



## Media Advisory

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### **JBPHH to host Makahiki celebration on Nov. 7**

PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM – The annual Makahiki at Kapuaikaula, better known today as Hickam, will be celebrated at Hickam Harbor Beach at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 7. The Makahiki, or festival, will feature ho`okupu (gift) presentations, cultural demonstrations, and ancient makahiki games. The annual event is organized by the Oahu Council of Hawaiian Civic Clubs and provides an opportunity for military families to learn about the rich pre-western Hawaiian traditions and history of the lands surrounding Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Before the makahiki begins at 9 a.m., senior members of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will participate with paddlers from Kamaha`o Canoe Club in carrying Lono, the deified guardian of agriculture, rain, health and peace to the shore. These canoes will make a journey from Iroquois Point to Hickam Harbor. Once on shore, they will be greeted and a blast of the conch shell will announce their arrival, and the makahiki will commence.

One of the highlights of the event is the makahiki games. These games were a test of strength and skill for competitors to win recognition for their prowess. Adults and children can participate in games such as `ulu maika (stone rolling), moa pahe`e (dart tossing), haka moa (one-leg wrestling), and maka ihe (spear throwing).

The event is free and open to military and civilian personnel with base access, their families and sponsored guests.

*NOTE: Media interested in covering the event should contact Lt Corbin Dryden by 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 6, by calling (808) 473-0660 or Email at corbin.dryden@navy.mil. Media will meet at the Pass & ID Office parking lot outside Nimitz Gate at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7 for escort to the Makahiki site.*

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