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Fly-by Tribute over Maui this Saturday Will Honor Navy's Kraig Vickers

(PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM) - Two F/A-18 aircraft from the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) will conduct a fly-by tribute at approximately 1:45 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3 to honor Navy Senior Chief Kraig Vickers. The flyover will be held during a memorial ceremony near Haiku, Maui.

Senior Chief Vickers was one of the 30 U.S. service members lost Aug. 6 while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

The fly-by tribute will be conducted in a way that will minimize time over populated areas. "In honoring Senior Chief Vickers, we want to ensure we are not alarming the local community," said CDR David Hauth, of Commander, Third Fleet Air Operations.

Flyovers are sometimes conducted to pay special tribute to fallen service members.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Warfare Specialist Senior Chief Petty Officer (Expeditionary Warfare Specialist/Freefall Parachutist) Kraig M. Vickers, 36, was born on Oahu and grew up on Maui, Hawaii.

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