiaries have "gone green"—meaning nearly 10 percent of all TriWest healthcare statements generated

are now paperless.

"Military families are increasingly turning to electronic methods for managing their bills, banking and other important information—including their health care," TriWest President and CEO David J. McIntyre, Jr. said. "We're committed to providing them with easy options for their health care, such as email, text and mobile."

TRICARE beneficiaries can register for a TriWest.com account, pick paperless and be on their way to getting electronic notifications for their healthcare needs.

Visit [TriWest.com/Paperless](http://TriWest.com/Paperless) for more on how to clear the clutter.

Electronic statements aren't the only convenient, electronic healthcare management options available for service members, retirees and their families through TriWest.

TriWest recently unveiled a mobile application for smartphones and mobile devices, a mobile website ([m.TriWest.com](http://m.TriWest.com)) and text alerts.

Learn more about TriWest mobile capabilities at [TriWest.com/GoMobile](http://TriWest.com/GoMobile).

## Influenza vaccination season underway

**Commander, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs and U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Public Affairs**

WASHINGTON—Navy officials reminded all Navy active duty Sailors and Reservists Sept. 22 they must receive the seasonal influenza or "flu" vaccine upon its availability at their local installation's medical treatment facility (MTF) as directed by NAVADMIN 207/11.

The Navy's goal is to have 90 percent of all Navy personnel vaccinated for the flu by Dec. 1.

"It's important for all the active duty personnel

to realize that the single best way to prevent the flu is with vaccination," said Vice Adm. Adam M. Robinson Jr., U.S. Navy surgeon general and chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. "Without it, the influenza virus could have a sweeping impact on our force readiness and ability to meet our mission."

Each year in the U.S., there are more than 25 million reported cases of the flu with more than 150,000 hospitalizations due to complications and more than 24,000 deaths.

Navy personnel and their family members can take preventive measures to reduce the risk of exposure to and spread of the

flu. These methods include washing hands, maintaining a clean home and work environment, teleworking and staying home from work when sick.

To learn when the flu vaccination will be available at your local MTF, check your installation newspaper, social media sites, or contact your local MTF.

For more information, NAVADMIN 207/11 details the Navy's influenza vaccination and reporting policy and is located at <http://bit.ly/q97oXo>.

For more news from Commander, Navy Installations Command, visit [www.navy.mil/local/cni/](http://www.navy.mil/local/cni/).

## Aloha Jewish Chapel will celebrate High Holy Days

As the end of September approaches, a celebration will take place for the High Holy Days at the Aloha Jewish Chapel on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

Rosh Hashanah services will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 30.

Yom Kippur Services will include Kol Nidrei at 6 p.m. Oct. 7, and Shararit from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 8.

All services will be officiated by Cmdr. Joel Newman. The Aloha Jewish Chapel is located across the parking lot from medical/dental,

right inside the Makalapa Gate of JBPHH.

For more information, call Religious Programs

Specialist 3 Alan Rubalcava at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel at 473-3971 or email [alan.rubalcava@navy.mil](mailto:alan.rubalcava@navy.mil).

## Hispanic heritage dance and concert fundraiser Oct. 15

A Hispanic heritage dance and concert fundraiser with a portion of ticket sales to benefit the Latin Business Hawaii Keiki to Kollege Scholarship

Fund will take place starting at 5 p.m. Oct. 15 at Aloha Tower Marketplace. For more information, call Alex at 384-8583 or [showprohawaii.com](mailto:showprohawaii.com)

### WHO SAID IT?

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, learning from failure."



Last Week's

### WHO SAID IT?

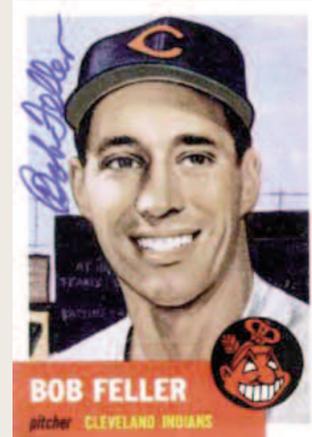
"Not to have an adequate air force in the present state of the world is to compromise the foundations of national freedom and independence."

— Winston Churchill



## This Week's Trivia

When did the former Department of War create the Army Air Forces (AAF) as its aviation element?



**Last Issue's Question:** Who is the only chief petty officer (CPO) in the baseball hall of fame?

**Answer:** Bob Feller is the only CPO to be elected to the baseball hall of fame. He played for the Cleveland Indians and was a pitcher.