

MEDAL OF HONOR WINNER,

**JOHN FINN,**FETED ON *100th birthday*

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Sailors at Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Two (CPRW-2) and Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH) – Kaneohe celebrated Medal of Honor recipient and Pearl Harbor survivor John Finn's 100th birthday on July 24 at the John Finn Building located at MCBH.

Participants enjoyed a video presentation, cake-cutting ceremony and recognized the accomplishments of oldest surviving Medal of Honor (MOH) recipient Finn, who was unable to attend the ceremony.

Born July 23, 1909, Finn enlisted in the Navy in July 1926 and was stationed as a chief petty officer at Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay during the Dec. 7, 1941 surprise Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Finn was awarded the first Medal of Honor during WWII for his heroic actions during Dec. 7 when the air station was attacked by Japanese forces.

He was presented the Medal of Honor on Sept. 15, 1942 by



Photo by Lance Cpl. Geoffrey Campbell

Adm. Chester Nimitz aboard the USS Enterprise (CV-6) for manning a 50-caliber machine gun and firing at the enemy despite heavy strafing fire.

To date, Finn is the only known aviation ordnance man to receive that distinction. During his 30-year military career, Finn earned eight other medals, including the Purple Heart.

Finn retired from Navy service as a lieutenant in 1956. In 1999, the CPRW-2 Headquarters building was named in his honor.

Today, Finn resides in San Diego and makes selected appearances in support of veterans and military members. In March 2009, he stood beside U.S. President Barack Obama to honor fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery and participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

# Lake Erie beats unbeaten Port Royal for title

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

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The USS Lake Erie (CG 70) softball team doubled up the previously undefeated USS Port Royal (CG 73), 8-4, to capture the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Afloat Intramural Softball League pennant at Millican Field at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on July 25.

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In winning the afloat championship, Lake Erie also defeated USS La Jolla (SSN 701), 18-5, in the semi-finals – giving the title team victories over the top two squads in the regular season.

Port Royal entered the playoffs with a spotless 14-0 record, while La Jolla posted a 14-1 mark.

Lake Erie ended its run in the regular season in fourth place, behind USS Crommelin (FFG-37), with an 11-3 record.

Lake Erie will square off against the Force, which won the ashore championship on July 9, and is a team that is comprised of players from Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUB-PAC).

The Navy softball championship game is scheduled for Aug. 1 at Millican Field, starting at 10 a.m.

Check for an updated posting for time and loca-



Infielders for the USS Lake Erie (CG-70) softball team get the forced out at second base during the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Intramural Afloat Softball League's championship game versus USS Port Royal (CG-73) at Millican Field at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on July 25. Lake Erie defeated the previously unbeaten Port Royal, 8-4, to win the title.

tion by logging onto the MWR Web site at [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

Against Port Royal, Lake Erie broke out for six runs in the second inning, and then used a solid pitching performance by Fire Controlman 1st Class Jim Lewis to lock up the title.

After both teams opened up the game with a scoreless first inning, Lake Erie broke out the heavy lumber in racking up eight hits in the bottom of the second.

Lake Erie started off the inning with back-to-back singles before Lewis aided his own cause by stroking a

double to drive in the first two runs of the game.

The team continued its hit parade enroute to four more runs with three of the tallies coming with two outs.

Chief Warrant Officer Aaron Commander of Lake Erie said that getting a big lead over Port Royal was crucial to his team's title victory.

"We had to jump on them quick," said Commander, who also rapped out a two-out, two-run single in the second. "We got base hit after base hit and that's how you do it to keep that

merry-go-round going."

Port Royal pitcher, Sonar Technician (Surface) 3rd Class Madison Spickler, who kept Lake Erie bats under check for most of the game, said it was just one of those times when the other team just got on a roll.

"I was pretty relaxed out there," she explained. "The second inning wasn't one of our best. It was just hard to pick it up after that."

While Spickler allowed only two more runs after the second, Lewis started off the game by throwing four shutout innings,

before giving up three runs in the fifth and another tally in the seventh and final frame.

After watching Port Royal defeat Lumber 77, 5-2, in the semi-finals, Lewis stated that he followed a simple game plan to keep Port Royal hitters under wraps.

"I have confidence that when I need to throw a strike, I can," noted Lewis. "I tried to keep them (Port Royal) guessing by moving the ball inside and out. Then I just let my defense go to work."

In the upcoming

matchup with the Force, Lewis said that he will try and use the same strategy against the ashore champs.

Meanwhile, Commander said that although the Force will be a formidable foe, he believes that the Lake Erie is right on track to end the season on a high note.

"That team (Force) is put together with some of the best players in Hawai'i, but we are peaking at the right time," pointed out Commander. "They are going to score some runs, but as long as we hit, we should be alright."

**GOT SPORTS**  
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Wotevaz hitter Edna Walker slams a kill during Morale, Welfare and Recreation Women's Volleyball League game versus Ace Hitters at Naval Station Gym at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on July 25. Wotevaz beat Ace Hitters in straight sets to keep its undefeated record intact at 3-0.

## Wotevaz team spikes Ace Hitters in gal's volleyball

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Contributing Writer

Wotevaz continued its dominance in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Women's Volleyball League by trouncing Ace Hitters in straight sets, 25-12 and 25-6, at Naval Station gym at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on July 25.

The Women's Volleyball League is open to ladies, who are at least 18 years old, and are active-duty Navy, family members or Department of Defense employees.

With the win, Wotevaz increased its league-leading record to 3-0 and has yet to lose a set this season. Ace Hitters saw its record drop to 1-2.

Although Wotevaz took a hiatus from competition last season, the squad has a veteran core of players that have won multiple league titles in previous years.

Against Ace Hitters, Wotevaz showed no signs of rust as the gals consistently strung long scoring runs to come away with the lopsided victory.

In the first set, a kill and service ace by Terri Brown of Ace Hitters helped keep the game locked up at 3-3.

However, following the tie, Wotevaz, aided by the strong play of hitter Edna Walker, put together its first run of the afternoon in reeling off eight straight points to take a commanding 11-3 lead.

Walker noted that it took awhile to get warmed up, but once Wotevaz got started, its overall experience made it difficult for the Ace Hitters to stage a comeback.

"Basically, everybody on this team has talent. It's so easy to play with them," said Walker. "It's our serving, passing, hitting, we have everything."

Following the first set, the Ace Hitters got the initial point in the second on a miss hit by Wotevaz.

From that point on, Wotevaz was relentless as it scored the next 11 points to take a double-digit advantage.

Ace Hitters broke the run by putting up two points, but Wotevaz scored the next six points to put the game out of reach.

"They are a really good team that has consistently good passers and good hitters on the front row," said Brown about Wotevaz. "They are just really hard to defend against."

Brown also explained that while Wotevaz has many players that have been competing in the league for a long time, only a few of the Ace Hitters have actual game experience in volleyball.

"We have a girl that has never played volleyball ever," noted Brown. "Only a couple of us have played high school and only two of us have ever played in a formal league. But we are getting better."

Yeoman 1st Class Maryanne Elisara, who is one of the established players on Wotevaz, said that experience is the team's main reason for its success.

No matter who is on the court, Elisara stated that each of her teammates instinctively knows where to be and how to deliver.

"Because we have played with each other for so long, we just click," said Elisara. "Everyone just blends together."

And as good as the team is playing right now, Elisara added that she believes that Wotevaz will get even better in time.

Currently, the team is missing players due to injuries and Elisara also admits that she is playing through some pain as well.

"I'm handicapped right now," said Elisara, who is fighting off tendonitis in her right shoulder. "And we have two players that aren't here because of injuries. We had to scavenge around to make sure that we had five players for this game."



Lt. Cmdr. Eric Jones and his family were July Yard of the Month winners for the Maloelap neighborhood.

## Forest City rewards winning yards

Story and photo by Ryan Wilson

Communications Coordinator, Navy Housing Forest City Residential Management, Inc.

Forest City Residential Management (FCRM) knows that yard work is hard work. That's why every month, FCRM rewards families who put in the extra effort to make

their yard beautiful.

In July, eight yards were selected as Yard of the Month in different Forest City neighborhoods. Each family received a \$50 gift certificate to the Navy Exchange. Winners who live at Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai are given a \$50 gift card to Wal-Mart.

Most of the time, winners are pleasantly surprised to hear that they have won. They already

enjoy spending time in the yard so a gift certificate is just an added bonus.

FCRM's resident advisory board (RAB) presidents make the selections. They find a yard that they think enhances the quality of the neighborhood. Only neighborhoods with a RAB president are eligible to win.

Yard of the Month is another way that Forest City shows its appreciation for residents who make their communities better.



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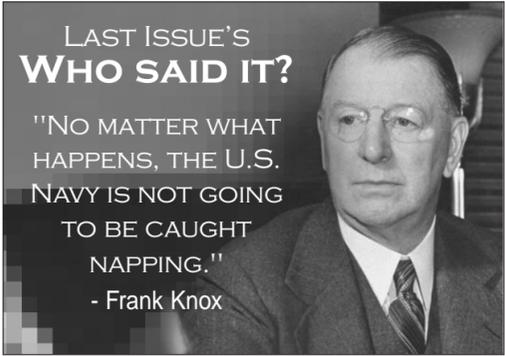
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"When I lost my rifle, the Army charged me \$85. That is why in the Navy the captain goes down with the ship."

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**WHO SAID IT?**

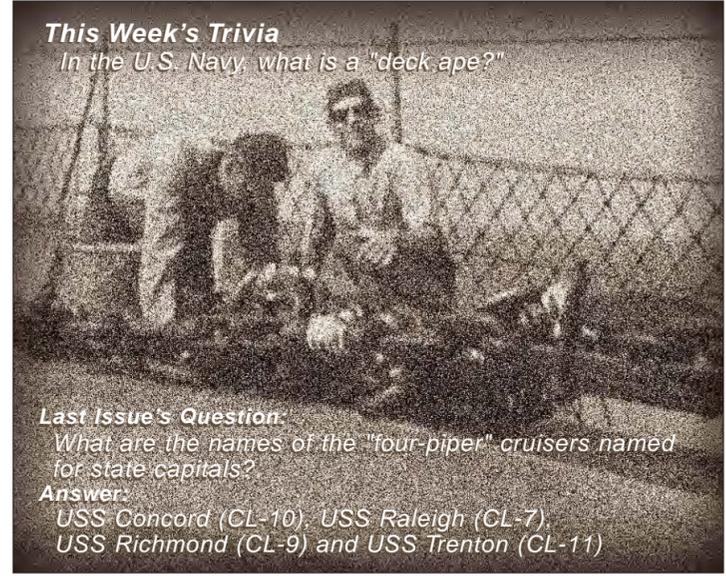


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- Frank Knox

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**This Week's Trivia**  
In the U.S. Navy, what is a "deck ape?"



**Last Issue's Question:**  
What are the names of the "four-piper" cruisers named for state capitals?  
**Answer:**  
USS Concord (CL-10), USS Raleigh (CL-7), USS Richmond (CL-9) and USS Trenton (CL-11)

# Navy Region Hawai'i Manawa Nanea

Morale Welfare & Recreation

## YOUTH AND MINI-YOUTH FITNESS ORIENTATION AT BLOCH ARENA

Free youth and mini-youth fitness orientations will be held at Bloch Arena on Aug. 1 and Aug. 15. The youth program will begin at 9 a.m. and is designed for children ages 10 to 14 years. The mini-youth fitness program will begin at 10 a.m. and is designed to show parents how to supervise their children, ages six to nine years, in the Fit Kids center. Youth must be accompanied by an adult for the orientation. Registration is required by the Thursday prior to each class. FMI: 473-0793.

## BAYFEST 2009 TICKETS AVAILABLE

This year's Bayfest 2009 will feature The Black Eyed Peas on Aug. 15 at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe. Tickets are \$25 at all Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) locations. Supplies are limited. FMI: 473-0792.

## SUPER GARAGE SALE AND CRAFT FAIR

Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold its super garage sale and craft fair from 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 22 at Richardson Field at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. All military-affiliated vendors can apply for a 10-by-10-foot space for a small fee by visiting the ITT office. Admission for buyers is free and the event is open to general public. FMI: 473-0606 or [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

## HULA LESSONS AVAILABLE BLOCH ARENA

Learn the traditional and contemporary techniques and choreography of hula in this new class being offered by MWR Fitness. Hula lessons are offered from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. every Friday. The fee is \$35 per month or \$10 per class. Hula fitness classes, which combine traditional hula steps with lunges, squats and kicks, are offered from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday. The class is free. FMI: 473-0793.

## TAILGATING PASSES AT RAINBOW BAY MARINA

With football season just around the corner, tailgating passes are currently on sale at Rainbow Bay Marina. Football fans can purchase a tailgating spot on Richardson Field, located across the street from Aloha Stadium. The cost is \$5 per day and includes tailgating spot, private parking, restrooms and games. Tailgating sites open at 10 a.m. Advance reservations are recommended. FMI: 473-0279.

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

Community Calendar

## August

8-9 - The Pacific Aviation Museum will host "The Biggest Little Airshow on Ford Island" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring popular 1 to 5 scale remote control aircraft. The event will also include food, prize drawings, a chance to fly an RC aircraft and hangar tours. FMI: 441-1013.

15 & 22 - Wally Amos from Chip & Cookie will be at the NEX from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in celebration of Hawai'i statehood.

15 - George Lee, local photographer, will be at the NEX from noon to 2 p.m. in celebration of Hawai'i statehood.

22 - Kim Taylor Reese, local photographer, will be at the NEX from noon to 2 p.m. in celebration of Hawai'i statehood.

22-23 - Special Olympics Hawai'i will present "Aukake Classic," a statewide soccer and bocce tournament which will be held at Wai'au District Park in Pearl City. Event organizers need 100 volunteers for various positions, including soccer announcers, scorekeepers and bocce officials as well as check-in assistants and airport escorts. FMI: [www.specialolympicshawaii.org](http://www.specialolympicshawaii.org) contact or 943-8808, ext. 27 or email [volunteers@specialolympicshawaii.org](mailto:volunteers@specialolympicshawaii.org).

## At a glance

The Hickam Hurricanes Swim Team is looking for a head coach. The coach must be available from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday as well as one to two weekends a month for swim meets. Requirements for the position include ability to coach youth, ages five to 18 and full knowledge of competitive swimming strokes and techniques. FMI: [fagerfam@hotmail.com](mailto:fagerfam@hotmail.com) or [www.hickamhurricanes.com](http://www.hickamhurricanes.com).

Sharkey Showtimes



## Imagine That (PG)

Evan, a successful financial executive, has more time for his blackberry than his seven-year-old daughter, Olivia. When he has a crisis of confidence and his career starts going down the drain, however, he finds the solution to all his problems in his daughter's imaginary world.

### TODAY

7:00 PM The Hangover (R)

### SATURDAY

2:30 PM Land of the Lost (PG 13)

7:00 PM Advanced Screening

Free to the First 450 Patrons (PG 13)

### SUNDAY

2:30 PM Year One (PG 13)

4:45 PM Imagine That (PG)

7:15 PM The Taking of Pelham 123 (R)

### THURSDAY

7:00 PM My Sister's Keeper (PG 13)

