

Teen 'gets his wish' to visit Pearl Harbor

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On a cloudy, humid Hawaiian morning, in a corner of Ford Island, a young man inspected the strafed ground where machine gun fire from attacking Japanese planes Dec. 7, 1941 had left their mark. He saw with his own eyes what he had only written about for a school project and the tales he had heard from his grandfather who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Fifteen-year-old Matthew Rocks was accompanied by his sister, Jennifer; mother, Cynthia; and father, Bruce Rocks. The Wisconsin family was hosted by Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on July 29. With the assistance of Hawaii's Make-A-Wish Foundation, JBPHH and other organizations, Matthew was able to realize his wish of coming to Oahu and visiting the USS Arizona Memorial and other Pearl Harbor historic sites.

According to Matthew's mother, he was diagnosed with a severe illness in 2009 and has battled through setback after setback. At one point, he lost his ability to walk.

Throughout his ordeal, Matthew wore a pendant that his maternal grandmother had given to his grandfather while he served in the Pacific arena. His grandfather sparked the young man's passion for history.

"My Pop Pop used to talk about WWII," explained Matthew. "He was sent to investigate Hiroshima after the bombing. He told me how everything was completely destroyed."

Among Matthew's prized possessions are souvenirs from Japan. "My Pop Pop had brought back a Japanese navy helmet, a knife and a flag. He gave me the helmet and flag. (The helmet) is displayed in my room for all to see," Matthew explained.

As the result of stories he heard from his grandfather and after a trip to the Oklahoma City National Memorial, Matthew became passionate about visiting Hawaii to see the memorials and experience the Hawaiian culture.

His visit commenced with a private tour narrated by Jim Neuman, Navy Region Hawaii historian, who took the Rocks family to the USS Utah Memorial and other points of interest on Ford Island. Matthew stood in silence while Neuman recounted historical facts and pointed out holes in the concrete where Japanese bombs fell on Dec. 7, 1941.

The next stop on Matthew's visit was to Merry Point Landing where he and his family were greeted by Capt. Larry Scruggs, chief staff officer for JBPHH; Col. Dann Carlson, deputy joint base commander for JBPHH; JBPHH Command Master Chief Gregg Weber; and the crew of the captain's gig that would take the Rocks family on a tour of Pearl Harbor.

Scruggs said that he was impressed that Matthew wanted to visit Pearl Harbor to learn more about its history and military heroes.

"He (Matthew) believes that average young Americans that support and defend their country are really heroes to him," said Scruggs. I think it's a testimony, that there are great families and great people that do recognize how hard the military is working for them today."

The harbor was relatively calm as the captain's gig pulled up to the USS Arizona Memorial for a private tour led by Scruggs, who explained the symbolic meaning of various parts of the memorial.



"It was wonderful to have the information that they provided to us because it just means so much more," said Cynthia. "There's so much symbolism that we wouldn't capture if we were doing it another way. We're very lucky."

Shortly after departing from the memorial, Matthew was invited to pilot the captain's gig, under the watchful eye of Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class (SW) David Oswald.

"Push that lever up and we go faster," explained Oswald. As the throttle increased, Matthew's and Oswald's smiles became bigger.

As the harbor tour was concluding, Matthew was asked to stand front and center on the gig. Scruggs and Weber extended their hands as if to shake Matthew's hand and instead, presented him with their coins.

"It was the best souvenir. It was amazing," explained Matthew. "He was so excited about the coins," said his mother.

"He has a coin that was presented to my father, looks just like those."

After bidding farewell to their hosts, the Rocks family was afforded a rare opportunity that few civilians get - a tour of the nuclear attack submarine USS La Jolla (SSN 701). Matthew had a chance to look through the periscope and saw how submariners work, live, sleep, eat and fight.

"It was really cool, I got to see how 140 people sleep and how they cook that much food and not really run out," said Matthew. "I liked seeing the Tomahawk and torpedo room. It was just a great experience."

Cynthia was impressed with how the crew could endure being in confined spaces for extended periods of time while underway.

"It just blows me away, how they can be in spaces like this for so long," she said. "When I was in the hospital with Matthew, after awhile you just felt like you have to get out, I felt confined. These guys, wow."

After posing for last-minute photos with some of the submarine's crew, Matthew was presented with the La Jolla's coin to add to his growing collection of challenge coins. As Matthew was departing for his final stop, a guided tour of the USS Missouri on an already amazing day, an unidentified Sailor from the crew presented Matthew with his very own "dixie cup" - the Sailors' cover.

"We're talking about a 14-15-year-old boy, who has spent over 200-300 days in a hospital, who kind of lost contact with his friends because God bless them,

they're healthy and they're doing what they need to do and move on," said Cynthia. "And so his family and the hospital is all he probably knows for the past two years. So we're trying to do things to embrace life, and this trip gave him something to look forward to."

The Rocks family, especially Matthew, said they were grateful for the opportunity to experience Pearl Harbor.

"He's so overwhelmed. He's said to me so many times today, 'My God, mom, this is the best day ever,'" Cynthia said. "It's beyond our expectations. We had no clue that this was going to happen. The Sailors, everyone has been wonderful," she said.

"My favorite part was the boat ride (captain's gig tour) I got to drive," said Matthew.

"To see the Air Force and the Navy there, it was such an honor," said Matthew's father Bruce. What a great group of guys - Capt. Larry, Col. Dann and Master Chief Gregg - they were awesome. To take their time away from their day, to take us on an exclusive ride like that, it was just amazing."

Matthew and his family spent a few more days in Hawaii to experience other activities, such as surfing, snorkeling, going to a luau and swimming with dolphins at Sea Life Park.

"As his mom, after watching everything that he went through, you have no clue how this is touching my heart. I thank you all, I really do," said Cynthia. The "wish kids" are all beneficiaries of the Make-A-Wish Foundation's mission to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich their life with hope, strength and joy.



647th LRS rolls to straight-set victory over 8th IS

Story and photo by
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Sports Editor

Precision serving and strong play from its frontcourt helped the 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (647 LRS) roll on to its third consecutive straight-set win with a 25-11 and 25-15 beat down of the 8th Intelligence Squadron (8 IS) in an Intramural Volleyball League Monday Division at Hickam Fitness Center gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Aug. 1.

"It's consistency," said Department of Defense (DoD) civilian Charles Spenser about the main reason for the 647's successful early-season run. "We actually get together and practice, and that helps a lot."

Spenser, who did an outstanding job of setting the ball to the team's lineup of tall and athletic frontcourt players, helped keep the 647 on track with his steady play in the middle of the court.

Early in the first set, the 647 fought off the 8 IS to grab a slight 5-3 lead, but the team took full control of the game when it rattled off six straight points with Tech. Sgt. Chris Gilmore blasting three kills and Spenser contributing two.

Then with the 647 holding a 16-7 advantage, the team really turned up the heat by going on another six-point rally to put the game away.

During the team's second run, the 647 rode the strong service of DoD civilian Mark Kekahuna, whose overhead slams produced three consecutive service aces in the middle of the string.

Although the 8 IS stopped the run and answered with four straight points of its own, the big lead accumulated by the 647 was too much to overcome.

A service error by the 8 IS gave the ball back to the 647, before a kill and block by Gilmore ended the first set.

After dominating the first set, the 647 faced a stiffer challenge by the 8 IS to start the second set.

The 647 managed to get out to a 10-4 advantage, but the 8 IS battled back to cut the deficit down to two points at 12-10.

However, that would be as close as the 8 IS would get as the 647 bounced back to out score its opponents 11-3 and take a commanding 23-13 lead.

A kill by Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Irvin Toliver and a service ace by Spenser finally closed the curtain on the 8 IS.



While Spenser's passes helped fuel the 647's attack, the setter pointed to the blocking and spiking of the team's frontcourt that included Toliver, Gilmore and DoD civilian Jacob Brovelli as the main reasons for the squad's convincing victory.

"We've never had tall guys before, so it's good to have them," Spenser said. "They control the game with their blocks."

Gilmore, who recorded at least seven kills and a block in the win, agreed with Spenser about the importance of the team's frontcourt, but also pointed to another big factor in the 647's attack this season.

"Our bench has been the key," he stated. "It's important because they (reserves) come in and give a change of pace, and that keeps the other team off-balance."

Tech. Sgt. Chris Gilmore of the 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (647 LRS) goes up to block a shot with the support of teammate Charles Spenser during an Intramural Volleyball League Monday Division game versus the 8th Intelligence Squadron (8 IS) at Hickam Fitness Center gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Aug. 1.

SEAL team comeback shocks 647 CES

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John DeAlmeida's game-tying goal with a little over two minutes to play in the game helped SEAL (sea, air, land) Delivery Vehicle Team One (SDVT-1) come from behind and later steal a thrilling overtime-shootout win over the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES) in a soccer playoff semifinal matchup at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on July 31.

The SEALs, last year's Navy intramural soccer champs, will now square off against fellow Gold Division member Kunia Gallos in the first-ever joint base intramural soccer championship final starting at 9 a.m. Aug. 6 at Ward Field.

During the regular season, SDVT-1 placed fifth in the Gold Division with a 7-4-1 record, while the Gallos, which beat the SEAL team, 3-0, on July 16, ended up in second place with a near-perfect mark of 10-0-3.

The 647, which also competed in the Gold Division, had a regular-season record of 5-4-4 and ranked seventh in the standings.

Although the SEALs trailed the 647 for almost the entire game, DeAlmeida's short tap-in



John DeAlmeida of SEAL (Sea, Air, Land) Delivery Vehicle Team One (SDVT-1) goes up into the air to kick a shot past the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES) goalkeeper in an intramural soccer playoff semifinal game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on July 31. DeAlmeida's late goal tied the game and forced an overtime shootout which was won by SDVT-1.

saved his team from elimination and gave the Navy champs a chance at redemption.

The SEALs almost avoided the shootout, but a shot by DeAlmeida, in the closing seconds of regulation, banked off the left post to force the penalty-kick showdown.

In overtime, SDVT-1 com-

pleted the comeback by converting three-of-three shots, while the 647 made only two-of-three penalty kicks.

"It's amazing considering that we had to fight back from one of the last seedings to win," said DeAlmeida about the SEALs' hard-fought victory. "I'm glad that I was able to kick in the (game-tying) goal, especial-

ly since I played so badly today."

While the SEALs seemed to be able to control the ball for most of the game, it was the 647 that took a 2-1 lead

into halftime.

Despite being out kicked by a margin of 12-2 on shots on goal in the first half, the 647 got on the scoreboard first when Senior Airman Chris Maquindang emerged out of a crowd near the goal to boot in the first score of the game.

Minutes later, the SEALs tied the score on a goal from Pfc. Jose Lopez, but fell behind shortly after when active-duty family member Colin Honeker struck pay dirt with a penalty kick that cleared a wall of SDVT-1 players before hitting the back of the net.

The SEALs could have entered halftime with a tie, but DeAlmeida failed to convert a penalty kick midway through the first half.

In the second half, the SEALs continued to control the ball, but still struggled to complete their kicks on goal.

After missing its first six attempts on goal after the break, SDVT-1 had another clear chance to tie the score slip through its fingers when the team had an indirect kick ricochet off the goal post.

Following the failed free kick, the SEALs misfired on

three more shots on goal before DeAlmeida's urgent shot finally knotted up the score.

Once in overtime, DeAlmeida said that he knew that the SEALs would come out on top.

"I felt confident that we were going to win," DeAlmeida stated. "I just knew that we were going to make our kicks."

Maquindang, who scored the first goal for the 647, said that after leading for most of the game, it was tough to see it slip away.

"It was heartbreaking, but what are you going to do?" Maquindang said. "Overall, we had a good season."

In reaching the championship game, Navy Diver 2nd Class Ryan Jones, a midfielder for SDVT-1, said that while the team faced some adversity in dropping four games during the regular season, he believes that the squad's problems are over and the SEALs should be ready for the Gallos.

"We had a hard time getting the same people on the field, but we're over that," Jones said. "We should be at full strength against the Gallos."

Kunia ousts Chosin in soccer semifinal

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In a battle of the final two unbeaten teams in the Soccer Intramural League, the Kunia Gallos advanced to the championship game by trouncing USS Chosin (CG 65), 6-1, in a semifinal showdown at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on July 31.

Chosin entered last weekend's playoff as the Blue Division's regular-season champs with a record of 11-0-2, and the Gallos completed its regular season in second place in the Gold Division with a mark of 10-0-3.

The Blue Division competed at Hickam Football/Soccer Field while all Gold Division matchups were played at Ward Field.

By defeating Chosin, Kunia earned the right to square off against SEAL (sea, air, land) Delivery Vehicle Team One (SDVT-1) for the very first joint base intramural soccer championship, starting at 9 a.m. Aug. 6 at Ward Field. Two weeks ago, the Gallos defeated the SEAL team by a score of 3-0.

"It will be fun because they're nice and aggressive," said Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 1st Class Steven Bloom, Gallos team captain, about the game versus SDVT-1. "They bring a whole bunch of guys, they're really physical and they have a couple really good players, but we're

ready for them," he said.

Against Chosin, Kunia looked primed and prepared to capture its second championship in three years as the team dominated its foe with two goals in the first half and four more scores in the second.

In the first half, Kunia broke the 0-0 stalemate when forward Senior Airman Akira Hose took an inbound pass from teammate Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Winston Jackson and streaked down the left sideline before booting in the first goal.

Then just prior to half-time, Jackson got a pass near the top of the box, shook a defender and kicked in the first of his three goals for the day.

After the break, Chosin narrowed the deficit back down to one when Culinary Specialist Seaman Christian Diaz scored on a penalty kick.

However, Kunia quickly responded with its third goal when Jackson took a perfect lead pass from Hose, got out in front of the defense and beat the goalkeeper to raise the lead back to two.

The goal seemed to open the floodgates as the Gallos appeared to score at will after the Jackson kick.

Bloom added the team's fourth goal on a free kick while teammate Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 1st Class Angel Sanchez, off of an assist by Jackson, popped in Kunia's fifth goal.



Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Winston Jackson of the Kunia Gallos soccer team heads the ball in front of a USS Chosin (CG 65) defender during a semifinal playoff game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on July 31. Jackson scored three goals to lead the Gallos past Chosin by a score of 6-1.

Jackson put the finishing touch on the rout by knocking in a header off a corner kick with a few minutes remaining in the game.

"To tell the truth, they (Chosin) are a good team,"

said a gracious Bloom following the blowout. "They had an off-day and we looked pretty good today.

Had it been a different day, it could have been a much different story. To beat them 6-1, I don't think we're that much better, but the better team did win."

Diaz, who scored the only goal for Chosin, said that the team just wasn't prepared for the speed and quickness of the Gallos.

"All season long we played over at the Hickam side, and competition-wise Hickam was not stacked," Diaz said. "We got really comfortable with our offense over there, but once we got over here, it was just a whole different speed of game. At the same time, we weren't clicking on all gears."

Diaz, who played on last year's Navy intramural championship team SDVT-1, said that while Chosin didn't have much success against the Gallos, the SEALs stand a good chance of winning it all.

"I think the SEAL team is going to get them," Diaz predicted. "They got more physical defensive players and that's what it takes out here."

Meanwhile, Bloom said that the team would use the week off to heal a few of its injured players.

If the team is fully recovered from all of its afflictions, then Bloom said Kunia will be hard to beat.

"We had to jostle our lineup today because we got quite a few guys that are hurt," Bloom pointed out. "But if we play next week like we did today, I'm pretty confident we'd win the game."

JBP HH Airman wins Hawaii State Skeet Championship

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Staff Sgt. Andrew McNamara, an aerospace maintenance craftsman assigned to the 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735 AMS) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), is an avid skeet shooter who recently participated in the 2011 Hawaii State Skeet Championship at the Schofield Rod and Gun Club (SRGC).

McNamara was awarded the high overall average (HOA) champion during an awards ceremony that took place July 13. With nine shooters competing in multiple classifications, McNamara was named the champion in six other classes and received trophy buckles in the 12-gauge, 20-gauge, 28-gauge and .410 events.

"I was happy with shooting the perfect 100 x 100 with the 28-gauge and really happy that I shot a new personal best of 392 x 400," said McNamara.

Skeet shooting is a competitive shotgun target-shooting sport where participants attempt to shoot clay disks that are flung in the air at a high speed from a variety of angles.

According to an article from the National Skeet Shooting Association



U.S. Navy photo

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(NSSA), skeet shooting was originally developed to improve hunting in the field and only later, because of its growing popularity, developed into a competitive sport.

Live pigeons were the first original targets but today, clay disc targets are utilized.

The sport has a long history dating back to the 1920s when it was discovered by Charles E. Davis, a businessman and an avid grouse hunter from Andover, Mass. The word "skeet," meaning "to shoot" in Scandinavian translation, was derived from a naming contest in 1926 and was entered by Gertrude Hurlbutt, a Daytona, Mont. housewife who won the contest for naming the game.

Skeet shooting also played an important role during World War II, and was used as a training tool for military gunners to improve their timing of flying targets since it closely resembled the flight path of enemy planes.

As an Airman and avid skeet shooter, McNamara has won numerous competitions throughout his Air Force career.

"I started shooting when I was a kid with my father and older brother, and started shooting competitively four years ago while I was stationed at

Royal Air Force (RAF) Mildenhall, England," said McNamara. "My goal was to make the Air Force skeet team. With the help and guidance from good friends, Peter Bloomfield and Peter Usher, the owner of Lakenheath clay target centre, I made the Air Force skeet team in 2009 and represented the Air Force at the 2009 NSSA World Skeet Championship in San Antonio, Texas."

Stationed at JBPHH for more than a year, McNamara became a member and vice president for the SRGC, located at Schofield Barracks, composed of other military servicemen, Department of Defense civilians and contractors.

"Most of the gun clubs that I've been to are all about new shooters and helping them get into it," said McNamara. "Whether it's helping you with breaking targets or finding a new gun, the members at the SRGC are a good group of shooters that enjoy the sport for fun or in a competition," he explained.

McNamara said he looks forward to representing the Air Force in future skeet competitions.

(Note: Oahu has two gun clubs with skeet fields - Schofield Rod and Gun Club and Koko Head Skeet Club.)

'Mission: Breakfast' planned for Aug. 15

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"Mission: Breakfast," a free breakfast event for all active duty servicemen and retirees and their families, will be held Aug. 15 at Ward Field at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. and lasts until 10 a.m. or until the food runs out. The menu includes such items as pancakes, fruit spreads, muffins, biscuits, sausage links, coffee, beverages and juices.

Entertainment will be

provided by Rhonda Vincent & the Rage.

Pearl Harbor Commissary won first prize for building the most creative display featuring Smuckers Company products.

The winning design was created by Lisa Keys, a representative of Overseas Service Corporation that represents various products sold by military commissaries. Her display, called "Smuckers Beach - Breakfast Served Daily," was a 60-foot long beach scene.

"The commissary backed me 100 percent. It was a

combined effort with commissary employees and myself," she said regarding the construction of her design entry.

"It will be a great event for service people in the islands," explained Keys about the breakfast event.

"Being prior military, I have a love for the military and I put myself in their shoes. I was very happy to win," she said.

"Display contests in the commissaries are intended to promote bigger and better savings to our valued military patrons while providing an attractive appearance,

making the shopping experience enjoyable," explained Eyvinne I. Umemoto, store director for Pearl Harbor Commissary.

"Most display contest winners will win a gift and this one by Smuckers is one of the largest when giving back to the installation," he said.

"We are always looking for different opportunities to give back into our Pearl Harbor community while, at the same time, providing the best non-paid benefit to the armed services military members and their families," said Umemoto.

Got Questions?

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Retired Navy man has passion for food business

Story and photo by Don Robbins

Assistant Editor

Claude Crawford spent 24 years in the U.S. Navy, stationed twice in Hawaii at Barbers Point and Pearl Harbor. With a passion for the food business, he now dishes out ribs at two locations on Oahu, including an express food truck at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

He retired six years ago at the rank of chief petty officer, working as a ship's serviceman. During his military career, he has also worked as a subsistence prime vendor, ordering food for the ships that arrived in Hawaii.

After retirement, Crawford started his own business running the food truck at Pearl Harbor called "Triple C's Philly Sandwich Express Lunch Wagon," and has continued selling food from the truck here on base ever since.

"I always had a passion for cooking. I told people I'd open a



Mikako Crawford serves up a barbecue rib plate from the Triple C's lunch truck at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

restaurant when I retired," he said. He started his venture by purchasing the \$84,000 food truck, which is like a full restaurant and kitchen on wheels.

At the same time, he also bid on a contract to have a smokehouse on base, and was awarded a contract to renovate facilities and set up his meat smoker.

He said he learned his craft from his grandmother, who owned nightclubs, a smokehouse and grills. "I like barbecuing," he explained.

Crawford grew up in Omaha, Neb. and said he joined the Navy because he wanted to see the world. Through his career, he has visited a variety of places such as Midway Island, Alaska and the state of Washington.

The businessman said he is grateful to have joined the Navy at the age of 18 and said he stayed in the service so many years due to the knowledge he has gained. "The Navy gave me opportunities to grow as a person and as a leader," he said. "It taught me how to take care of

people. No ship runs by itself."

His family run business is run, with assistance from his wife Mikako and their son.

Crawford said he decided to settle in Hawaii after retirement. "It has a low crime rate, it's a good place to raise kids, and it's a nice environment as a whole," he explained.

Now he has just started branching out with a new barbecue restaurant in Kaneohe that features ribs, brisket, wraps and other specialties. The eatery "Triple C's Smokehouse & Grill" opened on Kahuipa Street in Kaneohe three months ago. "After six years at the Navy base and shipyard, a lot of folks asked me to also open a restaurant in town," Crawford explained.

Triple C's Smoke House on base is open from Monday through Friday with breakfast from 6 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. and lunch from 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. For more information on the smoke house on base, call 391-6215 and for the Kaneohe restaurant, call 235-8878.

Navy retiree office needs volunteers

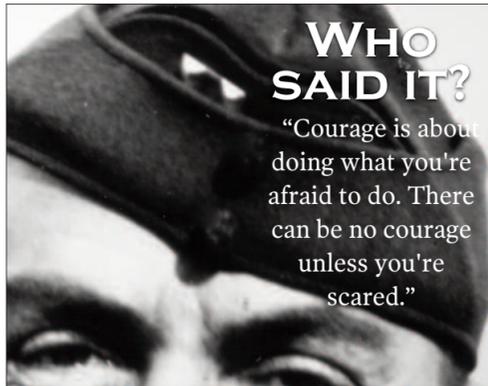
The Navy's Retired Activities Office (RAO) needs volunteers (active duty, or retirees and spouses) from two to four hours a week for at least six months. The mission of the RAO is to primarily help retirees solve problems relating to their military service by

serving as a point of contact between the retirees and the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

They also provide information, referral and follow-up services directly to retirees, family members and survivors to ensure they receive ser-

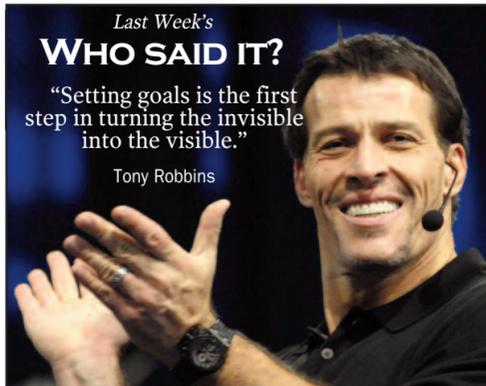
vices and benefits to which they are entitled.

The RAO is located at the Moanalua Military and Family Support Center, 4827 Bougainville Drive, second floor, room 226 (above PSD). FMI: 474-1999, ext. 6317.



WHO SAID IT?

"Courage is about doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared."



Last Week's WHO SAID IT?

"Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible."

Tony Robbins

This Week's Trivia

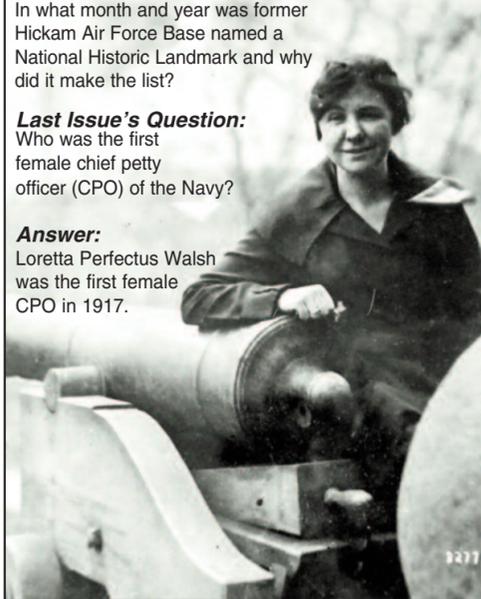
In what month and year was former Hickam Air Force Base named a National Historic Landmark and why did it make the list?

Last Issue's Question:

Who was the first female chief petty officer (CPO) of the Navy?

Answer:

Loretta Perfectus Walsh was the first female CPO in 1917.



PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM **Maniawa Nanea** LEISURE

Morale Welfare & Recreation

KAYAK CHINAMAN'S HAT WITH LIBERTY
 Kayak tomorrow with other single service members to Chinaman's Hat. Departing the Airman Center at 8:30 a.m., Instant Liberty at 8:45 a.m., and the Beeman Center at 9 a.m. FMI: 473-2583.

UFC 133 AT J.R. ROCKERS
 Watch Rashad Evans vs. Phil Davis as they duke it out tomorrow at 3 p.m. in the main event. Doors open at 2 pm. Cost is free for members and \$10 for non-members. FMI: 448-2271.

MWR NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON
 The Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Newcomers Luncheon will be held Aug. 9 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. The free event includes lunch at 11 a.m. and a base tour at 12:30 p.m. There will be MWR information booths, sponsor tables, activities, prize wheels, giveaways, and activities for children. This event is open to all military-affiliated personnel who are on PCS orders during the first five months of arrival. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME
 Join the Hickam Library from 9-10 a.m. Aug. 10 for story time. Wednesday's theme will be "circus." FMI: 449-8299

ELVIS WEEK AT LIBERTY
 A week of free activities will take place in commemoration of the "King." All events start at 5 p.m. On Aug. 10 there will be music, food, and entertainment at the Beeman Center. On Thursday, Aug. 11, all Liberty Centers will serve Elvis sandwiches. Learn to hula Aug. 12 on "Blue Hawaii Day" at the Beeman Center. Enjoy biscuits and gravy at Beeman Center and Instant Liberty on Aug. 15. Cap off the week on Tuesday, Aug. 16 with a Graceland BBQ at Instant Liberty. Events are open to single service members only. FMI: 473-2583.

PEE WEE FLAG FOOTBALL REGISTRATION
 Flag football season running from September through December for youth ages three to five. Registration ends Friday, Aug. 12. The cost is \$35 per youth. Register online: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

SNORKELING AT THREE TABLES
 Join MWR staff from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 13 in exploring tide pools and swimming with turtles, starting at Three Tables and ending at Waimea Bay. Bring sunscreen, water and snacks. Transportation and equipment will be provided. Register by Aug. 9. The cost is \$25 per person. FMI: 449-5215.

For more information on events, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com

Community Calendar

August

9 ~ An Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association buffet luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. at Fort Shafter Hale Ikena Club. Guest speaker will be Navy Capt. Bruce Loveless, commander, Joint Intelligence Operations Center (JIOC), U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM). Military and civilians are welcome. FMI: Ken at 441-8524 or visit www.afceahawaii.org.

11 ~ In coordination with Navy College Office Pearl Harbor, an education fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. It will be held next to the dive tower (building 659), on the corner of Morton Street and Clark Street, under the large tent. The event will bring between 15-20 colleges/universities to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. FMI: 473-2561 or email Phillip.warnick@navy.mil.

30 ~ The Commander, United States Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Officers' Spouses Club will send out invitations soon for the aloha welcome coffee and tour of historic Nimitz House to be held on from 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 30 at 37 Makalapa Drive.

September

15-16 ~ The Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 1550 will host the 2011 POW/MIA 24-hour vigil run. The run is scheduled to begin at 6 a.m. Sept. 15 and go until 6 a.m. Sept. 16 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam running track. The vigil run will be followed by a joint formation ceremony at 7:20 a.m. Sept. 16 at Atterbury Circle flagpole in front of the 15th Wing headquarters building. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. FMI: Tech Sgt. Lillian Barnes at 449-1508 to enter a team for the vigil run.

21 ~ The 24th annual JEMS (Joint Employment Management System) Job Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 21 at Club Pearl on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH). FMI: visit www.jemsjobs.com or call 474-1999.

Movie Showtimes



Cars 2 (G)

Star racecar Lightning McQueen and the incomparable tow truck Mater take their friendship to exciting new places when they head overseas to compete in the first-ever World Grand Prix to determine the world's fastest car. But the road to the championship is filled with plenty of potholes, detours and hilarious surprises when Mater gets caught up in an intriguing adventure of his own: international espionage.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY
 7:00 PM The Conspirator (PG-13)

SATURDAY
 2:30 PM Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (PG)
 4:45 PM Cars 2 (G)
 7:00 PM Green Lantern (PG-13)

SUNDAY
 2:30 PM Cars 2 (G)
 4:45 PM Mr. Popper's Penguins (PG)
 7:00 PM Super 8 (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY
 6:00 PM Cars 2 (G)
 8:30 PM Super 8 PG-13)

SATURDAY
 4:00 PM Cars 2 (G)
 7:00 PM Bad Teacher (R)

SUNDAY
 2:00 PM Cars 2 (G)



Pets in paradise: How to adopt and foster a pet

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Wednesday Davis wasn't looking for a pet when she and her daughter went to visit Joey's Feline Friends, a no-kill nonprofit animal shelter. But one little kitten caught the family's attention.

"She kept jumping on my daughter's lap," Davis, a base resident, said.

The family welcomed the little domestic shorthair, named Mushu, who is now a registered pet aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH).

Whether adopting, fostering or buying a pet, various responsibilities must be considered.

For base residents, there are rules in place with regard to ownership and responsibility. Chapter four of Base Order 5500.15B provides details about pet regulations. Some animals or certain animal species are not authorized for base housing, such as Staffordshire terriers and American pit bull terriers.

Kelly Sims has adopted at least 10 animals in her lifetime. The Army spouse currently has six animals living with her in Texas, five of which were adopted. She and her family plan to move to Hawaii in October, where they were previously stationed. Sims, of Cape Cod, Mass., found two of her pets at humane societies. Isis, now 12 years old, was rescued from a breeder who mistreated her. Isis instantly took to Sims' son, Diari.

"You could see the bond between my son and her," Sims said. "It was amazing... he knelt down on the ground ... she came up and laid down, put her chin on his shoulder."

Isis worked her way up to a healthy weight and was

eventually trained as a service dog to aid Diari Sims, who was diagnosed with autism. Sims said Isis would help calm her son when he was emotionally distraught, and would keep him from leaving the house on his own.

In Hawaii, Sims adopted Shaka, a dark black mass brindle boxer. Shaka, now 2 years old, was rescued from a fighting ring. Sims said Shaka, perhaps following Isis's example, became a service dog for her 2-year-old son Vinny, who was born with a cleft lip and bridge. When Vinny cries, Shaka runs to his aid.

"It's an amazing bond that just happened. I can't really explain it," Sims said. "I didn't force it. It wasn't even planned."

She recommends people do research before they adopt a pet. Some dog breeds, for instance, may need more attention than others, while some will grow much larger than they were as a puppy.

"Whatever breed it might be, make sure it's compatible with your lifestyle," Sims said.

Like Sims, Sarah Feipel also adopted both of her dogs, hound mixes Ozzie and Abbey. While volunteering at an Iowa shelter, Feipel, a receptionist for the base veterinary treatment facility (VTF) at MCBH, found that there were many dogs in need of adoption.

"I'll never purchase a dog [from the store] again. I'll always rescue one," she said.

Like Sims, Feipel recommends researching the breed. She also encourages bringing all members of the family to meet the dogs, to ensure that the dog that is chosen is a match for everyone. Feipel said some dogs aren't fit to interact with children.

Davis recommends find-



Hawaii Marine photo by Christine Cabalo

Isis is a 12-year-old boxer adopted by Army spouse Kelly Sims. Isis is one of the many pets adopted by military families.

ing a pet at the private rescue organizations such as Joey's Feline Friends, because they know the animals well and can help pair a pet and family who are ideal for each other.

According to the revised ordinances of Honolulu, owners need to register their dogs more than four months old biannually with the state of Hawaii.

Owners can obtain a license for their dog at any satellite city hall.

According to Feipel, pets on base need distemper and rabies vaccinations, a license and a microchip. The base VTF provides vaccinations and microchips.

The first rabies shot is valid for one year, and in Hawaii, the second shot is valid for three years. Sterilization is not required for pets on base, although Feipel added that breeding is not authorized on base either.

Upon arrival at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, base residents must register their pets with the military police department game warden. If they live in Forest City Hawaii housing,

they must register with Forest City as well.

The game warden is the first stop because Forest City requires documentation from that office in addition to its own forms. Robin Cabilao, animal enforcement technician, MPD game warden, said animals on base must be registered with the MPD game warden within two business days of arriving on base. Pet owners must bring their animal, along with medical records, and a license receipt from a satellite city hall to building 3099.

Navy Lt. Theresa Donnelly, a public affairs officer at U.S. Pacific Command, suggests that animal lovers who cannot make the commitment to adopt a pet can still temporarily foster animals and volunteer at animal shelters.

Like Feipel, Donnelly also adopted her 11-year-old boxer, Fiona, from an Army family who was moving.

Some service members may be thinking of giving away their pet entirely, whether deploying or moving. For deployed service members, the Hawaiian Humane Society now offers Pets of Patriots.

Through Pets of Patriots, pet owners pay for the pet's expenses, and volunteers in the program look after pets when a service member is deployed. The society asks that owners give them four to six weeks advance notice.

Foster care providers at the Hawaiian Humane Society usually care for a foster pet for up to three weeks at a time. Depending on the condition of the animal, the duration may be longer. Providers are required to attend a training session at the society.

Hawaii Dog Foundation, a no-kill nonprofit organization, is also looking for people who are interested in being a foster care provider for a dog. There is no set time limit when it comes to fostering a dog, and leashes, dishes and other necessities are provided by the foundation. The foundation stated on its website that it would work with providers based on their schedule and availability.

Candidates need to complete an application and will go through an interview process and a home visit.

According to Helen Lyons, foster coordinator for HDF, some dogs have been fostered as long as two years.

She said as many as 80 military families annually have become providers while they are stationed in Hawaii.

Lyons has personally fostered 15 dogs, and briefly took in dogs in transit to a long-term foster home. Though some providers may avoid becoming attached to their foster dogs, Lyons encourages it. Some dogs need the attention from people.

"Fosters need to get attached to the dog for the dog's benefit," Lyons said.

"[But] it is difficult to see them go."

Lyons said she once fostered a basenji mixed dog that enjoyed running and being active, though she was not. She found a home for the dog with a family who enjoys a very active lifestyle. Many of the dogs Lyons fostered still live on the island, and she still sees them from time to time and even receives holiday letters about the dogs from their families.

The Hawaiian Humane Society and the Hawaii Dog Foundation both bring their animals available for adoption to various locations including the Mililani Dog Park, McKenna's Windward Ford and certain PETCO locations.

For more information, see the revised ordinances of Honolulu at the City and County of Honolulu's website at <http://bit.ly/qosqON>, call the base VTF at 257-3643, or visit <http://www.mccshawaii.com/veterinary.shtml>. The game warden is available for questions at 257-1821.