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15th Wing Public Affairs

It was another record-setting year at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens as Hickam children landed 732 fish.

Keiki, the Hawaiian word for children, caught 283 more fish this year than last year's record-setting 449 fish at the 11th Annual *Keiki* Fishing Tournament, hosted by Friends of Hickam on June 2 at the Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens. What started as a suggestion a little more than 11 years ago has become a legacy for the Friends of Hickam.

"The main purpose was to get Hickam families together for an outdoor event to promote family welfare," said Kyle Nakamura, Friends of Hickam *keiki* fishing tournament co-chairman. "It's part of the Hawaiian aloha spirit. It all comes from the heart."

The *keiki* fishing tournament is right in line with the Friends of Hickam mission. They serve as facilitators between Hickam Airmen and the Hawaii community. They seek to support, promote and foster stronger community relations.

"Anytime you have an event that drives people away from their work stations and to their families is a great day," said Chief Master Sgt. Craig Recker, 15th Wing command chief master sergeant. "This is a long-running tradition and every year we draw more and more families. It's a great opportunity for our Friends of Hickam to invite our Air Force families out here and we can enjoy a day of fun and sunshine. It's a great thing for our kids to come out here and bring their parents with them."



Recker said this is a welcome event each year because Airmen and their families are dealing with more and more deployments year in and year out.

"As an Air Force, we continue to be busier than we have ever been and, unfortunately, our families sometimes pay those prices," he said. "So when we can tear away from our duty sections and spend a little time with our families, it's a win for us and a win for our families. We can't pay them back for all they sacrifice for us."

The epicenter of the day was focused on the children and the time spent with their families. From food to entertainment, the children and their parents were treated to a full day of fun in the sun in the valley of the Koolau Mountains.

The children and their parents arrived at the gardens to the wafting aroma of pizza and hot dogs.

They filled their bellies and washed it down with a cold drink, but it was the lake down the hill that they kept looking at, ready to get their hooks wet. All the ingredients were provided through donations of time and money from all over Oahu.

With anticipation at its highest, everyone



hiked their way around the reservoir to the fishing grounds. At the waterside, more than 150 hooks hit the water almost simultaneously. Between clapping cheers when someone pulled in a fish and the dreaded "ahhhh" when the big one spit out the hook, children stood on the edge of the lake eyeballing their bobbers intently, anticipating it disappearing under water.

"There are *keiki* here who have never caught a fish before and at first tug on the line, they will never ever forget it," said Steve Takekawa of Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens. "Friends of Hickam do a wonderful job. I most enjoy ... the excitement coming off the bus. Even better is when they are going home, tired with smiles, especially on the little ones." The odds were in the children's favor. Over the past three years, the children have set new records each year. In 2008, the number of fish caught totaled a then-record-setting 363 fish. Anticipating another record year, the children pulled in 449 fish in 2009. No one expected to more than double the amount caught from 2008.

The tournament was divided into boys and girls categories, and awards were handed out for most fish and the largest fish. Tournament winner for the boys was Ryan Strong, 10, who caught 28 fish, breaking last year's overall record of 21. For the girls, Kristina Poe, 12, made the most of her last opportunity by catching 27 on her way to being the girls' champion and setting the mark.

"It was actually pretty cool," said Poe. "This was my last year and I wanted to try and come out as good as I could. I did the best that I could."

This was her second time fishing in the tournament in three years, missing last year because of a trip back to the mainland. In her first attempt, she caught the biggest

fish at 12-and-a-half inches. This was her last attempt for two reasons: she will turn 13 before the next tournament, and her family is moving to a new assignment. She said this year was "amazing," especially getting to spend the day with her dad.

"Me and dad are like a tornado," she said. "Whenever we're together, it's like nothing can stop us."

At the end of the day, they were fished out, but not a single child walked away from their experience with empty hands. Though they were not going to be able to take the fish they caught home for dinner, each one received a door prize from the Friends of Hickam.

"It was fantastic," said Barbara Southworth, an Air Force spouse. "We had an absolute ball. Our goal was for everyone to catch a fish and we did more than that."

From fishing poles to tackle boxes to footballs and volleyballs, the Hawaiian isles will be a nice playground for the *keiki*'s new toys.

"We just got here a couple of months ago and could not believe what a great opportunity this was," said Master Sgt. Mike Hammond, Pacific Air Forces Headquarters staff. "We are just very grateful to the Friends of Hickam and everyone who put on this great event. It's a great opportunity to come out here with the family and spend a good time and win some prizes and catch some fish."

In an e-mail sent to the Friends of Hickam thanking them for a wonderful event, they detailed their children's experience, saying it was the first time they have ever caught a fish. Though they have made two previous attempts in their young lives to catch a fish, they were skunked until this fishing tournament. According to the letter, being new to Hickam, the tournament made their new assignment here feel more like home. Their youngest son wore the batting gloves he won as a prize to bed that night, still excited about catching his first fish.

(Editor's Note: Friends of Hickam would like to extend a heartfelt mahalo to the individuals and businesses that contributed their time and donated generously to make the Keiki Fishing Tournament a success. To see the full list, visit <http://www2.hickam.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-100608-035.pdf>.)



Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard hosts family affair

Liane Nakahara and Katie Vanes

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

More than 1,100 Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard workers and their guests participated in Family Day on May 15. The event featured several tours, including a white boat trip around the harbor, a visit aboard USS Chosin (DDG 93) and bus rides into the shipyard's waterfront where ships are repaired. Family Day is a special opportunity, available every few years for family members of employees to visit areas of the shipyard that are normally closed to the general public.

"It's great to see the smiles on everyone's faces," said Rear Adm. (select) Gregory Thomas, shipyard commander. "We can't have the typical 'take-your-child-to-work day' like other places so this event is one of the best and most fun ways to show our families what we do at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard."

Guests dined at multiple food booths, listened to live music, and participated in a variety of activities, including fishing for prizes and sumo-wrestling. Bus tour participants learned about the shipyard's history, mission and what the various trades do to repair, maintain and modernize submarines and surface ships. Buses paused at



selected buildings where guests were able to walk through work spaces and see trade displays and shop equipment.

Navy white boats glided through the water in the harbor, carrying more than 350 Family Day visitors past sights such as Battleship Missouri, the USS Arizona Memorial, the weapons facility in West Loch and the mothball fleet in East Loch and the shipyard's historic dry docks.

Members of the robotics teams from Farrington High School and Kalani High School held robotics demonstrations as part of an initiative to spark interest in engineering. Children – and children at heart – piloted student-built robots used for nationwide robotics competitions during the past school year.

On May 17, 2008, the shipyard held a Family Day event to cap off the week-long Shipyard Centennial Anniversary celebration. It was the first time that the shipyard opened its gates to employees' family members and friends since 1999.

Carl Maki, an engineering technician at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, stands by to provide technical advice while his son builds a tower out of marshmallows and toothpicks at the engineering activities table during Family Day at the shipyard on May 15.

U.S. Navy photo by Marshall Fukuki

Babies have playmorning date at Forest City

Story and photo by Natasha N. Jackson

Community Services Coordinator, Forest City Residential Management, Inc. Navy Family Housing

Forest City Residential Management (FCRM) supports events to keep up with their residents' little ones. Playmorning happens from 9:30 to 11 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday at the Forest City Moanalua Terrace

Community Center. The event is sponsored by the Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA). Accompanied by a caregiver, children from birth to five years old experience a variety of age-appropriate events. Playmorning assists between 20 and 90 Forest City residents per event. Some participants are new to the island and are unaware of outside resources. Playmorning gives residents access to information ranging from the location of the grocery



stores to more vital support services like the local food pantry. "Ninety percent of the people who attend Playmorning are wives whose husbands are on deployment. For some mothers, this is their life support," said Nohea Thomas, Playmorning coordinator. There are plenty of

Keiki enjoy Playmorning activities, offered from 9:30 to 11 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday at the Moanalua Terrace Community Center.

opportunities for parents to get involved in the activities. The cost is \$1 for every child between ages one to five and free for infants. The charge pays for the crafting supplies used during the activities.

Forest City continues to provide resident families with various opportunities to build community. For more information about this and other Forest City programs, residents should contact their resident services office (RSO).

Olympian dream drives Navy corpsman

Story and photo by
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Shuttling back and forth between Bloch Arena and the Hickam Fitness Center throughout a typical week, Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Susan Salazar of Naval Surface Group Mid-Pacific (COMNAVSURFGRU MID-PAC) is in pursuit of building the ideal physique that would catapult her onto the stage of the International Federation of Bodybuilders' (IFBB) extravaganza known as the Olympia.

And judging by her meteoric rise through the ranks as a competitive figure contestant, Salazar's dream may come true as quickly as Sept. 24, when the professional event will crown the 2010 Ms. Figure Olympia at the Orleans Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nev.

For Salazar, stepping out into the lights at the Olympia would represent the pinnacle of a seven-year journey that started one year before her commitment to the Navy began.

"Just once, I'd like to step onto that stage. I don't even have to place," said Salazar. "Hopefully, I can get it this year. But if not, as long as God helps me, I'll keep going."

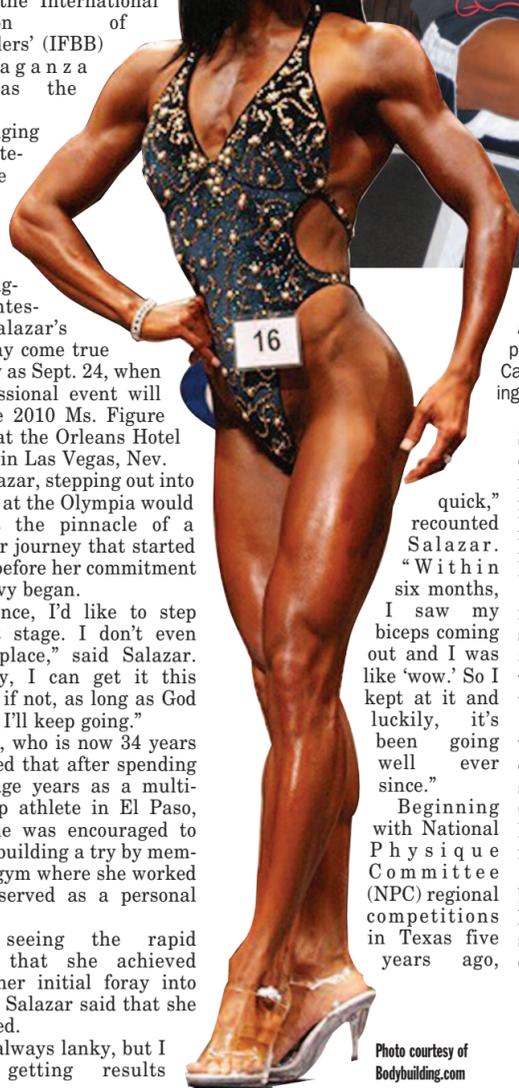
Salazar, who is now 34 years old, related that after spending her teenage years as a multi-sport prep athlete in El Paso, Texas, she was encouraged to give bodybuilding a try by members of a gym where she worked out and served as a personal trainer.

After seeing the rapid progress that she achieved through her initial foray into the sport, Salazar said that she was hooked.

"I was always lanky, but I started getting results



Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Susan Salazar grits her teeth in determination as she squeezes out her final reps of a back workout at Bloch Arena, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on June 3. Salazar, who made her professional debut in women bodybuilding's figure category at the IFBB California Pro Figure over the Memorial Day weekend, is focused on competing at the 2010 Olympia later this year.



quick," recounted Salazar. "Within six months, I saw my biceps coming out and I was like 'wow.' So I kept at it and luckily, it's been going well ever since."

Beginning with National Physique Committee (NPC) regional competitions in Texas five years ago,

Photo courtesy of
Bodybuilding.com

Salazar's career in the amateur organization began to escalate in 2007 when she took first in four events, which included the NPC All Forces National Bodybuilding, Fitness and Figure Championships.

While each of the victories marked a milestone for Salazar, she admitted that winning the armed forces title was the high-water mark of her career at that time.

"Personally, the armed forces was my first big win," acknowledged Salazar, who was then stationed at Naval Medical Center San Diego in Balboa Park. "I got my first sword and it was awesome."

However, following her breakout year, Salazar's career hit a stumbling block as she squared off against national-caliber figure athletes for the first time in 2008.

After back-to-back finishes in 16th place, Salazar stated that she sought the help of veteran trainer Hany Rambod to get

her Olympia dreams back on track.

Rambod, who is considered a guru when it comes to fine-tuning bodybuilders, has a list of elite clientele that includes current and three-time Mr. Olympia Jay Culter.

Salazar sent Rambod photos of herself and, in return, received advice on training and nutrition, which she said helped take her body to the next level.

Last year, Salazar used Rambod's guidance to win two titles, but more importantly, she earned her professional card by placing second at the NPC Team Universe, which was held at the Tribeca Performing Arts Center in New York, N.Y., on Sept. 18-19.

"Winning the armed forces was for me, but getting my pro card was the ultimate goal," said Salazar. "I never thought that I'd get to that point, so when I did, I'm like, I'm finally good enough to go to the

Olympia."

In order to get to bodybuilding's big dance, Salazar said that she would need to place among the top-two figure contestants in an IFBB-sanctioned event.

Although Salazar placed 15th in her professional debut at the IFBB California Pro Figure over the Memorial Day weekend, she noted that if she adds on a few pounds of quality muscle, while maintaining her ripped physique, she should do well in three upcoming IFBB events that will be held prior to the Olympia.

"I got good feedback from judge Sandy Williams, who said that my package was awesome," said Salazar, who competed in California at 105 pounds. "But she said, 'from now, I want you bigger.' It's easy for me to build muscle quick, so I just got to get to that certain weight and maintain it."

In the coming weeks, Salazar said that she would compete in an IFBB-sanctioned competition in New York, then it's off to Jacksonville, Fla. for another event, and finally it's on to Dallas, Texas for the Europa Super Show in August.

While Salazar admits that she sometimes questions her sanity for getting involved in such an extreme sport, she feels privileged that her efforts have earned her a place among the sport's rising stars.

Salazar's daily routine from Monday through Saturday includes doing one hour of cardio at 5 a.m., a resistance workout on machines or free weights for another hour at around 3 p.m., and a second round of cardio in the evening.

In addition to her workouts, Salazar also maintains a strict diet regimen that helps her whittle down her body-fat percentage to a mere two percent by show time.

"Sometimes, I'm like, wouldn't it be great just to live normal? So I tried it for a day, but I couldn't do it," confessed Salazar. "I feel like this is a gift. God gave me something, so I figured, 'Hey, why not go with it?'"

Big bats lead 15th Medical Group to victory

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Third baseman Staff Sgt. Shawn Volle went three-for-four, which included a two-run home run in the bottom of the third, to help 15th Medical Group rally from a four-run deficit to defeat 747th

Communication Squadron (747th CS), 12-7, in an intramural softball game at Hickam softball fields, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on June 8.

Volle's blast couldn't have come at a better time and seemed to ignite 15th Medical Group, which was down by a score of 5-1 at the time of the third baseman's towering jack that cleared the left-field fence with ample room to spare.

Volle, who also smacked a double

to drive in a run in the fourth and a single that played two more runs in fifth, said that he approached the plate in the third inning with only one thought on his mind.

"I just wanted to hit it hard," he said about his homer. "That's all I wanted to do."

Still trailing by two runs, 15th Medical Group pitcher Tech. Sgt. Allen Malone bore down and worked out of a two-men jam with two outs to

keep 747th CS off the scoreboard in the top of the fourth.

In the bottom of the frame, 15th Medical Group set the stage for a big inning by putting its first two batters on base with walks. Aided by two errors, the team went on to explode for four runs to take a 7-5 lead.

Although 747th CS came back to tie the score in its next turn at-bat, 15th Medical Group broke the game wide open with a huge five run rally on six hits, an error and a walk in the bottom of the fifth.

The game-winning eruption came after 15th Medical Group's first two batters harmlessly recorded outs on a pop-up to second and on a ground out that went from third to first.

"We all want a 'W.' We're all determined to play ball," said Malone about the team's rally with two outs and nobody on base. "As long as we continue playing hard, the Ws are going to fall."

After getting the commanding lead, Malone went back to work on the mound and put down the 747th CS batters in order in the very next inning to preserve the victory.

While Malone was roughed up for one run in the top of the second and for four more tallies in the third, the hurler settled down to keep his team in the game.

He stated that having a strong defense allowed him to keep focused on the mound and not worry about the score.

"I know that they're

behind me so I can make any pitch that I choose," noted Malone. "I know that they are going to make a play on the ball."

Senior Airman Rafael Gatlin of 747th CS said that while it's disappointing to lose after getting out to a fast start, it was just one of those days when the hits weren't falling for his team.

Still, even though the loss dropped 747th CS's record to 1-2, Gatlin said he is confident that the squad has what it takes to make it to the playoffs.

"We have pretty good players on our team," stated Gatlin. "I think we're most definitely going to make the playoffs. We just need to make sure that the key players are in the key positions."

Although 15th Medical Group also has a league record of 1-2, Volle said that the team would be on an upswing as long as it has an ample supply of players.

"We had a lot more players come out and play today," pointed out Volle. "We didn't have to struggle to get players."

Malone agreed with his teammate, but added that the win over 747th CS could signal the start of something good for 15th Medical Group.

"Now that we have a complete staff, we got a decent ball club," said Malone. "Honestly, I think we got a chance to win a championship. It all comes down to good defense and timely hitting."



Staff Sgt. Shawn Volle of 15th Medical Group crushes a pitch during the team's intramural game versus 747th Communication Squadron (747th CS) at Hickam softball fields, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on June 8. Volle's big day at the plate helped 15th Medical Group rally past 747th CS, 12-7, to win its first game of the season.

Amy Hanaiali'i performs for military at NEX

MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Amy Hanaiali'i, local celebrity and award winning female vocalist, performed at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Navy Exchange for Hawaii-based service members and their families May 29 as part of Military Appreciation Month.

During the concert, Hanaiali'i sang several songs including "Feels Like Home," which she dedicated to every service member in the armed forces.

Hanaiali'i said the song is very universal around the world. "It makes everybody miss home, doesn't matter where you're from," she said. "I really appreciate what they are doing for our country."

Proclaimed by Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle as Hawaii's official music ambassador, Hanaiali'i traveled the world, including several overseas U.S. military bases, sharing the aloha spirit.

"In Japan it's pretty amazing," said Hanaiali'i. "When I did a concert at Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, there were about



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Paul D. Honnick

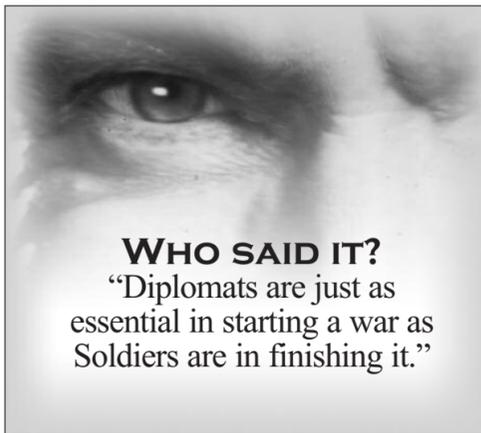
The award-winning Hawaiian artist Amy Hanaiali'i performs a free concert for patrons at the Navy Exchange at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on May 29. Hanaiali'i and her band performed as part of the Military Appreciation Month celebration in Hawaii.

300 local boys over there. They have been in Japan for two years, just homesick like you wouldn't believe. They were crying through the whole concert."

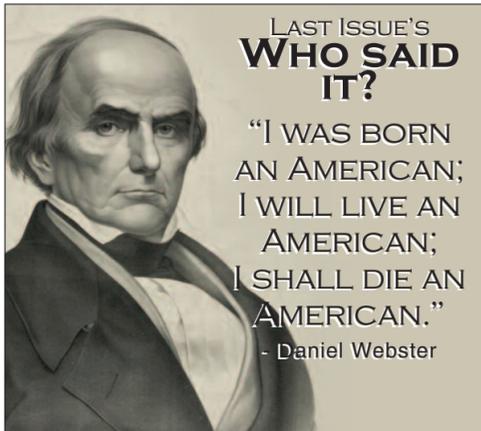
Raised on the island of Maui, Hanaiali'i grew up with the sounds of cultural chants, ancestral drum beats and kani ka pila, music played with family and friends. Hanaiali'i said one of the core themes of her music is the environment.

"I'm a local girl and part Hawaiian and so the aina here in Hawaii is extremely important to me," said Hanaiali'i. "It is who we are in Hawaii."

Hanaiali'i's success as a recording artist consists of a multitude of awards and acknowledgments, including three Grammy nominations for Best Hawaiian Music Album. Her albums have also received 15 Na Hōkū Hanohano Awards (Hawaii's equivalent to the Grammy), including the prestigious Female Vocalist of the Year, Hawaiian Album of the Year, Song of the Year, Group of the Year, most recently Contemporary Album of the Year and even Christmas Album of the Year.



WHO SAID IT?
"Diplomats are just as essential in starting a war as Soldiers are in finishing it."



LAST ISSUE'S
WHO SAID IT?

"I WAS BORN AN AMERICAN; I WILL LIVE AN AMERICAN; I SHALL DIE AN AMERICAN."

- Daniel Webster

Feel Like a Million
Health Tip of the Week

"A great way to ensure you receive your daily vegetable requirements is to fill your plate 1/2 full with fresh raw vegetables or a salad and eat it before the rest of your meal."
[http:// www.healthcoachtraining.com](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 year did Cmdr. Rosemary Mariner become the first female Navy commander to command an aviation squadron?

Last Issue's Question:
A Navy lieutenant was the first American to discover the Antarctic coast. What was his name?

Answer:
U.S. Navy Lt. Charles Wilkes became the first American to discover the Antarctic coast on Jan. 19, 1840.



PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM **Maniawa Nanea** LEISURE

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 June 7 to 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 begins June 14 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

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.greatlifeohawaii.com or www.hickamservices.com/

Community Calendar

June

6-July 2 - Need a speech class for the completion of your CCAF degree? At Hawaii Pacific University (HPU), COM 2000 will be offered in a two-and-a-half week session. Other interim courses such as biology, justice admin., management and computer science are also being offered during the interim session, both in a two-and-a-half week or five-week format. Registration is available at Hickam, hangar two. FMI: 543-8053.

19 - Hawai'i Nature Center needs volunteers to help with mangrove removal from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Pouhala Marsh. RSVP by June 16. Hawai'i Nature Center is located at 2131 Makiki Heights Drive in Honolulu. FMI: Pauline Kawamata at 955-0100, ext. 18 or www.hawaiinaturecenter.org

July

6-16 - The U.S. Pacific Command (USPA-COM) (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.

At a glance

NEX Mall Renovations

Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) Mall renovations are scheduled from now until October. NEX is currently conducting renovation work and relocations to some of the various departments. Changes made to date:

- Navy Pride now in the Mall rotunda (previously golf shop).
- Embroidery and engraving has moved to Mall tailor shop.
- Flower shop renovation is complete.
- Books and gift cards has moved to first floor near flower shop (previously Navy Pride).
- Dive O'ahu moved next to hardware department (second floor).
- Hawaiian Food and Gifts has expanded (second floor).
- Bose Entertainment and furniture display (second floor).

Movie Showtimes



Date Night (PG-13)

Dragged down by the daily grind, suburbanites Phil and Claire try to put the spark back in their marriage by visiting a trendy Manhattan bistro. They get more than they bargained for when a case of mistaken identity hurtles them into an incredible adventure involving corrupt cops, a mob boss and a crazed cab driver.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY
7:00 PM The Losers (PG 13)

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

SUNDAY
2:30 PM Furry Vengeance (PG)
4:45 PM Date Night (PG 13)
7:00 PM Kick-Ass (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY
6:00 PM Furry Vengeance (PG)
8:30 PM Losers (PG-13)

SATURDAY
4:00 PM How To Train Your Dragon (PG)
7:00 PM A Nightmare on Elm Street (R)

SUNDAY
2:00 PM Furry Vengeance (PG)



Kunia victory cooled by abrupt ending

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Kunia Gallos' win over SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team One (SDVT-1) isn't in dispute, but the ruling over how the game would go down in the books was still being decided after the Intramural Soccer League matchup came to a screeching halt with the league-leading Gallos ahead by a score of 2-0 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on June 5.

The game was stopped at the midway point of the second half after SDVT-1 goalkeeper Lt. j.g. Andy Smith inadvertently received a kick to his head, which resulted in a near melee that saw members of both squads engage in a shoving match near the Kunia goal.

Although the exchange was quickly diffused, SDVT-1 players decided to discontinue play after they determined that Smith was in too much distress to carry on his duties as the team's goalie.

At press time, Morale, Welfare and Recreation intramural officials were still deciding if the game would be ruled as a complete-game win by Kunia, or as a forfeit by SDVT-1.

Air Force Senior Airman Tom Mrozovich, who was on the opposite end of the collision with Smith, said that the outcome of his kick was totally unintentional.

Mrozovich explained that it was just one of those bang-bang plays where everyone is scrambling for a loose ball.

"I was at full tilt and it was a 50-50 ball between me and the goalie," noted Mrozovich. "He (Smith) charged out and slid and I didn't back down. There was no hostile intention on my part. I was totally calm after that. I didn't want to get into a fight or anything; that's not cool."

However, Navy Diver 2nd Class Ryan Jones of



Air Force Senior Airman Tom Mrozovich of the Kunia Gallos boots in the team's first goal in its 2-0 win over SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team One (SDVT-1) in an Intramural Soccer League game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on June 5. The league-leading Gallos improved their record to 11-1.

SDVT-1 saw the play from a different point of view and was upset by the way Mrozovich aggressively played the ball.

"There's respect when it comes to a goalie," said Jones. "You don't blaze in and go through a goalie like that. You don't plow into a goalie cleats first. That's not 50-50."

While the injury to Smith was the main reason for the SEALs' refusal to continue, Jones also blamed the game's officials for allowing the contest to get out of hand.

Jones claimed that referees had a negatively biased point of view toward SDVT-1 that

he and his teammates find frustrating.

"We don't intentionally come out here to hurt people, but we are an aggressive team," stated Jones. "Today, the refs didn't make any calls on them (Gallos). It was all calls on us. It always seems very biased, one-sided calls. It's just horrible refereeing."

Despite Jones' complaints against the officials, he did acknowledge that the Gallos were the better team in the day's showdown between two of the top squads in the league.

Kunia consistently beat SDVT-1 to the ball and

was able to get past the SEALs' defense almost at will.

Mrozovich scored the first goal by splitting two defenders near the goal, before booting the ball past Smith.

He said that the Gallos' speed on transitions was too much for SDVT-1 to handle.

"Every time they (SDVT-1) would try to mount an attack, we would steal the ball away from them," said Mrozovich.

"We'd get guys wide and would be able to penetrate to the outside of the field. Then me and Berry (Army Staff Sgt. Nathan Berry) would be in

the middle and spread the defense so that we could penetrate very easily."

Berry, who scored the team's second goal on a header, also agreed with Mrozovich that speed kills.

"Myself and Tom are really fast," said Berry. "We're quicker than most other people on the field so when we shoot the gap, we have the speed to run to the ball and get by the defense."

With the loss, SDVT-1 saw its record drop to 9-3, but Jones said that he

feels confident that the team will bounce back and keep pushing forward to a league title.

Meanwhile, Mrozovich and Berry said that the win over a very good SDVT-1 team proves that Kunia is in a solid position to repeat as league champions.

"Right now, we're exactly where we want to be," announced Mrozovich. "We're on top of our game. If we can keep guys coming out, like we did today, we'll be pretty set for the playoffs."



Battleship Missouri Memorial welcomes four-millionth visitor

Battleship Missouri Memorial Association

Recently returned from 12 weeks in drydock, the Battleship Missouri welcomed its four-millionth visitor on June 4 since its original grand opening as a floating memorial and historic attraction in 1999.

Just after 11 a.m., Rachel Chmiel of Atlanta, Ga. was surprised with the news as she stepped aboard the historic ship's main deck. Chmiel is visiting Hawaii with her husband, Tim Saviello, and two children, Wylie, 5, and Zeke, 6. They were also joined by Tim's brother, Brad Saviello, his wife, Erin, and their two children, Keely, 7, and Max, 8. The Saviellos are residents of Chicago.

"My father was in the Navy so this will have a lot of significance for him," Chmiel said, adding that he served aboard the USS Chikaskia (AO-54). "We did

some snorkeling and other things while in Hawaii, but wanted to see Pearl Harbor before we left."

Chmiel and her family have ties to Hawaii and the military. In addition to Chmiel's father's military service, Tim Saviello was born on Oahu at Tripler Army Medical Center, where his father worked as a doctor. Erin Saviello is currently serving in the U.S. Air Force.

"We want to thank Rachel Chmiel and her family for helping the Battleship Missouri Memorial reach this significant visitor milestone," said Michael A. Carr, president and chief operating officer of the memorial. "It has been less than five months since the Missouri returned from drydock, completing \$18 million worth of needed maintenance and preservation work. That investment is proving true as visitors continue to flock to the

Missouri at a rate of approximately 1,400 per day, taking advantage of the rich historical experience that we and our sister Pearl Harbor historic sites have to offer."

Air Force, Actus Lend Lease renovate homes in Hickam's historic district

Hickam Community Housing, LLC

Driving through the beautiful tree-lined streets in Hickam's historic district at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, passersby may come upon many homes surrounded by construction fences and wonder what is going on behind them. What is taking place is one of the largest contiguous historic community restoration projects in the nation, where the Air Force and developer Actus Lend Lease are restoring or rehabilitating 623 homes.

Upon completion in 2013, the historic district will have 423 homes for enlisted and officers' families. The restoration project is part of phase II of the Air Force's residential development plan for Hickam Community Housing (HCH).

Missing from the scene are excavators, bulldozers and other construction equipment, since the majority of work is conducted inside the homes. Renovations generally break down into three categories.

Conversion of duplex units

Extensive interior modi-



Improving the layout and livability of interior spaces are planned for homes that already have large floor plans. Modern kitchens, larger bedrooms and more storage are among the features families will enjoy.

fications are involved in converting duplex units into single family, four-bedroom homes. This new floor plan will be achieved without making additions to the existing structure.

Modernization features families can look forward to include modern kitchen that opens to a new family room, built-in kitchen breakfast bar, indoor laundry facility, enlarged master suite with private bath and walk-in closet, renovated bathrooms,

uncovered backyard lanai and central air conditioning.

Additions to homes

Other homes in the historic district will receive rear additions to existing floor

plans to create three-bedroom, two-bath homes with formal living and dining areas. Additions include a master bedroom suite, family room, utility room, exterior

storage room and mechanical room. Other features include modern kitchen that opens to a new family room, built-in kitchen breakfast bar, family room that opens to a new, concrete patio, master bedroom with private bath and walk-in closet and central air conditioning.

Interior reconfigurations

Work on some of the larger floor plans will improve the layout and livability of key portions of the interior space. The scope includes:

- Converting and enlarging a study/maid's quarters into a fourth bedroom with private bath.
- Upgrading bath and storage.
- Renovating kitchen with new appliances, cabinets, counters and sink.
- Reconfiguring master bath with a double vanity and new tub/shower combination.
- Uncovered rear lanai.

Prior to starting major

renovations, HCH began restoration in 2008 on what it calls "select" homes, which represent one of each house type found in the neighborhood. These homes are restored as closely as possible to their original state while still adding modern amenities such as dishwashers and air conditioning. This was done to ensure the preservation of each type and to ensure that the historic requirements of the Air Force's programmatic agreement were met. Twenty-two of the 24 select home types have been completed and accepted to date, which permitted major renovations on the remaining "non-select" homes to proceed. Homes in the first phase of major renovations are scheduled for completion at the end of August and all renovations in the historic district will be completed by 2013.

What do privatized communities mean to families?

Hickam Community Housing, LLC

When Congress passed the Department of Defense (DoD) Military Housing Privatization Initiative in 1996, two goals were key — eliminating inadequate housing and sustaining quality residential communities.

The vision was simple: leverage private capital through partnerships with private developers to construct, renovate, operate and maintain housing. Now, nearly 15 years into the program and with more than 90 privatized projects under its belt, DoD and military families are experiencing the benefits made possible through privatization.

The easiest way to understand the benefits is to take a look around the community you live in and compare it to what it was like before privatization. Whether you were at Schriever, Holloman or another Air Force base, the homes, community amenities, services and teams you have today were likely non-existent a few years ago.

Families who are part of Hickam Community Housing (HCH) have experienced first-hand the benefits of privatization. In just a short time, they have seen more than 700 new homes constructed and hundreds of homes renovated. When the Air Force selected developer Actus Lend Lease to manage its residential development at Hickam, Actus brought much-needed resources to the table. Financial support from the private sector and an experienced team of residential developers, designers and builders who have worked closely with Air Force leadership, have helped the Air Force realize their vision for families.

Intent on building more than just homes, privatized communities like HCH are building communities that engage and support residents. This is accomplished through the construction of community centers, parks and other community amenities that have become gathering places for friends and neighbors. Establishing community service teams and round-the-clock maintenance services provide families with valuable assistance from property management professionals.

Actus also has worked with the Air Force to build and maintain sustainable communities, which will help the Air Force meet DoD goals to reduce energy consumption. Building homes that meet national green-rating standards through the use of energy-efficient designs and materials, appliances and technologies - such as solar hot water, compact fluorescent lights and low-flow water fixtures - have made HCH a model for sustainable community development. Moreover, programs and special events planned by community teams help create awareness of conservation and educate families on how they can be good stewards of the communities they work and live in.

The agreement between the Air Force and Actus also includes managing Hickam's residential communities for 50 years. While construction and renovations will come to an end in 2013, the aspiration to maintain quality and sustainable communities for Airmen and their families will continue through 2057.

(Editor's note: The Navy in Hawaii has a similar partnership agreement with Forest City Military Communities for construction, renovation and management of Navy and Marine privatized housing.)

