

(Back ground) Scene on board USS Yorktown (CV-5), shortly after she was hit by three Japanese bombs on June 4, 1942 during Battle of Midway. Dense smoke is from fires in her uptakes, caused by a bomb that punctured them and knocked out her boilers.

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Battle of Midway

...turning point in war history

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A tiny U.S. base, situated in the middle of the Pacific on Midway atoll, became one of the great turning points of the war in the Pacific and World War II and earned a pivotal place in world history after the Battle of Midway on June 4-7, 1942.

The Navy suffered devastating losses during the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 and witnessed firsthand the naval superiority of Japan.

But the United States soon took the offensive and after the Doolittle Raid on Japan's home islands in mid-April 1942, Japan realized that the U.S. was a force to be reckoned with. The Battle of Coral Sea in early May caused further embarrassment to the Japanese navy.

Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto, the Japanese Combined Fleet commander, had a plan. He decided to move on the tiny island of Midway to draw out and destroy the U.S. Pacific Fleet's aircraft carrier striking forces. His plan involved knocking out Midway's defenses on Midway,

invading the atoll's two islands, and establishing a Japanese air base there.

According to Yamamoto's plan, U.S. carriers would come out to fight, but would arrive too late to save Midway. He thought that they would also be insufficient to avoid defeat from his own powerful carrier air power.

But thanks to American communications intelligence, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, the U.S. Pacific Fleet commander, figured out Yamamoto's scheme. He prepared an ambush, with American carriers ready and waiting for the Japanese.

On June 4, 1942 one of America's great carrier battles, supported by the skill and dedication of U.S. naval aviators, raged near the small Pacific atoll. When it was over, Japan had lost four irreplaceable fleet carriers. The United States lost one of its three carriers.

The American base at Midway was damaged by the Japanese air attack, but remained operational and subsequently was a vital component in U.S. trans-Pacific offensive.

And as they say, the rest is history. (Information provided by Naval Historical Center)

Ensign George H. Gay at Pearl Harbor Naval Hospital, with a nurse and a copy of the "Honolulu Star-Bulletin" newspaper featuring accounts of the battle. He was the only survivor of the June 4, 1942 Torpedo Squadron Eight (VT-8) TBD torpedo plane attack on the Japanese carrier force.



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USS Yorktown survivors board trucks for transportation to Camp Catlin, Oahu, soon after their arrival at Pearl Harbor on board USS Fulton (AS-11) on June 8, 1942.



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President Franklin D. Roosevelt shakes hands with a Navy chief petty officer during a visit to the San Diego Naval Hospital in 1942. Men in wheelchairs (background) are recovering from injuries received during the Battles of Coral Sea and Midway, in May and June 1942.



U.S. Naval Historical Center photograph



Official U.S. Navy photograph, now in the collections of the National Archives (Left) Adm. Chester W. Nimitz (second from left) on the dock at Pearl Harbor on June 8, 1942, watching USS Fulton (AS-11) arrive. She was carrying survivors of USS Yorktown (CV-5), sunk in the Battle of Midway.

Battle of Midway commemorative events planned

International Midway Memorial Foundation

Commemorative events are being planned in Hawai'i and on Midway Atoll to mark the upcoming 65th anniversary of the critical World War II Battle of Midway. The battle took place on June 4, 1942.

On Saturday at 11 a.m. there will be a commemoration aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial at Pearl Harbor. Speakers will include Rear Adm. Paul Tobin, USN (Ret.), director of naval history. Rear Adm. Alford Jr., staff of US Pacific Command will deliver remarks.

The International Midway Memorial Foundation (IMMF) will host a Midway Night Dinner on Sunday at the Halekulani Hotel, with a reception starting at 6:30 p.m. Adm. Robert Willard, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, is the scheduled guest speaker.

On June 4, the anniversary of the famed battle, commemorative events will take place on Midway Atoll, hosted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Navy.

The Battle of Midway symposium, the Battleship Missouri Memorial commemoration, and the Midway Night Dinner are open to the public, with discount prices for active duty military members and their families. For information on prices and to make reservations, contact Robert Folliard of the IMMF, 301-437-6015; bob.folliard@att.net.

Pacific Aviation Museum event

Join Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island on June 6 for the 65th anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Midway. The museum will host a special after-hours tour of the exhibit hangar followed by a lecture by Hawai'i's own hometown historian and Midway expert, Alan Lloyd. The special after-hours tour is from 6-7 p.m. followed by the Midway lecture from 7-8 p.m. The museum's extended hours will be 5-9 p.m. on June 6. Blue Heaven Café, located in the museum, will be open for dinner before and after the lecture. For more information, call: 441-1000.

See next week's Hawai'i Navy News for coverage of Battle of Midway Commemorative events.

Observing Memorial

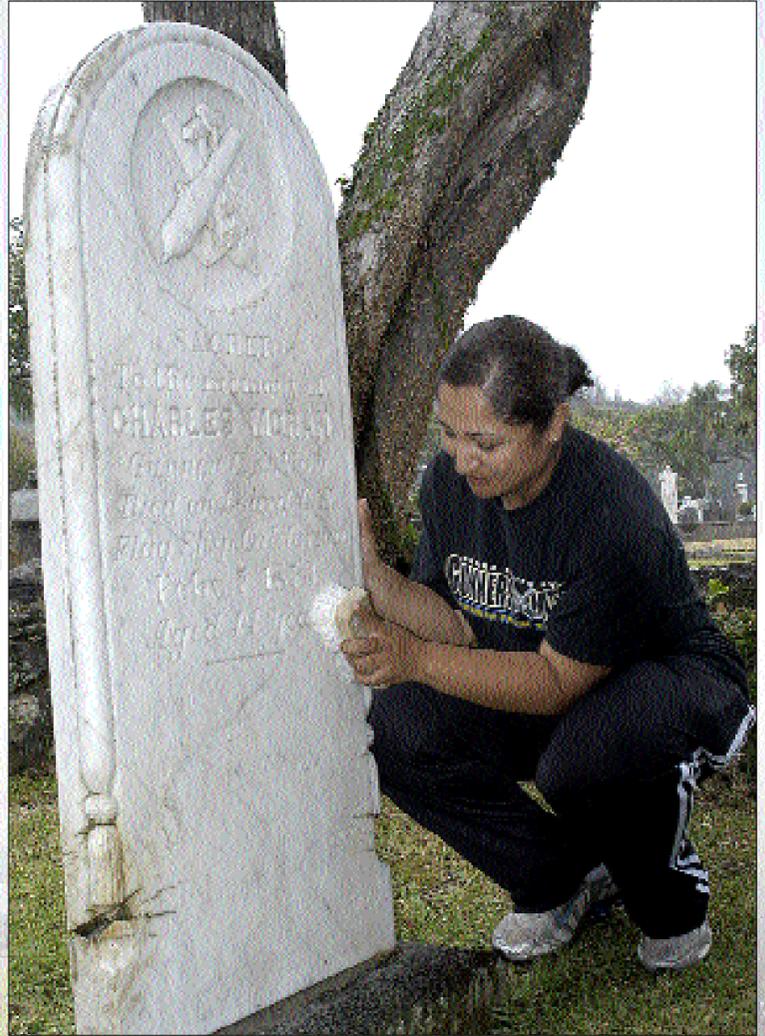
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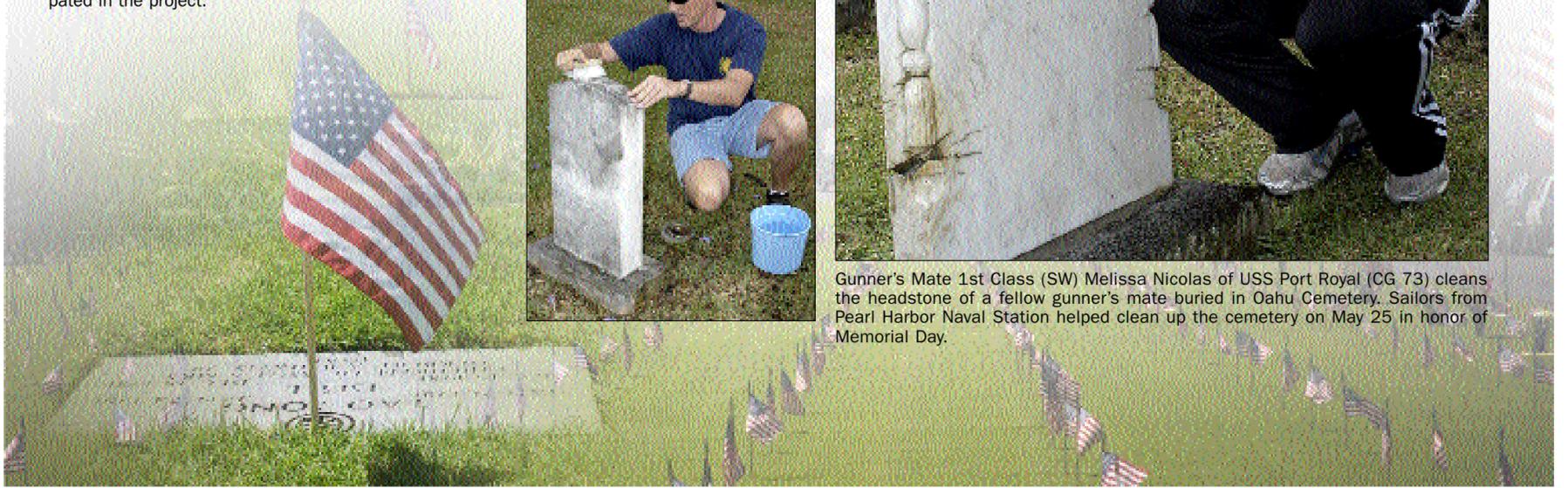


Sailors from Naval Station Pearl Harbor level the headstone of a military veteran in Oahu Cemetery. The Sailors helped clean up the cemetery in honor of Memorial Day.

Chief Storekeeper (SW/AW) David Pease of USS Crommelin (FFG 37) cleans the headstone of a military veteran in Oahu Cemetery on May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. Sailors from Naval Station Pearl Harbor Naval Base participated in the project.



Gunner's Mate 1st Class (SW) Melissa Nicolas of USS Port Royal (CG 73) cleans the headstone of a fellow gunner's mate buried in Oahu Cemetery. Sailors from Pearl Harbor Naval Station helped clean up the cemetery on May 25 in honor of Memorial Day.





Navy Region Hawai'i Fleet and Family Readiness, Marketing

HIC All Military Surf Classic on June 16 at White Plains Beach and will be judged by some of the best surfers on the island.

Surfers ready to carve waves at HIC All Military Surf Classic

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Surfers are getting ready to carve out the waves at the HIC All Military Surf Classic on June 16 at White Plains Beach. The event begins at 8 a.m. and will be judged by some of the best surfers on the island.

The deadline to register is June 9. Registration forms are available at various Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities. The entry fee is \$20 for active duty and \$25 for Department of Defense (DoD), Reservists and military family members. The meet is open to men and women who are active duty military, military family

members, DoD civilians and Reservists. The grand prize winner will be awarded a brand new surfboard.

A free lunch and an event T-shirt will be provided to participants and they will be eligible to win door prizes. There will also be live entertainment.

For more information, call 682-4925 or 473-1198.

Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps performs aboard Battleship Missouri Memorial

USS Missouri Memorial Association

Colonial and 20th century history converged when the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps performed in the shadow of the world's last battleship, the "Mighty Mo" on May 18. Stationed at Fort Myer, Va., the corps is part of the 3rd U.S. Infantry (the Old Guard) and is the only unit of its kind in the armed forces. The musicians of this unit recall the days of the American Revolution as they

parade in uniforms patterned after those worn by the musicians of Gen. George Washington's Continental Army. Military musicians of the period wore the reverse colors of the regiments to which they were assigned.

The uniforms worn by the members of the corps are dated circa 1781 and consist of black tricorne hats, white wigs, waistcoats, colonial coveralls and red regimental coats.

As an official representative of the U.S. Army, the corps has entertained mil-

lions of people in major parades, pageants and historical celebrations throughout the United States; and has served America as a goodwill ambassador as far away as Europe, Australia and Canada.

In support of the president, the corps performs at Armed Forces arrival ceremonies for visiting dignitaries and heads of state at the White House, and has participated in every presidential inaugural parade since President John F. Kennedy's in 1961.



Photo by USS Missouri Memorial Association

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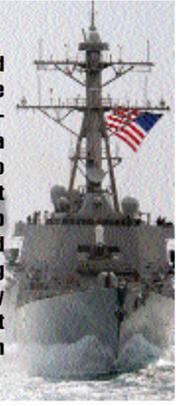


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Who said it?

"...destroyer men have always been a proud people. They have been the elite. They have to be proud people and they have to be specially selected, for destroyer life is a rugged one. It takes physical stamina to stand up under the rigors of a tossing DD. It takes even more spiritual stamina to keep going with enthusiasm when you are tired and feel that you and your ship are being used as a workhorse. It is true that many people take destroyers for granted and that is all the more reason why destroyer men can be proud of their accomplishments."



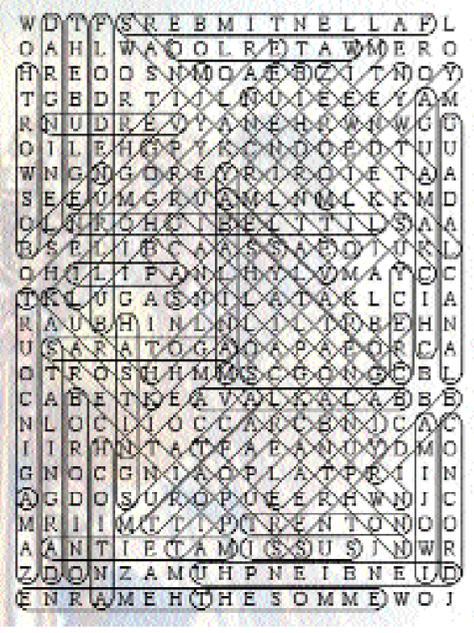
Answer to last week's Who said it?

"Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime."



-Adlai E. Stevenson

History's Great Battles

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BUNKER HILL	LENINGRAD	VALMY	
CANNAE	LITTLE BIGHORN	VERDUN	
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Q. Who is the only chief petty officer to be elected to the baseball hall of fame?

Last week's question...

What is the origin of the song 'Anchor's Aweigh?'

Answer...

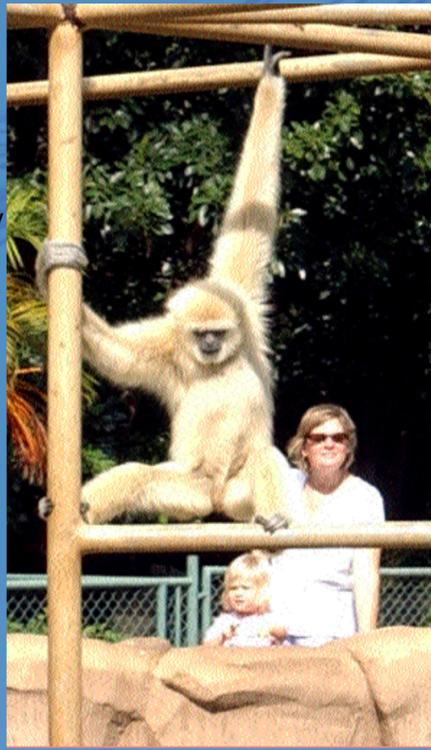
In 1906, Bandmaster Lt. Zimmerman was approached by Midshipman 1st Class Alfred Hart Miles with a request for a new march. As a member of the class of 1907, Miles and his classmates were eager to have a piece of music that would be inspiring, one with a swing to it so it could be used as a football marching song, and one that would live forever.'

Navy Region Hawai'i Manawa Nanea

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Morale Welfare & Recreation

H USO MILITARY FAMILY DAY AT THE HONOLULU ZOO
 To honor those who serve us, USO Hawai'i in partnership with the City and County of Honolulu and the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i will present a free day at the Honolulu Zoo on Saturday. The event is open to all active duty, reservists, retirees and their family members. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., enjoy food, entertainment, activities, crafts and games. Free snacks will be served (while supplies last). The zoo will remain open until 4:30 p.m. A shuttle service from military bases and Kapiolani Community Center will be provided. FMI or to see the shuttle schedule, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.



H FAMILY FUN AND MOVIE NIGHT
 Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) will host Family Fun and Movie Night on June 9 at the Navy Lodge at Ford Island. The family fun will begin at 4:30 p.m. with games, bounce houses and free cotton candy until the movie begins. Free popcorn will be available 15 minutes prior to the movie. The movie, "Unaccompanied Minors" (rated PG), will start at 5:30 p.m. Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by someone 16 years or older. FMI: 471-8658.

For more information on Navy Region Hawai'i MWR events, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com

Community Calendar

June

N 2 – Ducks Unlimited and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife are seeking volunteers to help remove mangrove and debris from their Wai'awa unit in Pearl Harbor as part of the Pearl Harbor Wetlands Restoration Project. The area is a valuable wetland habitat for the Hawaiian stilt (ae'o) and numerous species of migratory shorebirds. The clean-up will be held from 8 a.m. to noon. Currently, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife is working to restore this 25-acre coastal wetland for the benefit of endangered species. FMI: Christina Ryder at mcquirec@hawaii.edu.



N 15 – The Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH) – Kaneohe Military Transition Job Fair will be held from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Kahuna's Enlisted Club. The job fair is open to all military and Department of Defense/Coast Guard identification card holders with base access. There will be over 30 participating companies. Bring your resumes and dress appropriately. Due to the professional nature of this event, children will not be admitted. FMI: MCCS Marine and Family Services at 257-7790 or visit www.JEMSjobs.com.

At a glance

N Pacific Aviation Museum-Pearl Harbor needs volunteers to share Hawai'i's aviation and military history with visitors to historic Ford Island. Volunteer opportunities are available as tour docents, education program docents, greeters and theater operations, etc. Training and instructional manual are provided. Orientation and continuing education for volunteers will be at 3 p.m. the third Saturday of every month at the museum. FMI: 441-1012 or email kt@pacificaviationmuseum.org.

Sharkey Showtimes



Blades of Glory (PG 13)

Chazz Michael Michaels was the rock star of the skating arena, leaving a trail of thrashed ice and shrieking female fans in his wake. The only competitor who could match Michaels scores was the driven former child prodigy, Jimmy MacElroy. These two fierce competitors erupted into a no-holds-barred fight at the world championships, resulting in a ban for life. To skate again, all Chazz and Jimmy have to do is set aside their long festering hatred of one another and join forces – as the first male/male figure skating pair to compete in the history of the sport.

TODAY
 7:00 PM Prefect Stranger (R)

SATURDAY
 2:30 PM Firehouse Dog (PG)
 4:45 PM Are We Done Yet? (PG)
 7:00 PM In The Land of Women (PG 13)

SUNDAY
 2:30 PM Meet The Robinsons (G)
 4:45 PM Firehouse Dog (PG)
 7:00 PM Blades of Glory (PG 13)

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