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## Thunderbirds soar over Hawai'i skies at Hickam open house

15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Thunderbirds, U.S. Air Force demonstration squadron, flew in typical style Sept. 19-20 over Hickam Air Force Base, Hawai'i, during the "Wings Over the Pacific" open house.

Nearly 100,000 people made their way through the open gates of Hickam to see more than 25 static displays, including

thF-22 Raptor, C-5 Galaxy and B-52 Stratofortress.

Navy displays included a Seabees static display, Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One (MDSU-1) dive tank, P-3 static, and history displays from Navy Region Hawai'i and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. The Pacific Fleet Band performed during the

event. The displays, along with a demonstration by the K-9 unit of Navy Region Hawai'i's security department, were also a part of an education day event held on Sept. 18.

The Thunderbirds demonstrated the capabilities of the F-16 Fighting Falcon by performing combat maneuvers during their aerial portion of the weekend with a ride-along by Jai Cunningham, KHON Channel 2 reporter, and Ultimate Fighting

Champion lightweight champion BJ Penn. This was Hickam's first open house since 2003 and the crowd of almost 100,000 visited during the weekend. "My wife and I attended the open house on Saturday," said Blaise Mott, U.S. Navy retired. "This was one of the best planned and executed events of this type on the island I have ever attended. Traffic and crowd control to restroom and food booth placement was well thought out. Your facilities and personnel show pride in service to the Air Force and our country. Once again, I just want to congratulate you on an excellent event and say thank you."

# Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet comeback stuns Port Royal

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Electronics Technician 2nd Class Nick Pierce of Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT), singled in the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning to complete a stunning comeback, as COMPACFLT edged USS Port Royal (CG 73), 9-8, in a Winter Softball League game at Millican Field on Sept. 19.

The Winter Softball League is a pay-to-play league which is open to active duty, family members and Department of Defense (DoD) employees, who are 18 years of age or older and are associated with Pearl Harbor, Barbers Point, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station (NCTAMS), West Loch and Kunia.

Down by three runs, Pierce came up to the plate with one out and men on second and third and promptly slapped a pitch from Electronics Technician 3rd Class William Stephens of Port Royal, past the infield for the walk-off game winner.

"I was just trying to not hit it to third," said Pierce. "He (Stephens) walked me on three straight balls the last time so I was trying to see what he was going to do. He threw



Mike Burton, a Department of Defense employee, throws a pitch for Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) during the team's Winter Softball League game versus USS Port Royal (CG 73) at Millican Field at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Sept. 19. COMPACFLT scored four runs in the final inning to earn a come-from-behind victory over Port Royal.

me a first-ball strike this time around so I just sat back in my old baseball stance and got around on it."

Stephens allowed back-to-back singles by COMPACFLT to open up the seventh, but settled down to induce a force-out at second – placing runners on first and third.

Still, Stephens wasn't able to

nail down the win as COMPACFLT hitters went on to rap out three more hits to steal the game away from Port Royal.

"Honestly, I don't know what happened out there," admitted Stephens. "I think it all came down to fundamentals. We just broke down on fundamentals."

At the start of the game, it

didn't appear that COMPACFLT would need to stage a dramatic come-from-behind effort to defeat Port Royal as the team got out of the gates with two runs in the first inning and another digit in the second.

However, Stephens settled down and blanked COMPACFLT in the third and fourth while Port Royal hitters, after failing to push a run across the plate in the first and second, began to wake up with a vengeance.

Port Royal tallied three runs on four hits in the third, three runs on three hits in the fourth, and two runs on four hits in the fifth to take a commanding 8-3 lead.

"We had a couple of errors and that got everybody down," explained DoD employee Mike Burton about COMPACFLT's let-down in the middle of the game. "But the same people came back and made the plays in the end. That's all that matters."

Burton, who pitched the entire game for COMPACFLT, did his part in helping the team stage a comeback by tossing two shutout innings against Port Royal in the sixth and seventh.

Meanwhile, COMPACFLT hitters slowly chipped away at the lead with single runs in the fifth and sixth innings before bursting Port Royal's bubble in the seventh.

"We're resilient and we're not going to give up," said Burton. "We can play with anybody out here and we believe it."

Pierce stated that even when the team was down by five runs, he and his teammates didn't feel any pressure to try and catch up with Port Royal.

That carefree attitude, he pointed out, not only helped COMPACFLT make its comeback, but also allowed him to deliver in a clutch situation.

"The whole time, our attitude is to always have fun," said Pierce. "We can't get beat down because you can't beat down a team that's out here to have fun. We just take things one pitch at a time."

Although the loss was very disappointing for Port Royal, Stephens said that he and his shipmates would use the defeat to focus on getting better throughout the season.

While Port Royal captured the afloat regular-season intramural softball title with a perfect 14-0 record in July, the team is now filled with new faces and must make adjustments to get back on track.

"We've got a lot of transfers and new people coming in," noted Stephens. "We're still seeing where we need people to play. We'll work it out and be better by the end of the season."

## Navy Exchange customers see bigger savings, tax-free benefits

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A recent survey conducted by an independent group recently proved that the average price of retail goods sold at Navy Exchanges (NEX) save customers an average of 26 percent on products purchased, in addition to the tax-free benefits.

"I am so thrilled with these results," said Tess Paquette, Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) senior vice president and chief merchandising officer. "The 26 percent savings is the

average amount customers will save when they shop at their NEX. These savings, combined with our 'best brands, best buys' and 'price cut' pricing strategies, help customers stretch their budgets even further. These are real savings that customers can achieve when they shop at the NEX."

Retail Data, the independent research firm that conducted the survey, compared the prices of approximately 400 items in the Navy Exchange against major retailers across the continental United States and Hawai'i. The results determined that NEX customers save between three and 86 percent over well-known

civilian retailers.

To determine the percentage of savings, the same items were surveyed from region to region and included items such as major appliances, consumer electronics, furniture, clothing, house wares and sporting goods. The different stores shopped comparatively were categorized as discount stores, mass merchants, full-line department stores and category-killer stores.

According to the annual survey, in each of the 36 departments shopped during the survey throughout comparative civilian retail outlets, the Navy Exchanges clearly provided a better level of savings to its customers. In the

video games and computer software departments, customers saved an average of 87 percent; in domestics, an average savings of 50 percent; boys clothing, 42 percent; in girls clothing, an average of 29 percent; housewares, 27 percent savings; cosmetics, nearly 21 percent in savings; and in major appliances, an average of six percent.

"Our mantra has always been to take care of our Sailors and families by offering quality merchandise at a savings and providing the best customer service ... especially during these tough economic times," said Paquette. "It's just the right thing to do and the reason

NEXs exist. It's great knowing that we're delivering on what we work so hard to provide for our customers."

Retail Data's detailed survey also classified savings based on which region of the country customers live. For instance, customers in Pearl Harbor saved 29.68 percent; customers in Bethesda, Md., saved 27 percent; in San Diego a 26.22 percent savings; Everett, Wash., 26 percent savings; Jacksonville, Fla., 25.83 percent savings; in Pensacola, Fla., a savings of 25.66 percent; Great Lakes, Ill., 25.04 percent; and customers in Norfolk, Va., saved 23.55 percent.

## NIOC edges NAVSTA in flag football

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Navy Information Operations Command Hawai'i (NIOC) used the long ball on offense and an in-your-face attack on defense to upset Naval Station (NAVSTA), 13-12, in a Morale, Welfare and Recreation Intramural Flag Football League game at Ward Field at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Sept. 22.

The win raised NIOC's league record to 2-0 while NAVSTA's mark fell to 2-1.

Chief Cryptologic Technician (Collection) Joe Cantu of NIOC led the charge at quarterback with two touchdown tosses while teammate Cryptologic Technician (Networks) Seaman Reauthtie Yun paced the team's big "D" with two sacks.

Cantu's first scoring pass came on the first play from scrimmage during NIOC's second offensive series of the game.

With the ball sitting on NIOC's 38-yard line, Cantu dropped back into the pocket and launched a rocket to Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 2nd Class Blake Jerman who was open and streaking down the right sideline.

Jerman hauled in the toss and raced into the end zone to give NIOC an early 6-0 lead.

Later in the first half, Jerman freed himself up once again, but Cantu overthrew his target and missed a sure touchdown.

"They (NAVSTA) were giving up the middle and on the outside deep," said Cantu. "I was just trying to eat that up."

Down by a touchdown, NAVSTA immediately went to work and answered the call by putting together a seven-play drive which ended when Personnel Specialist



Personnel Specialist 3rd Class Aaron Jackson, Naval Station (NAVSTA) quarterback, is sacked by Cryptologic Technician (Networks) Seaman Reauthtie Yun of Navy Information Operations Command Hawai'i (NIOC) for a 14-yard loss during the teams' Intramural Flag Football League game at Ward Field at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Sept. 22. NIOC, in an upset special, beat NAVSTA, 13-12, to stay undefeated at 2-0.

3rd Class Aaron Jackson connected with Personnel Specialist 2nd Class Marvin Robles on a 50-bomb for a score.

However, while going for the point-after, Jackson, after being flushed out of the pocket, forced a pass back to the middle of field only to have it picked off by Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 2nd Class Ron Mims of NIOC, who returned the ball coast-to-coast for a single point. The point would turn out to be the difference in the game.

After halftime, Ensign Doug Hawk took over at QB for NAVSTA and quickly led the team on a six-play drive to pay dirt.

In leading the charge, Hawk scampered for seven yards and connected on three of four passes, with the last toss traveling 10 yard and into the arms of Master-at-Arms Seaman Brandon Thomason to give NAVSTA a 12-7 lead.

On its next offensive series, NIOC got the ball on its 15-yard line and appeared to reach a roadblock after gaining only five yards.

Facing third and long, with the ball on its own 20, Cantu went over the top again. This time, the NIOC QB dialed it up to Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 1st Class

Armando Garcia, who made a nice grab before running out of bounds at the NAVSTA eight-yard line.

"I was supposed to run an out (pattern), but it was open deep," said Garcia.

The play may have been the turning point of the game as two plays later Cantu connected on his second TD pass of the evening to retake the lead at 13-12.

With time running out, NAVSTA received a golden opportunity to win the game when Lt. Jason Jones picked off a Cantu pass deep in NIOC territory and returned the ball to the 10-yard line.

Jackson returned at quarterback, but after bringing the ball down to the NIOC five-yard line on two short passes, Jackson was sacked in the backfield on fourth and goal.

"I was trying to look for one of my guys in the back of end zone," said Jackson. "I had somebody open, but they (NIOC) got to me before I could get the ball off."

Cantu, whose pick almost turned disastrous for NIOC, said he was stoked about the way the team's defense stood its ground to preserve the victory.

"I threw that pick at the end, but our defense stepped it up," noted Cantu. "Our 'D' won that game for us."

## BJ Penn visits NEX



U.S. Navy photo by Mark Smith

Ultimate fighting champion BJ Penn met with patrons and signed autographs at the Navy Exchange on Sept. 19. Penn, a Hawai'i-native who has developed a following throughout the islands, is also one of the most decorated non-Brazilian jiu-jitsu practitioners in the country.

## Navy College Office will host Military Recognition Ceremony

Navy College Office Pearl Harbor will host a Military Recognition Ceremony at 1 p.m. Oct. 29 at Sharkey Theater at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The ceremony will recognize Sailors who have had a degree conferred or have earned a USMAP certificate since August 2008.

Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander of Navy Region Hawai'i, will be the guest speaker. Commands, family members and friends are encouraged to attend.

The participants should wear summer whites. Military attendees should wear the uniform of the day and civilians may attend in "aloha wear."

All Sailors who would like to be recognized should send their full name, rate and warfare qualification, phone number and email address, school name, full title of degree, date earned and whether you will participate to Nicole.morant.ctr@navy.mil. Deadline is no later than Oct. 9.

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Find these 49 words used to describe how AIR FLOWS

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FLURRY	TYPHOON	F L M L S S L A D S R N O S A T A T
SANTA ANA	CHINOOK	B D A R O A P U T R A R O E K T P T
BISE	MICROBURST	R G C E O N S A E L E P M L E W S R
FOEHN	WATERSPOUT	A S A T S T O R M E R T I R C U T A
SIMOOM	CROSSWIND	W M A S D A S T P P Y R S T G Y A M
BLAST	MISTRAL	A R L E V A N T E R E P W U P M C O
GALE	WESTERLY	W L V W D N I W S S O R C H B N Y N
SIROCCO	CURRENT	I I L H L A H R T U K O O N I H C T
BLIZZARD	MONSOON	L B B I N T C E T M D O H S S F T A
GUST	WHIFF	L E N R W T N O O S N O M T E S F N
SQUALL	CYCLONE	I C T L L A U Q S F R A E C A E W E
BORA	NOR'EASTER	W C T W B M O R Z E H U B L S E D S
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STORM	DRAFT	E O N N R A P S I R O C C O E Y A B
BREATH	PAMPERO	I Q F D S H A U T D O S R P R E Z T
HURRICANE	WILLIWAW	A T F A Y E C U R R E N T R L C Z E
TEMPEST	DUST DEVIL	N H U R R I C A N E A E U M Y E I E
BREEZE	PUFF	T T P O M P F M O D O L E R S R L M
KHAMSIN	WIND	O I N B B T S I O O F R E B R A B S
TORNADO	DUST STORM	
BUSTER	SAMIEL	
LEVANTER	ZEPHYR	
TRAMONTANE	EASTERLY	
CAT'S-PAW		

## WHO SAID IT?

Great minds discuss ideas,  
average minds discuss events,  
small minds discuss people.

LAST ISSUE'S  
**WHO SAID IT?**

|| THERE IS NOTHING  
WRONG WITH  
AMERICA THAT  
CANNOT BE CURED  
BY WHAT IS RIGHT  
WITH AMERICA. ||

- Bill Clinton

**WORD SEARCH SOLUTION**  
Find these 57 words that imply WEAK

ACHILLES' HEEL	SLOUCH	WEAKLING
FLIMSY	CREAM PUFF	DROOP
RUNDOWN	LIMP AS A DISHRAG	PANTYWAIST
ANEMIC	SPINELESS	WIMP
FRAGILE	DAINTY	EFFETE
SAD SACK	LISTLESS	PETER OUT
BIG BABY	TIRE	WIPED-OUT
FRAIL	DECREPIT	FAINT
SAPPED	MILKSOP	PLAY OUT
CAVE IN	TOTTERY	WISHY-WASHY
HIT THE SKIDS	DIE ON THE VINE	POOPE
SHOT	MILQUETOAST	WISPY
CHICKEN	WEAK POINT	FIZZLE OUT
HOUSE OF CARDS	DILAPIDATED	PUSHOVER
SISSY	MOLLYCODDLE	WOBBLY
COWARD	WEAK	FLAT
JELLYFISH	SISTER	RICKETY
SKIN AND BONE	DOORMAT	WOZZY
GRAVEN	NAMBY-PAMBY	
LILY-LIVERED		

### This Week's Trivia

What level of classified material does not require controlled routing?

**Last Issue's Question:**  
Where is the deepest point on the ocean floor?

**Answer:**  
The Challenger Deep is the deepest point at 35,802 feet. It is located off the coast of Guam in the Mariana Trench. This depth was recorded in 1960 by the Trieste, a manned submersible owned by the U.S. Navy.

# Navy Region Hawai'i Manawa Nanea

## Morale Welfare & Recreation

**MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL**  
Oceans CPO Club and Brews & Cues will host Monday Night Football events on Sept. 28. Patrons can enjoy free pupus all day and watch their favorite teams on the big screen. Oceans CPO Club is for authorized patrons E7 to E9 and their guests. Brews & Cues is open to all military-affiliated patrons and their guests. FMI: 473-1743.

**JUNIOR GOLF AT NAVY-MARINE GOLF COURSE**  
Every Sunday during September from 3 to 4 p.m. family members, ages 8 to 17 years, can learn the basics of the swing, golf etiquette and rules. FMI: 471-0142

**JUNIOR GOLF AT BARBERS POINT GOLF COURSE**  
Every Sunday during September from 3 to 4:30 p.m., family members, ages 8 to 14 years, can learn the basics of the swing, golf etiquette and rules. FMI: 221-9275.

**DANCE LESSONS AT THE COUNTRY BAR**  
Want to learn line dancing? Come out and enjoy free lessons on Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 to 9 p.m. FMI: 473-1743.

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

## Community Calendar

### September

**26-27** ~ Ralph Wetterhahn, renowned fighter pilot, author and subject of numerous aviation documentaries, will give a lecture on "Aviation Archaeology Points the Way to our Missing-in-Action" at the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island. He will present a lecture on Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. and Sept. 27 at 2 p.m. A book signing will follow. FMI: 441-4000 or visit [www.pacificaviationmuseum.org](http://www.pacificaviationmuseum.org).

**28** ~ Try-outs for Kapolei Suns (Hickam/Pearl Harbor) AAU Boys Basketball teams will be held at Salt Lake District Park from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Try-outs will continue until the team is filled, preferably by the end of October. The try-outs will be for the following teams: 12U/seventh grade, 13U/eighth grade and 14U/ninth grade. FMI: Coach Ron Sampson at 371-8026 or Coach Chris Veazie at 294-1676 or visit Web site at [KapoleiSuns.org](http://KapoleiSuns.org) or email at: [Ronald.l.sampson@boeing.com](mailto:Ronald.l.sampson@boeing.com).

### October

**10** ~ The 234th Navy Enlisted Birthday Ball will be held at the Coral Ballroom of the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Guest speaker will be MCPON (SS/SW) Rick West. Ticket prices include \$25 for E-1 to E-4, \$40 for E-5 to E-6, \$55 for E-7 to E-9, \$65 for retired military and \$65 for officers and \$65 for civilians. FMI: contact your command representatives.

**17** ~ The 234th Navy Annual Birthday Ball for Officers will be held at the Tapa Ballroom at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. No-host social hour starts at 6 p.m. with officers' call at 6:45 p.m. This year's theme, "Honoring the Past, Protecting the Future" will pay tribute to those time honored customs of our fine Navy while celebrating the advancements made for future naval forces. FMI: Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased via your Navy Ball representative or by calling Lt. Cmdr. Wendy Threlkeld at 471-8656 or via e-mail at [wendy.threlkeld@navy.mil](mailto:wendy.threlkeld@navy.mil).

## Sharkey Showtimes



### Bandslam (PG)

When gifted singer-songwriter Charlotte Banks asks new kid in town Will Burton to manage her fledgling rock band, she appears to have just one goal in mind: go head-to-head against her egotistical musician ex-boyfriend, Ben, at the biggest event of the year, a battle of the bands. Against all odds, their band develops a sound all its own with a real shot at success in the contest. When disaster strikes, it's time for the band to make a choice: Do they admit defeat, or face the music and stand up for what they believe in?

#### TODAY

7:00 PM G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra (PG 13)

#### SATURDAY

2:30 PM Aliens in the Attic (PG)

4:45 PM Bandslam (PG)

7:00 PM A Perfect Getaway (R)

#### SUNDAY

2:30 PM Aliens in the Attic (PG)

4:45 PM A Perfect Getaway (R)

7:00 PM G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra (PG 13)