

70th December 7 anniversary

70th Anniversary Remembrance will honor Hickam Field heroes

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The Pacific Air Forces and the 15th Wing at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will hold a joint 70th Anniversary Remembrance Ceremony from 7:55 to 9 a.m. Dec. 7 at Atterbury Circle. The ceremony will commemorate the 1941 attack on Hickam Field.

Eight Hickam Field survivors will be attending the commemoration event.

The theme of the ceremony is "Honoring our Heroes." It will include an F-22 missing man flyover from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing, a wreath laying and an honor guard gun salute.

U.S. Air Force Gen. Gary North, Pacific Air Forces commander, and Col. Sam Barrett, 15th Wing commander, will be the guest speakers. Chaplain Joseph Deichert, 647th Air Base Group chaplain, will deliver the invocation. A trio from the Pacific Air Forces Band will perform various musical pieces throughout the ceremony.

The 15th Wing will also host an event Dec. 6 at Atterbury Circle. The Manchester West High



School band will perform from 9:15 to 9:40 a.m. The band will perform in honor of two former students, Pvt. Joe Jedrysiak and Sgt. Maurice St. Germain, who attended the school and were killed in action Dec. 7, 1941.

The guest speaker for this event will be Col. Dan Baldessari, 15th Operations Group commander, who attended a high school near Manchester West High School.

Participation for both events is highly encouraged for military members. All others who would like to attend the ceremony must be Department of Defense card holders or have base access.

There will be road closures and limited public parking at

the events. Road closures will include Atterbury Circle on Dec. 6 and 7 as well as the 15th Medical Group parking lot and the library parking lot.

Atterbury Circle will be closed from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Dec. 6 for the band event and also from 4 to 7 p.m. Dec. 6. It will again be closed from 4 to 10 a.m. Dec. 7 for the 70th Remembrance Ceremony commemorating the attack on Hickam Field. O'Malley Boulevard will be closed from 4 to 5:45 p.m. on Dec. 8.

Those attending the ceremony need to be in place no later than 8:45 a.m. Dec. 6 and 7:15 a.m. Dec. 7.

For more information, visit www.15wing.af.mil.

Pearl Harbor Day events honor 'enduring legacy' of attack

70th commemoration

National Park Service and Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The National Park Service and the U.S. Navy will host a joint memorial ceremony, commemorating the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, from 7:45 to 9:30 a.m. Dec. 7 at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument (formerly known as the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center). The National Park Service will also host a series of special events in commemoration of the 70th anniversary from Dec. 2 through Dec. 8.

The theme of the Dec. 7 ceremony is "The Enduring Legacy: Pearl Harbor 1941 - 2011." The ceremony will take place on the back lawn of the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center which looks directly out to the USS Arizona Memorial situated in Pearl Harbor.

More than 3,000 distinguished guests and the general public are expected to join current and former military personnel, including Pearl Harbor survivors and other World War II veterans, for the annual observance of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. More than 100 Pearl Harbor survivors are expected to attend, including seven USS Arizona survivors with the USS Arizona Reunion Association.

This year's keynote speaker is Mal Middlesworth, who was 18 years old and a member of the Marine Detachment

aboard the heavy cruiser USS San Francisco, tied up in the shipyard at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Other guest speakers include Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy. Highlights of the ceremony will include music by the Navy's U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, morning colors, a Hawaiian blessing, a rifle salute by members of the U.S. Marine Corps, wreath presentations and echo Taps. There will be recognition of the men and women who survived the attack of Dec. 7, 1941 and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

At 7:55 a.m., the exact moment the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor began 70 years ago, a moment of silence will be observed. The guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) will render honors to the USS Arizona. The 199th Fighter Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard, and 19th Fighter Squadron, U.S. Air Force, will fly over the memorial in a missing man formation.

The ceremony will conclude with a walk of honor by more than 100 Pearl Harbor survivors and other World War II veterans through an honor cord of armed services and National Park Service men and women.

The commemoration is free, and the public is invited to attend. Seats for the general public are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. The visitor center will open at 6:30 a.m. Seating for the public will begin at 7:15 a.m.

There will be limited public parking for the cere-

mony at the visitor center. Additional parking will be available at Richardson Field. The public is encouraged to arrive early to allow time for parking and going through security at the visitor center.

Public tours to Arizona

Public tours to the USS Arizona Memorial will operate on a special schedule Dec. 7 due to the morning ceremony. The first public tour will begin at 11 a.m. with the last tour beginning at 1:30 p.m. Tours begin every 15 minutes and include a 23-minute movie presentation followed by a short boat ride and visit to the memorial. Tickets are free and distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Security

Cameras are permitted; however, due to strict security measures, camera bags, purses, handbags and/or other items that offer concealment are not allowed. Bag storage is available at the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park.

Dress code

Military dress is summer white or service equivalent. The civilian dress code for the commemoration is aloha attire, long pants and collared shirts.

Information

For more information about the Pearl Harbor Day 70th Anniversary Commemoration ceremony and special events, visit www.nps.gov/valr/ or www.pacifichistoricparks.org or www.pearlharboorevents.com

(See more events on page A-4. See the Dec. 7 commemorative edition of Ho'okele on Dec. 9 for full coverage of events.)

Ford Island Bridge closures announced

The Ford Island (Adm. Clarey) Bridge will be closed for Dec. 7 commemoration events as follows:

The bridge will be closed from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 6 for a rehearsal and bridge opening test.

All lanes of the bridge will be closed to traffic from approximately 7 to 9 a.m. on Dec. 7 to allow USS Chung-Hoon to conduct a pass in review.

Traffic along Kamehameha Highway

near the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center is expected to be unusually heavy on the morning of Dec. 7. Affected personnel are advised to consider alternate routes. The Borchers Gate into the Makalapa compound will be open. However, the back gate (Luapele Drive) will be open from 5 to 8 a.m. and is the recommended entry/exit gate for Makalapa personnel.

Quiet hours will be observed in Pearl Harbor

from 7 to 11 a.m. on Dec. 7 to avoid interfering with commemoration events.

Several parking lots and streets will be secured. All vehicles remaining in these areas during the secured times will be towed at the owner's expense. Affected areas are: the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument parking lots, Rainbow Bay Marina parking lots, and Commander, Pacific Fleet boat house parking lot.

Navy Region Hawaii celebrates Native American Heritage Month

Story and photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Service members and civilians assigned to various commands on Oahu held an observance of Native American Heritage Month at the Hickam Memorial Theater on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Nov. 29.

The theme for this year's Native American Heritage Month is "Service, Honor, Respect: Strengthening Our Cultures and Communities."

Rosanna Prieto, a member of the Honolulu Inter-Tribal Pow Wow Committee, served as a guest speaker for the event.

"Today is a day for us to honor and remember our ancestors for their pride and resilience," Prieto said. "Native Americans have had a lot of influences on the United States and the military as many



Dr. David Windhorse Long (left) and Dr. David Bevet (right) of Honolulu Inter-Tribal Pow Wow Committee perform a traditional Native American dance during the Native American Heritage Month celebration Nov. 29 at the Hickam Memorial Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

major cities and states are named after chiefs and tribes. During World War II, the Navajo code talkers proved to be invaluable to the

military as the code was never deciphered. These are just some of the things that Native Americans have contributed," she said.

James Neuman, historian for Navy Region Hawaii, spoke about Native American contributions to the military.

"Native Americans have served with distinction in the United States military for over 200 years. Today there are nearly 200,000 active and former Native American military veterans," Neuman said.

"America is a nation of many cultures, rich with diversity and distinctions and, when woven together, it is part of what makes us strong. It behooves us all to listen to other cultures and see what we can learn and what we have in common."

"Surely we have a lot to learn from the Native American warrior. That small minority that has given well beyond its numbers has led the way in those values we all cherish of strength, courage, pride and devotion to duty," he said.

During the observance, members of the Honolulu Inter-Tribal Pow Wow Committee performed tradi-

tional Native American dances.

Master-At-Arms 1st Class Kelly Wilson, assigned to Navy Region Hawaii, said he was thoroughly impressed with the ceremony.

"I thought the ceremony was great. I didn't really realize that there are over 500 tribes in the United States," Wilson said. "The dances that they performed were very unique, and I thought they did a fantastic job."

Currently, more than 15,000 Sailors and 1,280 civilians of Native American and Alaska Native heritage serve in the Navy.

In 1990, President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating the month of November as "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations, under variants on the name including "Native American Heritage Month" and "National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month," have been issued each year since 1994.



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USS Chafee (DDG 90) Sailors deploy to western Pacific



The guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Nov. 29.

Story and photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Families and friends gathered to say goodbye as the guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Nov. 29 for a six-month independent deployment to the western Pacific.

Chafee, commanded by Cmdr. Justin A. Kubu, is deploying under the Middle Pacific Surface Combatant (MPSC) deployment concept in which Pearl Harbor-based ships deploy in support of operations primarily in the western Pacific under U.S. 7th Fleet. The crew of more than 250 Sailors will conduct integrated operations in conjunction with coalition partners.

"The expectations are that we quickly integrate to the operations in the west-

ern Pacific and that we perform our mission as well as we've been trained," Kubu said. "I want to make sure that we continue to execute our daily routine, that the Sailors have their professional goals and their personal goals they are working toward, and that we continue to communicate with our families."

Chafee recently completed training in the Koa Kai 12-1 exercise, which included the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force's helicopter destroyer JS Kurama (DDH 144).

Lt. Cmdr. Donnie Cates, combat systems officer, said the ship is expected to participate in a couple of multinational exercises.

"It's really exciting," Cates said. "It will be a combination of some of the training that we've been through in the past couple of months. We've been in Pearl Harbor for a considerable amount of time. It's

good to get back out underway and do what taxpayers asked us to do."

Marta Riendeau, wife of Chafee's weapons officer, Lt. Edward Riendeau, said she felt anxious when the ship departed and hopes the ship does not get delayed returning home.

"Hopefully, they have fair weather to sail and nobody gets seasick," Marta said. "I look forward to all the interesting things he picks up as presents for the kids."

Guided-missile destroyers are multi-mission anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare surface combatants. They operate independently in support of carrier and expeditionary strike groups and surface strike groups. The mission of an Arleigh Burke-class Aegis destroyer is to conduct prompt, sustained combat operations at sea in support of national policy.

Afloat Training Group is honored for environmental stewardship

Katherine M. Turner

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(Editor's note: Afloat Training Group at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam received an honorable mention in the small shore command category.)

WASHINGTON (NNS) - The deputy chief of naval operations for fleet readiness and logistics (N4) recognized 12 commands for community service excellence when he announced the winners of the 2011 Navy Community Service Environmental Stewardship Flagship awards Nov. 23.

The awards, announced by Vice Adm. William R. Burke, recognize the best

year-round volunteer-supported program or special project that promotes education and good stewardship of environmental resources. The Environmental Stewardship Flagship is one of five flagships in the Navy Community Service program. The other four flagships include Personal Excellence Partnership, Project Good Neighbor,

Campaign Drug Free, and Health, Safety and Fitness.

In a naval message announcing the winners, Burke, the environmental stewardship flagship sponsor, said, "Congratulations to all award winners and honorable mentions and to the many other nominees. You should be proud of your accomplishments leading by example to protect the environment and strengthen community ties. Your actions exemplify the Navy's commitment to protecting the environment and enhancing local communities as a global force for good."

The 2011 winners in the shore category are:

Small (under 200 personnel): Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit, Whidbey, Oak Harbor, Wash.

Medium (200 to 499 personnel): Navy Information Operations Command Sugar Grove, W.Va.

Large (500 or more personnel): Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md.

Winners in the sea category are:

Small: FBM Operational Test Support Unit TWO, Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Medium: Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 57, San Diego, Calif.

Large: USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71).

Winners in the overseas category are:

Small: Navy Munitions Command, East Asia Division, Unit Guam.

Large: USS Frank Cable (AS 40).

Commands receiving honorable mentions include:

Small shore command: Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Medium shore command: Naval Base Coronado, Calif.

Large shore command: Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Ga.

Large sea command: USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70).

Examples of winning community service initiatives to promote environmental awareness include implementing recycling programs, organizing educational community outreach events, and participating in environmental clean-ups and beautification projects.

Award winners will receive commemorative plaques and honorable mentions will receive certificates from flagship sponsor N4.

Cookies needed for 2011 Cookie Caper

The 15th Wing and 15th Maintenance Group are organizing the 2011 Cookie Caper and looking for donations of cookies.

Once the cookies have been received and packed up, the first sergeants will distribute the sweet

morsels to all single Airmen stationed at JBPHH. The remaining cookies will be mailed to deployed Airmen.

If you would like to donate cookies, drop them off between 6:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Dec. 8 in front

of Wright Bros. Café at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Please contact Michelle at novotnys2@gmail.com with the total/type of cookies you will be donating or with any questions you may have.

1941 Hickam Field survivor retraces steps, pays tribute to Airmen of yesterday, today

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Meares

15th Wing Public Affairs

A U.S. Army Air Corps veteran who survived the Dec. 7, 1941 attacks on Hickam Field and Pearl Harbor returned to Oahu to see the place where he was forced to become a man so early in his life.

Nearly 70 years after the infamous day, Durward Swanson, a 90-year-old native of Georgia, returned to the island as a guest to be the grand marshal in the Waikiki Holiday Parade, the day after Thanksgiving.

Before the parade, he visited Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) to remember the events that brought the U.S. to the forefront of World War II, to remember those men and women at Hickam Field who gave their lives to their country, and to pay tribute to the friends and family he lost.

"I just missed my death by about 10 minutes," he said, telling his story to the security forces Airmen who now work in the same room where he slept so many years ago. "It brought back some memories, it did. It kind of brought back what I had been through."

He described how he was on duty the night of Dec. 6 as a military policeman on a motorcycle patrol and just finished his breakfast in the chow hall. He retired to his quarters, which were on the



Durward Swanson, Dec. 7, 1941, Hickam Field survivor, visits the resting place of George Smith at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, or Punchbowl National Cemetery, Nov. 22 during his visit to Hawaii. Swanson visited the base where 70 years ago he survived the sudden attack by the Japanese on Dec. 7, 1941. His friend Smith was killed during the attacks on Hickam Field.

second floor of the fire station, his section of the building serving as the guard house for the military police.

"My bed was right along here and my foot locker here," he said, pointing to a section of the room now used as an office for security forces personnel.

"(Harry) Albright runs in and wakes me up, hollering about the Japanese attacking us. I got up and looked out of this window right here. I saw a plane banking and the rising sun on the wing, and at that moment knew immediately, we were at war.

"I was scared," he recalled.

When the bombing started, he threw on his shirt, strapped on his .45 caliber pistol and ran out the door. As planned in the event of an attack, he rallied with the other military policemen at the front gate. Realizing his best friend, Sgt. Albert "Stud" Lloyd, was missing from the group, he asked, "Where is Stud?"

"The last we saw him, he was in the middle of the ball diamond with a BAR automatic (Browning automatic rifle), shooting and cussing at the Japanese," he recalled being told by another patrolman. "I thought, 'Boy, he is going to get himself killed.'"

He jumped back on his bike and raced to get Lloyd. On the way, he encountered an attacking aircraft strafing Hangar Avenue, the same street he was racing down. He looked for the first place to hide, a decision he later thought about twice.

"I thought it was a good thing at the time, but later on I realized how foolish I was to do it," he said. "I laid my motorcycle over and slid underneath one of the cars, and he went on by. But what if he had seen me and started shooting at the car and hit the gas tank? I wouldn't have been here today."

He continued his tale to a small group of Airmen. He found Lloyd at the baseball field, shooting and cussing at planes overhead. As Swanson watched the scene unfolding in front of him, another of his friends, James Strickland, was running across the baseball diamond to find cover. Lloyd fired at an oncoming attacker,

but Strickland was strafed by the passing Japanese attacker, cutting him in half, a memory he told the captivated audience he will not soon forget.

"I am honored to be working in a place with so much history," said Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Nichols, NCOIC of police services, whose office is located in the same place Swanson once slept. "It was more sobering to see him go across the street and point out the place where his friend was killed."

Seeing the historic buildings still riddled with holes reminded Swanson of the physical and mental scars he has carried most of his life. He said the events were best described as chaos. Of the casualties on the island, 189 Airmen were killed on Hickam field.

"I lost some good friends here," he said. "I have a cousin and a good buddy still entombed in the USS Arizona."

As his story continued, he recalled pillars of smoke from many fires all over Hickam and Pearl Harbor, billowing high into the sky. During the security patrols after the attacks, he and Lloyd saw that the flag hadn't been taken off the flag pole and was still waving in the breeze. The 3,200-man dormitory engulfed in flames, only yards from the flag pole, lit up the night sky.

"We were just out doing our checks," he said through a definitive Southern accent. "We had security guards posted around the entire field. Then it come night time, and I said to Lloyd, 'Stud, the flag is still flying. We've got to take that down.'"

"We took the flag down and

folded it the best we could as shattered at it was," he recollected. He said he was angry at the Japanese while trying to fold the flag and "wanted a piece of them," as he put it.

In the days and weeks afterward, Swanson re-entered his first career field as a B-17E crew chief. Later, on June 5, 1942, during the battle of Midway, his plane was shot down with only three members from the crew of 10 surviving, though he suffered severe injuries to his left leg, arm and face.

"We had Zeroes all over us," he said. "Spot (in the back of the plane) called me and says, 'I'm hit. I'm hit,' and that's the last thing I heard him say. I could look back through the fuselage, and I see the tail was just about half gone. I knew they had got him. Blood was dripping all over me from the top turret. I hollered, 'Captain, the Zeroes are all over us.'"

Capt. Joseph Tuell was not able to fully control the B-17 aircraft. Lt. R. Macey, a bombardier, dropped their remaining ordnance on a Japanese war ship as they passed over before plunging into the Pacific Ocean. Swanson's leg was in bad shape. Tuell and Macey pulled Swanson out of the sinking wreckage as the air and sea battle took place around them.

"(They) pulled me out and my leg was shattered," he remembered. "I don't know what hit me, if bullets hit it or shrapnel or what."

The battle raging in the sky above him was the last thing on his mind once in the water. There was not a safe place anywhere in the area. Shot out of the sky, severely injured and bleeding, Swanson was now worried about sharks.

"Since I was a kid growing up, I've always heard that blood attracts sharks," he said. "I could just feel a shark coming up and taking that leg off, but with the flak and all falling into the water around Midway, there were no sharks around."

A small patrol torpedo boat picked the three men up after less than 10 minutes in the water. Once in the boat, they immediately worked on his leg, putting on a tourniquet to help stop the bleeding, eventually saving the badly damaged limb.

"My childhood clean up to that day flashed before me while in that water," he said. "There's a lot to look back over and thank the Lord for. I'm glad I turned my life over to him."

Swanson joked about his service in the military and

remembers a desire to stay in for 30 years. "And I would have stayed in except the Japanese decided to retire me early," he quipped.

Being back at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam has been a dream come true for Swanson as he visited his barracks, seeing where the chow hall once had a bomb rip through it and visiting the torn and tattered flag he and his best friend pulled down from the pole.

"I can't believe I was standing in the same spot I was almost 70 years ago," he said. "I was just doing what I should have done, what anybody would have done. If you'd been here during that time of the attacks, you'd done the same thing."

"People have labeled me a hero because of the attacks and the Midway battle, but I don't consider myself a hero," Swanson said. "I consider myself a protector of America like every Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine and Coast Guardsman that's serving today."

And it was those very same men and women, and their families Swanson joined on Thanksgiving Day to serve them turkey in the Hale Aina dining facility on the joint base. Side-by-side with Gen. Gary North, Pacific Air Force commander, and other leaders, they carved turkey, scooped mashed potatoes and served all the trimmings.

"To be a part of a Thanksgiving dinner where I once had Christmas dinner and to be able to serve the Airmen was an honor for me," he said. "This world is full of surprises."

Before he left JBPHH, North took him to visit the flag encased in the Pacific Air Forces headquarters building. After a long conversation with the general as Swanson retold his story, it was finally time for him to leave again.

Swanson was sitting in front of the glass case containing that torn and tattered American flag he helped take down after the attacks. He closed his eyes for a moment.

"I can see me and Lloyd taking this flag off that pole on Dec. 7 at around 9 p.m.," he said softly to the small group of people standing nearby. "We folded it the best we could."

As Swanson was being wheeled away in his chair, he rendered a sharp salute, reminiscent of his days in the service.

Diverse Views



Recently Ms. Stockard's AP history class at Olympia High School in Orlando, Fla. sent a note of appreciation to veterans. Looking back on your high school days, what's the best advice you would give a student in her class?



Senior Master Sgt. Ted Thomas
Special Operations Command, Pacific

"Life is a long journey, expect to work hard whether you're in college, the work force or the military. Expect tough times, but don't let it get you down. Stay out of trouble, stay focused, be frugal in your younger years and put money away for the future, and enjoy life. My misconception at 18, was I thought that doing 20 years in the military would consume the best years of my life. Well here I am at 25 years of service and I feel as energetic and youthful as I did back then."

Staff Sgt. Wayne Kahalekomo
15th Maintenance Squadron



"Your future depends on the choices you make today. Enjoy your youth and take advantage of education...both have their benefits and joys."



Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class (SW) Justin Bevitt
Center for Surface Combat Systems

"Thank you for thanking us for our service. It's not just us but it's you that helps us do our job every day. From someone who has served on a ship and overseas, I just want to say thank you."

Electronics Technician 2nd Class (SW) Jacob Gold
Center for Surface Combat Systems



"I want to say thank you for your comments on our service to the United States of America. I'd like to tell you that the Navy is a great place to develop your training for the civilian world because of all the training that you go through here."



Gunner's Mate 2nd Class (SW) James Duggan
Center for Surface Combat Systems

"I think what they did was really great. The veterans give their time in their lives and now they are receiving those messages from those students. It's great to see them. It's probably instilling pride. They probably choke up because the letters mean a lot to them. It's really awesome for that high school to do, and they should keep on doing it."

Master-at-Arms Seaman Jerrica Langer
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Security



"Get as much education as they can out of high school and you really need a really high ASVAB score to get in the service if you want to join."

(Provided by David Underwood and MC2 Mark Logico)

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Bombs damage Hickam Field hangars

Photograph from the Army Signal Corps Collection in the U.S. National Archives

This photo shows bomb damage to hangars 15-17 and 11-13 at Hickam Field, Oahu, at 5 p.m. Dec. 7, 1941 after the Japanese attack. In the right foreground is a machine gun emplacement in a bomb crater. A Douglas B-18 bomber is visible inside the badly damaged hangar.



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And the fence comes tumbling down ...

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

Work began Nov. 22 to take down most of the fence along Porter and South Avenues at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The fence divided the former Naval Station Pearl Harbor and Hickam Air Force Base.

"Fences generally serve the purpose of keeping someone in or keeping someone out of an area," said Navy Capt. Jeff James, the joint base commander. "While the fence along South Avenue previously served as a perimeter fence between the two former bases, it no longer satisfies a perimeter requirement and is unnecessary from both a safety and security perspective.

"We are one base—the best base in the United States military—proud of the shared values and experiences Sailors and Airmen have developed and endured since the origination of the former Pearl Harbor Naval Station and Hickam



Contractors with K & R Plumbing and Repairs remove the fence dividing parts of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Hawaii, formerly known as Naval Station Pearl Harbor and Hickam Air Force Base, along Porter and South Avenues on Nov. 28.

Field. Our rich service heritages and cultures stand on their own, and do not require a barrier to protect or segregate them.

"We need to be united, not divided," he said.

"[The fence] probably made sense

when there were two installations, but as it is now, they're only one installation," said Stephen Quinn, director of property management for Hickam Communities, LLC, which actually owns the fence and the land it is on, per the real estate

ground lease that was signed years ago.

Taking the fence down was not something Hickam Communities, LLC, had budgeted for, nor is it a cheap process, according to Quinn.

"As such, we didn't want to spend money that we could use making Airmen's homes better on taking down a fence," he said. So they arranged to find a local contract company, K & R Plumbing and Repairs, which was willing to do the labor of taking down the fence at no cost to the Air Force or Hickam Communities, LLC and in exchange, they will keep the chain link.

"The fact that neither the project company nor the installation has to expend any cash to get this done is a huge win for us all," Quinn said.

For safety reasons, they will leave up a small portion of fencing near the main Pearl Harbor gate, he said. Also, a small containment area for Solar City will remain intact.

"We are in the process of creating area development plans for each 'district' across the base," James

said. "This allows a more holistic approach to how we allocate, use and manage spaces and historic structures. It also allows us to conserve and enhance the cultural landscape and keep our base green."

His intent is to enhance the landscaping along South Avenue, improve the sidewalk to extend the length of the road, improve the jogging path, and include several walking/bike paths that connect to Porter Avenue.

Addressing residents, James said, "I am very proud and honored to be your base commander." "The people of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam—from the families who live aboard the installation, to the Airmen and Sailors who work and deploy from here, to the civilian employees who provide us the continuity and corporate memory—you are what make this vibrant and strategically important base special and stand out as the gem of the Pacific."

Work should be completed approximately Nov. 30.

Additional Pearl Harbor Day events planned

- History Channel documentary premiere, "Pearl Harbor 24 Hours After," 7:30 p.m. tonight, WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, Pearl Harbor Visitor Center movie theaters. Free admission; reservations required by calling 954-8721.
- Jukebox Saturday Night: A USO Tribute, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, back lawn. Free admission. Special 1940s era musical tribute and concert. Bring your picnic dinner.
- Kamaaina and Military Day, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, Pearl Harbor

Visitor Center. Free admission. Begins with a historic flag-raising ceremony featuring a military honor guard and the Pacific Fleet Band. Entertainment by special performances by bands and choirs including original compositions by Marshall Catch. A limited block of USS Arizona Memorial tour tickets will be reserved for kamaaina and retired and active military and are available on a first-come, first-served basis with a Hawaii I.D. or military ID.

- Narrated one-hour historic Pearl Harbor boat tours at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday. Seating is limited, advance reservations recommended by

calling 954-8721. The free boat tours will be narrated by National Park Service rangers and will take visitors around historic Ford Island. The one-hour tours will give visitors an opportunity to witness many of the notable sites of the 1941 Japanese air raid on Pearl Harbor. All boats will depart from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, and the program is offered separate from the normal park program. There will be no stop at the USS Arizona Memorial.

- Sneak preview and special screening of "Tora! Tora! Tora!" 6:30 p.m. Sunday, WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, Pearl Harbor

Visitor Center movie theaters. Free admission; reservations required by calling 954-8721.

- Pacific War in Miniature Model Exhibit by the International Plastic Modeler's Society, Battleship Row Chapter-Hawaii, Dec. 4-7, WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, Pearl Harbor Visitor Center Research and Education Center. Free admission. Local modelers on Oahu will provide a Pacific War scale model display of more than 125 models aircraft, ships and dioramas.
- Historic Military Arms and Vehicle Display, Dec. 7, WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, Pearl Harbor

Visitor Center front lawn. Free admission. More than 10 military vehicles from WWII will be placed on display on the front lawn of the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Visitors will be allowed to photograph and discuss with living history Soldiers about how the vehicles were used and the role of the U.S. Army in Hawaii.

- USS Oklahoma Memorial on Ford Island, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Dec. 7. Free admission. Free shuttle to Ford Island Departs every 15 minutes from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. from the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and park shuttle stop. Hosted by the National Park Service in honor of those

who served on the USS Oklahoma during the attack on Pearl Harbor. The USS Oklahoma (BB-37) Memorial was officially dedicated on Dec. 7, 2007. The memorial is located on Ford Island, near Fox-5 Pier next to the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

- 1st Annual Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade, Dec. 7. Opening ceremony is at 4 p.m. at Fort DeRussy; parade begins at 5 p.m. The parade route will take bands from historic Fort DeRussy, through the streets of Waikiki, to Kapiolani Park at the foot of Diamond Head crater. Event website: <http://www.pearlharborparade.org/>.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Sean Furey
Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, serves guests food at the River of Life Mission during a Thanksgiving day celebration. The River of Life Mission provides their guests with a variety of goods and social services (including food items, clothing, furniture, household products and appliances) free of charge.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Meares
Durward Swanson, a Dec. 7, 1941 Hickam Field survivor, and his cousin Cass Gannaway, walk among the headstones at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, or Punchbowl National Cemetery, on Nov. 22 during his visit to Hawaii. Swanson visited the base where 70 years ago he survived the sudden attack by the Japanese on Dec. 7, 1941.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup
A member of the Honolulu Inter-Tribal Pow Wow Committee perform a traditional Native American dance during the Native American Heritage Month celebration Nov. 29 at the Hickam Memorial Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Mark Logico
Chief Cryptologic Technician (Technical) (SW) Ted Szynski hugs his two-year-old son as he prepares to join the crew of USS Chafee (DDG 90) as the ship departs on an independent deployment to the western Pacific Nov. 29.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Barker
Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (left), joins Capt. Jeff James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) and Command Master Chief Gregg Weber, JBPHH, as they serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal to service members and their families at the Silver Dolphin Bistro on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Dustin W. Sisco
The daughter of a Sailor aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG-93) waves to the ship as it pulls in to its home port on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on Dec 1. The Chung-Hoon returned from a six-month independent deployment during which they participated in several missions, including Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Philippines, Naval Engagement Activity Vietnam, and Carat Singapore.

F-86 rededication ceremony will take place Dec. 8

An F-86 rededication ceremony honoring retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Winton W. "Bones" Marshall, Korean War ace and former Pacific Air Forces vice commander-in-chief, will be held from 5 to 5:30 p.m. Dec. 8 at the F-86 static aircraft display on O'Malley Boulevard.

Dress and attire is uniform of the day for military members and business attire for civilians. Parking will be limited, so plan accordingly. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Robert Howard at robert.howard@hickam.af.mil or 448-3225.

Tonight's festivities feature tower lighting, Tops in Blue

Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Tonight, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and Air Force Entertainment will combine two traditional events for an evening of holiday festivities.

The Freedom Tower will twinkle in the evening sky during the 42nd Annual Freedom Tower lighting ceremony followed by the Air Force's premier entertainment showcase, Tops in Blue.

The events kick off at 4:30 p.m. where the whole family can enjoy free inflatables, holiday snacks, crafts and a kids' clinic.

At 5 p.m. Santa will



make a special appearance with photo opportunities. Kids will receive a special gift for the season, sponsored by USO of Hawaii and MWR.

Then, at 7 p.m. hear the winner of the MWR Library Holiday Essay Contest read the winning piece, and help flip the switch for the tower

lighting ceremony.

Bring a blanket and lawn chairs for the musical event at 7:15 p.m. Tops in Blue 2011 will showcase some of the best performers throughout the Air Force.

For more information and a complete listing of activities, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

NEX Fleet Store celebrates first anniversary

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The NEX Fleet Store at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) celebrated its first anniversary on Nov. 1.

The store combines a NEX Mini Mart, barber shop, uniform center and a food court and is located on the Pearl Harbor side of JBPHH.

"The Navy Exchange Fleet Store has been a tremendous quality of life boost for our Sailors and their families, particularly those who work on the waterfront. It serves as a one-stop shop for all their needs, to include a complete array of uniform items, a food court and a huge variety of convenience store items that are made available for those who just want to make a quick stop," said Navy Region Hawaii Command Master Chief Marcos Sibal.

"The staff is world class and is in keeping with the highest standards set forth by our Navy Exchange here at Pearl Harbor," he said.

When it was first con-



U.S. Navy photo by Randy Dela Cruz

ceived, the \$11.4 million design-build contract was awarded by NAVFAC Hawaii to Nan, Inc. in August 2008. Builders broke ground near Bravo Piers in February 2009. The 24,036-square-foot facility was built in compliance with historic preservation guidelines and sustainable design principles.

The NEX Fleet Store is home to a Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC) and an Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) office, which offer services and products at a low cost to service members.

OAC sponsors different trips each month to introduce patrons to the island's hidden gems such as hiking, paddling and other outdoor activities. A variety of recreational equipment, such as surfboards, kayaks, camping gear and various sports equipment, is available.

Other services available at the fleet store include a laundry service, tailor work for uniforms, and free Wi-Fi in the food court and outside lanai.

The fleet store is open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

KHON (FOX) TV 2 Hawaii Navy News upcoming segments

Dec. 8 – Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard – Lokahi

Dec. 15 – Toys for Tots

Dec. 22 – Boot Camp for New Dads

(The segments currently air between 6:20 and 6:30 a.m. each Thursday. Previous segments can be viewed at <http://www.bit.ly/KHONNavy>)

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