

## Cirque Dreams

kicks off world tour at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



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On Jan. 5, Armed Forces Entertainment, in partnership with Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), kicked off the Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy World Tour to entertain the U.S. troops. Service members and their families were treated to a free performance that featured aerialists, acrobats, music, dance and special effects, all within the confines of a working hangar.

Entertainment has long been recognized as a morale booster for troops, especially for those who are overseas. Air Force Col. Kathleen Weatherspoon, chief, Armed Forces Entertainment, stressed the importance of providing entertainment for service members.

"That gives them a big opportunity to step back from their day-to-day lives and escape for a moment, particularly those folks who are in Afghanistan and were in Iraq, and just think about being an American at home, rather than in a

war zone," Weatherspoon said.

"It's just hugely important for us to bring these kind of huge entertainment opportunities to them so that they can relax for a little bit," she added.

For Tech Sgt. Steve Dengler, who was pulled on stage during the show for crowd participation, the convenience of the show meant a lot.

"It's so difficult for us to go anywhere and see something, so it almost needs to be brought to us. It's incredible. It just lifts the morale of the troops," he said.

These shows are also economical. Each of the 34 performances on the tour will be available to service members free of charge. This brings the quality of Broadway-caliber shows to the troops without the sky-high ticket prices.

"This is a show that would cost an average family \$300, \$400, \$500 to attend and it would be completely out of reach for a lot of the young military families. And so for them to have the opportunity to see this is just tremendous,"

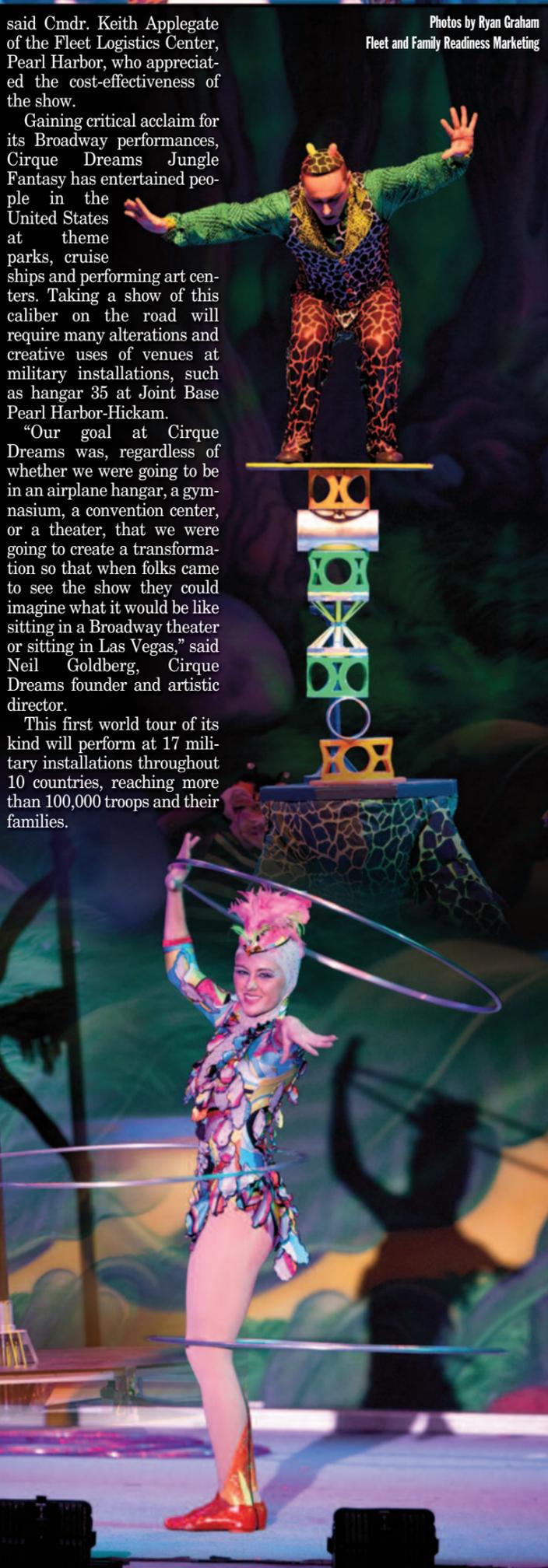
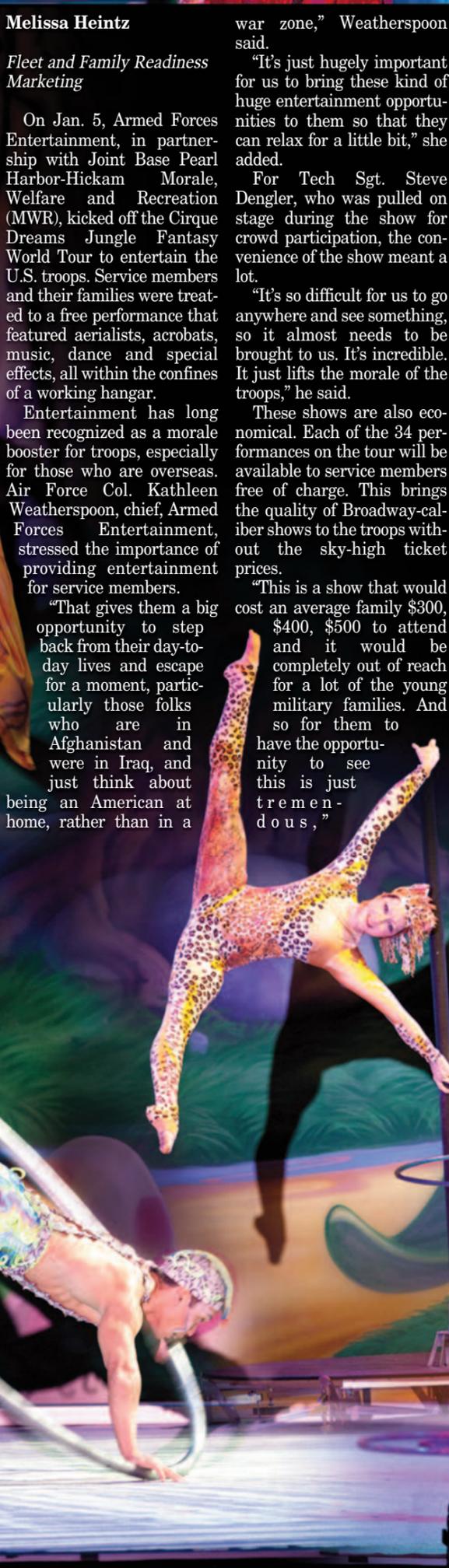
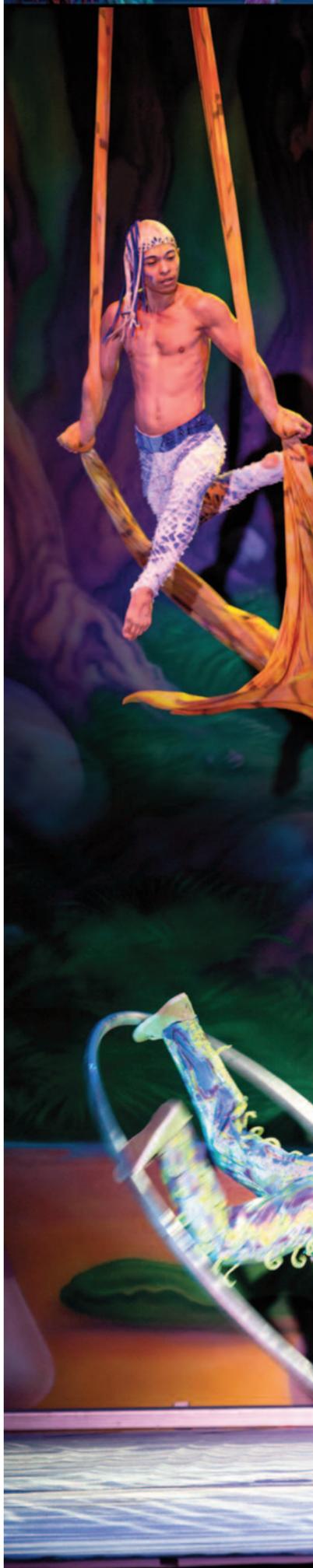
said Cmdr. Keith Applegate of the Fleet Logistics Center, Pearl Harbor, who appreciated the cost-effectiveness of the show.

Gaining critical acclaim for its Broadway performances, Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy has entertained people in the United States at theme parks, cruise ships and performing art centers. Taking a show of this caliber on the road will require many alterations and creative uses of venues at military installations, such as hangar 35 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"Our goal at Cirque Dreams was, regardless of whether we were going to be in an airplane hangar, a gymnasium, a convention center, or a theater, that we were going to create a transformation so that when folks came to see the show they could imagine what it would be like sitting in a Broadway theater or sitting in Las Vegas," said Neil Goldberg, Cirque Dreams founder and artistic director.

This first world tour of its kind will perform at 17 military installations throughout 10 countries, reaching more than 100,000 troops and their families.

Photos by Ryan Graham  
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# Grizzlies overtime shot corrals Bulls

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The adult intramural basketball season is a little more than a week away from taking the courts on Jan. 23, but in the meantime, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation's youth hoops season is providing some pretty exciting action at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

On Jan. 7, military-affiliated children, from ages 5-14, kicked off 2012 with games at Pearl Harbor and Hickam gyms.

While the kids gave it their all in every hard-fought contest, none was as evenly matched as the ages 11-12 division showdown between the Bulls and Grizzlies, which was played at Hickam Fitness Center Gym.

Tied at 21-21 after four 10-minute periods of play, the Grizzlies, which trailed for most of the game, stunned the Bulls in overtime when guard Ashley Wearren dribbled down the length of the court and nailed a 15-foot jump shot from the right wing to give her team a 23-21 sudden-death victory.

"I was just trying to make a shot so that we could win our first game," said Wearren, who was being double teamed when she connected on her game-ending shot. "I was really nervous because I thought I would miss it, and the other team would score."

Grizzlies head coach Andrew



D'Avilar, a retired service member, said that he tells each of his players to take the open shot, but was surprised when Wearren put it up so early in the overtime period.

"I wanted her to slow it down," D'Avilar admitted. "But when she took the shot, I was just praying that it went in. She had two guys on her, and I wasn't sure that she was going to make it, but she had a good shot."

For the game, Wearren scored eight points on three field goals and two free throws, and was the team's second high-point player behind teammate Isaac Feyedelem, who threw down nine points.

"Between him and Ashley, they put up the most points, but my other players can play," D'Avilar said. "They played great as a team."

Although the Grizzlies were able to come back and pull out the win, early on in the game it was the Bulls that seemed to be in control.

Riding the solid play of guard Peyton Kohnke and post player Zachary Raduege, the Bulls got out in front to start the game, but faltered late in the first half before a basket by Raduege with

1:25 before intermission tied the game at 14-14.

Kohnke and Raduege both scored six points apiece to lead the Bulls.

In the second half, the Bulls again pulled ahead, but saw their lead evaporate when the Grizzlies scored the final three points in the fourth period to force the game into the one-minute, sudden-death overtime period, where Wearren sank the final shot.

Culinary Specialist 1st Class James Ewing, head coach of the Bulls, said that even in defeat, he was proud of the way his team performed.

"It was the first game of the year, and we've only had about three or four practices because the weather hasn't permitted it," Ewing stated. "They were awesome. Good hustle and good sportsmanship, that's my main concern."

Ewing said that once his players get in sync with one another, the Bulls would be tough to beat.

"Everybody hustles," he said. "I just got to get them together on the same page and work as a team and we'll be fine."

D'Avilar said that he was equally impressed with his players – especially about the way the team never gave up.

"When you're down, you got to find out where it's at, and that's what we teach. I'm glad that they were able to come together as a team and get the win," D'Avilar said. "We still got stuff to work on. We got a long way to go before the tournament."

## NFL Pro Bowl practices take place Jan. 26 at JBPHH

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation



Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) will host the first-ever NFL Pro Bowl practices on a military base on Jan. 26. Both the AFC and NFC Pro Bowl practices will be open to all military-affiliated personnel and their families who already have base access.

The AFC practice begins at 10 a.m., and the NFC practice will start at 11:15 a.m. Parking is available within walking distance, along Kuntz

Avenue across from the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center, and bleachers will be set up in designated areas along Earhart Field for spectator viewing. Wear your favorite team's colors and bring your camera.

Following practice, players will participate in an afternoon of volunteer

activities taking place across Hawaii as a part of the NFL PLAY 60 Community Blitz, focusing on two critical areas of NFL community outreach: Youth health and wellness (NFL PLAY 60) and military outreach. Earhart Field will be closed for general use on Jan. 25 – 26 in support of the NFL practice.

The NFL and its official military appreciation sponsor, USAA, partnered to refurbish Earhart Field to create a lasting legacy of the Pro Bowl and to demonstrate both organizations' appreciation for the military.

For more information, visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

## Passenger terminal now has Facebook page

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Air Mobility Command Passenger Terminal now has a Facebook page: Scan the Facebook QR code, visit the link, and "like us"



to explore free space available flights for you and your family.

The 72-hour flight schedule is posted daily. The site address is <http://on.fb.me/yaHi0u>.

## Teach your children to be safe

### National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children has outlined key tips to reinforce with your children to help ensure their safety. They include:

1. Always take a friend with you when walking, biking or standing at the bus stop. Make sure you know your bus number and which bus to ride.
2. Say no if anyone you don't know or a person who makes you feel scared, uncomfortable or confused

offers a ride. Do not accept a ride from anyone unless your parent told you it is OK to do so in each instance.

3. Quickly get away and yell, "This person is not my mother/father/guardian" if anyone tries to take you somewhere or is following you. If anyone tries to grab you, make a scene and every effort to get away by kicking, screaming and resisting.
4. Never leave school grounds before the regular school day ends. Always check with the office before

leaving school early.

5. Never take shortcuts or walk through alleys to get to or from school faster. Parents should tell their children: "We will talk about which way to go to and from school. Remind me if activities you participate in cause you to leave earlier or arrive home later than usual. Remember to call me once you have arrived home."

For more information, call 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678) or visit the website at <http://www.missingkids.com>.

## No lifeguards on duty at Bellows AFS

Harriet Horswill

Marketing Director,  
Bellows AFS

Bellows Air Force Station (AFS) currently has no lifeguards on duty beginning Jan. 11 and until further funding is available.

Swimmers are advised that they will be swimming at their own risk. In addition, extra precautions should be taken while enjoying the beaches at

Bellows Air Force Station. Please follow ocean safety rules.

### Ocean safety rules include:

- Swim smart and safe. Be aware of your surroundings.
- Youth under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- No fires on the beach.
- No diving in shallow areas.
- No rough playing allowed.
- No swimming or wading after dark.

- No alcoholic beverages, glass bottles or smoking allowed on the beach.

<http://www.hookelenews.com> or <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii>

# 561st NOS flag football title tops off year in sports

Story and photos by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The 561st Network Operation Squadron's (561 NOS) 27-7 victory over fellow Hickam Gold Division team 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) Poundtown capped off a highly competitive year of intramural sports at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in 2011.

The NOS victory, coupled with Hawaii Air National Guard's (HIANG) championship in volleyball and Poundtown's first-place crown in softball, gave Hickam-based teams a three-to-one edge over Pearl Harbor, which topped the base in basketball with the old Naval Station Pearl Harbor (NAVSTA) squad, which was renamed as 3-Peat.

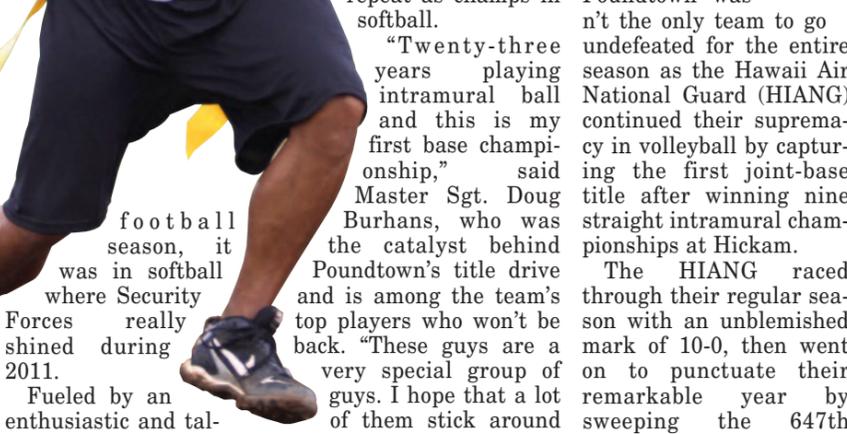
The joint-command Kunia Gallos picked up the first joint-base championship in soccer by defeating the defending Pearl Harbor champions SEAL (sea, air, land) Delivery Vehicle Team-One (SDVT-1) in the title finale.

While each of the championship squads enjoyed strong runs during the regular seasons and postseasons, the most impressive streak to the title seemed to be imposed by the NOS, which dominated all four of their playoff opponents.

During its post-season, the NOS took care of business and even handed Ne Koa Ke Kai – the lone remaining undefeated team – their first loss before dominating Security Forces in the winner-take-all showdown.

"I think our team really started peaking at the right time," 1st Lt. Kip McCarthy said about his team's outstanding finish. "To beat everybody pretty handily in the playoffs, it really feels good to know there is no doubt that we are the best team. It's a great win for our squadron."

Although Poundtown couldn't overcome the NOS during the flag



Logistics Readiness Squadron (647 LRS) in the title matchup.

Kunia wasn't perfect in winning their joint-base intramural soccer title, but the team, which has been a perennial powerhouse over the past five years, nearly accomplished the feat with an overall mark of 13-0-3.

Team captain Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 1st Class Steven Bloom, who has been with the squad through most of its years of success, said that with many of the players coming back, Kunia should be ready to repeat in 2012.

"It was a lot of fun winning the first one, but it will be more fun to win the second one," Bloom said.

Finally, one thing to watch for will take place early in the year when the base's intramural basketball season gets underway on Jan. 23.

Last season, the old NAVSTA hoop squad, which claimed back-to-back titles in the previous Pearl Harbor league, returned under the name of 3-Peat to vie for the

first joint-base intramural basketball championship.

Although 3-Peat suffered one defeat during the regular season – their first one in three years – the team accomplished what it set out to do and won its third consecutive title.

With

ented squad, Poundtown did what their nickname suggested in relentlessly clubbing their way to an undefeated 15-0 regular season before sweeping through the playoffs for a perfect year.

With key players no longer on the team for 2012, Security Forces will be challenged to repeat as champs in softball.

"Twenty-three years playing intramural ball and this is my first base championship," said Master Sgt. Doug Burhans, who was the catalyst behind Poundtown's title drive and is among the team's top players who won't be back. "These guys are a very special group of guys. I hope that a lot of them stick around

and come back next year," Burhans said.

Meanwhile, Poundtown wasn't the only team to go undefeated for the entire season as the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) continued their supremacy in volleyball by capturing the first joint-base title after winning nine straight intramural championships at Hickam.

The HIANG raced through their regular season with an unblemished mark of 10-0, then went on to punctuate their remarkable year by sweeping the 647th

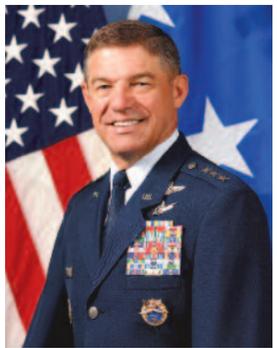
football season, it was in softball where Security Forces really shined during 2011. Fueled by an enthusiastic and tal-

# New director to lead APCSS has been selected

Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies

HONOLULU – A former U.S. Pacific Command deputy commander has been selected as the new director of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS). Retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Dan "Fig" Leaf will be the new director for the center starting Jan. 17.

Leaf returns to government service from his prior role as vice president of full spectrum ini-



Lt. Gen. Dan Leaf

tiatives at Northrop Grumman Information Systems. Leaf retired

from the Air Force in 2008 after more than 33 years of service.

His last active duty assignment was as deputy commander of the U.S. Pacific Command at Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii from 2005 to 2008. Prior to that, Leaf served as vice commander of Air Force Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. and as the Air Force director of operational requirements at the Pentagon.

During his Air Force career, Leaf commanded

operations at the squadron, group and wing levels, and commanded the 31st Air Expeditionary Wing during Operation Allied Force. He is a command pilot with more than 3,600 flight hours, including F-15 and F-16 combat missions.

During the initial stages of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Leaf was the senior air component representative with U.S. Central Command's land component. His decorations include the Defense

Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the Air Medal.

"It will be an honor to serve as director of APCSS," Leaf said. "I developed great respect for the mission and the people of the center during my time at PACOM. The focus on the Pacific region is growing. The APCSS team provides national security outreach and education that significantly enhances

peace and stability in the region."

Leaf replaces retired U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Ed Smith who served as director from August 2005 until June 2011. Retired U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Jim Hirai, APCSS deputy director has been serving as the acting director in the interim.

The Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies is a Department of Defense academic institute that addresses regional and global security issues.

## Illuminated Arizona

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Mark Logico

The Ensign above the USS Arizona Memorial flies at night against the backdrop of lights of Pearl City, Hawaii.

# A day's worth of events celebrates duo of 'mighty' anniversaries

## Battleship Missouri Memorial Association

In celebration of the 68th anniversary of the USS Missouri's (BB-63) launching and 13th anniversary of the ship's opening as a memorial in Pearl Harbor, the Battleship Missouri Memorial is offering free admission to kamaaina and military personnel Jan. 28.

Gates open at 8 a.m. and the festivities, which including band performances, educational activities, Battleship game stations, a free Battleship birthday party giveaway and a volunteer recognition ceremony, will begin at 9 a.m. The day's events will culminate with a toast at 1:04 p.m., the time the USS Missouri was christened by Margaret Truman at the Brooklyn Navy Yard in 1944.

The free "Mighty Mo Pass" is valid for all active-duty and retired military personnel and their dependents with valid military IDs, as well as all Hawaii residents with state of Hawaii photo IDs (such as driver's licenses). It will include admission and the choice between a guided and self-



Official U.S. Navy photographs now in the collections of the National Archives.

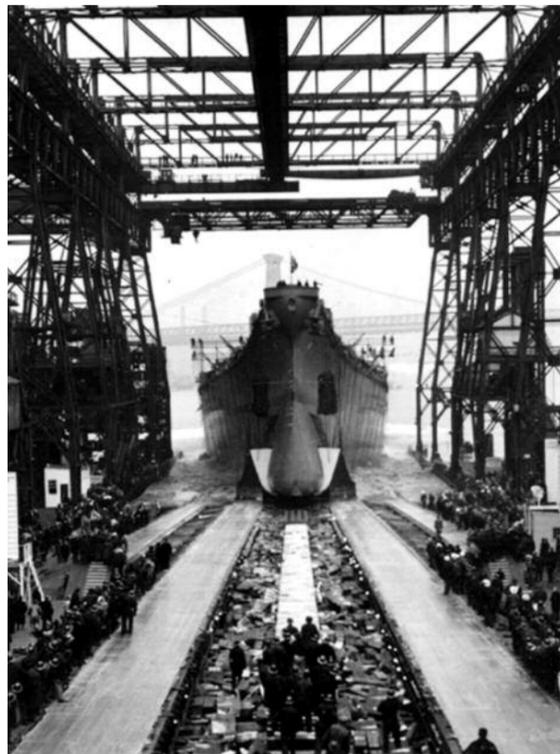
Margaret Truman, Missouri's (BB-63) sponsor, is ready to christen the ship, during launching ceremonies at the New York Navy Yard, on Jan. 29, 1944. Looking on are (left to right): Rear Adm. Monroe R. Kelly, New York Navy Yard commandant; Rear Adm. Sherman S. Kennedy, U.S. Navy; and Sen. Harry S. Truman of Missouri, the sponsor's father.

guided tour options. "Sixty eight years and she's still an awe-inspiring beauty, thanks in large part to the countless men and women who have volunteered their time to the maintenance and restora-

tion of this historic ship. It is fitting that we recognize these volunteers on such a significant day for the Missouri," said Michael A. Carr, the Missouri's president and chief operating officer. "We are also thank-

ful for the kamaaina and military community for the 13 years of tremendous support they've shown since we opened as a memorial."

The Missouri is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For those without access



Missouri approaches the end of the building way as she is launched on Jan. 29, 1944, at the New York Navy Yard.

into Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, shuttle buses provide roundtrip transportation from the new Pearl Harbor Visitor Center during operating hours. Standard admission, which includes choice of a

guided tour, is \$22 per adult and \$11 per child 4-12. For more information or to reserve a tour, call 973-2494 on Oahu, toll-free at 1-877-MIGHTYMO (1-877-644-4896) or visit [ussmissouri.org](http://ussmissouri.org).

## MLK Day observance will be held at Hickam chapel Jan. 13

An observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be held at 10 a.m. Jan. 13 at Hickam Memorial Chapel on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

This year's theme is, "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not A Day Off!"

The program's keynote

speaker is Dr. Dorothy Goldsborough, doctor of philosophy, University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program. Rear Adm. Frank Ponds strongly encourages full participation. Attendees must be seated 10 minutes before

the start of the program.

Hickam Memorial Chapel is located on Kuntz Avenue.

For more information, contact Jenna Lucas, at 471-0259 or email [jenna.lucas@navy.mil](mailto:jenna.lucas@navy.mil), or Lisa Lazarus, at 471-4420 or email [lisa.lazarus@navy.mil](mailto:lisa.lazarus@navy.mil).

## Tuskegee Airmen symposium to be held at Pacific Aviation Museum on Jan. 15

### Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Honoring the African American aviators of WWII, Tuskegee Airmen symposium will be held at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor from 2 to 4 p.m. Jan. 15 in the museum's theater.

The event is free to museum members and included in the price of regular admission for non-members.

The Red Tail documentary film will be shown.

Keynote speakers will be Dr. Dorothy

Goldsborough, University of Hawaii professor and wife of a Tuskegee Airman, and former Tuskegee Airman Phillip Baham.

Master Sgt. Chandra Mark, president of the newly formed Tuskegee Airmen Inc. (TAI) Hawaii organization will give updates on the Hawaii chapter, the Artis-Baham-Goldsborough Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

A panel discussion will follow with Goldsborough, Baham and Lt. Col. Brian Hill, the commander of the 99th Air Refueling Squadron at Joint Base

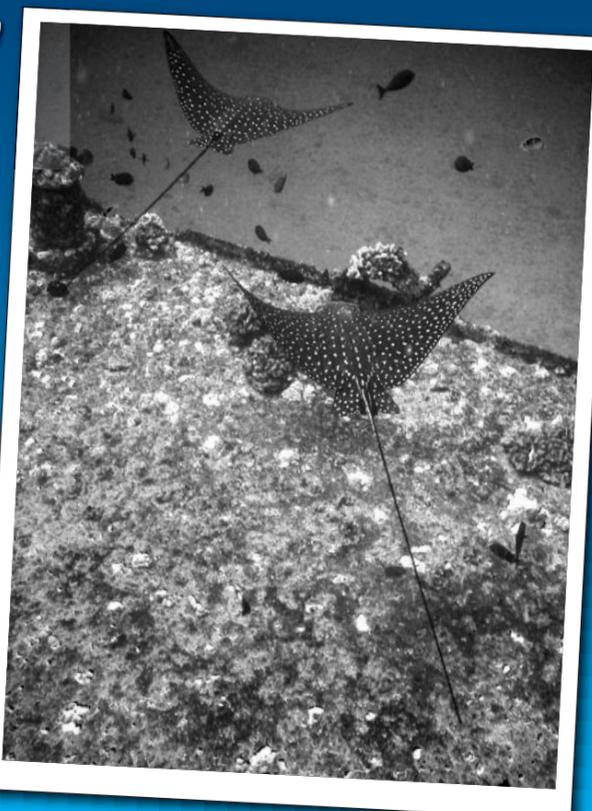
Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The Tuskegee Airmen, a group of African American pilots who fought in World War II, were the first African American military aviators in the United States military. Initially equipped with Curtiss P-40 Warhawks, the group also flew Bell P-39 Airacobras, Republic P-47 Thunderbolts and North American P-51 Mustangs.

General admission tickets may be purchased online at [PacificAviationMuseum.org](http://PacificAviationMuseum.org). For more information, call 441-1007.

## My Favorite Photo...

Photo by Allen Unger  
Allen Unger took these pictures recently of spotted eagle rays gliding through the waters off the coast of Oahu.



## Mayor declares Jan. 18 'Hire Our Heroes Day'

Mayor Peter Carlisle has signed a proclamation declaring Jan. 18 "Hire Our Heroes Day," in support of a major job fair and a U.S. Chamber of Commerce initiative to help veterans and military spouses find employment.

"Veterans are disciplined, project-focused and team players," Carlisle said. "They have the attitudes and skills that make them valuable employees."

Hire Our Heroes will be the main focus of Job Quest, Hawaii's oldest and largest job fair. Recruiters from more than 125 local businesses, mainland

organizations, military branches and government agencies will be accepting applications for available jobs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 18 at the Neal Blaisdell Center.

The mission of Hire Our Heroes is twofold: to make employers aware of opportunities to hire disciplined, well-trained men and women who have honorably served their country, and to welcome troops home by helping them transition to the civilian workforce. As part of this effort, tax breaks for employers who hire

veterans have been increased.

Admission to the job fair will be free to military veterans. General admission will be \$3; students and seniors with valid identification will be admitted for \$1. Attendees should dress appropriately for a job interview, bring multiple copies of their resumes, and have positive attitudes. Job-seekers can pre-register at [www.successhi.com](http://www.successhi.com) and follow on Facebook at [WorkForce/JobQuest Hawaii](http://WorkForce/JobQuestHawaii).

For more information on the job fair, call Rolanse Crisafulli, at 768-5607.

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**Morale Welfare & Recreation**

**FITNESS CHALLENGE 2012**

Jump start your new year with a free Fitness Challenge 2012 workout from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Bloch Fitness Center. The event will include Zumba, kickboxing, step and yoga segments. The event is open to all eligible patrons. FMI: 473-0793.

**NEW YEAR 5K RUN/WALK**

A free New Year 5K run/walk will be held at 7 a.m. Jan. 18 at the Wahiawa Annex Fitness Center. The event is open to all eligible patrons. Register at the fitness center front desk. FMI: 653-5542.

**ADULT HAND-BUILDING WITH CLAY**

A four-week session for those interested in learning basic ceramic techniques will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays from Jan. 21 to Feb. 11 at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center. The cost of \$40 per session includes supplies and tools. FMI: 448-9907.

**EXCURSION FOR TEENS**

A Windward Mall excursion for teens will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 21 departing from the Hickam Teen Center. The cost is \$5 per youth ages 13-18. FMI: 449-3354.

**WHALE WATCHING TOURS**

Cruise along the west coast of Oahu in search of humpback whales from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 21 and 28. The trip departs from Information, Tickets and Travel-Hickam (ITT-Hickam.) The cost is \$40 for adults, \$35 for children ages 3 to 11. The cruise is limited to 30 people per tour. FMI: 448-2295.

**NEW YEAR'S WEIGHTLIFTING COMPETITION**

Sign up by Jan. 23 for a New Year's weightlifting competition, which will start with a 7:30 a.m. weigh-in Jan. 28 at the Hickam Fitness Center. The \$30 per person entry fee includes a T-shirt. The event consists of bench, squat and dead lift and is open to active duty, retirees, dependents and Department of Defense (DoD) employees age 16 and older. Sign-up forms are available at the Bloch, Hickam and Subase Fitness Centers. FMI: 448-2214.

**COMMAND FITNESS LEADER**

A free Command Fitness Leader program will be held from Jan. 23 to 27. It provides the basic fitness and nutrition tools to active-duty Navy and Marines to go back to their respective commands and design fitness programs, facilitate classes, and become ambassadors of fitness and nutrition. FMI: [www.navyfitness.org](http://www.navyfitness.org) or 473-1710.

For more information on events, visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

**Community Calendar**

**January**

**14, 15** ~ Marine Corps Community Services' (MCCS) Semper Fit Aquatics program is looking for avid and amateur bodysurfers to compete in their sixth annual Pyramid Rock Body Surfing Championship at Kaneohe Bay. The competition start time is 7 a.m. and will run through 4:30 p.m. both days. This event is open to both military members and the public. Registration is now open online ([www.mccshawaii.com/surf.shtml](http://www.mccshawaii.com/surf.shtml)), or by visiting the MCBH main base pool at Kaneohe Bay. Registration is \$20 for military and \$25 for civilians. FMI: 254-7655.

**15** ~ Honoring the African American aviators of World War II, the Tuskegee Airmen Symposium will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Jan. 15 at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor in the museum's theater. The event is free to museum members and included in the price of regular admission for non-members. General admission tickets may be purchased online at [PacificAviationMuseum.org](http://PacificAviationMuseum.org). FMI: 441-1007.

**17** ~ The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)/electronic filing (ELF) program is seeking volunteers for temporary additional duty assignment to the program to work part-time at the tax center during normal duty hours from Jan. 17 to April 30. Volunteers will be trained from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 18 to 21, and the volunteers' commands' approval is needed. FMI: Katherine Lake at 473-0428 or [Katherine.lake@navy.mil](mailto:Katherine.lake@navy.mil).

**19, 24** ~ Free Military and Family Support Center classes include Till Debt Do Us Part from 5 to 8 p.m. Jan. 19 and Anger Management from 8 to 11 a.m. Jan. 24. Classes are for Department of Defense civilian employees, military personnel and family members. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

**23 - 27** ~ The GSA Customer Supply Center on the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will close for annual inventory Jan. 23 through 27. Customers can shop at the GSA Schofield Barracks store during this time. The GSA Schofield Barracks store will close for inventory Jan. 30 through Feb. 3. Customers can shop at the GSA Hickam store during this time. FMI: Teresa Demello at Hickam at 448-8937, ext. 241, or Barbara Edwards at Schofield at 655-0280.

**26** ~ Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) will host the first-ever NFL Pro Bowl practices on a military base. The AFC practice begins at 10 a.m., and the NFC practice will start at 11:15 a.m. Bleachers will be set up along Earhart Field for spectator viewing. Both the AFC and NFC Pro Bowl practices will be open to all military-affiliated personnel and their families who already have base access. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

**Movie Showtimes**



**Arthur Christmas (PG)**

On Christmas night at the North Pole, Santa's youngest son plans to use his father's high-tech operation for an urgent mission.

**SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER**

**TODAY**  
7:00 PM Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Pt 1 (PG-13)

**SATURDAY**  
2:30 PM Arthur Christmas (PG)  
4:45 PM The Muppets (PG)  
7:15 PM Jack and Jill (PG)

**SUNDAY**  
2:30 PM The Muppets (PG)  
5:00 PM Arthur Christmas (PG)  
7:15 PM Immortals (R)

**HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER**

**TODAY**  
6:00 PM Arthur Christmas (PG)  
8:30 PM New Year's Eve (PG-13)

**SATURDAY**  
4:00 PM Arthur Christmas (PG)  
7:00 PM Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Pt 1 (PG-13)

**SUNDAY**  
2:00 PM The Muppets (PG)

For more movie information, visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).



# Travel stress-free with your pets by planning ahead

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Military moves can be tough on military families, especially if a spouse is deployed. It's hard enough to get the humans in the family ready for a big move, let alone a family pet.

"Growing up as an Army 'brat,' I moved every three years from state to state and to Europe and back twice," said Kari Mendoza, owner of Island Pet Movers in Hawaii. "We always had pets, and our parents taught us that pets are part of the family."

"I served four years in the Navy," and I can tell you it was hard to find an apartment off-base that would allow me to take my cat, but giving him up was never an option," she added.

Fortunately, many resources are available to ensure your pet stays with your military family and isn't surrendered to a shelter or given away.

A first step is to go online and research the pet policies at your next duty station. A quick call to your sponsor, family-service center or veterinarian at the next installation can help you better understand pet policies in housing, animal laws in that state or country, pet-friendly hotels and any transport requirements. For example, many states and countries are considered "rabies-free," so you may have to start the process of preparing to ship your family pet several months in advance.

Now that you have fully researched information such as applicable breed bans and base pet policies, consider calling local airlines to see if there are flight restrictions for your pet, including months when your pet is restricted from



U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Kayla Jo Guthrie

Navy Lt. j.g. Kirsten Davis greets her dog, Tressel, in Norfolk, Va. after returning home from a two-month deployment aboard the amphibious dock landing ship USS Gunston Hall in March 2011.

flight. For example, some dogs have respiratory issues due to the structure of their face, making breathing at sea-level difficult.

Because of these restrictions, many airlines impose a "pet embargo" on certain dog breeds between May 15 and Sept. 15, which means you will have to ship your pet outside of this time frame. A visit to the airline's pet transport web page should give you information such as cabin temperature, weight requirements, approved airline crates, and what stickers and labels should be on the carrier.

Since all pets are transported for hours, or even more than a day, in a crate, it's a must that all military pets are crate trained. It can take months to get an animal adjusted to the crate environment, and will be the best way to ensure the animal doesn't get stressed in transport.

Air Mobility Command

(<http://www.amc.af.mil/amc-travel/index.asp>) offers space-available flight, commonly known as "Space-A" travel, for pets, but you may only take two pets and a 14-day travel window is required. Space-A is a service that allows military service members, their families and service retirees to fill seats on military air

transport flights that otherwise would be left empty. Some duty stations don't fly commercial airliners, so you can only book these flights to a destination that has these capabilities.

Are your certificates in order? Two are provided by military veterinarians (<http://vetcom.amedd.army.mil/map.html>). The first is

a veterinary health certificate, DD 2209, which must be issued within 10 days of your departure. It's advisable to schedule the pet's flights a few days before yours so that if there is a last-minute issue, you are there to take the animal back.

The second documentation is a rabies vaccination certificate, DD 2208. The rabies certificate is issued at least 30 days prior to your departure, but in some states it can't be more than a year old. It's best to research the policies in the state or country to ensure the required documentation is in order.

When you reach your destination, or if your pet must be quarantined, you may be able to get some money reimbursed ([www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/faqpet.cfm](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/faqpet.cfm)). Check with your personnel office to find out more about this opportunity. Finally, check with your tax-filing office to

see if some of your pet-moving expenses can be written off when filing income taxes.

For more detailed information, visit Military OneSource at [www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil). They have numerous checklists and samples of a military pet care plan. Another resource is your military legal office, where you can include the family pet in your will and power-of-attorney forms. As with any other member of your family, it's best to always be prepared for the unexpected when caring for your pet, a lifetime commitment.

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## This Week's Trivia

Hawaii-born astronaut Air Force Lt. Col. Ellison S. Onizuka is remembered as one of the crewmembers killed in the space shuttle Challenger disaster. What date did the tragedy occur?



## WHO SAID IT?

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

