

Around Pearl Harbor in 2009

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In 2009, Hawaii Navy News covered numerous community events and achievements, celebrity sightings as well as sports and leisure activities that highlighted the year of our Sailors and families.

Throughout last year, we saw our Pearl Harbor Sailors become more involved in the local Hawaiian community with a number of volunteer endeavors. Our Sailors participated in beach cleanups, numerous bone marrow and blood drives, and volunteered for Muscular Dystrophy Association, Habitat for Humanity, Helping Hand and other philanthropic organizations.

Naval Station Pearl Harbor also welcomed numerous celebrity guests and military officials. Last January, Mary Kidd Plumer, the daughter of Rear Adm. Isacc Kidd who was the highest ranking casualty during Dec. 7, 1941 Pearl Harbor attack, visited the USS Arizona Memorial.

In February, numerous NFL athletes, visiting Hawaii for the 2009 Pro Bowl game, toured Pearl Harbor and enjoyed sharing Super Bowl Sunday with Sailors. Other celebrity athlete sightings included American gladiators who visited the USS O'Kane (DDG-77) and champion fighter B.J. Penn. Celebrity chefs Emeril Lagasse and Guy Fieri also made special appearances to Pearl Harbor throughout last year.

A number of seasonal celebrations and events, such as Boofest, Springfest and Winterfest, also highlighted 2009. The Navy Region Hawaii Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR)-sponsored events brought military families closer together as they celebrated the spirit of each season with food and fun, family-geared activities.

Naval Station Pearl Harbor also commemorated important patriotic holidays for many Americans, such as Labor Day, Memorial Day and Veterans Day with an appropriate mix of sentiment and celebration. One of the grandest seasonal celebrations was the July 4th block party and fireworks extravaganza. The all-day event was filled with local entertainers, fun activities and games as well as an impressive 20-minute finale of fireworks.

The year 2009 included numerous memorable holidays, events and leisure activities, all covered in the pages of Hawaii Navy News. We now look to 2010 to see what new and interesting headlines will grace our pages.

Sports competition at Pearl Harbor hot and heavy in 2009

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Whether on the courts or out on the fields, competition between battling commands was hot and heavy during 2009.

However, as in most cases, the cream always seemed to rise to the top with a few squads dominating the action in Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) intramural sports.

The year started off with a bang as USS Lake Erie (CG 70) edged Fleet Air Control and Surveillance Facility (FACSFAC), 20-19, in a heart-stoppin', come-from-behind victory to capture the intramural flag football championship at Ward Field, Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Feb. 3.

Down by a score of 19-13 with only 18 seconds remaining in the game, Lake Erie quarterback, Fire Controlman 2nd Class Eric Bauer, lofted a Hail Mary in the end zone to Information Systems Technician 1st Class Gennarro Hawkins, who clutched the ball for the game-tying touchdown, while fighting off a defender.

Then with the score knotted up, Bauer found Hawkins again for the game-winning point after touchdown.

While the football season came to a close, Sailors continued to keep up the torrid pace at Ward by burning up the field with action-packed soccer.

Whoever said that soccer wasn't a contact sport missed the physical conflicts between commands during the intramural soccer season.

When the smoke finally cleared, the Kunia Gallos, a team comprised of players from Navy Information Operations Command Hawaii (NIOC), fought their way to the top by capping off a 14-1 record with a 2-0 win over We Fix Ships, a squad of Navy divers, to capture the season's flag.

Like the Gallos, the Force, representing Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC), flexed its muscles over the competition in winning the intramural softball championship.

Armed with a batting order that resembled Murderer's Row, the Force beat down its opponents to the tune of 13 wins against only two losses. The team's final game resulted in a 7-4 victory over Lake Erie to earn the pennant.

Meanwhile, the field wasn't the only place that sizzled with athletic exploits, as both men and women pushed themselves to the limit on the court.

In the Women's Volleyball League, Wotevaz ruled the hardwood floor at Naval Station Gym as the ladies cruised to a 6-1 regular-season record before finishing off Fobulous in straight sets, 25-13 and 25-24, to walk away with the league's championship trophy.

However, when it comes down to the most dominating performance by a team in 2009, that distinction has to go the intramural hoops squad of Naval Station Pearl Harbor (NAVSTA), which ran the table in league play to capture the title with an unblemished 17-0 record.

Led by a swift and athletic backcourt that included Personnel Specialist 2nd Class Josh Kelly, Lt. Jason Jones and Personnel Specialist 3rd Class Aaron Jackson, and a tough inside game headed by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Troy McCloud, NAVSTA ran and gunned its way through the season.

The team ended the year on another high note when it downed USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), 55-48, on Oct. 14 at Naval Station Gym to raise its winning streak to 23 consecutive games.



Coaching mandate is all about child's play

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

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To start the new year, Morale, Welfare and Recreation's (MWR) Pearl Harbor Youth Sports (PHYS) is holding registration for a bevy of activities that is sure to keep area families occupied and entertained throughout the spring season.

Currently, PHYS, which participates with Hickam Air Force Base and Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe in the Hawaii Military Youth Athletic Association, is signing up base kids for NFL Flag Football, girls' fast-pitch softball, baseball, tennis and volleyball.

Regardless of which sport parents decide to enroll their children, they can rest assured that each child will get the full attention of qualified coaches, thanks to the efforts of the folks at PHYS.

The youth sports organization at Naval Station Pearl Harbor has in recent years stepped up its efforts to maintain a positive relationship between coaches and kids by forming an alliance with the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA).

The NYSCA is a nationwide membership and train-



Coaches in Morale, Welfare and Recreation's NFL Flag Football League shout encouragement from the sidelines during a youth football game at Quick Field, Naval Station Pearl Harbor. All coaches in Pearl Harbor Youth Sports are mandated to participate in a season-long evaluative program to ensure that they maintain a positive relationship with the league's players.



ing program for coaches and is provided under the banner of the National Alliance for Youth Sports.

Through the association, coaches affiliated with PHYS are mandated to participate in an evaluative system, which is designed to give coaches season-long feedbacks that offer tips on how to improve their skills. PHYS is the first communi-

ty to officially require coaches to take part in the system.

"The program is called 'rate a coach' and it's been a great tool for us," said Joe Stanczyk, assistant youth sports director at PHYS. "It consists of 14 questions and takes parents about three or four minutes to complete online. It provides feedback to the coaches and lets them know areas that they need to work on, and lets parents

know what we're doing for the coaches."

Parents with children in PHYS are asked to evaluate their child's coach at mid-season and at the conclusion of the year.

Besides the feedback system, Stanczyk stated that NYSCA also offers a tremendous amount of resources to help coaches keep on the cutting edge of the latest trends on how to motivate, teach and interact with

children.

Since much of NYSCA's core philosophies mirror the values of PHYS, Stanczyk said that the partnership between the two organizations has been outstanding.

"It's been awesome," noted Stanczyk. "The resources, in terms of video or any kind of training tool, is there and they do a background check (on individuals wanting to coach). They also provide us with a newsletter that tells

us about a lot of stuff that goes on in youth sports."

While the information and feedback program from NYSCA is highly beneficial to the coaches, children and families from Pearl Harbor, Stanczyk said that the partnership's real asset lies in the fact that it helps PHYS keep its focus on the children.

Sometimes in the heat of competition, admitted Stanczyk, children can get lost in a coach's desire to win. But with the help of NYSCA, coaches are reminded, through an 11-point code of ethics, to keep the game enjoyable for all.

Listed within the code are ideals, such as placing the emotional and physical well being of players ahead of a personal desire to win and to lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship.

"It brings back the perspective to the kids," said Stanczyk. "If the kids are having fun, then we get to retain them and have more active kids."

Registration deadlines for the following spring season sports at PHYS are: Feb. 5 for girls' fast-pitch softball (ages 1-18), baseball (5-14) and volleyball (7-14), and Feb. 12 for NFL Flag Football (5-17) and tennis (7-18).

For more information on signups, log on to the Web at www.greatlifeohawaii.com or call PHYS at 474-3501. To learn more about the NYSCA's coach evaluation program, visit www.nays.org/coaches.

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Lt. Dan Band 'back in the sand'



U.S. Navy photo

Actor Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band will perform a concert from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Pop Warner Football Field at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe and from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 30 at the Freedom Mall Tower located at Hickam Air Force Base. For more information, visit www.uso.org.

Forest City says 'hi email, bye tree-mail'

Ryan Wilson

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



Forest City Residential Management is saying, "Hi email. Bye tree-mail!" In January, the Navy Housing provider is starting a month-long campaign to get all residents to update their resident services office (RSO) with their most current email address. Everyone who does will automatically be entered to win one of more than 100 prizes.

Residents could win an iPod Touch, a Sony e-reader, a thumb drive, or iTunes & Napster gift cards, simply by providing their most up-to-date personal email address.

"It's our way of saying thanks to our valued residents for being part of our conservation initiatives and for each taking an active role in finding solutions to improved communications. We're excited to see so many residents already supporting this important initiative by calling and visiting their resident services offices to update their contact information. Prizes are a fun way to give back for everyone's participation in the 'Hi email. Bye tree-mail,'" said Kari Diaz, Forest City general manager.

Forest City estimates that this program will save more than half a ton of paper per year, or about 11 trees.

Residents will start to notice banners and signs posted around their neighborhoods announcing the transition to email. They'll receive one last piece of mail with information about Forest City's "Hi email. Bye tree-mail!" program. And

one, Forest City will help them get set up. Only one email address per household is needed. Residents are then entered into a drawing for the prizes.

"I think this will help Forest City improve its communication with residents," said Sarah Cypert, a Doris Miller neighborhood resident. "First of all, it's easier and faster. Second, it's a lot better for the environment," she added.

Residents will not receive any spam. Only information that pertains to them and their homes will be sent. For instance, notices about power or water outages will be sent via email. And the newsletter will now be electronic.

Residents are urged not to unsubscribe from these emails and not to add themselves to the "do not contact" list. To do so means Forest City cannot include residents in receiving information that could be vitally important.

If residents choose not to receive Forest City emails, they will be responsible for checking in with their resident services office periodically to find out what's going on in their neighborhood. They can also continue to check www.fcnavyhawaii.com, which is full of timely and important information.

"Forest City is committed to providing residents with the best possible living experience while also being good stewards of our land and resources," Diaz said. "After all, saving trees just makes sense for a company with a name like Forest City."

Residents are encouraged to call their RSO with any questions. They are also encouraged to say, "Hi email. Bye tree-mail!"

on Jan. 12, they will receive their first plain text email from Forest City.

Then, starting in February, Forest City will begin sending all information to residents electronically, including notifications, newsletters, emergency advisements, and events and schedules.

"Anything residents once received by mail, they'll now receive by email. It's the most effective way and time efficient to get critical information out to our residents," said Diaz. "That's why it's so important that they provide us with their most current personal email address as soon as possible. Otherwise, they could miss out on crucial and timely information from Forest City. Residents should call their resident services office today."

Residents are asked to provide Forest City with a yahoo.com, gmail.com, hotmail.com, or other personal email address. Military email addresses (.mil) won't be accepted because if the service member deploys, their family might not be able to get important information. That's why Forest City encourages them to use a personal account that their family can check every day. If they don't have

Navy Exchange announces A-OK winner

Story and photo by Mark Smith

NEX Marketing

Rebecca K. Walton was named as the winner of the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange's (NEX) A-OK Student Reward Program for the fourth quarter 2009. As an award for her good grades, Walton received a \$1,000 savings bond.

The NEX set up the A-OK program in support of military families. To qualify, students must maintain a minimum of a "B" average or equivalent. Any student from first grade through high school is eligible and winners are announced every quarter



Richard Heirakuji (right), Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) hardlines divisional manager, presents Rebecca Walton (left), the fourth quarter A-OK winner, with her award on Dec. 28.

for savings bonds of \$5,000, \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000. For more information on the A-OK program, visit the NEX Aloha Center or call 423-3274.

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“New Year's Day is every man's birthday.”



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-John Wayne



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This Week's Trivia

As a young naval officer serving in World War II, what famous American set up the only hamburger stand in the South Pacific?

Last Issue's Question: What famous American "hoisted his flag" as a rear admiral and commander of BatDiv 1 on the USS Arizona in 1938 and then went on to fame in World War II?

Answer: Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz



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Navy Region Hawai'i Manawa Nanea

Morale Welfare & Recreation

☞ SINGLE SAILORS LADIES NIGHT AT NCTAMS
Come to Liberty at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station and hang out with the girls at 5 p.m. tonight. The event is free and open to all female single Sailors. FMI: 653-0220.

☞ CELEBRATE POST-SEASON FOOTBALL
Find out which teams will make it through the playoffs and to the Super Bowl. Come watch your picks on the big screen on Jan. 9, 10, 16, 17 and 24. Oceans CPO Club is for authorized patrons E7 to E9 and their guests. Brews and Cues is open to all military-affiliated patrons and their guests. FMI: 473-1743.

☞ NAVY-MARINE GOLF COURSE FREE GOLF CLINIC
Learn the basics of golf in this free clinic held at 2 p.m. Jan. 9 and 23. FMI: 471-0142.

☞ NEW YEAR'S SWIM AT NAVY POOLS
Now through Jan. 15, swim at least 2,010 yards and receive a free embroidered towel, courtesy of Navy Region Hawaii's Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR). Sign up at Scott, Towers, Richardson or NCTAMS pools and log your swimming to reach the magical number. FMI: 473-0394.

☞ YOUTH FITNESS ORIENTATION AND MINI-YOUTH ORIENTATION
A free youth and mini-youth fitness orientation will be held Jan. 16 at Bloch Arena. The youth fitness orientation will be geared toward children ages 10 to 14 years of age and start at 9 a.m. The mini-youth fitness orientation will include children ages six to nine years of age and start at 10 a.m. Both orientations include an equipment introduction, safety guidelines, an exercise demo, and a review of the rules and regulations. Youth must be accompanied by an adult for the orientation. Registration is required by the Thursday prior to each class. FMI: 473-0793.

For more information on Navy Region Hawaii MWR events, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com

Community Calendar

☞ January

☞ 15, 16 ~ Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) will host a treadmill and elliptical demonstration from 4 to 7 p.m. Jan. 15 and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 16 at the sporting goods department. Certified personal trainers from the Navy Region Hawaii fitness program will be on hand to demonstrate the use of the equipment and assist customers in choosing the right exercise machines for their fitness needs. FMI: visit the NEX sporting goods department or 421-3478.

☞ 29, 30 ~ Actor Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band will perform a concert from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Pop Warner Football Field at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe and from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 30 at the Freedom Mall Tower located at Hickam Air Force Base. FMI: visit www.uso.org.

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Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG)

In the second installment of Stephenie Meyer's phenomenally successful Twilight series, the romance between mortal and vampire soars to a new level as Bella Swan delves deeper into the mysteries of the supernatural world she yearns to become part of—only to find herself in greater peril than ever before. The film features more of the passion, action and suspense that made Twilight a worldwide phenomenon.

TODAY
7:00 PM Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG 13)

SATURDAY
2:30 PM Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG)
4:45 PM Planet 51 (PG)
7:00 PM 2012 (PG 13)

SUNDAY
2:30 PM Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG)
4:45 PM Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG)
7:12 PM Pirate Radio (R)

