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Damage to the portside is visible as the guided-missile destroyer USS John S. McCain (DDG 56) steers towards Changi Naval Base, Republic of Singapore, following a collision with the merchant vessel Alnic MC while underway east of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore.  
Photo by MC2 Joshua Fulton

## Missing Sailors identified

*U.S. Navy identifies one dead, nine missing USS John S. McCain Sailors*

### U.S. 7th Fleet Public Affairs

After more than 80 hours of multinational search efforts, the U.S. Navy suspended search and rescue efforts for missing USS John S. McCain (DDG 56) Sailors in an approximately 2,100-square mile area east of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, Aug. 24.

Ten Sailors went missing following a collision between the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer and the Liberian-flagged merchant vessel Alnic MC, Aug. 21.

U.S. Navy and Marine Corps divers will continue search and recovery efforts inside flooded compartments in

the ship for the missing Sailors.

The divers recovered the remains of one Sailor, confirmed as Electronics Technician 3rd Class Kenneth Aaron Smith, 22, from Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Multinational search efforts included ships and aircraft from the Republic of Singapore Navy, Singapore Air Force, Singapore Maritime Port Authority, Singapore Police Coast Guard, Royal Malaysian Navy, Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency, Indonesian Navy and Royal Australian Air Force.

The incident is under investigation to determine the facts and circumstances of the collision. Read more McCain coverage on page A-3.

### Still missing are:

- Electronics Technician 1st Class Charles Nathan Findley, 31, from Kansas City, Missouri
- Interior Communications Electrician 1st Class Abraham Lopez, 39, from Texas
- Electronics Technician 2nd Class Kevin Sayer Bushell, 26, from Maryland
- Electronics Technician 2nd Class Jacob Daniel Drake, 21, from Ohio
- Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Timothy Thomas Eckels Jr., 23, from Maryland
- Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Corey George Ingram, 28, from New York
- Electronics Technician 3rd Class Dustin Louis Doyon, 26, from Connecticut
- Electronics Technician 3rd Class John Henry Hoagland III, 20, from Texas
- Interior Communications Electrician 3rd Class Logan Stephen Palmer, 23, from Illinois



Courtesy file photo

An Airman from the 297th Air Traffic Control Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard sits atop the Meteorological Shelter Navigation Model 7 (MSN-7), a mobile tower system, at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, March 22, 2017.

## 297th ATCS assists in bilateral missions in western Pacific

### 297th Air Traffic Control Squadron

The Hawaii Air National Guard's 297th Air Traffic Control Squadron (ATCS) was a critical asset to bilateral missions with the Republic of Korea Air Force and Japanese Air Self-Defense Force, by assisting U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer bombers to fly out of Guam. Their operations demonstrated

the U.S. commitment to allies against the growing threat from North Korea's ballistic missile program.

The Airmen of the 297th, Tech. Sgt. Marvin Isidro, Tech. Sgt. Keoni Garcia, air field systems technicians; Tech. Sgt. Kelton Luat, an air traffic controller, and Senior Airman Sheri Tomita, a power pro maintainer, were responsible for the conduction and training of

critical air traffic control operations during their deployment in Guam.

The four Airmen deployed with the MSN-7, while Andersen's primary air traffic control tower was undergoing repairs. As the only unit trained to operate this unique asset in the Pacific, the Airmen's unique skillset and teamwork demonstrated their ability to impact a highly strategic base in the Pacific.

Arriving at Andersen AFB, the team was given 18 days to have the MSN-7 fully operational. This required the Airmen to perform a job meant for a 20-man team, but the Airmen excelled and were able to turn the fixed tower operations over to the mobile tower.

"We want people to understand we are here to support air traffic control duties whenever and wherever necessary," said

Capt. Irving B. Bicoy II, the 297th ATCS commander.

A heritage of excellence runs in the squadron. The 297th was the first Air National Guard unit to ever successfully deploy Air Traffic Control and Landing Systems overseas in 1988, and have participated in Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and Wake Phoenix. More recently, the unit was essential to

the testing of the MSN-7, while supporting exercise Barking Sands 2015.

"Our unit boasts the capability of providing air traffic control functions, anywhere in the world, at a moment's notice," Luat said.

Without the expertise of the 297th, it would not have been possible to continue the B-1B operations that represent commitment to our allies and stability in the region.

# USS Sterett arrives in Hawaii for final port visit of deployment



Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Sterett (DDG 104) render honors as the ship passes the Battleship Missouri Memorial and the USS Arizona Memorial.

**Story and photo by  
MC1 Byron C. Linder**

*USS Sterett (DDG 104)  
Public Affairs*

Sailors aboard Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Sterett (DDG 104) arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Aug. 18, for the final port visit during their deployment.

Sterett, deployed since the end of March, will conduct final preparations for returning to the ship's homeport of San Diego, and welcome aboard friends and family members, or "Tigers," for a "Tiger Cruise" transit.

"Sterett has met every chal-

lenge presented during this deployment with admirable professionalism, and I am extremely proud of every Sailor here," said Cmdr. Claudine Caluori, Sterett's commanding officer. "Hawaii was our first port visit of deployment, and it's great to be closing it out with some of our Sailors' friends and family aboard."

Twelve Tigers will spend the transit touring Sterett's spaces, taking part in several hands-on activities with the Sailors, and experiencing day-to-day life aboard a U.S. Navy warship. Ensign Deborah Mullen, a Mount Airy, Maryland native and Sterett's Tiger Cruise coordinator, noted that despite a trun-

cated planning and coordination period resulting from Sterett's deployment exten-

**"Hawaii was our first port visit of deployment, and it's great to be closing it out with some of our Sailors' friends and family aboard."**

— **Cmdr. Claudine Caluori**, *Sterett's commanding officer.*

sion, enthusiasm was not in short supply.

"The Sailors really want to show off the ship and have responded well to showing the

Tigers around. There's been a really positive response to show off their spaces and

what they do every day underway," Mullen said. "It's going to be a really fun time, not just for the Tigers, but for the Sailors as well."

Sterett is conducting an independent deployment after completing participation in the Sterett-Dewey Surface Action Group. Over the course of the deployment, Sterett participated in Talisman Saber 17 and conducted joint exercises with naval services from Japan, France, Canada, Australia, Singapore, and Thailand, as well as maritime maneuvers with China. Sterett additionally welcomed distinguished visitors such as Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. John M. Richardson; Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Adm. Scott Swift; and the members of the House Armed Services Committee.

U.S. Navy file photo



## USS Rushmore visits Hawaii

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*U.S. 3rd Fleet  
Public Affairs*

Whidbey Island-class amphibious dock landing ship USS Rushmore (LSD 47) arrived in Hawaii for the first port visit during its Oceania Maritime Support Initiative (OMSI) deployment, Aug. 21.

Rushmore departed San Diego Aug. 14 to begin its transit to the South Pacific to conduct maritime security operations. Rushmore will remain under U.S. 3rd Fleet control, including beyond the international dateline which previously divided operational areas of responsibility for 3rd and 7th fleets.

During the transit from San Diego to Hawaii, Rushmore conducted routine shipboard maintenance and unit level training as well as a burial at sea.

"In Hawaii, we will receive the logistic support needed to carry out our upcoming mission as well as embark the U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment," said Cmdr. John Ryan, commanding officer of Rushmore. "After an intensive maintenance period and six months of extensive training and certifications, the Rushmore crew is excited and ready to carry out this important mission in Oceania."

OMSI is a secretary of defense program aimed to diminish transnational illegal activity on the high

seas in the Pacific Island Nations of Oceania's Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) and to enhance regional security and interoperability with partner nations.

During this OMSI patrol, maritime law enforcement officers will embark Rushmore as a platform for intercepting and boarding vessels operating in their respective EEZs. They will be assisted during these boarding's by the embarked U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment and will look for any potential fishing violations.

Rushmore Sailors will have the opportunity to tour Hawaii and enjoy local attractions and cuisine before heading to sea again.

# Diverse VIEWS



Submitted by David D. Underwood Jr. and Ensign Makeedra Hayes

## Is there such a thing as internet/technology addiction?



**Airman 1st Class Jada Edmondson**  
15th Comptroller Squadron

"Yes, many young people today rely too heavily on social media for news."



**Fire Controlman 3rd Class Destiny Eickenhorst**  
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"Yes, because the internet is so accessible nowadays and it has become a part of our daily lives. It's like we have to check the internet to function."



**Staff Sgt. Darielle Fort**  
690th Cyberspace Operations Squadron

"There is such a thing as internet/technology addiction. With the birth of the internet, everything is able to be found or completed."



**Master Chief Cryptologic Technician Collection Anthony Spiller**  
Navy Information Operations Command Hawaii

"Yes, because we as a society are constantly looking for the next best thing to come along."



**Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Powell**  
15th Medical Group

"Yes, in today's society, we can find virtually anything on the internet through technology. We have found it to be more convenient and use it as a pastime as well. All in all, we rely on the internet much more than ever before."

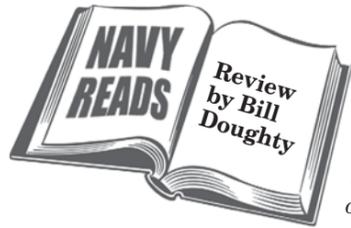


**Cryptologic Technician Interpretive 2nd Class Alexander Warick**  
Navy Information Operations Command Hawaii

"Definitely yes. I catch myself staring at my phone a lot because I want to keep up with the current news and see what's going on."

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## McCain namesake legacy



*(Editor's note: This excerpt comes from a review on Navy Reads, a blog devoted to books, reading and critical thinking. It was first published Aug. 6 and focuses on the namesakes of USS John S. McCain (DDG 56). Tragically, USS John S. McCain was involved in a collision with a merchant vessel while underway east of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore on Aug. 21.)*

One hundred years ago, in August 1917, Lt. John S. "Slew" McCain (grandfather of Sen. John S. McCain) served aboard USS San Diego (Armored Cruiser No. 6).

The USS San Diego joined the Atlantic Fleet to perform vital escort duties, protecting American ships from German attack in the First World War.

Then, out of the ashes of World War I, nationalism and Nazism arose in Germany. Tyranny grew and spread in Imperial Japan, leading to World War II.

Sen. McCain's grandfather, Adm. Slew McCain took a stand as Pacific Carrier Commander, alongside other heroes like Nimitz, Spruance, King, Mitscher and Halsey, to fight fundamentalism, tyranny and fanaticism nearly 75 years ago.

In Brian E. Fogarty's "Fascism: Why Not Here?" (Potomac Books, 2009) we see how authoritarianism arose in Germany in the 1930s, during the same years that Sen. McCain's grandfather was studying air warfare, on his way to earning his wings (at the age of 52) and becoming commander of USS Ranger (CV-4).

Fogarty defines fascism as "totalitarianism that enlists citizens against themselves."

In the late summer of 1943, Vice Adm. Slew McCain was the new Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Air), about to head back to Pearl Harbor to take command of "huge task forces, spearheaded by carrier-based aircraft" against Imperial Japan.

Fogarty spotlights the

importance of objective facts and reason. He notes how in the 1930s the Nazis sponsored public book burnings, abolished the free press and dissent, and began to ostracize Jews and other non-Aryans as members of the public went along.

"More than anything else, the rise of Nazism was fueled by the negation of reason as a basis for government and for social and political discourse," Fogarty writes.

"Without universal or at least agreed-upon standards of knowledge, the truth of a statement comes to depend on the speaker's identity, persuasiveness or charisma." That can lead to blindly following, as happened in Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan in the early part of the last century.

"People commit evil, or acquiesce as others do it in their name, when it is sanctioned and legitimated by the community in which they belong." He warns us to beware of a "vortex of fear that drown(s) out debate and reason."

Germany and Japan suffered greatly after a worldwide depression. Both had a chip-on-their-shoulder nationalist attitude as victims who wanted to participate in global imperialism. That's why most of their citizenry supported race-based fascism leading to the Second World War.

As an immigrant nation, however, the United States may not be as susceptible. Here, "racism has been more divisive than unifying," for most Americans. Diversity may be our biggest strength in being able to resist fundamentalism,

tyranny and fascism. There is a difference between nationalism and patriotism.

Adm. John S. "Slew" McCain demonstrated his patriotism fighting for his country in both World Wars, eventually standing aboard USS Missouri (BB-63) for the surrender of Imperial Japan. Militarists in Japan were purveyors of a spreading nationalism and fascist tyranny in Asia in the 1930s and 40s.

Adm. McCain's son, Adm. John S. "Jack" McCain, also served in the United States Navy and also became a four-star admiral. Adm. Jack McCain was a submariner who fought in WWII and the Cold War. He served as Commander in Chief, Pacific Command during the Vietnam War, where Lt. Cmdr. John S. McCain III was imprisoned as a POW for five-and-half years.

The McCains' story is one of service and sacrifice. Adm. "Slew" McCain, who saw so many naval aviators go to their deaths, died four days after Japan's surrender.

Adm. Jack McCain had to carry out President Nixon's orders to bomb Hanoi, where he knew his son was a POW. Sen. John McCain has been serving his country throughout his life.

The Navy commissioned guided-missile destroyer USS John S. McCain (DDG 56) in 1994.

The legacy of another WWII naval hero, President John F. Kennedy, recognized Sen. McCain's patriotism. Sen. John McCain received the JFK Profile in Courage award from the Kennedy family in 1999.



Photo by Marc Ayalin

Adm. Scott Swift, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, speaks to news media at Changi Naval Base, addressing the current status of USS John S. McCain (DDG 56) and crew.

## Swift to fleet: Pause to focus on basics of operations

### U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Focus on the fundamentals, Adm. Scott Swift told senior fleet leaders and commanding officers Aug. 22 as commands across the Pacific Fleet conduct an operational pause this week.

As directed by Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson in the hours following the collision of USS John S. McCain (DDG 56) with a merchant vessel near Singapore, Aug. 21, fleet commands throughout the Navy are pausing to meaningfully review and ensure safe and effective operations around the world.

In the Pacific, Swift directed each command to dedicate a full workday, with full command participation, to the operational pause no later than Aug. 28.

"There can be no bystanders. Bystanders become weak links and need extra attention and leadership," Swift wrote in a message. "During this pause, focus on fundamentals — both individual and team."

Acknowledging the depth, breadth and complexity of the operations that Pacific Fleet units have successfully completed during this past year, Swift said that recent incidents, "some of which have claimed the lives of our shipmates," occurred while conduct-

ing the most basic of operations such as anchoring, navigation, surface ship contact management and carrier qualifications.

"History has shown that continuous operations over time causes basic skills to atrophy and in some cases gives commands a false sense of their overall readiness," Swift added.

During the operational pause, Pacific commands are to develop and work through challenging scenarios that address topics such as rules of the road, standing orders, Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization (NATOPS), operating and casualty response procedures, Swift directed.

"Per my Commander's guidance, when called upon, our mission ultimately is to decisively prevail in all contingencies from war to peace," Swift said. "We cannot complete this mission without first mastering (and continually re-mastering) the basics of our profession."

"Every day you amaze me with your leadership and the operations that you conduct under the most challenging circumstances," Swift concluded. "I am confident that you will attack this pause with the same aggressive leadership."

## USS Utah commissioned



Naval History and Heritage Command photo

USS Utah (BB 31), shown in this photo, was commissioned on Aug. 31, 1911 (106 years ago this month.) During World War I, Utah served in the Atlantic protecting convoys. In 1931, it was converted to a radio-controlled target ship and was redesignated (AG 16). Utah spent the rest of its career in this role, with additional duties as an anti-aircraft gunnery training ship beginning in the mid-1930s. On Dec. 7, 1941, while moored at Pearl Harbor, Utah was hit by a Japanese aerial torpedo attack, rolled over and sank. A few years later, the hull was partially righted and moved closer to Ford Island, where it remains today as a memorial.



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## Warrior of the Week: CS1 (SW/AW) Su Hill

# In honor of Women's Equality Day

**Blair Martin Gradel**

*Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs*

By the looks of her rate, one might assume to find Culinary Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) Su Hill hard at work in a ship's galley serving a hungry brood of Sailors. But these days, as part of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JB-

PHH) and Commander Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) Honors and Ceremonial team, Hill spends her time now serving honors and remembering those who have given their life for their country.

"Her honor guard performance and lead of our daily drill maneuvers have been vital to our success," said Enginemen Chief Joshua Martin. "As the volunteer coordinator, she is

responsible for more than 400 community service hours including Alvah Scott Elementary School in Aiea which made her a 'guest of honor' during their final assembly," he added.

In hopes of a brighter future, Hill, who is a native of Seoul, Korea, moved to Orange County, California with her sister to live with guardians.

However, being a foreigner on American soil came with its

own set of hardships.

"Our guardians would continuously tell me and my sister there is no need for us to study for anything," she said. "Since we are immigrants, we won't be anything better than waitresses."

Hill said she decided to join the U.S. Navy as soon as she was old enough to prove a point — both to them as well as to herself.

"I wanted to prove people wrong and show them that someone who didn't have anything, can achieve something greater," she added.

Now, with more than six years of service in the U.S. Navy, Hill was named as ceremonial drill lead for the honor team and was recently promoted to a 1st class petty officer. She is well on her way to making her mark.

Gwyn Nosse, director of Navy College Office Hawaii, and Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Gabriela Salvador, explain the TA process to Culinary Specialist 1st Class Maximino Salvador, assigned to JBPHH, at Navy College Office Hawaii.



## A Sailor's perspective:

# Back-to-school and tuition assistance

**Story and photo by  
MC2 Katarzyna Kobiljak**

*Navy Public Affairs Support  
Element Detachment Hawaii*

The other day, while I was organizing my kids' school supplies and thinking if they really need six dozen sharpened pencils... each?, I realized I am halfway-done with my college classes. I will finally have my associate's degree. That is a huge deal to me.

It took me forever to go back to school. I was really intimidated by college and I was always looking for excuses of not to do it, because: I am older, English is my second language, my husband and I are dual active duty, we have kids, volunteering commitments, work and, of course, life.

I have been taking classes for almost a year now (with some breaks in between) and I am not going to lie, some of the classes are more challenging than the others, and they can be time consuming. However thanks to TA (tuition assistance), all my courses were paid for and I will have a degree. And a degree is a degree. Thank you, U.S. Navy. No sarcasm, because I am Polish and we don't do sarcasm.

I have been asked quite a few times "How can I do 'this'?" I get it. I too was scared to start school, and the whole TA process was super confusing to me. After letting my chain-of-command know that I was planning on pursuing my edu-

cation, I went to the Navy College Office Hawaii. Let me tell you, the only thing I am sorry about is that I haven't done it earlier in my Navy career. It was so easy.

One of the Navy College counselors explained to me, step by step, what I needed to do. I had to take two online trainings, come back for education counseling, and I had to establish a degree plan. I was lucky,

**"Take the first step, try one course, because what do you have to lose?"**

— **Gwyn Nosse,**  
*director of the Navy College Office Hawaii*

because I already had an idea of what I wanted to study and did a little bit of research beforehand.

I want to say the whole TA process took me a couple of weeks. After I uploaded the correct documents to VEC (Virtual Education Center) and was approved, I applied for the TA for the courses I wanted to take.

So far, I have applied for many courses and even though I consider myself a pro (just kidding), I still

occasionally go to Navy College to ask questions and the counselors always give me the help I need. We, Sailors in Hawaii, are pretty lucky because Navy College Centers all over the mainland are scheduled to close Oct. 1. The whole TA process in CONUS (continental United States) will then be done online.

I didn't realize it before, but the Navy College website offers a lot of useful information and access to quick links where I was able to find information on DANTES, a tutoring program that will help me prep for some of my classes, like English and math, for free.

The website also has an abundance of great information for those who don't know what kind of education they are looking for, and offers a link to the Department of Labor's "Occupational Outlook Handbook." This can be a great "reality check" tool, because you can basically find information on jobs in any field of interest, figure out the estimated pay, and prospective employers.

Going back to college is not as difficult as it might seem and right now it is a good time to do so because "school is back in session."

In the words of Gwyn Nosse, director of the Navy College Office Hawaii, "Take the first step, try one course, because what do you have to lose?"

*If you need more information, please contact Navy College Hawaii at 473- 4766/5705 or email [nco\\_hawaii@navy.mil](mailto:nco_hawaii@navy.mil) or check out [www.navycollege.mil](http://www.navycollege.mil).*



Infographic by  
Eise Takaesu

# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



A runner carries the U.S. flag during the 11th Annual Hickam Half Marathon at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Aug. 19. The yearly event is hosted by the Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation office to promote fitness and health.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Heather Redman



Photo by Master Sgt. Theanne Herrmann

U.S. Air Force Airman Christopher Lee, of Mililani, air transportation specialist for the Air Force Reserve's 48th Aerial Port Squadron, installs a pallet spacer to build a pallet-train at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Aug. 17. The 48th APS provides expertise in all areas of air terminal operations to include aircraft loading, cargo processing and inspecting, passenger services, aircraft fleet services and aerial port command and control.



Photo by MCSN Nicholas Burgains

Sailors assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97) handle lines during a connected replenishment-at-sea with the dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Matthew Perry (T-AKE 9), Aug. 16. Halsey is currently underway conducting a composite training unit exercise with the Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group.



Photo by MC3 Justin R. Pacheco

Chief Machinist's Mate (Auxiliary) Luis Navarrodiaz, left, and Navy Counselor 1st Class Iris Valesmendez, right, lead Sea Hawk Cadets in marching formation during Operation Hele On, Aug. 18. Operation Hele On is a Military & Family Support Center program where military children have a chance to better understand what many of their active duty parents face by becoming a military member for a day.



Photo by MCSN Morgan K. Nall

The guided-missile destroyer USS Preble (DDG 88) participates in a replenishment-at-sea with the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). Preble is underway conducting a composite training unit exercise (COMPTUEX) with the Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group in preparation for an upcoming deployment.

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# Life & Leisure

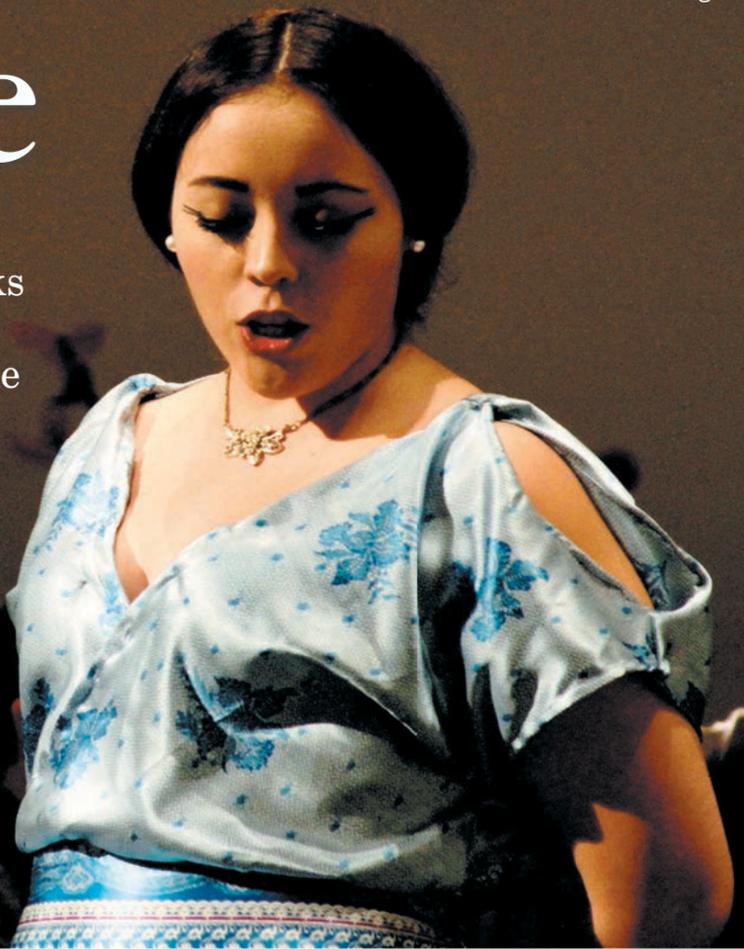
Sandra Aldaz Meraz sings.



“Music has a way of connecting folks from across cultural and language barriers. Because of this we are able to connect with people in ways the rest of the military can’t.”

— Tech. Sgt. Ryan Leatherman

## PACAF band members perform in Hawaii International Music Festival



At left, Tech. Sgt. Anthony Balester, Band of the Pacific-Hawaii saxophonist, performs with Eric Silberger, a virtuoso violinist. Below, Tech. Sgt. Ryan Leatherman, Band of the Pacific-Hawaii saxophonist, performs with Amy Shoremount-Obra, soprano with the Metropolitan Opera.



Below, Eric Silberger, a virtuoso violinist, JP Jofre, an Argentinean bandoneon virtuoso, and Sung Chan Chang, cellist with the Hawaii Symphony, perform during the “Honoring Our Troops” concert.



**Story and photos by  
 Tech. Sgt. Heather Redman**

*15th Wing Public Affairs*

Members from the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific-Hawaii joined a group of internationally acclaimed musicians for one of the Hawaii International Music Festival’s concerts at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Aug. 11.

Tech. Sgts. Anthony Balester and Ryan Leatherman, saxophonists with the Band of the Pacific-Hawaii, performed during the “Honoring Our Troops” concert, in a style they rarely have a chance to explore.

“The concert is primarily classical music, which falls outside of the PACAF Band’s mission,” Leatherman said.

The Band of the Pacific-Hawaii primarily focuses on performing pop, jazz or island style music.

“I have a passion for chamber music, so I jumped at the chance to play with some of the visiting musicians,” Balester said.

Together, they teamed up with eight other musicians to introduce audiences to an evening of music featuring one of classical music’s newest additions, the saxophone.

“The saxophone has actually become a favorite of composers of new works within the last 30 to 50 years,” Leatherman said. “It doesn’t have the same history as the piano or violin.”

By working together the Hawaii International Music Festival and the Band of the Pacific-Hawaii were able to meet their shared goals: enrich the community and use music to bridge cultural gaps.

“Leonard Bernstein said it best: “for heights and depths no words can reach, music is the souls own speech,” Leatherman said. “Music has a way of connecting folks from across cultural and language barriers. Because of this we are able to connect with people in ways the rest of the military can’t.”



## JBP HH Honor Guard teaches students military honors

Students at Aliamanu Middle School learn the proper way to raise and lower flags on the flag pole.

**Story and photo by  
Ensign Makeedra Hayes**

*Navy Region Hawaii  
Public Affairs*

With the goal of becoming flag monitors during the school year, students at Aliamanu Middle School had an opportunity to learn about military honors and ceremonies Aug. 17 from the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Honor Guard.

During the class, the students learned about traditional military honors and ceremo-

nies, including flag-folding, military bearing, rendering honors, history of the United States and Hawaii state flags, and raising and lowering the flag.

In the first part of the class, students sat in the cafeteria and watched the JBPHH Honor Guard conduct a flag-folding demonstration which included when to render honors and the importance of military bearing during ceremonies. The Sailors gave the students a live demonstration of the process itself, in addition to tips they learned from personal experience throughout their tenure in

the Honor Guard.

“Coming and teaching a class like this helps strengthen our bonds with the community as well as allowing us to show and pass on military traditions while teaching students the importance of honoring those who sacrifice for the community,” Electronics Technician 2nd Class Louis Charnoneau said.

Following the demonstration, Sailors from the JBPHH Honor Guard engaged directly with the students asking questions about the flags as well as delving into the history behind each flag. The final part

of the class allowed for the students to practice everything they learned in the classroom. As they led the JBPHH Honor Guard out to their flag pole, each student, with guidance from their new-found mentors, had the opportunity to raise and lower the flag in a military manner putting their new found skills to the test — skills that will allow them to serve as flag monitors throughout the school year as well as a deeper understanding and history behind the importance of the U.S. and Hawaii state flags.

“Nearly three-quarters of

our over 700 students are military-connected, and have a strong sense of pride in their family member’s service to our country. The mere presence of U.S. Navy volunteers at Aliamanu Middle School speaks volumes to our students and staff,” said Alecia Morgan, Parent Community Network coordinator for Aliamanu Middle School. “Service members serve as models of good citizenship and reinforce that service to community is noble, and can be a lifelong pursuit. They build self-esteem, and show us that we matter.”

## Anniversary of end of WWII set for Sept. 2

**Battleship Missouri Memorial Association**

The Battleship Missouri Memorial invites the public to attend a free special ceremony at 9:02 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2 aboard the ship’s fantail, commemorating 72 years of

peace between the U.S. and Japan and the end of World War II. Guests should be seated by 8:45 a.m.

The commemoration honors the heroism, valor and sacrifices of the Greatest Generation, who against unimaginable odds upheld American freedom.

It all culminated on Sept. 2, 1945, aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, where Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Adm. Chester Nimitz and representatives of the Allied Powers accepted Imperial Japan’s formal surrender and marked the official end to the global conflict.

Keynote speaker Lt. Gen. David H. Berger, commander of the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific, will present an address also honoring the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Guadalcanal, a hard-fought, Marine-led offensive against the Axis Powers.

The firefight to secure this strategic locale in the Solomon Islands lasted six months and set the tone for the series of victories that eventually laid the foundations for peace in the Pacific and the eventual surrender aboard the Mighty Mo, America’s last battleship.

Rear Adm. Brian Fort, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, will also join the ceremony as a distinguished guest speaker. Murray Clay, managing partner of Ulupono Initiative, and Michael Carr, president and CEO of the USS Missouri Memorial Association, will also present remarks.

Aloha attire is required for the event. Complimentary round-trip shuttle service for the ceremony will be offered from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center beginning at 8 a.m.

For more information, call 1-877-644-4896 or visit [USSMissouri.org](http://USSMissouri.org).



U.S. Navy photo

U.S. Navy Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz signs the Imperial Japan Instrument of Surrender as United States representative aboard USS Missouri (BB-63), Sept. 2, 1945.

### MY FAVORITE PHOTO



Brian Leighton took this photo of Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Joshua Jenkins (center) participating in a recent photo shoot for the “Swing Back to the 40s” organization, which supports local military-related charities, such as Tripler Fisher House. How to submit: Email photos and information to [editor@hookelenews.com](mailto:editor@hookelenews.com).

# HIANG favored to repeat as volleyball champs

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

With half the year gone, it appears that 2017 is the year of the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) in intramural sports at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

HIANG's soccer team ended this year as the Joint Base runners up, while the squad's softball team picked up another first-place trophy.

Now as the volleyball season is about to come to a close, the HIANG volleyball team is all set to continue its dominance of the sport with its 16th straight championship.

This past volleyball season, the HIANG finished with a record of 8-1, but the only blemish on the record was due to a forfeit for not having enough players.

Just one week prior to the playoffs, the HIANG took the court with only six players and no substitutes.

While the specter of losing in the playoffs by forfeit is a concern, if the HIANG gets all of their players to come out, it should be game over.

"This is one of those years when our job has taken over our fun time," said veteran HIANG hitter Staff Sgt. Alan Michael Warner. "A lot of us have been deployed and are coming in and coming out. We've actually lost some experienced players. We're definitely trying to recruit and we're just trying to work through it as best as we can."

Even if HIANG takes the



Tech. Sgt. Stephen Lorenzo hammers the ball for a kill.

court with the bare minimum of five players, the team will still be hard to beat – especially if the HIANG has team captain Tech. Sgt. Stephen Lorenzo on their side.

Through the years, Lorenzo has earned the reputation as the premier volleyball player at Joint Base.

Although a year older, Lorenzo shows no signs of

slowing down and the extra experience of another year might have made him even more dangerous.

In the team's final game of the regular season, Lorenzo seemed to be slamming kills at-will and appeared at the top of his game.

He said that while he does feel the pressure of having to perform at a high level ev-

ery game, he comes up ready to play because of his teammates.

"They do put pressure on me," he said. "But I put more pressure on myself because I expect a certain level of play. I hold myself to a higher standard to make sure I do the little things. The big things will come and opportunities will come with big things. I just

try to minimize my errors and make sure that everybody's morale is up."

Warner, who is also among the team's core group of veteran players, that also includes Lt. Col. Rick Cox and Staff Sgt. David Stiders, said that he also feels the pressure, but you just have to play through it.

"We definitely don't want to be the ones making mistakes," Warner said. "We've been playing this for so long, we should be doing things right as much as possible."

While some people might argue that this might be a down year for volleyball at Joint Base, Lorenzo said that you can't take anything for granted.

If anything, he said that you still have to come out each game and give everything you've got.

"I don't think it's going to be an easier road," Lorenzo said. "I make sure that everybody understands that we want to put up a good game, minimize errors and make it hard for the other team to win."

Warner, who like Lorenzo has been in many championship showdowns, said that while he expects a challenge, he feels pretty good about the team's chances of taking home another title.

"I'm feeling very confident," he said. "I'm confident in our new players. We had some absences, but we've come together this season to rebuild our strength and core. Everyone looks good, looks healthy and having fun. I think we'll do well."

## HIANG ends regular season on dominant victory

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Most of the regular season has been a cakewalk for defending volleyball champion Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) and the trend continued in the team's final game before the playoffs with a 25-6 and 25-13 straight-set dismantling of Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii on Aug. 17 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

Although HIANG played the game without any substitutes, it didn't matter. The veteran-led squad dominated from the first serve all the way to the last.

HIANG enters the playoffs as the No. 1 seed from the Gold Division with a record of 8-1, while NIOC ended their season with a record of 2-8.

While it may seem like a disadvantage for the HIANG to play a lower-tier team in their division to end the season, Tech. Sgt. Stephen Lorenzo, HIANG team captain, said that NIOC was the perfect squad to play just before the playoffs

"This helps because we've got some new faces, but that's OK as long as we can get the reps in," he said. "Getting real-game play, it helps them get stronger and gives them more confidence. They've seen it before and it's not a strange situation."

New faces or not, it was the core of HIANG veteran players who took control early and helped the team run away to the easy victory.

Lorenzo was especially hot in the first set, as he slammed his way to seven kills in the team's first 15 points.

Lorenzo's kill percentage was off the chart with conversions on almost every kill shot he attempted.

"I got lucky a lot," Lorenzo said. "We just train a lot more. We just had a whole lot more experience. That always shows when we play other teams."

Lorenzo's laser-like shots just seemed to inspire the rest of his teammates. HIANG took a 1-1 tie and turned it into a 9-1 lead on eight consecutive points.

Up next was Staff Sgt. David Stiders, who began to make contact in the frontcourt.

Stiders came up with a solid block to give HIANG a 13-2

lead and then finished off a six-point run with a kill that made it 16-2.

Then, as HIANG got ready for the stretch run to end the first set, Staff Sgt. Alan Michael Warner got hot and led the team to the finish line.

Warner got his first kill of the night to make the score 18-4 and then connected on three more kills out of the final seven points for the 25-6 first-set victory.

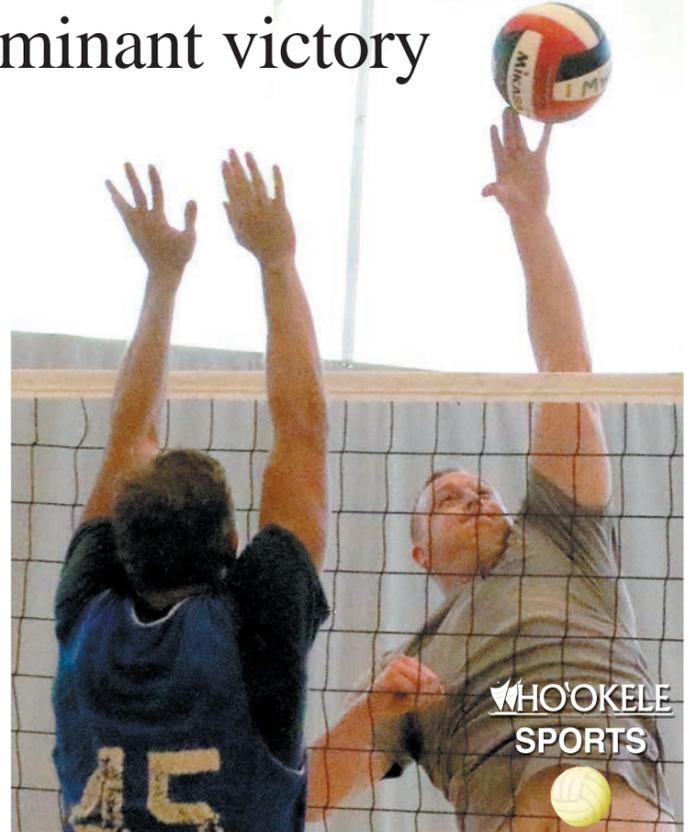
"We just want to make each other better," Lorenzo said. "I'm trying to push everybody as well and try not to worry so much about making mistakes."

HIANG carried over the momentum from the first set into the second set, with Lorenzo setting the pace once again with two kills to lead his team to a 5-0 lead.

Warner also continued to blast away at the ball and picked up back-to-back kills that gave HIANG an 11-4 advantage.

Then with HIANG up by a score of 17-4, Warner went on a tear with a block and two more kills to put the game out of reach with the score at 20-5.

Even though the HIANG hardly broke a sweat in recording the straight-set win, Lorenzo said that he still found



Staff Sgt. David Stiders reaches for a kill attempt.

ways to keep the players focused and challenged.

"I try to make it challenging for them," he said. "Serving for instance, get the first two serves in, that's our mission.

After that you can serve away. Then when you pass, make sure you pass good. I try to protect against complacency by making it little more challenging inside the game."

## Team MXG rolls into playoff with two-set sweep

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Team MXG, made up of members from the 154th Maintenance Group, wrapped up the regular season with a dominating two-set sweep of the Knuckle Busters, 15th Maintenance Group, 25-12 and 25-11, on Aug. 17 in a matchup of Gold Division rivals at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

The win nailed down a spot in the playoffs for Team MXG, who finished with a solid record of 7-3 and earned the division's No. 3 seed.

For the Knuckle Busters, the game was the team's final of the season. They finished with 1-9 record.

Team MXG enters the playoffs with high hopes of at least copying their postseason run in 2016, when they squared off against the Hawaii Air National Guard for the Joint Base title.

Although Team MXG fell to HIANG in the championship finale, the team put up a good



Master Sgt. Marcus W. Della Sala goes up and reaches out to try for a block.

fight and came to within a point of taking set two.

"Hopefully we'll at least make second place," said Team MXG captain Tech. Sgt. Ronnie Saqui. "You never know what will happen in the playoffs. Hopefully we'll see them (HIANG) again."

In the team's battle against the Knuckle Busters, Team

MXG showed an amazing array of firepower that was provided by their frontline hitters.

Not only is Saqui, who used to play for the HIANG, a top hitter, he is joined by teammates Staff Sgt. Opetta O'Brien, Tech. Sgt. Chris Takesue, Staff Sgt. Aaron Oda, Capt. Ryan Snow and Master Sgt. Marcus W. Della

Sala to form a formidable attack.

While the first set against the Knuckle Busters was give-and-take in the beginning, once Senior Airman Tyra Tandal took over service, Team MXG started to roll.

Tandal started off with an ace to tie the score at 3-3 and then went on to help put Team MXG on a four-point run that ended with a thunderous kill by Saqui for a 7-3 advantage.

Later, back-to-back kills by Snow and Takesue gave Team MXG their first double-digit lead at 22-12, before the team went on a three-point run to close out the first set.

Saqui said that while the team's hitters were putting the ball away with effectiveness, it was the team's defense that really shined.

"For us that's (hitting) really not as important as our defense," he said. "There are other powerful hitters like the HIANG, so if we don't have our blockers up there, we're not going to get our chance to hit. We need our defense to really step up."

It was more of the same in

the second set, as Team MXG fought off a 6-6 tie before going on an eight-point run to take a 14-6 lead.

During the run, a total of four players put away kills with Oda coming away with two.

Team MXG took a double-digit lead at 18-8 on back-to-back kills by Della Sala.

Then, up by a score of 21-11, Team MXG closed out the set and match with four straight points, with Della Sala spiking a kill for the final point.

As Team MXG looks forward to the playoffs, Saqui said that the plan is to get on the court and make adjustments as necessary.

With the passing game improving, Saqui feels that Team MXG might have a better chance of going all the way this season.

In order to make that a reality, Saqui said that the team will have to stay focused.

"Our team is kind of young. A lot of our players haven't played before," he said. "We've got to stay focused. A lot of our players get anxious, so we've just got to keep our heads on and stay focused."



## Winter softball league registration ends today

● **Winter softball league registration deadline** is Aug. 25. The league begins Sept. 9 and is open to teams of active duty, family members 18 years and older, and Department of Defense employees assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The cost is \$460 per team. For more information, call 473-2494 or 473-2437.

● **Free pau hana concert in the park** will be held from 4:45 to 7 p.m. Aug. 25 at Hickam Harbor Marina. The concert will feature the funky beats of Good Foot. The concert begins at 5:30 p.m. Food trucks will be on site with food for purchase. For more information, call 449-5215.

● **Free Chill and Grill and Nine-Ball Challenge** will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 25 at Club Pearl Brews & Cues. Patrons can have free pupus (while they last) and take part in the pool challenge. All participants are entered in a drawing for prizes. This event is open to participants ages 18 years and older. For more information, call 473-1743.

● **Free movie night** will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Aug. 25 at the Hickam Family Pool. This event is open to all ages. For more information, call 260-9736.

● **Eat the Street** with the Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) shuttle departs at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 25 from the Hickam ITT office. Patrons can avoid the traffic and parking. The cost of the event is \$7 per person and the shuttle returns approximately at 9:30 p.m. For more information, call 448-2295.

● **Chinatown food and historic tour** departs at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 26 from the Hickam ITT office. The cost is \$35 for adults and \$30 for kids 3 to 11 years and the tour returns at approximately 1 p.m. For more information, call 448-2295.

● **Free LEGO Club** runs from 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 26 at the Joint Base Library. This is a new club the library is trying out to see if kids are interested. For more information, call 449-8299.

● **Read to Dog** will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Sept. 1 at the Joint Base Library. Youth are encouraged to read aloud to Bear, a therapy dog whose calm demeanor and non-judgmental listening helps the child feel more comfortable and confident in their reading skills. Appointments are required. Call 449-8299 for more information and to schedule your child's time.

● **Private swim lessons** registration begins Sept. 1 at the Hickam Family Pool. Lessons begin on Sept. 16 and will be held on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Lessons are one-on-one instruction in accordance with the American Red Cross swim lesson program. The cost is \$30 and the lessons are open to ages 3 and up. For more information, call 260-9736.

# Military teens experience how state, federal government work

Don Robbins

Ho'okele Editor

Teens from military families in Hawaii are among those who participated in this year's American Legion Auxiliary of Hawaii (ALA) Aloha Girls State program.

Moanalua High School students Abigail Horan, the newly elected ALA Aloha Girls State governor, and her sister, Felicity Horan, are daughters of military parents.

Felicity Horan and student Sienna Byrne from Hawaii Preparatory Academy on the island of Hawaii also represented the state of Hawaii as senators for the competitive ALA Girls Nation program in Washington, D.C. during the month of July. Byrne was also elected lieutenant governor of ALA Aloha Girls State.

Felicity Horan and Byrne drafted a resolution to promote integration of improved processing of immigrants and presented it on the floor for debate during American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Girls Nation.

"This past week has given me such a positive attitude towards the future of women in government and leadership positions in general. The other girls there were not only intelligent but very supportive of one another and vastly differing view points," Byrne said after representing the state in Washington, D.C.

She felt her biggest accomplishment was making a point to participate as much as possible in the senate sessions.

"It was initially scary to get up in front of everyone, but after a week of doing this I am confident in my public speaking abilities," Byrne said.

Felicity Horan said, "The week at Girls Nation was amazing because I had the opportunity to meet 98 other girls from every state who shared the same passions and patriotism towards our country."

"From this opportunity I learned why it is so important for women to prove that they can participate in government and that they shouldn't be afraid to stand up for what they believe is right, even if they are the minority."



Photo courtesy of Brister Thomas

ALA Aloha Girls State delegates meet with Rep. Della Au Belatti, Hawaii's state House vice speaker, (center) about the issues affecting Hawaii.

Horan said she felt that her biggest accomplishment was definitely to run for an elected position.

"At first I was scared because I didn't feel qualified enough, and almost didn't run. But when I heard my name as the party secretary for my party, I was so excited and glad that I chose to run. Also, the other girls in my party were so supportive of my decision and election," Horan said. Felicity Horan is the daughter of retired Col. David Horan and Belgica Horan.

"The two girls that went to D.C. accomplished huge feats! I am still in awe that they had such powerful roles at national," said Brister Thomas, the program's director.

"ALA Aloha Girls States elected two high school juniors to represent the state at ALA Girls Nation in Washington, D.C. They toured our nation's highlights, got to meet President Trump and participated in a ceremony at Arlington Cemetery by the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier," Thomas said.

The ALA Aloha Girls State and Girls Nation program is focused on non-

partisan political learning experience for select female students who have just completed their junior year in high school.

Every spring, across the United States, every state selects students to convene in a hands-on, educational opportunity designed to instruct tomorrow's leaders in the privileges and duties of responsible citizenship.

ALA Aloha Girls State delegates gather for a mock government experience to learn parliamentary procedure, campaign, hold rallies, debate and ultimately vote to elect city, county and state officials.

This year's program included speakers from the government and private sectors and included a full schedule for the delegates, learning firsthand how the state of Hawaii government operates.

Delegates met with Rep. Della Au Belatti, Hawaii's state House vice speaker about the issues affecting Hawaii today.

"It is nice to see a time where young women feel they can have a voice to be heard. Women do not see themselves as electable and we need to work together to recruit women. Be students of

history and continue the ALA Girls State. It is a great opportunity to learn leadership and practice your skills," Au Belatti said to the high school students.

In addition, Jaime Hearther, a delegate the 2017 ALA Aloha Girls State, was awarded the Samsung State Scholarship. Hearther, a military family member, was selected due to her dedication to community service and scholastic performance.

She now moves on to the national competition and will vie for the \$10,000 award. "Her positive energy and incredibly dedication to her fellow delegates placed her well among the top in the state for this prestigious award. We are very proud of her," said Haylie Culp, program chairman.

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, Thomas said.

For nearly a century, the American Legion Auxiliary has been serving, helping, and meeting the needs of the nation's veterans, military, and their families, both here and abroad.

## Joint Spouses' Conference registration to open Aug. 31

The 2017 Joint Spouses' Conference will be held Sept. 29 at Neal S. Blaisdell Center. Doors open at 8 a.m.

Registration for the event will open on Aug. 31. The cost of the registration is \$75 per person, which includes four workshops, a lunch and an event swag bag.

Workshop spaces fill quickly.

The Joint Spouses Conference has been bringing together military spouses from every branch of service since 1988. This fun, day-long conference allows registrants to select up to four workshops to attend, and is open to all military ID

card-holding spouses, including active duty, reserve and Gold Star spouses.

For more information, email [director@jschawaii.com](mailto:director@jschawaii.com) or visit [www.jschawaii.com](http://www.jschawaii.com) or / [jointspousesconferencehawaii](https://www.facebook.com/jointspousesconferencehawaii) on Facebook and #thejschawaii on Instagram.

## HO'OKALE PEARL HARBOR - HICKAM

## COMMUNITY

AUGUST

## CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

**MCCS TRIATHLONS**

**AUG. 26, 27** — Marine Corps Community Services Hawaii (MCCS) will hold a Keiki Tradewind Triathlon on Aug. 26 and a Tradewind Triathlon on Aug. 27. Both events begin at 6:30 a.m. at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. FMI: [www.mccshawaii.com/tradewindtri](http://www.mccshawaii.com/tradewindtri)

**SELF-ESTEEM IN CHILDREN**

**AUG. 28** — A class on building self-esteem in children will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule) or 474-1999.

**TIME MANAGEMENT**

**AUG. 29** — A time management class will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule) or 474-1999.

**RECRUITING EVENT**

**AUG. 30** — A recruiting event for BWX Technologies Inc. will be held from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. The company is a supplier of nuclear components and fuel to the U.S. government. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule) or 474-1999.

**PEOPLE SKILLS**

**AUG. 31** — A class on mastering people skills for professional development will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule) or 474-1999.

**FEDS FEED FAMILIES**

**THROUGH AUG. 31** — The annual Feds Feeds Families Campaign has begun. Please contact your command representative to make non-perishable food donations. Donations will go to the Hawaii Foodbank. Boxes are placed around the command or items can be dropped off next to room 315 in building 150, third floor). The point of contact is ITCS (IW/AW) Carrie Allen. FMI: 473-0054 or email [carrie.allen@navy.mil](mailto:carrie.allen@navy.mil).

**PET ADOPTION EVENT**

**SEPT. 2** — Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange and Oahu SPCA have teamed up to bring military families monthly pet

**PACFLT BAND WIND ENSEMBLE**

U.S. Navy file photo

**SEPT. 2** — The U.S. Pacific Fleet Band Wind Ensemble will perform at a free public concert at the Kailua District Park at 5 p.m. The America In Concert event will be held under the direction of Lt. Kelly Cartwright.

adoption events on the first Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the NEX pet shop, 4888 Bougainville Drive. The event will feature a range of pets from kittens and puppies to full-grown dogs and cats for adoption. Animals need your love and they will love you in return. The event is open to authorized patrons only. FMI: call Stephanie Lau at 423-3287.

**YOUTH SPORTS VOLUNTEERS**

**SEPT. 4 TO NOV. 2** — Youth Sports and Fitness is looking for volunteer head coaches for soccer and basketball. There will be two practices a week for an hour each with games on Saturday, starting Sept. 23. Soccer will be at Quick Field and Basketball will be at Bloch arena or subbase gym. Coaches should wear athletic shorts and shoes. Volunteer shirts will be provided. For more information, email Brittany Bigham

at [Brittany.bigham@navy.mil](mailto:Brittany.bigham@navy.mil) or call 473-0789.

**REMEMBRANCE RUN, WALK, ROLL**

**SEPT. 9** — The Fisher House 8K Hero and Remembrance Run, Walk or Roll will be held at 6:30 a.m. starting from the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island. The free event is open to the military and the public. Event shirts will be available for pre-order purchase online for \$18 or \$20 at the event. Register online at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). FMI: [anita.clingerman2@gmail.com](mailto:anita.clingerman2@gmail.com) or 436-5543 and [theresa.m.johnson2@aol.com](mailto:theresa.m.johnson2@aol.com) or (931) 217-0800.

**POW/MIA DAY CEREMONY**

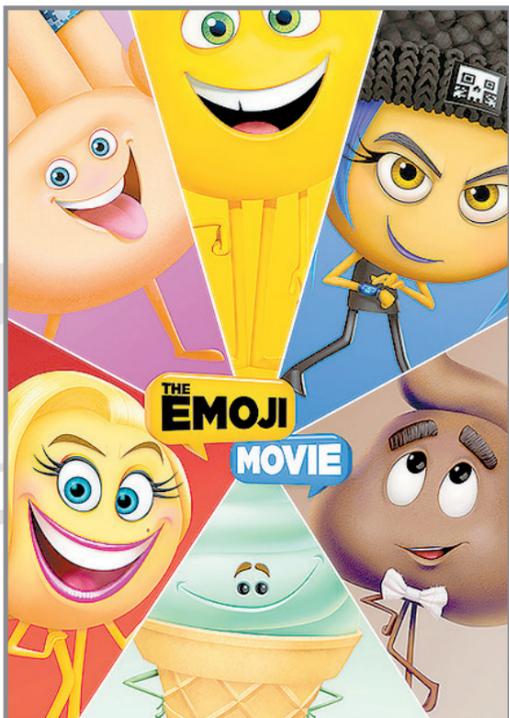
**SEPT. 15** — The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency will hold a National POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony at 10 a.m. at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

**BELLOWS AFS CENTENNIAL**

**SEPT. 23** — Bellows Air Force Station will hold its centennial hoolaulea from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Turtle Cove lawn. The event will feature entertainment, food, keiki rides, vendors and military vehicle/historic/environmental displays. FMI: [www.facebook.com/bellowsafs/](http://www.facebook.com/bellowsafs/)

**JOINT SPOUSES' CONFERENCE**

**SEPT. 29** — The 2017 Joint Spouses' Conference will be held at Neal S. Blaisdell Center. Doors open at 8 a.m. Registration for the event will open on Aug. 31. The cost of the registration is \$75 per person, which includes four workshops, a lunch and an event swag bag. Workshop spaces fill quickly. FMI: email [director@jschawaii.com](mailto:director@jschawaii.com) or visit [www.jschawaii.com](http://www.jschawaii.com) or [/jointspousesconferencehawaii](https://www.facebook.com/jointspousesconferencehawaii) on Facebook and [#thejschawaii](https://www.instagram.com/thejschawaii) or Instagram.

**The Emoji Movie**

Hidden inside a smartphone, the bustling city of Textopolis is home to all emojis. Each emoji has only one facial expression, except for Gene, an exuberant emoji with multiple expressions. Determined to become "normal" like the other emojis, Gene enlists the help of his best friend Hi-5 and a notorious code breaker called Jailbreak. During their travels through the other apps, the three emojis discover a great danger that could threaten their phone's very existence.

**MOVIE SHOWTIMES****SHARKEY THEATER****TODAY – AUG. 25**

7:00 PM • War for the Planet of the Apes (3-D) (PG-13)

**SATURDAY – AUG. 26**2:30 PM • The Emoji Movie (PG)  
4:30 PM • Girls Trip (R)  
7:00 PM • Atomic Blonde (R)**SUNDAY – AUG. 27**2:30 PM • The Emoji Movie (3-D) (PG)  
4:40 PM • Dunkirk (PG-13)  
7:00 PM • The Big Sick (R)**THURSDAY – AUG. 31**

7:00 PM • Atomic Blonde (R)

**HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER****TODAY – AUG. 25**

7:00 PM • The Emoji Movie (PG)

**SATURDAY – AUG. 26**3:00 PM • Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13)  
6:00 PM • Dunkirk (PG-13)**SUNDAY – AUG. 27**

3:00 PM • The Emoji Movie (PG)

**THURSDAY – AUG. 31**

7:00 PM • Atomic Blonde (R)