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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Open House

(PEARL HARBOR, HI) - Naval Station Pearl Harbor and Hickam Air Force Base will host an informational open house to learn more about Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The event will be held at the Hickam Air Force Base Officers' Club on Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The open house will provide pertinent information for all who are joining the new command, including military and civilian employees, residents, contractors, and tenant commands and activities.

Naval Station Pearl Harbor and Hickam Air Force Base will begin the transition period, called Initial Operational Capability (IOC), on Jan. 31, 2010. The end of the transition period is called Full Operational Capability (FOC) and will be achieved by Oct. 1, 2010. At that time all resources, property, personnel, and authority for installation management functions will transfer to the Navy, which was designated by Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) law to be the lead agency for the new installation.

The new installation will have a Joint Base Commander (JBC) from Pearl Harbor, with the Deputy Joint Base commander coming from Hickam AFB. The prospective JBC is Capt. Richard W. Kitchens, commanding officer, Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The prospective Deputy JBC is Col. Charles Baumgardner, commander, 15th Mission Support Group, 15th Airlift Wing, Hickam AFB. The mission commanders and other tenants will remain in charge of their units. The JBC will report to Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i.

For more information on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, visit www.cnmc.navy.mil/pearlharbor and click on Pearl Harbor-Hickam Joint Basing Info.

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