

Na Koa Ke Kai comes back to defeat COMPACFLT

Story and photos by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Ne Koa Ke Kai all-purpose player Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Will

Francia scored on an option with 14 seconds remaining on the clock to complete a dramatic come-from-behind, 28-26, win over the Commander United States Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Heat in a battle of undefeated teams at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Nov. 10.

The win kept Ne Koa Ke Kai at the top of the Ashore Flag

Football League with a spotless 5-0 record, while the Heat fell out of the unbeaten ranks to a mark of 4-1.

In order to keep their perfect record, Ne Koa Ke Kai had to overcome deficits of 12-6 at halftime and 19-6 early in the third quarter.

"We just maintained what we do," said Ne Koa Ke Kai quarterback Lt. j.g. Doug Hawk about the team's cool comeback. "Our defense

just kept them contained and kept us there. And then on offense, we just decided to work it down the field."

The stunning victory capped off an uphill climb for Ne Koa Ke Kai after the team quickly fell behind by two touchdowns to start the first half.

On the opening drive of the game, Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class William Roy of the Heat finished off a 65-yard, 14-play drive with a short run into the end zone for six points.

Then after Lt. Chad Tella intercepted a Hawk pass at the Ne Koa Ke Kai's 38, Roy broke the goal line again on a pass from quarterback Operations Specialist 2nd Class Solomon Pulu for a 12-0 lead.

The celebration for the COMPACFLT was short-lived however, as Hawk shocked the Heat when he, on the first play from scrimmage, delivered an over-the-top spiral right into the hands of Machinery Repairman 2nd Class Kenneth Sturdivant,

two interceptions apiece.

In the third quarter, Martin secured his third pick of the game when he stepped in front of a Hawk pass and returned it to the 40-yard line.

The turnover set up the Heat's third touchdown, which was converted on a 16-yard pass from Pulu to Tella - completing a four-play drive.

The Heat made good on its one-point conversion to extend its lead to 13 at 19-6.

After Ne Koa Ke Kai cut the lead to five on a touchdown and two-point conversion, the team's defense stiffened and forced the Heat to hand the ball over on downs at the 19.

Hawk quickly maneuvered the team into the red zone by completing five passes on the next six downs to set up shop at the Heat's 12-yard line.

Facing a third and goal from the nine, Hawk spotted, then connected with Department of Defense civilian Brandon Robinson in the right corner of the end zone for the go-ahead touchdown.

With the converted extra point, Ne Koa Ke Kai moved in front of the Heat by a score of 21-19.

As the clock wound down, Pulu started the team's drive at the 15 with an 11-yard toss to Roy.

Six plays later, with under a minute to go in the game, Pulu took it in himself from two yards out to regain the lead at 26-

21 following the conversion.

In the final drive of the game, Hawk started off by misfiring on his first two passes of series.

However, the Ne Koa Ke Kai QB moved the sticks to the 36 on a run and completion, before shocking the Heat with the game-winning 44-yard option play to Francia.

"Their rushers kept on coming inside, but on that last play, both of them rushed on the outside," Hawk recalled. "I took it straight up the middle and knew that I had Will on the outside. As soon as the corner bit, I pushed it out to him (Will) and he was gone."

Martin, who recorded three interceptions for the game, said that it was a tough way to drop the team's first game of the season.

"You play hard the whole game, but at the end, when the clock read zero, they came out on top," Martin said. "You win some, lose some. Like Muhammad Ali said, 'Even the greatest got to lose sometime.'"

After Ne Koa Ke Kai ran over its first four opponents of the season, Hawk stated that it felt good to be pushed to the limit against a very tough COMPACFLT squad.

"Those guys will go far in the playoffs, so hopefully we'll see them again," Hawk said.



Chosin War Dragons mercy rules Reuben James

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USS Chosin (CG 65) quarterback Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Tony Reid threw for four touchdowns, while teammates Operations Specialist 2nd Class Tommy Morales and Information Systems Technician 1st Class Keith Anderson anchored a strong defense to lead the War Dragons to a 31-12 mercy-rule victory over USS Reuben James (FFG 57) in an Afloat Flag Football League game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Nov. 12.

With the victory, the War Dragons now hold a league record of 7-1, while the Reuben James lost its second game in a row and fell to 5-3.

"We did pretty good," said Chosin co-head coach Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 1st Class Kevin Henyard. "We still need to improve our flag grabbing. There were a couple of touchdowns that they (Reuben James) shouldn't have had, but it is what it is."

While Henyard expressed some concern about the team's missed tackles, he was extremely satisfied with the performance of Reid, who consistently found his open man throughout the day.

"My quarterback is the MVP for us right now," Henyard said. "He makes it happen. He just broke their coverage down."

After Chosin's defense stopped Reuben James on their first drive, Reid went right to work in marching the War Dragons from their own 30 to the end zone on only five plays.

The drive's final 20 yards were covered by a pass from



USS Chosin (CG 65) receiver Boatswain's Mate Seaman Damien Howard leaps up and grabs a pass in the end zone to complete a point after touchdown during the team's matchup against USS Reuben James (FFG 57) in an Afloat Flag Football League game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Nov. 12.

Reid to Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Chris Woods.

Chosin converted their single point after touchdown (PAT) to take an early 7-0 lead.

With plenty of time remaining in the first half, Reuben James answered their rival with a long drive of their own to draw to within a single point at 7-6.

Led by a 60-yard pass play from quarterback Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) Fireman Josh Frescas to Interior Communications Electrician 2nd Class Chris White, Reuben James traveled 65 yards on three plays, before Frescas took it into the end zone to narrow the margin.

However, the single-point

difference would be as close as the Reuben James would get, as Reid and company needed very little time to put two more scores on the scoreboard before halftime.

On Chosin's drive, following Reuben James' score, Reid used just three plays before connecting with Seaman Phillip Jones for the team's second touch-

down of the day and a 13-6 lead.

Then, after an interception by Anderson put the Chosin at its own 39, Reid pitched a strike to Fire Controlman 3rd Class Alden Gamat for a 19-6 advantage following the PAT.

After halftime, Anderson struck again with another

pick off of Frescas.

This time the War Dragons linebacker took the stolen pass all the way to the house for a pick six and 19-point lead at 25-6.

"He's an old man, but the old man got it done," said Henyard with a smile. "He made it happen. He's my linebacker, and he brought his game today."

Two plays following Anderson's touchdown, Morales sacked Frescas for a safety to make it 27-6.

Morales was a one-man-wrecking crew as the Chosin lineman garnered five sacks for the day.

"He was great," Henyard admitted. "He put us in good field position, so he definitely made a difference. That's why I like him out there."

Down the stretch, the teams traded touchdowns with Frescas passing to Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) Fireman Joshua Harp for Reuben James and Reid finding Fire Controlman 3rd Class Brian Jones for Chosin's final six points.

While Reuben James head coach Chief Ship's Serviceman Corey Lathan said that he was very disappointed with the loss, he pointed out that the season isn't over yet.

"This is a huge setback," he said. "It's our second straight loss, but I told our guys to keep their heads up. The season is still fairly long, and we got until next month to make some improvements and adjustments."

Meanwhile, Henyard stated that the win puts Chosin in good position to repeat as Afloat champions and maybe beyond.

"We won the Afloat championship last year and we're not looking for anything less this year," he said. "I want the whole thing - championship, everything. That's where I'm at."

Surging Juggernauts jostle Communications Squadron

Story and photo by
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The Hangar 5 Juggernauts scored back-to-back touchdowns with less than two minutes remaining in the first half to break open a close game and beat the 747th Communications Squadron (747 CS), 33-7, in a Hickam Gold Division flag football contest at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Nov. 15.

Up by a score of 6-0, a 55-yard punt return by Staff Sgt. Damien Davis set up the Juggernauts' second touchdown of the game, while an interception by Tech. Sgt. Blane

Woodard immediately led to another score and a 20-7 lead at halftime.

"That always changes the outcome of the game," said Woodard, who is also the starting quarterback for Hangar 5. "When you have momentum going into the half, it doesn't matter who gets the ball in the second half. You always play off that momentum."

The victory was the fourth in a row for the Juggernauts and improved the team's divisional record to 7-4, while the 747 CS suffered their eighth defeat against only one win.

On the Juggernauts' game-opening drive versus the 747 CS,

Woodard ran for 22 yards and completed two passes, with the last toss going to Airman 1st Class Syd Bodden for 37 yards and a touchdown.

Then with time running out in the first half, the long punt return by Davis gave Hangar 5 great field position with the ball at the 747 CS nine-yard line.

"That was huge," Woodard said. "He (Davis) cut around two or three players right away, and the rest of them watched him until he got forced out of bounds. The short field sets up our method, which is a run-first offense."

On the first play from scrimmage, Woodard rolled to his right and zipped a pass into the arms of Airman 1st Class Phillip Vandenberg, who clutched the ball for six.

The added point after touchdown (PAT) raised the Juggernauts' lead to 13-0.

Two plays later, with the 747 CS on its own 24, Woodard jumped in front of a toss from quarterback Airman 1st Class Klayton Neal and returned the pick to the 747's 16-yard line.

After scrambling for 13 yards on the first play, Woodard shuffled a short pass to Staff Sgt. Justin Calvaruzo for a touchdown and a 20-0 advantage following the PAT.

Just before halftime, Neal completed a four-play, 65-yard drive with a 15-yard toss to Staff Sgt. Travis Lewis, who made a leaping grab in the end zone for the 747's only touchdown of the game.

Early in the second half, Hangar 5 put the game away for good when Woodard marched the team into the end zone on only four plays.

The final 19 yards were covered by another pass from Woodard to

Vandenberg into the right corner of the end zone.

Woodard closed out the scoring for the Juggernauts on a spectacular 55-yard run that saw him weave through a host of would-be tacklers, before cruising over the goal line.

"The quarterback (Woodard) made all the difference," said 747 CS head coach Tech. Sgt. Steve Coleman about the Juggernauts' double threat. "He was fast. We had to go man-to-man a lot to try and stop his running. We had to focus our linebackers and line-man on him and he was too quick."

Coleman added that although it was a

tough defeat, he knows what the team needs to do to turn its season around.

"Hopefully, we'll get some time to get a practice in and make some adjustments," Coleman said. "That's been our Achilles' heel all season."

Meanwhile, consistency, explained Woodard, has been the key to the Juggernauts' resurgence.

"Steady showing," Woodard pointed out. "When you have the same bodies, you develop that bond and relationship to where you can actually know where people are going to be and what you're going to do. It actually makes you stronger and that's what's happening."



Tech. Sgt. Blane Woodard, quarterback for the Hangar 5 Juggernauts, rolls to his right before scrambling downfield against a Hickam Gold Division game against the 747th Communications Squadron (747 CS).

Tower lighting, Tops in Blue performance set for Dec. 2

Morale, Welfare and Recreation

For the first time ever, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and Air Force Entertainment are combining two traditional events for a night full of holiday festivities.

Catch the action Dec. 2 at the Freedom Tower as it twinkles in the evening sky during the 42nd Annual Freedom Tower lighting ceremony followed by the Air Force's premier entertainment showcase, Tops in Blue.

The evening kicks off at 4:30 p.m. where the whole family can enjoy free inflatables, holiday snacks, crafts and a kids' clinic.

At 5 p.m. Santa will be making a special appearance with photo opportunities. Kids will receive a special gift for the season, sponsored by USO of Hawaii and MWR.

Stick around until 7 p.m. and hear the winner of the MWR Library Holiday Essay Contest read their winning piece and help flip the switch for the tower lighting ceremony.

Bring your blanket and lawn chairs because at 7:15 p.m., the musical



event will arrive. Tops in Blue 2011 will showcase some of the best performers throughout the Air Force.

The show's theme, "Rhythm Nation," features songs like the jazz of Nat King Cole, the rock n' roll sounds of Little Richard, the Motown R&B of Marvin Gaye, inspirational country sounds and much more.

Tops in Blue is an all-active duty U.S. Air Force special unit made up of talented performers selected for their entertainment abilities. Members must complete a highly accelerated educational course to prepare them as world-class entertainers during their 10-month tour.

Throughout the tour, performers are responsible for the instrumental, vocal, choreography and staging requirements of the show. As their own road crew, they set up and break down more than 60,000 pounds of staging, lighting, audio, video and special effects equipment required for each performance.

This year's tour will take Tops in Blue throughout the United States and to more than 20 countries, with close to 140 performances during the 10-month period.

For more information and a complete listing of activities, visit www.greatlifeohawaii.com.

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ASYMCA brightens holidays

The Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is helping make the holidays a little brighter for military families.

Elizabeth Bynum, outreach director, said that ASYMCA has purchased a total of 100 \$25 food vouchers from the commissaries to provide Thanksgiving dinner to military families. The vouchers will be distributed today.

Bynum explained that ASYMCA received names and reservations from COMPACFLT, Fleet and Family

Support Center and the various commands at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for military members and families E-4 and below.

In addition, the ASYMCA will hold a Christmas event from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Navy College, building 679.

The cost of the event is \$10 per family. Tickets are available at the Navy College ASYMCA office. According to Bynum, the event will include pictures with a Hawaiian Santa Claus, hamburgers, hot dogs and holiday music.

Sailor earns surprise 'Operation Appreciation' honor

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Ship's Serviceman 1st Class (SW) Tanya Simpson received a big surprise when she heard her name called as an "Operation Appreciation" recipient during a ceremony Nov. 10 at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

Simpson works for the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fleet Family Readiness Program (FFRP) in the unaccompanied housing division.

Stanley Lum, executive director of the Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA), announced Simpson as the recipient during the ceremony.

ASYMCA serves as facilitator for the program, formerly known as Operation Makeover, which is the brainchild of hairstylist and businessman Paul Brown who wanted to honor men and women of the armed services.

The person chosen as the



Ship's Serviceman 1st Class (SW) Tanya Simpson, (at right wearing lei), reacts with shock as Stanley Lum, executive director of the Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA), announces her as an "Operation Appreciation" recipient at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel on Nov. 10.

recipient receives a complete hair styling and makeover from Paul Brown, or a spa day with massage and pedi-

cure. In addition, the recipient enjoys dinner for two at Roy's Restaurant. Then the winner will stay at the

Waikiki Marriott in an ocean view room for two nights.

Lum said the award goes to a worthy recipient who

positions him or herself head and shoulders above peers, goes the extra mile personally and professionally, gives back to the organization to which he or she belongs, serves as a good role model, and is held in high esteem.

"She is a remarkable Sailor," said Command Master Chief (SS/AW) Gregg Weber, who nominated Simpson for the award.

Weber explained that she had a variety of specific accomplishments. "She spearheaded the Navy Relief Fund Drive for the joint base. Her efforts helped raise \$22,000. Our command goal was \$15,000," he explained.

Weber added, "She is a positive role model for our junior Sailors. The concern she shows for the development of our Sailors is amazing. She thinks about their needs first, a true Sailor advocate."

He also called her civic-minded. "She volunteers numerous hours at the Sailor's Attic, weekends included," Weber stated.

"She always has a positive attitude. As complex manager for the barracks, her buildings are some of the best I have seen," he said.

After the presentation, Simpson said, "I really am shocked. It's an honor to be the one standing up here. I will enjoy my hair and makeover. I can't believe I'm going to be staying at the Marriott; that's going to be amazing. I get to see the ocean and that's awesome."

"To be honest, I like all of it. I'm going to dive in. I'm really excited and I can't wait to call my husband. I'm honored that the civilian sector recognizes the military," she said.

She added that she is humbled that her superiors nominated her for the award. Simpson and her husband have one daughter, 10-month-old Tahtiana.

Simpson said she moved around quite a bit during her early life. She grew up part of her childhood in Europe and partly in Mililani because her mother worked as a federal government employee.

Author Vera Williams to speak at Pacific Aviation Museum Nov. 19

Pacific Aviation
Museum Pearl Harbor

Vera Williams, author of "WASPs: Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II," will speak and hold a book signing at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor from 2 to 4 p.m. Nov. 19 in the museum theatre.

Williams' book shares the inspirational stories of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) of WWII, who ferried planes from the factories to the airfields, test-flew repaired and experimental aircraft including the first jet, and towed gunnery targets.

According to Kenneth

DeHoff, museum executive director, "This is a wonderful tribute to these irrepressible 'fly girls' of the forties. Ms. Williams captures how the experiences changed these women's lives and broadened horizons for all women forever."

Joining Williams will be John Wade, a Hawaiian Airlines pilot whose father was an instructor at the WASPs training facility in Texas; Cmdr. Carola List, executive officer of Air Station Barbers Point, who will share stories of how the women pilots of today are inspired by the WASPs; and a special appearance



by Arlene Newman Van Asperen, who will portray Jackie Cochran, a pioneer American aviator, an important contributor to the formation of the WASPs and considered one of the most gifted racing pilots of her generation.

The event is free with museum admission. The book will be for sale in the museum store. Call 441-1007, email SpecialEvents@PacificAviationMuseum.org, or visit PacificAviationMuseum.org for more information and tickets.

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Morale Welfare & Recreation

ANNUAL FALL CRAFT FAIR

More than 150 vendors will be on display at the 36th annual Fall Craft Fair tomorrow at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center lawn. Admission is free, and the event runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vendors will be selling a wide variety of crafts and food. There will also be pony rides for children. FMI: 448-9907.

TURKEY WEEK MASSAGE SPECIAL

For the week of Nov. 20 to Nov. 26, the Hickam Fitness Center will have a massage special of \$100 for a two-hour session. This special also includes a body scrub and wrap or facial. To make an appointment or FMI: 448-2214.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library will host preschool story time from 9 to 10 a.m. on Nov. 23. The theme for story time will be Thanksgiving. FMI: 449-8299.

THANKSGIVING FOOTBALL AND BUFFET

Brews and Cues will be showing NFL football games and having a Thanksgiving buffet on Nov. 24. Admission is free, and doors open at 6:30 a.m. FMI: 473-1743.

GOURMET THANKSGIVING-TO-GO

Order a complete Thanksgiving dinner from the Tradewinds Enlisted Club by Nov. 23 to pick up Nov. 24. Pickup is from 10 a.m. to noon in the parking lot. Choose between ham or turkey and the dinner also comes with stuffing, potatoes, yams, rolls and traditional pumpkin pie. The meal serves 10 to 12 people. Cost is \$85.95 for members and \$89.95 for non-members. FMI: 448-2271.

LIBERTY THANKSGIVING LUNCH AND FOOTBALL

All Liberty Centers will host a free Thanksgiving feast at 11 a.m. Nov. 24. There will also be a showing of all NFL Thanksgiving day games. This event is for single active-duty service members only. FMI: 473-2583.

THANKSGIVING DAY SPECIAL

Active-duty military receive free admission to the Thanksgiving Day movie on Nov. 24 at Sharkey Theater. FMI: 473-0726.

FREE LADIES GOLF CLINIC

There will be a free ladies golf clinic on Nov. 25 at the Mamala Bay Golf Course at 4 p.m. To register, call 449-2300.

For more information on events, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Community Calendar

At a glance

Tickets are on sale now for the Commander Navy Region Hawaii and Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific holiday party, which will take place at 11 a.m. Dec. 8 at the Hickam Officer's Club lanai. The theme for this year's event is "Holiday in Paradise." The cost of tickets is \$15 per person, and they will be available for purchase from holiday party committee members. The event will include a buffet meal, entertainment and prize drawings. It is open to all active duty and civil service staff personnel. Early ticket purchase is encouraged. FMI: Lt. Jason M. Burroughs at Jason.M.Burroughs@navy.mil or 473-1736.

November

20 ~ "Ride to Remember" in memory of Command Master Chief John David Tyner will be held beginning at 8 a.m. The ride will benefit the David Tyner Memorial Scholarship for Diplomacy and Military Studies at Hawaii Pacific University and is sponsored by NIOC Hawaii Chief Petty Officers Association.

FMI: <http://www.thestrategicallies.com/ridetoremember/> or email ridetoremember2011@gmail.com

24 ~ Silver Dolphin Bistro Galley will serve a Thanksgiving meal from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. The meal is for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam military members, their immediate families, retired personnel and Department of Defense (DoD) civilians. The cost of the meal is \$5.95 for E-4 and below and family members, \$7 for E-5 and above and family members and \$7 for retired personnel and DoD civilians. FMI: 473-2519 or 473-2948.

24 ~ The Hale Aina Dining Facility will hold a Thanksgiving feast from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost of entrees will be ala carte with the additional operational charge. The event is open to all active duty military members, retirees and immediate family members.

December

3 ~ The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club will host "Snack with Santa" from 10 a.m. to noon at the Ka Makani Community Center, 1215 Owens St. The event is a gift to the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam community and is free, but tickets are required to attend the event. Space is limited to the first 150 children and 150 adults who have base access. For ticket reservations, visit <http://snackwithsanta2011.eventbrite.com/> Password: snackwithsanta

5 ~ Paige Hinkle-Bowles, the principal director, assistant secretary of defense for civilian personnel policy and a member of the senior executive service, will conduct a town hall meeting at 2:30 p.m. at the Hickam Officer's Club for all Air Force and Navy civilians. The purpose of the town hall discussion is to meet with Air Force and Navy civilians and share current civilian personnel policy issues and challenges. Attendance by civilian personnel from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is highly encouraged.

Movie Showtimes



Dolphin Tale (PG)

Swimming free, a young dolphin is caught in a crab trap, severely damaging her tail. She is rescued and transported to the Clearwater Marine Hospital, where she is named Winter. But her fight for survival has just begun. Without a tail, Winter's prognosis is dire. It will take the expertise of a dedicated marine biologist, the ingenuity of a brilliant prosthetics doctor, and the unwavering devotion of a young boy to bring about a groundbreaking miracle—a miracle that might not only save Winter but could also help scores of people around the world.

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TODAY
7:00 PM Killer Elite (R)

SATURDAY
2:30 PM Dolphin Tale (PG)
5:00 PM Abduction (R)
7:15 PM 50/50 (R)

SUNDAY
2:30 PM Dolphin Tale (PG)
5:00 PM What's Your Number (R)
7:00 PM Dream House (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY
6:00 PM Real Steel (PG-13)
8:45 PM 50/50 (R)

SATURDAY
4:00 PM Real Steel (PG-13)
7:00 PM Money Ball (PG-13)

SUNDAY
2:00 PM Dolphin Tale (PG)



Sailors volunteer for Special Olympics event

Story and photos by
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The Special Olympics kicked off its winter season with its third annual Over the Edge of Waikiki fundraising event Nov. 5. Volunteers, including local military members, supported the event.

Members from all military branches gave their time and money. Eight Sailors from Navy Information Operations Detachment (NIOD) in Kaneohe Bay made the event a command volunteer day.

Information Systems Technician 1st Class Ash Ortiz spoke of the importance of his command's participation. "This is a great cause and great way to give back. The experience is very valuable to everyone involved," Ortiz said.

Over the Edge is an event created by a U.S.-based company that specializes in developing unique fundraising events for non-profit organizations. It is an opportunity for action junkies and thrill seekers to support a worthy cause.

A total of 120 volunteers rappelled 31 stories down the Sheraton Waikiki. All profits support the Holiday Classic state games that will take place at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Kaneohe Bay Marine Corps bases in December.

Each rappeller or group of rappellers raised a



Robert Johnson, former Marine captain, took part in the third annual Over the Edge of Waikiki fundraising event Nov. 5.

minimum of \$1,000 in donations. This year, Over the Edge brought in \$130,000 to support athletes of Special Olympics Hawaii.

Robert Johnson, a former Marine captain, was a rappeller in this year's event. "Going Over the

Edge and rappelling over 300 feet was a real rush and knowing that it was to support the Special Olympics just made it that much better," Johnson said.

A total of 41 military personnel lent a helping hand to show support to

the Special Olympics and more than 800 local athletes who will be participating in the Holiday Classic.

Throughout the day, volunteers were seen around the Sheraton wearing white or yellow T-shirts with "Volunteer

for Over the Edge of Waikiki" printed on their backs. Each volunteer's presence kept the event running safely and smoothly.

Volunteers were tasked with jobs small and large. They staffed the registration table. They handed

out name tags, lunch cards, T-shirts and all other necessary documents for participants. They also escorted rappellers, issued safety equipment, and managed rappelling lines.

Volunteers were assigned and dispersed through the area to ensure that all needs were met in order for the event to be a success.

According to Kyle Karioka, Special Olympics development manager, military participation was much larger than in past events. "Whether it is presenting medals to our athletes at State Games, raising funds by going Over the Edge, or volunteering at competitions, military personnel have helped touch the lives of thousands of athletes with intellectual disabilities in Hawaii," Karioka said.

NIOD Kaneohe Bay Cryptologic Technician Interpretive 1st Class John-Mark Allen praised the event and the opportunity it affords those who are interested in supporting this cause. "It is because of the Special Olympics' active involvement in the community that I am able to find the opportunities to give back. These athletes are very deserving of mine and my Shipmates' time and energy," Allen said.

"I know that we are all very happy to give it and are equally rewarded by the experience."

Warriors for Warriors Golf Tournament will take place Dec. 2

The Warriors for Warriors Wounded Warriors Weekend Golf Tournament will be held Dec. 2 at the Hawaii Prince Golf Course on Fort Weaver Road in Ewa Beach.

Include your handicap when registering. Maximum for men is 30.

The format is three-man best ball with a shotgun start. Registration is at 9 a.m. with an 11:30 a.m. start

and 5 p.m. 19th hole banquet.

Contests include chipping and putting, longest drive, closest to the pin, raffle for prizes and hole-in-one. Trophies will be provided for the champions, second and third place winners. Gift bags will be provided to each golfer.

The event will include catering and a hole-in-one chance to win a new Harley

Davidson motorcycle.

Spots are limited. For those who have verbally confirmed, go to www.warriors4warriors.org to sign up and pay for your team/self. Follow the link to PayPal and confirm your spot.



Music for the Children holiday concert Dec. 1

Chuck Little

Deputy Director, Public Affairs, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific

U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific (MARFORPAC) will hold its fourth annual Na Mele o na Keiki (Music for the Children) holiday concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall in Honolulu.

The concert features the MARFORPAC Band performing holiday favorites with a variety of local guest artists, including Motown-sound musicians Hawaiian Soul, jazz/blues guitarist Chris Vandercook, ukulele sensation Aidan James, Hawaiian music duo Hapa, the "Wild Hawaiian" Henry Kapono and Honorary Marine Cpl. Jim Nabors.

Additionally this year, dancers from the Hawaii State Ballet will perform selections from "The Nutcracker" accompanied by the MARFORPAC Band.

Carole Kai and Kimo Kahoano will serve as the mistress and master of ceremonies.

This concert is presented as a gift to the community by MARFORPAC and BAE Systems, a worldwide partner with the USO. It is also an opportunity to support the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots Hawaii program. Marines will be on hand to accept donations of new, unwrapped toys or cash for this year's collection effort.

General admission tickets for this concert are free and available now at the Blaisdell box office, which is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), with a limit of six tickets per person. Doors will open the evening of the event at 6 p.m. Any unclaimed seats will be open to the public 10 minutes prior to show time.

For information regarding the 2011 Toys for Tots Hawaii collection effort, call Chief Lorenzo Branch at the 4th Force Reconnaissance Company/Anti-Terrorism Battalion at 257-7148 or via cell at 348-4532.

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Air Force spouse is a winner of NEX gift card

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Farrah Barclay-Brown (left) is the winner of a \$50 Navy Exchange gift card from the Joint Spouse Conference on the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oct. 22. Brown won among the hundreds of entries from the conference. She is the spouse of Ronald Brown, who is an Air Force Tech. Sgt. with the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Their hometown is Richmond, Va. Richard Heirakuji (right), NEX hardlines divisional manager, presented Brown her winnings.



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"Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm."

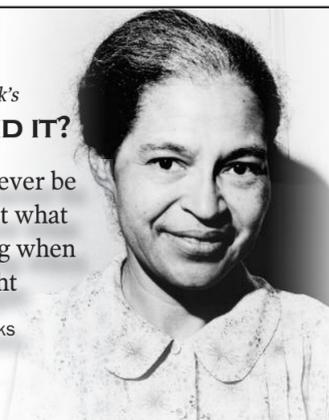


Last Week's

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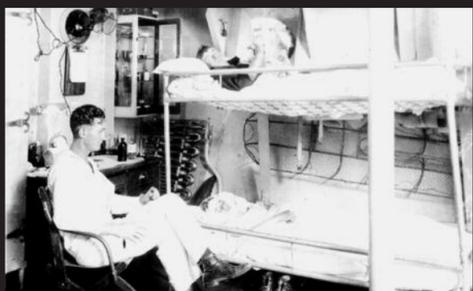
"You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right"

Rosa Parks



This Week's Trivia

What is the group known as "Tops In Blue?"



Last Issue's Question: What is the origin of the term "sick bay" for ships hospitals?

Answer: Ships hospitals were originally known as "sick berths," but as they were generally located in the round sterns of the old battle wagons, their contours suggested a "bay," and the latter name was given them.