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‘Pearl Harbor Colors’ Ceremony to Salute Youth

New Military Enlistees to Be Sworn in Thursday

PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM – The next Pearl Harbor Colors Ceremony will be held Thursday, July 16 at 7:30 am at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. This month's ceremony recognizes youth service and features the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, a non-profit federally funded youth outreach program for Americans ages 11-18, committed to the development of future leaders with ties to the military.

"Each drill, my goal is to work towards making sure that American's future is in good hands by instilling in the cadets the Navy core values of honor, courage and commitment," said US Naval Sea Cadet Ensign Eddie Barinque.

The ceremony will also recognize the enlistment of service candidates from the Honolulu Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS), while veterans past and present welcome young people willing to serve, into the ranks of the armed forces.

"This is a great experience for applicants and their families and will be something they will never forget," said LCDR Andrew Gerla, the Commanding Officer of the Honolulu MEPS station.

Sponsored by Navy Region Hawaii in coordination with the National Park Service, the ceremony will feature the U.S. Marine Forces Pacific Band, the Joint Base Honors and Ceremonies Guard, an official observance of “morning colors” and remarks from LCDR Gerla and LCDR Loren Relin, Regional Director of the United States Sea Cadets Corps.

Video footage of previous Pearl Harbor Colors events available at:
<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/391914/pearl-harbor-colors#.VOfQPMJ0yUk>

For photos, visit:
<http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrh/about/history/-pearl-harbor-colors--ceremony.html>

The setting for Pearl Harbor Colors is the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, which is home to Hawaii’s most visited historic site – the USS Arizona Memorial – expected to draw 1.5 million visitors in 2015.

Event: Pearl Harbor Colors

Date/Time: Thursday, July 16, 2015; 7:30 A.M.

Location: Pearl Harbor Visitor Center

Performance By: Marine Forces Pacific Band; Joint Base Honors and Ceremony Guard

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