

African-Americans

*have legacy of
armed forces service*



(Above) In August 1917, Eugene Jacques Bullard, an American volunteer in the French army, became the first black military pilot in history and the only black pilot in World War I.

(Right) The USS Galena showcases their African-American Sailors in the 1880s.

(Right) Phyllis Mae Dailey was commissioned as the Navy's first African-American nurse in March 1945 by Cmdr. Thomas A. Gaylord, USN (Ret). In this photo she is the second from the right as she receives the oath administered by Gaylord.

(Below) African-American troops during the American Civil War.

(Above) Grover Cleveland Nash of Georgia was the first black pilot to fly the mail for the U.S. Postal Service. He was first issued a pilot's license in 1938 and was a member of the Challenger Air Pilot's Association in Chicago and a founding member of the National Airmen's Association of America.

(Below) Lt. Willa Beatrice Brown trained pilots for the U.S. Army Air Forces. She is the first African-American woman to receive a commission as a lieutenant in the U.S. Civil Air Patrol.

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African-Americans have a long tradition of honorable and distinguished service in America's armed forces, going back to before the nation was born.

According to the United States Department of Defense (DoD) there are currently just under a quarter of a million African-Americans currently serving in the U.S. armed forces.

As of February 2011, DoD reports approximately 100,000 in the Army, 64,000 in the Navy, about 50,000 in the Air Force, almost 20,000 in the Marine Corps and 2,500 in the Coast Guard. The DoD also reports there are an estimated quarter of a million African-Americans serving in the Reserves and Guard.

"For more than two hundred years, African-Americans have participated in every conflict in United States history. They not only have fought bravely the common enemies of the United States but also have had to confront the individual and institutional racism of their countrymen," said Michael Lee Lanning, a retired lieutenant colonel and author of "The African-American Soldier: From Crispus Attucks to Colin Powell."

Each February, DoD recognizes the contributions of African-Americans in war and peace, earning praise and commendation for overcoming their struggles and sacrifices.

Highlighted in the photos here are some of these historic naval and Air Force men and women whose resiliency and bravery shaped American history and paved the road to freedom at home and throughout the world.

Congressional Medal Of Honor Winner Christian Fleetwood.

African-American Sailors of the U.S.S. Mason (DE 529) commissioned at Boston Navy Yard on Mar. 20, 1944 proudly look over their ship which is the first to have a predominantly African-American crew.

(Above) Lt.(jg.) Harriet Ida Pickens and Ensign Frances Wills, were the first African-American WAVES to be commissioned in 1944.

Robert Smalls served at sea during the Civil War, became the captain of a Confederate vessel that he commandeered and sailed into Union lines.

(Above) Somewhere in England, Maj. Charity E. Adams and Capt. Abbie N. Campbell inspect the first contingent of African-American members of the Women's Army Corps assigned to overseas service in 1945.

Civil Engineer comeback stuns Network Operation

Story and photo by
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Sports Editor

Down by 13 points at half-time, the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES) used a blistering man-to-man defense and the hot hand of Master Sgt. Adam Cronk to rally in the second half and shock previously unbeaten 561st Network Operation Squadron (561 NOS), 48-43, in a Hickam Intramural Basketball League game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Feb. 10.

The 561st NOS entered the contest at the top of the league's Tuesday-Thursday Division with an unblemished mark of 5-0, while the second-place 647 CES was one game behind at 4-1.

"We're definitely going to ride this wave now," said Staff Sgt. Edwin Arocho, whose basket tied the score at 45-45. "We got momentum and we're right on track. We're CE and we never quit."

In the first half, the 561 NOS appeared to be well on its way to its sixth straight victory, as the team, led by the long-range shooting of Senior Airman Ronnie Turner, quickly got out to a 10-0 lead and held the 647 CES scoreless for the first eight minutes of the game.

Turner was a one-man wrecking crew, as the senior airman consistently found the open holes of the 647th's zone defense and dialed in five three-point bombs in the first half to help his team take a 30-17 advantage into intermission.

However, in the second half, the 647 CES switched from its zone defense to a man-to-man scheme and the change seemed to pay off right away.

The 647 CES scored the first five points in the second half and cut the NOS's lead to less than 10 points for the first time since the early minutes of the game.

Later, Airman 1st Class Robert Light of the NOS answered with five straight points to raise his team's lead back up to 37-26, but Cronk came back to pump in seven points in a row on two baskets and a 3-pointer to bring the CES back to within four.

Then, with only 4:25 showing on the clock, Cronk completed the team's comeback when he got the green light and connected from beyond the 3-point arch to tie the score up at 43-43.

During a five-minute span, Cronk tallied 15 points on three baskets and three



treys to keep the pressure on the 561 NOS. Cronk finished as the game's high-point man with a total of 21 points. "You know it's whoever is hitting the bucket. It was just my game today," said Cronk about his scoring rampage. "I was feeling the shot today. Hopefully, the next game it does the same and the next game after that."

Finally, after a missed shot by the 561 NOS, Arocho broke out in front of the pack, got the outlet pass and scored the go-ahead basket with only 3:44 left in the game.

"Catch the ball and don't miss it," said Arocho about his shot that broke the tie. "Lady luck was on my side."

Although the NOS desperately tried to retake the lead as the remaining seconds ticked off the clock, the team just couldn't solve the skintight man-to-man defense of the CES.

Turner, who was on fire in the first half, was shut out without a single point in the second half.

"Our offense was terrible because of their press," admitted Light, who scored seven of the team's 13 points in the second half and totaled 11 for the game. "We acted like we've never seen a man defense before. We were killing them in the zone and they made the adjustment and we didn't. Hopefully, we'll rebound from this. We'll definitely correct this. It will make us stronger."

After losing its first game of the season earlier in the week, Cronk said that the comeback win over the NOS was a great way for the CES to get back on track.

The victory, Cronk said, affirms that the CES has what it takes to go all the way.

"It shows that we have the heart and skill to be the best team out here," Cronk said. "I think we are the best team and we proved it today."

Hickam Intramural Basketball League Tuesday-Thursday Division standings as of Feb. 14.

	W	L
1. 647 CES	5	1
2. 561 NOS	5	1
3. 747 CS	5	1
4. 792 ISS	4	2
5. 613 AOC	4	3
6. 15 OGI	2	4
7. 735 AMS	2	4
8. 8 IS	1	6
9. 647 SFS	0	6

Master Sgt. Adam Cronk of the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES) scores on a reverse layup during a Hickam Intramural Basketball League game versus the 561st Network Operation Squadron (561 NOS) at Hickam Fitness Center Gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Feb. 10. Cronk scored 21 points to lead the 647 CES to a come-from-behind win over the 561 NOS.

Hanai family dinner held at YMCA Camp Erdman

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YMCA Camp Erdman hosted a "hanai family dinner" on Feb. 13 to unite international staff members with local families.

"Camp Erdman has an international staff program that consists of young men and women who come to work at the camp from a variety of countries for 12 months," said Brandy Belt, the assistant program director/international program coordinator for YMCA Camp Erdman.

Camp Erdman hosts upwards of 20 internationals at any given time. They work as counselors and staff and reside on site.

According to Renee Derouche, program director for YMCA Camp Erdman, the international staff members are meticulously selected for this elite YMCA program.

The program emphasizes the importance of learning the American and Hawaiian cultures through a variety of events and activities. One such way is the hanai family program, which is designed to unite an inter-



Cdr. Nicole Hatch with Brandy Belt, YMCA Camp Erdman/hanai family coordinator and Tammy Duncan enjoy the foreign foods prepared by the international staff from Camp Erdman as part of their hanai family dinner gathering on Feb. 13 at Camp Erdman.

national staff member with a local family.

"We are always looking for new 'hanai families' who are able to host our international staff by

encouraging them to visit your home for the weekends, special events or even holidays and to help them learn and experience a new culture," Belt said.

Tammy Duncan, whose husband is the commanding officer of the USS Key West, brought her three young sons to the dinner and stated that she was

astounded by the warm welcome and gracious nature of the international staff members. "They all prepared foods from their native countries and

shared a little about themselves. We were honored to be able to adopt a counselor named Luis from Mexico," Duncan said.

Lt. Col. Butch Hatch and Cmdr. Nicole Hatch were also in attendance with their two children and adopted Joanna, another international staff member from Mexico. "This is an excellent program and a wonderful opportunity to learn more about foreign cultures while simultaneously sharing the American heritage with an Hawaiian twist," Nicole said.

With 20 internationals representing 10 countries, food at the dinner represented all regions of the world.

According to program officials, the partnership between Camp Erdman and local military families has increased in recent years, due to the growing number of military family centered events, camps and activities that Erdman hosts.

For information on how to become part of the hanai family program, Belt said, "Please stop on by or call us directly at (808) 637-4615. You can also check out our website at http://www.ymcahonolulu.org/camp_erdman."

Defense leads Nasty Pac over Hell Raisers

Story and photo by
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A stifling man-to-man defense coupled with timely outside shooting elevated Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific (Nasty Pac) to a 37-27 victory over Hell Raisers, a squad from shipyard, in an Ashore Intramural Basketball League game at Bloch Arena, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Feb. 9.

Early in the contest, Nasty Pac broke out to an 11-4 advantage on the long-range shooting of Machinist's Mate 1st Class Kalani Eli and the heady leadership of point guard Fire Control Technician 1st Class Casey Pegrum.

However, Nasty Pac saw its advantage evaporate, when Hell Raisers guard Gas Turbine System (Mechanical) 2nd Class Michael Wilson sank a shot that topped off an eight-point run to give his team a 12-11 lead.

Instead of folding, Nasty Pac, which was going after its first win in seven tries, calmly reasserted itself with back-to-back three-pointers by reserves Fire Control Technician 1st Class Matt DeKlaver and Machinery Repairman 1st Class Jon Devera to go back out in front at 17-12.

Nasty Pac then used the momentum to stake itself to a 24-15 lead at halftime, before extending its advantage to 30-15 after scoring the first three baskets in the second half.

From there, Nasty Pac's defense seemed to take control and stopped the Hell Raisers from mounting a serious comeback.

Although the Hell Raisers did manage to pick up the pace in the final minutes of the game, Nasty Pac's lead never dipped below 10 points, as the team kept the pressure on its opponent. Hell Raisers guard Engineman 2nd Class William Edward said it was the players' lack of practice that came back to haunt them in the game – especially when they fell behind.

"It wasn't too much of a deficit," said Edward about Nasty Pac's lead.

"We weren't stepping out like we were supposed to. We wasn't boxing out and getting rebounds. We need to work on our rotation, screens, take better shots and apply more pressure on defense. We need more practice."

While Edward lamented about Hell Raisers' lack of practice time, Eli said that Nasty Pac's increased practice sessions are helping the team turn its fortunes around.

The heightened attention towards its game couldn't have come at better time, as Nasty Pac hopes to springboard its first win into many more victories during the league's second half, which starts on Feb. 15. Both Nasty Pac and the Hell Raisers ended the first round with a record of 1-6.

"We're working on our conditioning more, so since the first game, our conditioning has been way better," said Eli, who tossed in a game high 10 points with two shots coming from beyond the three-point arch. "Our conditioning is paying off in the second half. Obviously, it showed today."

Besides conditioning, Eli added that the additional time together has also helped the team improve its passing game and allowed it to be more aggressive on defense.

Nasty Pac's good rotation on the ball around the perimeter was instrumental in beating the Hell Raisers' zone defense, while the team's man-to-man defense was quick to the spot and challenged every shot.

"Basically, we worked on making that third pass. The only way you can beat a zone is to pass," Eli explained. "The man-to-man is really helpful to us – especially when we have fresh players in."

Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific (Nasty Pac) point guard Fire Control Technician 1st Class Casey Pegrum shuffles the ball to the hoop during the team's Ashore Intramural Basketball League game versus the Hell Raisers from shipyard at Bloch Arena, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Feb. 9. Pegrum scored eight points and spearheaded Nasty Pac's 37-27 win over the Hell Raisers.



Ashore Intramural Basketball League standings as of Feb. 8

	W	L
1. 3-Peat	6	0
2. NSAH	5	1
3. Shooters	4	2
4. NIOC Hawaii #1	4	2
5. NIOC Hawaii #2	2	4
6. FFRP Bad Boyz	2	4
7. Hell Raisers	1	6
8. Nasty Pac	0	6

Aviation conference scheduled for March 4-6

Pacific Aviation Museum

A conference titled "The sky's the limit! Discovering your future in aviation" will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 4-6 at the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

Entrance is free with museum admission. Special group rates are available, and the event is open to the public. Enter to win aviation prizes.

Student conference day will take place on March 4. Discovery centers will be hosted by avi-

ation professionals, plus there will be a career fair.

Scout appreciation day happens on March 5. Fulfill Girl and Boy Scout badge programs in science, technology, engineering and math.

Family day on March 6 features aviation films, discovery centers for children of all ages, and photos with aviators.

For more information, call 441-1008 or e-mail tours@pacificaviationmuseum.org. Visit the website www.pacificaviationmuseum.org.

Annual resident survey delivered to Hickam Communities residents

Hickam Communities LLC

"Tell us like it is," said Steve Quinn, director of property management at Hickam Communities. That's the message he's sending to residents who received the annual resident satisfaction survey in the past few weeks.

"The survey is really important to our team. We get to hear what programs and services our families value as well as what areas we can improve upon," Quinn said. The survey measures the overall satisfaction of residents living in Hickam Communities. All residents are strongly encouraged to take the survey to ensure there is sufficient data to validate existing programs and services and determine where there might be additional needs.

"We're planning for our next fiscal year and we want to make sure we have the budget to maintain important activities and the means to provide programs our families want. The survey is a great opportunity for residents to share their ideas and make suggestions. Last year residents suggested yard sales, which had been prohibited by base policy. This prompted us to work with

Block party celebrates annual survey

There will be food, fun, games and door prizes for the whole family at the Hickam Communities annual survey block party on March 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Earhart Community Center on Kokomalei Street. RSVP by March 5 to kawe-hi.harano@hickamcommunities.com

For more information, contact Hickam Communities at 423-2300.

joint base leadership to change the policy, and today residents are now having yard sales," Quinn said.

The survey is completely anonymous and takes a few minutes to complete. Residents are asked to complete and turn in their survey and comment card – included with the survey – as soon as possible, and no later than March 31 to be eligible to win one of five \$250 cash prizes. One cash prize per neighborhood will be awarded in a random drawing.

Residents who have questions may call their resident services team at 423-2300.

Did you know that . . .

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

You are entitled to a free copy of your credit report? Credit reports contain information about your payment history on loans, charge accounts and credit cards. Request a copy of your credit report by contacting the three major credit reporting companies Equifax, Experian and TransUnion, or by going to www.annualcreditreport.com.

This is the only authorized online source for you to get a free credit report under federal law.

You can get a free report from each of the three national credit reporting companies every 12 months. Some other sites claim to offer "free" credit reports, but may charge you for another product if you accept a "free" report.

If you feel the information in your credit history is inaccurate, the responsibility to correct any errors rests with you.

For more information, contact the Pearl Harbor office of Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society at www.nmcrs.org.

Luncheon, gospel festival celebrate African-American heritage

Two upcoming events are among those commemorating African-American history this month.

Alphonso Braggs, the president of the Hawaii Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), will be the guest speaker at the African-American Heritage Association. The event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 24 at J.R. Rockers on Hickam. Organizers remind participants to pur-

chase their tickets early. For more information and to purchase tickets, call Master Sgt. Chandra Davis at 448-1611.

In addition, the African-American Heritage Association is sponsoring a Gospel Festival and Taste of Soul from 5 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 26 at the Hickam Main Chapel.

Local churches and special talents will be showcased in honor of African-American History Month. For more information, call 448-1611.

Second-half run advances Russell past Key West

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

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USS Russell (DDG 59) broke open a close game with a 13-point run in the second half to outgun USS Key West (SSN 722), 34-24, in an Afloat Intramural Basketball League game at Bloch Arena, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Feb. 12.

Russell saw a three-point halftime lead disappear when Fire Control Technician 3rd Class Lee Jackson of Key West loaded up and swished a 3-pointer to tie the game at 14-14 to start the second half.

However, the next few minutes belonged to Russell, as the team scored 13 points in a row before Senior Chief Electronics Technician Bill Penny of Key West connected on a trey to finally break the string.

During the run, Russell broke the tie and seized momentum by scoring on two breakaway layups by point guard Culinary Specialist Seaman Jarrett Holmes and a long-range 3-pointer from Culinary Specialist 3rd Class James Rogers.

Holmes was especially effective in triggering the team's fast-break after getting the ball from Russell's big frontcourt that included Chief Information Systems Technician Kevin Jackson and Operations Specialist 2nd Class Marcus Benjamin.

"We got into a zone defense and made them shoot jumpers," said Holmes, who finished with eight points. "Their jumpers weren't going in, so we got out on the break on long rebounds and started getting easy baskets."

Cmdr. Andrew Chicoine, executive officer, USS Russell, who also serves as the ship's basketball head coach, said that once Russell got out in front, substitutions played a huge role in pressuring Key West into submission.

Noting that Key West was a little short handed on players, Chicoine said keeping fresh players on the court at all times helped his team maintain control.

"I think it came from the fact that I was able to substitute out four and five players at a time," he said. "I was able to come in with a full new lineup and they



Afloat Intramural Basketball League standings as of Feb. 14.		
	W	L
1. Lake Erie "Warriors"	5	0
2. Chun-Hoon	4	0
3. Tar Heels	4	1
4. Russell "Red Dragons"	3	2
5. Lake Erie "Ballers"	3	2
6. Crommelin	3	2
7. Chafee	2	2
8. Olympia	1	3
9. Port Royal	1	3
10. Key West	0	5
11. Windy City Warriors	0	5

(Key West) probably went seven or eight deep. We were able to beat them because we out-hustled them."

Jackson, who led Key West with nine points, agreed that Russell's constant barrage of fresh players did eventually take its toll on him and his teammates.

Shots that were finding their way through the bottom of the net in the first half for Key West turned into bricks in the second half.

"We didn't have any type of conditioning at all," Jackson admitted. "We only have one practice a week. We're trying to work in some more practice, but we haven't had the time."

Once Russell sensed that

Key West was fading, said Holmes, the team switched its defense from a zone to a man-to-man to close the deal.

"We started playing man at the end to put a little more pressure on them," Holmes said. "That finished it up for us."

With the win, Russell raised its record to 3-2 and helped itself stay in the hunt for the top spot in the Afloat League.

Chicoine said that the victory was a good way to close out the first half, but there is more work to be done in the second round.

"We got some really good players," Chicoine said. "The guys that I would say are our two strongest players didn't really score this game. But we still came out with a win because they played solid defense and played good ball."

"The positive thing about heading into the second half is that we will be through with our certification cycle and we'll have some time to practice. With more practice, we can really get in shape and I think the second half will be better."

USS Key West (SSN 722) center Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Matthew Hesse challenges a shot by Chief Information Systems Technician Kevin Jackson of USS Russell (DDG 59) during the team's Afloat Intramural Basketball League game at Bloch Arena, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Feb. 12. Russell raised its record to 3-2 by defeating the winless Key West.



U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Luke Dragovich

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii participants cross the finish line during a running and walking event on Ford Island at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 12.

Running event supports Seabee Ball

Naval Facilities Engineering Command

More than 300 participants, Department of Defense military, civilians and family members, spent a Saturday morning together on Feb. 12 running and walking along Ford Island at

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

According to organizers, besides building local camaraderie, the event, coordinated by Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii's Self Help and Construction Battalion Mobile Unit 303 Detachment

Pearl Harbor Seabees and Civil Engineers, is expected to raise more than \$2,000 for the local 2011 Seabee Ball.

These types of fundraising events occur throughout the Navy in an effort to assist junior enlisted attend the annual celebration of the nation's "can do" Seabees.

Launch of 'Operation Makeover' salutes Hawaii's armed forces

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

In appreciation of the sacrifices made daily by military members and their families, Paul Brown of Hawaii's Paul Brown Salons has launched Operation Makeover, which rewards deserving candidates with a complimentary day and evening of beauty, luxury and relaxation. In addition to a personalized hair and body makeover, the program features other benefits from collaborative partners, including dinner for two, a two-night hotel stay in Waikiki and a shopping spree.

"We feel very close to our men and women in the military and are extremely grateful for their service to protect America and the freedoms we all enjoy," Brown, said. "Operation Makeover is just one small way we're able to say 'thank you' to those who serve, including the spouses who hold down the fort during the stressful times of deployment."

Three Operation Makeover winners — members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, National Guard and Navy and their family members — are selected each month from nominees submitted by service personnel or members of the general public who know them or have worked with them. Recipients receive services at Paul Brown Salons & Spas (Ward Center, Kailua or Waikole), dinner for two from Roy's Restaurant Waikiki, two-night ocean view accommodations at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa, and a personally escorted \$250 shopping excursion at Guess.

The Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) is coordinating all of the arrangements for Operation Makeover, including the selection process. Armed Services company commanders, chaplains and the public can nominate deserving individuals. Nominations should be based on the knowledge that the proposed recipient has served in a manner or capacity worthy of recognition either as a military person or as a supporter in a military-related role (such as spouses, mothers, fiancés, etc.). Particular consideration is given to candidates returning from recent deployments and their families.

For more information or to nominate a member of the Armed Forces family, call Kehau Bice, ASYMCA project coordinator, at 473-3398 or download the nomination information at <http://paulbrownhawaii.com/operation-makeover.asp>.

PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM **Maniawa Nanea** LEISURE

Morale Welfare & Recreation

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

Spring break camp registration starts on Feb. 22. The cost is based on family income. JBPHH Morale, Welfare and Recreation plans Camp Adventure for ages K-12 and Adventure Plus for ages 10-12 from March 14-18. Single and dual active-duty participants can register in person at Catlin Clubhouse starting Feb. 22. Open enrollment starts Feb. 28 at www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 421-1556.

SUPER GARAGE SALE

A super garage sale will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday at Richardson Field. Admission is free. More than 150 vendors are scheduled to be on site. FMI: 449-3354.

KAYAK THE MOKULUA ISLANDS

A day of kayaking on the east side of Oahu is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday. Transportation is provided. Bring lunch, bathing suit, sunscreen, snorkeling gear and camera. Sign up by Feb. 19 at outdoor adventure center-fleet store for \$25. FMI: 473-1198.

PHYSICAL READINESS TRAINING (PRT) STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

Train and receive pointers from the aquatic team members to attain your best ever PRT time sessions will be from 11:30 a.m. to noon Feb. 22 and Feb. 24 at Scott Pool. The session are free and open only to active duty military. FMI: 471-9723.

ALL-MILITARY SCRATCH BOWLING TOURNAMENT TRYOUTS

Tryouts for All-Military Scratch Bowling Tournament tryouts are at 10 a.m. from Feb. 22-24 at the Naval Station Bowling Center. Participants must bowl all three days, six games per day, for a total of 18 games to qualify for their team. The annual tournament will be held April 5-8. FMI: 473-2651.

PRESIDENTS DAY EVENTS WITH MWR

- A pre-holiday celebration will be held from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Sunday at the Hickam Enlisted Club Ballroom. There will be four DJs spinning and soul food plates will be on sale for \$12. Participants ages 18 and older are invited. Non-military guests must be at least 21 years of age. FMI: 448-2271.
- A Presidents Day holiday barbecue will be held starting at 11 a.m. on Monday at Instant Liberty at JBPHH. The event is open to all single service members and the ir is no charge. FMI: 422-7167.
- Presidents' Day free holiday pizza will be provided at noon on Monday for all single service members at Beeman Center and Liberty Express.

For more information on events, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com or www.hickamservices.com/

Community Calendar

February

21 ~ Register to participate in the Great Aloha Run to take place Feb. 21. Register as an individual or in the "Sounds of Freedom Division." Check with your unit commander for the application if interested in joining the Air Force Team, the Sounds of Freedom Division. Individual runners can get additional information by going to: www.greataloharun.com. FMI: 655-9650.

23 ~ The Warfighter and Family Services (WFS) joint base team has a line-up of workshops and fairs in support of the Military Saves Campaign. Stop by the financial resource fair at Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) on Feb. 23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Hickam BXtra. FMI: 474-1999 or 449-0300.

24 ~ Partners in Care class will be offered at 11 a.m. at the Hickam Pharmacy for Hickam TRICARE Prime patients. Participants in the class will be taught proper over the counter medicine administrations. They will be able to then request up to four over the counter medicines from the Hickam Pharmacy per week. Classes are usually scheduled the fourth Thursday of the month. FMI: 488-6000.

25 ~ Tickets are on sale for the Team Hickam Annual Awards Ceremony to be held at 6 p.m. on Feb. 25 on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. The cost for each ticket is \$32 for club members and \$34 for non-club members. Social hour is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. with the banquet to starting at 7 p.m. Contact individual command first sergeants for electronic RSVPs and tickets.

March

1 ~ Register by March 1 for the Gecko Gallop 5K or 10K walk/ fun run to save \$10 on the registration fee and get a free T-shirt. The 5th Annual 17 Operational Weather Squadron (OWS) Gecko Gallop will be held at 6:30 a.m. on March 12. FMI: www.active.com.

2 ~ Commanding officer/executive officer (CO/XO) and master chief petty officer/senior chief petty officer (MCPO/SCPO) spouses leadership continuum meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. at J.R. Rockers Club. The theme of the meeting is "Teambuilding: Beyond the Sandbox." FMI and to RSVP, call Verdi at 473-1999, ext. 6100 or e-mail: leadership4U@hotmail.com.

Movie Showtimes



Season of the Witch (PG-13)

Nicolas Cage stars as a 14th century Crusader who returns with his comrade to a homeland devastated by the black plague. A beleaguered church, deeming sorcery the culprit of the plague, commands the two knights to transport an accused witch to a remote abbey, where monks will perform a ritual in hopes of ending the pestilence.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY
7:00 PM The Fighter (R)

SATURDAY
2:30 PM Gulliver's Travels (PG)
4:45 PM Little Fockers (PG-13)
7:15 PM Season of the Witch (PG-13)

SUNDAY
2:30 PM Gulliver's Travels (PG)
5:00 PM Little Fockers (PG-13)
7:00 PM The Fighter (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY
6:00 PM Yogi Bear (PG)
8:30 PM The Fighter (R)

SATURDAY
4:00 PM Karate Kid (PG)
7:00 PM The Dilemma (PG-13)

SUNDAY
2:00 PM The Chronicles of Narnia:
The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (PG)



PACOM/JIOC holds off 324th Intelligence Squadron

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Sports Editor

Pacific Command/Joint Intelligence Operation Center (PACOM/JIOC) fought back from an early deficit to beat the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS), 59-48, in a battle between the top two teams of the Hickam Intramural Basketball League's Monday-Wednesday Division at Hickam Fitness Center Gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Feb. 14.

PACOM/JIOC remained as the league's only undefeated team with a record of 8-0, while the 324 IS saw its mark drop to 5-2.

"We did good," said PACOM/JIOC head coach Senior Chief Logistics Specialist Latonya Veasley. "We made some mistakes early on because we got frustrated with ourselves. But once they got control, it was game on."

While PACOM/JIOC has made it a habit to lead its opponents from the start to the finish, the team found itself in unfamiliar territory, as the 324 IS opened the game on fire from the perimeter and raced out to a 16-11 lead.

With her team trailing, Veasley inserted sharp-shooting guard Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Josh Kelly into the lineup and he paid off immediately by throwing down a 3-pointer with 10:37 remaining in the first half to cut the lead down to two.

After teammate Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Lorenzo Nichols converted three of four free throws to put PACOM/JIOC out in front, Kelly stepped up and banged in another trey to increase the lead to six at 20-14.

The 324 IS fought back and, when Senior Airman Travis Warren hit his second 3-point bomb in the first half, the team drew to within a single point of PACOM/JIOC at 25-24.

However, riding the strong inside play of 6-foot-7-inch Lt. Navy Lt. Adam Hudson, PACOM/JIOC scored nine consecutive points to close out the first half with a 38-26 advantage.

According to Veasley, Hudson, who scored 16 points in the first half and finished with a game-high 18, gave the team a boost with his play and leadership.

"It's called experience," Veasley said. "We called timeout and he (Hudson) was able to settle everybody down. We were getting frustrated because we were falling behind and we weren't used to it."

Although the play of Hudson and twin big man Staff Sgt. Allen Birtcil helped stake PACOM/JIOC to its double-digit lead, Veasley had the pair sit for over nine minutes from the start of the second half.

The hiatus seemed to allow the 324 IS back into the contest and sparked the low-post game of the team's center Airman 1st Class

Lonnie George, who scored 12 of his 14 total points in the second half.

George's basket and one with 6:01 left in the game cut the lead down to five at 47-42 and the team further reduced the margin to three, when teammate Airman 1st Class Tyler Cerney scored on a layup at the 5:21 mark.

But Kelly, who hit two big treys in the first half, came back with another clutch 3-pointer to raise the lead back to six, before sealing the win with his fourth and final long shot with only 1:25 on the clock. Kelly finished the game with 16 points.

"It might have been fatigue," said George about not completing the comeback. "But we're supposed to be able to play through that. We just weren't focused enough."

Veasley stated that even though the 324 IS was able to come back with PACOM/JIOC's big men on the bench, she said that she had full confidence that the team's reserves would hold on for the win.

"I have full faith in my bench," she affirmed. "There is no one person that can win a game by himself. It's a team, whether you're supporting from the bench or out there on the court. There are no losses that we're going to maintain, as long as we continue to play ball."



Hickam Intramural Basketball League Monday-Wednesday Division standings as of Feb. 14

	W	L
1. PACOM/JIOC	7	0
2. 324 IS	5	1
3. 647 LRS	4	2
4. 15 OSS	4	2
5. 15 MSG	3	3
6. 535 AS	2	4
7. 17 OWS	2	4
8. 647 FSS	1	5
9. PACAF	0	7

Airman 1st Class Lonnie George of 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) splits the defense of Pacific Command/Joint Intelligence Operation Center (PACOM/JIOC) big men Lt. Navy Lt. Adam Hudson and Staff Sgt. Allen Birtcil for two of his 14 points during the showdown between the top two teams of the Hickam Intramural Basketball League's Monday-Wednesday Division at Hickam Fitness Center Gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on Feb. 14. PACOM/JIOC beat the 324 IS, 59-48, to remain undefeated.

WHO SAID IT?

"It is easy to take liberty for granted, when you have never had it taken from you."

Last Week's
WHO SAID IT?

"All virtue is summed up in dealing justly."

Aristotle

This Week's Trivia

Who received Strategic Air Command's first B-52G?

Last Issue's Question:
What was the first U.S. Navy ship to be named for an African-American?

Answer:
USS Harmon (DE-678), 1943-1967, which honored mess attendant first class Leonard Roy Harmon, posthumously awarded the Navy Cross for heroism during the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal.