

## Famous Amos teams up with Dr. Seuss

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Actor and writer Wally Amos, founder of the "Famous Amos" cookie company and the Chip & Cookie gourmet cookie brand, visited keiki at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's (JBPHH) Child Development Center (CDC) and Catlin Clubhouse in Honolulu on June 16. During his visit, Amos read Dr. Seuss books to children of military service members.

"Reading aloud to

children is one of the most important things that we can do for them at a young age," said Amos. "It helps them develop language skills, builds their vocabulary and stimulates brain development."

Amos stated that he enjoys reading to the children and being able to interact with them.

"I have a blast every time I get to come out here and read," Amos said. "The children seem to enjoy the different stories that I read to them and I always like to hear their comments about the book at the end."

At the conclusion of his visit to the Catlin Clubhouse, Amos thanked those who attended.

"I want to thank each and every one of you for sharing your time with me and being such great listeners," Amos told the children. "I look forward to being able to do this again."

While at JBPHH, Amos visited with Capt. Richard Kitchens, commander of JBPHH, and took a tour of Liberty in Paradise.

Amos is an inspirational speaker and the author of eight books.

Commentary

# Window on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

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## Honoring fathers everywhere...on their special day

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As we prepare to pay tribute to fathers everywhere on June 20, perhaps a bit of history about the beginnings of the holiday may be helpful. Strangely enough, the origins of Father's Day began in 1909 – as Sonora Dodd listened to a Mother's Day sermon. Sonora wanted to honor her father, William Smart, who was a Civil War veteran and was left to raise six children when his wife died while giving birth to their last child.

Sonora wanted to express her appreciation to her father for all of the parental sacrifices that he had made. In the eyes of his daughter, he was a courageous, selfless and loving man who well-deserved many accolades. Because her father's birthday was in June, she held the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Wash. on June 19, 1910. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. But it wasn't until 1966 that President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third



Sunday of June as Father's Day.

What would we do without fathers – who are wonderfully wise and at the same time whimsical and witty; who can be stern and impart discipline while at the same time doling out plentiful amounts of hugs and smiles? How could we manage without dads – our heroes, our role models, our protectors, our best buddies?

It doesn't matter if he is a dad who biologically inherited the role or if he wholeheartedly took on the

responsibilities as a stepdad, or if he made the decision to share his love and wisdom with adopted children. To fathers everywhere – who always seem to take on much more than their fair share – and who are always there for us...Father's Day is an opportunity to show thanks and appreciation.

Our hearts go out to all of those dads who are serving far away – and won't be able to spend their special day with their keiki - as well as with the sons who are serving with the military a distance away from their beloved fathers.

As we admire fathers for their courage and their strength and their selfless devotion to their duties, as we cherish their tender smiles and the strong hand that wipes away the tears from their child's eyes, as we honor them for their heroic deeds...we are grateful for dads.

As we treasure all of the special moments, the memories, the events that we've shared with our fathers, we send our wishes to fathers everywhere – to enjoy this very special day that has been set aside especially for them.

Have a wonderful Father's Day and have a fine Navy day!



Lt. Cmdr. Daniel Valascho, executive officer of USS Reuben James, talks to Jay Miller of the Guam Chamber of Commerce Armed Forces Committee during a reception hosted for Reuben James Sailors in Guam.

## Guam Chamber of Commerce thanks Reuben James Sailors

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USS Reuben James (FFG 57) Public Affairs

TUMON, GUAM-- During USS Reuben James (FFG 57) recent port visit in Guam, the members of the wardroom of the Reuben James attended a dinner reception hosted by the Guam Chamber of Commerce Armed Forces Committee. In attendance at the event were several members of the Guam Chamber of Commerce including Rear Adm. Bushong, Commander Submarine Group 2, and retired Marine Major Mike Carey who earned two Silver Stars during the Vietnam War.

The evening event was held at the Outrigger hotel in Tumon, Guam. The event allowed the officers from the Reuben James to meet with many members of the Armed Forces Committee, share stories, and discuss the many things that Reuben James has accomplished on its four and a half month Middle and Western Pacific deployment.

One of Reuben James' primary goals during the deployment was to provide theater security by displaying a U.S. Navy presence throughout the

region. This goal was accomplished through two Pacific Island Nations fisheries patrols that took Reuben James Sailors to exotic places such as Nauru and Palau, where a community relations project and VIP reception were conducted in the respective islands. In addition to theater security, the fisheries patrols were a way to help the economies of the small island nations in the Pacific that rely on revenues derived from commercial fishing.

Carl Peterson, chairman of the Guam Chamber of Commerce Armed Forces Committee, presented Cmdr. Dave Miller, commanding officer of Reuben James, with a plaque commemorating the ship's visit to the island. In return, Reuben James gave the Armed Forces Committee a signed picture of the ship and a Reuben James commanding officer's coin.

"The people of Guam welcomed us and made us feel at home. The night was great, good food and good people all around," according to Lt. j.g. Sara Caba, Reuben James fire control officer. After leaving Guam, Reuben James transited back to Pearl Harbor, completing its four and a half month deployment.

# Hickam will kick off 52nd Annual All-American Beach Blast weekend

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Outdoor recreation will kick off the 52nd Annual All-American Beach Blast weekend on July 3 with overnight camping at Hickam Harbor, including a "movie on the beach" starting at dusk. Festivities on July 4 will start at approximately 11 a.m. and will feature an array of water and beach activities, ranging from banana boat rides to tidal pool sea creature observations.

Outdoor recreation and youth programs will provide family-targeted activities such as food vendors, inflatable play structures and kids' entertainment. The "build-a-boat" competition will be held at 3 p.m. with boat construction beginning at 2 p.m. Duct tape and card-



board will be provided.

The main stage (oceanside of the Sea Breeze Restaurant) will feature some of Hawaii's best entertainers, including Black Square, Kings of Spade, The

Throwdowns and the PACAF AF Band. There will be various types of music and dancing from 1 to 8 p.m. A 20-minute fireworks display will conclude the event at approximately 8 p.m.

The 647th Force Support Squadron will offer several options for food and beverages. The Sea Breeze Restaurant will be open for a dinner buffet (reservations highly encouraged). Additionally, the Sand Bar and Grill will be open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., providing another dinner option for patrons to enjoy while traffic dies down after the fireworks show.

### Other news:

The Hickam Harbor boat storage parking lot and boat ramp will be closed from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. July 4 due to the "All American Beach Blast." Please plan accordingly when retrieving your boat or launching. Hickam Harbor waterways will also be off-limits beginning at 3 p.m. on July 4 due to fireworks safety. For information, call the Hickam Harbor at 449-5215.

## STORY IDEAS?

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# Bats lead 13th Air Force to mercy-rule win

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The hit parade for the 13th Air Force started in the first inning and never let up as the team clubbed 535th Airlift Squadron (535 AS) into submission with a 17-7 victory at Hickam softball fields, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on June 15.

The game was called in the bottom of the fifth inning due to the intramural league's 10-run mercy rule after 13th Air Force scored its 17th run.

In total, 13th Air Force, which improved its league record to 3-1, rapped out 23 hits, which included seven for extra bases. The team was also aided by five errors that were committed by 535 AS fielders.

Master Sgt. Sean Simler, pitcher for 13th Air Force, said while the team experienced a batting slump in its last game, it was business as usual versus 535 AS.

"The last game we put up a bunch of runs, then stopped," said Simler. "But usually we can hit pretty well throughout our lineup."

Hitters for 13th Air Force proved the point right away after the team fell behind, 1-0, in the first inning.

In their first turn at-bat, the 13th Air Force batters punched out a triple, double and two singles, and took advantage of two errors by 535 AS to score four runs.

Then in the bottom of the second, 13th Air Force pushed five more runs across home plate on four hits to take a commanding 9-2 lead.

The big blast in the inning came on a bases-loaded, one-out double by Simler that cleared the bases for three runs. Simler later scored on a single by Master Sgt. Walter Webster.

Although the 535 AS faced a huge deficit, the team never quit and tried its best to keep pace with its opponent.

After Simler retired two of the first

three batters in the top of the third, the 535 AS loaded the bases, before Airman 1st Class T.J. Hendrickson stroked a bases-clearing double to narrow the margin down to four at 9-5.

However, 13th Air Force opened the bottom of the third by rapping out three consecutive singles to load the bases with no outs.

Six hits later, the team had exploded for five more runs to break the game wide open at 14-5.

Capt. Jimmy Arnold of 535 AS connected for a solo shot as he led off the top of the fourth, but the home run was too little and came too late to spark a comeback.

"We made a few errors out there that were pretty crucial," said Arnold about falling behind early in the game. "When you put people on base in easy positions, it's going to come back and catch up to you."

While Simler allowed seven runs, he appeared to be in control as he bore down to squash any rally attempts by 535 AS.

Armed with the huge advantage, Simler said he applied a simple strategy to help 13th Air Force protect its lead.

"I just wanted to throw strikes," he stated. "It's just like in baseball, when you got a lead, you throw strikes and let your defense do the work."

Sgt. Kevin Brisley, who for the past two seasons has managed 13th Air Force as well as the Hickam Base team, said the win should confirm the 13th as one of the top squads in the intramural league.

Brisley noted that the 13th has about six players from the base team, and many of the guys compete in an off-base league as well.

"Our whole infield is part of that downtown team and they will probably branch out to the All-Air Force team when we have the military challenge next month," said Brisley. "We practice,

too. That's the key."

Simler, who is also a member of the base team, said that as long as the 13th can keep its players, the team has a chance to go all the way.

"We're one of those squadrons that goes TDY (temporary duty) a lot," said Simler. "I think we can win it all. It's just a matter of everybody staying together and having everybody here when we need them."



Master Sgt. Walter Webster of 13th Air Force gets set to drive a pitch during an intramural softball game against 535th Airlift Squadron (535 AS) at Hickam softball fields, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on June 15. The 13th Air Force improved its record to 3-1 by beating 535 AS, 17-7, in a five-inning, mercy-rule-shortened game.

# Near forfeit turns into win for PACOM/JIOC

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In a game that almost never happened, Pacific Command/Joint Intelligence Operation Center (PACOM/JIOC) defeated second-place We Fix Ships (WFS) in an overtime shootout during an Intramural Soccer League matchup at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on June 12.

The win improved PACOM/JIOC's record to 9-3, while WFS, a team that is mainly composed of Navy divers from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility, suffered its second loss of the season to put its mark at 10-2.

PACOM/JIOC, which entered the game on the heels of a three-game losing streak, was only two minutes away from having to forfeit the game due to a lack of players.

Games are played eight-on-eight, but league rules allow teams to start play with a minimum of seven players.

The game started with PACOM/JIOC's seventh player still putting on her shoes as she sat on the playing field. The team added another player later in the first half.

Although PACOM/JIOC started off with a slight handicap against the No. 2 team in the league, the combined squad held tough and managed to contain the potent attack of WFS.

Goalkeeper Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class William Pozuelos anchored PACOM/JIOC's strong defensive effort, which was able to withstand the pressure from WFS in the early minutes of the game.

"We have guys that give it their all," said Pozuelos. "I'm pretty good at reading



Lt. Cmdr. Darren Hale of Pacific Command/Joint Intelligence Operation Center (PACOM/JIOC) ties to get to the ball as he fights off Navy Diver 2nd Class Michael Piecuch of We Fix Ships (WFS) in an Intramural Soccer League matchup at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on June 12. PACOM/JIOC upset the second-place WFS in an overtime shootout to improve its record to 9-3.

plays so I try to manage them and let them know what's going to happen."

The defense shut down WFS until midway through the first half, when Tom McLoughlin, a student with the United States Merchant Marine Academy who is interning at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard,

booted in a goal on a break-

away down the right side of the field.

While WFS took its 1-0 lead into intermission, McLoughlin stated that if he and his teammates were on the same page, the team would have gotten more goals in the first half.

"We weren't playing the ball," explained McLoughlin. "We weren't

playing well as a team."

The lack of offensive output came back to haunt WFS as Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Brandon Felker kicked in a goal minutes into the second half to tie the game at 1-1.

McLoughlin gave WFS the lead with another scoring kick from the right side

at the midway point of the second half, but with less than 10 minutes left in the game, Felker noticed his second goal to square things off at 2-2.

"I had faith in our team," said Felker about his team's comeback. "We've played down a lot in our league, but we have a habit of coming back."

WFS had a golden opportunity to win the game in regulation on a penalty kick attempt by Navy Diver 2nd Class Michael Piecuch with only minutes left on the clock.

However, Pozuelos came up with a huge defensive play by deflecting Piecuch's shot away from the goal.

"It was just luck," said Pozuelos on the blocked penalty kick. "I just told myself that he's (Piecuch) going to my left and that's what he did."

In overtime, Pozuelos came up huge again when he immediately put WFS in a hole by blocking McLoughlin on the very first shot of the shootout.

"I waited to see how he (Pozuelos) reacted," said McLoughlin. "I thought that he was going to go right, but he stayed where he was and just saved it. He made a good play on me."

The missed kick turned out to be the difference as PACOM/JIOC shooters went 3-for-3 in overtime to upset WFS.

With the win, PACOM/JIOC co-captain Air Force Maj. George Melliza said he believes that the team is now over the doldrums of its three-game losing streak and should be back in contention for the title.

Melliza explained that PACOM/JIOC's previous defeats were the result of not having a full squad.

"When we have everybody, we're pretty hard to beat," said Melliza. "As the co-captain, I'll take it as my responsibility to keep up the good communication and play smart ball."

Meanwhile, after the win, Pozuelos was adamant about where he feels PACOM/JIOC will finish at the end of the season.

"I'm going to estimate that if we're not champs, we're going to come in at least as runners-up," he said.

# NAVFAC Hawaii to host first electronic device recycling event

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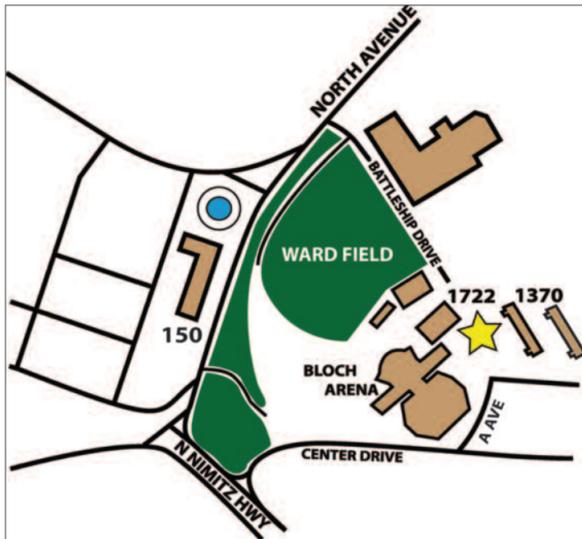
Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii

Recycle your command's outdated and aging electronic equipment that you have stashed in closets and other needed spaces at Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii's first electronic device recycling event from 8 a.m. to noon June 30. It will take place between buildings 1722 and 1370 near Ward Field on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

All Department of Defense commands and tenants on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam are invited to drop off the following government-owned items: answering machines, camcorders, CD/DVD players, cell phones, computers (laptop or desktop); copiers (desktop), modems, monitors, printers (desktop), radios (AM/FM), remotes, scanners, stereos, tape players, telephones, TVs, typewriters, VCRs and word processors.

No personal property, NMCI computers, or hazardous waste will be accepted.

All eligible items must be accompanied with the completed Defense



Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS) Office Form DD 1348.1A, which must include the correct DoDaac or unit identification code (UIC) for the organization turning in the item(s) before it will be accepted.

To access this form, visit <https://www.drms.dla.mil/turn->

[in/usable/dd1348-1a.pdf](https://www.drms.dla.mil/turn-in/usable/dd1348-1a.pdf).

Command personnel interested in turning in any of the above government material at this recycling event should check with their internal property managers to make certain all internal paperwork managing command assets is completed.

Similar items may be listed on

one 1348.1A form to save time. The only exception is for any Dell computers, which must be listed on a separate form and cannot be combined with other brands of computer equipment.

Computer turn-ins will require a few additional steps or they will be turned away. Make sure all drives are clear of media, floppy disks, CDs, DVDs, etc. All hard drives should be cleaned, if not removed, by your command's information technology (IT) personnel. Hard drives that are removed must be secured until they are brought to the recycling event.

All recycled computers must have the following documentation for each unit turned in:

(1) On the 1348.1A, the statement "no classified information" and a signature from the command's responsible supply officer must be visible, and (2) a DLIS Form 1867 "Certification of Hard Drive Disposition" must be completed. To access Form 1867, go to <https://www.drms.dla.mil/gov/forms/dlis/DLIS1867.pdf>. It is a small square form that is self-explanatory.

Commands that follow the above information, speak with their prop-

erty managers and computer information systems personnel, and fill in the necessary paperwork should arrive at the electronic device recycling event and quickly turn in their items.

The electronic device recycling event location is near barracks 1370 behind Ward Field.

To get there, turn off North Avenue onto Battleship Drive, a road between Ward Field and Club Pearl. Drive straight toward the back area of Bloch Arena. There will be signs to guide you to the event.

For more information on procedures for turning-in equipment to DRMS, go to <http://www.drms.dla.mil/turn-in/usable/documentation-usable.shtml#Documentation>.

For specific information about this event or questions on the documents required, contact DRMO, Jeanne Besas (474-0319) at [Jeanne.Besas@dla.mil](mailto:Jeanne.Besas@dla.mil), Diane Jarvi (474-8870) at [Diane.Jarvi@dla.mil](mailto:Diane.Jarvi@dla.mil) or NAVFAC Hawaii Environmental, Fran Pena (474-2446) at [francis-co.pena@navy.mil](mailto:francis-co.pena@navy.mil) or Robert Dray (474-9207) at [robert.dray@navy.mil](mailto:robert.dray@navy.mil).

# Forest City offers tips for preventing mold/mildew issues in your home

Forest City Residential Management

Forest City cares about keeping its valued residents well informed. By providing information and resources for residents, we all can work together to be proactive to ensure homes are comfortable and well cared for.

Regardless of the age of the home, experts say there is no such thing as a mold-free home. There are molds all around us, virtually everywhere we go, inside and outside of the home.

Molds play an important role in our daily lives as they are used in baked goods, beer, wine, cheese and other foods, as well as in many beneficial medicines. Also, molds (or fungi) perform the important role of recycling carbon in our ecosystems and without them, leaves, grass, wood, paper and other cellulose items would never decompose back into the

environment. But when mold is found in sufficient quantities inside a home, it can be bothersome to certain individuals.

Hawaii's tropical climate can be especially conducive to the growth of a variety of plants and animals, in addition to molds. Because molds (or fungi) are so prevalent in Hawaii if damp indoor environments are allowed to persist and food is readily available (such as building materials inside the home and any dirt accumulations), then molds can grow on various surfaces. The good news is that many of these issues can be avoided with a few simple tips and a little preventive and periodic maintenance.

Fixing a small problem before it becomes a larger one is key. Forest City recommends that residents take a few preventive actions to minimize humidity and to help avoid the growth of mold and mildew

in their homes:

- It is a good idea to change your air filter at least once per month. Pick up a free filter at self help or call 839-HELP (4357) to contact maintenance techs to install a new one for you if you are unfamiliar with how to do so.

- Do not block or cover any ventilation or air conditioning ducts. Do not allow dust to accumulate on the venting or ducts. Keeping vents clean minimizes moisture accumulation. Do not use your air conditioning closet for storage. Do not overfill closets or storage areas. Overcrowding restricts airflow.

- Whenever possible, maintain a temperature between 72 to 80 degrees if using your air conditioning. To do so is also good for ongoing energy conservation efforts.

- To allow an exchange of air and permit sunlight to enter, air out your home by opening the windows when

weather and winds are nice. Take advantage of Hawaii's great tropical trade winds.

- Clean and dust on a regular basis. This includes your air conditioning vent covers and intake vent located at your interior air handler. Use environmentally safe household cleaners. Regular vacuuming and mopping removes household dirt and debris that can contribute to mold and mildew growth. A vacuum cleaner with a HEPA filter will help remove mold spores.

- Periodically clean and dry the walls and floors around the sink, bathtub, shower, toilet, windows and patio doors, using a common household disinfecting cleaner. On a regular basis, wipe down and dry areas where moisture sometimes accumulates, such as countertops, windows and windowsills and in bathrooms after steaming hot showers.

- Use the bathroom fan when bathing or showering

and allow the fan to run until all excess moisture has been vented from the bathroom. On nice days, open the bathroom window to ventilate the room.

- Clean your clothes dryer lint filter after each use and promptly report any damage to the vent connection. Dry damp clothing as quickly as possible.

- Limit indoor houseplants to a reasonable number to limit excess humidity and avoid over watering your plants. Standing water or excessive moisture contributes to the humidity in your home.

- If you spill on your carpeting or other flooring, blot the area dry immediately.

- If leaving on vacation, please make sure your resident services office knows. They will need the contact name and number of the person who will be checking your home. Set the air conditioning control to 80 degrees to minimize the

likelihood of excessive condensation or moisture in your absence.

Residents are encouraged to contact the maintenance dispatch department at 839-HELP (4357) or resident services offices immediately if any of the following is noticed:

- Any leak or water damage, damp walls or carpet.

- Any malfunction (including leaks) in your ventilation or air conditioning system.

- Windows or doors that don't open or close properly.

- Any areas of visible discoloration on walls, ceiling or carpet near the air conditioner closet (except very small areas that respond to routine cleaning).

- Musty or damp odors in the home.

By working together and with proper education, use and maintenance, as well as prompt reporting of potential problems, we can minimize the potential for mold or mildew in your home.

**Feel Like a Million**  
*Health Tip of the Week*

Flaxseeds are a great source of Omega 3 fatty acids. To regularly consume flax seeds, sprinkle them on your cereal, salads, and sandwiches or put in soups and stews. <http://www.healthcoachtraining.com>

Wherever you are at on your wellness journey, your daily habits can determine 95 percent of your thoughts, feelings and actions. The Feel Like a Million program can help you develop life-long habits for better health and life balance. To learn more, visit <http://hickam.ifeellikeamillion.com>.

**This Week's Trivia**  
What was the U.S. Navy's last float plane?

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**Last Issue's Question:**  
What year did Cmdr. Rosemary Mariner become the first female Navy commander to command an aviation squadron?

**Answer:**  
Cmdr. Rosemary Mariner became the first Navy woman to command Fleet Jet Aircraft Squadron on June 8, 1990.

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**Morale Welfare & Recreation**

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE**

The Women's Volleyball League is open to women 18 years and older. The season runs July 10 through September. Registration is free. FMI: 473-2494.

**YOUTH SPORTS PEE WEE T-BALL REGISTRATION**

Youth Sports Pee Wee T-Ball registration runs from through 25. Youth ages three to five will learn the fundamentals of T-ball. The season runs July through September. The registration fee is \$40 and includes T-shirt, hat, T-ball and medal. FMI: 474-3501.

**MELT AWAY STRESS**

The Hickam Fitness Center offers a variety of massage therapies, including lomi lomi and deep tissue. Spa treatments are also available, including paraffin baths, scrubs and facials. FMI: 448-2214.

**KETTLEBELL ORIENTATION**

Hickam Fitness Center offers a free kettlebell orientation beginning at 1 p.m. every Saturday. FMI: 448-2214.

**ZUMBA CLASSES**

Hickam Fitness Center offers free Zumba classes from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. every Monday and Friday and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. FMI: 448-2214.

**FIRST TEE PROGRAM**

Youth sports and fitness offers a first tee program from 2 to 3:30 p.m. every Wednesday and Sunday. The cost is \$25. Youth ages 8-15 have fun learning golf by focusing on the First Tee Nine Core Values. Space is limited. Register at building 1399 for ongoing weekly sessions. FMI: 448-4492.

**HICKAM HALF-MARATHON**

Registration is now being accepted for the 5th Annual Hickam Half-Marathon which will be run on Aug 21. The early registration fee is \$25 which includes a T-shirt and \$15 without the shirts. Late registration fee is \$20 (no T-shirt). Entry forms and waivers are available on-line. FMI: 448-2214 or [www.hickamservices.com](http://www.hickamservices.com)

**HE'EIA STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT**

Hickam Outdoor Recreation will host the He'eia Stream Restoration Project from 7 a.m. to noon June 19. June 16 is the deadline to sign up. Volunteers will help with erosion control and water quality monitoring at He'eia Stream. Transportation will be provided. FMI: 449-5215.

**TEEN SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMP**

A Teen Summer Adventure Camp is held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from now to July 23 at the teen center. The cost is \$75 per week for youth program members and \$100 per week for non-members (ages 10-18). The camp is an eight-week adventure program that includes field trips off-base and open recreation days at the teen center. FMI: 448-2296.

For more information on events, visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) or [www.hickamservices.com/](http://www.hickamservices.com/)

**Community Calendar**

**June**

**18** ~ The band "Green Eggs and Sam" will perform a free concert from 6 to 10 p.m. at Koa Lounge at Hickam Officers' Club. Their sound has been described as "funky rock meets country and blues." FMI: 448-4608.

**18** ~ Family Movie Night will begin at 7 p.m. at Makai Recreation Center. Bring your blanket or lounge chair and relax on the lawn for this free feature. The movie will be "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs." FMI: 449-3354.

**19** ~ A tailgate sale will be held from 7 to 10 a.m. at Burger King parking lot. Admission is free and the participant cost is \$10 per stall. FMI: 449-3354.

**July**

**6-16** ~ The U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM) (Camp Smith/Pearl Harbor region) and the Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii (Kunia/Schofield/Wheeler /NCTAMS Region) are hosting Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) Program summer leadership camps. This free program provides many positive activities for Department of Defense and military children ages 9-12. FMI: [www.hq.navy.mil/defy](http://www.hq.navy.mil/defy).

**Movie Showtimes**



**Robin Hood (PG-13)**

In 13th-century England, Robin Hood and his band of marauders confront corruption in a local village and lead an uprising against the crown that will forever alter the balance of world power. And whether thief or hero, one man from humble beginnings will become an eternal symbol of freedom for his people.

**SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER**

**TODAY**  
7:00 PM Nightmare on Elm Street (R)

**SATURDAY**  
2:30 PM Furry Vengeance (PG)  
4:45 PM The Losers (PG 13)  
7:00 PM The Back-up Plan (PG 13)

**SUNDAY**  
2:30 PM Furry Vengeance (PG)  
4:45 PM The Losers (PG 13)  
7:00 PM Nightmare on Elm Street (R)

**HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER**

**TODAY**  
6:00 PM Robin Hood (PG-13)  
8:30 PM Losers (PG-13)

**SATURDAY**  
2:00 PM Robin Hood (PG-13)  
7:00 PM Iron Man 2 (PG-13)

**SUNDAY**  
2:00 PM Furry Vengeance (PG)



# Early surge powers Bremerton past Lake Erie

Story and photos by  
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USS Bremerton (SSN 698) rallied for four runs in the first inning and three more in the second to defeat USS Lake Erie (CG 70), 8-3, in a battle of second-place teams at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on June 12.

Both squads entered the showdown with identical 6-2 records in the Afloat Intramural Softball League.

In the fight for sole possession of second place, Lake Erie hurler Chief Cryptologic Technician (Collection) Dave Ruckdeschel got off to a shaky start by walking the first three Bremerton batters in the top of first inning.

With the bases full, Bremerton pitcher Chief Electronics Technician Chris Martell made his counterpart on the mound pay dearly for his lack of control by swatting a double to drive in the first two runs of the game.

Although Ruckdeschel settled down and walked only one more hitter in the inning (and only one more for the game), the damage was underway as Bremerton plated two more runs to grab an early 4-0 advantage.

"You can't walk four guys to start the game," said Ruckdeschel. "It took me a couple of hitters (to settle down)."

Lake Erie came back to score a run in the bottom of the first, but in the very next frame, Bremerton started another merry-go-round by leading off the inning with back-to-back singles, which led to three more runs.

While Ruckdeschel struggled to find the plate in the early innings of the game, Martell was



Electronics Technician 1st Class (SS) Dave Wietlisbach of USS Bremerton (SSN 698) dives to evade the tag of USS Lake Erie (CG 70) third baseman Quartermaster 2nd Class Jason Strom during the teams' Afloat Intramural Softball League game at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on June 12. Bremerton gained sole possession of second place by defeating Lake Erie, 8-3.

able to find his mark from the beginning and seemed to get even stronger as the game progressed.

Martell squashed a potential rally in the first inning after Lake Erie scored with one out, and with the help of his defense, closed out the second on an inning-ending double play.

Lake Erie did manage to tally two runs in the bottom of the third, but Martell posted four consecutive scoreless innings

to put the game away.

"It's always easier to work when you start off 4-0," said Martell about his stellar performance on the mound. "And we have a pretty solid defense. We just got a good group of guys that can shut people down."

With the team's sizable lead in his back pocket, Martell said that he used a simple strategy to keep Lake Erie's bats silent.

After going through Lake Erie's lineup once, Martell and his catcher

worked out a plan on how to pitch to each batter.

"We decide, when we see these guys bat, on where they like the pitches at, then we don't give it to them right there," explained Martell. "We throw to them inside and outside, I'll give them high looks and low looks, but I'll never give them something sweet down the middle."

Chief Yeoman Randy Barger of Bremerton said that he is amazed at how the team has fought its

way to be a contender after winning only one game last season.

He believes that team chemistry and camaraderie are the main reasons for the squad's resurgence in 2010.

"We just try to make everybody feel good," said Barger. "Even though they get an out, we still try to make them feel good so that they keep going. Maybe next time, they'll hit it over the fence."

Martell agreed with

Barger and added that a less serious approach may have helped the guys relax and play better ball.

"The brotherhood that we have aboard our submarine is unmatched across the waterfront," stated Barger. "I think last year we took it too seriously, but this year, we're just taking it as it comes. It's kind of an 'OK, we'll have a team.'"

Last year, we used to have to ask guys to come out, but now we don't have to."

# Return of Ashton: Family welcomes home pampered Persian missing for 11 days

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The family pet of a newly relocating Navy family was found last week after a grueling 11-day search at the Honolulu Airport.

On June 8, Ashton, the five-year-old, white-haired Persian cat, was safely reunited with his family - Cmdr. Tom Murphy, prospective commanding officer of Mobile Diving Salvage Unit One, his wife and their two small children.

Ashton reportedly went missing while enroute to the airport quarantine station, soon after his family's United Airlines flight landed in Honolulu from San Diego on May 28.

Immediately after debarking the plane, Murphy said he saw the cat being safely loaded onto a small cargo truck, along with luggage, to be transported to the quarantine station.

"We walked off the plane and went outside to where the cargo was and we saw Ashton sitting in his cage. He was laying down looking up at us," he described. "The [carrier] seemed to be locked and secured. Then I saw the driver grab the top handle, slip the cage onto the cart, pull the curtain down, and then drove off. We were told to pick him up at quarantine," he added.

However, his wife Tisha said she got the surprise of her life at the quarantine station when officials told her that Ashton's carrier had arrived, but the cat was missing.

"All I remember was standing in the middle of the airport screaming while holding his empty cage," she said. "It was just awful. What made it worse was they were trying to report him as just 'lost luggage.' This infuriated me because he is a living, breathing creature."

Tisha said her husband had given her the full-bred Persian as a Valentine's Day gift when they were dating.

"He was our first baby," she



Aidan and Ava Murphy are reunited with their family's once-lost Persian cat, Ashton, after an intense 11-day search at the Honolulu International Airport. Ashton was reported missing while en route to the airport quarantine station, after his family's plane landed on May 28.

explained. "We named him 'Ashton' because of his ashy, silvery white color. He definitely has a special place in our family."

Only intended to be an indoor housecat, Ashton had been declawed and was never allowed outside. Trisha said this made his sudden disappearance all the more worrisome and his recovery even more urgent.

The family began an immediate 11-day vigilant search for their beloved pet that included posting missing fliers around

airport property, offering reward money, contacting PetAmberAlert.com and doing daily ground searches, where Tisha and several recruited airport employees searched airport property during the morning and evening hours.

"It was like finding a needle in a haystack," she said. "I couldn't give up because I knew he was out there somewhere. But there are so many nooks and crannies he could hide in. We tried setting traps in popular places [airport] employees

knew that other cats would be at. And I would tie our kids' T-shirts to the cages, hoping he would recognize our smell," she added.

Members of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services located Ashton underneath a concrete ramp near the former Northwest Airlines cargo building at about 1:15 p.m. on June 8.

"He was completely gray and dirty. Burrs were all over his fur," said Murphy. "He also had a slight fever and had lost about

one-third of his weight. He was also missing fur patches on the back of his head from scratching. He looked like he had been through a traumatic experience," he added.

The family immediately rushed him to King Street Pet Hospital where Ashton received antibiotic fluids intravenously and was groomed. The Murphys said that United Airlines took care of all pet hospital charges.

"He is doing really well and eating again," said Murphy. "He has been sleeping with us the past couple nights and has started investigating his new home. Slowly, he is getting back to normal."

Because there are conflicting reports as to whether or not Ashton's carrier was opened or closed while enroute to the quarantine station, United Airlines is currently conducting a full investigation.

Tisha maintains that the situation could have been avoided if the driver transporting her cat had delivered him directly to quarantine instead of making a side trip along the way. She hopes other military families will cautiously inquire about airline policies and restrictions before traveling with their pets.

"I would tell people to find out what their airlines' policy is when it comes to traveling with animals," she said. "For example, we were told we had the wrong kind of carrier and that the door should have been secured with a zip tie to ensure nothing could get out. I would also ask, if your animal has to go to quarantine, will they be taken there directly after landing or is your airline allowed to make a stop along the way? Our airline was, and we didn't know it," she added.

Despite the traumatic experience during their first weeks in Hawaii, Tisha said she and her family are counting their blessings and ready to start a new life on the island.

"I am definitely relieved for the happy ending," she said. "Now that our family is complete, we can finally start enjoying Hawaii."

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