

JBP HH hosts *makahiki* festival

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Service members, families and civilians attended and participated in the annual Kapuaikaula *Makahiki* Festival held Oct. 22 at Hickam Harbor Beach at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

The *makahiki* festival, known as a "Hawaiian Thanksgiving," provides an opportunity for military families to understand the culture and history of Hawaii.

Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, gave remarks and expressed how he feels about the festival.

"Thank you for making this available to us today to learn from you on the traditions and importance of the Hawaiian culture," Smith said. "I think it is wonderful that we can do this every year."

The event also focuses on the tradition of temporarily breaking the barrier between traditional Hawaiian chiefs, or *ali'i*, and those underneath them to strengthen their relationship.

"Today what we attempt to do is to find a venue – a Hawaiian cultural venue – to help facilitate that relationship by getting military



(Above) Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), walks in the procession during the annual *Makahiki* festival on JBPHH.

(Right) Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), play a stone rolling game at the annual *Makahiki* festival on JBPHH.

agriculture, rain, health and peace arriving on the shores of Hickam Harbor Beach. One of the paddlers was Capt. Jeffrey James, JBPHH commander.

"One of the most rewarding aspects of living in Hawaii is the opportunity to see and learn about the rich culture and heritage of the ancient Hawaiians," James said. "The opportunity to participate in the re-enactment of the arrival of Lono from the sea, as a key part of the *makahiki* festival, really strikes a chord with the shared connection between the sea, the Navy and the past."

The arrival was followed by a procession from the landing site to the *makahiki* location. After the procession, Kane spoke to those in attendance.

"The most important thing is finding a better means to participate with each other and enjoy the day," Kane said.

After opening remarks from Kane and Smith, attendees participated in traditional games at the event, such as *o'o ihe*, or spear throwing, and *ulu maika*, or stone rolling.

Kane spoke about his appreciation for military participation in the *makahiki*.

"If the commands can support the things we are trying to facilitate, it makes it realistic," he said. "It makes the things that we do worthwhile."

SBX radar vessel returns to Pearl Harbor

Missile Defense Agency

The Missile Defense Agency's Sea-Based X-band Radar (SBX) arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oct. 21. While in port, the vessel will undergo scheduled maintenance, and crew members will conduct training operations.

The SBX is one of the sensors for our nation's ballistic missile defense system (BMDS). It is a semi-submersible, self-propelled, mobile radar platform designed to provide the Missile Defense Agency with support for ballistic missile defense. Its mission is to identify ballistic missile threats to our nation and relay that information to the command and control center for missile defense.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

The Sea-Based X-band Radar (SBX) arrives at Foxtrot Pier on Ford Island on July 14, 2010. SBX will be in port to perform periodic maintenance and to conduct American Bureau of Shipping surveys that will lead to the renewal of the SBX U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Inspection.

Traffic changes set for 'Making Strides' walk

Cmdr. Colin Caswell

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Operations

From 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 29, the American Cancer Society will host the annual "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk from Richardson Field to Ford Island.

Approximately 6,000 people are expected to participate in the walk to support the fight against breast cancer. The 5-mile route will start at Richardson Field, cross the Adm. Clarey (Ford Island) Bridge on the north lane (closest to the Aloha Stadium), circle the Ford Island runway, crossing the bridge again in the north lane, and finish at Richardson Field.

Ford Island Bridge vehicle traffic modifications will be as follows: from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. the bridge will be closed to all

vehicular traffic, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. the north lane of the bridge (the lane closest to Aloha Stadium) will be closed to vehicular traffic with the south lane open using contra-flow, at 9:30 a.m. both lanes on the bridge will be reopened to vehicular traffic. From 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. drivers are cautioned to exercise extreme care as heavy walker/runner traffic is expected in the bike lane and on the sidewalk of the bridge.

The far right eastbound lane of Kamehameha Highway between Salt Lake Boulevard (east and west bound adjacent to Aloha Stadium parking lot) will be closed from approximately 5:30 to 11 a.m.

Monitors will be stationed at intersections on Ford Island to assist walkers and motorists. Drivers again are urged to exercise caution for heavy pedestrian traffic.

The sky's the limit for students

Jovit Marks, a 9th grade student at Kahuku High School, and Katheryn Yomes, a 10th grade student at Leilehua High School, sit in the cockpit of a C-17 aircraft preparing to take off on a training mission. The 535th Airlift Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii hosted a C-17 flight for JROTC cadets from six local high schools on Oct. 14. The event included an assault landing at Kaneohe Bay, an airdrop over Kanes Drop Zone, and a mid-air refueling with a KC-135 aircraft.

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Wounded Warriors visit USS Hawaii

Story and photo by
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A group of six Marines from the Wounded Warrior Detachment Hawaii (WW DET HI), Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay visited the Virginia-class submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oct. 18 to get a first-hand look at basic submarine operations.

The visit included a tour of the submarine's control and sonar spaces, torpedo room and mess decks. Crew members of Hawaii explained and demonstrated the daily functions and responsibilities of a submariner while underway.

"It is truly a great pleasure having these Marines visit our submarine and see how the submarine side of the Navy operates," said Cmdr. Steven Mack, commanding officer, USS Hawaii. "I know my crew enjoyed showing them how we operate at sea, and we look forward to their future visits."

For one of the guests, Cpl. Christopher Hanson, this was his first time on a submarine.

"This tour was a great



Chief Electronics Technician (SS) Mark Wolfe explains the basic navigation controls of the Virginia-class submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776) to Cpl. Christopher Hanson (right) and Cpl. Jorge Cruz during a tour of the submarine. Hanson and Jorge are part of a group of six Marines from the Wounded Warrior Detachment Hawaii, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay who visited USS Hawaii at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oct. 18.

learning experience for me," Hanson said. "I never realized how much advanced technology these submarines have, and the war fighting capabilities are amazing. I cannot wait to come back and visit again."

Cmdr. Steven Jensen, retired Navy chaplain volunteering full time with the WW DET HI, organized the tour.

"I am in hopes we will be able to build a relationship with USS Hawaii and share special events as we get to know and appreciate each other's contribution to securing the safety of our nation," Jensen said.

The mission of WW DET HI is to ensure the well-being of all attached wounded, injured and ill Marines and fleet Marine force Sailors. According to Jensen, the center cares for an average of 43 wounded, injured and ill service members at any given time with the majority suffering minor injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder plus traumatic brain injuries from improvised explosive devices in Afghanistan.

They also provide medical tracking and advocacy, administration and logistics, family support and personal/professional development in order to facilitate a return to full duty or a successful civilian transition.

'Pacific Defender' trains junior security forces specialists

Story and photo by
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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Public Affairs

Eight Airmen from the 647th Security Forces Squadron had the opportunity Oct. 19 to 21 to participate in "Pacific Defender," a brand new program at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam designed to mentor and develop the junior members of the unit.

Staff Sgt. Brett Lafreniere, NCO in charge of unit training, designed the three-day course – an intensive set of briefings from more than 30 leaders and organizations on base.

"We picked our top performers, best and brightest, people who want to stay till 20 and make chief," Lafreniere said. "We asked, 'What do we want them to know?' Well, we want them to know how to get the right assignments, how to build their careers, how to get staff positions, have the right resume, check the right blocks, and it built up from there."

Airman 1st Class Vincent

Kruzona, one of the participants in the course, said the amount of leadership training was valuable.

"If we were to just come here and pull regular law enforcement or flight line security, we would never know the depth of what goes on in the higher-ranking career fields," he said. "I can take this and apply it to my day-to-day job."

Anyone could build a similar course for their own unit, Lafreniere attested. Much of the information was general to the Air Force, information that any E-1 to E-4 would benefit from hearing. The unit-specific items were briefed internally by NCOs in charge of various staff positions.

"The importance of this course is catching the Airmen while they're still young," Lafreniere said. "If you start laying out a career path for them now, you're not going to be able to affect everyone, but you can affect those who have the potential to make it all the way."

Although Lafreniere is scheduled to deploy soon, this is a program the unit views as



Master Sgt. Scott Elmblad, 647th Security Forces Squadron superintendent of operations, speaks with squadron Airmen at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii during Pacific Defender, a three-day mentoring course designed to develop young Airmen. Eight defenders from E-1 to E-4 participated in the course.

being valuable enough to continue even in the absence of the training manager.

"Airmen are our nation's pre-

sent and future leaders, and it's an NCO's inherent responsibility to deliberately develop them to answer that awesome

responsibility," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Skonetski, who will continue the program on a quarterly basis.

USS Bremerton returns from western Pacific deployment

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The Los Angeles-class submarine USS Bremerton (SSN 698) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oct. 5 after completing a scheduled six-month deployment.

Cmdr. Caleb Kerr, Bremerton's commanding officer, commented that the crew, which consists of 140 officers and enlisted Sailors, performed extremely well for the entire deployment.

"Bremerton completed a very successful deployment operating in both the U.S. 5th and U.S. 7th Fleets and accomplished numerous missions vital to national security," Kerr said.

"Although we are the oldest submarine in the United States inventory, we were able to remain at sea and accomplish all assigned tasking, never having to return to port due to a material issue."

Bremerton departed Pearl Harbor on April 5, 2011 on deployment. The crew returned with a



Electrician's Mate 1st Class (SS) Brian Lanham is greeted with a kiss by his wife. Lanham was the first to disembark when the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Bremerton (SSN 698) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oct. 5 after completing a six-month deployment to the western Pacific region.

wealth of submarine experience and advanced qualifications, which included 17 Sailors who became submarine-qualified and are now authorized to

wear the submarine warfare insignia or "dolphins." For many crew members of Bremerton, this deployment was their first where, according to Kerr,

they accomplished the mission tasking with a lot of drive and determination. The crew also experienced many different cultures and lifestyles during

their port visits to Singapore, Bahrain, Diego Garcia and Guam.

"This was the first deployment for approximately half the crew, and

their professionalism and motivation for continuously performing at an optimum level in a multitude of scenarios was inspiring," Kerr said.

"Our extensive pre-deployment training fully prepared all of us for a six-month deployment to two separate theaters of operation in some of the most challenging littoral environments on the planet."

Bremerton is named in honor of the city of Bremerton, Wash., home to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and a city with a long association with both the Navy and the submarine force. She is the 10th ship of the Los Angeles-class.

Her keel was laid by General Dynamics' Electric Boat Division in Groton, Conn. in May 1976. She was commissioned March 28, 1981. Bremerton is 361-feet long and displaces more than 6,100 tons.

Los Angeles-class submarines are ideally suited for covert missions. This stealth, when combined with the submarine's Tomahawk cruise missiles and torpedoes, provide the operational commander with an unseen force multiplier.

Energy conservation (Part 2 of 3-part series)

Navy encourages more participation in energy conservation

Karen S. Spangler
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In an ALL NAVACTS message dated Sept. 12, Rear Adm. Dixon C. Smith, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and commander of Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, announced that conservation efforts in this fiscal year with Navy Region Hawaii have saved the Navy \$7.6 million.

But more needs to be done, the admiral said. He noted that the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 requires the region to achieve an 18 percent energy reduction in fiscal year 2011. But given the current trends of utility consumption, the region has achieved only a 12 percent reduction.

"It is our obligation, especially in this fiscal environment, for each of us to be responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars and our environment," Smith said. "We must be sensitive to the limited energy resources available and the environmental and fiscal impacts of overuse."

Across Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, there have been efforts to help conserve energy. Housing residents have been asked to conserve energy and under the pilot Resident Energy Conservation Program, are encouraged to stay within or below the established averages.

A resident is only required to make an RECP payment when the cumulative amount owed exceeds \$15.

"Residents are strongly encouraged to elect the electric funds transfer (EFT) option on the Forest City website to make payments," said Kari Diaz, general manager for Forest City Residential Management. "Every month, we see about 150 residents who didn't notice they went over the \$15 threshold and had to make a payment. These residents make prompt payment, but after incurring a \$7 late fee. The EFT option is free and automatic, compared to the credit card and debit options that charge a \$3 fee and must be implemented each month," Diaz added.

"The vast majority of conscientious residents pay their monthly bill on time. However, a few residents have had difficulty making

timely payments. In those circumstances, we encourage our residents to contact their resident services offices to discuss payment options that keep their account current and out of severe disciplinary status," explained Diaz.

Residents who are delinquent for 90 days are also subject to non-renewal of their housing lease.

The benefits of reducing electricity usage are two-fold. First, money that is not spent on utility bills is available to cover other operating expenses. Second, the money that is left over each quarter is deposited into a reserve account. That account was specifically established to fund future improvements for Forest City's homes and neighborhoods.

"In other words, we're saving electricity now to make a

better world for our children," Smith explained.

"It is inevitable that utility rates will continue to rise, and the Hawaiian Electric Company announced in July a 2.2 percent increase in its utility rates. We all need to continually look for better ways to reduce our energy consumption," he added.

A detailed study of the Forest City military housing inventory in Hawaii measured the electricity consumed by major category of use. It determined the two highest demands to be air conditioning and "plug loads."

"The highest demand for electricity in our housing is air conditioning, and the second highest is the collective demand from "plug loads" throughout the house, such as entertainment systems,

computers and extra refrigerators and freezers," according to Will Boudra, FCMC vice president of development. "Both air conditioning and plug loads are uses that residents have significant control over," he said.

By following energy guidelines offered by the Navy Region Hawaii Energy Team, housing residents as well as personnel working in installation facilities can support the Navy's energy initiative.

"By following prescribed policies, we will significantly impact and reduce Navy Region Hawaii energy and water usage," Smith said.

(Part 1 of the energy conservation series was published in Ho'okele on Oct. 21. Part 3 of the three-part series will be published in the Nov. 4 Ho'okele.)



Fire prevention at Mokulele Elementary

(Left) Students at Mokulele Elementary School, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii meet Sparky the Fire Dog during a Federal Fire Department Fire Prevention Week event Oct. 19.

(Below) Students at Mokulele Elementary School, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii demonstrate how to stop, drop and roll during a Federal Fire Department Fire Prevention Week event Oct. 19.

U.S. Navy photos by David D. Underwood Jr.



Diverse Views



How do you plan to celebrate Halloween?



Master Sgt. Chonchicha Lane
PACAF AI

"This year I will be TDY for Professional Military Education (PME) so I won't be celebrating Halloween, but I will be out sampling the local food favorites because I love to eat."

A1C Uriel Contreras
13th AF/25th
Air Support Operations Squadron



"Welcoming back squadron members from deployment."



Maj. Jonathan Behunin
13th AF/A3

"Spending time with kids, trick-or-treating, then 'borrowing' some of their candy."

CTT2 Isaac Mitchell
NIOC Hawaii



"Going to downtown Waikiki as Mario, and my friend is going to be Luigi."



ITSA Brandon Brooks
NIOC Hawaii

"Heading to Chinatown."

Traci Ortiz
NIOD Kaneohe Bay ombudsman



"Volunteering to make popcorn bags for trick-or-treaters."

(Provided by David D. Underwood Jr. and IT2 Cicely D. Wiggins)

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USS Epperson modernized at Pearl Harbor Shipyard



Official U.S. Navy photograph, from the collections of the Naval Historical and Heritage Command

The USS Epperson (DD-719) is shown here in drydock at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Hawaii, undergoing modernization on April 14, 1964. The ship was a Gearing-class destroyer of the U.S. Navy, named for United States Marine Corps Private Harold G. Epperson (1923-1944), who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism in the Battle of Saipan.

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Joint Spouses Conference features award-winning CBS reporter

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Kimberly Dozier, an award-winning CBS reporter, spoke to a group of more than 300 women Oct. 22 at the 2011 Joint Spouses Conference at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Dozier, who was born in Hawaii but has not been back to the islands since age 13, was severely injured when a car bomb exploded in Baghdad, Iraq in 2006. She attended the conference to give a realistic account of her experiences while embedded with the Army.

"When I get a chance to speak to spouses, the interesting thing is that I can tell them stuff their loved ones won't talk about," Dozier said.

"I start with the big picture, and then I describe what it was like being a war correspondent in Baghdad, being on patrol in Baghdad, and then being in a car bombing in Baghdad – being in an incident where



Kim Dozier, an award-winning CBS News reporter who was injured in Iraq during a car bombing, speaks to more than 300 women at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, during the Joint Spouses Conference on Oct. 22. Dozier was born in Hawaii and has not been back to the islands since she was 13 years old. She made the trip specifically to speak with military spouses from all services.

you get horribly injured and the people you care about also get hit. That's pretty universal. That can happen

in any war zone, anywhere." She described the injury process and recovery process in graphic detail,

explaining to the spouses who aren't in the field how to relate to their loved ones who might be

in harm's way. "(This is) an audience who needs to hear this," she said. "These are the people

who keep their loved ones in the field going. If they get hit like I did, these are the people who will get them back on their feet."

"That is the way I healed, so I want them to understand what people could face out there, what they might face back here and how – yeah, it's really tough going through this whole horrible process of being injured, but you can come back and this is just one example," Dozier explained.

The day-long conference also included a wide variety of workshops for attending spouses – opportunities to learn new things but, more important, to talk to each other and share experiences, according to Jane West, the director of this year's conference.

"The purpose of this is to educate and give the opportunity to network to our military spouses of all ranks and all branches," West said.

"We rarely get the opportunity to all come together, so this is a chance to learn from each other and learn about what resources are available to them as military spouses. The attendees really (enjoyed) it."

New base access procedures for contractors and vendors to begin soon

Senior Master Sgt. Jessica L. DellaRosa

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Effective Oct. 31 at 11:59 a.m., contractors and vendors entering Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam who are eligible for participation in the Navy Commercial Access Control System (NCACS) program but choose not to enroll will only be authorized issuance of one-day passes for access on a daily basis.

- Effective Oct. 31 at 11:59 a.m., all old Gold Cards/Hickam Gray Cards issued to NCACS eligible contractors/vendors will be invalid for entry regardless of expiration date.
- On Nov. 1, contractors/vendors entering JBPHH must possess one of the following to gain entry: a visitor pass, a RAPIDGate credential or a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) card with a new

- Gold Card or bill of lading or visitor pass.
- Passes are issued for the same day. Example: You will not be issued a pass as you depart on Nov. 1 for entry on Nov. 2.
- JB2 Form 0-180 needs to be current and on file to receive a one-day pass, or the sponsor must physically be present to sign contractor/vendor onto the base.
- JB2 Form 0-180 is only valid for 30 days at the

- time of issuance.
 - To receive a vehicle pass, a valid driver's license, proof of insurance, current safety and registration must be presented at the time of issuance.
 - If you choose to participate in NCACS and enroll in RAPIDGate, a temporary pass will be issued to allow processing of the RAPIDGate credential. (JB2 Form 0-180 is required to be on file.)
- The following are the

- locations and times for issuance of daily passes to contractors or vendors:
- Little Makalapa compound:**
 - 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.
- Note: For the time being, this is the only pass location for JBPHH main, 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Day passes will not be issued during this time at any other location with the exception of West Loch or Wahiawa.
- Nimitz Pass and ID**

- 7:30 a.m. to noon Saturday – Sunday.
 - O'Malley Visitor Control Center:**
 - 4:30 to 10 p.m. Monday – Friday, noon to 10 p.m. Saturday – Sunday.
 - Wahiawa Pass and ID:**
 - 6:30 to 11 a.m. and noon to 3:30 p.m. Monday – Sunday.
 - West Loch Pass and ID:**
 - 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday – Sunday.
- For questions or directions, contact the pass and ID office at 471-2131.

Bring an Airman home for Thanksgiving

Hickam Communities LLC

Hickam Communities will sponsor its seventh annual Bring an Airman Home for the Holidays. Families who welcome a single Airman or single Airmen into their homes for a home-made Thanksgiving Day feast will be provided with a free turkey or the equivalent. "This is our way of supporting the ongoing efforts of our

families to reach out to service members who are away from home and family during the holidays," said Stephen Quinn, director of property management for Hickam Communities LLC.

The program urges all Hickam Communities residents to bring out that extra place setting and add an extra special meaning to a day of thanks.

Residents who are interested in participating in the program can register by emailing ThanksAirmen@hickamcommunities.com. They should include their name, contact information and names of the Airmen invited to their home.

The deadline to register is Nov. 15. Hosting families must be residents of Hickam Communities.

Passenger terminal closed Nov. 11-14

The AMC Passenger Terminal will be closed from 6 a.m. Nov. 11 to 6 a.m. Nov. 14 due to no flights.

During this time, access to the passenger terminal will be restricted and travelers will not be able to access the terminal.

For "space A" sign-up and 24-hour contact information during the closure, see the web site at <http://www.15wing.af.mil/units/735thams/>

For more information, call the passenger service center at 449-6833.

Applications accepted for Navy League Award until Oct. 31

Applications are still being accepted for Navy League Sea the Service Award nominations until Oct. 31.

The Navy League annually honors outstanding Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard officers and enlisted personnel in the mid-Pacific area.

This year the Honolulu Council plans to honor up to 45 men

and women of the three sea services.

The awards are designed to reward recipients for special achievement and encourage young men and women to follow a Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard career.

For more information, call Lt. Byron T. Walls, Navy Region Hawaii public affairs, at 473-0660.

'Giant Voice' siren test set for Nov. 1

The City & County of Honolulu will be conducting the monthly statewide outdoor warning siren test at 11:45 a.m. on Nov. 1.

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam "Giant Voice" works in conjunction with Honolulu's outdoor warning sirens and will sound a steady tone for 45 seconds.

Kuntz Gate closed from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 11

Kuntz Gate will be closed to all traffic for maintenance from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Nov. 11.

All deliveries will be redirected to Halawa Gate. Halawa Gate will be open during the hours

of 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Nov. 11.

Kuntz Gate will open for normal operations on Nov. 12.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Scott Elmlad at 449-1007.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



U.S. Navy photo by AMEL Calori Mullins
 Personnel Specialist 1st Class Eugene Asuncion eats a special steak and crab legs meal to celebrate the Navy Birthday at the Silver Dolphin Bistro on the Navy's 236th birthday Oct. 13.



U.S. Navy photo by David D. Underwood Jr.
 Tiare West, a 12th grade student at Waianae High School prepares to assist the loadmaster in an airdrop over Kanes Drop Zone. The 535th Airlift Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, hosted a C-17 flight for JROTC cadets from six local high schools on Oct. 14. The event included an assault landing at Kaneohe Bay, an airdrop over Kanes Drop Zone, and a mid-air refueling with a KC-135 aircraft.



U.S. photo by MCSN Dustin W. Sisco
 Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, plays a spear throwing game at the annual Makahiki festival on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on Oct. 22.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Carolyn Herrick
 U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Deborah Hernandez, 15th Maintenance Group first sergeant, gives a \$50 commissary gift card to Monica Richardson, wife of Logistic Specialist 3rd Class Namon Richardson and 18-month-old son Namon Jr. on Oct. 18 at the Hickam commissary. The Air Force first sergeants at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam are giving out \$2,000 in commissary gift cards to E-5s and below with children, prior to the holidays. This is part of Operation Warm Heart, an annual fund raiser for Airmen who may appreciate an extra boost to get through the holiday season.



U.S. photo by MCSN Dustin W. Sisco
 Sailors talk to energy experts from Navy Region Hawaii at the end of training at an energy fair and awareness training at the Ford Island Conference Center on historic Ford Island. The fair was held to bring awareness to energy conservation, as well as train new building energy managers.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Ronald Cutridge
 A group of six Marines from the Wounded Warrior Detachment Hawaii, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay visits the Virginia-class submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oct. 18 to get a first-hand look at basic submarine operations. (See story on page A-2.)

Firefighter/paramedic visits New York City 'ground zero'

Federal Fire Department Hawaii

Federal Fire Department Firefighter Paramedic Jason Hanagami had the opportunity to travel to New York City in September to participate in the Annual Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers 5K Run.

Hanagami was selected by the fire chief and deputy chiefs to represent the Federal Fire Department in the annual 5K run held in New York City on Sept. 25.

The annual Stephen Siller 5K Run is named after Stephen Siller, a New York City firefighter who was one of 343 first responders who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. Each year New York City holds an annual 5K run tracing Stephen Siller's final three-mile journey on foot with nearly 60 pounds of equipment from the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the World Trade Center Twin Towers. In his memory, The Stephen Siller Foundation was created.

Upon arrival, the director of USA Cares personally met Hanagami at the airport.

"I have never visited



Photos by Jacy Hanagami

(Above and right) Federal Fire Department firefighter/paramedic Jason Hanagami visits New York City to participate in the annual Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers 5K Run on Sept. 25.

New York or New Jersey. Therefore it was a memorable first time experience. The hospitality offered by USA Cares made the trip easy and enjoyable," Hanagami said.

"I started to think about the reason why I was doing this run. Imagining Stephen Siller's thoughts as he exited the tunnel and saw the world trade

center towers made me forget the small pains I was going through. The blisters that formed on the back of my ankles became a forgotten sore and the heat became tolerable," Hanagami said.

When Freedom Towers became visible I felt an overwhelming feeling of patriotism and pride mixed with feelings of sadness for all the lives

lost on 9/11."

After 51 minutes of running and jogging with 30 pounds of gear, Hanagami reached ground zero and said he was immediately struck with a sense of sadness and confusion and was overwhelmed by the hustle and bustle of the city.

"Many people came up to me and thanked me for the job I do. Someone



even shouted at me 'go warrior!' Participants even wanted to touch me for good luck! It made me feel especially proud of my chosen profession." Hanagami said, "It was an experience I will never forget. It stirred up feelings that are underlying on an everyday basis. Feelings of patriotism, pride and gratitude should not be

taken for granted." Fire Inspector Angela Sanders said that people like Jason Hanagami inspire others to make every moment count and Federal Fire Department is proud to have such an amazing firefighter/paramedic. "He truly understands what it means to 'Protect Those Who Defend America,'" Sanders stated.

Joint Typhoon Warning Center rededicates new operation floor and mission

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The newly renovated Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) operations floor held a rededication ceremony on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oct. 21.

The ceremony was held with the untying of the traditional Hawaiian maile lei to commemorate the new command space and mission. The ceremony came along with the unveiling of the official name change from "Naval Maritime Forecast Center/Joint Typhoon Warning Center" to simply "Joint Typhoon Warning Center."

"This event gives us the opportunity to recognize the long tradition and criticality of the Joint Typhoon Warning Center mission and the Air Force and Navy personnel—uniformed and civilian—that make it happen," said



U.S. Navy photo by MCI Shawn Gentile

Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class Alyssa Roth assists Rear Adm. Jonathan White, commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, Stennis Space Center, Miss., as they untie the Hawaiian maile lei during the rededication ceremony of the newly renovated Joint Typhoon Warning Center operations floor on Oct. 21.

Capt. Michael D. Angove, JTWC commanding officer.

More than 50 guests attended the ceremony.

Also attending the ceremony were Air Force Brig. Gen. Kenneth S. Wilsbach, deputy director for operations, U.S. Pacific

Command (PACOM); Dr. Fred P. Lewis, director of weather, deputy chief of staff for operations, plans and requirements,

Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.; and Rear Adm. Jonathan W. White, Commander Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, Stennis Space Center, Miss.

"What you do here at Joint Typhoon Warning Center provides operators with the home field advantage at away games," White said.

The mission of JTWC is to provide tropical cyclone forecast, warning, reconnaissance and decision support to the United States government agencies operating in the Pacific and Indian Oceans as directed by PACOM.

In December 1944, Typhoon Cobra encountered Adm. Halsey's Task Force 38, claiming 790 Sailors, 150 aircraft and three destroyers and gravely damaging nine other warships. In light of the incident, Commander U.S. PACOM established JTWC under Fleet Weather Central at Guam

in May 1959.

In 1995, JTWC was relocated to Hawaii and became the Naval Maritime Forecast Center/Joint Typhoon Warning Center (NMFC/JTWC). NMFC's mission was later moved to the Fleet Weather Center in San Diego in July 2011.

In October 2011, JTWC became a standalone command for the first time.

"Today that mission remains just as important as we continually strive to improve forecast accuracy so that the fleet can safely execute the current generation mission in what remains a typhoon infested battle space," Angove said.

"The establishment of the Joint Typhoon Warning Center as a stand-alone command for the first time in its 52-year history is a testament to the renewed commitment from both the Navy and Air Force to delivering world-class tropical cyclone forecasting capability to Department of Defense."

CNRH observes National Disability Employment Awareness Month

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Navy Region Hawaii held an observance for National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) at USS Parche Submarine Memorial Park at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oct. 25.

The theme for 2011 NDEAM is "Profit by Investing in Workers with Disabilities."

Iris Imae, operations department manager for Defense Logistics Agency Pearl Harbor, and Mona Yamada, executive director of Naval Supply Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor, served as the guest speakers for the event and offered remarks to those in attendance.

"This observance helps raise awareness for those who are disabled and also helps them get these individuals into the work-



A U.S. Air Force color guard parades the colors during the opening ceremony of the observance of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) on Oct. 25 at USS Parche Submarine Memorial Park on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The theme for 2011 NDEAM is "Profit by Investing in Workers with Disabilities."

force recruitment program," Imae said.

"Today we are here to cele-

brate everything that individuals have contributed to the U.S. government," Yamada said.

"Disabled individuals have done and continue to do a tremendous job for our government."

Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, also offered remarks during the ceremony.

"Throughout the military, diversity is our strength. Disabled individuals represent part of that diversity to make the military even stronger," James said. "No one should ever be overlooked for a job because of a lack of physical capabilities. These individuals serve our country just like our men and women in uniform."

National Disability Employment Awareness Month was declared in 1988 by the United States Congress for October. The month is an extension of "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week" originally observed during the first week of October beginning in 1962.

The Office of Disability Employment Policy has the lead in planning NDEAM activities and materials to increase the public's awareness of contributions and skills of American workers with disabilities.

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Nov. 3 — Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard
(Individual augmentees)

Nov. 10 — Marine Corps Birthday

Nov. 17 — Pearl Harbor Day 70th
Anniversary

Nov. 24 — Thanksgiving (no show)

Dec. 1 — Tower lighting at Joint Base Pearl
Harbor-Hickam

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