

Gabriel Iglesias leaves JBP HH in 'stitches'

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Service members, families and friends gathered May 10 to enjoy a night of music and comedy headlined by comedian Gabriel Iglesias at Ward Field at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The event, which offered free admission to military personnel and their families, opened with a musical performance from the Air Force band High Flight.

"I think it's really cool that Gabriel Iglesias would come out here and do this for the

service members," said Electronic Technician 3rd Class Corey Nettles, who attended the show and is a devout Gabriel Iglesias fan. "It's good for the morale of everybody on base, and their families and children and everybody out here seem to be having a good time."

Prior to Iglesias taking the stage, two opening comedians warmed up the crowd for Iglesias, also known as "Fluffy."

"It's really nice to come and enjoy an event like this for free and be able to get our minds off work and not really have to go out and spend money," said Hospitalman Raymond Molina, one of Iglesias' biggest fans.



NIOC bounces back with decisive victory

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One week after Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) had their unbeaten streak snapped by 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS), the team stormed back May 14 to swarm the Shipyard Sharks, 15-4, in a White Division intramural softball game at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

In gaining their seventh win against only one defeat, NIOC bolted out in front on a leadoff fence-clearing jack by Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Zac Metz in the second inning and was supported by another sterling performance on the mound from pitcher Master Sgt. P.J. Nichol.

Meanwhile, the loss dropped the Sharks' current record in the White Division to 3-5.

Although Nichol was touched up for four runs in the bottom of the third, the NIOC hurler was sharp in four of the five innings he pitched.

While NIOC hitters were slow to pick up the pace, Nichol kept his team in the game by posting a zero in the first inning and pitched out of a jam with one out and runners on first and third to notch a scoreless frame in the second.

Tied at 0-0 going into the top of the second, the left-handed Metz jumped on the first pitch from Shipyard hurler retired Navy Chief John Dolloff and lofted a high fly ball that sailed over the right-field fence and onto North Road to put NIOC on the scoreboard.

"I was just trying to hit the ball hard somewhere, and it turned out a little better than I expected," Metz said. "The first pitch, I was waiting for, has got to be a perfect pitch. It came in and the first thing I thought was hit it down the line and



A NIOC base runner slides safely under the tag of Shipyard Sharks' pitcher retired Navy Chief John Dolloff in a White Division intramural softball game won by NIOC, 15-4.

it went. As soon as I hit it, I knew."

Then following the Metz blast, NIOC bats suddenly woke up in the top of the third to score a run on back-to-back doubles and a single, before runners crossed home four more times on three additional hits and an error to take a 6-0 lead.

To counter NIOC's breakout inning, Shipyard answered with a few big at-bats of their own in their turn at the plate.

Sharks shortstop Ensign Anthony Diblasi sparked a four-run rally in the bottom of the third by

bashing a Nichol offering for a triple to drive in the team's first run.

Diblasi's keystone counterpart second baseman Lt. Cmdr. Brian Easler delivered another big hit by stroking a single with the bases loaded to drive in the team's final two runs of the inning.

With NIOC clinging to a 6-4 advantage, the team, still energized by its five-run third, scored five more runs in the top of the fourth on six hits. Three of the five runs came after two outs.

Back on the mound in the bottom of the inning, Nichol regained his touch by retiring three out of four hitters

and allowed no runs.

"Because I was throwing a lot of balls at one point, I had to stop pitching junk and pitch it straight down the middle," Nichol explained about making adjustments on the mound. "Then when they started respecting my pitch again, I started pitching inside and pitching junk again."

After Nichol held down the fort, NIOC bats were at it again in the top of the fifth.

NIOC led off the inning with three straight singles by Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 3rd Class Jarrett Bennett, Nichol and Staff Sgt. Kevin Sunyak to

ignite a four-run rally for a 15-4 lead.

"It was rough going in 1-0, but it builds and everyone starts to hit," Metz said. "We know that we can score runs. As a team, we've been down before, but we know we can hit. We get three singles in a row, and then it starts to roll and we're comfortable again."

Nichol then mopped up in the bottom of the fifth to post his fourth shutout inning of the game and walk off the field with another

victory in his pocket.

Both Metz and Nichol agreed that following the loss to the 647 SFS, the team must win the rest of its games in order to ensure its spot in the playoffs.

"We know what a loss could do to us at this point," Metz admitted. "We lose one more game could put us in trouble for the playoffs. So we know every game is going to be important now."

Nichol said that as long as NIOC plays their game, the team should be all right.

"We just got to keep playing good," he said. "Keep making plays and I think we're good."



Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) outfielder Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Zac Metz focuses on a pitch before smashing it over the right-field fence for a solo home run against the Shipyard Sharks.

HIANG 'B' catches NIOC on last-minute goal

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The Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) "B" squad saved themselves from defeat May 12 by scoring a goal with less than two minutes on the clock to tie the league-leading Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) "A" team, 1-1, in a Gold Division game at Earhart Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The tie completed a tough, but successful day for HIANG "B", which fought off the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS), 1-0, in a matchup that was held only two hours prior to their kick-off against NIOC.

The HIANG "B" started off the day in eighth place with a record of 4-2 and 12 points, picked up four valuable points and improved their mark to 5-2-1.

NIOC, by virtue of their seven victories, began the day in a deadlock for first with the undefeated 17th Operational Weather Squadron (17 OWS) with 22 points.

Still, even with its stalemate with the HIANG, NIOC picked up a point and moved into sole possession of first, with the 17 OWS at a standstill due to a bye.

Against HIANG, NIOC appeared to be on their way to their eighth victory by holding a 1-0 lead with the game's seconds ticking away.

On a dramatic turn of events, HIANG Tech. Sgt. Christian Nuno threw in the ball from the right sideline near the NIOC goal.

Nuno's two-handed, overhead toss sailed toward the goal amid a swarm of NIOC and HIANG players positioning themselves to get a piece of the ball.

Goalkeeper Lt. Damall Martin, who was playing in his first game since returning from an 18-month



Tech. Sgt. Christian Nuno, forward for the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) "B" soccer squad, shoots a pass from the sideline during an intramural Gold Division game versus the league-leading Information Navy Operations Command (NIOC) "A" team.

deployment to Afghanistan, leaped to the ball and appeared to get his hand on it, but instead of knocking it down, the ball ricocheted off of his fist and crossed into the goal for the game-tying score.

"I overcompensated," Martin explained. "When he (Nuno) threw it in, I thought they had a guy crashing the goal. And then on the last minute, when I saw that he wasn't crashing, it was too late. I had already committed to the goal."

HIANG forward 2nd Lt.

Jonathan Paterson said that he couldn't get to the ball, but breathed a sigh of relief when he saw it go in.

"He had yelled at me to run in," said Paterson about the pass from Nuno. "All I could think was thank goodness. It was a well-placed ball."

The goal represented a game-long drive by HIANG which started off slowly, but seemed to pick up the pace in the second half.

The HIANG was out-kicked by NIOC, 7-2, on kicks on goal in the first half,

but came back to outshoot their rival by 5-3 in the second half.

"Playing back-to-back games is pretty tough, but we pulled it together at the end," Paterson said. "We talked about it and got back to our passing game and got back to basics."

NIOC scored their goal early in the first half on a picture-perfect play that started with a pass from Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Ian Vecino to Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 2nd

Class (SA) Dylan Harris, who finished off the play by kicking the ball over the outstretched arms of HIANG goalkeeper Staff Sgt. John Arakaki.

Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 3rd Class Jarrett Bennett, defender for NIOC, said that after getting out to a fast 1-0 start, NIOC didn't push hard enough to close out the game.

"I just think we weren't being too aggressive out there," Bennett stated. "We came out strong, was looking like we were going to run up

the score on them, but kind of backed off the rest of the game. We got one and said that should be enough, but it ended up not being enough."

Meanwhile, after defeating the third-place 324 IS in the first game and tying the division leaders in the team's second game of the day, Paterson sounded very satisfied.

"We'll take it," Paterson said. "It feels good because, overall, we're doing pretty good. It's better than we thought we were going to do."

Rejuvenated 735th AMS completes doubleheader sweep

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After being surprised by the 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (647 LRS) one week earlier, the 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735 AMS) swept aside their first loss of the season by racking up back-to-back, mercy-rule victories in a twin bill May 15 against the Air Force and Gold Division rivals 561st Network Operation Squadron Det. 1 (561 NOS) and the 747th Communications Squadron (747 CS) at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The 735 AMS halted their game with the 561 in the fifth inning on a walk-off triple by Tech. Sgt. Steve Davenport that drove in Senior Airman Rich McGraw for a 16-6 win.

The team then followed up its first matchup by capturing its eighth victory



Tech. Sgt. Steve Davenport of the 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735 AMS) connects with a pitch for a single in a Gold Division game versus the 561st Network Operation Squadron Det. 1 (561 NOS). The base hit drove in two of the team's six runs in the first inning.



Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Braga releases a pitch for the 735 AMS. Braga was the pitcher of record in the team's doubleheader sweep over the 561 NOS and 747 CS. Braga allowed six runs in the first game and only a single tally in the second.

of the season with another five-inning-shortened game by crushing the 747 CS by a score of 12-1.

While 735 AMS manager Senior Master Sgt. Chad Nixon wasn't totally happy with the team's performance, he said that he was pleased with the way the team responded after suffering its first loss of the season.

"This was good," Nixon said. "But we couldn't string the bats together like we normally do and kept killing good run strings. Normally we could string much more base hits together."

Nixon said that playing heads up ball was the biggest reason why the team bounced back from its defeat to take two.

"We talked about all the big-time errors we made last week," Nixon admitted. "We had a lot of snow-

ball fights, we like to call it, throwing the ball around like a bunch of 10-year-olds, and that cost us numerous runs. We (today) got the ball to the infield much faster. The outfield played much better - we didn't let any balls get past us."

In the first game, the 561 broke out on top with a run in the top of the first. But the lead was quickly erased after the 735 put up six runs in their turn at bat, with the big hit coming off the bat of Tech. Sgt. Bill Vanek, who hit a line shot for a two-run, inside-the-park homer.

The team went up by a score of 7-1 after two complete innings, but the NOS took advantage of several fielding errors by the 735 to come back and post five runs in the top of the third.

"You get up six and then it's like, 'Oh no,'" said

Nixon, who flashed back to the previous week. "I thought we might get in trouble because we got four errors in one inning, and our third baseman got hurt. Once an error starts, it just dominates. Luckily after that, we were able to hold them and it was just one inning."

The 735 quickly answered the NOS rally with two runs in the bottom of the inning, and after pitcher Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Braga tossed a shut out in the top of the fourth, the 735 extended their lead with six runs in the bottom of the frame.

Staff Sgt. Shawn Corral delivered a clutch two-run single with two outs for the team's fifth and sixth run of the inning before Davenport sealed the game in the next frame.

"We've had a couple situations like that this year

where it really shows the team's gumption," said McGraw about the way the team picked up the pace. "We can dig down deep and whoever is pitching on the mound knows that people are going to make plays behind him. Everybody can play. It's just a matter of piecing everything together."

In the nightcap, the 735 scored three runs in the first against the 747, with Tech. Sgt. Bill Vanek driving in a run with a triple and Braga pushing across another run with a single.

Meanwhile, on the mound Braga was nearly perfect in the first two innings by retiring six out of the first seven 747 batters he faced.

Then in the third, the 735 added a run on a triple by McGraw that drove in Vanek, before running a merry-go-round and breaking the game wide open with seven runs in the top of the fourth.

The big inning was sparked by a bloop RBI single by Nixon, who was inserted into the lineup just before the start of the second game.

"We have a great team," Nixon said. "Finding a good lineup is the big thing, so we string together our base hits. Focus on a level swing and avoid pop-ups."

McGraw agreed with his coach, but stressed that teamwork will be the key to the team's success in the future.

"Senior Nixon, our coach, really brings everyone together," McGraw acknowledged. "He emphasizes that we need to play as a unit. Even though we have some really good players, when we all play together, that's when we win. Once everyone comes together as a unit, I think we're the best team in the league."

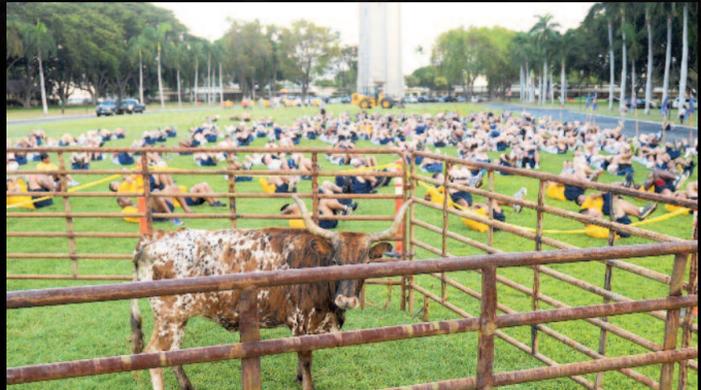


Civil engineers raise the bar at Warrior Run

This event was sponsored by the 647th Civil Engineers Squadron and their Prime BEEF Airmen. Prime BEEF, a Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force, is a rapidly deployable, specialized civil engineer unit of the Air Force. Prime BEEFs provide a full range of engineering support required to establish, operate and maintain garrison and contingency airbases. The Prime BEEF motto is "If you mess with the bull, you get the horns."



Col. Dann Carlson, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam deputy commander and 647th Air Base Group commander, leads a flight of Airmen and Sailors along the two-mile Team Hickam Warrior Run on May 3, at JBPHH, Hawaii.



In typical Prime BEEF fashion, the 647th Civil Engineers Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, brought the "bull" to the monthly installment of the Warrior Run on May 3.

U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Mike Meares and Jane West

WHO SAID IT?

"We have met the enemy and they are ours..."

Last Week's

WHO SAID IT?

"There are no traffic jams along the extra mile."

Roger Staubach

This Week's Trivia

What World War II naval battle began on May 4, 1942?

Last Issue's Question: When did Lt. Edward V. Rickenbacker, the leading U.S. ace of World War I with 26 victories, shoot down his first airplane? **Answer:** He shot down his first airplane on April 29, 1918, and eventually became known as the "Ace of Aces."

My favorite photo...



While on the island of Maui a few months ago, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Allen Unger took this photo of a waterfall on the road to Hana. Unger works at Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor.

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Morale Welfare & Recreation

2012 AMERICA'S KIDS RUN

The 2012 America's kids run will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at Quick Field. The run is for children ages 5 to 13 and interested participants must register by today. Younger children run one-half mile, the 7-8 year olds run 1 mile, and the older children run 2 miles. Parents are welcome to run. FMI: www.americaskidsrun.org.

FREE GOLF CLINIC

There will be a free golf clinic at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Barbers Point Golf Course. FMI: 682-1911.

FLAG FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

Pee Wee Flag Football registration for youth ages 3 to 5 will be from May 20 to June 8. Cost is \$35 per youth. The season runs from June to September. Register on-line. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

NEW JBP HH FITNESS CENTER

The new Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center, building 1338, will open at 4 a.m. May 21. Features include two basketball courts, large gymnasium, cardio area, large group exercise classrooms and glass racquetball courts, as well as energy-efficient lighting and use of recycled materials to build parts of this facility. A grand opening ceremony will be held June 11. Morale, Welfare and Recreation's annual fitness and wellness fair will be held June 27 at the new fitness center. The last day that the Bloch Arena Fitness Center will be open for use is May 20. FMI: 473-0793.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Preschool Story Time will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. May 23 at the base library. The theme will be "pets." FMI: 449-8299.

FREE LADIES GOLF CLINIC

A free ladies golf clinic will be held at 4 p.m. May 25 at Mamala Bay Golf Course. Space is limited. FMI: 449-2300.

MEMORIAL DAY VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

There will be a Memorial Day 5-on-5 volleyball tournament from May 26 to 28 at the Wentworth Sand Volleyball Courts. The cost is \$80 per team, and teams must register by 4 p.m. May 22. The tournament is open to active duty, family members 18 years and older, and Department of Defense employees assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Registration forms are available at Hickam Fitness Center, Bloch Arena and Subase Gym. FMI: Tech. Sgt. Oliver or Staff Sgt. Ali at 448-2214.

'BATTLE OF MIDWAY' MOVIE

A free screening will be held June 2 at Ward Field to mark the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Midway. Gates open at 7:30 p.m. The movie begins at 8:11 p.m. This event is free to active-duty members, their families and all other authorized patrons and sponsored guests. FMI: greatlifehawaii.com.

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

Movie Showtimes



The Hunger Games (PG 13)

Every year in the ruins of what was once North America, the evil Capitol of the nation of Panem forces each of its 12 districts to send a teenage boy and girl to compete in the Hunger Games. A twisted punishment for a past uprising and an ongoing government intimidation tactic, The Hunger Games are nationally televised events in which "tributes" must fight with one another until only one survivor remains. Pitted against highly-trained tributes who have prepared for these games their entire lives, Katniss is forced to rely upon her sharp instincts as well as the mentorship of drunken former victor Haymitch Abernathy. If she's ever to return home to District 12, Katniss must make impossible choices in the arena that weigh survival against humanity and life against love.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY
7:00 PM The Hunger Games (PG 13)

SATURDAY
2:30 PM Mirror Mirror (PG)
4:45 PM A Thousand Words (PG 13)
7:00 PM The Hunger Games (PG 13)

SUNDAY
2:30 PM Mirror Mirror (PG)
4:45 PM The Hunger Games (PG 13)
7:15 PM American Reunion (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY
6:00 PM The Hunger Games (PG 13)
8:30 PM American Reunion (R)

SATURDAY
4:00 PM The Hunger Games (PG 13)
7:00 PM American Reunion (R)

SUNDAY
2:00 PM The Hunger Games (PG 13)

Community Calendar

May

19 - An "Inside look at the Blackbird with and without a pilot" hangar talk will take place from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. FMI: 441-1000 or www.pacificaviationmuseum.org.

19 - A Fort Derussy "Living History Day" will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hawaii Army Museum. FMI: 597-1341 or www.aadcch.org.

19 - A Military Appreciation Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Honolulu Zoo, 151 Kapahulu Ave., with free entrance to the zoo for all military card ID holders and free pizza, watermelon and entertainment. Free bus shuttles are available for the event from Pearl Harbor NEX. FMI: Gaylene Vedder at 423-3215.

21 - A "World War II West Loch Internees Ceremony" will be held at 3 p.m. at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, honoring Soldiers who died at West Loch Pearl Harbor on May 21, 1944. Philip Baham, an original Tuskegee Airman who resides on Oahu, will be presented with his Congressional Gold Medal by guest speaker Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. FMI: 597-1341 or www.aadcch.org.

22 - Hickam Communities will host a town hall meeting at 6 p.m. with Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam security forces at Earhart Community Center, 210 Kokomalei St. to address recent safety and security concerns on the installation. Security forces will provide an update on recent events and address safety and security efforts on base. FMI: Michael Turman at 853-3771.

25 - The 11th Hour Band will play free live music from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX). FMI: 423-3287.

25-26 The second annual free military kid's movie night will be held at the Pearl Harbor NEX parking lot with seating beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis at the NEX Aloha Center. FMI: 423-3287.

30 - The 15th annual Friends of Hickam Keiki (children's) Fishing Tournament will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 30 at Hoomaluhia Park in Kaneohe. The deadline for registration for the tournament is May 23. Mandatory bus transportation will be provided. The event is for children ages 5 to 12 years old, Hickam dependents only. FMI: www.15wing.af.mil.



Medal of Honor recipients visit NEX and JBPHH

Stephanie Lau

NEX Customer Relations Services Manager

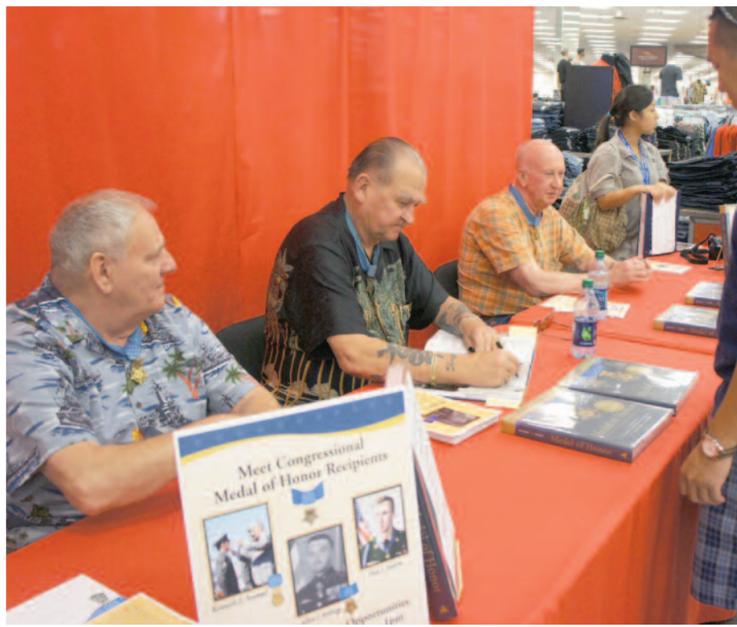
The Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) and Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam on May 13 and 14 hosted three Medal of Honor (MOH) recipients: Kenneth E. Stumpf, Allen J. Kellogg and Don J. Jenkins.

Their first visit was to the Pearl Harbor NEX where they met and greeted active duty members and their families. While at the NEX, the MOH recipients were able to take photos, sign autographs and share their stories. Later that night, the recipients shared their military experiences with 10 active duty members during a luau at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

The next day, MOH recipients took a VIP tour of the Arizona Memorial where they were able to see exhibits and take a boat ride to the memorial.

After leaving the memorial, Stumpf said he was in awe and said, "That is truly an amazing memorial." Jenkins said he was grateful and honored that he went on the tour for the first time.

The MOH recipients also



Photos by CPTI Laurence San Juan

Three Medal of Honor (MOH) recipients, Kenneth E. Stumpf, Allen J. Kellogg and Don J. Jenkins, visit the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during their recent stay at the base.

met with various Air Force members and took a tour of the Hickam side of joint base. Loadmaster Garrick Hiramoto of the 204th Airlift Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard, and Col. David "Dan" Baldesari, commander, 15th

Operations Group made arrangements for them [MOH] to visit a C-17 aircraft. Hiramoto said it was their pleasure to host honorable men and that they had a great time doing it.

The MOH recipients were escorted every day

during their visit by active duty volunteers from the Navy, Marines and Air Force. Cryptologic Technician Interpretive 1st Class Laurence San Juan of JIATF - West Camp Smith, volunteered as one of their [MOH] escorts. It "was a

great once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and honor to meet with all of them... This was the best volunteer Navy experience I ever had."

Stumpf, who was with U.S. Army, Company C, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division distinguished himself while serving as a squad leader of the 3d Platoon, Company C, on a search-and-destroy mission in Vietnam.

The enemy's heavy volume of fire prevented the unit from moving to the aid of the injured men, but Stumpf left his secure position in a deep trench and ran through the barrage of incoming rounds to reach his wounded comrades.

With the elimination of this key position, his unit was able to assault and overrun the enemy.

Jenkins formerly of U.S. Army, Company A, 2d Battalion, 39th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division, distinguished himself while serving as a machine gunner on a reconnaissance mission in Vietnam.

While his company came under heavy crossfire from an enemy complex, he continued intense fire while ignoring his own painful wounds and hindered by

darkness, he made three trips to the beleaguered unit, each time pulling a wounded comrade back to safety.

Kellogg, formerly U.S. Marine Corps, Company G, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, led a small unit from Company G. He evacuated a fallen comrade when the unit came under a heavy volume of small arms and automatic weapons fire. Although suffering multiple injuries to his chest and his right shoulder and arm, he resolutely continued to direct the efforts of his men until all were able to maneuver to the safety of the company perimeter.

The Medal of Honor is the highest military decoration awarded by the United States government. According to the Department of the Army, it is bestowed by the president, in the name of Congress, upon members of the United States Armed Forces who distinguish themselves through "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his or her life above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States."

Shipyard Sailors wash cars, grill burgers to support victims of sexual assault

Marshall Fukuki

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Sailors washed cars and grilled hamburgers during fundraisers held recently as part of the command's observance of National Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). A total of \$2,000 was presented May 8 for use by the Military and Family Support Center at Pearl Harbor and the Sex Abuse Treatment Center at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children.

"I was amazed at the turnout when it came to training and the fund-raising events," said Chief Machinist's Mate (SW/AW) Maya Ault, shipyard sexual assault prevention and response command liaison. "(SAAM) has been a success, and it wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for this



Photo courtesy of Lt. Cmdr. Assunta "Cherry" Lopez

Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) 2nd Class David Valentini, (left) and Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) 1st Class Robert Geissinger of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard volunteer their services at a recent car wash, sponsored by the command's Chief Petty Officer Association.

supportive command."

The Chief Petty Officer Association, led by Senior Chief Electronics Techni-

cian (SW) Victoria Marino, sponsored a weekend car wash that netted \$1,100 in four hours. Gas Turbine

System Technician (Mechanical) 1st Class Robert Geissinger and the First Class Petty Officer Association held a lunchtime burger burn that brought in almost \$660.

The shipyard wardroom, comprised of the command's commissioned officers, chipped in \$241 to bring the total donations to an even \$2,000.

The burger burn was held on Denim Day, when Sailors wore blue jeans to work as a symbol against wrongful attitudes about sexual assault. They also collected

120 pounds of toiletries that were given to the Honolulu Domestic Violence Shelter.

"I feel that (sexual assault awareness and prevention) is a very important program," Ault said. "I want to help the survivors, the people who have the courage to come forward to get help. I want the command to know that we are here for them, and if we talk about (sexual assault) enough, maybe more people will step in and prevent things like this from happening."

Ault added, "I would like

to thank (shipyard commanding officer) Capt. (Lawrence) Hill for allowing the command to don jeans for Denim Day, the people who led the fund-raisers, and the shipyard for participating, by either volunteering or donating money for the cause."

Shari Freeman, installation sexual assault response coordinator with the Military and Family Support Center, said, "We certainly appreciate (the shipyard's) contributions and dedication to sexual assault awareness and prevention."

'Sweet' jazz tones enliven Pineapple Festival



U.S. Navy photo by Don Robbins

Members of the U.S. Pacific Fleet's Navy jazz combo performed May 12 during the Wahiawa Pineapple Festival at Wahiawa District Park. The combo consists of Chief Musician Scott Helwig on drums, Musician 1st Class Joe Mozika on bass, Musician 3rd Class Tyler Sharp on piano, Musician 3rd Class Trevor Shifflett on guitar and Musician 3rd Class Everett Cencich on sax.

'Wild' time planned May 19 at zoo for Military Appreciation Day

City and County of Honolulu

A Military Appreciation Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Honolulu Zoo, located at 151 Kapahulu Ave.

The event will feature free entrance to the zoo for all military card ID holders, including retirees and National Guard. The free entrance is located at the Monsarrat Gate Six across from the Kapiolani Park Bandstand before 2 p.m.

Entertainment will include performances by the Royal Hawaiian Band at 9:15 a.m., the Marine Band at 10:30 a.m., Chaotic Five at 11 a.m., a hula halau at

11:45 a.m., Island Storm at 12:15 p.m. and Odyssey at 1:15 p.m. The event also will include appearances by Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle at 10:15 a.m., the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii at 10:20 a.m. and Outrigger Enterprises at 10:25 a.m.

Volunteers will serve free pizza and watermelon.

Bus shuttles are available to the event from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay (MCBH) and Schofield Barracks.

Bus number one leaves JBPHH at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. It leaves the zoo at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1

p.m. and 3 p.m. Bus number two leaves JBPHH at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. It leaves the zoo at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

Regular admission rates apply after 2 p.m.

Pickup and dropoff at JBPHH is in the NEX parking lot southeast end near the big white tent. For more information on JBPHH shuttles, call Gaylene Veder at 423-3215, for Schofield Barracks shuttles call Amanda Montgomery at 655-0002, and for MCBH call Sgt. Daniel Woodall at 257-8832.

For more information on the event, contact Elaine Ota at ota.elaine@yahoo.com or call 486-9640.

'Ryde' against sexual assault held

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The Oahu Ruff Ryders sponsored their second annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) "Ryde" held recently in conjunction with the Navy Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) office.

The Oahu Ruff Ryders are a part of the Worldwide Ruff Ryders Lifestyle, who have had a presence on the islands of Oahu and the Big Island since 2006.

They coordinated a motorcycle ride around a portion of the island with a barbecue at the conclusion of the ride. Oahu Ruff Ryders and the Navy SAPR team raised and donated \$410 from the motorcycle ride to the local sex abuse treatment center.

Approximately 110 people participated in the motorcycle ride and festivi-

ties, including several other motorcycle clubs on the island. Participants purchased teal-colored bands to wear on their wrists in support of sexual assault awareness. The day's events were not limited to motorcycle riders, but also included those who just wanted to support Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Prior to the motorcycle ride, Shari Freeman, U.S. Navy Sexual Assault Response coordinator, and Merranda Ryan, survivor of a sexual assault, made informational speeches. Ryan shared her story with participants.

"The 'Ryde Against Sexual Assault' event today is a way for the military and local communities to get together and take a stand against sexual assault. The teal bands you are each wearing around your wrists makes the statement that sexual assault will not tolerated," Freeman said.

"Sexual assault prevention shouldn't be focused on just in the month of April but throughout the year to effectively combat this pervasive issue," she added.

The United States Department of Defense SAPR theme is "Hurts one. Affects all... Preventing Sexual Assault is Everyone's Duty."

Taking its role in the prevention of sexual assault seriously, the Navy utilizes constant education and training to not only make people aware of what sexual assault is but also show how to prevent cases from happening. The training also teaches people what they or someone they know should do if they become a victim of sexual assault.

Sexual assault is not gender-based. However, males are less likely to report being victims of sexual assault due to the stigma that society places on them. Statistics also show most victims of sexual assault know their attacker.



Photo courtesy of Chris Black

The Oahu Ruff Ryders are shown here in action during the Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) "ryde" held recently in conjunction with the Navy Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) office.

Tripler opens doors to Oahu's first single room neonatal ICU

Jan Clark

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HONOLULU — The completion of the first of a two-phased renovation project for the first on-island single room neonatal intensive care unit at Tripler Army Medical Center was celebrated recently with a blessing and lei ceremony at the medical center.

In her opening remarks, Col. (Dr.) Sarah Lentz-Kapua, chief, pediatric inpatient services, spoke of the process of making the patient centered-family centered NICU a reality.

"Ten years ago in 2002, I made my initial request to the command at that time, for a little more space and a true renovation of our 1989 vintage NICU and was given approval to move forward," Lentz Kapua said.

"Having to build in two phases has proven a challenge, but babies had to be left in place during construction of phase one. Our short-term goal was to build using the then relatively new concept of patient centered-family center care," she said. "The long-term goal was to have a brand new neonatal intensive care



Photo courtesy Jan Clark

The completion of the first half of a two-phased renovation project for a new neonatal intensive care unit was celebrated with a recent blessing and lei ceremony. Tripler now has the first single family neonatal intensive care unit on island and also in the military.

unit. We spent countless hours with multiple consultants, bright minds from outside and inside the hospital who worked diligently to come up with the state-of-the-art design and the

state-of-the-art technology to make this NICU one of the safest patient care areas on the island."

Patricia Wilhelm, nurse manager, NICU, echoed Lentz-Kapua words when

she spoke of the long hours of planning.

"From the very beginning, this has been a collaboration between the physicians, the nurses, the respiratory therapists, the phar-

macists (and) the social workers. Everybody has had a say in how we designed it, from the very beginning in 2007 to where we are at today.

"Every one of my nurses has trained on every piece of equipment, every device and participated in an eight-hour simulation training, which was phenomenal," Wilhelm said. "It allowed us time to work out all of the kinks, learn the equipment, how to work it together as a team, so that the Team STEPPS concept played out very well. I know that when we open these doors today and move patients, we are ready." Wilhelm explained.

In part, what makes this NICU unique is the noise reduction/sound proofing that has been installed in the ceiling and floor. Because most of the babies here would under ideal conditions still be in a mother's womb, sound levels are kept to neonatal standards. With dimmer light capabilities and a device to monitor sound level, the rooms provide the optimal environment for babies' hearing, growth and overall development.

Another key element allowing for private rooms

for baby and parents is the technology that allows nurses to monitor rooms from other locations on the ward.

"With the new monitor system, our nurses can be comfortable being in one room, knowing that they have another baby in another room that they are responsible for," Wilhelm said. "We have built in the technology that allows the alarm system from the monitors to reach the devices our nurses carry that will tell them when there is an alarm and a baby needs them."

Directing his words to the NICU staff, Brig. Gen. Keith Gallagher, TAMC commanding general, emphasized that "what we want to take away is that this was built with the patient in mind, with the patient at the center of everything we do. And as we migrate to a patient centered medical home model throughout the entire Army and Department of Defense, this certainly sets the tone.

"Lastly, it is all about saving lives," Gallagher said. "You do that better than anyone else, I think, on the island, in the country and around the world. You save lives and you do it very well."

Pacific Aviation Museum to commemorate Battle of Midway June 2, 3

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is featuring a Midway Symposium from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 2 and 3, commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Midway. The battle decisively and dramatically changed the course of the war in the Pacific. The symposium is included with museum admission, free to museum members, and open to the public.

Additionally, on June 2 the museum will unveil its new 40-foot diorama of "The Battle of Midway" being built in Glenview, Ill. by designer Karl Lau of On Final Approach.

Lau, 86, was a U.S. Navy pilot for the 94th Squadron from 1944 to 1946, and lost eight of his 10 crew members in the Battle of Okinawa, the largest amphibious assault in the Pacific War of WWII.

The keynote speaker at 1 p.m. June 2 is Gen. Gary L. North, commander, Pacific

Air Forces, air component commander for U.S. Pacific Command, and executive director, Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

A Battle of Midway new exhibit opening and reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. June 2 at hangar 79.

For the Midway symposium and exhibit opening, reservations are required by May 21 and seating is limited. For reservations and information, call 441-1007 or email Special Events@Pac-

ificAviationMuseum.org. Reservations are required to drive onto Ford Island or visitors may park at the Arizona Memorial parking area and use the Ford Island shuttle.

Purchase tickets online at PacificAviationMuseum.org, at the museum or Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.



This Week in USAF and PACAF history

Charles Nicholls

PACAF historian

- On May 19, 1908, Lt. Thomas E. Selfridge flew an airplane called the White Wing, designed by F. W. "Casey" Baldwin, thus becoming the first Army officer to solo in an airplane. It was Dr. Alexander Graham Bell's second Aerial Experiment Association plane, and it had hinged ailerons controlled by wires attached to the pilot's harness. When the plane's wings tipped one way, the pilot leaned the other way, pulling the flaps, and leveling the plane.

- On May 19, 1918, Raoul G. Lufbery, who earned 17 aerial victories in World War I, lost his life in combat. Born in France, Lufbery became a citizen of the United States, graduated from the Nieuport School in France and was assigned to the Escadrille Americaine on May 24, 1916. Part of Lufbery's success was due to his skill as a mechanic. He hand-loaded his own machine gun rounds into their drums to check for any slight imperfections that might cause his gun to jam. After transferring to the American Expeditionary Forces, he passed much of his knowledge of aerial warfare to fledgling American fighter pilots such as Eddie Rickenbacker.

- On May 19, 1919, Master Sgt. Ralph W. Bottrill became the first member of the Army to jump from an airplane with a backpack-type parachute. Bottrill designed, developed and tested the first free-fall parachute. He later received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his



T-28 in front of an O-1 Bird Dog.

life-saving work.

- May 16, 1940, in the months leading up to American involvement in World War II, President Franklin Roosevelt asked for the production of 50,000 airplanes a year.

- On May 15, 1942, interceptor and pursuit organizations of the AAF were redesignated as "fighter" units. The 15th Pursuit Group (Interceptor) was redesignated the 15th Fighter Group.

- On May 20, 1951, Capt. James Jabara, flying an F-86 Sabre from the 334th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, became the world's first jet ace. On this date, he shot down his fifth and sixth MiG-15s in the Korean War.

Eleven days later, Jabara reported to USAF Chief of Staff Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg in his office, and met with Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, the leading American fighter ace of World War I.

On May 18, 1953, Capt. Joseph C. McConnell Jr. downed three MiGs on his last day of combat flying. These kills brought McConnell's total to 16 victories, making him the first "triple ace" of the Korean War.

On this day, McConnell and his wingman chased a couple MiGs across the Yalu River. When more MiGs showed up, McConnell quickly scored his 14th and 15th kills. With the staff back at home base monitoring their radio conversation, McConnell's wingman told him that "there must be 30 MiGs."

McConnell's reply: "Yeah, and we've got 'em all to ourselves."

Despite the bravado, the two American pilots were happy to get back south of the Yalu. Later that afternoon, McConnell went back up and scored his third kill

of the day, his 16th victory overall.

McConnell flew the F-86 jet fighter with the 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing. The 51st Fighter Wing at Osan Air Base, Korea traces its lineage to this unit.

- On May 17, 1964, Operation Water Pump took place. In March 1964, Det. 6 of the 1st Air Commando Wing had moved to Udorn Royal Thai AFB with four T-28s. Their mission was to train the Royal Lao Air Force (RLAF) for operations against the Pathet Lao.

- On May 17, the RLAF began flying operational missions. On May 18, the T-28s were painted with Laotian markings and turned over to the RLAF.

- On May 16, 1965, a tragic accident at Bien Hoa Air Base took place.

A bomb on a B-57 acci-

dentally detonated, causing a series of explosions which destroyed 10 other B-57s, 13 Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF) aircraft and a Navy F-8. Also, 25 VNAF Sky-raidiers were damaged. At least 28 Americans and Vietnamese were killed; 105 wounded. The accident investigation found that aircraft and ammunition were stored too close together. Air Force engineers initiated a major construction program to build revetments and aircraft shelters to protect valuable assets.

- On May 17, 1977, the Eniwetok Cleanup began. A joint U.S. task group was activated on Eniwetok Atoll for a two-year, \$20-million cleanup and decontamination project. Actual cleanup operations began on Nov. 15. PACAF served as the executive agent for the USAF.



(Center) Capt. James Jabara, flying an F-86 Sabre from the 334th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, became the world's first jet ace.

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Recently, a male monk seal was found dead of suspicious causes on the island of Kauai. It is the latest in a number of suspicious monk seal deaths that began in November 2011 on Molokai.

In spite of this marine mammal being protected under the powerful federal Endangered Species Act, fewer than 1,100 still exist in the entire world.

The Hawaiian monk seal is the official state marine mammal. "Monk seals are a vital part of Hawaii's marine and cultural environment," said William J. Aila Jr., State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources chairperson. "We must all come together to share the message that harm to seals is unacceptable and that humans and seals must learn to co-exist peacefully together."

Monk seals will sometimes come ashore to sun or rest. When you see one, and you might at White Sands or Nimitz Beach, federal and

state laws prohibit you from doing anything such as harassing it, throwing a rock at it, poking it with a stick, trying to sit on it, or even getting too close while trying to

take a photo.

The state considers those behaviors to be a class C felony in Hawaii that could be punishable with a fine of up to \$50,000 or five years in

prison. If you see anyone doing something that can harm the seal, call base security or 911.

If you see a seal in Pearl Harbor waters or along the

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam shoreline, call Navy Region Hawaii environmental counsel at 473-4731 or send a text to 864-2468 with the animal's location. Pass

the word to others so that no harm comes to the seal. If the seal appears to be sick or has cuts or scrapes or is tangled in nets or rope, include that information.

Tripler residency program is accredited

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The department of psychiatry at Tripler Army Medical Center received notification recently that its residency-training program received a five-year reaccreditation by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education's (GME) Residency Review Committee.

Tripler's General Psychiatry residency training program is only one of two Army Psychiatry GME residency programs and produces 40 percent of all Army psychiatrists.

"This accreditation is important because it means our residency program has the highest standard a program can receive," said Lt. Col. Stephen Morris, the residency program's training director. "It's an external validation of the good work that's being done here, of the curriculum, the faculty, residents and the program overall."

In addition to the reaccreditation, Tripler's residency program was also granted a cohort increase from 28 total trainees to 32.

"Only one other psychiatry residency training program, military or civilian, in the entire country received an increase in total trainees," said Col. C.J. Diebold, chief, department of psychiatry. "(This) will enable us to train more Army psychiatrists."

This increase in cohorts and the ability to train additional Army psychiatrists is important because psychiatry continues to be at least 25 percent under strength Army-wide, according to Morris.

"After a decade-long war, behavioral health needs have really become the forefront of the Army," Morris said. "As the needs have grown, our need for excellent psychiatrists has grown. It's been hard to keep up with the demand."

"The ACMGE looked at our request to grow the program, and they approved it," Morris continued. "Allowing more residents into the program will allow to better meet the need (for more psychiatrists.)"

The ACMGE is a private professional organization that ensures the quality of approximately 8,400 accredited residency and fellowship programs in 121 specialty and subspecialty areas of medicine.

"It's that external validation, that a national accreditation body has given us their highest seal of approval," Morris said.