



NAVY CHIEFS, SELECTEES COMPLETE ANNUAL FORD ISLAND HERITAGE RUN

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Chief petty officers (CPOs) and CPO selectees from more than 30 Hawaii-based commands participated Aug. 24 in the annual Ford Island Heritage Run at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The Ford Island Heritage Run

spans more than three miles around the perimeter of Ford Island with brief stops and historic briefings at historically significant locations including the Battleship Missouri Memorial, USS Utah Memorial, USS Arizona Memorial and the USS Oklahoma Memorial. The route of the run also passed other notable Ford Island sites such as the mooring quays of USS West Virginia, USS Nevada and USS California.

The Heritage Run is an event

designed to reinforce history, heritage and tradition in the new selectees. The run allows the commands to assemble as a unified chief's mess and contributes to the overall culture of fitness in the Navy.

As Capt. Kurt Scott, the behavioral health programs director, Bureau of Naval Personnel said, "Our people are our greatest asset. We're promoting a lifestyle of total fitness, physically, mentally, socially and spiritually, to ensure our Sailors

are best able to meet the challenges they will face in today's Navy. These efforts reinforce the Secretary of the Navy's 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative, as well as support the Chief of Naval Operation's directions."

The event was one of the highlights of the transition period for prospective chiefs who have spent the last few weeks receiving training on their new responsibilities from their designated mentors.



Photo illustration

Kunia Gallos put big chill on Blue Penguins

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

After getting off to a rough start to kick off the Summer Soccer League, the two-time base intramural champions Kunia Gallos have reasserted themselves as a force to be reckoned with.

Last Saturday, Aug. 25, the Gallos overcame a 1-0 deficit to storm past the Blue Penguins, 5-2, at Quick Field, Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and raise their league record to 4-0-1.

"We started out against our arch rivals, the divers, and it was just a tough way to start," admitted Staff Sgt. Winston Jackson, striker for the Gallos. "It looked rough, but we've been playing the same soccer every day, every time we're out here."

Like their start of the season, the Gallos began slowly against the Blue Penguins, whose team is mostly comprised of members from the 15th Operations Group.

The Blue Penguins, which entered the showdown versus the Gallos with a record of 2-2-1, got on the scoreboard first when 1st Lt. Jason Taylor followed up a shot on goal by sticking it in back of the net for a 1-0 lead.

The shot was the fifth attempt on goal by the Blue Penguins in the early minutes of the game.

"We got the ball down one-on-one on the keeper," said Winston about the game's opening goal. "One of our

guys put it on, it bounced off the keeper, I just followed it up and pushed it back in."

The goal seemed to awaken the Gallos as the team immediately picked up the pace and quickly tied the score when Jackson snuck in a straightway shot about 20 yards from the goal.

Jackson initially thought that the shot hit the goal's upright, but was pleasantly surprised when his teammates told him to count the goal.

"They had great defenders, so I only had a couple of seconds," Jackson said. "I made a move, took a shot. I saw it go through the goalie's hands and hit the crossbar. I threw my hands up in disgust, but it turns out it bounced in."

Then, just before halftime, Jackson got support from teammate Senior Airman Akira Hose, who weaved through the Blue Penguins defense before shooting the ball in from the right side for a 2-1 lead.

Once the Gallos broke out in front, the team kept the pressure on and began attacking the goal and Blue Penguins goalkeeper Maj. Sam Ensminger who, despite coming up with big play after big play, couldn't keep Kunia shooters from scoring.

Jackson said a change in the Blue Penguins defense opened the door for the Gallos to take control.

"The number-one thing for them is that they pulled their sweeper," Jackson pointed out. "They put him up top



Staff Sgt. Winston Jackson, striker for the Kunia Gallos, gets past Blue Penguins defensive back Maj. Tom Flowers and goalkeeper Maj. Sam Ensminger en route to his second goal in a Summer Soccer League game at Quick Field, Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

and that opened up the field for us. Our dribblers were able to just go at them and catch them out of position."

Jackson was the first player in the second half to exploit the Blue Penguins new defensive formation.

The Kunia striker moved into position down the left side of the field, beat a defender, then killed a shot for his second goal of the game and a 3-1 lead.

The Gallos raised the advantage on an assist from Hose to Senior Airman Justin Cameron before Staff Sgt. Matt Frengs booted in a penalty kick for a 5-1 lead.

The Blue Penguins got one final goal late in the game on a breakaway by Ensign Jamie Gaines.

Taylor said that, while Kunia is filled with great players, injuries and a lack of substitutions may have hindered the Blue Penguins attack.

"We had two guys that, we had to pull up because of injuries and we had no subs," he said. "We were getting tired and injuries with no subs, that starts hurting you quick. They had some good players, but a mistake here, good play there and that's it."

Jackson said that he believes that the win proves that the Gallos are 100 percent back after the rough first game.

"It's pretty much a matter of time," he said. "We start off slow, but we get to our level and we don't drop. That's normally what sets us apart."

Hickam Field survivor will be honored at Air Force Ball

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Meares

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

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

Durward Swanson, a 91-year-old native of Georgia, is returning to be the guest of honor and the "oldest Airman" at the 65th Air Force Ball, scheduled for Sept. 14 at the Hawaiian Hilton Resort in Waikiki. He will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the youngest Airman at Hickam and cut the Air Force's birthday cake with an honor guard saber.

"It will be truly an honor to be in the presence of today's Airmen and socializing with them," Swanson said. "They are the backbone of our defense program."

On a previous visit to Hickam, he went on a walkabout to remember the events that brought the U.S. to the forefront of World War II, to remember those men and women 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 as he told his story to the security forces Airmen who currently work in the same room where he slept so many years ago. "It brought back some memories, it did. It kind of brought back



Durward Swanson, a Dec. 7, 1941, Hickam Field survivor, holds a photo of himself taken when he was here in the 1940s.

what I had been through."

Swanson was on duty the night of Dec. 6 as a military policeman on a motorcycle patrol. He finished his breakfast in the dining facility and retired to his quarters, which was a dormitory for the Hickam guards on the second floor of the fire station (building 1001). His downstairs section of the building served as the guardhouse for the military police.

He said seeing the historic buildings still riddled with pockmarks and the still torn and tattered flag encased in the Pacific Headquarters Building reminded him of the physical and mental scars he has carried most of his life. He said the events were best described as chaos. There were 184 Airmen, two civilians and three Honolulu firefighters killed on what was formerly Hickam Field.

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

In the days and weeks afterward, Swanson re-entered his first career field as a B-17E Flying Fortress crew chief. Called to action during the Battle of Midway on June 5, 1942, his plane was shot down. His plane riddled with holes and missing sections, Swanson was among the three survivors, leaving seven friends perishing in the Pacific Ocean. He suffered severe injuries to his left leg, arm and face.

Swanson, bleeding profusely from multiple places, was pulled from the sinking wreckage as the air and sea battle raged around them.

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

The battle in the sky above him was the last thing on his mind as he was treading water and waiting for a rescue boat. There was not a safe place anywhere in the area. Shot out of the sky, severely injured and bleeding, Swanson said he was more worried about the sharks.

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

More than 70 years later,

Swanson said returning to Hickam was a dream come true. He visited his barracks and the dining facility which once had a bomb rip through it and saw 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 more than 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 have 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."

It was because of his story and willingness to make the journey back to Oahu that the Air Force Ball committee chose Swanson to be the guest of honor at the Air Force Ball. For Swanson, this will be a first in his lifetime as he served before the Air Force became an official entity of the Department of Defense.

"I am delighted and happy to be back at Hickam where I was stationed," he said. "I am especially delighted to attend the Air Force Ball. This will be my very first one."

(This is an excerpt of Staff Sgt. Meares' story. To read the complete story, visit <http://1.usa.gov/PQY71W>.)

Hispanic Heritage Month celebration planned for Sept. 21

A Hispanic Heritage Month celebration will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sept. 21 at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

Planned activities include a speech by the keynote speaker, Capt. Robert A. Espinosa, chief of staff, Navy Region Hawaii.

The national anthem will be performed by vocalist Sr. Airman Letha Brown.

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam cere-

monial guard will parade and retire the colors.

Capt. Sal Aguilera will offer the invocation and benediction. Following the official ceremony, refreshments and a dance exhibition will take place at the chapel lanai.

For more information and to participate, call committee chairman QM1 (SW) Julian Pardal at 474-0302 or email julian.pardal1@navy.mil.

'First Friday' Sept. 7 event to feature Pacific Fleet rock band

The Pacific Fleet Band will perform a rock and roll concert from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Hawaii State Art Museum at its First Friday event.

This event will include music through the 1960s, such as Van Morrison's "Brown Eyed Girl," Eddie Floyd's "Knock on Wood," Jason Marz' "I Won't Give Up," Lady Gaga's "Paparazzi," and IZ's version of "Rainbow."

The Pacific Fleet Band performs on the mainland United States, as well as in Asia and the Pacific. The fleet band performed during the Pacific Friendship gathering in Indonesia, and in the Philippines. Their most recent concert was in Washington, D.C.

The Pacific Fleet Band is based at Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"To have our Navy's Pacific Fleet Band perform in a historic site that currently houses the state's art museum, once home to our military during the Pacific War makes the First Friday, Sept. 7 fleet's concert event more significant," said Eva Laird Smith, executive director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Museum chairs are limited. Folding chairs and mats are recommended at the second-floor open courtyard, overlooking the newly opened sculpture garden.

For more information, call 586-9959 or 586-0301. Email scott.m.young@hawaii.gov or eva.laird.smith@hawaii.gov.

Blood donor center updated schedule announced

Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has updated its schedule of upcoming blood drives as part of the Armed Services Blood Donor Program (ASBP). Dates and locations are updated regularly online as new drives are scheduled. Donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment online, call to make an appointment, and check www.militaryblood.dod.mil for

the latest information.

Currently scheduled drives include:

- Sept. 11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, 667 Safeguard St.

- Sept. 25, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., NEX, Tripler Army Medical Center.

For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil.

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Pound Town chasing dream after win over Port Royal

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Sports Editor

Representing the 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS), the Pound Town basketball squad remained in contention for the top spot in the Summer Basketball League by beating the previously unbeaten USS Port Royal (CG 73), 44-32, in a matchup on Aug. 25 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

The win kept Pound Town trailing the Dream Chasers by a single game in the league standings with a record of 5-1, while Port Royal dropped their first game of the season and saw their mark fall to 2-1.

Forward Airman 1st Class Vincent Kruzona led the charge for Pound Town by leading all scorers with 18 points, which included a buzzer beater at the half that gave his team a 25-14 edge at the break.

The heroics by Kruzona offset a tremendous shooting day by Port Royal guard Operations Specialist 2nd Class Kevin Henderson, who pumped in 14 points on four three-pointers and a basket.

"I think we're right there at the top with everyone else," said Kruzona following his hot performance. "There are some really good teams. I think it's going to be a really good season and good playoffs. I'm excited for it."

At first, the battle between Port Royal and Pound Town was neck-and-neck as both teams traded baskets throughout the early minutes of the game.

An exchange of treys by



Pound Town Senior Airman Chris Haire and Henderson kept the margin of difference at only four points, but that's when Pound Town slowly began to pull away.

A three-point shot by Airman 1st Class Adrian McNeil extended Pound Town's lead to nine at 21-12 before Kruzona began to take over. The Pound Town forward calmly sank a jumper to take a 23-14 lead and then came back on the next trip down to swish a shot at the buzzer for the team's first double-digit advantage at 25-14.

"I think it definitely gave us some momentum going into the second (half)," Kruzona said. "I just wanted to control the clock. I was looking to pass, actually, and I saw the open shot, so I took it."

Coming out of the break, Kruzona continued his torrid shooting by zeroing in a bulls-eye from beyond the three-point arch that doubled Port Royal at 28-14.

Again, Kruzona said that the open shot was too nice to pass up.

"We were looking more to keep attacking the basket. It was working for us in the first half," Kruzona said. "But it was an open shot, so I took it."

The shot seemed to have stopped Port Royal in their tracks as Pound Town

Operations Specialist 2nd Class Kevin Henderson, guard for USS Port Royal (CG 73), tries to block a lay-up from 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) Pound Town guard Airman 1st Class Marshaun Roan during a Summer Basketball League game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

managed to keep their double-digit lead for the rest of the game.

A three-point shot by Airman 1st Class Marshaun Roan kept Pound Town ahead by 14 at 31-17 and another trey by Kruzona made the score 38-26 with 8:21 left on the clock.

Less than a minute later, Kruzona got an assist on a pass to teammate Airman 1st Class Jordan Arredondo for a basket and a 40-26 lead.

"It was just attacking the boards," said Kruzona about how the team maintained its lead. "They actually had size on us, but we just tried to move the screens and attack the basket."

Henderson said that once Pound Town began to pull away, Port Royal just wasn't patient enough to mount a comeback.

"It was a little frustration on our part," he stated. "I think we needed to pass it more and we were trying to do way too much than what we needed to do. It just got to us in the end."

After suffering their first loss of the season, Henderson said that he and his teammates would be back stronger than ever.

"Just practice," Henderson said. "We'll go through a week of practices and just learn from it and come back next weekend."

In picking up the Pound Town's fifth win of the season, Kruzona said that teamwork is the key for their continued success.

"Just playing strong basketball," Kruzona noted. "We're a shooting team, but today, we showed that we can actually drive, shoot and penetrate. That was a good sign for us."

Motorcycle safety gear saves NASIC Airman

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WRIGHT-PATERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Senior Airman David Steele stood on stage in front of his fellow Airmen from the National Air and Space Intelligence Center here recounting his story during a recent commander's call.

"According to the doctors, the crash would have killed me had I not been wearing my gear," he said.

In June 2011, Steele was heading to Baltimore, Md. on a 500-mile motorcycle journey to visit his family. He stopped every few hours to stretch and update his aunt and uncle in Baltimore on his whereabouts.

Nearly half way into the trip his bike ran off a turn and crashed into a boulder on Highway

50 in West Virginia.

Steele's recollection of the accident is hazy.

"I don't remember why I ran off the road, just that it was a blind corner," he said. "The authorities could only speculate what may have happened."

Steele remembers lying on the ground in shock, not knowing how he got there. He looked up and saw a man standing over him. When he asked the stranger what happened, the man told Steele he was in a motorcycle accident.

A medical evacuation helicopter flew Steele to Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, W. Va. The in-flight medical team stabilized Steele with 25 units of blood and plasma.

During the nine-minute flight he gave emergency crews his Social Security number and his family's contact information.

At the hospital doctors saw the full extent of his injuries. Besides a



Senior Airman David Steele

broken hand and jaw, the motorcycle brake lever punctured Steele's spleen resulting in the majority of the blood loss. The spleen was removed. He spent 19 days in the hospital.

Doctors told Steele his protective

gear limited the damage to his other internal organs, which enabled him to survive.

A year before the accident Steele took all the mandatory precautionary measures before riding his motorcycle. He took the mandatory motorcycle safety courses and purchased all the required safety gear.

"You can do everything right on your motorcycle and still crash because someone didn't check their blind spot or use a turn signal," Steele said. "You don't have a seatbelt, an airbag or a crumple zone to protect you. Your only protection is what you're wearing. And that's why motorcycle safety gear is so important."

Following a year of recovery, Steele's life and Air Force career are back on track. He persevered to score a 90 percent on his most recent physical fitness test.

Asked if he would still ride motorcycles, he said he'll purchase a new bike soon.

Steele is the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency representative for the 2012 Airmen-to-Airman Safety Advisory Program. The Air Force Safety Center initiative features major command-nominated enlisted and officers.

The Airmen, all 20-26 years old, each have had a mishap and are turning their careers around for the better. Their mission is to communicate safety messages Air Force-wide.

Steele speaks to fellow wingmen about the dangers of motorcycle riding and the importance of being prepared.

His bottom line message? "Crashing a motorcycle is just a matter of time. Always wear your gear."

(Editor's note: Although this incident took place in Ohio, wearing safety gear can help reduce motorcycle injuries anywhere, including Hawaii.)



Operating a motorcycle takes proper skills, training

Maj. Gen. Gregory A. Feest

Air Force Chief of Safety

Operating a motorcycle is a high-risk activity and takes different skills than driving a four-wheeled vehicle.

Airmen all over the world take the necessary safety precautions and enjoy riding their motorcycles.

Unfortunately, every year

we lose Airmen to motorcycle accidents. Each motorcycle fatality impacts our units, communities and the Air Force family.

Most of our accidents are due to a lack of training, poor riding skills and a risky attitude, most notably driving too fast for conditions.

Here is what I need from our riders: as our greatest asset, we believe you will

develop the right skills, the right training and the right attitude.

As your chief of safety, I believe Airmen at all levels will adopt and practice the concept of being a professional military rider.

Remember, we need you here to get the mission done. Stay in the fight, and help spread the word to your fellow military riders.

Naval website has tools to stay safe during Labor Day weekend

Naval Safety Center

Labor Day weekend is the unofficial end of summer and marks the end of the Navy and Marine Corps Summer Safety Campaign.

The holiday commemorates the accomplishments of the American worker, among the hardest working people in the world, which well describes Sailors and Marines.

So it's a good time when we have the opportunity to take a few days off to relax and enjoy time with family and friends.

For tools the safety center has prepared to help all of us stay safe while enjoying a fun weekend, visit the "what's new" section on the Naval Safety Center's website at www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen.

You'll find informative presentations, briefing points and videos for use in daily quarters and safety stand downs that serve

as a timely reminder not to let our guard down.

Unfortunately, off-duty activities often hurt far too many Sailors.

While you enjoy the end of summer, rest assured that the safety center team is already preparing risk-management tools for the winter season. This year, commands will receive a package in the mail containing presentations, posters, pamphlets and more. Packages will be disseminated in October to allow safety offices plenty of time to prepare.

There's no reason to try to cram an entire season's worth of fun into one weekend. We all need to work together to end the fleet's summer safety campaign on a high note with zero fatalities or preventable mishaps.

Take advantage of some well-deserved time off during the last holiday weekend of summer and take care of each other.

Labor Day weekend activities at NEX approaching soon

Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) has announced its Labor Day weekend schedule of activities. They include:

- A military appreciation event will take place from Aug. 29 to Sept. 3 in the NEX parking lot. There will be a tent sale, food booths by local family

readiness and ombudsmen groups, Morale, Welfare and Recreation bounce houses, an exotic car show, games and a Taste of NEX event.

- A Honolulu Police Department/keiki (child) ID night will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Aug. 31 in the NEX mall. Free IDs for

children will consist of a picture, finger printing and descriptive information about a child in case of emergencies.

- Authorized patrons are invited to a free movie night featuring the movies "The Lorax" and "Tin Tin" Aug. 31 in the NEX parking lot. Seating is at 5:30

p.m. and the movies start at 7 p.m.

Due to limited seating, tickets to the show can be picked up at the aloha center on a first-come, first-served basis. Patrons are responsible for their own chair, beach mat, etc. for seating. Those with higher chairs will be asked to sit

further back from the screen so patrons with beach towels and mats will be able to view the screen as well.

- Ukulele performer Kalei Gamiao will play at a free performance 6 p.m. Sept. 1 on the NEX parking lot stage.
- Rock guitarist Michael

Angelo Batio, voted the "number one shredder of all time by Guitar One magazine," will perform free at 7 p.m. Sept. 1 at the NEX parking lot stage.

For more information, contact Stephanie Lau, NEX customer service manager at 423-3287 or email stephanie.lau@nexweb.org.



Photo courtesy of Imagination Movers

Children's music group Imagination Movers will perform at this year's Day for Kids celebration Sept. 9 at Ward Field.

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This year's Day for Kids celebration Sept. 9 at Ward Field at Pearl Harbor-Hickam will feature a 4 p.m. performance by children's music group Imagination Movers.

Gates open at 2 p.m. In addition to the performance by Imagination Movers, there will be free inflatables, crafts, activities and food from Defense Commissary Agency. Snacks will be available for purchase.

Four friends in New Orleans formed the Imagination Movers band in 2003: Rich Collins, Scott

Durbin, Dave Poche and Scott "Smitty" Smith. They wanted to create their own children's television show.

The local PBS station was interested in producing the program, but due to budget constraints had to decline. Imagination Movers ended up releasing a series of self-produced CDs and DVDs. To date, they have sold more than 250,000 copies.

The Movers soon came to the attention of Disney, who offered them their own show. They have filmed three seasons of their music-and-comedy series for Disney Junior. The program takes place in an "idea warehouse" and was inspired by earlier kids'

shows such as "Captain Kangaroo" and "Mister Rogers Neighborhood."

Through a series of songs and dances, the Imagination Movers teach children that with imagination anything is possible. Their motto is "Reach high, think big, work hard, have fun!" The Imagination Movers TV show currently airs in more than 55 countries and territories in 12 languages.

The Imagination Movers also tour extensively. Their 2011 "In a Big Warehouse" tour attracted 150,000 fans. Musically, their sound is pop and rock-oriented, and has drawn comparisons to both the Beastie Boys and the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Inexpensive activities are available on Oahu

Ho'okele readers in search of leads for inexpensive outings on Oahu have options. They can serve as an alternative way to spend a Saturday and meet others.

One example of an inexpensive outing available on Oahu is no-admission-fee hiking.

For example, John Burns, Navy Region Hawaii administrative support assistant, has posted videos on youtube providing a new perspective on urban Oahu. Find the trail at <http://youtu.be/50ALXHmEXGs>.

A second activity is a Navy/Air Force/Boy Scouts event including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Hawaii Nature Center. The event will take place Sept. 15 at a Pearl Harbor site in Waipahu known as Pouhala Marsh.

Volunteers will work in the mud to remove brush and weeds from an area that was a dump and landfill. It is being restored to provide habitat for Hawaii's endangered water birds. Due to develop-

ment, muddy habitat was lost along the shore. Hawaii's wading and mud-loving birds, the Hawaiian duck, coot, moorhen and the long-legged Hawaiian black stilt declined.

By removing plants that cover the mud, the birds have places to feed. The Hawaii Nature Center uses Pouhala Marsh as a place to teach children about the value of wetlands.

The marsh is on Waipahu Depot Road across from the police academy training center.

Wear long sleeves, long pants and boots and bring hand tools if you have them as well as a bottle of water and perhaps a change of clothes.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam volunteers should sign up with CSC Daniel Schaeffer, TPU, daniel.schaeffer@navy.mil or call 473-0686.

(Editor's note: information was submitted by Rebecca Hommon, Navy Region Hawaii environmental counsel.)



Photo courtesy of Rebecca Hommon

Hawaiian stilts are an example of the state's wading birds. Pouhala Marsh is being restored to provide habitat for these waterfowl.

Labor Day commissary hours announced

In observance of Labor Day Sept. 3 the Pearl Harbor Commissary store hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Hickam Commissary will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, call the Pearl Harbor Commissary at 471-8402 ext. 101 or the Hickam Commissary at 449-1363.

Volunteers sought for Medal of Honor Convention

USO Hawaii will be part of the team for the Medal of Honor Convention 2012.

The convention will be held in Honolulu from Oct. 1 to 6.

There are many volunteer opportunities from Sept. 28 to Oct. 10.

For more information on how to volunteer, visit the website <http://bit.ly/N0j78F> or call 422.1213.

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Morale Welfare & Recreation

YOUTH ADVENTURE SPORTS

Young people ages 12-16 can experience sports such as surfing, stand-up paddleboarding (SUP), mountain biking, canoeing and kayaking. Today is the last day to register, and the session runs September to November. The program meets on Wednesdays for training and education and on Saturdays for sport participation. Cost is \$120. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

FREE GOLF CLINIC

The Mamala Bay Golf Course is hosting a free golf clinic at 4 p.m. today. FMI: 449-2300.

CRUD TOURNAMENT

There is a "crud" tournament from 5:30 to 11 p.m. today at the Hickam Officers' Club (Koa Lounge). No experience with the game is necessary, and all branches and skill levels are welcome. This is a free event. FMI: 448-4608.

TUESDAY LUNCH AND FREE BOWLING

Receive up to two free games of bowling from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays at Hickam Bowling Center and the Naval Station Bowling Center when you purchase your lunch from the Kālu Kau Korner or Harbor Grill snack bar. FMI: 448-9959 or 473-2574.

BENCH PRESS CONTEST

The Pearl Harbor Fitness Center will hold a bench press contest at 10 a.m. Sept. 1. Weigh-ins begin at 9 a.m. Men will bench press 100 percent of their body weight, and women will bench press 50 percent of their body weight, as many reps as possible in good form. The entry fee is \$5. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD/OCEAN SAFETY

Registration for the junior lifeguard class runs now through Sept. 7. This program will give youth the opportunity for hands-on training and provides a foundation to become a junior lifeguard. The program is designed to allow young people to gain a basic understanding of pool/ocean awareness, water rescue techniques, physical conditioning skills, general first-aid and overall self-confidence. The session runs Sept. 24-Oct. 19. The cost is \$95 per student. This program is for ages 11 to 17. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

FAMILY/GROUP SAILING INSTRUCTION

Sailing instruction is offered 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays at the Rainbow Bay Marina. This course offers a brief introduction to sailing and includes an overview in the classroom, demonstration of rigging and some time on the water. The class is open to eligible adults and family members 10 years and older. The cost is \$10 per person. FMI: 473-0279.

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

Community Calendar

September

1 – Navy Operational Support Center fiscal year Chief Petty Officer selectees will hold a car wash from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Makalapa Clinic parking lot. Food and beverages will be provided. Donations will be accepted.

1 – The City & County of Honolulu will conduct the monthly statewide outdoor warning siren test at 11:45 a.m. The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam "Giant Voice" works in conjunction with Honolulu's outdoor warning sirens and will sound a steady tone for 45 seconds.

5 – Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel will kick off its "vertical mid-week" program on at 5:30 p.m. starting with a fellowship meal and praise and worship music. A nursery is available for infants up to children age 3. FMI: 473-3971.

6 and 13 – Military housing residents can meet with Navy leadership and Forest City representatives at upcoming community meetings scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Sept. 6 and Sept. 13, both at Moanalua Community Center. Residents will have an opportunity to ask questions and address concerns. Information will also be provided on the Resident Energy Conservation Program which will implement a 10 percent buffer beginning Oct. 1.

14 – The Air Force Ball will be held at 6 p.m. at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Waikiki. Ticket prices for the event are tiered. FMI: call a unit representative or visit <http://www.15wing.af.mil/library/airforceball.asp>.

20 – The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam passenger terminal will hold a "space available" brief from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Hickam Memorial Theater. FMI: 448-9949 or visit the terminal Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/HickamAMC>.

22 – Bellows Air Force Station will hold a *keiki* [children's] bodyboard contest starting at 10 a.m. Entry fees are \$10 if postmarked by Sept. 2, \$15 if postmarked between Sept. 3 and 9, and \$20 after Sept. 10. FMI: www.bellowsaafs.com.

26 – The 25th annual Joint Employment Management System (JEMS) Job Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Club Pearl at Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Preparatory classes are being offered throughout September in advance of the job fair. FMI: 474-1999 or 449-0300 or visit www.jemsjobs.com.

Movie Showtimes



The Watch (R)

Four everyday suburban guys come together to form a neighborhood watch group but only as an excuse to escape their humdrum lives one night a week. But when they accidentally discover that their town has become overrun with aliens posing as ordinary suburbanites, they have no choice but to save their neighborhood – and the world – from total extermination.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY
7:00 PM Magic Mike (R)

SATURDAY
2:30 PM Ice Age 4: Continental Drift (PG)
4:45 PM People Like Us (PG-13)
7:15 PM The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13)

SUNDAY
2:30 PM Ice Age 4: Continental Drift (PG)
4:45 PM Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection (PG-13)
7:15 PM The Dark Knight Rises (PG13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

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End of World War II ceremony to take place Sept. 2

Battleship Missouri Memorial Association

Battleship Missouri Memorial will commemorate the 67th anniversary of the end of World War II from 8 to 9 a.m. Sept. 2 at the memorial at Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

James Zobel, senior archivist, MacArthur Memorial, will be the keynote speaker.

The ceremony is free and open to the public. A shuttle from the visitors' center will be available.

Zobel has been the archivist at the General Douglas MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk, Va. for the past 20 years. He obtained a bachelor's and master's degree in history from Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va.

The MacArthur Memorial



Archives is an international research center dedicated to the preservation and research of materials related to the life and times of general of the Army Douglas MacArthur. As archivist, he has collected, organized and catalogued the papers of MacArthur, 18 of his subordinate generals and thousands of veterans who served in World War I, World War II and the Korean War.

Christian Wells of Roosevelt High School, win-

ner of the "MacArthur's Words" essay contest will also be a guest speaker. Wells is an 11th grader. Wells' essay explained the relevance and applicability of MacArthur's famous change "of the spirit if we are to save the flesh" quote in today's world. Samantha Peterson and Corey Snider's essays earned them second and third place respectively.

Mark Polivka, USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc. board member will offer remarks on behalf of the nonprofit organization entrusted with the care and operation of America's last battleship.

The ceremony also will feature a patriotic music performance by the Pacific Fleet Band, a rifle salute, echo Taps and a special Old Glory detail by the Naval Health Clinic Hawaii.

Photo courtesy of U.S. National Archives View of the surrender ceremonies, looking forward from USS Missouri's superstructure, as Adm. Conrad E.L. Helfrich signs the Instrument of Surrender on behalf of The Netherlands. General of the Army Douglas MacArthur is standing beside him.

Sept. 8 Siller Tunnel to Towers Pearl Harbor run honors firefighter

This year's second annual Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Pearl Harbor 5K run will take place at 7 a.m. Sept. 8 across the Ford Island Bridge at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The race is affiliated with the national Tunnel to Towers Foundation, created in honor of New York Fire Department firefighter Stephen Siller, who lost his life on Sept. 11, 2001.

The cost for the race is \$35 until the beginning of September and \$50 cash on race day. Free running shirts are available for all adult registrations. Children under age 12 may participate free of charge, but will not be given a T-shirt. Prizes will be available to participants age 18 or older.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Hawaii Fire

Chiefs Association and Building for America's Bravest.

Tunnel to Towers Foundation is now partnered with the Gary Sinese Foundation in Building for America's Bravest, building smart homes for triple and quadruple amputees.

For more information, and to register for the race, visit the website at www.t2trun.org/pearlharbor.

SHOTEX 2012 set for Sept. 18 to 20

Navy Region Hawaii will conduct a mass vaccination exercise from Sept. 18 to 20.

The exercise name is Citadel SHOTEX 2012 (CS12).

The purpose of CS12 is to exercise and assess the Navy's ability to immunize large populations of shore-based active duty and Navy civilian employees against a pandemic virus and to track the vaccination efforts.

For more information, contact your CS12 command representative listed below:

- Navy Region Hawaii, Carlos Mercado at carlos.mercado1.ctr@navy.mil or 473-1897.
- JBPBH, Dan DuBois at daniel.t.dubois@navy.mil or 448-2742.
- PMRF, Adrian Bouche at adrian.bouche@navy.mil or 335-4535.
- Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, Lt. Evelyn Palm at evelyn.palm@med.navy.mil or 471-2212, ext. 552.
- 15th Medical Group, 1st Lt. Kathleen Eisenbrey at kathleen.eisenbrey.1@us.af.mil or 448-6141.

Holly Petraeus to hold town hall meetings Sept. 6

Holly Petraeus, assistant director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and wife of retired Gen. David Petraeus, will conduct two town hall meetings at 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 6 at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

She will discuss topics of importance to service members and their spouses.

Topics will include, but are not limited to, home and car buying, financial education, predatory loans, debt collection and what the CFPB can do for the service member and their family.

For more information, call QMC (SW) Scott Ramsey at 473-1715 or email scott.ramsey1@navy.mil.



Holly Petraeus

Country music star to take stage at Ward Field

Country music superstar Mark Wills will perform a remembrance concert at 7 p.m. Sept. 11 at Ward Field, Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

With more than 15 years in the country music industry, Wills' number one singles include "Wish You Were Here," and "19 Somethin'" along with chart-topping hits such as "Jacob's Ladder," "Places I've Never Been," and "I Do (Cherish You)."

Gates open at 5 p.m. The event is open to military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests. Bring lawn-style seating (blankets and chairs).

Food and beverages will be available for purchase. For more information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

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My Favorite Photo...

Ollney K. Ho'opai Jr. took this photo recently at a favorite surf spot on the west side of Oahu and found this photo of a gathering of "non-friends," a crab and a centipede. Ho'opai is a retired Air Force master sergeant and a Department of Defense employee at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, who called the photo "next time don't grab my wavel!"

Photo courtesy of Ollney K. Ho'opai Jr.

How to submit photos

Send your (non-family and non-posed) photos to editor@hookelenews.com.



Earth tip:

Plovers are back

Back from a summer in Alaska, Pacific plovers have returned to our yards and streets.

Their distinctive cheep or tweet on take-off gives notice of their presence. These impressive navigators and aviators travel this great distance non-stop after their summer raising of young.

A little disoriented after their rural summer, they may be standing near busy roadways as they search for insects. Thanks for giving them some extra space as they readjust to city life. They are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

(Information provided by Becky Hommon, Navy Region Hawaii environmental counsel.)

WHO SAID IT?

"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other."



Last Week's
WHO SAID IT?

"A prudent question is one-half of wisdom."

Francis Bacon

This Week's Trivia

The Air Force embarked on one of its largest domestic humanitarian airlift operations after what natural disaster Aug. 25, 1992?

Last Issue's Question: What major American Navy victory at sea took place Aug. 13, 1812?

Answer: The frigate U.S.S. Essex captured the HMS Alert in the North Atlantic.

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