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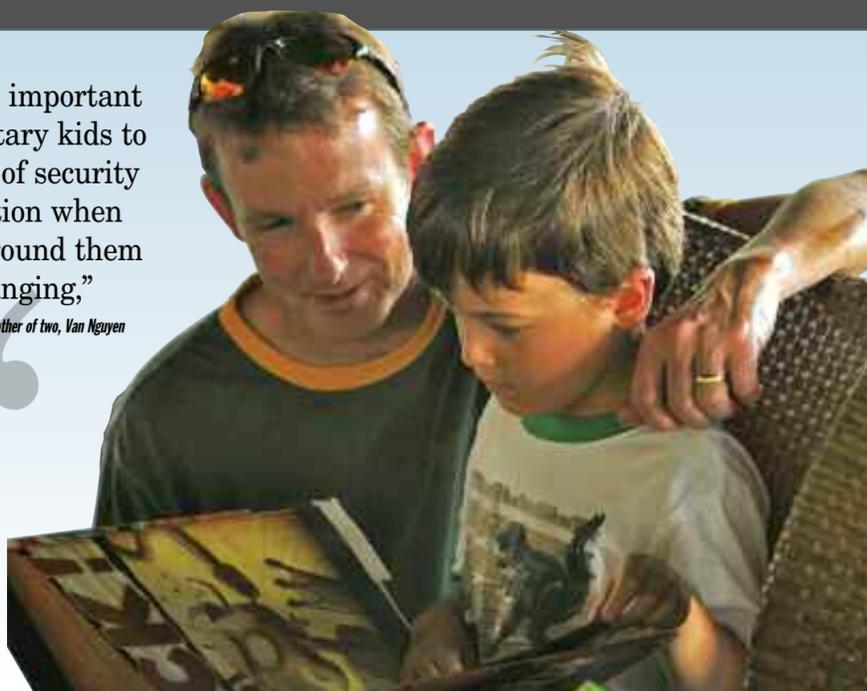
## Military *keiki* receive donated books at Books on Bases

Story and photos by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham Navy Public Affairs Support Element West, Detachment Hawaii

More than 1,000 books were donated to military families during a Books on Bases event, held April 28 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

“Books are so important for these military kids to have a sense of security and foundation when everything around them keeps changing,”

— Navy Sailor spouse and mother of two, Van Nguyen



(Right and below) Parents read to their children during the Books on Bases event held April 28 at the Hickam Officers Club.

Col. Dann Carlson, deputy commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, addressed those in attendance and encouraged the parents to take time to read to their children daily—especially before, during and after deployments and separations.

“It has been an awesome day and awesome program, the linkup between Disney and Blue Star Families to be able to provide Books on Bases and donating a ton of books but also encouraging us to read and be active parents involved with our kids in the reading environment,” said Carlson.

Carlson quoted the famous children’s book by Dr. Seuss, “I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!” saying, “The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you will go.”

“Reading to the children was a ton of fun,” said Carlson. “When you are up there reading and you’re seeing their faces light up, there is very good interaction there, something you don’t normally see.”

Carlson also read the book, “Billy Twitters and His Blue Whale Problem” by Mac Barnett, reading alongside Todd Apo, director of public affairs for the Disney Aulani Resort.

“This event is a great opportunity for us to give back just a little bit to the military families that gives so much for all of us,” said Apo.

“It’s the chance to share books with the kids as well as understanding of the importance of education and how important reading is for the growth and development of children,” he said.

During the event, children not only participated in story time but also multiple arts and crafts activities, including a surprise visit from Walt Disney character actors Mickey and Minnie Mouse. The characters played with kids, took photographs and autographed donated books.

“Books are so important for these military kids to have a sense of security and foundation when everything around them keeps changing,” said Van Nguyen. Nguyen, a mother of two and spouse of a Navy Sailor, also works with Blue Star Families.

“This is also the Month of the Military Child which makes it even more awesome,” she said.

Each child at the event walked away with a total of five books including the one that was read and a gift bag with a movie, arts and crafts idea book, and puzzles. The rest of the books will be given to the base library and the child development centers on Oahu.

Since Books on Bases launched in 2009, more than 100,000 books have been donated to military-impacted schools and libraries all over the U.S.

Books on Bases was created by Blue Star Families to positively impact the lives of military children through the power of reading. With the assistance of partners and supporters including Disney, BAE Systems, Sleeping Bear Press, Operation Paperback, United Concordia and Random House, Blue Star Families donates books to military children, base libraries, Department of Defense schools, military-impacted public schools and community libraries.



Character actors from the Disney Aulani Resort read and sign books for children.

# Pitching leads SUBPAC/NCTAMS to win over 613th AOC

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Retired Chief Information Systems Technician Lloyd Shoemaker and Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Eric Cavett combined to toss six shutout innings to lead the joint squad of Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC)/ Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMSPAC) to a 12-3 victory over the 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC) in a White Division intramural softball game on April 25 at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

After giving up three runs in

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—Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Eric Cavett

the first, Shoemaker buckled down and shut down the 613 AOC until giving way to Cavett in the fourth, who continued to befuddle the opposition through the final frame and preserve the win.

“That's all it's about,” said Cavett about mixing up his pitches to shut down the 613 AOC. “You got to make sure to keep everybody on their toes.”

Both teams entered the contest with 1-1 records in the White Division.

Besides throwing four shutout innings for SUBPAC/NCTAMS, Cavett also had a great day at the plate and got things started with a run-scoring single in the first before crossing home for the second run on an RBI double from Information Systems Technician Seaman Benjamin Grams.

Down 2-0 heading into the bottom half of the frame, the 613 AOC got a clutch two-out single by Airman 1st Class Kevin Brown to pull to within a run at 2-1.



Retired Chief Information Systems Technician Lloyd Shoemaker keeps his eyes on the ball before slashing a two-run single.

Then, teammate Airman 1st Class Nick Palaszweski stroked another single to drive in two runs for a 3-2 lead.

SUBPAC/NCTAMS tied the score at 3-3 in the top of the second on an infield error by the 613 AOC and followed up with four runs on clutch hits by Cavett and Shoemaker in the third.

Cavett singled to drive in two runs and moved to third on a hit by Grams before Shoemaker chased both runners home on a base hit for a 7-3 advantage.

“You just want to give it a nice hard hit,” said Cavett about singling to drive in his second and

third RBIs of the game. “You got the wind blowing in, you don't want to try and do too much. If it goes, it goes. You just want to make sure nobody can catch it.”

The team added two more runs in the top of the sixth before putting the game away with three runs in the seventh for the final score.

In the top of seventh, Cavett hit another single and Grams drove in his second RBI of the game with a base hit.

Cavett admitted that once the team scored four runs in the third inning, he knew that momentum was on their side.

“That definitely gave us the go-

ahead,” he said. “It picked up our momentum and gave us enough to carry us right through the rest of the game.”

While Cavett and his teammates were able to put together a couple of big innings in the win, Brown said that scoring in multiple innings has been a problem for the 613 AOC this year.

A perennial powerhouse in intramural softball in the past few years, the 613 AOC has lost many of their core players and appears to be mired in a rebuilding season for 2013.

“It's a completely new team,” Brown acknowledged. “This year,

we got a lot of new faces and are still trying to figure out where people need to go. We want to win. We're trying to figure it out.”

Although SUBPAC/NCTAMS is sitting near the top of the division with a 2-1 record, Cavett also admits that his team is still trying to sort things out as well.

“We've only played three games, so we're still working on things,” he said. “It's kind of hard to feel everything out, but right now, we're doing with what we got and we're doing alright. We're out here to have fun and compete. You always want to be competitive. Nobody has fun losing.”

# Late penalty kick lifts 613th AOC past HIANG

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Senior Airman Jeremy Reding tied the game with a goal in the first half and then booted in a penalty kick with the clock winding down to raise the 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC) past Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG), 2-1, on April 27 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The 613 AOC has now started off the season with seven straight wins and leads the Blue Division with a perfect 7-0 record while the HIANG, last year's runners up, lost their first game of the season and saw their record drop to a 5-1-1.

"This was a good game. I enjoyed this game," said 613 AOC head coach Paul Imperial, a Department of Defense (DoD) civilian. "Last week, we played an 0-6 team and that was boring. This was a good challenge."

Against a tough HIANG team, the 613 AOC immediately went on the offensive and got four quick kicks on goal off the foot of striker Operations Specialist 2nd Class Valentine Edward.

However, going in the opposite direction, the HIANG, on their first penetration into 613 AOC territory, set up for a penalty kick after Capt. Brandon Chang was fouled while making a move toward the goal.

Kicking from his left to right,

Chang blasted a shot past the goalkeeper for an early 1-0 advantage.

The lead was short lived, however, as moments later the 613 AOC answered on a boot from Reding that tied the score.

"We had gotten it up the field, and then we had two guys pressure on the ball and it popped out," Reding explained. "I just took the opportunity to shoot."

After the 613 AOC misfired on several shots early in the game, Reding said that taking the ball closer to the goal made all the difference in the world.

"We were trying to shoot from deep," Reding said. "This team dropped back defensively a lot, so we took shots from the outside which are generally lower percentage."

The deadlock held up until halftime and, with time running out, appeared headed to end that way until Reding got fouled and lined up for a penalty kick.

"I was dribbling and I thought I was getting past the guy," Reding pointed out. "But I was getting tugged and kicked a little bit and the ref stopped the ball, so I got to take the free kick."

Staring down at the ball, Reding said he blocked everything out and focused on making the kick before putting it up into the air.

The well-placed shot zipped past the HIANG goalkeeper and to the net for the game winner as time ran out.

"I tried not to think about the



Senior Airman Jeremy Reding is about to receive a handshake from a teammate after scoring the winning goal on a penalty kick to lead the 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC) past Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG), 2-1, in a Blue Division game.

implications of it," Reding admitted. "The important part is shooting it the way you're taught and the way you've practiced it. Try not to think about any pressure and just do it."

For the HIANG, Chang said that the team's first loss all came down to not getting enough shots on goal.

Although the team is filled with

returnees from last year's squad, Chang admitted that the team is not quite up to speed just yet.

"Pretty much it's just conditioning," he said. "We just come out here on Saturday just to play for fun. If we practiced more, we'd probably be in better shape and be able to have more offense. We just come out here to have fun, but I honestly think we have a chance to take everything."

We'll see how it goes."

While Reding said that beating a good team like the HIANG is definitely a confidence builder, Imperial added that there are still a lot of challenges ahead.

"We want to play them," said Imperial as he pointed to the Blue Division's other remaining undefeated team USS Texas (SSN 775) Port. "They are the team to beat."

# Talented JPAC keeps good times rolling with 19-1 win

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Sports Editor

Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC) battled around the order in the top of the first and second innings en route to a decisive 19-1 victory over Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATG MID-

PAC) on April 30 in a Blue Division intramural softball game at Hickam Softball Complex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

JPAC, which won their fourth game against no defeats, have now scored 39 runs over the last two games and 51 over the past three.

ATG MIDPAC entered the showdown with a solid record of 2-1 and saw their record dip to .500 with the

mercy-rule defeat that ended in four innings.

"We get out there and have fun, keep it loose, that's the key right there," said Cmdr. Larry Gonzales about JPAC's fast start out of the gates this season. "We don't take it too seriously."

Despite the team's easy approach on the diamond, there is nothing sedate about the way JPAC is crushing the ball so far this season.

Against ATG MIDPAC, JPAC's leadoff hitter Sgt. 1st Class Dharwin Delarna hit a fly ball to right field for the first out, but the team's next seven batters reached base safely on a walk, an error and five singles to jump out to a 4-0 lead.

Gonzales came up with the team's first big hit of the game on a bases-loaded single that drove in two runs.

JPAC went on to score

two more runs in the top of the first inning to take an early 6-0 advantage.

Armed with a big lead, JPAC pitcher Senior Chief Explosive Ordnance Disposal Jeremy Porter calmly went to work and struck out the first ATG MIDPAC hitter he faced before setting down the next two hitters in order.

The short turnaround seemed to be a good thing for

umpire ended the contest after the bottom of the fourth inning due to the league's mercy rule.

While scoring runs in bunches seems to be the team's identifying trademark this season, Gonzales said that the squad's real identity is its ability to play together as one unit.

It also helps, he said, to have a team that is loaded in talent from the top to the



Senior Chief Explosive Ordnance Disposal Jeremy Porter gets ready to drive a pitch over the centerfield fence for a three-run homer.

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the hot bats of JPAC which picked right up where they left off in the first inning.

After a walk and a single led off the top of the second inning, Porter helped out his own cause by crushing a deep fly ball over the centerfield fence for a three-run shot and 9-0 lead.

"I was just looking to hit it hard," said Porter about his home run. "It's easy to go up there relaxed knowing that I've got good hitters in back of me."

The deluge didn't stop there as JPAC went on to top them for extra bases, to tack on 10 additional runs and a 19-0 lead after only two innings of play.

JPAC didn't score any more runs in the next two innings, but the home

bottom of the lineup.

"It is camaraderie," he pointed out. "It's teamwork and we enjoy each other's company. We deploy together a lot. Every one of these guys has been deployed in austere conditions and we're like a family. We're very tight and we have good talent."

Although Gonzales admits that some of the talent is soon to be deployed, he still believes that JPAC will be competitive for the remainder of the season.

"Right now, we know we are stacked," he said. "But we lost two guys yesterday to mission, and we're about to lose three more guys in a couple of weeks. The games are going to get a lot closer in the coming weeks, but we're still going to field a competitive team."

# Distinctive Women in Hawaiian History program to be featured May 20

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

As part of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, a Distinctive Women in Hawaiian History Program will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 20 at Makai Recreation Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH). Makai Recreation Center is located at building 1859, McChord Street.

The brown bag (bring your own lunch) event is a professional development seminar, featuring leadership models from Hawaiian history. Hosting commands for the event are Navy Region Hawaii and JBPHH.

The seminar will feature opening comments from Air Force Col. Eva S. Jenkins, commander, 692nd Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group. Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of JBPHH, will provide closing remarks.

The event is open to military personnel, their spouses and the

military's civilian workforce.

The seminar will include the following:

- A discussion of Queen Kapiolani from 11:40 to 11:55 a.m. with presenter Colette Higgins, professor of history, Kapiolani Community College.

Queen Kapiolani was an advocate for patients afflicted with leprosy (Hansen's Disease). She used her considerable fundraising skills and royal status to assist patients.

The Native Hawaiians were significantly impacted by the outbreak of this foreign disease, as they made up 98 percent of the leprosy patients in 1880.

At a time when the Kingdom of Hawaii exiled those with leprosy to prevent the spread of the disease, the queen visited these patients in their homes at the remote settlements of Kalaupapa peninsula on Molokai in 1884. In the months following her visit, she sent care

packages to nearly all the patients and raised the necessary funds to establish the Kapiolani Home for Girls of leprosy parents in Kakaako, Oahu, which was dedicated in 1885.

- A discussion titled "Hawaiian Letter Writing Woman: Queen Emma," from noon to 12:25 p.m.

The discussion will focus on dramatic performance of selected political and personal letters between Queen Emma and her cousin, from "News from Molokai, Letters between Peter Kaeo and Queen Emma, 1873-1876."

The letters also explored the context of the history of Kalaupapa, Molokai and late 19th century letter writing. Presenters of the discussion will be Craig Howes, director, Center for Biographical Research, University of Hawaii at Manoa; Victoria Nalani Kneubuhl, playwright, and novelist and actor Wil Kahele.

- A discussion titled "Yeiko Mizobe So: Immigrant Women's

Tale of Turmoil," from 12:25 to 12:40 p.m.

So's establishment of the Japanese Women's Home for abused picture brides served 700 women of Japanese and Korean ethnicity over its 10 years on Alapai Street, Honolulu from 1895 to 1905. The presenter will be Kelli Y. Nakamura, history instructor, Kapiolani Community College.

- Acknowledgments by Jamie Conway from 12:40 to 12:45 p.m. and announcement of a Women of World War II Hawaii program which will be held Aug. 25. The August program will feature 1941-1945 stories closely tied to Pearl Harbor and Hickam Field.

- A discussion of "Dora Moon and the Korean Women's Relief Society of WWII Hawaii" from 12:45 to 1 p.m. The presenter will be Julie Rancilio, assistant professor of History, Kapiolani Community College.

- Moon was a pivotal organizer of a modern Korean women's movement

in the Territory of Hawaii and responded to the Japanese occupation of the Korean peninsula.

Following the "March 1st Movement" in Korea in 1919, which resulted in scores of Koreans killed, beaten, or arrested by Japanese military authorities, Moon organized Hawaii's Korean women in social activism by forming the Korean Women's Relief Society whose activities and convictions supported women and children in occupied Korea throughout WWII.

- A discussion titled "embracing and celebrating Filipino heritage while in service" to the nation, from 1 p.m. to 1:25 p.m. Presenters include Rear Adm. Raquel Bono, command surgeon, U.S. Pacific Command, and Command Master Chief Marc F. Sibal, region command master chief, Navy Region Hawaii.

Email registration RSVPs should be sent to Guss Alexander at Guss.Alexander@navy.mil.



# Live the Great Life

## Your Weekly Fun with MWR

Visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com), or subscribe to MWR's digital magazine *Great Life Hawaii*.



The spring craft fair and family fun day is tomorrow on the lawn of the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center.

**Military Appreciation 5K:** Begins at 8 a.m. May 4, Hickam Fitness Center.

This free 5K will help launch Military Appreciation Month events at JBPHH. FMI: SrA Smith at 448-2214.

**Spring Craft Fair and Family Fun Day:** 9 a.m.–3 p.m. May 4, Hickam Arts & Crafts Center, center lawn.

There will be handmade arts and crafts for sale, live entertainment, food booths, pony rides and youth activities. Admission is free for shoppers. FMI: 448-9907 ext. 101.

**Family/Group Sailing Instruction:** 9:30 a.m.–noon, May 4, 11, 18, 25, Rainbow Bay Marina.

The sailing course includes an overview in the classroom, demonstration of rigging, and time on the water. FMI: 473-0279.

**Lifeguarding Challenge Course:** 10 a.m.–noon, May 4, Scott Pool.

This course is for lifeguards whose certifications are about to expire. Participants must bring their certifications. FMI: 473-0394.

**Library Know-How:** Begins at 11 a.m. May 4, Hickam Library.

Learn how to find e-books, audiobooks, music, online foreign language training and continuing education at this free session. FMI: 449-8299.

**HBO Boxing PPV:** Begins at 2 p.m. May 4, J.R. Rockers.

This event will feature Floyd Mayweather Jr. vs. Robert Guerrero and Austin Trout vs. Saul Alvarez.

FMI: 448-2271.

**Military Appreciation Mondays:** 5–9 p.m. May 6, 13, 20, Naval Station Bowling Center.

Shoe rental, bowling games and a hot dog are \$1.50 per person. FMI: 473-2574.

**Pre-School Story Time:** 9–10 a.m. May 8, Hickam Library.

Children can enjoy stories about “blankets and bedtime” at this free event. FMI: 449-8299.

**Ultimate Frisbee Team Coaches Meeting:** Begins at 1 p.m. May 8, JBPHH Fitness Center Gym.

The official roster is available at MWR intramurals office, bldg. 667, Pearl Harbor. FMI: 473-2494/473-2437.

**Youth Sports Registrations:** Registration period ends May 10.

Registrations are for Youth Summer League Basketball 5-on-5 for youth ages 9–15 years old and Youth Summer Soccer for youth ages 5–15 years old. The season runs June through August. Register at [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com). FMI: 473-0789.

**Texas Hold'em and Bunco:** Begins at 5:45 p.m. May 10, Tradewinds Enlisted Club (Oahu Room).

This is a members-only event, no cover. All ranks are welcome. FMI: 448-2271.

**Phat Friday with DJ Magic and DJ G-Flava:** 6 p.m.–midnight May 10, J.R. Rockers.

Enjoy food, beverages, time with friends and Friday jams with the USAF's own DJ Magic and DJ G-Flava. FMI: 448-2271.

## Sign up for Outdoor Activities

EXCURSION	DATE/TIME	COST	SIGNUP
Group surf lesson at White Plains Beach with shuttle <sup>1</sup>	May 11 8 a.m.	\$40	May 7
Keiki and parent hand-pole fishing and reef walk <sup>2</sup>	May 11 9 a.m.	\$8	May 8
Spearfishing excursion <sup>2</sup>	May 11 9 a.m.	\$20	May 8
Bottom fishing at Hickam Harbor <sup>2</sup>	May 11 2:30 p.m.	\$30	May 7
Women's stand-up paddleboard Haleiwa River/North Shore <sup>1</sup>	May 12 9 a.m.	\$30	May 8
Women's surf class <sup>2</sup>	May 12 9 a.m.	\$35	May 8

Note: Excursions subject to change depending on weather conditions.

<sup>1</sup> Sign up with Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC) • 473-1198

<sup>2</sup> Sign up with Outdoor Recreation (ODR) • 449-5215

## This Week with Arts & Crafts

SESSION	CLASS DATES	DAY/TIME	COST*	
Hawaiian quilted pillow	May 7–28	Tue	9–11 a.m.	\$35
	May 7–28	Tue	7–9 p.m.	\$35
Beginning glass fusion	May 7–14	Tue/Fri	10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	\$40
Digital photography	May 7–21	Tue	10 a.m.–noon	\$50
Fused glass jewelry	May 7–21	Tue	2–4 p.m.	\$40
Young artist hand-building with clay	May 7–21	Tue	3–4:30 p.m.	\$33.75
After-school intro to children's drawing	May 7–June 11	Tue	3:45–5:15 p.m.	\$75
Adult hand-building with clay	May 7–21	Tue	5–8 p.m.	\$33.75
Skulls and flowers (ages 5–9)	May 8–29	Wed	2:30–4 p.m.	\$60
Glass plate making	May 9–30	Thu	10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	\$70
Home-school intro to children's drawing	May 9–June 13	Thu	1:30–3 p.m.	\$75
Skulls and flowers (ages 8–12)	May 9–30	Thu	4–5:30 p.m.	\$60
Digital photography	May 9–23	Thu	6–8 p.m.	\$50
Stained glass kaleidoscope	May 10–31	Fri	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	\$100

\* Supplies additional for some classes.

Note: Information subject to change.

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**Morale Welfare & Recreation**

**YOGA BY THE SEA**

A yoga by the sea session will be held today from 6 to 7 p.m. at Foster Point Pavilion. This event is open to all eligible patrons. FMI: 448-2214.

**YOUTH SPORTS CAMPS**

Registration for youth summer camps has begun. There are a variety of camps offered, including golf, volleyball, basketball, tennis and soccer. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com

**CHILDREN'S SWIM LESSONS**

Hickam Pool two is offering a variety of swim lessons for children beginning May 13. Classes are divided into three age groups: 6 months–3 years old, 3–4 years old and 5–16 years old. Register online at www.greatlifehawaii.com.

**MOTHER'S DAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH**

Reservations are being accepted for the Mother's Day champagne brunch at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. This buffet brunch will be held May 12. Seatings are available at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$34.95 for members, \$36.95 for non-members, \$14.50 for children ages 7–12 years old, \$7.25 for children ages 4–6 years old, and free for children ages 3 years and under. FMI: 448-2271.

**MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH AT HICKAM OFFICER'S CLUB**

Reservations are being accepted for the Mother's Day brunch at the Hickam Officer's Club. This buffet brunch will be held May 12. Seatings are available at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the lanai and 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the dining room. The cost is \$34.95 for members, \$36.95 for non-members, \$14.50 for children ages 7–12 years old, \$7.25 for children ages 4–6 years old, and free for children ages 3 years and under. FMI: 448-4608.

**FITNESS AND WELLNESS FAIR**

A free fitness fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 15 at the JBPHH-Pearl Harbor Fitness Center. Activities include various mini-workouts, personal training Q & A, body composition assessment, health evaluations, fitness organizations and clubs, community partners and sponsors, healthy snacks and ongoing drawings and prizes. This event is open to all authorized MWR patrons. FMI: 471-2019.

**ARMED FORCES KIDS RUN**

Registration has begun for the Armed Forces Kids Run. The run will begin at 8 a.m. May 18 at Earhart Field. This free event is open to ages 5-13 years old. FMI: www.americaskidsrun.org.

**MWR NEWCOMERS LUNCH**

A free MWR Newcomers Lunch will be held at 11 a.m. May 21 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. This event features lunch, MWR information booths, sponsor tables and giveaways. This event is open to all military-affiliated personnel during their first six months of arrival. FMI: 473-0787.



**OLYMPUS HAS FALLEN (R)**

An ex-special forces operative and former presidential bodyguard must fight to take back the White House from terrorists who have kidnapped the commander in chief in this high-stakes action thriller directed by Antoine Fuqua (Training Day, Shooter). It stars Gerard Butler who is in the aftermath of a tragic accident involving the president (Aaron Eckhart) and the first lady (Ashley Judd), Secret Service agent Mike Banning (Butler) is handed his walking papers.

**Movie Showtimes**

**HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER**

**TODAY 5/3**

6:00 Olympus Has Fallen (R)

**SATURDAY 5/4**

4:00 OZ the Great and Powerful (PG)

7:00 Olympus Has Fallen (R)

**SUNDAY 5/5**

2:00 OZ the Great and Powerful (PG)

**Community Calendar**

**MAY**

**NOW** — The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Pass and ID Special Events Office is now located at building 1113 Vickers Ave. on the Hickam side of the base. A special event is defined as any event with more than 10 guests who are not in possession of Department of Defense common access cards and being held on JBPHH, including all joint base annexes. FMI: 449-9394 or by email jbphpassid@navy.mil.

**4** — Photographer Kim Taylor Reece will greet patrons from noon to 2 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall giftware department. Reece is known for his black and white photography of hula dancers and capturing the essence of Hawaii. This is a free event for all authorized patrons. FMI: 423-3287.

**8** — Artist Jeff Chang, known for his authentic pottery pieces, will be at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall in the giftware department from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a free special appearance and demonstration. FMI: 423-3287.

**10** — U.S. Air Force Pacific Band-Hawaii group "Hana Hou" will perform from noon to 1 p.m. at Tamarind Square, Honolulu. The event is free and open to public. FMI: [http://cochawaii.com/hawaiimilitaryappreciationmonth\\_new.asp](http://cochawaii.com/hawaiimilitaryappreciationmonth_new.asp)

**11** — An open cockpit day will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in hangar 79 at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. The event is free with paid admission and is an opportunity to climb into the cockpit of a historic aircraft and snap a photograph with a costumed pilot and aircrew. FMI: 441-1007 or visit the website [PacificAviationMuseum.org](http://PacificAviationMuseum.org).

**19** — Hawaii Military Appreciation Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Honolulu Zoo. The event is free for military and their families. FMI: [http://cochawaii.com/hawaiimilitaryappreciationmonth\\_new.asp](http://cochawaii.com/hawaiimilitaryappreciationmonth_new.asp).

**31** — Members of the Pacific Fleet Band will perform tunes from mainstream genres including rock, pop, hip-hop, country and R&B at 5:30 p.m. at Hickam Harbor as part of the summer concert series. The free event is open to all military-affiliated personnel and Department of Defense ID cardholders and their sponsored guests. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) or [facebook.com/greatlifehawaii](http://facebook.com/greatlifehawaii).

**SHARKEY THEATER is closed for renovations until June.**

Some MWR facilities and services may be subject to change. For more information, visit the JBPHH website at [www.cnic.navy.mil/pearlharbor-hickam](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/pearlharbor-hickam) or the Navy Region Hawaii website at [www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii).



# Personnel Support Detachment holds change of command at Battleship Memorial

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Lt. Cmdr. Martin F. Fajardo relieved Cmdr. Kyle J. Vernon as commanding officer of Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) Pearl Harbor during a change of command ceremony held April 25 at Battleship Missouri Memorial.

The ceremony's guest speaker was Rear Adm. Frank L. Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. Ponds praised PSD's "outstanding customer service" and read "testimonials from customers who walked through the doors of PSD and left not just satisfied but gratified."

"Cmdr. Vernon is one of if not the most competent officers in command of a PSD attachment I've seen in my 28 years of service," Ponds said. "She made PSD Hawaii the pride of the waterfront, the envy of other commands, and a model for other PSDs."

Vernon addressed some of the difficulties her command has faced recently.

"We used to have 40



Rear Adm. Frank L. Ponds presents Cmdr. Kyle J. Vernon with the Meritorious Service Medal during a change of command ceremony held April 25 at Battleship Missouri Memorial.

active duty military personnel at PSD," she said. "Now we have five."

Still, PSD has managed to overcome these challenges.

"Day in day out, year in year out, we have provided the best customer service of any activity I've been associated with on either side of the counter," she said.

Vernon especially praised her staff.

"The greatest reward was coming in every morning and seeing people happy and eager to work," she said.

"In 30 years of service, this is the most enjoyable tour I've ever had."

Vernon, a native of New York, joined the Navy in September 1983. In January 2010, she reported to Navy Operational Support Center Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and earned her professional human resource certification in June of that year. She reported in August 2010 as officer in charge Personnel Support Detachment Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. During her tenure, she earned her joint

professional military education certification and was promoted to commander.

Her personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (fifth award), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (fifth award), Navy Good Conduct Medal (third award) and numerous other personal and unit awards. She is also involved in the Joint Venture Education Forum and volunteers at Pearl Harbor Elementary School.

As Fajardo assumed command from Vernon, he said, "Thank you for leaving me your wonderful *ohana*."

He enlisted in the Navy at the Houston, Texas Military Entrance Processing Station

in 1991. He completed boot camp at Recruit Training Command at Naval Station Great Lakes, Ill., Hospital Corpsman "A" School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill., and Neuropsychiatric Technician "C" School at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. His initial assignment was as a psychiatric technician at Naval Hospital Philadelphia, Pa.

In March 2003, Fajardo reported to Officer Development School in Newport, R.I. Upon completion, his first officer assignment was Naval Hospital Charleston, S.C. where he served as the family practice business manager and operations management officer.

Prior to arriving at Joint

Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, he was assigned to Millington, Tenn. where he served with the Navy Manpower Analysis Center, code 40 afloat requirements department as the production officer and manpower analyst.

Fajardo's personal awards include Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (fourth award), Air Force Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (fourth award) and numerous unit and service medals and ribbons.

The mission of Personnel Support Detachment Pearl Harbor is to provide high quality service to substantially diverse customer clientele in the areas of pay, personnel and transportation.

**My Favorite Photo**

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Allen Unger took this photo recently of the Kalaupapa Settlement and national park on the island of Molokai. Unger is employed at Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor.

**How to submit:** Email your (non-posed) photos to [editor@hookelenews.com](mailto:editor@hookelenews.com)

## CCAF graduation to be held May 17



College of the Air Force (CCAF).

For some, it is the launching point to pursuing a bachelor's and/or master's degree. For those seeking senior rater endorsement on their enlisted performance report, a completed CCAF degree is a requirement.

This year, the graduation will be held at 9 a.m. May 17 at the Hickam Officers Club. There will be more than 281 graduates from more than 69 different units

receiving their degrees. Col. Dan Baldessari will confer the diplomas. This event is open to the installation.

The CCAF is the only college system solely for enlisted members in the nation. Since its inception in 1972, the CCAF has awarded more than 411,000 associate degrees.

On average, an enlisted member earns a CCAF degree as a staff sergeant with nine years' time-in-service. Earning this degree is a milestone in the career of an enlisted Air Force member.

Each graduate is awarded an associate of applied science degree that is based on the enlisted member's Air Force Specialty Code and requires 64 semester hours.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Brianna Hester at 449-8775 or Senior Master Sgt. Mike Vonahnen at 448-3013.

## Events at JBPHH to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Upcoming events in May to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam include:

- May 9, Asian cuisine at the Hickam dining facility.
- May 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., informational booth to promote Asian-Pacific awareness at Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange.
- May 13-18, Asian trio

dish menu at Sam Choy's Island Style Seafood Grille.

- May 20, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., professional development seminar at Makai Recreation Center, building 1859, McChord St. The topic of the seminar is leadership models from Hawaiian history, in cooperation with the distinctive women in Hawaiian history program. The event includes brown bag (bring

your own) lunch.

- May 22, Asian cuisine at the Silver Dolphin.
  - May 22, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., multi-cultural taste fest at Makai Recreation Center.
  - Asian Pacific exhibits will be displayed all month at the Hickam Library.
- For more information, call 2nd Lt. Gayleen Lim at 449-5151 or email [gayleen.lim.2@us.af.mil](mailto:gayleen.lim.2@us.af.mil).

## Deadlines are near for summer military youth camps

Operation: Military Kids (OMK), in collaboration with the YMCA of Honolulu Camp Erdman, will host a military youth camp for middle-school youth ages 11-14 (or having completed grades six to eight), who have experienced the deployment of a parent.

This military youth camp will be held June 16-21 at Camp Erdman, located on the north shore of Oahu. Camp Erdman is a full residential facility that provides all meals and lodging. As a result of most of the costs for camp being supported by OMK and the Office of the Secretary of Defense, each camp participant is responsible for a fee of \$10.

The campsite's recreational activities include odyssey ropes course, alpine tower, giant swing, climbing wall, challenge courses, swimming and archery.

For more information on the camp and applications, visit Hawaii OMK website at [www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/4h/OMK/education.htm](http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/4h/OMK/education.htm). The deadline to apply is May 24.

In addition, the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, in collaboration with OMK and the YMCA of Honolulu Camp Erdman, will host the second annual Hawaii Adventure Camp for Military-Connected Teens. These teens will have an opportunity to build leadership, self-confidence and teamwork skills while participating in adventure activities.

Hawaii Adventure Camp 2013 is open to military-connected teens, ages 14-18, who are a dependent of an active duty, Guard, Reserve or retired service member.

The camp will be held July 21-26 at Camp Erdman. Activities will include surfing, climbing wall, archery, snorkeling, horseback riding, odyssey ropes course, stand-up paddle boarding, and team development courses.

The Department of Defense and U.S. Department of Agriculture/National Institute of Food and Agriculture support all costs, allowing this camp to be free for campers with a refundable \$50 deposit to hold a camp spot. Travel allowance for neighbor islands is up to \$250 per camper and up to \$1,000 per camper for foreign travel on a first-come, first-served basis.

For information and applications, visit the website at <http://hawaiiadventurecamp.webs.com/> and the Hawaii Adventure Camp Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HawaiiAdventureCamp>. The deadline to apply is June 15 or until all 50 spots are filled.

All other inquiries may be directed to Kiki at [omk@ctahr.hawaii.edu](mailto:omk@ctahr.hawaii.edu) or 956-4125.



## Bellows Air Force Station to host volleyball tournament

Bellows Air Force Station will host a Memorial Day weekend volleyball tournament May 25 and 26.

Early registration fees are \$10 per person and must be received (post-marked) by May 17. Late registration fees will be \$20 per person, with registration/payments received between May 18 and 24.

The tournament will be a four-person, two-sub maximum team. Brackets will be divided into skill level and men's, women's and co-ed categories. Co-ed teams must have two men and two women.

The amount of teams registered will determine whether the tournament is single or double elimination. If a minimum of six teams are not

registered by May 17, the tournament will be canceled and fees paid will be returned to the team captain.

If a team would like to participate but requires sponsorship onto Bellows Air Force Station, send an email to Master Sgt. Robyn Matthews at [robyn.matthews@us.af.mil](mailto:robyn.matthews@us.af.mil) no later than May 11. A security check for all sponsored guests will be required.

On the tournament day, all teams will be required to check in at the registration tent at least a half-hour before the game time. The first game will begin at 9 a.m. May 25.

For more information and updates, visit the website [www.bellowsafs.com](http://www.bellowsafs.com) and the Bellows Air Force Station Facebook page.

## Military Appreciation Month events planned in May

Events have been scheduled to commemorate Military Appreciation Month. They include:

- May 9, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Military Appreciation Month recognition luncheon at Hilton Hawaiian Village.

Pacific Command is executive agent coordinating military tasking for a joint service color guard. One service member of the year is recognized for their outstanding community service.

- May 10, 7:30 p.m. Henry Kapon will perform a concert titled "I'm Coming Home — A Salute to Our Troops" at Hawaii Theatre. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

- May 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Family Day at Honolulu Zoo.

- May 30, 7:30 to 9 a.m., "Celebrating the Military Family" at Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom. Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard is scheduled to speak. The Marine Forces Pacific Band, a color guard and Henry Kapon are scheduled to participate.