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Celebrate the environment at JBPHH Earth Day events this weekend

JBPHH Public Affairs

A series of events and activities around Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam this weekend will commemorate Earth Day and environmental awareness.

For starters Hickam Harbor Marina on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will host an Earth Day celebration April 19 and 20.

“We expect about 500 people to participate in Friday and Saturday’s activities,” said Gavin Doi, Hickam Harbor Marina

office manager.

On April 19, patrons can camp out at Foster Point or on the beach. Participants can relax with family, while making s’mores and watching a movie on the beach.

On April 20, several activities for the whole family will take place, such as banana boat rides (\$5 for 15 min. ride), free sailing, bounce houses and tide/touch pools for the children and family alike.

Patrons can sign up to help keep local beaches clean and to visit Earth Day booths from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR),



Photos courtesy of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Bioenvironmental, NAVFAC and a local wetland cleanup effort.

“We hope customers will be more aware of the effects on the local and global environment. We hope bringing families out to enjoy the harbor and some of the programs that are helping to conserve the natural resources will teach kids the value of the ocean and its nearby environment,” said Doi.

According to Doi, the event is for all patrons to learn about the environment and to learn how to protect it, but also to see what water activities are offered each day for MWR patrons.

For more information on the Hickam Harbor Marina celebration, call 449-5215.

A Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) Earth Day Expo titled “Partnering for a Greener

Future” will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 20 at the NEX. All authorized patrons are invited to “think green” at the one-day expo.

There will be eco-friendly demonstrations, information booths, Earth Day kids’ games, special appearances by “Coastie” the friendly Coast Guard boat, awards presented to the coloring contest winner and new earth-friendly products. For more information, call 423-3274.

Naval Supply Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor will hold an Earth Day Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 22 at Kilo 8 Pier.

The event will feature alternative fuel vehicle displays, and various environmental and energy-focused booths, displays and demonstrations.

For more information, call 473-7818.



U.S. Pacific Fleet announces Sea, Shore Sailors of Year

MC2 Jerine Lee

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

U.S. Pacific Fleet announced the selection of the 2012 Sea and Shore Sailors of the Year during a ceremony held April 12 at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki.

Competing among 10 petty officer first class finalists, Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF) Joseph Santos from Saipan, the largest island of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, was named the 2012 Pacific Fleet Sea Sailor of the Year. Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (AW/EXW/IDW) Cassandra Thompson from Trinidad was named the 2012 Pacific Fleet Shore Sailor of the Year.

Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, recognized the 10 finalists for their individual accomplishments in the fleet and for their consistent and superior performance to reflect the Navy’s core values of honor, courage and commitment.

“This is a very special day to recognize these outstanding Sailors and their contributions to the warfighting readiness of the U.S. Pacific Fleet,” Haney said. “Their dedication, professionalism and outstanding leadership are vital to our mission success, and we cannot thank and congratulate them enough for their work on behalf of our Navy and our nation.”

Representing U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific, Santos will be meritoriously promoted to chief petty officer.

“No words can explain the amount and different kinds of emotions are going through me right now,” said Santos.

“The junior Sailors and my mentors have worked so hard, and they are the reason I am here today. I can’t even begin to explain how grateful I am for their support. Special thanks to my mentors, my amazing family and the Sailors and Marines from Marine Aircraft Group 24. I am more than excited to use their lessons in becoming a new deck plate leader and share my knowledge to other Sailors so they can have this experience as well,” Santos said.



U.S. Navy photo by MCC Paula Ludwick

Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, awards the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal to Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Joseph Santos, the winner of the 2012 U.S. Pacific Fleet Sea Sailor of the Year.

Cassandra Thompson, representing Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMNAVAIRPAC), will travel to Washington, D.C. this summer to represent the U.S. Pacific Fleet at the Chief of Naval Operations Shore Sailor of the Year competition. If selected, she will also be meritoriously promoted.

“I am very grateful for my junior Sailors for doing such a great job and getting me to this level,” Thompson said. “I wouldn’t be where I am today if it wasn’t for my team of resilient, passionate and disciplined great leaders and MCs to give me the opportunity to have this experience.”

“I don’t know where I would be if it wasn’t for my wonderful support system being there for me through the long hours, deployments and challenging times. Most of all, I am proud to represent my rating. Hopefully I inspired them because as long as you work hard and help each other, there is no reason you can’t

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Focused on mission



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Terri Paden

Lt. Col. Benito Barron (right), 647th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) commander, discusses the SFS mission with Lt. Gen. Stephen Hoog (left), 11th Air Force commander, during his visit to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 16. Hoog met with 15th Wing Airmen during his visit to the base to discuss current operations and any mission, operations or morale-related issues shared by Airmen. In addition to visiting security forces Airmen, Hoog visited the 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 647th Communications Squadron, 647th Civil Engineer Squadron and the 647th Force Support Squadron.



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Aloha Jewish Chapel hosts Holocaust remembrance service

Story and photo by
MC1 Cynthia Clark

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Dan Bender, lay leader at Aloha Jewish Chapel, shares details of the Torah to Sailors and guests following the Holocaust remembrance service held April 11 at the Aloha Jewish Chapel at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) honored those who lost their lives in the Holocaust in World War II. Survivors and rescuers were also honored at a Holocaust remembrance service held April 11 at the Aloha Jewish Chapel at JBPHH.

The event featured guest speaker Dr. Peter Hoffenberg, associate professor of history at the University of Hawaii. Guests at the ceremony included Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, former Hawaii Gov. Linda Lingle and Chuck Freedman, special advisor for U.S. Sen. (Hawaii-D) Brian Schatz.

Hoffenberg explained why

remembering the "Shoah," which translates from Hebrew to "catastrophe," is so important.

"Remembering the Shoah is also about combating radical evil then, now and in the future," he said.

"We can 'come to terms with the past' in a way healthy to all those recognizing and remembering the Shoah in different ways, whether in prayer, visiting a grave or museum, telling

about it, or all or some of those, if not other forms of remembering," Hoffenberg explained.

The organizer of the ceremony, Dan Bender, who serves as lay leader at Aloha Jewish Chapel, re-affirmed Hoffenberg's message. He reminded attendees to remember. "Ceremonies such as this are an essential part of honoring human rights and those who perished in the camps and the

service members who liberated the camps. We also must remember and tell the stories, so catastrophes such as this are not repeated," Bender said.

"Silence may have been the only response—for there were no words which could be found to describe such indescribable events," Bender said. "With the passage of time, words must be found—events must be confronted—and struggles to

draw lessons for our future must begin.

"Our nation, and our military personnel, were among those who liberated the death camps. We know the truth, and now our country has reaffirmed its commitment to remember the Holocaust, to ensure that it will not be forgotten, to vow that it will not happen again," Bender said.

Hoffenberg also stressed the importance of the U.S. military remembering the Shoah, because they were the liberators of the camps, but more importantly, remembering that such tragedy is a way for today's service members to stay vigilant for the future.

"One of the things they [service members] protect, defend and secure is dignity and human freedom," Hoffenberg continued.

"This is one example of where human freedom and human dignity were violently erased. It's a good idea for

Soldiers and other people to know about history and to understand human history, the ups and downs, the dilemmas, because they are a part of creating history as of this moment," he said.

The service was part of the Days of Remembrance designated by U.S. Congress, "Never Again: Heeding the Warning Signs."

A proclamation from the director of the office of diversity management and equal opportunity for the office of the assistant secretary of defense notes, "as we remember the victims and the legacy they left behind, we should also renew our obligation to ensure equity and fairness for all citizens."

"During the Days of Remembrance, I encourage our DoD personnel to take time to reflect and honor the millions of persons tragically lost in the Holocaust and to honor those who survived and their rescuers," it says.

Joint base holds Holocaust Remembrance Day luncheon

Story and photo by
David D. Underwood Jr.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-
Hickam Public Affairs

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam hosted a Holocaust Remembrance Day luncheon April 12 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club.

Pierre Moulin, a World War II historian and author of several books on this subject, spoke to attendees and provided a slide presentation of events that occurred before and during the war.

Moulin talked about the rise of Adolf Hitler and the construction of the Nazi death camps. From 1933 to 1945, Jews were rounded up and detained in concentration camps where they were exposed to severe living and working conditions. Millions died from illness, malnutri-



A member of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Honor Guard lights a candle to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust.

tion and extermination.

The ceremony began with an invocation, introduction of

guests and a candle-lighting

ceremony by the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Honor

Guard. Six candles were lit to commemorate those who lost their lives during the Holocaust.

The theme of this year's event was "Never Again: Heeding the Warning Signs."

The late Pastor Martin Niemoller, a German and prominent Protestant pastor who spent the last seven years of the Nazi regime in a concentration camp, said this of the early postwar period: "First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out because I was not a Socialist. Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out because I was not a Trade Unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me, and there was no one left to speak for me."

Sexual Assault Awareness Month events planned at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and upcoming events to raise awareness include:

- April 19, 6 a.m., Marine Corps Base Hawaii 5K Run fundraiser at the base flight line. For more information, call HM3 Tasha Joseph at 407-687-6394.

- April 24, 1 to 3 p.m., Denim Day ceremony at the PSD classroom, room 143, 4827 Bougainville Road. For more information, call Shari Freeman at 352-8834.

- April 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. "Ryde" Against Sexual Assault Motorcycle Ride at Blaisdell Park. A barbecue will follow.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Charles Freeman at 599-0382.



Commentary

Hawaii team's local action has global reach: Earth Day 2013



Rear Adm. Frank Ponds
Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

This year's Navy Earth Day theme, "Global Reach, Local Action," fits perfectly here in Hawaii. Consider our home in the islands, one

of the most beautiful natural places on our planet – clean air, aqua-blue Pacific Ocean, and green mountains and valleys, filled with life.

Every day is a reminder to protect the beauty around us.

Whether at sea or pier-side, our Sailors are taking conservation and recycling seriously. At installations ashore, our service members, civilians and families are learning and living the meaning of "malama ka 'aina" – "respecting the land." We are making a difference for this interconnected world around us.

The Sea Services have great respect for the marine environment. We have a special relationship with the oceans. We see the power, moods and mystery of the seas as we operate forward and stand watch in defense of freedom. We protect marine mammals and ocean resources.

I am proud of the Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Soldiers, Coast Guardsmen, civilians and family members in our region who work together in beach cleanups, environmental education programs and Earth Day events in our community.

We take action with our partners to conserve energy, protect endangered species, use renewable resources, recycle whenever possible, and demonstrate our commitment to a cleaner environment – earth, air and sea.

On this Earth Day, officially proclaimed as April 22, we may be constrained in financial resources because of sequestration, but our commitment for volunteer action is unwavering. If every person does his or her part for the environment, imagine the difference we can make together!

This year we are proud to be partnering with the City and County of Honolulu, State Civil Defense, NOAA, U.S. Coast Guard and University of Hawaii at Manoa friends for tomorrow's Earth Day event at the Navy Exchange. I hope you'll have a chance to attend.

No matter where you serve, no matter how you contribute, thank you for doing your part to protect, preserve and promote the environment. Your action locally on Earth Day and every day can have a global reach! *Malama ka 'aina.*

Diverse Views



What is your favorite part of Hawaii's natural environment?

Keala Herman
MWR Aquatics



"I would say the mountainside. There's a lot of opportunities to go hiking, see beautiful views. There's all kinds of nature. You can also pick fruits from the trees, and see native plants up there. I think the hiking is the best part of the natural environment."



Josephine Yenke
HQ PACAF

"The climate is perfect for growing all of our fruit trees and beautiful plants. Lucky we live in Hawaii where the weather is beautiful all year round, rain or shine."

Amador Barrios
MWR Aquatics



"I would say the ocean and the forest, because it provides food for us. We have a lot of fish and a lot of meat in the forest. Just having a natural environment that can provide for us is awesome."



Denise Jackson
HQ PACAF

"I love all the beautiful flowers and trees. I am obsessed with the smell of orchids. I have been all over the world, but nothing compares to the beauty of Hawaii."

Jennifer La Pean
MWR Aquatics



"The oceans and the hiking. I like to go to the Bellows cabins once in a while. The cabins and the ocean is pretty over there."



Tech. Sgt. Mark Casey
17th Operational Weather Squadron

"The mountains. Hiking in Hawaii isn't quite like anywhere else I've been in the world."

BU2 (SCW/AW) Jacob Anthony Chavez
NAVFAC Self-Help Seabees
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



"It has to be the mountains. From the sea to the mountains, in such short distances. It's quite different from any other places I ever been."



Senior Airman Dante Jones
17th Operational Weather Squadron

"The perfect temperature year round. I love to run and I prefer warm temperatures. The numerous beautiful trails is an added bonus."

E02 (EXW) James Figueroa
NAVFAC Self-Help Seabees
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



"The mountains, especially driving into work. Seeing it every day, it's just a surreal sight. It's pretty amazing."



Tech. Sgt. Jamillah Austin-Graves
65th Airlift Squadron

"I love Hawaii's scenic views of the oceans and mountains and calm waters from up high on the hiking trails. Kailua's Pillbox Trail is one of my favorite places to hike. The natural surrounding environment is breath-taking and beautiful."

(Provided by David Underwood Jr. and MC2 Nardel Gervacio)

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Resourceful aircrews reuse parts



Aircrews remove parts from a P-40 destroyed in the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on the former Wheeler Air Base on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, for use on other repairable aircraft. **U.S. Air Force photo**

Hickam airshow and open house canceled

Capt. Ben Sakrisson

15th Wing Public Affairs

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam airshow and open house, originally slated for Aug. 24-25, is officially canceled due to the effects of sequestration.

The Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Air Force directed in March that open houses must not incur any cost to the government and that all military flying at installation open houses was prohibited.

"We are very disappointed to have to cancel this opportunity to interact with



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Meares

The Thunderbirds, U.S. Air Force Demonstration Squadron, perform over Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, during the "Wings Over the Pacific," open house Sept. 20, 2012, before a crowd of more than 57,000.

our local communities," said Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander.

"I held off from making the call for as long as possible, but it became abundantly clear that we could not provide both an entertaining and safe environment without incurring costs to the American taxpayer. In the end, we must focus our expenditures on maintaining mission readiness during our new fiscal reality."

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbird aerial demonstration team was scheduled to headline the air show and had previously announced that they would not be attending.

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Navy diverts recyclable waste from local landfills

Sila Manahane

Naval Facilities Engineering
Command Hawaii

April is Environmental Awareness Month and the Navy Region Hawaii's recycling program is an example of how reducing recyclable materials that could end up in local landfills on Oahu can be mutually beneficial to the Navy and the state of Hawaii.

"We have made tremendous strides since inception in 1994 when the recycling program was run by Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR)," said Richard Vila, Naval Facilities Engineering (NAVFAC) Hawaii environmental protection specialist.

"It has now grown into an efficient, self-sustaining program with two convenient locations across Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH)."

Initially under MWR, the recycling program could only accept a limited supply of materials such as paper and newspaper. Over time, control moved from MWR to the base's First Lieutenants Division and then in 2005 to NAVFAC Hawaii. Since 2005, NAVFAC Hawaii has shaped and expanded the Navy Region Hawaii's recycling program into what it is today.

"We have two convenient recycling locations on JBPHH, one on the Pearl side of the base (building 159) and the other on the Hickam side (building 1715), which both accept a long list of items," said Vila.

"We work with contractors to get the best deal we can on the materials, so that dollars made through recycling pays for the program's operation and the recapitalization of our equipment," he explained.

Recyclable items received by the program includes cardboard, wood, metals, white paper, newspapers/phone books, magazines, plastics and toner cartridges. Some items that are not accepted at the centers include, but are not limited to, the following: pressurized cylinders, light bulbs, treated lumber, envelopes with plastic windows and food waste.

"When we get a lot of a certain commodity such as paper or cardboard we first have to bale it, then weigh and track it," said Vila. "We



U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley

Aluminum cans are collected at the Navy Region Hawaii recycling program's Hickam Redemption Center (building 1715).

are busy baling various materials every day."

NAVFAC Hawaii has implemented a number of developments to the program over the years including the addition of a redemption center at the Hickam location on one end of building 1715. The hours of operation are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

The redemption center operates with a voucher system where the customer can recycle their HI-5 cans and bottles in exchange for cash at the Hickam Bowling Center. The cans and/or bottles returned are equivalent to five cents each.

Customers can also request special pickups for bulk recyclable items such as metal furniture and other household appliances that are not in use. In addition, military, Department of Defense (DoD) civilians or contractor personnel may drop off their recyclables at either facility at their own convenience within the designated hours of operation.

At building 159 on the Pearl side, the facility is open from 8 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 to 11 a.m. Friday. For the facility on Hickam, it is open from 7:30 to 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Customers can also drop off plastic containers, glass bottles, aluminum cans, paper and corrugated cardboard in designated 24-hour

drop off bins at buildings 159 and 1715.

"There is never a shortage in the supply of recyclable paper and cardboard," said Vila. "The annual report indicates we received, processed and recycled 1.4 million pounds of cardboard in FY12. White paper places second at 736,000 pounds which is equivalent to 368 small cars. However, the most valuable and profitable recycled goods are the ferrous and non-ferrous metals."

The discarded ferrous and non-ferrous metals are handled at the Pearl Harbor location. Out of all recyclable materials, metals reap the most benefits for the program, both quantitatively and monetarily. In FY12 alone, the metals collected and sold amounted to 2.1 million pounds which brought in \$272,123.29 in support of the program.

The Navy Region Hawaii Recycling Program is an important way the service can contribute toward being good stewards of the environment and help work toward a sustainable future in Hawaii. With limited land resources, it is vital that everyone do their part to reduce waste being buried in local landfills. The Navy has made progressive steps toward achieving energy goals.

If you want to contribute to the Navy Region Hawaii Recycling Program or want more information, call 474-9207.



EARTH TIP

Rebecca Hommon

Navy Region Hawaii
Environmental Counsel

Reminders are good things. They help us maintain focus on what needs attention or to return our attention to something forgotten or to refresh us to take renewed action.

Some tips to protect the environment include:

- Don't let pet waste run off. You can help reduce polluted storm water runoff by just picking up your pet's poop and dispose of it properly. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria

or organic material to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local water bodies.

- Be extra aware of environmental conditions where older people live. As we age, our bodies become more sensitive to chemicals and environmental conditions. So you should carefully use products such as pesticides or cleaning solvents near areas where older adults live and sleep.

To read what the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is doing for Earth Day, more tips on what we can all do to protect our environment, and to receive a daily Earth Tip during April (Earth Month), visit: <http://ow.ly/kaG7E>.

PACFLT SOYs reflect on history

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be at this level," she said.

Prior to the event, the 10 nominees spent the week at Pearl Harbor participating in events that encouraged networking while connecting with the Pacific Fleet's rich heritage and history. The Sailors visited the Battleship Missouri Memorial, the Pacific Aviation Museum and the USS Arizona Memorial where they paid their respects to the heroes of World War II with a wreath-laying ceremony.

"These Sailors enjoyed a series of events throughout the week in which they were able to reflect on the history and heritage of the Sailors that came before them," said U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief John T. Minyard.

"These 10 Sailors and their families represent the more than 120,000 Sailors in the Pacific. They embody our Navy's core values and continue to sacrifice so much for our country and citizens."

The other Sea Sailor of the Year nominees were Personnel Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) Marianogerard Zamora, COMNAVAIRPAC; Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 1st Class (AW/SW) Shawn-Patrick Bland, Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMNAVSURFPAC); Builder 1st Class (SCW/EXW) Alfred Fehling, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command Pacific (NECC PAC); and Electrician's Mate 1st Class (SS) Franklin Tenney, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC).

The other Shore Sailor of the Year nominees were Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician 1st Class (EWS) Jacob Shearman, NECC PAC; Electronics Technician 1st Class (AW/SW) Andrew Edwards, COMSUBPAC; Construction Mechanic 1st Class (SCW/EXW) Daniel Perez, COMNAVSURFPAC; and Cryptologic Technician (Networks) 1st Class (IDW/SW) Sha-nicca White, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet staff.

Former Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Elmo Zumwalt and former Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy John Whittet established the Sailor of the Year program in 1972 to recognize those who best represent the group of dedicated and professional Sailors from each command and ultimately the fleet.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



U.S. Navy photo by David Tomiyama

Timor-Leste Deputy Chief of Defense Brig. Gen. Filomeno da Paixao de Jesus thanks Capt. Brian Osgood, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard commander, with a traditional Timor-Leste clothing item for hosting the group April 11. The general accompanied Timor-Leste Secretary of State for Defense Dr. Julio Thomas Pinto during his visit to U.S. Pacific Command.



U.S. Navy photo by MCC David Rush

Navy Region Hawaii Command Master Chief Marc Sibal, along with chiefs from various commands at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, perform morning colors adjacent to Navy Region Hawaii headquarters.



JBPHH photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and Capt. Jeffrey James, commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, untie the traditional *maile lei* during the grand opening ceremony on April 12 for the newly renovated Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Pearl Harbor Thrift Shop. The thrift shop is located in building 1492 behind Club Pearl near Utah Hall. The shop is operated by volunteers and additional volunteers are welcome and needed. The shop is open Thursdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Anyone with base access is welcome to shop there.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Meares

Katelyn Christian, wife of Senior Airman Dallas Christian of 647th Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management, speaks with Airman 1st Class Zach Gates and Staff Sgt. Roderick Gilmore about tsunami awareness at the Navy Exchange on April 13. April is Tsunami Awareness Month for Hawaii. Gates and Gilmore are also members of the 647th CES emergency management flight.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 David Kolmel

Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, describes historical photos to Royal Australian Chief of Navy Vice Adm. Ray Griggs during a tour of the U.S. Pacific Fleet's boathouse museum. While visiting Pearl Harbor, Griggs also received briefings at the Pacific Fleet headquarters and took part in discussions associated with the strong relationship between the Royal Australian Navy and U.S. Navy.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Jeffrey Jay Price

A Sailor aboard the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Charlotte (SSN 766) throws a receiving line to the pier as Charlotte arrives to conduct maintenance and liberty. Charlotte is conducting operations in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.



(Left) Lt. Maxwell Zujewski (left) and Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Airman Richard Gonzales give the signal for an aircraft to launch off the flight deck aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). John C. Stennis is deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility conducting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Ignacio D. Perez

15th Wing brings touch of magic to Philippines

Staff Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

One 15th Wing humanitarian recently spent time in the Philippines, using magic to help heal the spirits of impoverished communities while on a medical aid mission in the country.

Glen Bailey, 15th Wing Plans, Programs and Inspection office, said he jumped at the opportunity to join the Aloha Medical Mission in the Philippines when he was invited by the head of the organization.

The Aloha Medical Mission (AMM), a 30-year old non-profit corporation which includes members of the Hawaii medical community, prides itself on providing free medical care to low income areas. However, Dr. Brad Wong, AMM president, thought bringing along free entertainment would be an added bonus for the patients.

"Bringing Glen along was a no brainer," he said. "When I heard he wanted to come with us, I jumped at the opportunity. I've always thought having a magician to entertain the patients and their parents before and after their surgeries in order to take their minds off being operated on would be really great, and it really added to the mission."

As the volunteer entertainment, it was Bailey's job to keep the patients and



Courtesy photo

Glen Bailey, 15th Wing Plans, Programs and Inspection office, uses magic to turn his school-aged assistant into a rabbit during his magic show at an elementary school in Barangay Catituban, Philippines.

their families engaged while they waited to receive care. He did this by "magically" producing things for the kids to play with such as crayons and coloring sheets, matchbox cars, bracelets and hair clips.

"The reaction from the patients was tremendous," said Bailey. "They are sitting there for hours in sometimes extreme heat waiting to be seen, so we came and brought joy to their day by taking their mind off sitting there for so long with a little bit of magic."

In addition to the hospital waiting areas, Bailey and his team, which consisted of his

wife Lauren and fellow magician Bob Festa, brought the spirit of magic to more than 2,500 other members of the local communities by performing three 50-minute shows at area elementary schools.

Bailey said the experience of bringing magic to towns so impoverished they didn't have running water or electricity was humbling.

"We really had so much fun," he said. "These shows were in towns where no other magicians had performed before and you know one thing I'll say is, kids don't know they're poor until you tell them they're

poor. Even in poor situations, kids will be kids no matter what, and we got the same reaction from them as we always get when we perform for children. It was really something special for them."

However, the recent trip to the Philippines wasn't Bailey's first time using his unique skill to give back. The veteran magician said he has been donating his time to charity, in one way or the other, since the 1980s when he learned how to do magic while on active duty.

"I'm a firm believer that when you have a talent you should use it to give back," he said. "I have been doing charitable magic shows for years all over the world at homeless shelters, hospitals and Air Force bases."

In addition to the magical performances, the Aloha Medical Mission provided more than 250 surgeries and 700 dental procedures over six days.

"We go over there with the idea that we're going to change lives, but at the same time it changes your life," said Bailey.

"It makes you very much more appreciative of the things we have here in the U.S. that we take for granted that they just don't have in other places. It's very humbling and satisfying to know we may have made a difference, and you walk away ready to contribute again."

Lighting retrofit project to help reduce energy consumption

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific is conducting a lighting retrofit project, which began in March and continues to May, to reduce energy consumption on the Makalapa compound.

"NAVFAC Pacific is proactive about reducing energy consumption," said Edie Evans, operations energy program manager for NAVFAC Pacific.

"We are one of four commands in the region that maintains 100 percent trained building energy monitors and conducts monthly energy audits. This effort has paid off for NAVFAC Pacific as our buildings are currently exceeding Commander Navy Region Hawaii's energy reduction goals," Evans said.

The three-month project scope is to replace existing lights with new efficient technology throughout the following buildings and parking lots on the compound: buildings 405, 391, 346 and 258 and parking lots A, B and C.

The work to be performed includes de-energizing ceiling light circuits, opening light fixtures, replacing ballasts, installing new lamps and re-securing fixtures. After installation is complete, the final stage re-energizes circuits and performs testing for proper operation.

"The exterior light fixtures for the parking lot have been scheduled after completion of buildings 346 and 258," said Ricky Nojima, NAVFAC Pacific facility manager. "The replacement parking lot light fixtures and the two-



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Bryan Mafoa, MH Electric electrician, replaces the light fixtures with new ballasts at building 346. The ballasts have been reduced from four to two, which will reduce energy consumption and minimize long-term fixture maintenance and replacement costs.

feet-by-two-feet interior light fixtures have not been received, so those areas will be scheduled last."

Work is scheduled to occur between 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dust and noise control in work spaces will be minimal, while corridors and exits will remain open for through traffic and/or signage will be posted to identify alternative exit routes.

Personnel who are displaced from their areas during this period may shift to an unaffected area, work in a swing space, use liberal leave or telework. Note that each option requires supervisory approval.

"We appreciate your cooperation and patience during this time and will keep you informed with the latest updates," said Nojima.

Work is expected to be completed by May 2013. For more information on the project, visit the NAVFAC Pacific employee portal at <http://ow.ly/kcKhf>.



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Lt. Dustin Haynes, 96th Air Refueling Squadron, demonstrates the KC-135 flight simulator to Seth Clifton before his recent flight at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

96 ARS brings joy to ailing child

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15th Wing Public Affairs

A 15th Wing chaplain recently teamed up with members of the 96th Air Refueling Squadron to help make one child's "best week ever" just a little bit better.

Chaplain Lt. Col. Dave Terrinoni, 15th Wing deputy command chaplain, felt a sense of obligation to do something when he learned the 13-year-old son of his close friends would be visiting Hawaii to fulfill his life's wish, courtesy of the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

"Nobody likes to see a sick child, and of course I have a vested interest in the family. All I could think about was a 13-year-old child having to be limited in what they could do," he said. "I wanted to help."

The idea was born to offer Seth Clifton, who suffers from an acute case of juvenile scleroderma, the opportunity to fly a KC-135 via the 96 ARS's flight simulator. It was an opportunity Seth readily accepted.

According to Brian Clifton, Seth's father, Seth's initial wish was to visit Hawaii, swim with the dolphins, and see the whales and sharks. However, when he heard about the opportunity to operate a flight simulator, his excitement took him "over the moon."

After spending a week enjoying all the adventure tours the Make-a-Wish Foundation could schedule, Seth was pleased to end his dream vacation to Hawaii on a high note.

"This was awesome!" he said. "This was my favorite part about the trip, and I can't wait to tell my friends how fun it was ... can't wait to tell them I landed a plane by myself."

For the past six years, Seth has undergone treatments for the chronic connective tissue disease, April Clifton, Seth's mother, said there were hardly words to describe the joy she felt about spending the week in Hawaii with her family.

"Seth really wanted to make sure his wish was something the whole family could have fun doing. He's

just that kind of person. He's always thinking of other people," she said.

April said that Seth, never one to let his disability keep him down, was optimistic about the future and returning home after leaving Hawaii.

"Seth has talked about going to the Air Force Academy before and after he learned about this opportunity, he started thinking of being a pilot, too," Brian said. "When we got the call that everything was a go, it really enhanced his questions about the Air Force, and we think this was a really good experience for him."

VP-9 'Golden Eagles' CSADD Sailors volunteer in community

MC1 Scott A. Buchholz

Patrol Squadron Nine

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII, Kaneohe Bay – The Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) at Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) recently held their first 2013 volunteer event at Enchanted Lakes Elementary School, Kailua, Hawaii.

Twenty-one "Golden Eagle" Sailors volunteered their time to clean and paint support columns and exterior portions of the school in an effort to improve its overall appearance.

"It was exciting to have so many people show up on a Sunday. It made the work go quickly because we were having fun," said Navy Personnel Specialist Seaman Ricardo Nazaire.

"Before the Navy, I was really into volunteer work, so when the opportunity to be involved came up, I jumped on board," added Nazaire, who is currently serving as the VP-9 CSADD yeoman.

Established in 2010 by the Navy in accordance with OPNAVIST 1500.80, CSADD serves as a peer-to-peer mentoring group for Sailors ages 18-25 years. The group was created to positively influence young Sailors' behavior through resources and tools that promote good decision-making.

"I didn't have CSADD coming up in the lower ranks. This is an opportunity to mold the junior Sailors and give them the guidance I didn't have coming up," said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Angelina Harris, VP-9 CSADD president.

"I am really motivated and looking for-

ward to CSADD growing as well as having more volunteers, increasing morale and having fundraising opportunities so we can give back to the Sailors," Harris said.

On Dec. 19, 2012, VP-9 CSADD was recognized Navy-wide when the Chief of Naval Personnel announced the CSADD 2012 Sea and Shore chapters of the year in NAVADMIN 384/12. VP-9, Navy Region Hawaii, was one of four chapters honored as a Region Sea Chapter of the Year.

Other chapters receiving region honors were Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, USS Enterprise (CVN 65); Navy Region Southwest, USS Peleliu (LHA 5) and Navy Region Japan, USS George Washington (CVN 73).

"I have always had this feeling inside that I want to give back, especially since I joined the military, and CSADD has given me that opportunity," said Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class Zachery Borice, VP-9 CSADD vice president.

VP-9 CSADD is planning future volunteer and morale events which are open to all VP-9 Sailors and focused on providing positive opportunities for fellow shipmates.

Commissioned in 1951, VP-9 provides maritime patrol and undersea warfare services to the fleet by employing the latest technology and tactics to provide advanced capabilities in multi-theater environments. VP-9 currently operates the P-3C Orion and will transition to the P-8A Poseidon in 2016.

For more information about VP-9, visit <http://www.vp9.navy.mil/about.htm> and Facebook at VP-9 Golden Eagles.

For more information about CSADD and how to start a chapter at your command, visit <http://ow.ly/kaApE>.