

# Life Leisure

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## NIOC wins in shootout over Port Royal

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Undefeated Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii was held scoreless during regulation play, but in the end, the joint command was able to keep its winning streak going. NIOC overcame a tough effort by USS Port Royal (CG 73) to gain a 1-0 shootout win in overtime during an Intramural Soccer

League game at Ward Field, Joint

Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on May 1.

The win advanced NIOC's league-leading record to 7-0 while Port Royal fell to 3-3.

After holding NIOC to a 0-0 tie in regulation play, Port Royal shooters went 2-2 in the shootout while NIOC converted three out of four chances to walk off with the victory.

NIOC striker, Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Jared Danowit, who kicked in the final pressurized goal, said that the game-winning boot not only put an end to a long afternoon at Ward, but it also helped him forget a shot that he missed in 2009.

"I had to redeem myself from last year," said Danowit. "I had a big miss that's been haunting me."

Although Port Royal

entered the match as a decided underdog, the team gave the league leaders all it could handle as it induced, then handcuffed the NIOC offense in a physical half-field battle.

While Port Royal had three wins less than its opponent, Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 2nd Class Patrick Shup of NIOC said that he wasn't surprised at the challenger's spirited effort.

"I watched them (Port Royal) the last time they played and they play real well," said Shup. "We got a little lucky."

Ship's Serviceman 3rd Class Oforma Okwesa of Port Royal said that, while the game didn't end the way he would have wanted, he felt optimistic about his team's chances

as it headed into the overtime shootout.

In looking back, Okwesa stated that he wished that the game could have been decided during regulation, but Port Royal also had trouble scoring, even after reaching NIOC's goal on several occasions.

"We were getting some shots," he pointed out. "I don't know why we couldn't get any goals because we got so many chances. But we kept on missing."

Meanwhile, both Shup and Danowit admitted that they were also frustrated by their team's inability to find the back of the net during the entire game.

Shup said he believed that the team's shooting woes stemmed a lack of practice, but Danowit said failure to execute on key fundamentals might have been the team's biggest problem.

If it wasn't for NIOC's strong defensive play, Danowit acknowledged that Port

Royal just might have pulled it out.

"We really didn't have an offense," claimed Danowit. "We need to work on distributing the ball to our middle players and basically throwing the ball down and letting the ball do the work. We also need a little more finesse and touch on the ball. We messed up on a few thrown balls."

As NIOC's winning streak continues to grow, Danowit contends that it gets harder every week to overcome the challenges from other teams in the league.

No doubt, said Danowit, that Port Royal brought its "A" game against NIOC.

"They (Port Royal) played big," stated Danowit. "They came out strong and they wanted to win. Everyone wants to take us down from being undefeated. It's tougher, but we need to stay focused and keep playing hard."



Commentary

# Window on Pearl Harbor

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## Honoring mothers

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*(Every year, as Mother's Day draws near, I devote my Window on Pearl Harbor column to a message about mothers and how special they are. The reminder is always timely and ever important – treasure your mom while you still have her and let her know you love her and appreciate her, now – while you still can.)*



The memories are still poignant and clear – as though it were only yesterday or last month instead of 20 years ago. On a spring day in Pennsylvania, the air was balmy, but still carried a bit of a chill. Trees whose branches had been bare through the winter months were now beginning to bud with the rebirth of spring. The sky was overcast - with intermittent patches of blue - and a light drizzle fell from the gray clouds above.

There in a small, rural cemetery, I stood quietly with my children and other members of our family – saying my last goodbyes to my mother. My tears flowed down my face as the minister delivered a brief eulogy. Sprays of roses covered the top of the coffin which sat beside the open grave - dug into the muddy ground which was soon to be my mother's final earthly resting place. It was all so unreal to me – that my beloved mother was gone from my life. Part of me refused to believe it, though another part of me knew that it was true - and I had no idea how I would ever deal with such a great loss.

On a day that other families were planning Mother's Day celebrations with their mothers, I was burying my mom. While newspaper ads and radio and television announcements offered reminders to do something nice for moms on their special

day, I cried for my loss.

As weeks and months passed, I envied those who still had their mothers. I longed to be able to send a sentimental card, drop by with an arrangement of flowers, or enjoy a nice dinner with mom at one of her favorite restaurants. I desperately wanted to be able to pick up the telephone and hear the sound of her voice – to share my latest triumphs and disappointments.

And my heart ached for my children who would never again see their grandmother or be able to share in baking cookies and all of the wonderful moments that grandmas and grandchildren enjoy. Most of all, I wanted to be able to wrap my arms around the wonderful lady who had not only been my mom, but my dearest friend, and squeeze her as tightly as I could. But she was gone – and I could never do that again.

As a child growing up in a poor family, I had very little – and yet, I had an abundance. There were many happy memories of past Christmases. Presents under the tree were scarce and most were hand-me-down clothes which Mom had cleaned and pressed until they looked new. Then she lovingly wrapped them and placed them under the tree.

There were the countless times

when she held me and rocked me when I was sick, read me bedtime stories, and told me funny stories about growing up with her siblings. To me, she seemed like an angel. She never got angry, never complained, always understood and supported us, and had the biggest, most generous heart of anyone I knew. She could also be funny and at times, mischievous. She always had a smile and a hug for us – and despite the difficult struggles, displayed a lot of courage. The sacrifices that she made for us were many – although I wasn't aware of it at the time.

As with most mothers and daughters, there was a special bond between us – a closeness that could never be disputed or discounted and one which, despite the distances that frequently separated us after I grew up and had my own family, never lessened.

I treasure all of my memories – and even though many years have passed since my loss, I still miss her very much – but especially on Mother's Day.

If you are still lucky enough to have your mom, I encourage you – no, I implore you – to appreciate her and show her how much you love her...while you can. Even if you are a distance away...as many of our Sailors at Pearl Harbor are...send your mom a card or a bouquet of flowers, something to show your love and appreciation. Or just pick up the phone and give your mom a call to let her know that you care.

Moms truly appreciate all of those little gestures – just to know that you love them and are thinking of them is worth more than all of the riches in the world.

But you don't have to wait until Mothers' Day to make your mom feel special – mothers are special every single day of the year.

Happy Mothers' Day – to moms everywhere!

And have a fine Navy day!



## Hawaii military bands to present mele

Military bands from the Navy, Air Force, Army and Marines will present an evening of music from 7 to 10 p.m. May 29 at Fort DeRussy in Waikele.

Guest artist, Kapena, will also perform.

The free concert will feature a variety of music including top 40, country, classic rock, Motown and island style music.

Featured bands will include High Tide, Navy; Hana Hou, Air Force; Show of Force, Army; and Showband, Marines.

For more information, contact the USAF Band of the Pacific-Hawaii at 448-0281.

## Feel Like a Million

### Health Tip of the Week

*"Getting Fit... One Step at a Time"*

*"As human beings, our greatness lies not so much in being able to remake the world. . . as in being able to remake ourselves."*

- Mahatma Gandhi

Wherever you are at on your wellness journey, your daily habits can determine 95 percent of your thoughts, feelings and actions. The Feel Like a Million program can help you develop life-long habits for better health and life balance. To learn more, visit <http://hickam.ifeellikeamillion.com> or <http://www.healthcoachtraining.com>.

# Lake Erie climbs up basketball standings

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A strong defensive stand in the third period helped USS Lake Erie to a 46-40 victory over USS Chicago (SSN 721) in an Afloat Intramural Basketball League showdown at Naval Station Gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on May 1.

Down by a score of 26-24 at halftime, Lake Erie stepped up its man-to-man defense to hold Chicago shooters without a field goal in the third period to gain a 33-29 lead heading into the final eight minutes of play.

Chicago, which entered the game with a minimum of five players, clung to a 29-26 advantage in the third, before Lake Erie closed out the quarter with a flurry.

Information Systems Technician 1st Class Genaro Hawkins' basket brought Lake Erie to within a point and teammate Gas Turbine System (Mechanical) Fireman Joseph Francis followed up with a dagger from a three-point land and a lay-up to take the lead for good.

Six-foot-five-inch center Seaman Erieck Ausbey led Lake Erie scorers with 16 points, while Francis was close behind with 15.

Ausbey said that his team came out of the first half with a strategy to exploit Chicago's sparse numbers by employing a tight baseline-to-baseline press.

The game plan worked to perfection, as Chicago managed to score on only three free throws by Logistics Specialist Seaman Jerry Acosta in the entire third period.

"We tried to push them because they (Chicago) didn't have a lot of manpower," noted Ausbey. "The pressure got them tired and that caused them to have a lot of turnovers."

Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Travis Thieke of Chicago agreed that Lake Erie's effective full-court press may have been the turning point of the game.

Thieke deposited two long-range bombs for six points in the second period, but was shut out in the third.

"They (Lake Erie) were pushing it up in the first quarter, but kind of softened it up in the second," said Thieke, who scored 15 points in the game, which included four three-pointers. "They brought it (press) back in the third and that took us out of the loop. We started back in the fourth period, but there is only so much that you can do when you just have five people."

With the lead in hand, Ausbey's solid play inside the paint provided the backbone for Lake Erie's airtight half-court defense, which didn't allow a basket until Acosta's field goal finally broke Chicago's scoreless string at the six-minute mark of the final period.

Acosta, who led all scorers with 19 points, was handcuffed by Ausbey, who limited the Chicago high-scoring post man to only two baskets and four free throws in the second half.

"I just tried to get him (Acosta) out of rhythm," said Ausbey. "I was pressuring him and let my teammates do their job on defense. That opened it up for me."

Francis said that being down at halftime provided a



wake-up call for Lake Erie, which he admitted might have taken Chicago too lightly.

"Maybe because they had only five players and we've been on a winning streak, we came out here and underestimated them," said Francis. "They (Chicago) gave a good effort. I think it would have been even more challenging if they had a full bench, but all we wanted to do was get that 'W' today."

Although Lake Erie got off to a late start in the league due to its recent deployment, the team, which placed second overall last season, has built a 4-1 record since its return.

The team sent a huge message to the rest of the league when it beat the previously unbeaten USS Crommelin (FFG 37), 27-15, on April 24.

Francis assured that the victory over Crommelin, which entered the game with a 7-0 record, was no fluke.

"A lot of teams had good-looking records just because Lake Erie wasn't here," proclaimed Francis. "We've been on deployment and we've been winning all over the world. Once we got back, we were going to make sure that we were going to take our rightful place."

USS Lake Erie (CG 70) Seaman Erieck Ausbey flips in a finger roll for two of his 16 points during an Afloat Intramural Basketball League game versus USS Chicago (SSN 721) at Naval Station Gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on May 1. Lake Erie defeated Chicago, 46-40, to increase its league record to 4-1.

# NIOC squeaks past SUBPAC in softball thriller

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Air Force Staff Sgt. Pat Bulisco's clutch two-out single drove in the winning run as Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii edged Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific (COMSUBPAC), 7-6, in an Afloat Intramural Softball League game at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on May 4.

In gaining the one-run victory, NIOC improved its league record to 5-1, while handing the defending champion SUBPAC its first defeat of the season after winning five games in a row.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, with the score knotted up at 6-6, Air Force Staff Sgt. Peter Lagarde led off by smashing a hard-hit grounder that ate up the SUBPAC first baseman and ricocheted down toward second.

Aggressive base running by Lagarde allowed him to take second to set up the go-ahead run with no outs.

"I knew that we needed some kind of spark," said Lagarde about his daring dash to second. "After it got past the first baseman, I noticed that their second baseman reacted slowly to the ball. That's when I thought, 'OK, he's not moving, maybe I can take second.'"

While the heads-up play seemed to stir up the NIOC dugout, SUBPAC was on the verge of getting out of the inning unscathed, when the next two NIOC hitters were quietly put away.

However, Lagarde's gamble came up big when Bulisco promptly laced a single to center field to drive in the go-ahead and, eventually, winning run.

"I've been hitting the ball pretty good, so I felt confident," said Bulisco. "I was looking for him to come to me and try and get ahead of the count. I saw a pitch that I wanted, he threw it



Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 1st Class Darrell Herschel, hurler for Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii, releases a pitch during an Afloat Intramural Softball League game against Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific (COMSUBPAC) at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on May 4. NIOC won by a score of 7-6 and sent the defending champ SUBPAC to its first defeat of the season.

up the middle, and I got a base hit."

Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 1st Class Darrell Herschel, pitcher for NIOC, posted a solid outing from the mound as he shut out SUBPAC's potent batting order in four of the seven-innings he threw, while going the distance for a complete game.

During his stint, Herschel gave up only one hit in the third inning and set SUBPAC's hitters in order in the fourth and sixth.

In the final inning, Herschel allowed two singles, but was able to get out of the two-men-on jam, when he induced Electronics Technician 1st Class Nick Russell into a game-ending fly out to right field.

"I was just throwing pitches in there," said Herschel modestly about his outstanding effort. "These guys (teammates) scoring runs and backing me up on defense is what did it."

At the plate, NIOC aided Herschel by scoring four runs in the bottom of the first inning and two more runs in the second, before plating the win-

ning tally in the six.

Herschel's only blip came in the top of the second inning when he gave up a three-run dinger to Russell in a four-run outburst for SUBPAC.

Russell and NIOC would cross paths three inning later, when SUBPAC appeared ready to break the game wide open after loading the bases with only one out.

SUBPAC scored a run to tie the game up at 6-6 on a sacrifice fly, but Russell got caught in a rundown between third base and home before being tagged for the rally-killing final out.

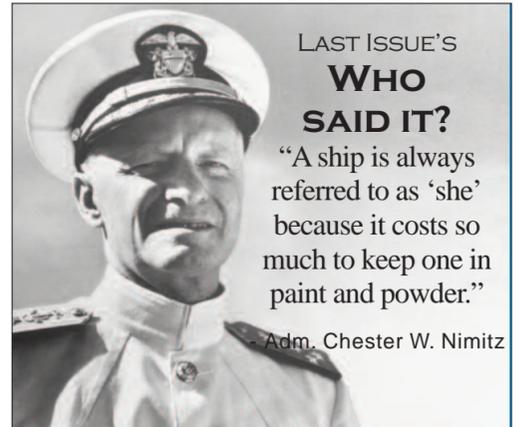
"That was the game killer right there," said Russell. "I misjudged the ball and got hung up in the middle."

While Lagarde admitted that it is still very early in the season, a win over last season's overall champion is a huge boost to NIOC's confidence as it looks forward to a heated battle in the race for the Afloat pennant.

As long as the team continues to hit the baseball, Lagarde said he believes good things

are on the horizon for the joint-command squad.

"This (win) says a lot," acknowledged Lagarde. "It says that we got a good defense, we can score when we want to, and we can play with anybody."



**This Week's Trivia**  
What year was the Navy Good Conduct Medal authorized?

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**Last Issue's Question:**  
What day in April did the Navy Nurse Corps become a commissioned rank?

**Answer:**  
On April 16, 1947, the Act of Congress gave Navy Nurse Corps members commissioned rank.

# Navy Region Hawai'i Manawa Nanea

## Morale Welfare & Recreation

**INTRAMURAL SWIM MEET REGISTRATION**  
 Pearl Harbor Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) will host a free intramural swim meet May 21 at Richardson Pool. Registration for the swim meet ends today. FMI: 473-2494.

**FREE GOLF CLINICS**  
 A free golf clinic will be held at Navy-Marine Golf Course at 2 p.m. Saturday. Active duty Navy, Marine, Coast Guard and their family members will have priority at the clinic. FMI: 471-0142. A free golf clinic will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Barbers Point Golf Course. FMI: 221-9275.

**MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY AT COUNTRY BAR**  
 There will be a "Military Spouse Appreciation Day" at the Country Bar on Saturday. FMI: 473-1743.

**BASKETBALL AND BBQ PICNIC AT BEEMAN CENTER**  
 Single Sailors are invited to a basketball and barbecue picnic starting at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beeman Center. Free food and fun is sponsored by Liberty. The event is open to all active duty single Sailors. FMI: 473-2582.

**MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL AT NAVAL STATION BOWLING CENTER**  
 Mothers can bowl for free at Naval Station Bowling Center with a paying family member on Mother's Day, May 9. FMI: 473-2574.

**INTRAMURAL GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION**  
 MWR will host a free intramural golf tournament May 19-21 at Navy-Marine Golf Course. Registration for the tournament ends May 10. The tournament is free. Tournament play will be held at Navy-Marine Golf Course. Tee times start at 7 a.m. FMI: 473-2494.

For more information on Navy Region Hawaii MWR events, visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com)

## Community Calendar

### May

**19** - There will be a free fitness and wellness fair from 3:30 to 7 p.m. at Ward Field. Discover the latest health and nutrition information targeted to extend your lifespan. The event will feature live entertainment, giveaways, games, food sampling and local celebrities. All military-affiliated patrons are welcome. FMI: 473-0793 or visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

**21** - Single Sailors are invited to a Paradise Cove luau for an evening of culture and fun. Transportation departs from Liberty in Paradise at 4 p.m. The cost is \$42. FMI: 473-4279.

**28** - Dinner and movie night at Ward Theaters and Buca di Beppo restaurant is planned for single Sailors. Transportation departs from Instant Liberty at 5:30 p.m. Bring money. FMI: 422-7167.

**29** - A free military band concert will be presented from 7 to 10 p.m. at Fort DeRussy, next to Hale Koa in Waikiki. Musical guests Kapena will also perform. U.S. Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force bands are scheduled to perform. FMI: 448-0281.

## Sharkey Showtimes



### Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG)

Meet the kid who made "wimpy" cool, in a family comedy based on the best-selling illustrated novel "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" by Jeff Kinney, the first in a series that has thus far sold 24 million copies. "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" chronicles the adventures of wise-cracking middle school student Greg Heffley, who must somehow survive the scariest time of anyone's life: middle school.

#### SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

**TODAY**  
 7:00 PM She's Out of My League (R)

**SATURDAY**  
 2:30 PM Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG)  
 4:45 PM Alice In Wonderland (PG)  
 7:00 PM Green Zone (R)

**SUNDAY**  
 2:30 PM Alice In Wonderland (PG)  
 5:00 PM Our Family Wedding (PG 13)  
 7:15 PM She's Out of My League (R)

#### HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

**TODAY**  
 6:00 PM How To Train Your Dragon (PG)  
 8:30 PM Hot Tub Time Machine (R)

**SATURDAY**  
 4:00 PM Alice in Wonderland (PG)  
 7:00 PM Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG)

**SUNDAY**  
 2:00 PM How To Train Your Dragon (PG)

