

Navy Region Hawaii conducts Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield



Sailors aboard a rigid-hull inflatable boat role-play as terrorists approaching the guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) during a Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield 2011 training exercise. The weeklong series of anti-terrorism and force protection exercises involves Navy installations and activities in the continental United States, Hawaii and Guam.

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Various commands throughout Navy Region Hawaii participated in Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield '11 (SC-CS 11), an annual security training exercise held by U.S. Fleet Forces Command and Navy Installations Command Feb. 22-25.

SC-CS 11 is a four-day force protection exercise designed to enhance the training and readiness of naval security force personnel and their responses to threats to installations and units.

“Across the nation, every naval installation and unit is involved with SC-CS 11 to varying degrees. In all, more than 300 individual training events takes place during the exercise,” said Dr. Michael Smith, director of training and readiness for Commander, Navy Region Hawaii. “Here at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) and at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), we exercised our anti-terrorism/force protection plans by simulating various terrorist attacks.”

Smith also noted the importance and the intentions of the training exercise.

“This type of training ensures U. S. Navy security forces maintain a high level of readiness when responding to threats, and it is through exercises

such as SC-CS 11 that we are able to maintain the ability to respond to threats and deter a real-world attack,” Smith said. “From the civilians, Airmen and Sailors providing the security force to those working in either the regional operations center or the emergency operations center, each gets to practice what they would be required to do in an emergency,” he explained.

At JBPHH, the exercise included a small-boat attack involving the guided missile destroyers USS Russell (DDG 59) and USS Hopper (DDG 70) and the attack submarines USS Texas (SSN 775) and USS Olympia (717). At PMRF on Kauai, drills included active shooter, gate runner and suicide bomber scenarios.

Other events involved the cycling of different levels of force protection, increased security throughout the base and a non-compliant driver attempting to gain access to the base at an entry control point.

SC-11 consisted of more than 300 individual training events at Navy installations across the country, each designed to test different regional AT/FP operations. Scenarios ranged from events such as recognizing and countering base surveillance operations, to higher-tempo and active simulated emergencies such as small-boat attacks on waterfront bases and cyber attacks on installations.

Air Force gears up for operational readiness exercise

A1C Lauren Main

15th Wing Public Affairs

Service members at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii will be participating in an operational readiness exercise March 1-6.

The week-long exercise is the first for 2011 and is set to test the ability of Airmen and Sailors’ to survive and operate in simulated wartime contingencies while fulfilling their primary duty, defending the base.

“We are having this exercise to validate the joint base construct,” said John Tauber, joint exercise and evaluations training team chief. “If for any reason we should have to deploy our people down range, we

would seek support from joint base. Therefore, we need to make sure this works correctly.”

During the exercise, a simulation of the deployment of aircraft, cargo and Airmen will take place. There will also be a table top exercise in which the 15th Wing will be tested on their ability to receive forces and non-combatant evacuees. Throughout the exercise, the wing’s capability to deploy personnel and aircraft and fly from a simulated deployed location will be evaluated.

During this time, businesses and services are subject to change. The following businesses will be affected:

FSS Military Personnel Flight, Manpower Office’s



Airmen from the 15th Wing practice self aid and buddy care during an operational readiness exercise at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Erin Smith

Installation Personnel Readiness Section and the ISOPREP Office will be closed March 2-4.

FSS Warfighter and Family Center, Force Development Flight and the Civilian Personnel Flight will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on March 2-4.

The FSS Military Personnel Customer Service will be open for service regarding ID cards only from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 2-4.

The flight kitchen, dining facility and fitness center will remain open with normal business hours throughout the exercise.

The child development center will have extended hours from 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. March 2-4.

USS Reuben James arrives in Indonesia

Ensign Ben Dalton

USS Reuben James (FFG 57) Public Affairs

JAKARTA, Indonesia (NNS) -- The Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57), homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, arrived in Jakarta, Indonesia for a port visit Feb. 21.

“We are very privileged to enjoy the hospitality and warm welcome provided by the Indonesian Navy and people of Jakarta,” said Cmdr. David E. Miller, Reuben James commanding officer. This visit gives our crew the unique opportunity to experience this fine country firsthand and to further our friendship.”

Sailors from Reuben James will participate in community service projects



Sailors assigned to the guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57) secure mooring lines as the ship gets underway for a deployment to the western Pacific Ocean.

and athletic events during their stay. Approximately 30 Sailors will visit local schools.

The visit to the Indonesian capitol is to strengthen ties with regional partners through community service

events, joint military training and multicultural social gatherings.

Reuben James is currently in the western Pacific to build positive international relations with partners in Southeast Asia.

Army dedicates new WSOC facility at NCTAMS

Michael Howard

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The U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command / Army Forces Strategic Command (USASMDC/ARSTRAT) dedicated its new wideband satellite communications operations center (WSOC) during a ceremony Feb. 23 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Wahiawa Annex.

“This dedication culminates years of planning and teamwork by a number of people, from all services,” said Lt. Gen. Richard Formica, USAS-

MDC/ARSTRAT commanding general, in his remarks.

“We are particularly grateful to the U.S. Navy’s Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station (NCTAMS) – Pacific for partnering with us as important tenants on this installation. We will be responsible and cooperative tenants and we look forward to a long partnership here at Wahiawa Annex,” he said.

“Today represents an important milestone in our command’s core task to provide trained and ready space and missile defense forces and capabilities to our combatant commanders and

warfighters. We replaced the 1980s-era satellite control capability located at Camp Roberts, Calif. with this state-of-the-art \$25.3 million facility here at Wahiawa. This enables the best support and coverage for PACOM theater wideband SATCOM requirements. Wahiawa is the first of four new wideband satellite communications operations center control facilities. Based on this center’s design, we will be replacing our remaining three legacy wideband operations centers over the next three years,” Formica explained.

The facility is a proto-

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Local military daughter becomes pilot for a day
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Service members set the pace for Great Aloha Run
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Resurgent 3-Peat bounces back to topple Shooters
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Local military daughter becomes 'Pilot for a Day'

Story and photos by
Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

15th Wing Public Affairs

The 535th Airlift Squadron (AS) has many pilots with various levels of military and aviation experience. None of them, however, has made quite the same journey as the unit's newest pilot – ironic – considering their newest pilot is only seven years old.

Haley Tyrrell, a seven-year-old recovering from a cancerous brain tumor known as a medulloblastoma, toured Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam as a member of the "Pilot for a Day" program hosted by the 535th AS.

In the summer of 2009, Haley's mother, Wendy Cockshell, and her father, Gunnery Sgt. Patrick Tyrrell, noticed that their daughter felt weak and wobbled while walking. After being diagnosed, she underwent radiation and chemotherapy treatments six hours a day, five days a week that debilitated her speech and mobility.

"It was a very dark time. I thought we were going to lose her," Cockshell said.

Four months ago, she began showing marked improvement. She began walking and talking more and more. While she still has at least one surgical procedure remaining, she has officially been declared cancer free.

"She's a very strong girl," Cockshell said. "To see her now walking, speaking and having fun is a dream come true."

Another dream came true when Haley arrived at the 535th AS building ready to be transformed into a pilot.

Haley brought along her mother, her brother Zachary, and Michelle Jackson from the Kapiolani Medical Center. Haley's father is in the last phase of pre-deployment training and was unable to attend. Her day



started off meeting her host "wingman," 1st Lt. Audrey McCabe, a 535th AS C-17 Globemaster pilot.

McCabe took the group back to her unit, where Haley put on her new flight suit, complete with a personalized name tag and squadron patches. There, Haley and her family checked out life support gear and looked through night-vision goggles.

After finishing up at the 535th AS, McCabe took the entourage to the base kennels to observe a military working dog in action.

After breaking for lunch, Haley had the opportunity to sit in the cockpit of a real C-17 during a tour of the aircraft.

The group then headed to the C-17 operations building. Haley was able to experience the C-17 flight simulator, a system that replicates flying an aircraft over a virtual map as realistically as possible. The visit ended with Haley's nomination as an honorary 535th AS pilot and a commander's coin presentation from Col. Sam Barrett, 15th Wing commander.

"(Zachary and Haley) really seemed to really enjoy (her visit)," McCabe said. "She was really happy and energetic the whole time. She's got a really great personality and she definitely deserved it."

Cockshell said both Haley and the rest of their family were very appreciative of all the effort made to make her daughter feel special during her visit.

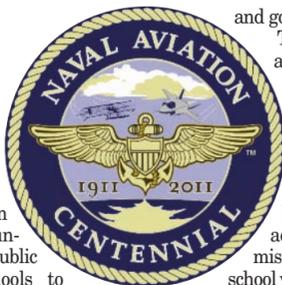
(Top) Tech. Sgt. Sherwood Brown, 15th Operations Support Squadron survival evasion resistance escape specialist, shows a SERE map to Zachary (center) and Haley Tyrrell on Feb. 18 at the 535th Airlift Squadron (Inset) Zachary Tyrrell operates a piece of pilot training equipment before taking a C-17 Simulator ride on Feb. 18 during a "Pilot for a day" tour on Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam.

Women in naval aviation to visit Hawaii schools

Bill Doughty

Navy Region
Hawaii Public
Affairs

Nearly one dozen Navy pilots and flight officers stationed in Hawaii are volunteering to visit public and private schools to meet with students and teachers and talk about education, history



and goal-setting.

The women aviators are participating in the community outreach as part of the 2011 Centennial of Naval Aviation (CoNA), a year-long celebration of achievements and mission readiness. The school visits are set to start in March, Women's History Month.

Lt. Thea Lopez of Rockville, Md. said she joined the Navy as an "opportunity to lead and set an example for younger people while serving my country and being a part of something bigger than myself."

Lt. Jennifer Barkley of Charlotte, N.C. attended the U.S. Naval Academy because "I wanted to become a pilot and I wanted to see the world." Asked for her favorite motto, she said, "It's from our band room when I was in middle school: 'Good, better, best; never let it rest; until your good is better

than your best.'"

Lt.j.g. Caitlyn Harrington of Lavaca, Ark. also attended the U.S. Naval Academy. She was commissioned in the Navy in May 2007 and said that duty in Hawaii is, "Hands down, an awesome opportunity, and I'm reminded how lucky I am every day I drive to work."

These aviators and others from Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Two will share their insights and advice about education and the importance of studying science,

engineering and mathematics.

They will discuss CoNA history - the roots of naval aviation from the very beginning in 1911 to the first trans-Atlantic flight; from the decisive Battle of Midway to the first man in space and future innovations being developed by the Navy today.

Schools that are interested in arranging a visit from one or more of the pilots and flight officers are invited to contact Karen Spangler at 473-2890 or email karen.spangler@navy.mil.

Air Force spouses receive glimpse of Navy life

Story and photo by
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Senior Air Force spouses have taken the joint basing efforts to heart, as they took a guided tour of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Pearl Harbor area on Feb. 18.

More than 20 Air Force spouses, hosted by Shelly North, the wife of Gen. Gary North, commander of Pacific Air Forces, met at the USS North Carolina (SSN 777). They toured Hawaii's most recently acquired Virginia-class submarine, which arrived in Pearl Harbor in November 2010. Afterwards they toured the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70).

"This idea was important to me to get my fellow Air Force spouses over to learn more about our newest partners on the Navy side. The Navy has been extremely gracious and welcoming, and we are very grateful for this opportunity to unite our services," Shelly North said.

Renee Kelly, an Air National Guard spouse, said, "This is our last duty station before my husband retires. And what a fantastic way to end his career by being able to tour such cosmic high tech ships like the North Carolina and the Lake Erie. I admire anyone who can do this every day."

"This has been the chance of a lifetime. I have been very impressed with the courtesy and professionalism of the officers and the crew today," said Brian Hughes, one of the Air Force spouses.

Kimberly Kim, wife of Brig. Gen. Joseph Kim, the 154th Wing commander, said, "This has been a great relationship experience. It is very rare that we get to interface among services. I feel like I understand the Navy family better now and that we are much more alike than many might think."

The spouses were escorted through the North Carolina, where they posed many questions.

Capt. Richard W. Kitchens, commander of JBPHH, said, "We are so proud and privileged at the opportunity to



Capt. Bill Johnson, commanding officer of the USS Lake Erie, welcomed the Air Force spouses on board for lunch and a tour.

integrate our understanding of what each other does. What we are learning today is that, in reality, what may have seemed to be very different services are in fact quite similar to each other."

Chief of the Boat Jon Consford said, "The shift in focus in joint basing is extremely important."

While many of the spouses said they were amazed at the space in which Sailors must survive for days, they also remarked that the families left at home felt just as lonely as they did.

Karen Murphy, an Air Force spouse and volunteer coordinator for the Red Cross at Pearl Harbor-Hickam, said, "I am loving this opportunity to learn. The Navy was wonderful to host such a unique situation. I was stunned by how the Sailors must be still and quiet in such a small space. My admiration for them has grown tremendously. For the submarine families that cannot communicate with their loved ones for such extended amounts of time, my heart goes out to them."

Commodore Daryl Caudle of Submarine Squadron Three said that having Air Force spouses on board illustrated the capabilities and technical equipment of the ship, and served as an opportunity for the crew to demonstrate the capacity of the United

States submarine corps.

Cmdr. Wes Schlauder, the commanding officer of North Carolina, said, "This is a great opportunity in joint war fighting team building today. It is critical that we understand each other to be able to support all of our team. It has been a pleasure to host these spouses striving to create a stronger joint warfare arena."

As the spouses crossed to the submarine piers, they also boarded the USS Lake Erie.

Capt. Bill Johnson, commanding officer of Lake Erie, welcomed the spouses. "Every time we can host a sister service or family to share what we do and why we do it we recognize the unique opportunity to be able to give back to those that give so much to us," he said. "We thank them for their support through numerous deployments and are proud to share the capabilities of this amazing ballistic missile defense United States naval ship," Johnson said.

Lt. j.g. Cameron Will discussed the history and current capability of the 17-year-old Aegis ship. He explained that they are engaged in identifying and intercepting trans-continental threats. "With over 330 Sailors ... We have six departments and the average age on board is 24 years old," Will explained.

WSOC dedication

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type for three other WSOC locations slated worldwide. This center serves as the new home for Army space Soldiers of Delta Company, 53rd Signal Battalion, 1st Space Brigade. These Soldiers serve as controllers of the Defense Satellite Communications System (DSCS) and wideband global satellite-communication (WGS) satellite constellations. This means they command communications payload on these satellites and provide user control.

The purpose of this new facility is to provide Delta Company controllers with increased capabilities to control the communications payload and communications transmissions of the DSCS and WGS constellations. The system is composed of satellites, users, controllers, planners and managers. Three WGS satellites are currently in orbit. A single WGS spacecraft has as much bandwidth as the entire DSCS constellation.

Formica added that the center is important in his organization's ability to meet its responsibility in "providing military communications to troops deployed at forward stations throughout the geographic combatant commands" He described the operations center

role as "managing the payloads and providing critical communications, navigation, and other space based capabilities to the warfighter. This is no small task, and our Soldiers and civilians take pride in their ability to maintain the life-line that secure communications bring to those serving in harm's way," he said.

"The capabilities provided by the WGS constellation of satellites and this WSOC here at Wahiawa, provide high speed satellite communications support and improved communications control services to USPACOM, satellite capacity that's used to support U.S. combat forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, our fleet afloat and Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines stationed around the world who work daily to defend our great nation," Formica said. "With this new ops center, we'll work alongside 11 Australian service members who will be integrated into our team, as part of our binational partnership in the wideband global satellite program."

The 28,244 square-foot state-of-the-art building was completed under contract by the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii earlier this summer. (See photos on page A-5)

IT2 BEMLEY IS MOVING AHEAD WITH RAPID RESPONSE UNIT

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Information Systems Technician 2nd Class (SW) Dimple Bemley is this week's Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Warrior of the Week.

Hailing from Huntsville Mo., Bemley was a student pursuing a bachelor's degree in music when an injury halted her cheerleading scholarship and education in 1999. Bemley said that it was a sad moment to lose her cheerleading scholarship, but after a year working two jobs and attending night school, she decided it was time to change.

"I said I don't want to do this anymore," Bemley said. "I wanted to be something, so I decided I was going to join the United States Navy."

On New Year's Day 2001, Bemley joined the U.S. Navy with advice from a family member to sign up as an information systems technician.

"I started out my career in Japan aboard the lovely USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19)," Bemley said. "I love that ship."

While aboard Blue Ridge, Bemley traveled to several ports including in Singapore, Thailand, Korea, Africa, Noumea and Hong Kong.

"I probably have been to more countries than I've been to states," Bemley said. "When I was young, I didn't really go too far. When I was on the Blue Ridge, I've seen a lot of places. That's what made me love the Navy. I chose the right ship that took me everywhere."

Bemley's other tours of duty include

Keflavick, Iceland; U.S. Pacific Fleet in Hawaii; and, currently, Joint Maritime Ashore Support Team Pacific (JMAST PAC) in Wahiawa, Hawaii.

"The Navy was great to me because it made me go places I've never been," Bemley explained. "I mean, look at me, I'm in Hawaii. People dream and save their whole life to go to Hawaii, and I'm here for free. I can check that off the block."

Bemley is currently the information technician work center supervisor at JMAST PAC, a rapid response unit under commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, JMAST PAC provides expeditionary command and control capability to assigned forces via secure video, voice and data systems during all aspects of joint military operations anywhere in the Pacific region.

"We are a tacmobile (tactical/mobile) unit," said Bemley, whose primary duty is to maintain all communication equipment for the unit. "Anyone requesting communication services, once the message hits the ground, we are able to get everything ready within 48 hours for deployment. We fly out and set up within 24 hours," she said.

In 2009, Bemley deployed with JMAST PAC to Thailand to provide command center support in the aftermath of a cyclone that hit Burma. JMAST PAC's capabilities were used for other rapid response teams until a more permanent command and control center could be deployed and constructed for support.

The unit's main goal is to maintain 48-hour readiness to respond to any real world events, including humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.



MCPON sends Supply Corps birthday message to the fleet

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick D. West

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/SW) Rick D. West released the

following Supply Corps birthday message to the fleet on Feb 23.

"Shipmates, For 216 years, our Navy Supply Corps has delivered sustained global logistics capabilities to the Navy and joint warfighter enabling our

Navy to be the global force for good at the tactical, operational and strategic level.

As one of the oldest staff corps in the Navy, the Supply Corps' rich and proud history began Feb. 23, 1795, when President George Washington appointed Tench Francis, a Philadelphia businessman, as the country's first purveyor of public supplies. Francis unified a group of independent

pursers under a single organization, which eventually became the Navy Supply Corps, and since then, the supply corps community, consisting of officers, Sailors and civilians, has given their dedication and steadfast support, significantly contributing to the successes of our great Navy.

It is my belief that on board any command, morale rests in the hands of those in

the supply department, whether you are delivering a much-needed part, supplying items within the ship's store, or preparing the meals for our warriors, your actions can single-handedly set the tone for morale within your command and our Navy.

To the more than 3,500 active and Reserve component Supply Corps officers and the more than 19,000

supply community enlisted personnel, including logistics specialists, ships' servicemen, and culinary specialists, and those Sailors and officers currently serving in harm's way, thank you for what you do every day and for your continued service and dedication to our nation and our Navy.

Happy birthday, Supply Corps! Hooyah!

Diverse Views



What services offered by Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam benefit you and your family the most and why?

Ben McTee
Machinist's Mate
1st Class (SS)

"Barbershop. The one on the former sub base is very convenient for its location."



Joshua Gallagher
Sonar Technician Submarine 1st Class (SS)

"I really like the bowling alley. I really got a lot of use of that. My kids like it, very good food and a lot of fun."



Staff Sgt. Kellen Wilson
647th CES

The gym, it's convenient and has good equipment for working out.



Staff Sgt. Sean Ryan
647th CES

The gym, for basketball and weightlifting.



A1C Jennifer Mathery
561 Network Operations Squadron

The bowling alley; it's a gathering place for me and friends to come together and have fun.



Master Sgt. Roberto Padilla
561 Network Operations Squadron

There are so many MWR services, childcare and housing, a wide variety that makes military family life comfortable, especially while deployed.



(Provided by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico and David D. Underwood Jr.)

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Davis serves as Tuskegee Airmen commander



Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr. served as the commander of the World War II Tuskegee Airmen, including a 1,600-mile bomber escort to Berlin on March 24, 1945. This photograph was taken in 1942, when at the rank of captain, he climbed into an advanced trainer. In 1953, he became the first African-American Air Force officer to achieve general's rank. A generation before him, his father, Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, Sr., was the first African-American to become a general in the Army.

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LNOs provide critical link to PACOM deployments

Capt. Ashley Conner

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When the 525th Fighter Squadron (FS) deployed 15 F-22 Raptors from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska to Kadena Air Base, Japan, Maj. Brian Urban, 525th FS F-22 pilot, was the first to arrive at the 613th Air Operations Center (AOC) in Hawaii as the squadron's liaison officer (LNO).

The LNO serves as a criti-

cal link between the fighters and bombers deployed throughout the western Pacific in support of the U.S. Pacific Command's theater security packages and the planners in Hawaii.

"I worked as a liaison between the 525th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, 613th AOC, 13th Air Force and PACAF," Urban said. "I helped coordinate assets to ensure a safe and timely deployment to the area of responsibility (AOR),

established a critical communications link between the flying operations and the units at Hickam and paved the way for future F-22 movements throughout the PACAF AOR."

The fighter and bomber LNOs are assigned to the master air attack planning (MAAP) cell in the AOC and are the tactical experts on the capabilities of their respective airframes.

"Having an LNO in the AOC is a critical function

that facilitates a successful deployment," Urban said. "The LNO helps educate the mission planners who work in the AOC and ensures that their expectations match our real-world capabilities."

Bombers have had a continuous presence in the Pacific since 2004. Capt. Aaron Hedrick assigned to the 69th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron and the current bomber LNO, echoed similar sentiments.

"[As the bomber LNO] I

provide updates to the MAAP cell on what the deployed bomber squadron is doing at Andersen," Hedrick said. "I also have the job of coordinating airspace and tankers for the pilots on the island to execute on."

The 69th Bomb Squadron from Minot AFB, N.D. deployed to Andersen AB, Guam in November 2010.

In the event a conflict in the Pacific broke out, the LNOs would be fully involved in the daily produc-

tion of the air tasking order, verifying that taskings match current capabilities and would act as the critical link between the pilots flying combat missions and the commanders managing the war.

The fighter and bomber presence in the Pacific is not a response to any specific situation, but is a part of the PACOM commander's continuing force posture to address worldwide requirements.

Pacific Air Force media award winners are announced

U.S. Pacific Air Force

Gen. Gary North, Pacific Air Force (PACAF) commander, announced winners of the annual Pacific Air Forces Media contest last week. Several Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam members' work stood out. North said he wanted to "pay tribute to all our PA competitors

who have done so much to further the Air Force's vital public information mission."

Staff Sgt. Carolyn Viss earned second place print journalist of the year honors, while Staff Sgt. Michael Meares received third place in the same category.

Meares also earned first place in the sports category, while Viss earned second

place in sports. Viss received first place honors in the commentary category.

Meares earned first place in the photojournalism category. In addition, Meares won numerous photography program category awards including: first place in sports; second place in combat documentation; second place in features; second

place in pictorial; second place in the picture story category; and third place in portrait/personality.

Capt. Genieve David earned first and second place honors in the news category.

Master Sgt. Kerry Jackson won third place in the photojournalism category.

In the broadcast media program, Staff Sgt. Anthony Gomez won second place in the television feature report category.

Winners were selected by a combination of headquarters public affairs staff, Marines Forces Pacific (MARFORPAC), U.S. Army and civilian sector with a photojournalism and/or

multimedia background. First place winners will represent PACAF in the Air Force's annual media contest in their appropriate categories.

Command public affairs specialists competed in nearly 40 categories highlighting achievements in photography, writing and broadcasting.



An Army detail participating in the "Sounds of Freedom," military formation, begins the 8.15 mile Great Aloha Run in downtown Honolulu. This year's "Sounds of Freedom," was made up of approximately 3,500 active duty service members from all five military branches.

Service members set the pace for Great Aloha Run

Story and photo by MC2 (AW) Eric J. Cutright

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Detachment Hawaii

Service members from all five branches participated in the 27th Annual Great Aloha Run which began in downtown Honolulu Feb. 21.

The Great Aloha Run is 8.15 miles in length starting at Aloha Tower and ending inside Aloha Stadium.

The military formation called the "Sounds of Freedom," comprising of more than 3,500 men and women, began the race seven minutes early at 6:53

a.m. during a silent start.

"It felt great to be a part of the Sounds of Freedom out here today," said Lt. Shawn Osborne, command chaplain onboard USS Port Royal (CG 73). "It really motivates you when you have everyone cheering you on. You don't really think about the time and the distance too much."

Lt. j.g. Kyle Aquino, assigned to USS Port Royal (CG 73), spoke of the military's involvement in this year's race.

"I feel that it is really important for the men and women that make up our armed forces to come out and show our presence and represent," Aquino said. "I

think that the people were just excited to see us out there and participating."

The military presence has been lower in recent years due to an increase in deployments but still managed higher numbers this year than in the previous decade.

"Back in the late 80s we had 10,000 Sounds of Freedom, and we were (previously) up to like 32,000 on the course," race director Carol Jaxon said. "That would have been 22,000 local people running and the rest being military. I do know that definitely in the last decade this is our biggest number."

The Great Aloha Run is

recognized as one of the top 100 road races in the country since its inauguration back in 1984, which drew in approximately 12,000 runners.

Over the past 27 years the Great Aloha Run has raised approximately \$8.6 million in support of more than 150 non-profit health and human service organizations as well as community service groups throughout Hawaii.

"It's important that we help our community because that's what it's all about. This race is for the people, by the people, and all the money goes back to the people," Carole Kai Onouye, race founder, said.

COLA Living Pattern Survey takes place from March 1-31

U.S. Pacific Command

Concerned about your Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)? Military personnel in Hawaii have an opportunity to affect their paychecks this year by participating in a COLA Living Pattern Survey (LPS).

This survey of families' shopping patterns will take place from March 1-31, and affects the COLA that military personnel stationed in Hawaii receive each month.

The approximately 30-minute online survey asks personnel and their families to identify the off-base retail outlets they use when they shop for food, clothing and many other goods and services, such as restaurant meals, hair care and auto repair.

It also requests information on how much they shop in the local economy (off-base) and how much they shop at the commissary, exchange and the Internet. The data collected in this survey will be used to adjust the COLA for Hawaii.

The LPS is one of the building blocks of COLA. Every three years an LPS is conducted to update the names of the local economy outlets where military families shop and the frequency they shop at these outlets. An annual market basket survey, the Retail Price Survey (RPS), collects the prices of 120 goods and services from these outlets.

These prices are com-

pared to those in the continental United States (CONUS), and a Cost of Living Index is computed that reflects the difference. The Hawaii COLA allowance is designed to compensate service members for the difference between the costs of goods and services in CONUS and the same goods and services in Hawaii.

The Hawaii LPS will run throughout March, and will be available at both the U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM) website, <http://www.pacom.mil>, and the USPACOM Personnel Readiness site, <https://community.apan.org/pop/>.

All uniformed military members assigned to Hawaii as their permanent duty station for at least three months, who do not reside in the barracks or on a ship, should take the survey.

This includes all Coast Guard, U.S. Public Health Services and Hawaii Army and Air National Guard personnel.

Service Members are encouraged to take the survey at home with their families to ensure that input is received from the people who actually do the shopping for the household.

According to officials, maximum participation is key to a successful Hawaii LPS and, ultimately, a fair and accurate COLA rate.

For more information, call the USPACOM Personnel Readiness Branch at 477-8121.

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Sailors from USS Port Royal (CG 73) participating in the "Sounds of Freedom," military formation, begin the 8.15 mile Great Aloha Run in downtown Honolulu. This year's "Sounds of Freedom," was made up of approximately 3,500 active duty service members from all five military branches.



(Left) Approximately 25 members of the 15th Wing at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawaii participate in the Great Aloha Run Feb. 21. The run, which started at Aloha Tower in Honolulu and ended at Aloha Stadium, stretched more than eight miles.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

(Below) Lt. Gen. Richard Formica speaks with Specialist Matthew R. McLeod in the newly dedicated wideband satellite operations center in Wahiawa, Hawaii. McLeod is assigned to Delta Company, 53rd Signal Battalion. Formica is commanding general of United States Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command.

U.S. Air Force photo by Don Montoya



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Soldiers of the 53rd Signal Battalion's Delta Company work on the operations floor in their newly dedicated wideband satellite operations facility at Wahiawa Annex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.



(Left) Sailors assigned to the guided-missile cruiser USS Chancellorsville (CG 62) deploy a rigid-hull inflated boat during a Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield 2011 exercise. Exercise Solid Curtain and Citadel Shield is an annual antiterrorism and force protection exercise that is conducted on all continental U.S. naval installations.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Mark Logico

Hawaii-based Air Force spouse is winner of Operation Makeover weekend

Special to Ho'okele from Becker Communications, Inc.

Joni Mansapit, an Air Force spouse from Hickam Air Force Base and the mother of five children, has been awarded a complimentary weekend of luxury and pampering as this month's recipient of Operation Makeover, presented by Paul Brown Salons & Spas and other collaborative partners.

Mansapit was recognized for not only providing support to her active duty husband and family, but also for assisting others living at Tripler Fisher House. Tripler Fisher House provides housing to families and patients who are receiving treatment at Tripler Army Medical Center.

As the recipient of Operation Makeover, Mansapit will receive a makeover from Paul Brown Salons & Spas, dinner for two at Roy's Restaurant Waikiki, two nights' ocean-view accommodations at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa, and a personally escorted \$250 shopping excursion at Guess.

Born and raised on Guam, Mansapit has been living with her children at Tripler Fisher House for the past 22 months. Mansapit's fourth child, Abigail Joy, was diagnosed with Downs Syndrome and has experienced two life-threatening episodes that required that she be medevaced to Tripler Army Medical Center. Since March 2009, she has continued to receive ongoing treatment for



Photo by Armed Services YMCA

Joni Mansapit (front center) is the winner of a weekend of pampering as part of Operation Makeover. Anita Clingerman, Fisher House assistant manager, is pictured at far left. At far right is Stanley W.O. Lum, executive director of Armed Services YMCA.

severe pulmonary hypertension at Tripler.

Beyond her own challenges, Mansapit has dedicated herself to providing support to the seven other families currently living at Tripler Fisher House. She helps them make appointments, takes them shopping, cooks dinner, and generally does what it takes to raise her housemates' spirits, all while dealing with her own family's concerns.

Meanwhile, Mansapit's husband, Airman Staff Sgt. Joel Mansapit has been occupied with transferring from the Air Force Reserves to Air Force proper and taking up a new posting at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. Like so many military wives, she has had to manage without his presence during much of this ordeal.

"Joni Mansapit is the perfect example of a military spouse who goes above and beyond in not only taking care of her family, but also other

military members," said Paul Brown, founder of Paul Brown Salons and creator of Operation Makeover.

"We're thrilled to be able to provide her with a weekend where she is the focus and can enjoy a taste of beauty, luxury and relaxation."

Operation Makeover winners — members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, National Guard and Navy and their dependents — are selected each month from nominees submitted by service personnel or members of the general public who know them or have worked with them. The Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) coordinates all of the arrangements, including the selection process.

For more information or to nominate a member of the Armed Forces family, contact Kehau Bice, ASYMCA project coordinator, at 473-3398 or download the nomination information at <http://bit.ly/fUupHf>



Photo courtesy of Hickam Communities LLC

Maj. Glen Collins, Teniece Collins and son Aaron are introduced to the energy-efficient features found in their new LEED Certified home in Onizuka Village by Ashley Powell from Hickam Communities. The Collins family is one of several families who recently moved into new homes in Onizuka Village last week.

Hickam Communities welcomes families into new homes

Hickam Communities LLC

Since January, more than 30 new homes have been completed in Onizuka Village and new families are entering the neighborhood every day. The homes are part of 102 new homes in the second phase of development at Onizuka. The third and final phase of development in the neighborhood is underway, which will bring 200 more new homes to families by the end of the year.

All homes are designed and built to meet rigorous energy-efficiency stan-

dards and will be LEED Certified Silver. In partnership with the Air Force, Hickam Communities is providing Airmen and their families with an opportunity to reduce their energy consumption and conserve natural resources.

Onizuka Village, formerly called Flight Line Housing, was named after Hawaii-born Ellison S. Onizuka, a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force and NASA astronaut. After receiving his commission, Onizuka entered active duty as a distinguished military graduate in 1970. In 1978,

he was selected as an astronaut candidate by NASA and flew his first mission on the first Space Shuttle Department of Defense space shuttle mission, which launched in January 1985. He was a mission specialist on STS 51-L which was launched from the Kennedy Space Center on Jan. 28, 1986. Just one minute, 30 seconds after launch, the Orbiter Challenger exploded and the entire crew on board was lost. Several street names in the village also honor his memory with the names of prominent NASA programs: Mercury, Apollo, Gemini and Challenger.

Got Questions?
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Uh oh, foreclosure...now what can you do?

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More than 20,000 veterans, active-duty troops and reservists lost their homes through foreclosure last year. Many of these foreclosures could have been prevented if the homeowner took prompt action. While homeowners face foreclosures due to a number of reasons, there are several options each struggling homeowner should consider.

Negotiate a second chance

Most lenders do not want to foreclose. If the homeowner does not have an extensive history of missed payments and the homeowner's financial problems are due to a temporary setback, some lenders will work with borrowers to bring the loan current. The lender may allow the homeowner to reinstate the loan prior to the foreclosure sale. Reinstatement typically involves paying off the entire delinquency, including interest, late charges and any costs incurred by the bank. Once the loan is reinstated, normal monthly payments will resume, as if the delinquency never happened. If the homeowner is unable to pay off the entire delinquency in a single lump sum, the lender may also be willing to accept a temporary repayment plan.

Pay off the existing debt

Homeowners may attempt to refinance their loan in order to pay off the entire amount due to the foreclosing lender. While many banks are not interested in lending new money to struggling borrowers, homeowners may be able to get family members to co-sign their loan or if the homeowner owns other real estate, may be able to use that property as additional collateral. If the homeowner is unable to obtain financing from a bank, they may explore the possibility of obtaining loans from family members or transferring small balances to credit cards.

Modify the loan

A loan modification is a

permanent change in one or more of the terms of a loan, resulting in a payment the homeowner can afford. Generally, lenders are not required to modify an existing loan. Nevertheless, the federal government enacted various programs to encourage lenders to consider modification.

Typically, a homeowner must apply for a modification directly through their existing lender. Many homeowners find this to be a stressful and time-consuming process. Prior to seeking the modification, the homeowner should put together an asset and debt statement indicating all of their income and monthly expenses and collect bills and other evidence to support these expenses. The homeowner should also draft a letter to the lender explaining why they are having a hard time meeting their current payment obligations and calculate how much of a monthly payment they would be able to afford. With this information at hand, the homeowner may be able to speed up the application process.

Get rid of the property

If there is a significant amount of equity in the property, the homeowners may want to sell the property for an amount that would allow them to fully pay off the lender. Because it may take several months to market and sell the property, the homeowner should try to get an extension of time from any foreclosure action started by the lender.

Even if there is no equity in the property, all is not lost. The homeowner may request that the lender allow them to pursue a short sale. In a short sale, the homeowners sell the mortgaged property for less than the outstanding balance of the loan, and turns over the proceeds of the sale to the lender. Another method of getting rid of the property is through a deed in lieu of foreclosure. A deed in lieu occurs when a homeowner surrenders the property to the lender in exchange for the lender not foreclosing on the property. In order to complete a

short sale or a deed in lieu of foreclosure, the homeowner needs the approval of the lender and all other lien holders. It is difficult to get this consent, especially if the homeowner has second or third mortgages, home equity lines of credit or tax liens. Short sales and deeds in lieu will affect the homeowner's credit, however in many cases the effect may not be as harsh as a foreclosure. Also, the homeowner may face tax consequences resulting from the forgiven debt.

Fight in court

In some foreclosures, the homeowner may be able to raise certain defenses or claims that may stall or prevent the sale. While there

are several state and federal consumer protection laws, one of the most utilized defenses against a foreclosure is the Truth in Lending Act (TILA).

TILA is a consumer-protection law that protects certain borrowers by requiring the disclosure of terms of the lending arrangement and all costs. TILA's right of rescission gives certain borrowers the opportunity to cancel their loan within three business days of signing the loan documents. If any material disclosure is not made, the three-day right to rescind is extended to three years. If a borrower rescinds, the lender is required to return to the borrower all fees that

they paid in advance of obtaining the refinanced loan and release its mortgage.

Misguided by headlines about lending problems involving major banks, many struggling homeowners believe that they can simply cancel their loan due to alleged TILA violations. TILA, however is largely ineffective for most homeowners because many courts will not require the lender to release the security interest until the rescinding borrower tenders or offers to tender repayment. In other words, even if a borrower is entitled to cancel the loan, they may be required to pay back the entire principal first, some-

thing many borrowers are unable to do. Frequently, homeowners realize that they are unable to rescind only after it is too late to take advantage of other foreclosure prevention options.

Bottom line, act quickly

Many foreclosure prevention options take time to negotiate and finalize. Struggling homeowners should consult with an attorney and begin considering their options before falling delinquent on their mortgage payments.

An attorney at the Naval Legal Service Office Pacific can assist you for free. Call 473-4717 or DSN (315) 473-4717 for information or to schedule an appointment.

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March 3 – MDSU-1 community outreach

March 10 – Women in Naval Aviation

March 17 – Individual augmentee recognition

March 24 – PHNSY career fair

March 31 – Energy

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Warrant Officer Recruiting Team to provide briefing

The Warrant Officer Recruiting Team from U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky., will brief qualifications and application procedures to all Soldiers, Airmen, Marines and Sailors interested in becoming U.S. Army Warrant Officers on March 16, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Makai Recreation Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. U.S. Army Recruiting Command is charged with recruiting highly qualified applicants to serve as Army Warrant Officers.

Special selection opportunities exist in the following warrant technical fields: 290A, 311A, 350F, 350Z, 351L, 351M, 352N, 353T, 890A, 914A, 921A, 948D. For more information, visit the website at www.goarmy.com/warrant.

