

Community bowled over as military beautifies path

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AIEA — A stray ball normally wouldn't be unusual near an athletic field. But what Builder 2nd Class Nestor Pascual found just outside the fence at McGrew Point Navy housing surprised him and his colleagues April 16.

"Look at this!" said the Sailor from CBMU 303 when he yanked out a red bowling ball from the overgrown grass not too far from a soccer field.

But as the morning progressed, Pascual and a group of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) volunteers at the fifth annual Pearl Harbor Bike Path Cleanup discovered even stranger things along the path. Among the debris, they found automobile components and furniture as they filled up bags of trash along their hike.

Chief Petty Officer Nixon Galan of FFRP pulled out part of a car console and shook his head.

"This sets a bad image for the community," he lamented. "That's why we came out here and do what we do. We got to set the example."

As he continued to fill a bag of trash while heading towards Neal Blaisdell Park, he pointed to a recliner and sink left near Aiea homes.

"That didn't just walk over here. It took time and effort," Galan said. "If you have the time to drive here and dump it here, you can go to the dump."

Fortunately, hundreds of volunteers including residents, members of community groups and service members, took the time and effort to beautify a wide swath of the Pearl Harbor area along a 14-mile path spanning Waipahu, Pearl City and Aiea.

Volunteers worked at several sites, including at Kapakahi Stream in Waipahu, where the Navy provided dinghies to assist in the project. In addition to removing trash, volunteers also helped to maintain the path by adding plants.

The path's scenic beauty appeals to many users, including Air Force Staff Sgt. Tyoncenay Walls, who loves being outdoors in Hawaii.

In fact, the interior plumbing NCOIC with the 647th Civil Engineers Squadron attests to how the path is one of his favorite places to ride his bicycle.

"It's beautiful. I'd rather ride my bike along that beautiful coastline than next to cars," he said.

But the debris "ticks me off!" said Walls, who eagerly volunteered for the cleanup. "It shouldn't be like that. We're in Hawaii. It's paradise."

As one group of volunteers passed by homes in the Pearlridge area, appreciative path users and residents shouted words of thanks.

Among those grateful for the military muscle was Claire Tamamoto, Aiea Community Association president, who worked alongside Sailors.

"We appreciate the Sailors and Airmen who help the community in which they live," she said. "It's good to see that kind of cooperation."

Between the annual cleanup project and a massive beautification of Rainbow Bay State Park near McGrew Point several years ago, "We've seen vast improvement" in the area, she said.

"It's good for [our Sailors] to get involved in the community," said Navy Lt. Megan White, officer in charge, JBPHH Transient Personnel Unit, who helped coordinate the base's volunteers.

"It shows that we have the ability to grab hold of a project that means something and do something about it," she said, adding that more than 100 Sailors from various JBPHH commands signed up for the project.

JBPHH was among the sponsors of Saturday's effort, along with the City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services, Hawaiian Electric Company and the Pearl City Lions Club.

"The Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup is the signature project in our community that promotes environmental awareness for those of us that live, work and play in this area — all the way from mauka to makai," said Raymond Nii, a Pearl City Lions vice president and its environmental committee chairman.

"It also serves to remind everyone in the community that everything that goes into the storm drain system eventually ends up in the ocean," Nii added. "We all need to take personal responsibility and be active stewards in preserving our environment for future generations."



Earth Day events

- Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Pearl Harbor (FISC) Earth Day Fair and Car Show, 9 a.m. to noon April 22 on the first deck of building 475 at FISC headquarters.
- MWR Springfest and Earth Day Fair, 4 to 7 p.m. on April 23, at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).
- JBPHH Earth Day clean up and out-planting at Ahua Reef, April 30, 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact Lt. John Casilio at 473-7818 or john.casilio@navy.mil.

For information on other JBPHH Earth Day events, contact Grace Hew Len, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs office at 473-2926.



Kunia Gallos and HIANG play to deadlock

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In a battle of two of the top teams in the Gold Division, the Kunia Gallos and the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) fought to a 1-1 tie during a defensive engagement in a Soccer Intramural League game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 16.

The draw gave the Gallos, Navy Intramural League champs in 2009, a current record of 2-0-2, while the HIANG kept pace with the divisional leaders with a mark of 2-1-1.

Against the HIANG, the Gallos appeared to take control of the game right away, as the team quickly rattled off two shots on goal within the first three minutes of play.

Airman 1st Class Caleb Dziurdzy of Kunia got off the first shot and barely missed out on a score, when his kicked ball slammed into the right upright of the goal and bounced out of play.

Moments later, Senior Airman Tom Mrozovich almost mirrored the same path as Dziurdzy, but this time, completed the play with a boot into the net to give Kunia an early 1-0 lead.

Although the Gallos appeared to be in full control of the game in the initial stages of the first half, the HIANG turned things around in a hurry to stop Kunia's intense flow of activity around the goal.

Capt. Glen Hayase of the HIANG said that after watching the Gallos in



Capt. Brandon Dewey of the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) tries to muscle his way to the ball before Senior Airman Tom Mrozovich of the Kunia Gallos in a Soccer Intramural League Gold Division game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 16. The two teams battled to a 1-1 tie.

action, it didn't take long to devise a plan to stop them.

"We figured out what their game plan was," Hayase said. "They had a couple of quick guys up front and they were just hitting the open space and let their speed do the work. They had one guy that was

clearly their go-to guy, so we just manned him up and irritated him. Once we figured that out, I think they got frustrated."

In addition, Hayase pointed out that the team was able to control the field on defense by keeping the ball on the ground and substituting freely in order to

exhaust the Kunia players.

The strategy kept the HIANG in the game and midway into the first half, the plan paid off when Department of Defense employee Darren Lee took a pass on the left side of the Kunia box and headed a shot into the goal for the game-tying score.

While Mrozovich said that he was disappointed about not being to put the HIANG away after its fast start, he wasn't surprised that the game ended in a tie.

"We knew they were a good team," Mrozovich stated. "They got a bunch of MISO (Men's Island

Soccer Organization) players and we have a bunch of MISO players also, so we knew it was going to be a good matchup."

Mrozovich said that although he and his teammates talked about making adjustments in the second half, the team just seemed to resort back to its old style of play.

"We weren't playing through the middle and they read what we were doing because we were a one-trick pony today," Mrozovich admitted. "We talked about doing a lot of things, but we didn't seem to follow through on a lot of it."

While Hayase said that he was pleased with the HIANG's performance on defense, he noted that the team missed several opportunities on offense to steal the game away.

"Part of it was that they (Gallos) was so good on the offensive side, we got caught playing too much defense and not enough offense," Hayase said. "We didn't do enough runs."

Mrozovich said that even though the game was frustrating at times, he is very encouraged about the Gallos having a successful season.

Like Hayase, who said that he just loves to come out and play, Mrozovich claimed that he is also looking forward to the rest of the year and is enjoying playing on a team that is full of new players.

"It is frustrating, but it's also a lot of fun," Mrozovich pointed out. "We're all from different parts of the country, so it's really fun getting different styles together."



Late goal preserves O'Kane's perfect record

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A goal by Ensign Richard Geer with less than two minutes remaining in the game helped USS O'Kane (DDG 77) beat the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS), 2-1, in a Soccer Intramural League Blue Division game at Hickam Football/Soccer Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 16.

The victory raised O'Kane's unbeaten divisional record to 4-0, while the 324 IS saw its mark sink to 1-3-1.

With time running out, O'Kane penetrated deep into 324 IS territory, before Geer took a pass and drilled in the game winner.

"It was the perfect setup because the other team was a little tired and was slow getting back," recalled Geer about his tie-breaking shot. "Our midfielder passed it to me, which set me up in the box and I placed it in the far corner. The keeper was a little too far to the inside and I got lucky I guess. It was a good deal. All these guys played great. It wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for the good passing and teamwork."

Although Geer's shot

was the final dagger that killed the 324 IS, the O'Kane was in deep trouble of seeing its unbeaten streak come to halt.

Early into the contest, the 324 IS took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Senior Airman Tom Mrozovich who earlier in the day booted in a kick while playing for the Kunia Gallos.

The lead held up through the second half before Sonar Technician (Surface) 3rd Class Michael Wood got a break near the top of the box and kicked in a shot to knot the game up at 1-1.

"It was a little luck," said Wood about his goal. "Some of the defenders got in front of the goalie, so he had a late reaction."

The goal helped Wood breathe a sigh of relief, as he and his teammates got numerous shots on goal early in the game but just couldn't seem to convert.

The lack of firepower has been an ongoing problem for the team this season, Wood said, but at least it hasn't prevented the squad from winning.

"We had good balls going



Sonar Technician (Surface) 3rd Class Michael Wood of USS O'Kane (DDG 77) works past a 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) defender to get to the ball during a Soccer Intramural League Blue Division game at Hickam Football/Soccer Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 16. The O'Kane came from behind to defeat the 324 IS by a score of 2-1.

in and made good runs. We just couldn't get our heads on the ball today, so it was another tight game for us," Wood stated. "All four of our games, we should have scored six or seven goals,

but we managed to get by. A win is a win, right?"

Senior Airman Bryce Hartman of the 324 IS said that the loss was frustrating – especially since his team held the upper hand

for most of the game.

In assessing the team's latest defeat, Hartman said that a lack of diversity in the squad's attack might have contributed to the heartbreaking loss.

"We kept it out of the outside and tried to put it down the middle too much," Hartman noted. "It just created a traffic jam in there."

Although the 324 IS has won only one game this season, Hartman said he believes that the team has what it takes to turn things around.

"Our personnel is great. We just got to work on getting used to each other a little more," Hartman said. "We'll work on our passes and I think that will open up the field."

Meanwhile, Wood said that while the team's winning streak may put a huge bulls-eye on its back, he is confident that the O'Kane has the talent to keep its record spotless.

Even if the team's scoring woes continues, Wood assures that the O'Kane's defense will keep it in every game this season.

"We have good chemistry. We build up each other," Wood declared. "We know we're good and we got the team to win all our games. We've only had two goals against us this whole season and I think it's going to stay like that for the rest of the season. As long as we keep our heads straight, we should be winning 2-0 or 3-0 every game."

Defending champs Cavemen club Shipyard

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Last season's Navy intramural champions Kunia Cavemen overcame a four-run deficit to bash the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Sharks, 14-8, in an Ashore Intramural Softball League game at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 19.

The win improved the Cavemen's league-leading record to a spotless 3-0, while the Sharks dropped its second game in a row to fall to 1-2.

Against Kunia, the Sharks opened up quickly to score four runs in the top of the first inning and take a 4-0 lead.

The Sharks started off with a leadoff double by Machinist's Mate 1st Class Erick Rodriguez and went on to tap out an additional five singles off of Kunia starting pitcher Senior Chief Cryptologic Technician (Technical) Mike Smith in building their early advantage.

Down but not out, the Cavemen took their turn at-bat in the bottom of the frame and answered the Shark attack with four runs of their own to tie the game at 4-4.

As he did in last season's championship drive, Kunia Lt. Jeff Murse was again the catalyst in leading the Cavemen's potent batting order.

Murse stoked the team's fire with a leadoff home run that seemed to ignite the Kunia offense.

"It got us on the scoreboard and that's certainly a way to get momentum started for sure," said Murse, who also reached base three more times on a double, error and single and drove in



Kunia Cavemen third baseman Chief Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) Duain "Woody" Woodruff slaps a tag on Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Sharks Machinist's Mate 1st Class Erick Rodriguez during an Ashore Intramural Softball League game at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 19. The Cavemen defeated the Sharks by a score of 14-8.

three runs. "It would have been better if we had guys on base."

The long blast led to three more runs in the first before the Kunia bats exploded for three runs in the second, two in the third, one in the fourth and four more runs in the bottom of the sixth.

"We have a lot of confidence in our hitters," said Murse about the Cavemen's comeback and impressive night at the plate. "We're never really pressing to get hits. We know they're going to come and we'll end up scoring some runs."

While the Kunia hitters were taking care of business, Smith, after his shaky start, settled down and began posting goose eggs on the scoreboard.

Smith allowed a single run in the second before going on to throw three shutout innings in a row.

"They (Sharks) started swinging at the first pitch, so I started throwing a ball on the first pitch to try and get them to miss," Smith said. "I was trying to go short so they would pop it up or hit some ground balls."

Smith went on to credit his defense for its outstanding play on the field

that kept Shark runners off the bases. In Smith's three shutout innings, the defense recorded outs on five fly balls and three grounders.

"Defense always plays outstanding," Smith pointed out. "I can throw any pitch I want. I can let them hit it and our fielders will catch it. It's a pretty good feeling."

Rodriguez said that he was also impressed with the Cavemen's defense. He admitted that Kunia's slick fielding was a main reason why the Sharks' bats were held silent.

"They were making good plays," Rodriguez

acknowledged. "They had the speed on field. Balls that were dropping for a hit, they got to it."

Although the Sharks got to within two runs in the top of the sixth, when a two-run single by Machinist's Mate 1st Class Cody Davis led to three runs for Shipyard, the Cavemen put the game away for good by driving in its final four runs in the bottom of the inning.

Cavemen pitcher Master Chief Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) Bill Kronenberg relieved Smith to mop up the final three outs of the game.

While falling behind by four runs is enough to derail most teams, Murse explained that the Cavemen's collective years of experience and team championship played a huge role in Kunia's cool comeback.

"It's a little bit of both," said Murse about Kunia, which is comprised of E-7s and above from Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii.

"A large portion of the team is back from last year. We're comfortable with each other. It's a fun team to play with and the maturity is important, too."

Easter Sunrise service will take place on Missouri

An Easter Sunrise service will be held at 6:30 a.m. April 24 on the deck of the Battleship Missouri Memorial. The service is sponsored jointly by the Navy and Army, with Air Force participation.

A Navy chaplain, Capt. Richard Pusateri, is scheduled to speak at the service. In addition, the Pacific Fleet Band will play at the event. Refreshments and a continental breakfast will be served. Parking is limited and about 1,000 participants are expected to attend the event. Arrive early to get a seat.

Attendees will need base access to enter Ford Island and usual security procedures will be in place.

For more information, call Chaplain Lt. Steven Voris at 473-4089.

Holy Week schedule announced

The Holy Week schedule at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam includes services at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, Hickam Chapel Center and Hickam Nelles Chapel.

Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel holds Catholic Good Friday service at 6 p.m. on April 22; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m. April 23; and Easter Sunday service at 9 a.m. April 24. Protestant services at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel include Easter Sunrise at 6:30 a.m. and Easter Worship at 11 a.m. on April 24.

Hickam Chapel Center Catholic services include Good Friday at 7 p.m. April 22; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass at 7 p.m. on April 23; and Easter Sunday at 10:30 a.m. April 24. Protestant services at Hickam Chapel Center include Easter Worship at 8:30 a.m. on April 24. Hickam Nelles Chapel will hold Protestant Good Friday services at 7 p.m. April 22 and Easter Worship at 10:45 a.m. on April 24.

For more information, call Religious Programs Specialist 2nd Class Brian Schoffstall at 473-4512 or e-mail brian.schoffstall@navy.mil.

Security Forces Squadron crushes HIANG

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Airman 1st Class Vincent Kruzona drove in three runs and teammate Tech. Sgt. Gary Lafon added a clutch two-run single to help the 647th Security Forces Squadron (647SFS) hammer Hickam defending champs Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG), 13-4, in a Hickam Intramural Softball League Monday-Wednesday Division game at Hickam Softball Fourplex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 13.

The meeting was the first matchup between the two base rivals since their epic showdown in last season's championship final, which was won by the HIANG in a 13-12 come-from-behind thriller.

In the teams' latest skirmish, the HIANG broke in front first by plating three runners in the top half of the opening frame.

However, the lead was short lived, as the 647 SFS quickly responded with two runs in the bottom of the first and four runs in the second to go out ahead for good.

Although 647 SFS pitcher Tech. Sgt. Robert "Woody" Wooderson strug-



Airman 1st Class John Hunt, third baseman for the 647th Security Forces Squadron (647SFS), keeps his eyes on the ball after launching an opposite-field drive to right field during a Hickam Intramural Softball League showdown against the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) at Hickam Softball Fourplex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 13. The 647 SFS went on to defeat the HIANG by a score of 13-4.

gled against the potent HIANG batter order in the first, the right-handed hurler settled down to post five shutout innings and preserve the win.

"First inning they were hitting," Wooderson said. "But once I figured out the curveball, I just told everyone to relax, lock it down, and that's exactly what they did."

After falling behind, Kruzona got the ball rolling for the 647 SFS by driving in the team's first run with a double in the bottom of the first.

Then in the second inning, Kruzona drove in two more runs on a single with two men on and two outs.

Kruzona's clutch line drive capped off a four-run outburst and followed a deep blast off the bat of teammate Airman 1st Class John Hunt, whose opposite-field smash flew over the head of HIANG right-fielder Staff Sgt. Mike Victorino for an apparent two-run homer.

Instead, the plate umpire allowed only one run to score, as Hunt was called out for wearing metal-spiked shoes.

The play did nothing to dampen the Security Forces' charge, as the team continued to produce on offense and defense.

The 647 added two more runs in the fourth inning, before sending three more runners home in the fifth.

The big blow in the fifth came off the bat of Lafon,

who stroked a single with two outs to drive in Hunt and Wooderson — raising the team's lead to 11-4.

"You just got to keep your head up," said Lafon about the team's recovery from its first inning deficit. "It's a long game. You just got to play together and keep driving forward. It's a mutual respect for both sides. We both know that we're going to get fired up, so you have to stay positive the whole way."

Besides its outstanding performance at the plate, the 647 also shined on the field with its solid defensive play.

Not only did the 647 fielders kill a potential rally with back-to-back outs, when the HIANG had bases loaded in the top of the fourth with only one away, but the team's right fielder Senior Airman Chris Hechavarria made a spectacular diving catch off the bat of HIANG leadoff hitter Tech. Sgt. Charlie McKintosh to end the inning in the sixth.

"I have so much confidence (in the team's defense)," Wooderson said. "I don't have to do much. Normally, I start talking to amp everybody up. I didn't have to do that today."

Staff Sgt. John Arakaki,

center fielder for HIANG, said that with only two games under its belt, it wasn't unusual for the team to stumble a bit against its rival.

Arakaki said that with the team's group of veteran players, it won't be hard for the HIANG to forget about the loss and come back even stronger.

"Everybody was just off their game today," Arakaki explained. "This doesn't have any affect at all. Our guys know our game. We'll stick to our game and we'll come out next time and get revenge."

As for Wooderson, he said that the win affirms what he already knows about his team.

"With the talent that we have, we should win the championship," he said. "If we win the championship, that's great. I don't have to have a trophy. I just want to beat every team down."

The challenge also extends out to the teams in the Navy's Afloat and Ashore leagues said Wooderson, who volleyed a few good-natured digs at his counterparts across the base.

"We know that we (Hickam) have the toughest league," he said. "So once we go over to the Navy, I guess we'll all have to bat left handed."

Retired Air Force couple take charge of living room

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The life of a career military couple can be full of many things — different bases, a variety of people and cultures encountered and something new always ahead. There may not be a whole lot of time to truly settle down in one spot.

"You know you're going to leave," said retired Air Force lieutenant colonel Pete Jenks, a former command operations briefer for U.S. Pacific Command in 1987.

PACOM was his last duty station and "we thought we were just stopping here," said wife Patti. "We always thought we were going back to the mainland."

But with children rooted in school at the time, the allure of the aloha state beckoned to them.

"You don't need to move from paradise," Patti said. "Our children grew up living outside."

So for the next two decades, they raised a family, had careers — Pete as a financial planner, Patti an educator — in the same Mililani home.

But now with both of them mostly retired and the house an "empty nest," they finally had the

time to work on their home.

"We wanted to upgrade," Pete said. "Make it better."

In particular, they wanted to improve their living room. To them, it was cluttered with several chairs and seats, with a large screen television along one wall — seemingly unmovable because that's where all the outlets were.

"We didn't have a lot of money," Patti said.

So they tried to do it on their own last fall, with Patti trying to

find a paint that Pete would like, and moving their furniture a bit without success. And they were on deadline.

"I was desperate," Patti said. "My son was coming home for Christmas and a new grandson was here."

They consulted a Honolulu interior design company. "They did (what seemed like) six months of a design all in one day," Patti said. "Their expertise guided us."

"It's an involved process," she

added. The Jenks shared their ideas for their living room, what couldn't be changed (the "not negotiables," explained Patti) and let the company do the work.

Then, "you leave," Pete said. "There's apprehension."

When they returned, the Jenks were pleasantly surprised.

"They showed us this new arrangement," Pete said. "The most amazing thing is they took apart the TV system."

Pete thought the entertainment

center was locked to that part of the room, but the designers had been able to move the necessary wiring and hookups to move it to a wall without windows.

"We hadn't thought of that configuration," Patti said.

With that out of the way, other pieces of furniture could be moved near the windows, letting more light in and creating a larger space in the living room.

"It uses the space more effectively," Pete said. "Accents, spaces make it more comfortable."

In fact, having guests over is a real pleasure, they both say, because the living room feels more inviting. Their family enjoys coming over.

Even though they used a professional service, they learned that in order to better their home, they needed to commit to the time and effort. And that can be difficult when things become complacent.

"When you're in a house as long as we have, it's not easy to do anything (this involved)," Patti said. Getting professional advice gave them "the inertia to move ahead."

But the investment is worth it.

"A nice house gives you a better attitude," Pete said. "It's a start. There's more to be done."



(Left) Retired Air Force couple Pete and Patti Jenks' living room was a mass of chairs before they decided to redecorate.



(Right) Retired Air Force couple Pete and Patti Jenks show off their "upgraded" living room. With an entertainment center moved, furniture rearranged and accent colors added, they say having company over is much more enjoyable. They had professional help from a local company.

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Bring the whole family to celebrate the Month of the Military Child from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Ward Field. The free event will include bounce houses and a climbing wall, crafts, games and petting zoo, face painting and photo opportunities, stilt walkers and roving magicians, Earth Day exhibits and the all-new Taste of JBPHH with free samplings of chef specialties from base restaurants. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

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The Armed Forces Body Building Championship will be held Saturday at Sharkey Theater. Doors open at 6 p.m. Pre-judging and show is at 7 p.m. The cost is \$20 for competitors and \$10 for spectators. The event features the best body builders from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. It is open to all active-duty military and their family members, reservists and DoD employees. Entry forms are available at all military fitness centers and gyms. FMI: 473-0784 or 473-2494.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
Cheer on your favorite team during the Aloha Classic Basketball Tournament competition. Watch a 3-point shoot-out. The event will be held from April 24 through 30 at Hickam Fitness Center. Admission is free. FMI: 448-2214.

MINI GOLF
A free mini golf event will be held on April 25. The event is open to single service members only. Depart Beeman Center at 5 p.m., Instant Liberty at 5:15 p.m., and Airman Center at 5:30 p.m. FMI: 473-2583.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY
Say thanks to administrative professionals with a lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 27 at J.R. Rockers lanai and Hickam Officers' Club. Cost is \$12.95 per person. There is a \$1 members first discount. Large parties are welcome, but reservations are recommended. FMI: 448-2271 or 448-4608.

For more information on events, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com

Community Calendar

April

24 ~ An Easter Sunrise service will be held at 6:30 a.m. on the deck of the Battleship Missouri Memorial. The service is sponsored jointly by the Navy and Army, with Air Force participation. Attendees will need base access and usual security procedures will be in place. FMI: 473-4089.

28 ~ The Partners in Care class will be offered at 11:30 a.m. at the Hickam Family Health Clinic for Hickam Prime patients. Participants in the class will be taught proper over-the-counter medicine administration. 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: 448-6000.

May

7 ~ A free arts and crafts annual spring craft fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 7 at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center. See more than 130 vendors selling their original handmade art, jewelry and craft ware next to the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. This popular annual event is open to the public. If you're a vendor and want to register for a booth, contact the center at 448-9907, ext. 112.

12 ~ Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor will celebrate 100 years of naval aviation from 6 to 9 p.m. May 12 at the museum. Jim Nabors will be the special guest. The evening is co-sponsored by Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor and United States Navy League, Honolulu Council. The schedule for the event includes dinner at 7 p.m. and a celebration of Hawaii's own naval aviation units at 8 p.m. Honored guests will include aviators from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and POW/MIA. FMI: 441-1004 or email SpecialEvents@PacificAviationMuseum.org.

13 ~ Hickam's annual Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) graduation ceremony is scheduled at 10 a.m. May 13 at the Hickam Officer's Club lanai. Graduates desiring to participate must RSVP as soon as possible in hangar two, room 103. FMI: Timothy Smith at timothy.smith2@hickam.af.mil.

At a glance

Hickam Communities is looking for volunteers to assist with speeding awareness demonstrations to alert drivers. They are asking for resident volunteers to carry speeding awareness signs to help with this speeding awareness initiative. Sign wavings are scheduled every Monday and Tuesday in April in Earhart Village, and April 27 in Onizuka Village. FMI: 423-2300.

Movie Showtimes



Mars Needs Moms (PG)

Nine-year-old Milo finds out just how much he needs his mom when she's nabbed by Martians who plan to steal her mom-ness for their own young. Milo embarks on a quest to save his mom – a wild adventure that involves stowing away on a spaceship, navigating a multi-level planet and taking on the alien nation and their leader with the help of an underground earthman and a Martian girl called Ki.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY
7:00 PM Take Me Home Tonight (R)

SATURDAY
6:00 PM No movies due to Armed Forces Hawaii Bodybuilding Contest

SUNDAY
2:30 PM Mars Needs Moms (PG)
4:45 PM The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13)
7:00 PM Hall Pass (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY
6:00 PM Rango (PG)
8:30 PM Red Riding Hood (PG-13)

SATURDAY
4:00 PM Mars Needs Moms (PG)
7:00 PM Rango (PG)

SUNDAY
2:00 PM Mars Needs Moms (PG)





JOINT BASE *Sports* PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM



(Left) Players battle for the ball during a Soccer Intramural League Blue Division game between USS O'Kane (DDG 77) and the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) at Hickam Football/Soccer Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 16.



(Above) Striker Darren Lee, a Department of Defense employee and member of the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) soccer team, puts his foot into the ball in front of a Kunia Gallos player in a Soccer Intramural League Gold Division game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 16.



(Above) Kunia Cavemen leadoff hitter Lt. Jeff Murse rounds third and heads for home in an Ashore Intramural Softball League showdown against the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Sharks. Murse went three-for-four at the plate and was one triple short of hitting for the cycle in leading the Cavemen past the Sharks, 14-8.



(Above) Pitcher Tech. Sgt. Robert "Woody" Wooderson of the 647th Security Forces Squadron (647SFS) finishes off a pitch during the team's game versus the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) in a Hickam Intramural Softball League Monday-Wednesday Division game at Hickam Softball Fourplex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 13.



Machinist's Mate 1st Class Erick Rodriguez, leadoff hitter for the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Sharks, keeps his head down, while focusing on a pitch in an Ashore Intramural Softball League matchup against the Kunia Cavemen at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 19.

Photos by Randy Dela Cruz

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard apprentices receive hands-on, innovative training

Story and photo by
Liane Nakahara

Pearl Harbor Naval
Shipyard Public Affairs

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard trades instructors began incorporating model-building into training this year to teach marine machinery mechanic apprentices the basic processes of ship maintenance.

Robert Ferreira, marine machinery mechanic supervisor, said that acquiring actual submarine and surface ship parts for basic training is too expensive and can be very complicated. "So, we asked ourselves how we could simulate a real job with real processes, without the high cost and security issues," he said. "This training is the first of its kind here."

Under this new training method, first-year marine machinery mechanic apprentices build Erector set models to learn how to follow written process instructions, to inventory parts, and to troubleshoot problems while improving mechanical skills.

Dave Shirai, marine



Jason Ahnemiller, marine machinery mechanic apprentice at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, builds an Erector set model as part of new training that teaches basic maintenance processes such as following written instructions, inventorying parts and troubleshooting problems. This year is the first time marine machinery mechanic apprentice instructors have incorporated model building into apprentice training. The 2011 apprentice class began instruction Jan. 18.

machinery mechanic apprentice instructor, explained that the sets come with written plans, which simulate the task group instructions that apprentices would have to follow when they begin work on ships and submarines.

"Erector sets are essen-

tially toys, but their use as learning tools extends far beyond them being entertaining," said Shirai. "Only after the apprentices have prepared thoroughly and followed proper procedures can they receive work approval from us to begin building."

Shawna Casabar, first-

year apprentice, who began her four-year apprenticeship Jan. 18, said that the Erector building exercise "helped teach us by breaking processes down and get back to the basics."

"It was a lot of fun. Plus, we will have to know how to do all of these things

when we begin working on actual ships," she said. "We can't just go to the instructor every time we run into a problem. We have to learn to come up with solutions on our own and that's what we are doing here."

Shirai explained that there are no requirements for incoming apprentices to have highly technical skills or mechanical experience. Therefore, each new apprentice class has a mix of those with a lot of mechanical experience and those with none.

"We needed to find a happy medium in the training between keeping apprentices interested and teaching them important processes," said Shirai. "We knew we had to get back to the basics, so we asked ourselves, 'How did we learn how to do mechanical things growing up?'"

He and fellow apprentice instructor, Marc Macedoni, remembered playing first with Legos, and Tinker Toys, and eventually worked their way to more complex construction toys like Erector sets. Shirai said that most toys now are either electronic or already assembled, so

many young people do not have the same mechanical skills that previous generations did.

"I would say I'm fairly mechanically inclined, but these models aren't too easy that it becomes boring. It's great hands-on experience that reinforces the step-by-step procedures we will need to know," said Jason Ahnemiller, first-year apprentice.

Perreira said that they are looking to expand this Erector set-building training to teach both apprentices and mechanics more complex processes such as submarine safety program requirements and writing deficiency logs.

"Our apprentice instructors really thought outside the box on this one and from the feedback we are receiving from the apprentices, it appears to be working very well," he said.

"We only have a certain period of time to train them and they're out of our hands. This training helps us to teach the basics early on in their careers, which in turn, helps them be better-prepared mechanics in the future," Shirai said.

The practical guide to purchasing a used car from an individual in Hawaii

Lt. Albert N. Cho,
JAGC, USNR

Hawaii is a unique haven for used car buyers. You may soon realize during your car search that with the number of transients vying for an "island car," the buyer must navigate between thoroughly investigating a car and losing it to another buyer.

Why buy a used car in the first place?

According to Bankrate.com, new cars depreciate an average of 20 to 25 percent after you have driven it off the showroom floor. Factor in taxes and finance costs, and the car you drove off in is not worth the note it is written on. Perhaps the most economical way of purchasing a car then is buying one that is used.

According to "Millionaire Next Door: The Surprising Secrets of America's Wealthy," a book

about "million dollar choices," extremely wealthy people rarely purchase new cars because they believe that the cost of owning a new car is not worth the price difference, which is typically \$20,000.

Is the risk of buying a used car worth the price of depreciation? While buying a new car is generally a safe bet, buying a used car is loaded with uncertainty. Used cars are notoriously known to be fraught with potential mechanical problems, title issues, and unknown history of vehicle accidents. Since most used cars are sold "as-is," you should take all precautionary measures before the purchase to protect yourself from an untrustworthy seller.

Before any used car purchase you should always: investigate, inspect and deal. Unfortunately, with so many used car buyers in

Hawaii buying used cars, you may not have time to go through a full-blown vehicle detail before the purchase, and therefore will have to develop techniques (or shortcuts) in determining what is or is not a "good buy." Gauge the demand of a particular car of interest with the cost of investment or potential savings (depending on how you look at it) against the willingness of the seller to provide vehicle identification numbers (VIN), inspection, and repair receipts before the sale.

Attorney disclaimer: I am not recommending that you forego proper due diligence before purchasing a used car. Ideally, the used car seller would be happy to assist you in driving his vehicle to a mechanic of your choice for a 600-point inspection before the sale. Due to time constraints of the seller and the vast pool

of qualified buyers, however, obtaining a vehicle inspection is difficult if not impossible to obtain before a sale, especially if the prospective vehicle you are purchasing is in the \$1,500 dollar price range.

The \$1,500 price range:

Be very careful here. Most title scams will result at this price range. A title problem may exist if there are liens or encumbrances on the vehicle or if there are multiple owners or no owners at all. If these issues are not dealt with as part of the sale, you will not be able to re-title the car under your name even after you paid for it. Cars at this price range are haggled by individuals that you will never see again, so slow down. Don't rush into any car purchase if you feel frenzied, or you will get ripped off.

Investigate by getting a vehicle report

A good starting point is to investigate the history of the vehicle. You want to know when it was assembled, who drove it, where it was driven, how it was driven, whether it was ever involved in an auto accident, and whether there is clear title. Services such as Carfax.com or Autocheck.com cost about \$44.99 for one month of unlimited reports. A report will allow you to see major vehicle problems, assuming you obtained a valid VIN.

Typically, you have to ask the seller via text, e-mail, or phone to provide the VIN to you as it is not listed on Craigslist, or in other advertisements. Do not proceed to the next step in purchasing a vehicle until you have run the report. If you see any of the following indicators on the report pass on the vehicle: salvaged, rebuilt, fire damage, frame damage,

lemon, salvage auction, water damage, odometer rolled back, exceeds limits, suspect miles, accident, theft, police/taxi use and fleet car.

Remember, a vehicle report is simply the staging point for the actual vehicle inspection and test drive. Although running a vehicle report certainly removes several reasonable doubts that you may have of the vehicle's worth, it does not eliminate them all.

Once you find a vehicle worthy of a vehicle inspection, it is time to check the vehicle out in person. This is where a little mechanical know how will go a long way. In the next article, we will discuss the vehicle inspection and the deal.

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.

Plovers changing color, migrating soon



Photo courtesy of Joshua Fisher

Pacific golden plovers are known in Hawaiian as Kolea.

Rebecca Hommon

Region Environmental
Counsel

For all plover fans, Hawaii's easing into spring is subtle. It doesn't shout at you. It's polite, understated.

One clear indicator, in addition to taxes being due, is that those little birds

with the bony legs that skitter around and hang out on cut grass are changing color.

They used to be sort of gold-flecked, brown, tan. But now they're black with a white swoosh — racing stripes. These little chirping birds are known as Pacific golden plovers or in Hawaiian, "kolea."

Soon they'll be gathering

and flying non-stop for 48 hours across the Pacific to Alaska. They leave Hawaii and head to Alaska for the summer to mate, build a nest, and raise a chick.

Then come mid-August, if all's gone well, they head back to Hawaii for the winter to exactly the same spot they left in April. Garmin would love to be able to figure out their GPS system.

April is national financial literacy month

President Barack Obama has proclaimed April 2011 as National Financial Literacy Month.

Take this opportunity to empower yourself and your family with financial knowledge that will help you build a secure future. Good sources of information for improving your financial literacy are www.MyMoney.gov and www.ConsumerFinance.gov. Participating in the Thrift Savings Plan is a good way to save for your retirement. Saving for retirement

sounds daunting, but finding the money might be easier than you think.

It's important to remember that even small contributions can add up to big savings thanks to compound interest. The April 2011 version of the "Thrift Savings Plan's Highlights" newsletter gives examples of small spending adjustments that will help you save more and yield long-term savings payoffs.

The newsletter is available at <https://www.tsp.gov/PDF>

[/formspubs/high11b.pdf](https://www.tsp.gov/PDF/formspubs/high11b.pdf).

If you have questions about the Thrift Savings Plan, call the benefits line at 888-320-2917 and select menu option #4 to talk to a customer service representative (CSR). CSRs are available from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except on federal holidays. The TTY number for the deaf and hard of hearing is 866-328-9889. (Information provided by Thrift Savings Plan)

Leisure Travel Showcase set for April 30

Travel Connections at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will hold a "leisure travel showcase" from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 30 at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall courtyard.

According to Travel Connections officials, the event will cover the many ways water helps people cele-

brate life in Hawaii.

This event is free. There will be live entertainment and prize giveaways, or talk to travel specialists to plan a vacation or learn more about a destination. This is an outside event located in the NEX courtyard.

For more information, call 422-0139 or go to www.greatlifeohawaii.com

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The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society has a vision? "We are a private, non-profit, volunteer, service organization. As a center of excellence, we are committed to ensure that all available resources are used to assist personnel of the naval service — active, retired, and their eligible family members — to achieve financial self-sufficiency and find solutions to emergency needs."

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Hickam Communities launches window safety campaign

Hickam Communities LLC

Windows play a vital role in home safety, serving as a secondary escape route in the event of a fire or other emergency. The window safety task force of the National Safety Council reminds parents that, while windows play a vital role, they can also pose a risk for a fall in the home if other safety measures are not followed.

To help spread this message, Hickam Communities has launched a window awareness campaign. "Providing our families with information on how they can help keep their loved ones safe has always been an important priority," said Steve Quinn, director of property management at Hickam Communities. "We share safety information with families when they move in, and make an effort to keep safety top-of-mind with monthly tips in our newsletters and on our website's safety net page, and with campaigns like this," Quinn added.

Over the next few weeks, Hickam Communities resident services and maintenance teams will distribute safety tips to residents while conducting daily community walks and following routine services calls. Staff will pass out rack cards with important window

safety tips and provide valuable information and resources on its website.

For more window safety tips, log on to

www.hickamcommunities.com and "click" on "safety net," which is located in the left column when you click into "current residents."

Keep your keiki safe

Preventing falls out of windows is as important as learning how to use one in an emergency. Unattended children run the greatest risk of falls and injuries, so the best first step is to watch your children as they play. No prevention measure can substitute for careful adult supervision. Below are some tips from the National Safety Council:

- Windows provide a secondary means of escape from a burning home. Determine your family's emergency escape plan and practice it. Remember that children may have to rely on a window to escape in a fire. Help them learn to safely use a window under these circumstances.
- Keep your windows closed and locked when children are around. When opening windows for ventilation, utilize windows a child cannot reach.
- Set and enforce rules about keeping children's play away from windows or patio doors. Falling through the glass can be fatal or cause serious injury.
- Keep furniture — or any-

thing children can climb — away from windows. Children may use such objects as a climbing aid.

For more tips on how to prevent falls from windows, log on to www.hickamcommunities.com and click on the safety net, located under current residents. (Information provided by Hickam Communities)

USO will sponsor April 23 egg hunt

Military families are invited to an Easter egg hunt from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. April 23 at the grassy area of the Hickam Officers' Club, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The Easter egg hunt celebrates the Month of the Military Child with balloons, and treats such as candies, chocolates, and toys for children of military services members E-5 and below from all service branches.

There will be a balloon artist making animal shapes, and a clown. To register on a first-come, first-served basis, parents need to e-mail rsvpuso-hawaii@gmail.com or call 422-1213 Navy Aloha Center between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Parents need to show their military ID when they come for

the Easter event.

Registration information required includes parents' name, rank of active duty personnel, branch of military service, name of child, age and contact number.

The event is organized by USO Hawaii. This year's event received funding assistance from both Boutiki and the Hickam Officers' Spouses Club in support of military family morale programs. USO Hawaii and the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) are collaborating community partners in gathering donations for the Easter egg hunt. Drop off your donations of Easter eggs, candies and treats, as well as toys at the NEX by the aloha reception desk, ground floor until April 23.

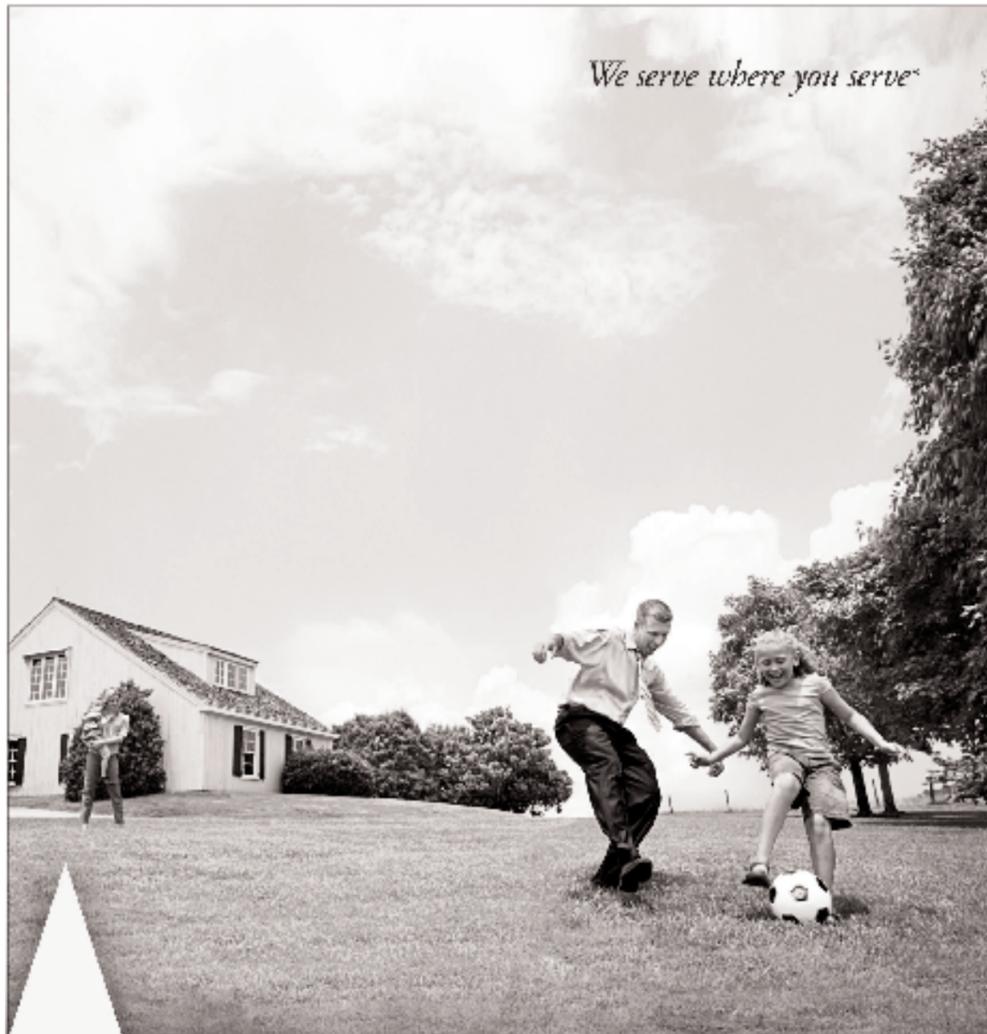
Small business IT industry event planned for May 10

Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Pearl Harbor will hold a small business IT industry event from 9 a.m. to noon May 10 at FISC Pearl Harbor, 1942 Gaffney St., building 475, second floor, training room one.

Local information technology small businesses that provide IT products, supplies and services will be on display. Learn about new IT solutions and talk to IT professionals. The event is open to

all federal government personnel. IT services available from these companies include program management, project management, system integration, network design/engineering/management, product warranty and maintenance services, and training/technical assistance.

For more information, contact Hayden Hu, FISC Pearl Harbor director of small business programs, at Hayden.Hu@navy.mil or 473-7583.



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This Week's Trivia

What was the "Doolittle Raid" which took place on April 18, 1942?

Last Issue's Question:
Who wrote the U.S. Navy march called "Anchors Aweigh?"

Answer:
In 1906, Lt. Charles A. Zimmermann, USN, composed the tune and Midshipman-1st Class Alfred Hart Miles set the title and wrote two first stanzas. The concluding stanza was written by Midshipman Royal Lovell.



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