

## Hawaii Medal of Honor ceremony honors the fallen

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HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Senate and House of Representatives convened in joint session March 28 to award the Hawaii Medal of Honor to recognized military service members who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Recipients of the medal included members of the United States Armed Forces, the United States military reserves and the Hawaii National Guard who were residents of the state of Hawaii, attended an educational institution in Hawaii, or who were stationed in Hawaii by order of the United States Department of Defense.

"Those who we honor today, those who we acknowledge today, are those who are rich in character," said Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie. "Their circumstances in terms of their material life may be humble, but they are rich in character."

The Hawaii Medal of Honor was created to recognize the heroism of Hawaii's armed forces, and this year 24 recipients were honored, including U.S. Navy Senior Chief



Service members, families, friends and other supporters gather at the Hawaii State Capitol for the Hawaii Medal of Honor awards ceremony. The Hawaii Medal of Honor was created to honor those with Hawaii ties who were killed in action while serving as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Petty Officer Kraig Vickers. The medal was awarded on behalf of the people of the state of Hawaii to honor those with Hawaii ties who were killed in action while serving our country as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation

Enduring Freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Families of some of the fallen service members were on hand to receive the Hawaii Medal of Honor on behalf of their loved ones.

"My duty today is to, in some

small way, to try to comfort those when comfort may not be enough and to massage the pain of a broken heart," said Air Force Maj. Gen. Darryll D.M. Wong, state adjutant general. "While I may fall short in this endeavor, I can at least take

solace in knowing that the state of Hawaii has provided some closure to these families by recognizing the supreme sacrifice made by their Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines on behalf of this grateful state."

## Joint medevac team transports critically-ill Marine from Japan to Hawaii

Master Sgt. Kerry Jackson

13th Air Force

A joint military and civilian medical team evacuated a U.S. Marine, via a C-17 Globemaster II, March 26 from Japan to Hawaii. He required urgent cardiac and respiratory care due to severely infected lungs.

The 12-person Pacific Air Forces medical transport team, comprised of medical personnel from Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC), PACAF's Critical Care Air Transport Team Element-East and the Kapiolani Medical Center, provided the patient extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) during the trans-pacific flight — medical treatment that provides both cardiac and respiratory support to patients whose heart and lungs are so severely diseased or damaged that they can no longer function.

"The patient remains critical but stable on ECMO," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Melissa Tyree, a staff neonatologist and neonatal/pediatric ECMO specialist at Tripler Army Medical Center. "He is responding very well to ECMO support and his



U.S. Navy photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

A team of Air Force, Army and civilian specialists (from Kapiolani Medical Center) and an Air Force critical care air transport team bring a critical care patient from Okinawa to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to be transported to Tripler Army Medical Center.

lungs are already beginning the slow process of recovery nicely."

The ECMO is most commonly used in neonatal intensive-care

units, for newborns in pulmonary distress. However, this transport marks the Pacific theater's first-ever military "Adult" ECMO transport using

a USAF "Grey Tail" (global airlift aircraft) with aeromedical evacuation system support.

"The ECMO system performed flawlessly during flight.

The mission was complex, with many logistical and technical challenges. However, the team was hand-picked to cover the full spectrum of required expertise so that every obstacle was overcome and the patient received seamless, safe world-class medical care," Tyree said.

The U.S. Marine patient was initially medevac'd from a ship 13 days ago to the United States Naval Hospital Camp Lester, Okinawa, Japan, where he received initial stabilization and was cared for in the intensive care unit. The patient was found to have a severe lung infection (pneumonia) that caused diffuse lung injury and a progressive challenge to exchange oxygen and eliminate carbon dioxide as the patient's heart pumped blood through the lungs, necessitating the use of ECMO technology.

There is no formal adult ECMO program, or even one physician specializing in adult ECMO, anywhere in Hawaii. According to Tyree, only a handful of the approximately 130 ECMO programs worldwide are set up to handle adult patients.

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## Remain vigilant for signs of suspicious activity

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam officials are reminding all personnel to exercise prudent security measures following two recent incidents involving school children. The youth were reportedly spoken to by strangers who were driving in the vicinity of their schools.

On March 20, a student from Mokulele Elementary School reported that the driver of a passing blue minivan asked some students a question as they walked to school in the morning. On March 27, a student at Hickam Elementary School reported seeing a dark colored utility van while she was walking back to class during the

school day and said that the driver of the vehicle spoke to her. In both instances, the students immediately reported the incidents to their teachers, and school administration contacted JBPHH Security.

Base security personnel responded promptly by initiating proper procedures to ensure the safety and security of the children and all base personnel. They have increased patrols of the area school zones and residential areas. If you witness any suspicious activity, you are encouraged to contact joint base security personnel by calling 911. According to security, there is no indication that any of the reported incidents are related.

"JB Security Department personnel continue to remain vigilant for any signs of suspicious activity



Photo by David D. Underwood, Jr.

Hickam Elementary School on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

throughout the base," said Capt. Jeff James, JBPHH commander. "We welcome all base personnel to help serve as 'sensors' in observing and immediately reporting anything out of

the ordinary." In a letter to parents, Hickam Elementary School principal John Erickson stressed that student safety will continue to be the priority. "Please continue to

remind your children to take all safety precautions as they come to and from school, such as not talking to strangers, always walking with a buddy, and reporting any unusual activity to a

responsible adult," he said.

Safety and security of all children, housing residents and base personnel remain priorities for JBPHH. Families are urged to follow these safety tips to create a safer community:

- Use the buddy system. Children should play or walk in a group whenever possible.
- Don't talk to strangers or get close to a stranger's vehicle, even if the driver promises to give you something.
- Take the safest route to and from school.
- If you see someone at school who doesn't belong there, tell an adult right away.
- Join your Neighborhood Watch Program.
- Report suspicious activity in your community immediately by calling 911 and reporting it to your housing community.



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# NAVFAC Pacific holds energy conference

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MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII, Kaneohe Bay – Energy industry companies attended a Renewable Ocean Energy Conference on March 26, hosted by Navy Facilities Engineering Command Pacific (NAVFAC) at the Koa Malina Officer's Club at Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), Kaneohe.

The conference provided an opportunity for ocean energy technology developers and suppliers to discuss testing and operating systems at coastal Navy and Marine Corps installations.

It will solicit commercialization plans of ocean energy technology companies to assist the Department of the Navy (DON) with resourcing potential future DON energy suppliers and



Guests of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific (NAVFAC) Renewable Ocean Energy Conference visit the wave energy test site on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe, on March 26.

will explore the potential to incorporate sea water air conditioning systems at appropriate coastal naval facilities.

"It's all about partnerships," said David Stiner, the energy project manager at NAVFAC. "What we're trying to do is get DoD and industry to partner together and come up with some solutions for potential renewable energy."

Data gathered at the conference will allow DON to assess if there is further interest in using wave energy conversion systems on MCBH.

The ultimate objective of this effort is to support development and utilization of ocean energy technologies as a means to reduce dependence on fossil fuel and associated emissions.

"So what we're trying to do is get people interested in what we're doing and show our interest," Stiner added.

## Navy's first alternative fueling station is open in Hawaii

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Naval Facilities  
Engineering Command  
Hawaii

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii officially opened the first of three Ethanol 85 (E85) fueling stations planned for the Navy's fleet of flex-fuel vehicles March 22 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

"The addition of this E85 fueling station to our fueling options directly addresses the energy mandates set forth by the secretary of the Navy and the president," said Capt. John Coronado, commanding officer, NAVFAC Hawaii. "We have over 1,000 E85-capable vehicles at JBPHH that will be able to take full advantage of this station and the two others to be installed."

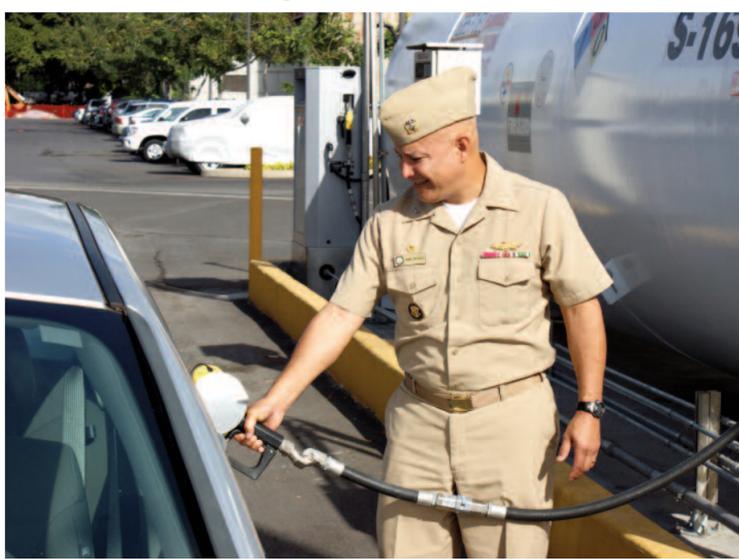
Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus has directed the Navy to reduce its consumption of petroleum by 50 percent before 2015, while the president's Executive Order 13514 calls for a 28 percent reduction in green house gases, such as carbon

dioxide, by 2020.

Flex-fuel vehicles commonly use E85, an alternative fuel of 85 percent plant-based ethanol blended with 15 percent gasoline, that performs as efficient as unleaded gasoline would in regular vehicles. Ethanol is environmentally friendly, produces less carbon dioxide emissions, and helps reduce Hawaii's dependence on foreign oil.

In September 2010, NAVFAC Engineering Service Center (ESC) awarded a \$315,767 contract to the Honolulu office of Innovative Technical Solutions, Inc. (ITSI) to develop and construct a 10,000-gallon, above ground fueling station adjacent to the existing government fueling station on Paul Hamilton Avenue, JBPHH. NAVFAC Hawaii assisted ESC in executing the project.

The contractor broke ground in April 2011 and completed all mechanical and electrical work on July 15, 2011. Next, Space and Naval War Systems Command (SPAWAR) installed the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Fuel Master system, owners of the



U.S. Navy photo by Denise Ensley

Capt. John Coronado, commanding officer of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii, fills up his government sedan March 22, pumped from the Navy's first E85 station in Hawaii at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

E85 fuel. After further adjustments, repairs and final checks, the station became operational this month. This means all government gas cardholders and their government-owned flex-fueled vehicles are now

expected to fill up with E85.

"Our E85 station may not have the amenities of some commercial fueling stations, but it will provide alternative fuel for personnel at JBPHH," Coronado said. "All passenger-carrying

vehicles can pull in and fill up."

The Navy's E85 fueling station is the second of its kind in Hawaii to come online after one on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe opened in November 2010.

### Attention: Government fuel (VIL) key holders

With the official opening of the new E85 fueling station March 22 on USS Paul Hamilton Street, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, all Navy government vehicles (non-GSA) requiring the use of Flex-Fuel (E-85) have been disabled until the user brings the vehicle identification link (VIL) key (known as PROKEE/black plastic chip) to the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii transportation compound on Russell Avenue, building 35, to have it re-programmed. This is necessary to manage the dispensing of the Flex-Fuel (E-85) vehicle fleet. Please come by at your earliest convenience to have your VIL adjusted accordingly. Questions? Please call 474-0663.

Both are for government use only. The Navy is currently evaluating other potential sites across the island.

## 15th Wing kicks off 2012 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign

Story and photo by  
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15th Wing Public Affairs

The 15th Wing is marching in step with the annual six-week long Air Force-wide campaign which began March 26 to raise money for the Air Force Assistance Fund.

The AFAF is an annual effort to raise funds for charitable affiliates that provide support to active duty Airmen, retirees, Reservists, National Guardsmen, dependents and surviving spouses in need. The official AFAF organizations include the Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Villages, Inc., the General and Mrs. Curtis LeMay Foundation, and the Air Force Enlisted Village, Inc.

While the three latter charities focus primarily on providing quality of life services and aid to retirees and the widows and widowers of retired Air Force personnel, the Air Force Aid Society helps more than 35,000 Airmen, both active and retired, and eligible family members with financial assistance programs totaling nearly \$20 million.

"Airmen need to know that the money they donate is being used in



Attendees of the 2012 Air Force Assistance Fund kickoff breakfast March 22 discuss the history of the AFAF at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawaii.

more positive ways than they can imagine," said Tech. Sgt. Melissa Rohloff, 15th Wing Staff Agencies AFAF unit project officer. "Donating to the AFAF is much more meaningful than just filling out a piece of paper. The lives of

our peers and the lives of those who have made the Air Force what it is today depend on the donations we all make."

Gary Hasegawa, an AFAS officer, said two of the many places Airmen can see donations in action

are the interest free "Falcon" loans offered by the Warfighter and Family Services Center and the Spouse Tuition Assistance Program (STAP).

"We provided loans of \$105,000 last year alone from basic living,

vehicle repair and emergency leave," he said. "We also granted \$42,000 through the STAP program. All the money is used for a great purpose here."

Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, chief of staff of the Air Force, said that many generations of Airmen depend on the generosity of the current one.

"Our Air Force active duty, Guard members, Reservists, retirees and family members have relied on our four AFAF affiliate charities for nearly four decades," he said. "Over that time, the charities have provided a full range of much-needed services—over \$22.2 million in 2010 alone. This year, it is not about Airmen giving more, but about more Airmen giving."

The goal for Team Hickam is \$110,585 dollars raised in total. Other objectives include 100 percent contact with all service members by April 6, one organized fundraiser per unit, and 100 percent accountability of all funds and forms. The campaign ends May 6.

To donate to the AFAF, contact a respective unit project officer. For more information about the Air Force Assistance Fund, visit [www.afassistancefund.org](http://www.afassistancefund.org).

## Historic Hawaii Foundation awards announced for JBPHH

Naval Facilities  
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For the second consecutive year, and the second time since the awards program began 37 years ago, the Navy and Air Force will be honored by the Historic Hawaii Foundation with several preservation honor awards in recognition of projects to "perpetuate, rehabilitate, restore or

interpret the state's architectural, archaeological and/or cultural heritage."

Annually the Historic Hawaii Foundation, a statewide non-profit organization, advocates the preservation of historic buildings, sites and communities relating to Hawaii's history. It recognizes projects/efforts that perpetuate, rehabilitate, restore or interpret the state's architectural,

archaeological and/or cultural heritage. The JBPHH was awarded for these seven projects:

- Hickam Field Entry Gates, exterior restoration, including custom fabrication of historically accurate letters.
- Hickam building 1102 (PACAF HQ), documentation of damage sustained during the attack of Dec. 7, 1941.
- Antennae at Lualualei

Radio Transmitting Facility, short documentary film on the historic and design.

- Pearl Harbor Wayside Exhibits, permanent interpretive signage that captures the history of the U.S. Navy in Pearl Harbor (and of a design similar to signage at the former Hickam Air Force Base, helping to strengthen links within the Joint Base).
- Hickam Historic Housing

(PPV), rehabilitation of non-select homes.

- "Wooden Structures Repair Manual," a reference guide and preservation training aid for historic wood buildings in the Navy inventory.
- "Historic Assets Management Process," a survey and assessment tool to incorporate historic preservation considerations into facilities planning.

The foundation has selected seven projects in the three categories, including documentation/interpretation of historic resources, development of cultural resources management tools, and rehabilitation of the original entry gates to Hickam Field.

A formal awards ceremony will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 11 to recognize all awardees.

# USS O'Kane Sailors leave joint base on deployment

MC1 (EXW)  
Donald W. Randall

Navy Region Hawaii  
Public Affairs

Guided-missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77), commanded by Cmdr. Michael Ray, departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on March 23 for a deployment to the western Pacific.

The crew of more than 250 Sailors plans to conduct integrated operations in conjunction with coalition partners in the U.S. 7th Fleet and Fleet areas of operation.

"O'Kane has prepared for this deployment for more than a year, and we are returning to a theater we know well," Ray said. "The unique capabilities of this ship afford us the opportunity to make a

real contribution to the peace and security of that region. I am extremely proud of the crew for the work they have done to prepare for this day and feel honored to stand beside them as we head over the horizon."

O'Kane is deploying under the Middle Pacific Surface Combatant (MPSC) deployment concept in which Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam-based ships deploy in support of operations primarily in the western Pacific under U.S. 7th Fleet.

"I am really excited about all of our port visits because I have been to none of them before. My goals for this deployment are to get my surface warfare pin and make rank," said Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Donovan Nuusolia.

Nuusolia's wife Lynne and their children were at pier-side to see him off.

"I plan to keep my kids healthy and be both mom and dad," Lynne said. "I want to take care of everything so he has nothing to worry about and can concentrate on his objectives."

Guided-missile destroyers are multi-mission, anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare combatants.

Master Sgt. Desmond Yogi (left) along with family members of Sailors aboard guided missile Destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77) render a salute as the ship sets out on deployment from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham



## Diverse Views



**"Why do you think it's important to do community service and community outreach? What are the benefits?"**



Master Sgt. Chandra Mark  
HQ PACAF/SG

"It's an opportunity to do something for someone other than yourself. A moment of your time could really mean the world to someone else. A homeless person you serve a meal or an Airman, Sailor or Soldier whose young family could use your old appliances, or the kid's clothes you were going to throw out. The benefits include feeling great about yourself, and for me, it's teaching the spirit of service to my children."

GSE3 Dina Chelewitte  
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



"We live here, we should do something to help our community get better and do better. If everyone just did one or two things to help out, it would make a difference."



Tech. Sgt. Greg Brown  
647th Civil Engineer Squadron

"To show the community that we care just as much for them as they do for us."

Gemma Oba-Ob  
JBPHH uniform shop



"(I do it) to influence the younger generation. I always go to school. My main thing is chaperoning."



Lt. Col. Roger Gibson  
Commander, Det. 1, 713th Combat Operations Squadron

"If everyone contributes to the local community, it benefits everyone, gives individuals a sense of worth and improves the environment for all to enjoy."

HMC Andrew Jenkins  
COMPACFLT



"We all know the military is a direct reflection of the U.S. We are the best of the best. We feel the need to help and guide each other. It's important to reflect that."

(Provided by AMEI Calori Mullins and David Underwood Jr.)

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Commentary

## It's important to vote - make your voice heard

Ramona Miyagishima

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This is an important year for you, the voter. This year you will vote for the U.S. president and vice president who will serve our country for the next four years.

You will vote for one-third of the seats in the U.S. Senate. You will vote for all 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. Eleven states and two U.S. territories will hold their gubernatorial elections, and many elections for state legislatures will also take place this year.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau (www.census.gov), in the 2008 presidential election, 64 percent of voting-age citizens voted. Service members have a history of greater-than-average participation in elections.

Data from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (www.FVAP.gov) indicates that 77 percent of the military registered to vote in the 2010 election, compared to 65 percent of the civilian population. Throughout history, people have fought and died for your freedom to vote.

Our Constitution has five amendments (15th, 17th, 19th, 24th and 26th)

that pertain to voting. Voting is an essential part of our democratic process.

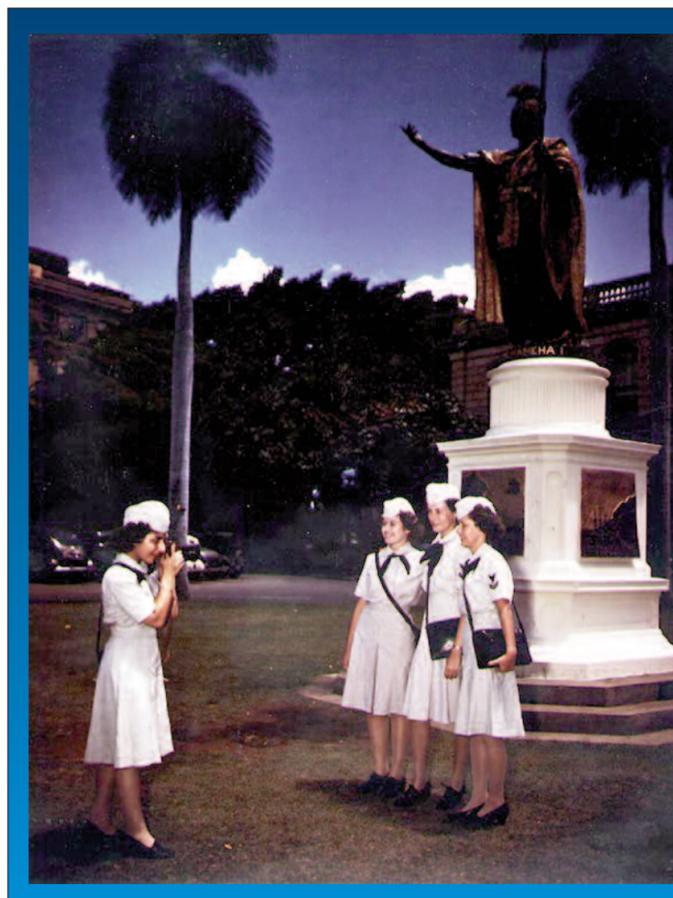
Abraham Lincoln called democracy "government of the people, by the people and for the people," in his Gettysburg Address. Living in a democracy means we have the privilege to decide who will represent us and how they will represent us. We have the right to vote. Your vote sends the message to your elected leaders that they are responsible for the decisions they make on issues that are important to you.

Why vote? Because you can. For more information on voting, please contact your unit's voting assistance officer.

## Porter Gate to be closed Sunday morning and afternoon

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii (NAVFAC Hawaii) will be conducting maintenance at the Porter Gate of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Sunday.

Expect one lane at a time to be closed for this maintenance, with traffic routed through one side of the gate at a time during the maintenance period.



## WAVES shown on liberty in Honolulu during 1945

Yeoman 3rd Class Margaret Jean Fusco photographs three friends by King Kamehameha's statue in Honolulu, circa spring 1945. Posing from left to right are Yeoman 2nd Class Jennie Reinhart, Yeoman 2nd Class Muriel Caldwell and Yeoman 2nd Class June Read.

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# VP-9 Golden Eagles celebrate 61st birthday at MCBH, Kaneohe Bay

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MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII, KANEHOE BAY, Hawaii – Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) was commissioned on March, 15 1951 at Naval

Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island, Wash. In July 1992, they moved to NAS Barbers Point and in 1999, VP-9 transitioned to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. The Golden Eagles are part of the rich history of Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aviation (MPRA). They initially started flying the P-4Y2 "Privateer," followed by the P-2V "Neptune" in 1955 and eventually the P-3C "Orion" in 1966. Within a few years, VP-9 will take possession of the Navy's newest aircraft, the P-8 "Poseidon."



U.S. Navy photo by AWF2 Amanda De Welles

One of Patrol Squadron Nine's (VP-9) youngest Sailors, Aviation Machinist's Mate Airman Brittney Mueller, cuts the cake with VP-9's commanding officer, Cmdr. Richard Prest, in celebration of the Golden Eagles' 61st birthday.



Sailors from Patrol Squadron Four's Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions take part in a cleanup of He'eia Stream.

## VP-4's CSADD helps protect He'eia Stream

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Patrol Squadron Four Public Affairs

Patrol Squadron Four's (VP-4) Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) chapter recently partnered with the He'eia Stream Restoration project to protect the He'eia Stream.

Continuing to strengthen community relations, the CSADD chapter worked with more than 30 people from the local Kaneohe area, clearing areas of non-native species and debris, spreading mulch, planting native species, and maintaining planted areas. "There were many invasive species taking up too much water, so it was important to eliminate those plants while ensuring the native

plants are able to grow in the area," said Aviation Electronics Mate 3rd Class (AW) Edrico Garcia, a CSADD member.

The He'eia Stream Project started in 2010 to restore 4,000 feet of riparian habitat in He'eia Stream. In addition to rejuvenating the area, the future goal of the He'eia Stream Restoration project is to allow community groups to utilize the project as an educational experience. "It's a great opportunity to volunteer and give back to the community, while spending time outdoors," Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class Karah Mabry, VP-4 CSADD president.

VP-4's CSADD chapter was established in July 2011. While adhering to its mission statement, "Shipmates Helping Shipmates," the organization works to create a culture in which its members maintain a course of success through good decision making.

# Cell phones can be used on base with 'hands-free' devices

Navy Region Hawaii

The following instruction applies to people driving on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam: "Per IAW Navy HHQ regulations (CNIC 5530.14, CNIC Ashore Protection Program), cellular phones can be used on

base when using hands-free devices.

Hands-free devices include console/dash mounted or otherwise secured cellular phones with integrated features such as voice activation, speed dial, speaker phone or other similar technology

for sending and receiving calls.

There is no requirement that it be built into the vehicle. However, driver use of any portable, personal listening device worn inside the aural canal, around or covering the driver's ear (including

wired or wireless ear-phones and headphones, Bluetooth® or similar technology) is not authorized on base while operating a motor vehicle, except for fire and emergency response or law enforcement/security purposes.

Hearing aids or devices designed and required for hearing enhancement are exempt from this prohibition.

As for the penalty, violation of the cell phone policy on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) warrants a mandatory joint

base traffic court appearance. It is up to the traffic court administrator to determine what sanctions to impose. However, three points will be assessed against a driver's base driving record for violations of the cell phone policy."

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# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



John Lenyo, president and general manager for CAE USA, talks to commanders and state representatives at the March 26 opening ceremony for the new KC-135 flight simulator at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

The guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57) conducts operations off the coast of Hawaii.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Class Sean Furey



(Above) A spouse and daughter of a Sailor assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77) hold up a sign as the ship departs March 22 from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a deployment to the western Pacific. The crew of more than 250 Sailors will conduct integrated operations in conjunction with coalition partners.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Dustin W. Sisco



Photo courtesy of City and County of Honolulu

Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle recently signed a Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2012 Proclamation at his office at Honolulu Hale. Representatives from the Navy's Sexual Assault Prevention Response program at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam participated in the event. Left to right are Operations Specialist 2nd Class Shavone Garnett, victim advocate; Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Timothy Magee, victim advocate; Shari Freeman, Sexual Assault Response coordinator; Mayor Carlisle; Louella Cazimero-Bactad, Sexual Assault Response coordinator; and Master-at-Arms 1st Class Laurie Taylor, victim advocate. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65), (left) and the guided-missile destroyer USS Benfold (DDG 65) are moored side-by-side at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Benfold, which shares the same hull number as Chosin, is scheduled to participate in the upcoming Koa Kai exercise in April.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Donald W. Randall



# Yellow fever mosquito: It's back – after 63 years

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Aedes aegypti is back.

The recent re-emergence of the yellow fever mosquito, *Aedes aegypti*, which hasn't been an inhabitant of the island of Oahu for more than 63 years, has caused quite a stir in a normally laid back community.

Well-known on the Big Island, its re-emergence is a cause for concern on Oahu as the mosquito is known to transmit debilitating diseases like dengue fever, yellow fever, chikungunya fever, and other pathogens.

Unlike its more Oahu-established "cousin," the Asian tiger mosquito, *Aedes albopictus*, it is a much more efficient vector of disease due to its biology and behavior, especially its preference for feeding on humans indoors. This is of particular concern due to

last year's outbreak on Oahu of dengue fever and the more recent outbreaks of dengue as seen in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Yap, Federated States of Micronesia.

The yellow fever mosquito is very similar in appearance to the Asian tiger mosquito, with a dark

body and white stripes or markings on the legs and abdomen. A trained entomologist can easily tell the difference between the two, but others may find it challenging to separate them, especially if it's been recently swatted.

Dengue is a mosquito-borne viral infection found

in tropical and subtropical climates worldwide. It causes a severe flu-like illness also known as "break-bone fever" and sometimes develops into a potentially lethal complication called dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF). There is no specific treatment or vaccine for dengue, but appropriate

medical care frequently saves the lives of patients with the more serious form, DHF. The only way to prevent transmission is to combat the disease-carrying mosquito.

Infected humans are the main carriers and multipliers of the virus for uninfected mosquitoes. The virus circulates in the blood of infected humans for two to seven days, at about the same time that they have a fever. Female *Aedes* mosquitoes may pick up the virus when they feed on a sick individual during this period. Once a female mosquito becomes infected, she can transmit the virus for the rest of her life. Male mosquitoes do not bite and are not blood-feeders.

Prevention is key. U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit 2 Pacific, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, the 15th Medical Group and the State of Hawaii want to remind

everyone to clean up trash and empty any water containers (plant pots, jars, cups, plastic dishes, etc.) found around your home to prevent mosquitoes from breeding.

Protect yourself by wearing personal insect repellent such as those containing DEET (20-30 percent) or picaridin. Repair window and door screens to keep mosquitoes from entering your home. Wearing lighter colored clothing that covers and protects skin can also help prevent bites. The appropriate application of larvicides can be especially useful in long term control. Natural larvicidal products containing Bti and mosquito-eating fish or copepods may also be helpful. However, during outbreaks, emergency control measures can also include broad application of adult insecticides by ULV using portable, truck or even air-plane-mounted machines.

## *This week in* **USAF & PACAF** *History*

**Charles Nicholls**

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On April 1, 1952, Korean War aerial victories took place. Fifth Air Force Sabre pilots in the Korean War destroyed 10 MiGs while losing one F-86. Col. Francis S. Gabreski, U.S. Air Force, commander of the 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing, destroyed a MiG to become the eighth jet ace of the war.

On Dec. 7, 1941, Gabreski was on Oahu pushing airworthy aircraft away from flames and explosions after the Japanese attack. He was one of the few P-36 pilots to get airborne in case the Japanese attackers returned. During World War II, Gabreski scored 28 kills in the European theater – the most of any pilot fighting the Luftwaffe. In the Korean War, Gabreski scored 6.5 kills and was one of only seven pilots to become an ace in two wars. Gabreski stated about

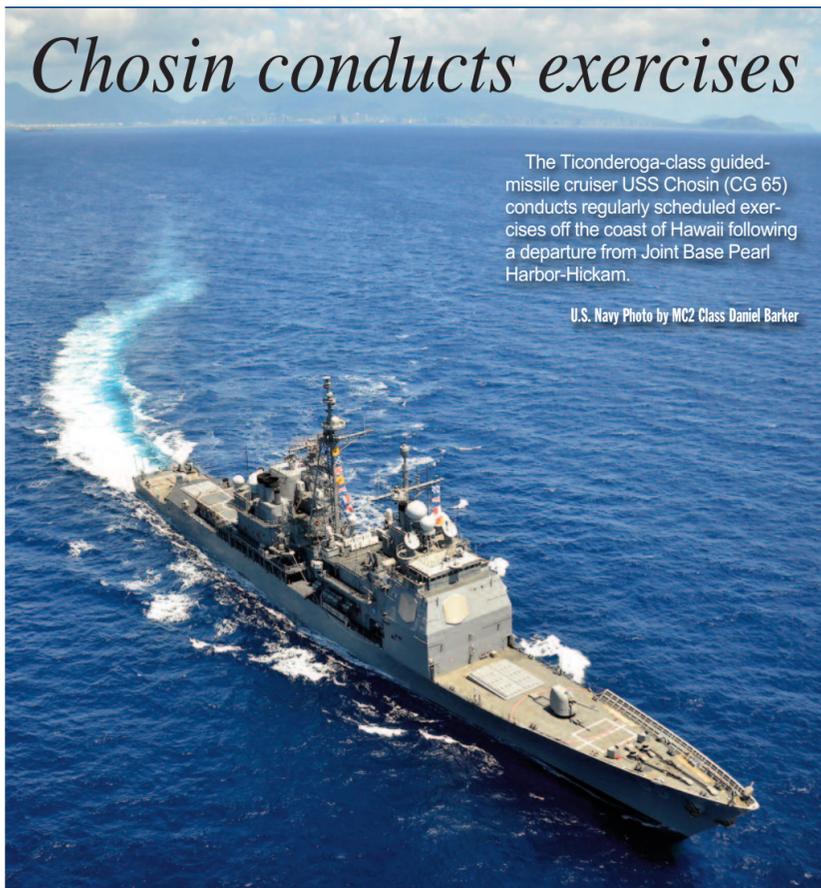


wingmen: "The wingman is absolutely indispensable. I look after the wingman. The wingman looks after me. It's another set of eyes protecting you. That's the defensive part. Offensively, it gives you a lot more firepower. We work together. We fight together. The wingman knows what his responsibilities are, and knows what mine are. Wars are not won by individuals. They're won by teams."

## *Chosin conducts exercises*

The Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) conducts regularly scheduled exercises off the coast of Hawaii following a departure from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

*U.S. Navy Photo by MC2 Class Daniel Barker*



# First Air Force female four-star general confirmed

## Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Senate confirmed Air Force Lt. Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger for promotion March 26, making her the first female four-star general in Air Force history.

Wolfenbarger currently serves as the military deputy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition here, and she is one of four female lieutenant generals in the Air Force.

"This is an historic occasion for the Air Force," said Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley. "General



U.S. Air Force photo by Michael Pausic

Wolfenbarger's 32 years of extraordinary leadership service, highlighted by and devotion to duty, make

her exceptionally qualified for this senior position and to serve as the next commander of Air Force Materiel Command [AFMC]."

"I am honored to have been confirmed by the Senate for promotion to the rank of general and to serve as commander of Air Force Materiel Command. Until I take command of AFMC, I will continue to focus on the important Air Force acquisition work here at the Pentagon," said Wolfenbarger.

Wolfenbarger, a native of Beavercreek, Ohio, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1980 after graduat-

ing in the first class with female cadets at the Air Force Academy.

The general has held several positions in the F-22 System Program Office at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, served as the F-22 lead program element monitor at the Pentagon, and was the B-2 System program director for the Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB.

Prior to her current assignment, Wolfenbarger was the vice commander of Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB.

Wolfenbarger received her third star in December 2009

and became the Air Force's highest-ranking woman in January 2010.

Women currently make up 9.1 percent of the Air Force's general officer ranks. In addition to the four female lieutenant generals, there are 12 major generals and 11 brigadier generals.

"This is an exciting time that pays homage to the generations of female Airmen, whose dedication, commitment and sacrifice helped open the doors for General Wolfenbarger and other female Airmen who will follow," said Air Force Chief of Staff General Norton Schwartz.

# Sky is limit for Air Force women today

## Martha Lockwood

### Defense Media Activity

*(Editor's note: This article commemorates Women's History Month. This story deals with the contributions women made to the Air Force during the years following the end of the Korean War up until shortly after the Gulf War. Please see the March 23 Ho'okele for an additional story.)*

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. (AFNS) -- By the end of the Korean War (1953), 12,800 WAF officers and enlisted women were serving worldwide, and in 1955, Air Force nurses experienced a moment of turnabout when men were accepted into the Air Force Nurse Corps.

The Vietnam War (1965-75) numbers reveal a different story than the Korean War. American women military serving in Southeast Asia numbered 7,000, with 600 to 800 reported to be WAFs.

No longer thought of only as nurses or medical evacua-

tion personnel, WAFs also served in a variety of support staff assignments, in hospitals, with MASH units, in service clubs, in headquarters offices, intelligence and in a variety of personnel positions throughout Southeast Asia.

With the 1967 repeal of the two percent cap on the number of women serving, and the lifting of the restriction on the highest grade women could achieve, the first of many glass ceilings was shattered.

Then in 1968 the passage of Public Law 90-130 allowed women to enlist in the Air National Guard, and on campuses in 1969, Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFROTC) opened to women.

Perhaps the most notable (to date) women's accomplishment came in 1971 when Jeanne M. Holm was promoted to brigadier general. She was the first female Airman to reach that rank. It was an achievement that would serve as inspiration for women throughout the WAFs for two years until 1973 when she was promoted to major general.



Maj. Gen. Jeanne M. Holm

Brig. Gen. Susan J. Helms

It was that same year, 1973, that the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Air Force Lt. Sharon Frontiero and changed military life forever. The Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional the inequities in benefits for the dependents of military women. Until then, military women with dependents were not authorized housing, nor were their dependents eligible for the benefits and privileges afforded the dependents of male military members, such as medical, commissary and post exchange benefits.

By the end of the Vietnam

War (1975), the Department of Defense had reversed policies and provided pregnant women with the option of electing discharge or remaining on active duty. Previous policies had required women to be discharged if they became pregnant or if they adopted a child.

By the conclusion of the WAF program (1976) when women were accepted into the Air Force on an equal basis with men, women were laying a solid groundwork for attaining leadership positions and equal opportunities.

It was that year, our country's bicentennial and more than 200 years since women

first served on the battlefield of the American Revolution as nurses, water bearers, cooks, laundresses and saboteurs, that women were admitted to the service academies.

After that, the sky was the limit. In 1976, the Air Force selected the first woman reservist for the undergraduate pilot training program, and the Air Force Strategic Air Command (SAC) assigned the first woman aircrew member to alert duty.

In 1980, the first women graduated from the service academies, and just two years after that (1982), the Air Force selected the first woman aviator for test pilot school.

Six Air Force women served as pilots, copilots and boom operators on the KC-135 and KC-10 tankers that refueled FB-111s during the raid on Libya in 1986.

That year was a banner year academically for women as, for the first time in history, the Air Force Academy's

top graduate was a woman.

The war in the Persian Gulf (1990-91) deployed 40,000 American military women during Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. At the end of that war, the Air Force Reserve selected its first woman senior advisor, and Congress repealed laws banning women from flying in combat.

It wasn't until 1993 that women stood on the threshold of space. In that year, Brig. Gen. Susan J. Helms (then Maj. Helms), a member of the first class of the U. S. Air Force Academy ('80) to graduate women, became the first American military woman in space as part of the Space Shuttle Endeavor team.

By then, the Civil War had been over for 125 years and our nation had seen, endured and survived two world wars, the riots of the '60s, the war protests of the '70s, and the Space Shuttle Challenger setback of the '80s.

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# Joint medevac team provides state-of-the-art care for patient

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The ECMO system was one fraction of a very complex system that comprises the USAF aeromedical evacuation system infrastructure. In less than 24 hours, the medical team was organized, a C-17 was secured by the 613th Air Mobility Division's aeromedical evacuation control team, and multi-institutional equipment and supplies were all coordinated. In addition, a special ECMO stretcher, full of tubes, wires and medical devices, was constructed for what one Soldier described as a successful mission.

"For us, a successful mission is any mission where we can retrieve a patient anywhere in the Pacific theater, bring them back here to Tripler Army Medical Center, without any degradation in patient condi-

tion and no adverse events before, during or after the flight," said Staff Sgt. Brendan Beely, Joint Medical Attendant Transport Team non-commission officer in charge at TAMC.

The core medical transport team included perfusionists (a specialized health professional who operates the ECMO heart-lung machine), pulmonologists, a cardio-thoracic surgeon, registered nurses and respiratory therapists.

"The critical care air transport teams are part of what has revolutionized air evacuation here in the United States and around the world," said Col. Paul Friedrichs, Pacific Air Forces command surgeon. "We now can provide the same level of care in the air that you can get in any intensive care units in the United States. This mission today is a great example –

this is the first time in the Pacific Air forces where we have been able to take a patient whose lungs were not working, put them on a lung bypass machine called an ECMO machine, fly them all the way from Okinawa to (Hawaii) and save their life."

The colonel added, "What's particularly impressive to me about this, that I'm so proud of, is that this is a joint team of medics. We've got Army, Air Force and Navy medics as well as some of our civilian experts helping us provide state-of-the-art ICU care for this patient, and we are making sure that wherever the warfighter goes he or she can get the best care in the world."

Aeromedical evacuation dates back to World War II where injured patients weren't transported by fixed wing aircraft until they were stable,

requiring about 45 days on average during the Vietnam War to evacuate patients from Vietnam to the United States. Today, patients can be evacuated within three days from point of injury all the way through the air evacuation system and back to the United States.

Tyree, who previously worked in the neonatal/pediatric ECMO program at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, says even when a patient dies despite the best efforts of a military medical team, "what gives families the greatest sense of peace is that the government cares. It's as if the president himself has reached out to them."

Tyree added, "This mission would not have been possible without the tremendous multidisciplinary effort put forth by so many including 13th Air

Force, United States Transportation Command's Theater Patient Movement Requirements Center Pacific, 535th Airlift Squadron, TAMC, PACAF CCATT Element East, and the Hanuola ECMO program of Hawaii. The family greatly appreciates the special care taken by the U.S. military to try to save their son."

The medevac team was led by Army Lt. Col. (Dr.) Erik Osborn, a staff pulmonologist and critical care specialist at Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii. Osborn's previous assignment was at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany where he has transported Wounded Warriors from Iraq and Afghanistan on extracorporeal membrane oxygenation as a member on the acute lung rescue team.