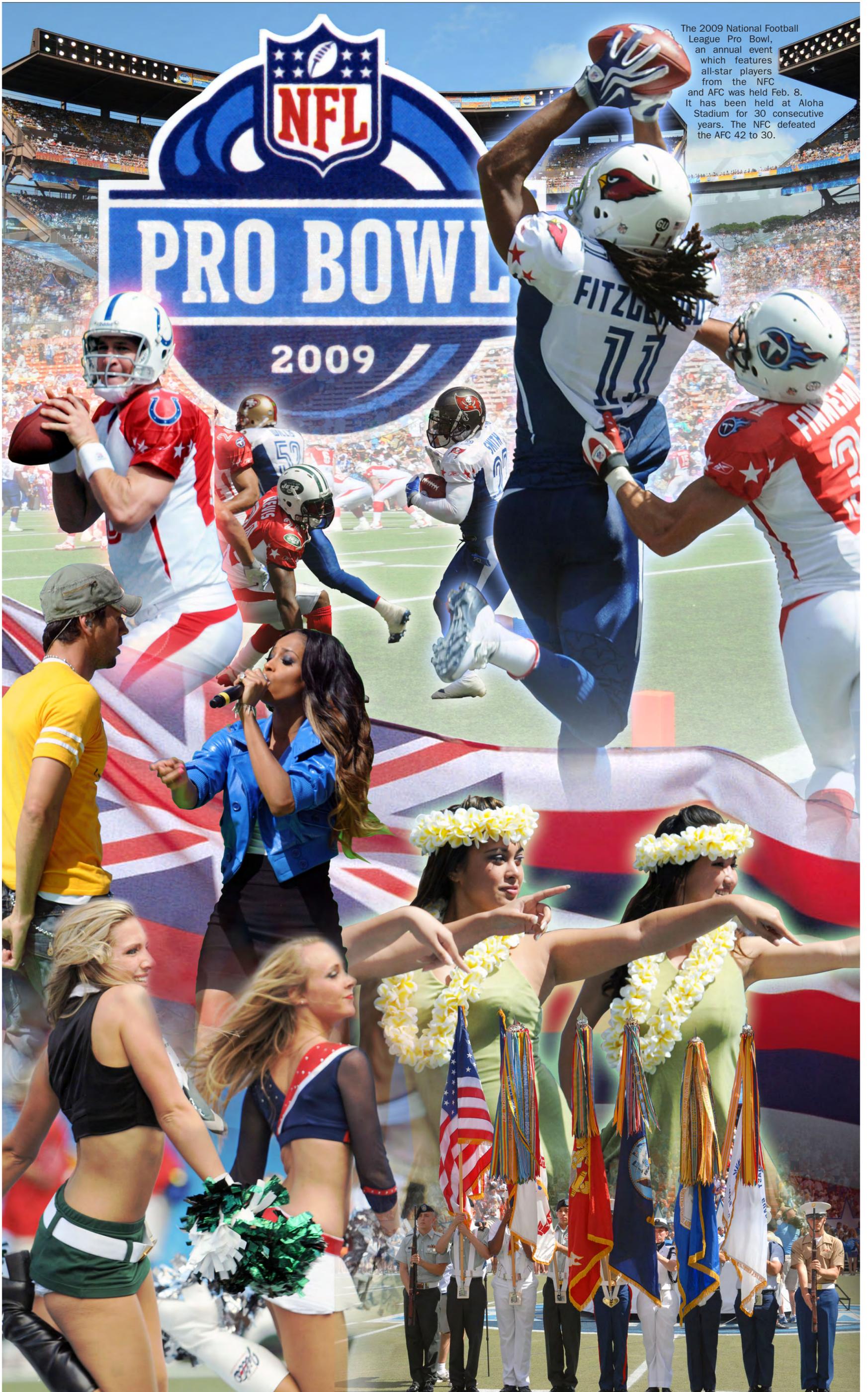


Life Leisure



The 2009 National Football League Pro Bowl, an annual event which features all-star players from the NFC and AFC was held Feb. 8. It has been held at Aloha Stadium for 30 consecutive years. The NFC defeated the AFC 42 to 30.

Commentary

Window on Pearl Harbor

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Cupid's day...bring it on

Karen S. Spangler
Editor

Those of you who have been reading my column regularly may recall that as Valentine's Day approaches, I anticipate it with frustration and downright dread. My past columns have smacked of cynicism as I have allowed myself to wallow in righteous indignation and self-pity.

As the dreaded Cupid's Day approaches, I have done my best to hide from all vestiges of Cupid – flowers, candy, anything heart-shaped, lovers indulging in holding hands and locked lips. I sneered at ladies in the office who were recipients of sentimental tokens from their significant others.

But just after Valentine's Day last year, you might say that I had an 'epiphany' and it occurred to me just how silly I have been over the past few years. Duh! The proverbial light bulb came on.

Now this is what I realized. I don't need a significant other or a besotted lover in order for me to be the recipient of all of those sweet and soppy Valentine's sentiments. I can treat myself better on Valentine's Day than any of my significant others ever did. Yes, I know what you are going to say. I am not implying that

there are a lack of husbands and significant others who are sweet to their sweethearts on Valentine's Day. Alas, such has not been the case for me.

But I think it's time – in fact, long overdue. So this Valentine's Day is going to be a whole lot different. I have a plan.

I read an email that talked about people who "dread this seemingly benign holiday more than a trip to the dentist." (All of these years, I thought that I was the only one who felt that way. What a revelation.)

It emphasized the importance of loving yourself and pampering yourself. The message was clear. Instead of being so concerned about Valentine's Day reminders from someone who loves you, it suggested that the holiday should be your own affirmation that you are lovable, loving, adored and special – and not just on Valentine's Day, but the whole year long. So it seems that now I can treat myself very well – without even a twinge of guilt.

The message in the email made sense. "Love yourself first because you are your most significant other." Now why didn't I ever think of it that way before?

With the Cupid's Day holiday just a few days away, I am making plans. This Valentine's Day, I will spoil



myself with a relaxing pedicure. Then I'll probably wander off to see a movie and follow it up with a nice dinner at one of my favorite restaurants – someplace with lots of ambiance.

At some course during the day, I'll take the time to buy myself some flowers – something that makes me feel special, perhaps some chocolates – in a heart-shaped box, of course, and the "treating myself special" shopping list could continue from there. Hmm...it seems that there may not be enough hours in Valentine's Day to treat myself as special as I deserve so I may have to continue the holiday for another day or two.

So happy Valentine's Day to me. Away with the cynicism about Cupid's Day. This year, I'm really looking forward to it. There is certainly something to be said for self-indulgence.

And who knows? This may be the year that my "knight in shining armor" comes along and sweeps me off my feet. I'm ready for that, too.

Have a fine Navy day here in paradise!

NEX announces winner of television



NEX photo by Mark Smith

Congratulations to Rhonda Cochran (right) who won a 46-inch LCD television through the Navy Exchange's (NEX) "Big Screen for the Big Game" contest. Fourteen winners were selected nationwide and Rhonda's entry form was drawn as the only winner from Hawai'i. Denise Atkinson of the NEX at Pearl Harbor presented the prize on Jan. 30.

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Seabee racers buzz through Naval Station Pearl Harbor

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

Contributing Writer

The sound of a cannon blast sent more than 300 runners dashing through historic Naval Station Pearl Harbor during the 17th Annual Seabee road race on the morning of Feb. 7.

The event, which welcomed civilians and active-duty personnel, was filled with three races, with a one-mile keiki run, a five-kilometer, and for the very first time, a 10-kilometer contest.

Utilitiesman 1st Class Mauricio Puerto of Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303, race coordinator said that the competition is staged each year, as a fundraiser, to help offset costs for troops to attend the Seabee Ball.

According to Puerto, while the race has been successful in attaining funds in the past, this year's run exceeded expectations.

"The event just grew out of proportion," noted Puerto. "We had 360 runners, which includes the keiki and actual runners. I would have been happy if we reached 250. Last year, we had 170."

In addition to the 5K, Puerto said he included a 10K race because he wanted to give runners a choice



Runners race toward the finish line during the 17th Annual Seabee 10K/5K/1-Mile Keiki Run on Feb. 7. The event was held on the grounds of Naval Station Pearl Harbor and welcomed civilians and active-duty personnel. The race is used as a fundraiser for the Seabee Ball. Awards were given out to the top three male and female finishers in each age category.

between a shorter and longer run.

"It just gave runners more options," pointed out Puerto. "The entry-level runner can do the 5K and the more experienced ones can do the 10K."

"Plus, you really don't get to see

the base if you do the 5K. But if you do the 10K, there is a beautiful route going out to the harbor."

Although this was the first time that Puerto oversaw the race, he stated he was a bit more aggressive in getting the word out.

Besides advertising in local running magazines, Puerto also made an announcement on a nationwide Web site, where runners can view information on upcoming races from around the country.

"I'm an avid runner, so I kind of knew where to put the ads for the event," he said. "We used the Web site, www.active.com, and I think that we got 16 people from out-of-state."

Andrea Williams was among the non-Hawai'i residents who participated in the 5K. She said that after seeing the race on the Web, she decided to do it as part of her vacation.

"My husband and I came down to watch the Pro Bowl," claimed Williams, who, along with her spouse, is a native of Phoenix, Ariz. "We ran in a race for the Epilepsy

Foundation a couple of years ago down here, but I think I mostly walked in that one."

This time, Williams, a running coach back home, came with the full intention of competing.

Williams bolted through the 5K in 23:53 — the top all-around mark for women.

Ash Dustow, a 51-year-old Honolulu resident, showed the crowd that age is just a number, as

he completed the 5K in 17:30 to earn top all-around honors for men.

A former world-class marathon competitor, Dustow successfully defended his title after running away with the Seabee 5K in 2008.

"For winning last year, I got two tickets to the Seabee Ball," said Dustow, who still runs 50 miles per week. "I really wanted to win those tickets again."

Kevin Enrigues won the men's 10K with a time of 37:06, while U.S. Army Sgt. Mikelle Picardat was the first woman to cross the finish line at 42:43.

Picardat said that while the morning was a bit hotter than she would have liked, the race went along very smoothly without any hitches.

"This was a very good speed workout for me," expressed Picardat, who runs about 30 races a year. "I'm doing marathons now, so I'm trying to build up a base for that."

The 5K and 10K also included a stroller division that allowed parents to participate in the race with their toddlers via a racing stroller.

Sarah Hoey placed first in the 5K-stroller division with a time of 23:44 and Puerto rolled his way to victory in the 10K at 47:55.

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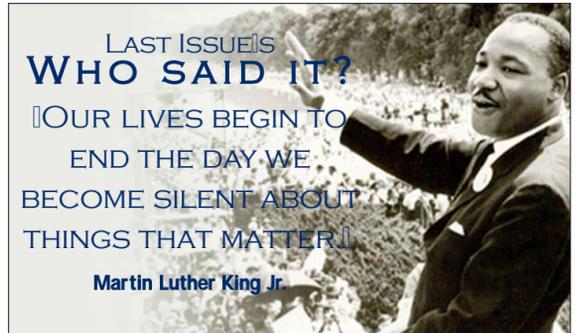
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This Week's Trivia

Where did the term "pea coat" come from?

Last Issue's Question:

How fast is a "knot" and why is it called that?

Answer:

A knot is one nautical mile per hour. Therefore, a ship traveling at five knots is traversing five nautical miles per hour. OK, how long is a nautical mile? A nautical mile is equal to about 1.15 survey miles, or 6080 feet. A nautical mile is the angular distance of one minute of arc on the earth's surface.



Navy Region Hawai'i Manawa Nanea

Morale Welfare & Recreation

YOUTH AND MINI-YOUTH FITNESS ORIENTATION

Join Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Fitness at Bloch Arena at 9 a.m. on Feb. 21 for a youth and mini-youth fitness orientation. The free program is designed for youth, ages 10 to 14 and "mini" youth, ages six to nine. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. The orientation includes an introduction to the Fit Kid's equipment, safety guidelines, rules and regulations review and Fit Factor demo. Registration is required by the Thursday prior to each class. FMI: 473-0793.

WHALE WATCHING

Various whale-watching tours are offered by the Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) office with cruise options for Oahu and Maui. Packages are available for adults and children. FMI: 473-0792 or visit your nearest ITT location.



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

Community Calendar

February

25 - The 2009 Navy Officers Birthday Ball Committee will host a golf tournament at Klipper Golf Course, Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe. This event will be the first of three fundraising tournaments held in 2009 supporting the annual Navy Officers Ball. The four-person team scramble event will begin with a noon shotgun start. The \$60 per-person entry fee includes cart, green fees, pupus, cold beverages, and prizes. Participants will be eligible to win a new car. Additional prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place, as well as closest to the pin and longest dive. In the event of inclement weather, the tournament will be rescheduled. RSVP no later than Feb. 18 to Lt. Domina at 473-2417.

March

6 - CREDO will sponsor a fathers only seminar and dinner from 6-8:30 p.m. at the CREDO Training Center, building 679, room 108. This seminar is part of the "father and son" retreat at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe CREDO.

7, 8 - CREDO will sponsor a "father and son" retreat at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe CREDO. The event is open to both fathers and sons. Learn tools to create healthy father/son relationship, strengthen family cohesiveness through father and son team building exercises (ropes course, hiking, fire strating).

April

4 - The 12th Annual Ford Island Bridge Run will begin at 7 a.m. The entry fee is \$17 for military or their family members and \$20 for non-military. The entry deadline is March 23. FMI: 473-2494.

Sharkey Showtimes



Marley & Me (PG)

Marley is a yellow lab adopted by John and his wife Jenny. Their idea was to give them a taste of parenthood, but the dog proved to be a hyperactive handful. He wreaks havoc, gets kicked out of obedience school, yet Marley quickly becomes a rollicking force of nature in their lives.

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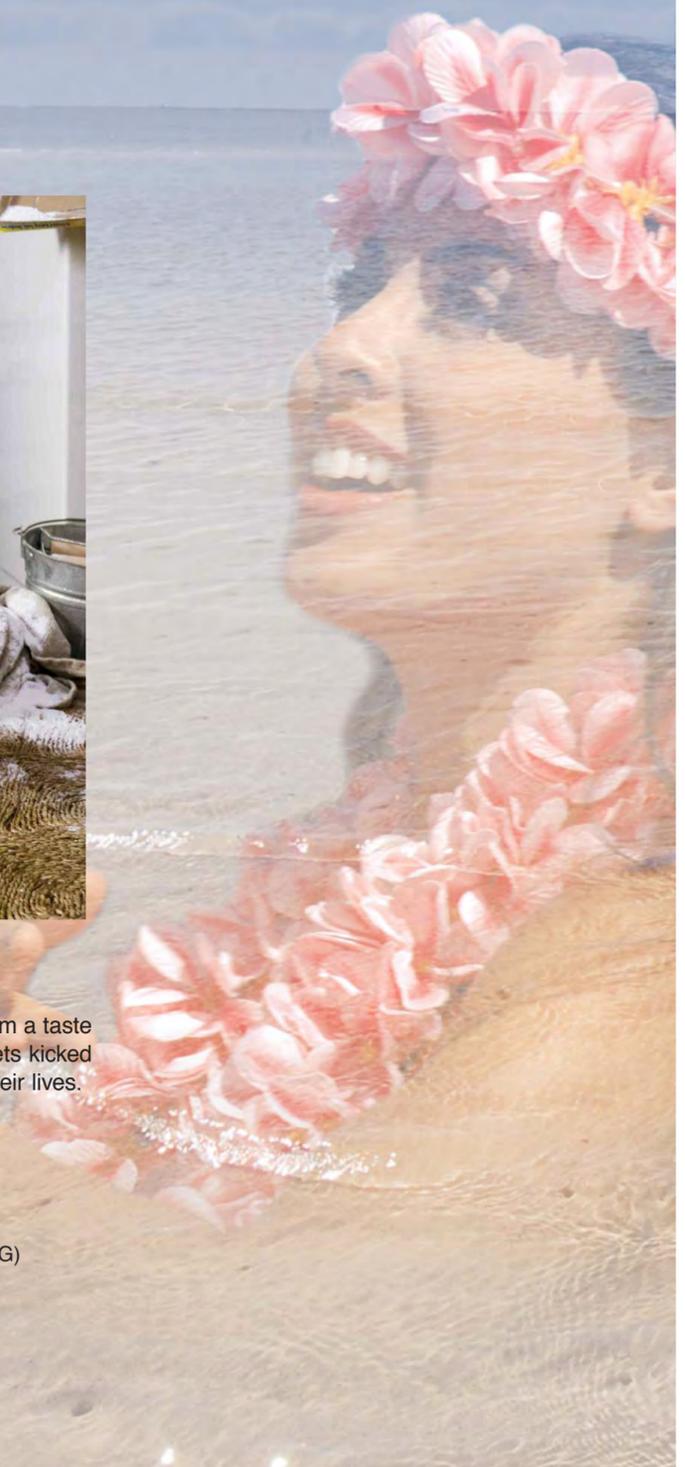
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Hawai'i Navy News Sports

U.S. Naval Academy football program repeats call to Kapolei High School

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

Contributing Writer

For the third time in recent years, the U.S. Naval Academy football program has visited West Oahu to claim another stud from Kapolei High.

Following the success of selecting signal caller Kaiponoa Keheaku Enhada back in 2004 to handle the Midshipmen's triple-option offense, the academy sent another call to Kapolei in 2007 to add slotback Aaron Santiago to its attack.

With Enhada graduating after three standout seasons, and Santiago set to challenge for a starting spot in the backfield next year, Midshipmen head coach Ken Niunatalolo has dipped into the well once more to call on Kapolei Hurricanes all-purpose player Cyril Ontai.

"A lot of Mountain West and WAC schools were after him," said Kapolei head coach Darren Hernandez. "But he committed to Navy, where he will keep the amazing connection between Kapolei and Navy going. We're super excited because at Navy, we've had a quarterback, a slotback in Santiago, and now we've got Ontai at running back."

A third-team all-state and first-team OIA all-star at strong safety, Ontai, at 5-10, 210 pounds, was also a punishing running back for the Hurricanes.

Blessed with 4.53 speed in the 40, Ontai's impressive statistics included, 102 tack-



Kapolei Hurricanes running back Cyril Ontai powers his way for a few yards during a high school football game versus the Mililani Trojans last season. On Feb. 4, Ontai signed a letter of intent to the U.S. Naval Academy. He is the third Hurricane football player in recent years to be recruited by the Midshipmen.

les, two interceptions, eight pass deflections and four forced fumbles on defense, while accumulating 528 yards on only 52 carries, with two touchdowns at running back.

Although schools, such as, San Diego State, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Wyoming, New Mexico and Utah State were eager to sign him as a defensive back, he will be headed to Annapolis, Md. as a projected running back.

"They (Midshipmen) told me that I would be competing at a starting position at running back as a freshman," said Ontai. "They said that they liked my physical play. They like the way I hit."

Hernandez added, "Navy was the only school that recruited him as a running back. He's such an aggressive and explosive player, they want that on their offense."

Since Kapolei runs a triple-option offense much like the Naval Academy, it makes sense that the Midshipmen have kept an eye on the West Oahu school.

Hernandez explained that because the attack is so specialized, the learning curve for his players is much less than if a student came from another system.

However, Hernandez stated that he feels there is another reason why Hurricane players have been so attractive to the football program at Annapolis.

"You got to have more than just talent to play in the triple option," noted the

Kapolei coach. "You've got to have discipline and you got to be smart because you have to make a lot of reads and split decisions."

While Ontai said that he is a little worried about serving the required five years of service to the Navy once he graduates from the academy, he is certain that he made the right decision.

On his recruiting trip to Annapolis, Ontai professed that he was very impressed with what he encountered.

"I got a chance to speak to officers and freshmen, so I got both sides," he said. "I really like the campus. The facilities are first rate."

Even though Ontai admits that life as a Midshipman can be difficult, he believes that he will be able to adjust without too much trouble.

"I spoke to Aaron and he said it's tough. Sometimes, you want to go home," said Ontai. "But there are other Hawai'i boys up there. If they can make it, I'm pretty sure I can."

If Ontai gets too homesick, he will get a little break late this year. On Nov. 28, the U.S. Naval Academy football team will pay a visit to Aloha Stadium to play against the University of Hawai'i Warriors.

"That should be a lot of fun with Ontai and Santiago coming back," said Hernandez. "And while I haven't confirmed it, I've been hearing that Kaipo, as part of his service, will be serving one year as graduate assistant coach. If that's so, he will be coming back as well."

Battleship Missouri Memorial announces 2009 calendar for 'Friends and Film on the Fantail' series

USS Missouri Memorial Association

The Battleship Missouri Memorial's take on the Navy tradition of films aboard ship has expanded to quarterly presentations due to increasing popularity. The memorial has released the 2009 calendar for its "Friends and Film on the Fantail" series, with events on Feb. 14, May 16, Aug. 15 and Dec. 5.

"Since introducing the first 'Friends and Film on the Fantail' back in 2007, we have had tremendous success, with attendance increasing each time," said Sarah Tenney, the memorial's vice president of development. "Last year, we held two events and felt that in 2009, we could make it a quarterly affair. We have some special guests, inspi-



rational movies and exclusive tour visits onboard the ship planned throughout the year for our members and invited guests."

"Friends and Film on the Fantail" is a benefit for

members and invited guests of the "Friends of the Mighty Mo" program, which is designed to give individuals, families and organizations a means to contribute to the preservation of the Battleship Missouri. Guests enjoy a relaxing evening aboard America's last battleship watching a pre-selected movie over refreshments and popcorn.

On Feb. 14, the featured film will be "Miss Potter" (rated PG), starring Renee Zellweger and Ewan McGregor, in the story of Beatrix Potter, the author of the beloved and best-selling children's book, "The Tale of Peter Rabbit," and her struggle for love, happiness and success. Special Valentine's gifts and prizes will be awarded, and guests will be able to take a tour of the Battleship Missouri's

newly-renovated dental clinic, located on the ship's second level.

The Marvel Comics superhero film, "Iron Man" (rated PG-13), will be featured on May 16. The film stars Robert Downey Jr. as Tony Stark, a billionaire industrialist and master engineer who builds a powered exoskeleton and becomes the technologically advanced superhero, Iron Man. Guests will have an exclusive tour of the Battleship Missouri's CPO Legacy Center, the first center dedicated to the legacy of the Navy's chief petty officer (CPO) and the first of its kind, recognizing more than a century of history.

On Aug. 15, the Missouri will showcase "The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep" (rated PG), a fantasy film based on Dick King-Smith's

children's novel "The Water Horse." The film stars Emily Watson and Alex Etel as a young boy who discovers a mysterious egg and cares for what hatches out of it – a 'water horse' that later becomes the fabled Loch Ness Monster. Guests will also have the opportunity to tour Radio Central, the principal radio compartment on the main deck of the Battleship Missouri.

To conclude a year of films on the Missouri, the children's holiday movie, "The Polar Express" (rated G), based on the children's book of the same title by Chris Van Allsburg, will be featured on Dec. 5. The Academy Award-nominated film, written, produced and directed by Robert Zemeckis, is entirely live action using performance capture technology, which

incorporates the movements of live actors into animated characters. Actor Tom Hanks stars in five distinct roles, including the role of Santa Claus. Guests will also have a chance to take a special tour of the ship's post office.

"Friends and Film on the Fantail" is free for members of the Friends of the Mighty Mo program. Non-members can attend for \$40 per person and a guest or \$75 per family. As an added benefit, the admission price will also include a free one-year membership to the Friends of the Mighty Mo program and free admission to all member events during 2009. For more information about the Friends of the Mighty Mo program or to join, call 455-1600, ext. 244, e-mail development@ussmissouri.org or visit MightyMoMembers.org.

USS Lake Erie and Navy Hale Keiki School work together

Story and photo by
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Contributing Writer

Adopt-a-School friends, USS Lake Erie (CG 70) and Navy Hale Keiki School, enjoyed productive work days at the local kindergarten through third grade school on Jan. 17 and 24.

Navy Supply Corps Association Hawai'i, faculty, parents and board members also conducted beneficial clean-up projects that were cosmetic in nature and enhanced Navy Hale Keiki's appearance.

The improvements included sanding and repainting the teachers' doors, sanding and repainting 12 green benches at the drop off/pick-up area, sanding and repainting the black entry gate and posts,



Adopt-A-School friends, volunteers from the USS Lake Erie (CG 70) and Navy Hale Keiki School, recently worked together on improvement and beautification projects at the school. The next school improvement project will be held in March.

power washing and repainting major exterior trim and borders, removal of piping and an outdated UHF antenna on top of one of the buildings, repainting of the kids tricycle pathway with fresh white directional arrows and power washing the outside picnic areas and covered lanai areas.

For those who missed this event, another school improvement day is scheduled for March. Check out www.nhks.org for more information.

Navy Hale Keiki (House of Children) School was organized and established in 1946 as a non-profit organization serving the military and civilian community. The school operates through a use agreement with the U.S. Navy, Pearl Harbor and is governed by a Board of Governors.

'The Biggest Little Airshow on Ford Island' coming to PAM

Pacific Aviation Museum

The Pacific Aviation Museum is hosting "The Biggest Little Airshow on Ford Island" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 21.

Visitors will be up close and personal with the F-14 Tomcat fighter planes as "The Birds of Paradise" fly their massive remote controlled planes. The airshow is free with paid museum admission. The airshow will feature "The Birds of Paradise" 1:5 scale motorized-flyable models of military aircraft, dating from WWII to the present, along with period military vehicles, courtesy of the Hawai'i Historic Arms Association and the Hawai'i Military Vehicle

Preservation Association.

The flightline opens at 10 a.m. with a traditional military color guard and all aircraft on display. The aerial demonstrations will be held 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

At the event, visitors can also take tours of the Restoration Hangar and its helicopters and planes, visit the museum, fly combat simulators, enter to win prizes throughout the day, and enjoy discounts in the museum's Laniakea Cafe and museum store.

The museum is open daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on this event, visit www.PacificAviationMuseum.org or call 441-1008.

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