

Wahine sailors race at Pearl Harbor

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Pearl Harbor Yacht Club

A total of 10 teams of women sailors competed in a wahine regatta, held at Rainbow Bay Marina and hosted by Pearl Harbor Yacht Club recently.

Competing in wind gusts up to 25 knots, the sailors completed a total of five races, with teams from Waikiki Yacht Club and Pearl Harbor Yacht Club placing first and second, and third place going to another team from Waikiki Yacht Club.

The regatta included both military and civilian women from yacht clubs around Oahu and also from Maui, and was held in the recreational sailing area of Pearl Harbor's east loch. Teams of two to three wahine sailors each competed in a round-robin series of races, with teams swapping boats after each race to ensure a fair distribution of competitors and equipment.

Eight Catalina 18-foot sailboats from Rainbow Bay Marina comprised the racing fleet, watched over by a Morale, Welfare and Recreation safety boat and a race committee boat.

Leslie Foster, from Waikiki Yacht Club, was the winning skipper, with

crew members Cecilia Jansson and Madelen Kype.

Second place went to skipper Benton Whitesides from Pearl Harbor Yacht Club, with crew member Holly D'Agostino.

Rounding out the awardees at third place was skipper Eric Magee from Waikiki Yacht Club, and her crew of Katie Greenlee and Kerri Schweibert. Other competitors included teams from Pacific Yacht Club, Kaneohe Yacht Club, Hawaii Yacht Club, Makani Kai Yacht Club and Maui Boat and Yacht Club.

The regatta was the first in a series of regattas organized by the Hawaii Yacht Racing Association to determine an overall winner for the Wahine Skipper of the Year trophy. An additional race was held in April and others are scheduled for July at Kaneohe Yacht Club, and in August at Waikiki Yacht Club and also at Pacific Yacht Club.

This is the third year of a series of reinvigorated wahine regattas, which have significantly expanded the role of women sailors in the local yachting community. The military sailing clubs of Joint Base Pearl

Harbor-Hickam, both Pearl Harbor Yacht Club and Pacific Yacht Club, offer opportunities for both men and women sailors to learn and hone their sailing skills. Sailors also have a chance to compete with local yachters, participating in a year-round series of events that welcomes all newcomers.

Pearl Harbor Yacht Club was established in 1924 and was one of the premier social clubs on Oahu in the pre-WWII years. Following the war, the club was reorganized as a military sailing club which also included members from the civilian community.

The club was based at the old U.S. Navy recreational beach on Keehi Lagoon in the 1950s and 1960s, and relocated to Rainbow Bay Marina in 1973 when that facility was constructed to replace the recreational beach lost to the new reef runway at Honolulu International Airport.

The club conducts recreational sailing every Thursday afternoon at Rainbow Bay Marina.



Football tournament scores touchdown for SAAM

Story and photos by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

A total of 10 flag football teams, made up of members from all military services, converged on Makalapa Field near the headquarters of Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COM-PACFLT) to engage in a friendly tournament that highlighted a serious message.

The 2nd Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) Flag Football Tournament, held April 28, capped off a full month of activities and education on the seriousness of sexual assault.

The U.S. Department of Defense, slogan for this year's SAAM is "Hurts one. Affects all."

Teams such as the Gunners, Skinny Dragons, The Reapers, Team Unicorns, Titans, The "A" Team, Sunday's Finest, Average Joes, Green Machine and Not in this Navy, participated in the tournament, which was coordinated through the efforts of the office of the Navy Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program and the COM-PACFLT Junior Enlisted Association (JEA).

Donations collected from the tournament will go to the Sex Abuse Treatment Center, a program of Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children.

While the Skinny Dragons, a team made up of Navy, Marines, Army and Department of Defense (DoD) civilians, prevailed over the Titans, 20-19, to win the tournament's championship, tourney

coordinator Operations Specialist 2nd Class Alvin Balthazar said that this was an event in which everyone emerged as a winner.

"I know that every single person that was out here, even if their team lost, they're still a winner," Balthazar said. "That's why we gave out certificates to basically let them know what they were a part of and contributed to. So they can have a little piece of memorabilia to reflect upon every time they look at it and remember, 'Hey, this is what I did for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.'"

According to Shari Freeman, who works with Louella Cazimero-Bactad as Navy sexual assault response coordinators, the blending of a fun event with information on a serious topic really helped to get the message out.

"It's easier to get people to come out and play football than it is to come out to a rally," said Freeman, a DoD civilian. "People want to play. There's already teams and leagues that are made up, so it's kind of an easy transition to have people do what they want to do for a good purpose."

Prior to the start of the tourney's first game, Freeman gave a short speech about the devastating effect sexual assault can have on combat readiness and beyond.

Although she wouldn't say that sexual assault is on the rise in the military, Freeman admitted that it's becoming less hidden.

"We can't say that it's growing," she said. "The numbers are getting larger, but we can say that we are seeing more reports. Although that still doesn't speak to how much it happens because it's the most underreported crime. We just know that because we are doing so much more awareness and education, more people know how to report and feel more comfortable reporting, so that's why we see an increase."

Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Christopher Merz, United States Pacific Command (PACOM), who was still playing tackle football two years ago, said that the competition at the tournament was tough, but he understood that he and others were playing for a much tougher issue.

"It's definitely for a good cause," he stated. "I didn't mind investing a little off time to come out here and support it. Personally, I don't know anyone that's been through that (sexual assault), but it's definitely some-

thing I don't want anybody to go through. And if they did, I would want to be there to help them out."

One participant, Kendra Cunningham, a military spouse, who recently played on the Women's Flag Football League champions Navy Sharks, said that supporting a SAAM event was the

right thing to do.

"I think it's very important because we need to support what's going on here," Cunningham said. "What our part is, at least we can have one small part in it."

Balthazar said that while the tournament took a lot of planning and work, he credited several members of the JEA for helping to pull it off.

Even though the tournament was difficult to coordinate, Balthazar said it was a pleasure to do, and he is looking forward to next year.

"You take yourself out of the equation," he explained. "When you do something like this, it's not for self, but for others. So for us to do this, it's an honor."



Weather Squadron puts smackdown on NIOC 'A' team

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The 17th Operational Weather Squadron (17 OWS) scored two goals April 28 in the first half and three in the second to breeze through their much-anticipated showdown against the league-leading Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) "A" team in a 5-1 win at Earhart Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The battle between the top two teams in the Gold Division turned out to be a blowout for the 17 OWS, which raised their record to a spotless 6-0, while NIOC dropped their second game of the season and now holds a mark of 6-2-1.

"We got a really talented team - a lot more talented than last year," said 17 OWS striker Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class Dan Hicks, who scored one goal and passed for an assist in the second half. "We went to the semifinals last year, so we hope to get to the championship game this year."

The 17 OWS posted their first goal early in the first half on a picture-perfect play that started with an outside pass from 1st Lt. David Moreno to Staff Sgt. Andres Aponte, who planted himself just beyond the goal.

Aponte took the pass and topped a slow shot to the goal, which looked headed for the goalkeeper, at first, but instead took a funny bounce and skipped into the net.

"What I like to see is keep it simple, and that's what they did," said retired Master Sgt. Jerry Dolan, who is the head coach of the 17 OWS. "The pass was no longer than five yards and he (Aponte) got a shot off."

Meanwhile, the team's second score of the first half came through the courtesy of NIOC defensive back Cryptologic Technician



Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class Dan Hicks, striker for 17th Operational Weather Squadron (17 OWS), puts a shot on goal following breakaway during a Gold Division showdown against the Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) "A" team.

(Technical) 3rd Class Jarrett Bennett, who made a good play to kick the ball away from 17 OWS forwards, but inadvertently booted the ball back and into his own goal for a 2-0 OWS lead.

Playing with the wind at their back in the second half, the 17 OWS stepped up their attack and flooded the front of the field with pressure from the outside.

Hicks added the team's third goal on only its second kick on goal in the second half and was supported with a breakaway goal by Senior Airman John Steigerwald, who was moved up from his usual position of sweeper.

Later, Hicks feigned a drive to the goal to draw the NIOC goalkeeper away from his position near the goal.

Hicks then kicked a pass to Ashley Dolan, the coach's daughter, who shot in the team's fifth and final goal of the game.

While the 17 OWS enjoyed a solid first half, Dolan said he was much more satisfied with the results of the second half.

"To me, soccer is a beautiful game if it is played well," Dolan noted. "That second half was beautiful because we were touching the ball and using each other."

Dolan, a veteran coach of

over 25 years, said that the players entered the game with a plan and stuck to it to earn the one-sided victory.

"I'm a possession coach," Dolan admitted. "What I like is maintain possession. If they (opposition) don't get the ball, they cannot score."

During the entire matchup, NIOC got only four kicks on goal, with the third shot, from the foot of Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 2nd Class (SA) Dylan Harris, going into the net for the team's only score.

Bennett said that although the loss was disappointing, he believes

that the team will quickly put it away and come back strong.

"I knew coming into this game that we would be missing some key players," said Bennett, who pointed out that NIOC was in major-deployment season and played against the 17 OWS short of a full roster. "We'll take it, learn from it and look forward to seeing them again."

Following the win, Hicks said that if his team wants to keep on winning, then it has to focus on each game and not become overconfident.

"Be humble," Hicks stated. "We played really well last year, but couldn't get it

finished. We're undefeated right now, so we just need to continue playing our game. As long as we keep doing that, we have a good shot of running the table."

Dolan said that the success of the team has him rethinking about the way he first approached the season.

"I don't focus on winning and losing," he said. "I got individual training plans, and they've all exceeded that to this point, so now I have to kind of reevaluate where I want to get them. We play ourselves and if they do what their level is and exceed that we'll be fine. Winning will take care of itself."

Bats keep on popping in 735th AMS win over 120th FW

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For the big bats of the undefeated 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735 AMS), mercy-rule endings have become habit forming and their last game versus the 120th Fighter Wing Det. 1 (120 FW Det. 1) turned out to be more of the same.

Bursting out with an 11-run first inning May 1, the 735 AMS walloped the 120 FW, 22-0, in a shortened Gold Division intramural softball game at Hickam Softball Complex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win kept the co-division leader's record spotless at 6-0, while the struggling 120 FW dropped to 1-5.

In the early-ending rout, the 735 AMS did an excellent job of hitting the ball into the open spaces on the field and continued their torrid pace through the top of the third, when the home umpire called a sudden halt to the matchup after Tech. Sgt. Jeff Taylor blasted a deep shot over the right-field fence for a bases-clearing grand slam.

While everyone on the 735 managed to get the barrel on the ball, Taylor had a fantastic day at the plate.

The outfielder stepped into the box with the bases loaded three times and delivered on all occasions.

Taylor crushed a pitch over the head of the 120 FW right fielder for a bases-clearing double, and then followed up by hitting a sizzling shot over first base and into the right-field corner for a three-RBI triple, before clubbing the walk-off home run.

In total, the left-handed slugger drove in nine RBIs in three at-bats.

"Base hit. That's all I'm thinking about," said Taylor



Tech. Sgt. Jeff Taylor, outfielder for the 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735 AMS), is about to crush a pitch for a bases-clearing grand slam during a Gold Division matchup against the 120th Fighter Wing Det. 1 (120 FW Det. 1).

in describing what he felt each time he walked into the box. "Hit it and make sure it drops on the grass so I can move my runners. All I ever worry about is not to try and hit it deep. All I'm thinking is line drive and let the ball do its work."

Tucked in the 735's tough batting order, Taylor said that playing with a team full of hitters makes it easy to focus on making contact.

"The whole team, everybody did a great job putting the bat on the ball," Taylor said, "working

it, putting them down on the grass and making the hits count."

With the team racking up runs, one player that seemed to have an easy outing on the field was 735 pitcher Staff Sgt. Tom Sherrod.

The hurler worked an easy one, two, three inning in the first and posted another goose egg in the second inning after giving up two singles.

Sherrod credited the team's solid fielding for his success on the mound.

"The thing is that I know that I have all my guys behind me," he stated. "My guys behind me, I have complete trust in, so I just go up there and throw the ball and make it hittable. If it's hittable, I know my guys are going to take care of me."

Otherwise, Sherrod said he also has a selection of pitches to keep the batters honest.

"I like to throw a little curve, a knuckle, a little back spin or forward spin," Sherrod admitted. "But as long as it's close, it's good to have guys do what they do."

Although the team seems to be running on all cylinders, as the regular-season winds down, Taylor said that it's important to keep focused and not let the blowout wins go to their heads.

Taylor pointed out that in softball, any team has a chance to win.

"We had a game two weeks ago with a team that had, I think a 2-3 record, and they just turned it up on us the whole game," Taylor said. "We won by two runs, but they were hitting the ball every inning, so you can't really come in and be overconfident."

While both Taylor and Sherrod believe that the 735 has the potential to go all the way to the championship game, Sherrod said that no matter what happens, playing on the squad with a bunch of great guys makes the season worthwhile.

"What's crazy is we're actually two different career fields in our squadron," Sherrod pointed out. "We're maintenance and transportation, but this brings us together and makes us one group. It's just good times."

Spending plan can help you know how much money you have

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Polls show that everyone is concerned with the increasing cost of gas, food and just about everything else.

As financial counselors, we believe that a spending plan (another name for budget) is the most effective

financial management tool available. It does not matter if you earn thousands of dollars a year or hundreds of thousands of dollars.

It is important that you know how much money you have to spend and where you are spending it. A spending plan is needed to produce a desired result and with it, you can control your financial resources, set and realize goals, and

decide in advance how your money will work for you. The idea behind budgeting is to save money up front for known and unknown expenses. A good spending plan will allow you to know exactly how much money you have, even down to the penny, if you want.

Communication: A budget is a communication tool to discuss priorities for where your money should be spent. Creating it

together is key to resolving differences about money handling.

Control: A budget will allow you to take charge of your finances. You can be in control of your money instead of having your money limit what you do.

Hidden money: A budget will produce extra money for you to do with as you wish. Hidden fees and interest paid to outsiders can be eliminated forever.

Savings, even small ones, can be accumulated and made to work for you. We have found it helpful to "put that debit card away." Try using cash for such things as eating out (based on what you allotted in your budget). Don't worry about the money when you know where it's going. Worry about the money that you have no clue where it went. Have you ever pulled out \$100 from the ATM and by

the end of the day you say, where did it all go?

If you would like some assistance preparing a spending plan, the accredited financial counselors at Military and Family Support Center are available for free, confidential appointments. To schedule an appointment, call 474-1999 or check out financial classes that are being offered at www.greatlife-hawaii.com.

My favorite photo...



Using a long distance lens, Zeenat Mian, the wife of a retired Navy service member, took this photo April 10 at White Plains Beach. This is a male Hawaiian monk seal called Kermit. He usually hangs out between Nimitz Beach and White Plains. He goes to the ocean at night to forage and sleeps during the day at the beach.

WHO SAID IT?

"There are no traffic jams along the extra mile."

Last Week's WHO SAID IT?

"Independence is happiness."

Susan B. Anthony



This Week's Trivia

When did Lt. Edward V. Rickenbacker, the leading U.S. ace of World War I with 26 victories, shoot down his first airplane?

Last Issue's Question: When did Gov. James Barbour of Virginia issue a general order to the brigadier generals of the state militia establishment, calling them into service against the British? **Answer:** The governor issued the general order on April 19, 1812. The order put on notice the 12,000 or so militiamen in the state.

Shipyard workers test prototypes

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard workers tested prototypes of new equipment under actual work conditions during the First Submarine Corrosion Control Applied Innovation Challenge Contest held recently.

The initiative, sponsored by the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) Team Submarine research and development office, featured products by four companies in the areas of ballast tank communications, personal protective equipment cooling, and work area lighting.

Coatings and services shop workers tried out the equipment aboard a submarine in dry dock and in the sandblasting facility and then filled out evaluation forms. Their comments will be used by the companies to further refine their equipment designs to meet worker needs, according to Dr. James Fabunmi of AHDC, the vendor hired by NAVSEA to coordinate the initiative.

"(Pearl Harbor) is the first shipyard to embrace the vision of this approach," he said.

"It's a way to get the technology with less guesswork," he explained. The contest is

about "engaging the end user while competing who has the best ideas as expressed in the form of prototypes. ... (And) if the prototypes aren't good enough, it's determining what needs to be improved."

Jesse Kruse, Sandblaster,

and one of the workers who evaluated products, was asked what he thought of the innovation contest. "I think it's a good idea," he said. "As technology gets better, we can do the job quicker, faster, more efficiently and safely."



U.S. Navy photo by Marshall Fukuki

Bianca "Binx" Freitas, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard painter apprentice, tests a prototype radio on the floor of dry dock two. She and other trades workers evaluated communications, personal cooling and work lighting systems under development by companies participating in a week-long innovation competition sponsored by the Naval Sea Systems Command.

Armed Services Blood Program to hold upcoming donor drives this month

Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has scheduled upcoming blood drives, as part of the Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP).

They include:

- May 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe chapel.
- May 8, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Schofield Barracks Tropics.
- May 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fort Shafter 205th.
- May 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Joint Base Pearl Harbor-

Hickam Personnel Support Detachment Moanalua Center.

- May 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Naval Submarine Support Command (NSSC), 822 Clark St., Ste. 400, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.
- May 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Schofield Barracks 65th Engineers.
- May 16, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Schofield Barracks Main Exchange.
- May 22, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., SPAWAR Hawaii, Victor Wharf Access Road, building

992, Pearl City.

- May 23, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hickam Exchange building 1235, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam;
 - May 29, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Joint Intelligence Operations Center (JIOC) building, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.
 - May 30, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tripler Army Medical Center Exchange.
- For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd-army.mil.

PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM Manawa Nanea LEISURE

Morale Welfare & Recreation

SPRING CRAFT FAIR AND FAMILY FUN
The spring craft fair and family fun day will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center lawn. Vendors will sell original, handmade art, jewelry and crafts. The event will also feature food booths, live entertainment, horse rides, youth activities and giveaways. Admission is free. FMI: 448-9907.

FATHER-DAUGHTER DINNER DANCE
A father-daughter dinner dance will be held from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Hickam Officers' Club lanai. The cost is \$15 for each father/daughter pair and \$5 per additional daughter. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 474-1999, ext. 0.

GABRIEL IGLESIAS COMEDY SHOW
Stand-up comedian Gabriel Iglesias, also known as the "fluffy" comic in a Hawaiian shirt, will perform a free show May 10 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Gates open at 5 p.m., and the show starts at 7 p.m. Blanket and chair seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. No pets, bottles or outside food is allowed. The show is recommended for audiences ages 16 years and older. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

WORLD FIRE KNIFE WITH LIBERTY
Traditional Polynesian dancers will perform during the free world fire knife competition May 10 with Liberty. Depart Liberty Express at 4 p.m., Beeman Center at 4:45 p.m., Instant Liberty at 5 p.m. and the Makai Rec Center at 5:15 p.m. This event is for single active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

YOGA BY THE SEA
A free relaxing yoga class will be held near the beach while listening to the sounds of the ocean from 6 to 7 p.m. May 11 at Hickam beach cabana one, on the left side of the former Sea Breeze restaurant. FMI: 448-2214.

ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION
A Morale, Welfare and Recreation abandoned vehicle auction will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 12 at the abandoned car lot at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Vehicles are sold "as is." FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

SUPER GARAGE SALE
A super garage sale will be held from 8 a.m. to noon May 12 at Richardson Field at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. FMI: 473-0792.

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

Community Calendar

May

4-6 - May is fitness and military appreciation month. A family fun fitness fair will be held at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange Mall. Fitness experts from Morale, Welfare and Recreation will provide information about fitness classes, sports equipment and body fat analysis. Tripler Army Medical Center will also attend with various health education booths. Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) will also stop by with healthy treats. FMI: 423-3287.

8 - The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association buffet luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ft. Shafter Hale Ikena Club. The speaker will be Maj. Gen. Stephen D. Tom, commander of the Joint PWE/MIA Account Command on the subject "Until they're home." Military and civilians are welcome. FMI: www.afceahawaii.org or Ken at 441-8524 or Barry at 441-8565.

8 - Each unit/activity is required by base regulation to have a primary and alternate fire warden assigned. The Federal Fire Department is sponsoring a fire warden training class 10 a.m. at Schofield Barracks, building 560, Sergeant Yano Library. FMI: Kevan Miller at 754-4382 or 471-3303, ext. 611 or kevan.miller@navy.mil.

9 - An Asian Pacific American Heritage Month event will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Military and Family Support Center, Hickam lanai at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The theme is "Striving for Excellence in Leadership, Diversity and Inclusion." Guest speaker for the event will be CWO3 Andrew Nguyen. Attendees must be seated 10 minutes prior to the start of the program. FMI: Kathryn.keatts.ctr@navy.mil or 449-0300.

16 - A "Hiring Our Heroes" veterans event titled "Shipmates to Workmates" will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Neal Blaisdell Center, 777 Ward Ave., in Honolulu. Employers must call 536-7222 or email margarete@successshi.com. Job seekers register free at HoH.GreatJob.net to guarantee admission. FMI: www.uschamber.com/hiringour-heroes

24, 27 - All active duty service members are invited to compete in the Military Idol singing competition, which will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) parking lot. Applications to enter will be available at the NEX Aloha Center mall rotunda. Deadline to enter is May 17. First, second and third place winners will receive NEX gift cards. No purchase is necessary. FMI: Stephanie Lau at 423-3287.

Movie Showtimes



Mirror Mirror (PG)

When Snow White's beauty wins the heart of the prince that she desperately pursues, the queen banishes her to the forest, where a man-eating beast hungrily awaits. Rescued by a band of diminutive highway robbers, Snow White grows into an indomitable young woman determined to take back her realm from the treacherous queen. With the support of her subjects, she roars into action in an epic battle that blends spectacle, magic and contemporary humor in Singh's signature, jaw-dropping visual style.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY
7:00 PM John Carter (PG-13)

SATURDAY
2:30 PM Dr. Seuss The Lorax (PG)
4:45 PM A Thousand Words (PG-13)
7:00 PM Silent House (R)

SUNDAY
2:30 PM Dr. Seuss The Lorax (PG)
4:45 PM A Thousand Words (PG-13)
7:15 PM 21 Jump Street (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY
6:00 PM Mirror Mirror (PG)
8:30 PM A Thousand Words (PG-13)

SATURDAY
4:00 PM Dr. Seuss The Lorax (PG)
7:00 PM Mirror Mirror (PG)

SUNDAY
2:00 PM Mirror Mirror (PG)



Commentary

Why commemorate the War of 1812 bicentennial?

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From 2012 to 2015, the United States Navy and its partners will commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the writing of our national anthem, the Star Spangled Banner. It is remarkable that 200 years ago, the first declared war in our nation's history was fought against the two nations which have become our closest allies. Many things change in 200 years, but what doesn't change is the importance of sea power in the affairs of maritime nations.

Since its birth in 1776, the United States has always been a maritime nation, which means that unobstructed access to and free use of the world's oceans are essential to our national welfare and prosperity. That's what the United States went to war in 1812 to defend, and that is what the United States Navy has been protecting ever since.

Why is keeping the seas free so important? Here are a few facts about the world:

- 70 percent of the world is covered by the oceans.

- 80 percent of the world's people live near the oceans.
- 90 percent of all international trade travels on the oceans.

- 95 percent of all global communications are transported under the oceans.

That's the world America lives in today. Looking at those numbers, one begins to understand the immense importance of ensuring the freedom of the oceans with capable and effective sea services.

Since America's Navy began with only six frigates, American sea power has been essential to countering threats, winning wars and furthering the interests of peace and prosperity worldwide. Today one of those first six frigates that 200 years ago fought in the War of 1812, the USS Constitution, is still a commissioned ship in the United States Navy.

Ultimately, the commemoration of the bicentennial of the War of 1812 is a salute to all Sailors and Marines who fought so gallantly against great odds in that conflict, in all of our nation's conflicts between then and now, and those who are today defending

freedom around the world – from the mountains of Afghanistan to the coasts of Africa to the Straits of Hormuz – and standing ready to provide compassionate humanitarian aid from Haiti to Japan to wherever catastrophe strikes.

The Navy and Marine Corps and Coast Guard are what they are because of the quality of the people that served over the last 200 years, and the tens of thousands of Sailors and Marines now making sacrifices every day, something that America can be very grateful has not changed over the past 200 years.

If America remembers the lessons of the naval war of 1812, lessons paid for with the lives of Sailors and Marines, then America can be confident that the nation will always answer Francis Scott Key's question in the affirmative:

"Oh, say does that that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?"

For more information on the bicentennial, visit the website www.ourflagwasstillthere.org.

This Week in USAF and PACAF history

Charles Nicholls

PACAF historian

- On May 1, 1943, Staff Sgt. Maynard H. "Snuffy" Smith, a B-17 gunner on his very first combat mission, earned the first Medal of Honor awarded to an enlisted airman.

On that first mission, Smith's aircraft was badly damaged by German fighters and anti-aircraft artillery. Fires on the aircraft were fed by the fuel supply and burned so hot that they melted holes in the airframe and started exploding the ammunition stores.

Although he could have bailed out and several other crew members had already done so, Smith stayed onboard. For 90 minutes, Smith fired at enemy fighters, threw ammunition out of the aircraft, fought the fires, and gave first aid to the wounded.

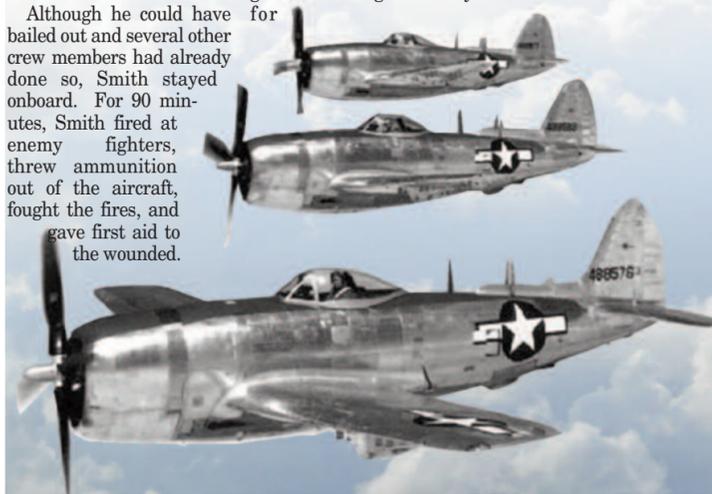
- On May 1, 1945, Operation Chow-hound took place. Eighth Air Force sent nearly 400 B-17s from England on a mercy mission to drop nearly 700 tons of food to starving civilians in German-occupied Holland.

The Germans approved this flight and promised not to shoot down the bombers if they flew along specified routes so as not to observe German troop positions. Eighth Air Force and RAF bombers flew five more missions and delivered nearly 7,900 tons of food.

- On May 4, 1960, a groundbreaking ceremony for

the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) fighter complex was held at the Hickam Harbor-Fort Kamehameha area. Following the ceremony, contractors began work on the \$1,847,000 project, which included a new parking apron, maintenance hangar, annex for administration and supply, roads, and utilities.

- Col. Betty L. Mullis on May 5, 1996, became the first woman to command a flying wing when she assumed command of the 940th Air Refueling Wing (AFRES) at McClellan AFB.



Military history events scheduled with Tuskegee Airmen

Airman 1st Class Un Young Pak

HQ Pacific Air Forces

The Artis-Baham-Goldsborough Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc. will participate in two military history events in May.

The first event is the Fort Derussy "Living History Day" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 19 at the Hawaii Army Museum.

This event commemorates

and educates the public through exhibits of weapons, equipment and insignia throughout history. It will also include people dressed in historical military uniforms reenacting different time periods. The event will also include information booths from various organizations educating others about, and commemorating, military history.

The second event including the chapter is the "WWII West Loch Internees Ceremony"

which will be held at 3 p.m. May 21 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. The ceremony, in collaboration with Hawaii joint military forces and the community, will be held to honor the fallen Soldiers who died at West Loch, Pearl Harbor on May 21, 1944. During the ceremony Philip Baham, an original Tuskegee Airman who resides on Oahu, will be presented with his Congressional Gold Medal by

guest speaker Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

The West Loch incident was the second largest military disaster on Hawaii soil after Dec. 7, 1941. In all 163 men were killed and 396 wounded. The remains are buried in graves marked "unknown" since many were burned beyond identification in the inferno of a half dozen war ships docked in the West Loch Peninsula.

The explosion began with LST 353, where 104 black men from Schofield Barracks 29th Decontamination Unit were unloading mortar ammunition by hand. Six landing ship tanks were destroyed that day and burned for more than 24 hours.

For more information, call Airman 1st Class Un Young Pak at 449-8168 or Deloris Guttman, historian of African American Diversity Cultural Center Hawaii, at 597-1341 or visit www.aadcc.org.

Brief bridge closure planned for morning of May 16

The Adm. Clarey (Ford Island) Bridge will be closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic from 9 to 10:30 a.m. May 16 for routine maintenance. The port security waterborne barrier will be closed during the maintenance period also, and small boat traffic will not be permitted under the bridge.



Myth vs. reality: renewable energy

Naval Facilities
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Myth

Renewable energy is still new and unproven.

Reality

Throughout history renewable energy sources, such as sunshine, wind, water, vegetation and the heat of the earth, have been successfully harnessed and used to provide energy. Almost 2,500 years ago, the Greeks designed their homes to use winter sunlight for heating.

Large, south-facing windows were used to collect solar heat, which was stored in massive walls and floors for gradual release throughout the night.

The wind has also been used as an energy source for centuries. Some of its early uses include propelling ships and pumping water. Today's technological advancements have developed more efficient means of harnessing and using renewable energy sources, and these sources are gaining increasing popularity.

Earth tip: Reduce risk of hazards

At work and at home, reduce the risks caused by hazardous wastes by buying non-toxic materials or the smallest available amount.

Children are particularly sensitive to fumes and residues left by cleaning products, solvents, pesticides and paints. Little ones may open the doors under sinks and think the spray cans and bottles are toys. To reduce the risk of exposing children and pets to these toxic hazards, lock any storage areas.

For more information, email Rebecca Hommon, Navy Region Hawaii environmental counsel, at rebecca.hommon@navy.mil.

Pacific Aviation Museum schedules upcoming events

Upcoming events at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor include:

- May 19, 1:30 to 3 p.m., "Inside Look at The Blackbird with and without a Pilot" hangar talk by museum associate curator and aviation author Jim Goodall at the museum education center. The event is free with paid museum admission.

- May 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Home of the Brave Quilt Project. The event is free with paid admission.

See quilts being made and sign one that will be presented to the family of a fallen Hawaii Soldier.

- June 2, 3, the Battle of Midway commemoration. The commemoration will mark the 70th anniversary of this "turning point in the Pacific" epic battle, with two days of speakers, panel discussions, and the dedication and unveiling of the museum's new "Battle of Midway" exhibit. The event is free to active duty military service members with ID, museum members, and free with regular museum admission.

Commemoration events include:

- June 2 and 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., symposium.

- June 2, 5 to 7 p.m., "Battle of Midway" new exhibit opening and cocktail reception, at museum hangar 79.

For more information and tickets, call 441-1000 or visit the Website www.PacificAviationMuseum.org.