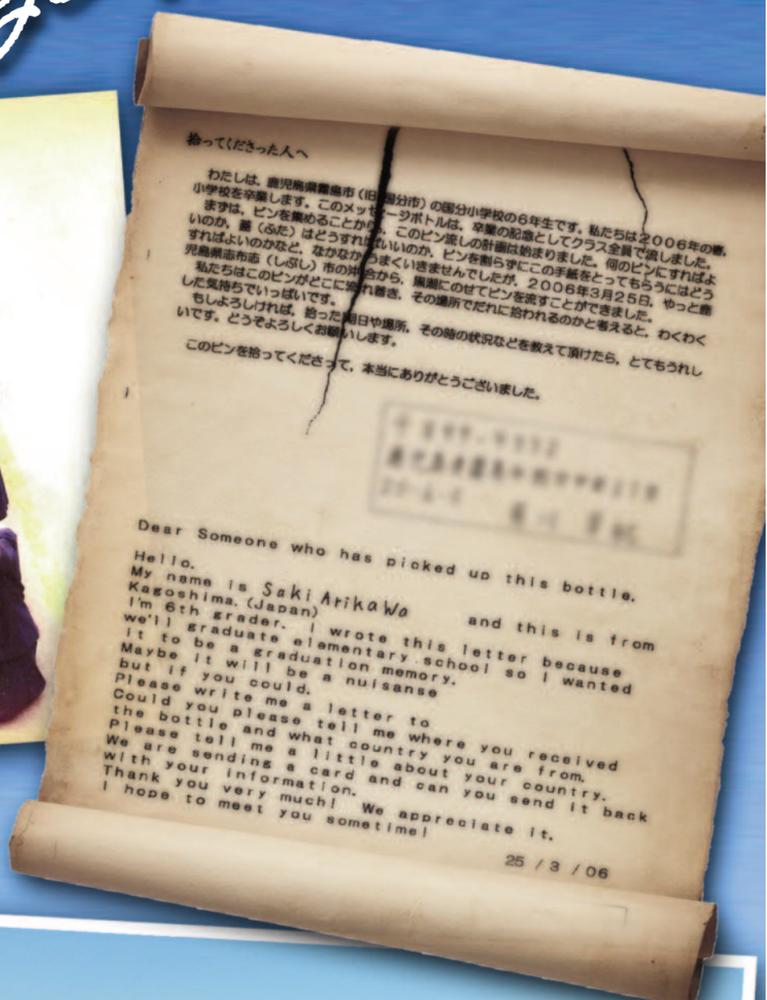


## PMRF Sailor finds 'message in a bottle'



(Above) A photo of Saki Arikawa's sixth grade class (along with four origami swans) and a letter (right, not exactly as shown) was found in the bottle by Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Jon Moore. (Below) Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Jon Moore removes a message from a bottle sent from Kagoshima, Japan more than five years ago. (Below right) More than 40 Sailors and PMRF personnel teamed up with 16 students and faculty of Ke Kula Ni'ihau O Kekaha School to pick up trash Sept. 15. The beach cleanup effort was in observance of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup Day.



Story and photos by MC 1 Jay C. Pugh

An unexpected treasure was found underneath the sizzling sun on the beaches of the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) on Sept. 15. The treasure was discovered by Electrician's Mate 2nd class Jon Moore during PMRF's participation in the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup Day. What Moore found was a literal message-in-a-bottle among a collection of ocean debris picked up on a one-mile stretch of the base's coastline.

More than 40 personnel from PMRF teamed up with 16 students and faculty from Ke Kula Ni'ihau O Kekaha School in observance of International Coastal Cleanup Day.

According to the Ocean Conservancy's website, over the past 25 years the International Coastal Cleanup has become the world's largest volunteer effort for ocean health. Nearly nine million volunteers from 152 countries and locations have cleaned 145 million pounds of trash from the shores of lakes, streams, rivers and the ocean on just one day each year.

During this signature event each September, hundreds of thousands of volunteers from countries all over the world spend a day picking up everything from cigarette butts and food wrappers to lost fishing nets and major appliances. But on this day, Moore found a bottle that wasn't just your average rubbish.

The bottle was sent from young Saki Arikawa — a sixth grade student at the time — in Kagoshima, Japan and traveled more than 4,000 miles and five years before it was discovered on the Westside of Kauai.

The bottle contained a letter, four origami swans and a photo of Arikawa's sixth grade class.

"I looked over and saw the bottle. I jokingly thought it would have a treasure map inside, but it actually had a message," Moore said.

When Moore found the bottle, all the volunteers wanted to know what was inside.

"When I started reading the letter, the Kanji looked familiar since I used to live in Japan, and the name of the student sounded like an average Japanese name to me. I was just glad the letter was in English at the bottom," Moore said.

The letter was dated March 25, 2006, as an elementary school graduation memory for Arikawa with the intent that the recipient would write a letter back.

"I'll definitely respond. I want to write back to the school and get their thoughts," Moore said.

The message is more than just a letter to Moore. When he found it, it reminded him of home. Though originally from Guyana, South America, he considers Japan home since his wife and son reside there and he is excited to tell them about what he found. He plans on visiting Kagoshima on his next trip home to visit his family.

Four days after finding the bottle, Moore was able to make contact with Arikawa's sixth-grade teacher. However, due to his limited ability to speak Japanese and the teacher's limited ability to speak English, the first conversation was short-lived.

"I talked to the teacher of the graduating class, but we weren't able to get very far because of the language barrier. I gave her my wife's number, and they have been talking to each other," Moore said. "I want to send them a package that represents the base (PMRF) with some gifts."

Moore was encouraged for a future meeting upon receiving the news that Arikawa responded positively and initiated a class reunion because of the discovery of the bottle on Kauai. In addition to Arikawa's impromptu elementary school reunion, the student volunteers of Ke Kula Ni'ihau O Kekaha School took the first steps in a sister-school partnership with the elementary school in Kagoshima. The partnership will be built through the use of modern technology, such as on-line video chatting and social networking.

"I'm excited that Saki said she wanted to meet me," Moore said. "I feel very special knowing that the bottle traveled across the seas to my hands, and the message is now going back to Japan."

Moore plans on visiting Japan sometime next year.

# Force Support Squadron holds on to beat 15th OG

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Quarterback Staff Sgt. Jason Price ran for two touchdowns and threw for another, as the 647th Force Support Squadron (647 FSS) hung on to a 19-13 win over the 15th Operations Group in the season opener of the 2011 Hickam Intramural Flag Football League Blue Division at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 14.

Price scored on runs of four and six yards and connected with receiver Senior Airman Brent Belmondo on an 18-yard touchdown to lead the 647 FSS to the opening-day victory.

In the first half, the FSS got out to a quick start when Belmondo picked off a pass from 15 OG quarterback Senior Airman David Wood deep in enemy territory and returned the ball up field to the 15's four-yard line.

On the 647's first play from the line of scrimmage, Price took a step back, before taking the ball up the middle and into the end zone for the first touchdown of the game.

The team converted its point-after-touchdown attempt to go out in front by a score of 7-0.

Instead of folding after falling behind, the 15 OG, despite a few hiccups in its march, responded immediately with a scoring drive of its own.

Although the 15's offense lost 13 yards on two bad snaps from center and another seven yards on a quarterback sack, the team was able to put together a gritty 62-yard drive that started on its own 18 to post six points on a 15-yard pass from signal caller Senior Airman David Wood to receiver Airman 1st Class Justin Meehan.

A missed extra-point attempt by the 15 OG kept the 647 FSS ahead at 7-6.

However, just before halftime, Price and his teammates staged a long drive of their own to gain a little breathing room.



Senior Airman Brent Belmondo of the 647th Force Support Squadron (647 FSS) goes up for a catch during the team's matchup against the 15th Operations Group (15 OG) in the season opener of the 2011 Hickam Intramural Flag Football League Blue Division at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 14. Belmondo made an interception on defense and caught a pass for a touchdown on offense to help the 647 FSS beat the 15 OG by a score of 19-13.

Starting at the team's own 18, Price used a variety of short passes and runs to move the chains

down to the 15's six-yard line.

While a penalty and sack seemed to stall the 647's

drive, Price, facing a third-and-18 situation, scrambled out of the way of a strong pass rush before

lobbing a rainbow into the hands of a leaping Belmondo for a touchdown. "I told him (Belmondo) to

run a corner route," Price said. "I looked the safety off and threw him the ball. It's all about reading the safety. It's all a misconception. You have them thinking that you're going to do something and then do the other thing."

Up 13-6 at halftime, the 647 came out of the break and fashioned another long drive that appeared to be headed for the end zone.

The push for the six came up short, however, as Meehan completed a tough goal line stand for the 15 OG, when he yanked the flag off of Price on fourth down on the one-yard marker.

Price redeemed himself on the 647's next series when he took the team from its own 19 and led it to the end zone on only six plays.

On the drive, Price got to display some of his creativity, as he used a little trickery to slip past the 15's defense to score his second rushing touchdown.

After receiving the snap, Price slumped over and pressed the ball onto the turf.

Thinking that the play was dead, the 15's defense relaxed, only to see Price running untouched into the end zone.

"I've been playing for many years, and I know the rule book," Price explained. "It was just something that I had up my sleeve, that's all."

The 15 did manage to come back and add another touchdown on a short pass from Wood to Capt. Mike Wells, but time ran out before the team could post another score.

"We fought back as a team in the end," Wood said. "If we had played consistently throughout, I think we would have done OK. But in the beginning, we just made too many mistakes."

Price said while he felt the 647 could have played better, the win proves that the team has what it takes to challenge for the division's top spot.

"If we all come together on the same page, we'll definitely make some noise," he said.

# Outlawz rout Radcon in 56-0 blowout

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station (NCTAMS) Outlawz scored on every possession and added two more touchdowns and a couple of safeties on defense to thrash the Radcon All-Stars, 56-0, in an Ashore Flag Football League game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 20.

The talent-rich Outlawz scored on their second offensive play of the game on a 21-yard scamper from Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class Aaron Jackson, before

pouring it on with six more TDs, two safeties and a total of 10 points-on-conversions after touchdowns.

Besides Jackson, who also had a pick that led to six points, the Outlawz got touchdowns from Ensign Gennaro Hawkins (two), Interior Communications Electrician 3rd Class Steven Gates, Information Systems Technician Seaman Clary McClam (two), Information Systems Technician Seaman Apprentice Derrick Royal and a safety from Information Systems Technician Seaman Jerel Wright.

"This is the most talent that I've had as a whole unit," said head coach Jerome Harris, a retired

senior chief, who has been the Outlawz head man for eight years. "I've had some great guys on previous teams, but for the majority, this is the most talent I've had since I've been coaching."

Following the first touchdown by Jackson, the Outlawz immediately got back on the scoreboard on a sack for a safety by Wright.

Then on the ensuing offensive series, the Outlawz extended their lead to 17-0 on a drive that covered 63 yards on only four plays for a touch-

down, before making good on a two-

point conversion.

The big play on the drive came on a bomb from quarterback Gates to Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Trae Caple that covered 47 yards. Gates ran in the final three yards for the TD.

An interception by Royal returned possession to the Outlawz and, on the first play from scrimmage, Gates connected with McClam for a 38-yard touchdown and a 23-0 advantage.

With time running down in the first half, the Outlawz got the ball back on a pick by Personnel Specialist Seaman Benjamin Michael.

Two plays later, Hawkins

hailed in a lateral and rambled 35 yards for six more points. The two-point conversion raised the lead to 31-0 at

halftime.

Following the break, Radcon coughed up the football on a bad snap in the end zone for another safety to fall behind at 33-0.

However, the deluge didn't end there for Radcon, as the Outlawz scored on a 68-yard bomb from Hawkins to McClam on fourth down and long in their very next series.

The team rounded out its scoring when Hawkins scored on a toss back after an interception by Jackson and a pick six by Royal that ended the game two minutes early due to the league's mercy rule.

"After the first touchdown we got a little more confident, and that's where everything just picked up," said Gates, who was one of three quarterbacks that were used by the Outlawz. "Everything was pretty much open. Our offense

came out and played."

Still, as good as the Outlawz performed, Harris said that he sees room for improvement.

"Actually, we've only had one practice," Harris pointed out. "I've been doing this for awhile, so based on our performance on a scale of one-to-10, I'd give it about a six. The good thing is that I've got about four or five guys that have played for me before. That just makes it that much simpler. We're very fortunate and lucky."

The veteran coach added that as long as the team continues to execute its plays, then he believes that the Outlawz will go a very long way this season.

"I've been running this playbook for 19 years and if we execute these plays, we'll be fine," he stated. "After what we did tonight, I'm confident that we'll reach the playoffs."



Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Trae Caple of the Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station (NCTAMS) Outlawz reaches back for a pass during the team's Ashore Flag Football League game vs. the Radcon All-Stars at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 20. The Outlawz opened up their season with a 56-0 triumph over Radcon.

# Security Forces Squadron gets ready for playoffs

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) "Poundtown" volleyball team proclaimed itself fit for the postseason with a straight-set, 25-10 and 25-22, victory over the 8th Intelligence Squadron (8 IS) in an Intramural Volleyball League Monday Division game at Hickam Fitness Center gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 19.

The win gave the 647 SFS a final regular-season record of 7-2 and solidified their position as the division's No. 2 seed in the playoffs, which starts with first-round action tonight, Sept. 23, at the fitness center.

The 8 IS ended their season with a divisional mark of 2-6.

Tonight, the 647 SFS will begin their push to the base championship with a first-round showdown versus the Friday Division's third-place USS O'Kane (DDG 77) starting at 8:30 p.m. The O'Kane finished up their regular season with a record of 4-4.

The top four teams of each division will square off in the playoffs with the 2011 base champions being crowned on Sept. 30.

Hawaii Air National Guard has won the title at Hickam for the past nine seasons, but this is the first year that the HIANG will vie for a base championship.

While the HIANG is viewed as the favorite to win it all, the 647 SFS was feeling confident about their chances following their straight-set victory over the 8 IS.



Staff Sgt. Steven Biddinger of the 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) "Poundtown" volleyball team reaches up for a kill shot during the team's Intramural Volleyball League Monday Division game versus the 8th Intelligence Squadron (8 IS) at Hickam Fitness Center gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 19. The 647 SFS will face USS O'Kane (DDG 77) during the first round of the base intramural volleyball playoffs.

During their final game, Poundtown was at their best in running away with the first set against a shorthanded 8 IS, which played the entire matchup with only five players — one short of a full squad.

Using the open court, the 647 SFS got out to a 4-

1 lead, before the team rattled off six straight points behind the service of Staff Sgt. Jason Smith, who served up four aces during the run.

Later in the first set, Smith spearheaded a seven-point run by getting things started with back-

to-back kills.

In the second set, Poundtown appeared to be headed to another easy win when they got out to a 16-9 advantage, mainly behind the power of their frontcourt play that was led by Staff Sgt. Steven Biddinger, Airman 1st

Class Jordan Arredondo and Master Sgt. Greg Wasson.

However, after rearranging their positions on the court, the 8 IS charged back behind the service and frontcourt play of Airman 1st Class Jonathan Timmons.

A side-out and ace by Timmons led to a six-point run, which helped the 8 IS eventually catch the 647 SFS at 19-19. But a kill by Biddinger started a streak of three consecutive points, which proved to be the difference in the set two.

Biddinger explained that changes in their lineup might have allowed the 8 IS to creep back in.

"As a team, we've got a lot of subs and they're very diverse," Biddinger said. "So that's why we try to get everybody in to see what their best position is. I think this shows us what we're coming up against. This gives us a perception of what will be going on in the playoffs."

Although the 8 IS will not follow their fellow divisional foe into the postseason, Timmons said that he and his teammates had fun during the season. And with nothing to lose, he added that the team just gave it their all against Poundtown.

"Tonight, we knew that we weren't going to go into the playoffs, so we just came out to have fun," Timmons said. "We didn't want to give it to them (647 SFS). They told me before the game that they needed this one to get to the playoffs, so we wanted to make them work for it a little bit."

With the few days before their showdown against the O'Kane, Biddinger pointed out that the team would try and work out a few bugs with their game.

If Poundtown plays their best, Biddinger assured that they could walk away with the title.

That's easy," Biddinger said. "We'll be base champions."

# Navy Enlisted Ball committee hosts 5k run, walk

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Public Affairs

The 2011 Navy Enlisted Ball committee hosted the 2nd annual Navy Ball 5k Fun Run, Walk at Ford Island at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 17.

More than 40 runners participated in the event that garnered approximately \$1,000 worth of fundraising money to be used for the upcoming Navy Enlisted Ball at Hilton Hawaiian Village on Oct. 14.

In the men's category, Scott Weller finished first with 21:20 in his time. David Fitzpatrick followed second with 22:49 and Robert Vadnaz was third with 23:03.

In the women's category, Lori Mentzer landed first with 28:51, followed by Karla Anderson with 29:09 and Patricia Roebuck with 29:39.

This year's Navy Enlisted Ball will feature retired Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy James Herdt.



## 'Smurfs' movie night planned for Sept. 28

Families of the deployed/remote tour/frequently TDY military are invited to a movie night from 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 28 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's Sharkey Theater.

This month, the Military and Family Support Center will be partnering with Morale, Welfare and

Recreation (MWR), who will sponsor the event.

All deployed/remote tour/frequently TDY families, key spouses and command leadership are invited to this event.

The evening will include a free meal, which consists of hotdogs, pop-

corn and a drink. The movie of the night will be "The Smurfs Movie" which is PG-rated.

For reservations and more information, call 449-0300 and include your name, phone number, squadron/command and number of adults and children.

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**CALL FOR FALL CRAFT FAIR VENDORS**

Applications are being accepted for booth space at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center Fall Craft Fair. This year's event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 19 on the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center lawn. Cost is \$65 for a 10-by-10-foot booth. FMI: 448-9907.

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

Families of the deployed/remote tour/frequently TDY military are invited to a movie night from 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 28 at Sharkey Theater. All deployed/remote tour/frequently TDY families, key spouses, and command leadership are invited to this event. The evening will include a free meal and the movie will be "The Smurfs Movie." FMI: 449-0300.

**BANNED BOOKS WEEK**

To celebrate the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment, there will be exhibits showing the benefits of free and open access to information and the harm of censorship from Sept. 24 to Oct. 1. FMI: 449-8299.

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME**

There will be free story time from 9 to 10 a.m. on Sept. 28 at the Hickam Library. The theme will be "alphabet and numbers." FMI: 449-8299.

**TRAIL HIKE**

Sign up by Sept. 25 to join a hike on Sept. 28 along the ridge of the Koolau range ending at the Pali Lookout. Transportation will be provided, and the time is from 3 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. FMI: 473-1198.

**WII BOWLING TOURNAMENT AT LIBERTY**

A free Wii bowling tournament will be held at Instant Liberty at 6 p.m. on Sept. 29. This event is open to single service members only. FMI: 473-2583.

**KIDS REWARDS**

Children can bring in a report card with four or more "excellent" grades and receive a free kids combo free from the Sharkey Theater snack bar. The offer is for ages 5 to 17. Only one offer per school quarter is permitted. FMI: 473-2574.

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

**Community Calendar**

**At a glance**

Through Sept. 30 — The Department of the Navy Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (DON SAPRO) has been tasked to conduct a department-wide sexual assault survey assessing the functionality and effectiveness of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program. In addition, DON SAPRO is directed to determine the scope of sexual assaults within the Department of the Navy. The survey is confidential and anonymous. The survey can be accessed at [www.donsapro.navy.mil/survey.html](http://www.donsapro.navy.mil/survey.html) and will be available through Sept. 30.

**September**

**23** — A Hispanic heritage day commemoration will take place from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. today at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. The theme is "Many backgrounds, many stories, one American spirit." Guest speaker is Capt. John Coronado. FMI: LSC EbonyPinnock @ 473-8000 ext. 5510 or [ebony.pinnock@navy.mil](mailto:ebony.pinnock@navy.mil).

**24** — The USO Hawaii will hold its annual gala tribute, a benefit honoring active duty military members from all service branches beginning at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. The event will be held at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument. Individual tickets and/or tables will be available at a reduced rate to military personnel and their families. FMI: Eva Laird Smith at [elsmith@uso.org](mailto:elsmith@uso.org) or 422-1213.

**27** — The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) kickoff event will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. Sept. 27 at the Hickam Officers' Club lanai. The event is open to all JBPHH personnel and will include a free continental breakfast. It will feature opening remarks by Capt. Jeff James, JBPHH commander. There will also be 20 information booths with organizations impacted by CFC funds. The purpose of CFC is to use the fall campaign period to drive fundraising for numerous charities throughout the country. FMI: 2nd Lt. Vickie S. Texada at 449-4403.

**29** — The Military and Family Support Center is sponsoring a domestic violence awareness proclamation-signing event from 10 to 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 29 at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange rotunda. Rear Adm. Dixon R. Smith, commander Navy Region Hawaii and Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific will sign a proclamation/banner to show his commitment to the prevention of domestic violence. A banner will be available for the rest of the community to sign and show their support. This is an open invitation to the community.

**October**

**1** — In observation of National Public Lands Day, a cleanup project at Halealoha Haleamau burial platform, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will take place from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 1. The work will involve trimming naupaka hedge, outplanting native Hawaiian plants and ti leaves surrounding the burial platform, cutting native grasses and removing invasive plants. FMI: Patricia Colemon at 473-0369 or email [patriicia.colemon@navy.mil](mailto:patriicia.colemon@navy.mil)

**Movie Showtimes**



**Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13)**

This is an origin story set in present day San Francisco, where man's own experiments with genetic engineering lead to the development of intelligence in apes and the onset of a war for supremacy.

**SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER**

**TODAY**  
7:00 PM Friends with Benefits (R)

**SATURDAY**  
2:30 PM The Smurfs (G)  
4:15 PM Cowboys and Aliens (PG-13)  
7:15 PM Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13)

**SUNDAY**  
2:30 PM The Smurfs (PG)  
4:45 PM Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13)  
7:15 PM The Change Up (R)

**HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER**

**TODAY**  
6:00 PM Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG)  
8:30 PM Final Destination 5 (R)

**SATURDAY**  
4:00 PM Cars 2 (G)  
7:00 PM Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13)

**SUNDAY**  
2:00 PM Winnie The Pooh (G)



# Mighty Mo invites couples to 'plant one on'

## Battleship Missouri Memorial

Coinciding with the arrival of a lifescale, bronze sculpture depicting a famous World War II kiss, the Battleship Missouri Memorial is inviting visiting couples to "plant one on" for an opportunity to win a return trip to the Hawaiian Islands.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial this week launched its "victory kiss contest," in which couples reenacting photographer Alfred Eisenstaedt's WWII Times Square picture of a Navy sailor kissing a young nurse can enter to win the getaway, including roundtrip airfare on Hawaiian Airlines to or from one of its U.S. Mainland gateway cities and a two-night stay at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort



Photo courtesy of Battleship Missouri Memorial Pierside at the Battleship Missouri Memorial in Pearl Harbor, visitors can now see "Unconditional Surrender," a lifescale bronze sculpture by Seward Johnson, courtesy of The Sculpture Foundation.

and Spa. The contest runs through Oct. 30.

With the nearby sculpture, couples will have an outstanding example to guide their reenactments. The 6-foot piece, titled "Unconditional Surrender," was created by Seward Johnson, artist and son of the founder of Johnson and Johnson. It is touring the country as part of the "Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive!" initiative, a nationwide, grassroots effort to establish an annual day to honor the achievements of America's WWII generation so that their courage, self-sacrifice and service will continue to inspire future generations of Americans.

Photos of the visitor reenactments will be posted on the Battleship Missouri Memorial

Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/BattleshipMissouri>), where 10 finalists will be chosen on Nov. 7 based on the most "likes" they receive. From the resulting 10 finalist couples, the grand prize winner and runner-up winners will be randomly selected. The grand prize winner will be announced on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. (Runner-up prizes will include credit with the Battleship Missouri Memorial's online Victory Store. All finalists will receive two movie vouchers to see Universal Picture's Battleship, premiering in May 2012.)

For more information, call 973-2494 on Oahu, toll-free at 1-877-MIGHTYMO (1-877-644-4896) or visit [www.usmissouri.org](http://www.usmissouri.org).

## Aloha Jewish Chapel will celebrate High Holy Days

As the end of September approaches, a celebration will take place for the High Holy Days at the Aloha Jewish Chapel at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

Rosh Hashanah services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 28 and from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 29 and 30.

Yom Kippur Services will include Kol Nidrei at 6 p.m. Oct. 7 and Shararit from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 8.

All services will be officiated by Cmdr. Joel Newman. The Aloha Jewish Chapel is located across the parking lot from medical/dental, inside the Makalapa Gate of JBPHH.

For more information, call Religious Programs Specialist 3rd class Alan Rubalcava at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel at 473-3971 or email [alan.rubalcava@navy.mil](mailto:alan.rubalcava@navy.mil).

## Naval Health Clinic Hawaii will have limited patient care on Sept. 30

Due to all Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH) staff participating in mandatory semi-annual training, limited health care services will be available on Sept. 30.

Beneficiaries are asked to take this into consideration when scheduling health care. All routine care should be planned prior to or

after Sept. 30.

- For Makalapa Clinic: Limited health care operations will be available. Services available are laboratory, pharmacy and radiology; all other services are closed.

- For Kaneohe Bay, Camp Smith and Wahiawa clinics: All health care operations are closed.

Makalapa Clinic will be open on Oct. 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Oct. 2 from 8 a.m. to noon for acute care needs.

Kaneohe Bay, Camp Smith and Wahiawa Clinics will open on Oct. 3 at their regular hours of operation.

For NHCH hours of operation, visit the website at

<http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhch>.

To speak to a medical care provider anytime the clinics are closed, call the "Provider After-Hours Advice Line" at 473-0247, ext. 3. For emergencies, go to Tripler Army Medical Center, dial 911, or go to the nearest emergency department.



## Do you know if it's an emergency?

### Shari Lopatin

#### TriWest Healthcare Alliance

Did you know the cost of an emergency room visit is typically as much as 10 times more than an urgent care visit?

Although the emergency room can appear a convenient and available choice, some situations may be best suited for urgent care. Do you know the differences? Take a look:

#### Urgent care examples

An illness or injury that won't cause disability or death if not treated immediately, but needs medical attention to keep from becoming a greater threat.

- Minor lacerations
- Urinary tract infections
- Earaches
- Migraine headaches
- Sprains
- Rising fever

#### Emergency room examples

Anything severe enough to reasonably believe life, limb or eyesight could be threatened. This includes maternity and psychiatric emergencies, as well as:

- No pulse
- Inability to breathe
- Spinal cord or back injury
- Severe bleeding
- Chest pains
- Severe eye injuries
- Broken bones
- Car accident

Besides the extra cost, emergency rooms are normally crowded, which could equal longer wait times for you. So the next time you're getting ready to run to the emergency, ask yourself:

Is this really an emergency? Make the right choice and save space for patients who truly need emergency care.

For more on the differences between emergency room and urgent care, visit [www.triwest.com/UrgentCare](http://www.triwest.com/UrgentCare).

## The practical guide to purchasing a used car in Hawaii

### Lt. Albert N. Cho

Naval Legal Service Office Pacific

A vehicle is an expensive and time-consuming purchase. Many consumers feel pressured into making quick and hasty decisions in purchasing a vehicle or risk losing the deal. Carefully inspecting a vehicle before the sale may save the buyer from the hassle of trying to resolve problems down the road.

First, buyers should spend time investigating the history of the vehicle. Services such as Carfax.com or Autocheck.com usually provide enough historical information about a vehicle to make an informed decision. Once an adequate investigation has been conducted, the buyer should thoroughly inspect the vehicle in person.

It is important to first check the vehicle identification number on the dash, engine and major body parts to ensure they are the same. If any numbers are different,



something has happened to this vehicle that made a major replacement necessary.

When inspecting a vehicle, look for evidence of a collision, such as uneven gaps between the doors and body panel, uneven body moldings or crooked trim pieces. Look for signs of welding, new bolts and trim pieces and over spray around the doors, hood and wheel wells.

Look under the vehicle and on the ground for leaks coming from the engine, transmission and shock absorbers. Check the muffler and exhaust pipe for excessive rust or holes. Inspect the tires for signs of uneven wear, cracks or cuts as this could indicate an align-

ment or suspension problem. Check the seats and carpeting for excessive wear.

Lift up the hood. Be extremely careful when looking into or putting any body part into the engine compartment. Use safety glasses. Do not wear loose clothing, remove all jewelry, and make sure your hair is securely pinned up. Look for indications of leaks around the engine seams and hose connectors.

If the vehicle is an automatic, pull out the transmission dipstick and observe the color of the fluid. It should be pinkish or pale red and sweet smelling. If the fluid is brown or burnt, there may be a transmission problem.

Drive the vehicle on

the highway and in the city. Listen for rattles, squeaks and wind leaks. The transmission should shift seamlessly, and the car should not pull to one side when you are driving or braking. The brakes should not squeak or squeal when applied. A vehicle equipped with power steering should not whine when you turn the steering wheel. Listen to the vehicle idle; it should not pop or rumble. When you accelerate, it should not ping, knock or backfire.

In Hawaii, car dealerships are required to disclose in writing whether an inspection was conducted to determine defects or damage. If the dealership does not provide this notice, or if the seller does not allow you to thoroughly inspect the vehicle, it may be best to walk away from the purchase.

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.

## 'Come fly with me' new Pan Am exhibit takes off at museum

**Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor**

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor's long planned tribute to the greatness that was Pan American World Airways opens to the public with a special reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 22, marking the 75th anniversary of commercial airline passenger service to Hawaii.

The new exhibit unveiling and reception will host press, dignitaries, and members of the Pan Am and museum families. The event is free to members and invited guests and free with museum admission to regular museum guests. Cake and beverages will be served.

Reflecting Pan Am's importance to aviation in the



Photo courtesy of Pacific Aviation Museum

Reflecting Pan Am's importance to aviation in the Pacific, the upcoming exhibit at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor will feature artifacts and memorabilia.

Pacific, the exhibit, designed by Southern Custom Exhibits of Anniston, Ala. and built by museum staff, will feature artifacts and memorabilia in two modules: the 1930s and 1940s ("the early years") and 1960s, ("the jet age"). It was

designed to be an evolving exhibit that changes and grows as more artifacts are contributed by friends of Pan Am.

"We have collected original Pan Am branded items to be viewed in what appears to be

the inside cabin of an airliner. It's a fun concept and an exciting addition to our history of aviation in the Pacific. We're grateful to all those who helped make it possible," said Kenneth DeHoff executive director.

Included will be uniforms, customer service items, original posters and signage, navigation tools, the maintenance manual for the Boeing 314 China Clipper, maps for routes serviced in the islands, and biographical information on the founders and pioneers of international air service Juan Trippe, Charles Lindbergh and Edward Musick.

For more information and tickets, call 441-1000 or visit [www.PacificAviationMuseum.org](http://www.PacificAviationMuseum.org)

## Salsa performer will offer dance class at Sept. 30 fiesta

**YN2 Adelaida Sojo**

*Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam*

Jerome Ramos, world-class salsa instructor, performer and choreographer, said he is happy to participate in the free Hispanic Heritage Month celebration fiesta, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 30 at Ward Field on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. He will offer a dance class at the event.

Ramos arrived in Hawaii on Aug. 22 to begin his vacation after being away for three years overseas, pursuing his dream both as a professional Latin

dancer and event planner.

"All I could think about was relaxing and revisiting old friends. But that only lasted a few days after a friend named Jose Villa recommend that I be involved in a Hispanic event taking place at Pearl Harbor," Ramos said.

The salsa performer quickly accepted the offer

to become involved.

"I'm very grateful for the many sacrifices and the countless service members who have devoted their lives in keep me safe as well as the nation safe," Ramos said.

Food will also be offered at the fiesta, donated by local Latin vendors.

For more information about the fiesta, call 449-8188 or 473-0801.

Photo courtesy of Jerome Ramos

Jerome Ramos, salsa instructor, will offer a free dance class at the Hispanic Heritage Month fiesta Sept. 30 at Ward Field.



**WHO SAID IT?**

"Not to have an adequate Air Force in the present state of the world is to compromise the foundations of national freedom and independence."

*Last Week's*

**WHO SAID IT?**

"Good ideas are not adopted automatically. They must be driven into practice with courageous patience."

— Adm. Hyman Rickover

## Tickets available for Navy officers, enlisted balls



The Navy Officers Ball will be held Oct. 8 at Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa Ballroom. Guest speaker will be Adm. Patrick M. Walsh, commander U.S. Pacific Fleet. Cost is \$65 for O3 and below, \$70 for O4, O5 and Department of Defense civilians, \$75 for O6 and above and SES. For tickets and for more information call Lt. j.g. Michael Baugh at 474-8903 or [michael.h.baugh@navy.mil](mailto:michael.h.baugh@navy.mil) or Lt. Andrew Gates at 471-3740. The Navy Enlisted Birthday Ball will be held Oct. 14 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Tickets are available for purchase by contacting [Adrienne.allen@navy.mil](mailto:Adrienne.allen@navy.mil) or [gary.jefferson1@navy.mil](mailto:gary.jefferson1@navy.mil). Ticket prices are \$35 for E4 and below, \$45 for E5, \$55 for E6, and \$60 for E7 and above. For more information call 473-4191.

## This Week's Trivia

Who is the only chief petty officer (CPO) in the baseball hall of fame?



**Last Issue's Question:**

U.S. Air Force units have engaged in several contingency operations including "Urgent Fury," which was in what country and what year?

**Answer:**

The "Urgent Fury" seizure of Grenada took place in 1983.