According to Air Force Instruction 90-101, Planning Total Force Associations, total force integration includes leveraging the unique capabilities and strengths of the active duty Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, civilian and contractor workforces.

"Pacific Air Forces’ strength comes from our people," Brown said. "Each active duty and Air National Guard Airmen operating together as an associate unit, you are increasing your mission capabilities by taking advantage of the fact that you operate in the same platform in the same way.”

Another significant part of Brown’s visit was the new innovation hub within the 15th Wing, the Aloha Spark Tank. The grassroots program creates and brings together tools and talent that feeds into the overall AFWERX program, he added.

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November through December is “annual shearwater fallout” season on base and around the islands. Juvenile wedge-tailed shearwaters (seabirds) are learning to fly, often get disoriented by city lights, fly inland instead of toward the sea, fall to ground and get injured or become vulnerable to predators, road kill, etc.

What to do if a shearwater is found
Contact NAVFAC HI Environmental (808) 722-7285 (neighbor island number). Working hours: Shearbird will be picked up. After hours: Response may be delayed until next day, seabird may need to be secured.

How and when to handle shearwaters
If the seabird is in a safe location, and will be picked up soon, then leave it there. However, if after hours and/or seabird is in harm’s way (e.g. near a road or possible predators):
- Secure the seabird in a container like a cardboard box.
- When handling, try to keep the head “firmly without squeezing.”
- Keep wings close to body. Birds have strong muscles, but fragile bones.
- Gulls are desirable, although their beak is not hard, their fish-catching beak is very sharp.
- A towel or T-shirt may be used to cover seabird prior to handling.
- Keep the box in a quiet location until picked up.

Protecting the shearwaters
CFC underway
Compiled by
Hoyokele Staff
It’s time to “show some love,” which is the theme for this year’s Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

The annual CFC kicked off Oct. 15 and runs through Dec. 14 for the Hawaii-Pacific region.

Cmdr. Hillary Darby, Navy Region Hawaii’s CFC agency project officer, gave opening remarks Wednesday, Oct. 17 at Hickam Memorial Theater.

The CFC is a chance for personnel to join colleagues, community and beyond to contribute to a cause.

“Many people ask the question why should I give through the CFC? Let me tell you why,” Darby said. “Throughout its 67-year history, federal employees and military service members have donated more than $8.3 billion to the campaign.

“Their donations have been positively and profoundly impacting important causes like education, medical research, disaster relief, animal welfare and many others—thousands of participating charities depend on the contributions made through the CFC.”

“For years, federal government workers and active duty service members have been able to financially contribute to one or more nonprofit organizations here in Hawaii, nationwide and worldwide.

Personnel may choose to donate to the CFC via check, credit card, or payroll allotment.

“When choosing you can give through the CFC you get the three C’s: confidence, convenience and choice,” Darby said. “Because it is a federally regulated program, donors know that the charities are vetted and giving is secure through either the paper pledges, or the online portal.”

Darby added that the CFC now offers the opportunity to pledge time as a volunteer in addition to or instead of monetary donations.

“CFC gives us a chance to make a difference, both individually and collectively,” Darby said. “It is yet another way we can serve others. CFC provides us an opportunity to ‘pay it forward’ easily, efficiently and with confidence.”

The point of contact for the 15th Wing is Master Sgt. Kristina J. Stojstrom. Stojstrom can be reached at 448-4900 or kristina.j.stojstrom@us.af.mil.

The points of contact for Navy Region Hawaii are Hillary Darby and S/CPO Juan Osorio. Darby can be reached at hillary.darby@navy.mil or 478-1819 or Osorio can be reached at juan.osorio@navy.mil.

Hawaii Region CFC points of contact are Capt. Joseph Cahill at 477-8805 or Maj. Brian Harkermith at 477-7543.

For more information, visit www.cfc-hawaii.org.
Two green sea turtles were observed stranded near Turtles Cove at Pacific Missile Range Facility, Oct. 5. The PMRF public works officer, Environmental Program director, Natural Resources personnel, Executive officer and the deputy range operations officer as well as U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services personnel helped the turtles return to the ocean.

At left, Sailors assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS John Finn (DDG 113) visit Marine Aircraft Group headquarters aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Oct. 15. The building was dedicated to John W. Finn, a chief petty officer who received the Medal of Honor for his actions during the Japanese attack on Oahu, Dec. 7, 1941.

Cmdr. Kevin Louis, lower right, commanding officer of Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), delivers remarks during an all-hands call on the flight deck, Oct. 11.
Who’s up for a challenge?

Hawaii ‘Port Dawgs’ are …

Story and photos by Master Sgt. Theanne Herrmann
624th Regional Support Group
Public Affairs Office

Computer-based training has its place, but how do we motivate Airmen to become the best at their craft? Stepping away from the office for hands-on training with their fellow “Port Dawg” tends to do the trick.

That is exactly what Reserve Citizen Airmen with the 48th Air Base Squadron are doing recently as they prepare for the Air Force Reserve Command’s 5th biennial Port Dawg Challenge.

“CBTs are a necessary part of what we do, but there’s nothing better than getting out and actually doing the job,” said Maj. Kenneth Ruggles, the APS commander. “These types of challenges motivate our Airmen, and help them improve their skills.”

Air transportation specialists, also known as “Port Dawgs,” are preparing for the upcoming challenge in April at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia. Approximately 25 teams from across the country will compete in the three-day competition to earn the title of “best aerial port team” in the AFRC.

“We’re doing a condensed version of the Port Dawg Challenge,” said Senior Master Sgt. James Kenwolf, the unit non-commissioned officer in charge. “It’s just a small taste of what to expect for our unit members who have never had the chance to compete.”

According to Kenwolf, the competition rivalry helps generate urgency and promotes a focus on accuracy and details. It also provides a chance to boast, “hey, my unit is number one,” and shows a team’s competence. It also serves as Esprit de Corps, inspiring enthusiasm for the Airmen.

Air transportation specialists are the Airmen who prepare aircraft load plans, rig equipment for airdrops, process passengers and load equipment onto aircrafts.

The 48th APS plans to set aside time for each unit training assembly to focus on various skills within their career field. Recently their training included a cargo pallet build up, a sandbag carry for physical fitness, mental skills tests or center of balance test, and a quiz based on their career field.

“We’re looking to build a team and generate excitement for the competition,” said Kenwolf. “This type of training helps promote enthusiasm and motivates Airmen to become the best at what they do.”

The AFRC Port Dawg Challenge evaluates each team’s ability to perform their duties in 12 events. The various events include a 10k forklift-driving course, 25k Halvorsen loader driving and loading course, passenger and cargo processing, engine running on and off, and on-field, a fit-to-fight course, and pallet build up.

Training for the Port Dawg Challenge reignited Senior Airman John Bonilla’s passion for being an air transportation specialist.

“It helped me get a refresher of the things we do in our job,” said Bonilla. “I love being a ‘Port Dawg.’ I love loading planes … it’s such a great feeling when driving a K-loader up to a plane and loading the equipment, knowing I am doing my part.”

At the end of the day, competitions like the Port Dawg Challenge provide confidence and skill building necessary for developing combat-ready Airmen, who are ready to deploy worldwide anytime, anywhere.

Tech. Sgt. Joseph Patricio (right), a member of the Air Force Reserve’s 48th APS, does a burpee exercise along with his teammates.
Call 471-9072.

MOVE THE LAWN AND TRUNK OR TREAT
Saturday, Oct. 27 — The historic Hawaii History Camp will partner with the 75th Air Mobility Squadron for a MOVETEST UNIT event at Hickam Base Exchange. The lawn and trunk or treat event will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Base Exchange. 

EXCHANGING HALLOWEEN PHOTO CONTEST FOR MILITARY PETS
Now — The Army & Force Exchange is inviting military families to submit their best photos of pets in costume. This contest is open to active-duty service members, retirees, reservists, National Guard, current or retired DoD civilians employees with an authorized ID card, family members and guests and eligible patrons. Active-duty military, military retirees and DoD civilians employees with an authorized ID card can submit up to two entries. For more information, visit https://www.facebook.com/15mxsboosterclub.

The Wounded Warrior 5K Run/Walk
Registration is open now until Oct. 31 for the winter season of Youth track. Sign your child up today! Fee is $20.00 and is for ages 5 to 16 years old. For more information, call 473-1743.

Ohania Paint Night gives kids and parents some bonding time today from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Ohania Community Center. An instructor leads the group in a painting of the framed picture. The adult and customer has a take-home masterpiece and a snack. Registration is required. For more information, call 473-2574.

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An advance screening of “Overlord!” lights up the silver screen Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Hickam Library. Free to the first 400 authorized patrons. Active-duty military, military retirees and DoD civilians employees with an authorized ID card can attend this event. For more information, call 473-2574.

Float Night sets sail Nov. 7 at 5 p.m. at The Country Bar in Club Pearl. Think you have the best costume? Show it off and you may win a fun prize. This event is free and is open to ages 18 and older. For more information, call 421-3242.

BOO€™S — Belknap Air Force Station is scheduled to host a booth from 9 to 11 a.m. at Turtle Cove, in building 220. There will be a costume contest at the Turtle Cove dock stage. Sign up online at www.belknap.af.mil/boos. Limit one sign-up per person. Kids and adults can submit their best costumes, games, face painting and more. There will be a showing of “Cats,” the movie, in the grand room. There will be a costume contest, a haunted house and tomb, and free popcorn while supplies last. For more information, call 421-3242.

HALLOWEEN BOWLING PARTY
Oct. 31 — The Naval Station Bowling Center is hosting a Halloween party from 3 to 6 p.m. The party features free drinks and free one game of bowling for those who dress up. For more information, call 473-2574.

HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING HOURS
Oct. 31 — The official trick-or-treating hours for base area will be 4 to 7 p.m. No candy, cash or prizes will be handed out. For more information, call 473-2574.

A hiring fair for Child & Youth programs is happening today at 7 a.m. at the Hickam Family Pool. Full-time, part-time and flex positions available. Government ID required and other documents needed. For more information, call 473-2574.

Cookies and Canvas gets colorful from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Arts & Crafts Center. Kids can create a painting masterpiece while nibbling on a special Halloween snack. Cost is $8 for ages 8 to 14. Admission sign-ups are required and are limited to first come, first served. For more information, call 449-8299.

The Golf Demo Day hits the greens Nov. 7 from 3 to 6:30 p.m. at Navy-Marine Golf Course. Try some of the latest equipment and see what you could catch. Youth participated in a variety of activities outside the Turtle Cove deck stage. Sign up online at www.15mxsboosterclub.com. Adults and children participated in various events throughout the day while quietly trying to complete the mini track. The sponge racing was challenging for everyone who entered. Participants were encouraged to fill a container as quickly as possible by squeezing water out of a soaked sponge. The big splash contest was fun for participants and for spectators. Each contestant had a turn at creating their own splash. Winners were selected based on crowd applause. Virtual Golf Tournament is open to all ages. All participants were given an MWR towel to dry off with.

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NIOC answers critics with huge victory

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

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