

Makahiki festival planned at Hickam Beach on Oct. 22

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will celebrate *makahiki* from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 22 at Hickam Harbor Beach.

The annual *makahiki* (festival) at Kapuaikaula, the ancient name for Hickam Beach, will feature *oli* (chants), exhibition games and other cultural demonstrations. Military and civilian personnel and their families with base access are invited to observe this ancient Hawaiian celebration, known as a "Hawaiian Thanksgiving," and participate in various games of skill, such as the *o'o ihe* (spear throwing) and *'ulu maika* (stone rolling), for both adults and children.

The annual event, organized by the Oahu Council of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, has been held on the shores of Hickam Harbor Beach and Ford Island for the past 10 years and became a single joint event



Photo illustration

last year at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The celebration provides an opportunity for military families to understand the culture and history of Hawaii. Before the *makahiki* begins at 9 a.m., paddlers in canoes carrying Lono, the deified guardian of agriculture, rain, health

and peace, will make a journey from Iroquois Point to Hickam Harbor. Once on shore, the blast of the pu, or conch shell, will announce their arrival, ushering the start of the *makahiki*. A huakai (procession) from the landing site to the *makahiki* location will feature canoe paddlers and members of the Royal Order of Kamehameha and other societies with numerous tall feather *kahili* (standards) announcing the arrival of the *ali'i*, or royalty, and the Lono.

One of the paddlers will be Capt. Jeffrey James, JBPHH commander. "One of the most rewarding aspects of living in Hawaii is the opportunity to see and learn about the rich culture and heritage of the ancient Hawaiians. The opportunity to participate in the re-enactment of the arrival of Lono from the sea, as a key part of the *makahiki* festival, really strikes a chord with the shared connection between

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96th Air Refueling Squadron declared fully operational

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The 96th Air Refueling Squadron Screaming Eagles at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam celebrated a historic milestone Oct. 4 when they officially reached full operational capability.

This status means the 96th ARS is fully capable of performing the entirety of the mission for which it was created in peacetime and contingency, according to Lt. Col Brian Hill, the unit commander.

"FOC means that the hard work and dedication of all the members of the 96th ARS, from the first three Airmen to the last Eagle to arrive, has been impactful and well worth it," said Col. Sam Barrett, 15th Wing commander. "It takes an entire squadron to accomplish this achievement of successfully organizing, training and equipping its members and families to execute the mission."

The KC-135 tanker squadron provides the Pacific Air Forces theater a



U.S. Navy photo by David D. Underwood, Jr.

Col. Sam Barrett, commander of the 15th Wing, signs the proclamation (also signed by Lt. Col. Brian Hill, commander of 96th Air Refueling Squadron) which awarded the squadron known as Screamin' Eagles with full operational capability at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oct. 4.

30 percent increase in aerial refueling capability, mitigating 160 annual aerial refueling mission shortfalls in PACAF, he said.

Although their heritage dates back to 1940, making the squadron 71 years old, the 96th ARS is only 15

months "young" at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, according to the commander. It was activated here July 23, 2010, and they flew their first operational sortie in December of that year.

Working in concert with the 203rd Air Refueling

Squadron of the Hawaii Air National Guard, the 96th ARS has flown more than 1,000 operational hours since its re-activation, offloading more than 2.5 million pounds of fuel and supporting exercises throughout the Pacific Theater, Hill said. The

largest of these exercises and operations include Cope Tiger, Northern Edge, Air Mobility Rodeo 2011, Talisman Saber, the Kona Air Show, and Operations Olympic Titan and Koa Lightning. In addition, the Airmen here have flown aerial evacuation missions supporting all Department of Defense branches of service, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command missions, coronets moving Air Force and Navy aircraft, and U.S. Air Forces Central deployments.

That high operations tempo requires patience, sacrifice, commitment, determination and teamwork, said Maj. Eric Alden, the 96th ARS assistant director of operations.

The KC-135 community at JBPHH is what he calls "combat force enablers" – and they're not in a standard deployment rotation, like most of the Air Force.

"We provide the Air Force the ability to globally reach any destination. We give any theater the ability to sustain total dominance," Alden said.

"To do this, we have men and women who have accepted the role that they will be called upon to act at a

moment's notice to deliver beans, bullets and bombs. We pull together and function as a team here with the 203rd ARS," he explained. "We foster teamwork by inter-flying, helping each other to learn the other person's job, and having informal social activities that allow us to relax and have fun to develop a rapport with and respect for each other."

Those traits combined make the 30-person unit capable of doing its job with gusto.

"Being a tanker pilot is great, especially here at Hickam where we work closely with the Guard," said Lt. Geoff Hanson, a 96th ARS pilot. "The job never gets boring because it's always changing, and we support a variety of different missions. Flying the jet itself is a blast, and challenging. Making the choice to be a part of the tanker community has been one of the best decisions of my life," Hanson said.

It's "like no other job in the Air Force," according to Staff Sgt. Jerome Jefferson, a 96th ARS boom operator. He lies

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Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force visits Joint Base

The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Hatsuyuki-class destroyer JS Mineyuki (TV 124) passes by the Missing Man Formation Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during a scheduled port visit. See story and photos on page B-1.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Barker



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Sailors become citizens at Pearl Harbor Visitors Center

Story and photo by
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More than 110 U.S. immigrants, including two Navy members, gathered at the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center to become U.S. citizens Oct. 12.

Electrician's Mate 3rd Class (SW) Rudy Pablo, assigned to the guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70), and Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) Fireman (SW) Lester Vender from the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard pledged their allegiance to the United States during a naturalization ceremony presided by U.S. Federal Judge David Ezra.

"I want to welcome you to a ceremony that is a great significance to you and a great significance to the entire country when we admit new citizens as part of our American family," Ezra said. "It's particularly important today that we're



Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Rudy Pablo (left), assigned to the guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) and Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) Fireman (SW) Lester Vender (third from left) assigned to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard recites the Pledge of Allegiance during a U.S. naturalization ceremony. More than 110 U.S. immigrants, including at least five military members, gathered at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center to become U.S. citizens.

here. This is the site of one of America's greatest tragedies and ultimately one of its greatest triumphs."

During the ceremony, Pablo and Vender joined at least four other uniformed members as they pledged

their oath of allegiance to the United States of America.

Pablo immigrated from the Republic of the Philippines in 2003. In 2008, he joined the U.S. Navy where he eventually decided to work on his citi-

zenship. He turned in his citizenship paperwork in August of this year, and two months later he became a U.S. citizen.

As the only U.S. citizen in his immediate family, Pablo said he would encourage his brother and

his sister to get their citizenship as well. To his fellow Sailors, he said it was extremely easy.

"Do it," said Pablo. "Navy legal will help you right away. Just ask, and they will help you, and they will give you all the paperwork you need."

Navy Region Hawaii Command Master Chief Marc Sibal was the keynote speaker during the event. In his speech, he talked about his own immigration experience.

"We are the envy of the world," Sibal said. "Millions of people, everyday, their goal is to become an American citizen like you this morning. Everyone has a story, and every story is unique and always different."

In 1982, Sibal's father encouraged his son to explore the possibility of joining the U.S. Navy through the U.S. Navy Filipino recruiting program. Sibal said candidates for the program was overwhelming as he started with more than 1,200

able-bodied Filipinos and ended with only 26 selectees on their way to California for Navy recruit training.

Twenty years later, Sibal became a master chief petty officer, and was later named the commander master chief (CMC) of U.S. 7th Fleet aboard USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) in July 2007. Sibal is the first Filipino-American to hold the title of CMC of U.S. 7th Fleet.

"Seek your place in America," Sibal said. "There are a lot of things that you can do to make a difference. Everyday Americans are making a difference, not only in the armed forces but also in the civilian world."

"So now that you are officially American citizens, be that person who goes out there and take on the challenge, because in the end it's all about this country we now call home. It's a country that we are going to serve from here on out, whether you're in the military or as a civilian."

Sailors complete Navy's Basic Security Reaction Course

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Sailors from various ships and commands at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam completed the 15-day Security Reaction Force Basic (SRF-B) training on Ford Island on Sept. 28.

Nine Sailors and one police officer participated in the Navywide program that qualifies Department of Defense personnel to be

adequate watch standers and teaches them how to defend against attacks while on a ship or pier.

"Here we start a foundation for students that haven't ever seen any kind of training like this in the Navy before," said Mineman 2nd Class Jeff Manka, an SRF-B instructor assigned to the Center for Security Forces. "They take this training back to their commands, and it's a foundation for their own security plans so they can apply this to their own stan-

dard operating procedures." The Pearl Harbor SRF-B course is taught by active duty military and ex-military civilians with a combined total of more than 60 years of experience in the field of security.

Throughout the course, students learn how to use and respond to verbal commands and qualify to use an array of firearms and weapons such as batons and oleoresin capicum (OC) spray.

They are also taught to use mechanical advantage

control hold (MACH) maneuvers as individuals or in a team and learn when to use variable levels of force.

"We try to use nothing but non-lethal tactics," said Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Angel Vazquez, a course instructor assigned to the Center for Security Forces. "Anything with deadly force is the absolute last resort."

The SRF-B training instructors not only taught the students various methods of dealing with hostile

situations, but they raised their confidence so that they can react appropriately when a real life situation arises.

"To be able to act on impulse is extremely important to the safety of any vessel," Vazquez said.

"We always have a great group of students come through here," Manka said. "I think we will have great results back out in the fleet."

The students said they gained a vast amount of knowledge throughout the

15-day course and upon completion feel confident in themselves and their teams when faced with security scenarios.

"The training has been great, and all the instructors have been really helpful," said Fire Control Technician 2nd Class Blaine Dodson, assigned to the USS Charlotte. "We've come a long way since the beginning of training from square one to now, and it's been a pretty great experience."

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USS Cheyenne returns from western Pacific deployment

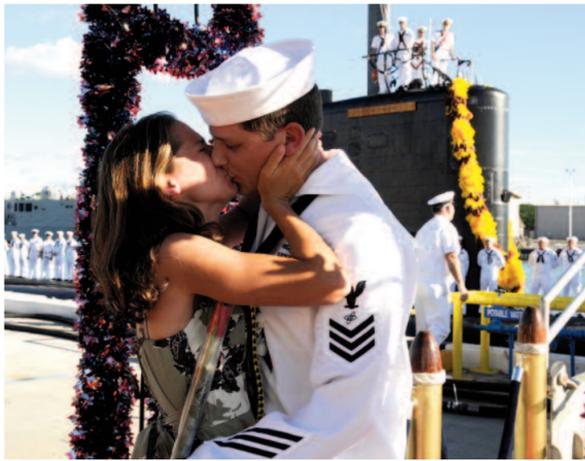
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Los Angeles-class submarine USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 30 from a scheduled six-month deployment to the western Pacific region.

Cmdr. Gary Rogeness, Cheyenne's commanding officer, commented that the crew performed extremely well for the entire deployment.

"I am very proud of the accomplishments of the crew of Cheyenne during this past six months. They all performed amazingly," Rogeness said. "This was a very successful deployment from the standpoint of we are all home safe with our families."



Electronics Technician 1st Class (SS) James Bowler is greeted with a kiss by his wife as the first Sailor to disembark when the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 30 after completing a six-month deployment to the western Pacific region.

Cheyenne departed Pearl Harbor on April 1 on her western Pacific deployment. The crew experienced the dynamic operational environment of the western Pacific and returned with a wealth of submarine experience and advanced qualifications, including 31 Sailors who became submarine-qualified and are now authorized to wear the submarine warfare insignia or "dolphins."

For many crew members of Cheyenne, this deployment was their first where, according to Rogeness, they accomplished the mission tasking with a lot of drive and determination. The crew also experienced many different cultures and lifestyles during port visits to Saipan, Singapore, Guam and Japan.

"The crew members really did a great job of being ambassadors for the Navy and the United States," Rogeness said. "Their representa-

tion during our stops gave us the ability to strengthen ties between the Navy and the local communities."

Cheyenne is the third ship to be named for Cheyenne, Wyo. Her keel was laid July 1992 by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company in Newport News, Va. She was launched April 16, 1995 and sponsored by Ann Simpson, wife of Wyoming Senator Alan K. Simpson.

Cheyenne was commissioned Sept. 13, 1996 with Cmdr. Peter H. Ozimik in command. Cheyenne is 361 feet long and displaces 6,900 tons. Los Angeles-class submarines are ideally suited for covert missions. This stealth, when combined with the submarine's Tomahawk cruise missiles, mines and torpedoes, provide the operational commander with an unseen force multiplier.

'Parting the Waters: America in the King Years 1954-63'

Review by Bill Doughty

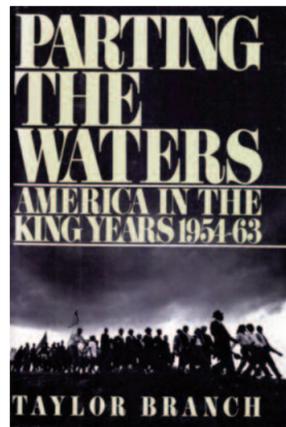
Peace, justice and equality can be born from tension and conflict. Love, compassion and understanding can prevail in the face of hatred and violence.

Taylor Branch's Pulitzer Prize-winning "Parting the Waters - America in the King Years 1954-63" shows how Constitutional ideals were embodied and emboldened by the civil rights movement, led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Last month, the United States marked the 48th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The march culminated with King's "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

Branch leads us to that watershed moment in history, one that informed a nation and showcased the movement's strength and determination, much like the expression on the face of the new Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial, to be dedicated Oct. 16. Organizers and sponsors note that the King Memorial is aligned visually with the Jefferson and Lincoln memorials on the National Mall and in sight of the Washington Monument.

In his life, King aligned with the ideals of freedom. Like Thomas Jefferson (and, contemporaneously, like John F. Kennedy Jr.) he didn't always live up to the professed moral ideals in his personal



life, as Branch shows.

Like Abraham Lincoln, King championed the Constitution and used reason, diplomacy, courage and compassion to achieve his goals, always trying to understand and make peace with others, especially his rivals.

In his preface, Branch writes: "My purpose is to write a history of the civil rights movement out of the conviction from which it was made, namely that truth requires a maximum effort to see through the eyes of strangers, foreigners and enemies."

"Parting the Waters" actually begins at the end of the 19th century and gives us a fascinating look at the role of black churches and colleges and the effects of a

then-new enlightened way of thinking - a non-fundamentalist, unorthodox liberal theology.

At Crozier Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania King discovered, "There are moral laws of the universe that man can no more violate with impunity than he can violate its physical laws."

Branch writes, "At Crozier, King expressed the belief that love and reason could bring out in all people a basic goodness that was deeper than racial hatreds or personal animosities."

Out of conflict between competing ideas came compromise and creativity and a universal world view.

Branch writes eloquently about the murders of Emmett Till and Medgar Evers and unlikely martyrdom of independent marcher William Moore, murdered in Alabama.

He writes about the painful anger, hatred and violence in Birmingham, Montgomery, Albany and elsewhere that seethed in 1963. In the rising heat of that summer, King stood for cool, non-violent determination despite political in-fighting by other church leaders and a separatist movement by the Black Muslims and others.

Branch shows that the march on Washington was originally planned 70 years ago this year. In 1941, A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of

Sleeping Car Porters, threatened publicly to lead a massive march to D.C. unless President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued an order banning racial discrimination in defense industries. Randolph was a key planner and leader for the 1963 march, like King, committed to nonviolence.

With his unscripted and inspired "I Have a Dream ... rooted in the American dream" remarks, King rose to become "a national spokesman for a significant minority of whites as well as a vast majority of Negroes," writes Branch. King speaks to the inalienable human rights outlined in the Declaration of Independence and Constitution of the United States.

In "Parting the Waters," the author continually shows the tension and conflict that forged the nonviolent fight for civil rights.

King persevered in the face of home and church bombings and the jailing or imprisonment of students and civil rights leaders, including himself. He was stabbed in the chest by a would-be assassin.

King fought on, despite wiretapping investigations and communist-sympathizer allegations by J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI. Because of scandals, fear and Machiavellian palace intrigue, Hoover was only temporarily successful in slowing the civil rights movement through innuendoes

and allegations.

According to Branch, "Most unforgivable was that a nation founded on Madisonian principles allowed secret police powers to accrue over forty years, until real and imagined heresies alike could be punished by methods less open to correction than the Salem witch trials."

Conflict and tension between Dr. King and President Kennedy, called a "mysterious duel" by Branch, is a centerpiece of the latter part of "Parting the Waters."

"Where the interpretations of freedom overlapped, they inspired the clear hope of the decade," Branch writes. "Where incompatible, they produced conflict as gapping as the Vietnam War."

"Parting the Waters" concludes shortly after Kennedy's tragic assassination in 1963 and foretells the tragedy that would befall King in 1968. In the intervening years, he would become a "Pillar of Fire," the last words of Branch's epic study, and the title of the second book in his trilogy, "Pillar of Fire, America in the King Years 1963-65. The trilogy concludes with "At Canaan's Edge, America in the King Years 1965-68."

This book is recommended by the Navy Professional Reading Program.

(Bill Doughty writes reviews and commentary on weekends for the Navy Reads Blog, at <http://navyreads.blogspot.com>)

MCPON sends 236th Navy birthday message

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



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WASHINGTON — Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick D. West sent his 236th Navy birthday message to the fleet Oct. 12. “Shipmates and Navy families,

As we honor the birth of the United States Navy 236 years ago, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all Sailors, civilians and family members for their service and dedication to our great Navy team

Our traditional maritime requirements, counter-piracy efforts and the many non-traditional missions we have adopted in support of overseas contingency operations are making a difference every day.

On any given day, we have at least 150 ships and 25 submarines underway, and let's not forget about our Sailors who are boots on ground.

That's more than 40,000 Sailors who are deployed on station around the world executing our Navy's core capabilities of the maritime strategy.

From our beginning in 1775 with just six frigates to our present-day highly diversified, modern fleet with a total of 285 deployable ships and submarines, our Navy is the best it has ever been. Our Navy has

remained steadfast and ready for 236 years, and we continue to be ready to answer every call our nation makes thanks to your outstanding dedication and selfless support.

I also want to say 'thank you' and express my sincere appreciation to our Navy families for your continued love and support of your Sailor and our Navy. You are the cornerstone of a Sailor's readiness and your role is vitally important.

Please take a moment to remember the thousands of our shipmates who are deployed around the world vigilantly standing the watch, and those who have gone before us in service to our great nation. Happy birthday shipmates ... you look pretty darn good to be 236 years old! Hooyah!”

For more news from Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, visit www.navy.mil/local/mcp on/.



647TH FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON STAFF SGT. BARRITA SIMMONS

Staff Sgt. Carolyn Herrick

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Staff Sgt. Barrita Simmons is the 647th Force Support Squadron assistant NCO in charge of force management. She is also the Warrior of the Week.

As a personnel specialist with only five years in the Air Force, Simmons has been at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for one year and enjoys hanging out with her son, going to the beach, hiking and sky diving.

“I enjoy interacting with customers on a daily basis because I am a people person,” Simmons said. “My job may seem insignificant to others, but I receive satisfaction in knowing that I ensure the Air Force's number one asset – the Airman – is taken care of. I love the Air Force for all the opportunities it has afforded me and my family.”

The junior NCO is the base-level focal point for officer and enlisted performance evaluations and annually builds and manages more than



Photo by David Underwood, Jr.

3,000 evaluation and decoration sites for 32 base-level service delivery model (BLSDM) units. She annually processes more than 8,000 duty updates for the 15th Operations Group, 647th Civil Engineer Squadron, and 747th

Communications Squadron. She also manages the unfavorable information file program with more than 50 cases for BLSDM units, and completes additional duties.

“Sgt. Simmons is a hard charger and highly skilled superstar who blends energy and talent with effective leadership,” said her supervisor, Master Sgt. Daren A. Newton Sr., the section superintendent. “She always stands ready to volunteer to fill any duty needed to uphold our mission. She has won the Military Personnel Fight Star Performer Award several times as well as the 647th FSS Star Performer Award, in which she was coined by the group commander.”

The Hinesville, Ga., native said she wants to have a base wide “explore Oahu” day similar to the “Eiffel Week” they had at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, so those stationed here can learn the history of this island.

“My favorite thing about being stationed in Hawaii would be the weather and that my winter wardrobe consists of sandals, swimsuits and shorts,” she said.

October is Energy Awareness Month

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October is National Energy Awareness Month, a time of increased attention on energy use and conservation.

Adm. Dixon R. Smith, commander of Navy Region Hawaii, has placed energy awareness as one of his top priorities. There is no better time than now to examine personal energy use and get started on a path toward energy savings.

Our nation can most certainly benefit from the wise use of energy at federal facilities. As the single largest domestic user of energy, the federal government spends more than \$9 billion to power its vehicles, operations

and approximately 500,000 facilities throughout the United States. Efficient energy management at federal facilities saves taxpayer dollars, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, protects the environment and natural resources, and contributes to our national security.

With so many major global challenges tied to energy use, including air pollution, climate change, volatile fuel supplies and costs, aging energy infrastructure and reliance on fossil fuels, it makes sense to choose energy efficiency as a basic work ethic and lifestyle.

Furthermore, saving energy isn't hard and doesn't mean drastic lifestyle changes. Here are five simple steps you can easily do to help save energy at your workplace:

- Get into the habit of turning off lights when you leave a room.

- When possible, use fans to keep cool instead of an air conditioner.

- Turn off office equipment (computers, printers, copy machines) at night and on weekends.

- Limit kitchen appliances to public areas only.

- Report energy waste, including water leaks, building deficiencies, and energy abuses.

During Energy Awareness Month and throughout the year, we must all remember that saving energy is an individual priority and focus, and that we can safeguard our energy infrastructure and reduce our carbon footprint in all that we do through simple choices and attention to energy efficiency.

For more energy tips or questions, contact the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii Energy Team at 471-0440.

Diverse Views



What is your dream vacation? Where would you go and why?



HM3 Tessa-Mae Ulloa
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“I would want to go to Bora Bora because the weather is beautiful, the people are friendly and I would want to stay in one of the bungalows off of the beach.”

A03 George Auguste
Navy Operational Support Center
Pearl Harbor



“My ideal vacation would be to Sydney, Australia because there is a lot of stuff to do there and the people are really nice.”



Airman 1st Class Jarott Leon-Gimenez
15th Operations Group

“Definitely I would love to go to Europe and visit Spain, France, Germany, Italy, England, Portugal, Prague and Switzerland to see all the art, monuments, buildings and museums.”

Maj. Mike Pasquino
15th Wing



“Somewhere where the surf is up; my wife and I can relax on the beach with our kids, and there are no phones, no TV and no distractions.”

(Provided by David D. Underwood Jr. and MC2 Robert Stirrup)

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Aeromarine boat can fly and float



U.S. Naval Historical Center photograph

An Aeromarine 40 flying boat is shown here at Naval Air Station Anacostia, District of Columbia, circa 1919-1920. The photo is from the collection of Charles W. Taylor. This year commemorates the centennial of naval aviation.

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Officers attend Navy ball

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Officers, retired service members and their guests attended the annual Navy Officer's Ball at the Tapa Ballroom, Hilton Hawaiian Village on Oct. 8.

The ball was held to commemorate the honor and history of the Navy and to celebrate its 236th birthday.

"The tradition and importance of the United States Navy, and its Pacific Fleet, is a testament to the men and women who have served at sea for 236 years, and an example for those who will serve for the next 236 years," said actor Tom Hanks in a letter read by the event's emcee.

Adm. Patrick M. Walsh, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, was the guest of honor and gave remarks about the importance of the ball and this year's theme, "A Privilege to Serve."

"In my long association with the fleet, I have learned to appreciate and live through your success and view the world through your eyes," Walsh said. "It is important to understand what we have here — how valuable, how powerful, and the impact this organization has had on the individual lives of Sailors and their families."

"Tonight is more than



Adm. Patrick M. Walsh, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, coins a sea cadet at the annual Navy Ball at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu. This year's theme of the ball, held to celebrate the Navy's 236th birthday, was "A Privilege to Serve." (Additional photos on page A-5.)

just an annual ball," Walsh added. "This is an opportunity for fellowship, for reunion and renewal."

Ensign Myles Yamamoto, a volunteer from the USS Missouri Memorial division of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets who assisted with the event, believes in this year's theme.

"It is a privilege to serve," Yamamoto said. "It's an honor to be able to wear the country's uniform and be able to represent the best of the country to the rest of the world."

One of the objectives of the event was to bring officers of various commands

from around Hawaii together in a more relaxed environment.

"The great thing about the ball is that we have the ability to come together, whereas we wouldn't normally in our day-to-day work," said Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Rysavy, an attendee at the ball from U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Regarding the theme of this year's ball, Rysavy added, "The snapshot we have of the world that we see today is based on the actions of everybody before us, so ultimately I think we should feel proud that we're able to serve."



U.S. Navy photo by Russell Okita

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii pipefitters, Jon Navor (in trench) and Shanon Kalama, observe the backhoe excavation being accomplished by John Basso, heavy equipment operator. Extra care was taken during this evolution to avoid numerous communications and power lines traversing the project site.

NAVFAC replaces aging waterlines on Ford Island

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii's (NAVFAC) Potable Water Utilities section recently completed a 10-inch waterline along Wasp Boulevard on Ford Island.

The project included the installation of approximately 650 feet of 10-inch cement-mortar-lined, polyethylene-wrapped ductile iron-pipe to replace a 6-inch cast iron pipe that was installed in the 1920s and

was prone to breaks. Crews started working late August and completed it at the end of September.

The new line provides a robust link to water distribution systems recently installed as part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) building 130 upgrade and the NOAA Pacific Regional Center (PRC) construction at former hangars 175 and 176. It also offers a much needed upgrade to the distribution system serving the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC)

facilities in the area.

Installation of the new waterline enabled more than 1,200 feet of 16-inch cast iron installed in the 1920s to be taken off of the active potable water system.

To date, almost 98 percent of the circa 1920s 16-inch transmission loop on Ford Island has been removed/replaced. This project is part of NAVFAC Hawaii potable water utilities' recapitalization program to replace aging lines in the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam water system.

Joint Base passenger terminal temporarily closed

1st Lt. Joseph P. Sillaman

Passenger and Fleet Service Officer

The AMC Passenger Terminal will be closed from 6 a.m. Nov. 11 to 6 a.m.

Nov. 14 due to no flights.

During this time, access to the passenger terminal will be restricted, and travelers will not be able to access the terminal.

For "space A" sign-up and 24-

hour contact information during the closure, see the website at <http://www.15wing.af.mil/units/735thams/>

For more information, call the passenger service center at 449-6833.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Sean Furey

(Above) Electronics Technician 3rd Class Manuel Abello watches over a simulated hostile intruder during a Security Reaction Force-Basic (SRF-B) training session Sept. 28. Sailors attending the 15-day SRF-B training course learned how to deal with hostile situations while aboard a ship or on the pier.



U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Sean Furey

Sailors prepare to breach a space during a Security Reaction Force-Basic (SRF-B) training session Sept. 28. Sailors attending the 15-day SRF-B training course learned how to deal with hostile situations while aboard a ship or on the pier.



U.S. Navy photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

(Above) Lt. Col. Michael Gimbrone, joint base security officer, commander, 64th Security Forces Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (right), leads a formation of Air Force and Navy personnel during the Wing Run on Oct. 7.



DoD photo by Master Sgt. Cohen A. Young

(Above) Lance Cpl. Andrew Childress, a native of Shorewood, Minn. currently assigned to Wounded Warrior Battalion West, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, reviews a leading drill with "Kea," a service dog with the Hawaii Fi-Do during a dog training session Sept. 23. (See story on page A-6.)



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Scott A. Buchholz

(Above) Robert Phillips, a former Navy aviation machinist's mate second class, and his wife, Gena, show Lt. Grant Regelin and Lt. j. g. Beau Laird of Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) photos from his tour with VP-9 during the Korean War. Phillips, a Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) "plank-owner," visited VP-9 on Sept. 16. Plank-owners are personnel who are assigned to a naval unit when it is commissioned.



(Left) Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander of Navy Region Hawaii, and his wife, Kiki, learn about a Hawaiian cape made by a student of the Kapalama Campus, Kamehameha Schools. Nu'u Atkins, resource specialist at the Hawaiian Studies Institute, explains the historic significance of the type of garment during a tour of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Heritage Center and chapel Oct. 11. The Smiths were guests of Kahu Kordell Kekoa, Kamehameha Schools' chaplain. In 1883, Bishop bequeathed her entire estate for the establishment of a school to educate Hawaiian children.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Kaneohe Marines accept new ARRA Child Development Center

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Naval Facilities
Engineering Command
Hawaii

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii completed final inspections and turnover of the Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) Kaneohe's newest child development center building Sept. 27, signaling achievement of another recovery act project for the Navy and Marine Corps in Hawaii.

"Our child development centers (CDCs) provide a safe and nurturing learning environment for the young children of Marines and Sailors living on MCBH," said Jeff Chaney, director of Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) Hawaii. "The addition of our third CDC, Lualima, will provide an additional 100 child care spaces, improving the quality of life for many of our families."

NAVFAC Pacific awarded the \$9.65 million American



U.S. Navy photo by Godfrey Kaonohi, NAVFAC Hawaii

A 15,000 square foot playground area is part of the new child development center, Lualima, at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe. The play area is separated into four sections – for preschoolers, toddlers, pre-toddlers and infants – to provide each group with the right type of stimulation and exercise. The facility is expected to open in the near future.

Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project on July 29, 2009 to AMEC-Nan JV LLC of Honolulu, Hawaii to design and build a 17,986 square foot building near the MCBH Exchange. NAVFAC Hawaii executed and administered the project from its forward-deployed Kaneohe Bay resident officer-in-charge of construction (ROIIC) office.

Construction on the rein-

forced masonry building began in early 2010 and includes all standard elements of a modern, low-rise facility, such as insulation, climate-controlled heating, air conditioning and ventilation, and a fire protection and security system. In addition, 10 solar panels will assist with heating approximately 525 gallons of water stored in three 175-gallon capacity tanks.

The contractor also incorporated Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) certified silver elements into the planning which includes the use of construction materials with a specific recycled content – steel deck, trusses, aluminum windows and doors, insulation, metal framing, steel columns for a covered walkway, wood doors, carpet and ceramic tile.

LEED is an internationally recognized "green" building certification system, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) in March 2000. It is a point-based rating system which offers four certification levels for new construction, certified, silver, gold and platinum. Each level corresponds to the number of credits accrued in five "green" design categories: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials, and resources and indoor environmental quality.

"Meeting LEED requirements means keeping a sharp eye on the design details and construction materials from the very beginning to the end of the project," said Eric Sakanashi, NAVFAC Hawaii construction manager. "The materials used in the structure have to follow sustainability criteria and tracking that is very important in order to reach LEED certification."

With the addition of this CDC, MCBH gains 10 more

classrooms, increasing MCCS's childcare capacity by 122 children, ranging in age from 6 weeks to 5 years old. The facility also has a full kitchen, laundry room, restroom facilities, storage and administrative spaces.

Two items still to be completed include work on the approximately 15,000 square foot playground, which is separated into four sections for preschoolers, toddlers, pre-toddlers and infants, and additional perimeter fencing, all expected to be completed by the end of October.

Plans for a grand opening of the facility are underway, and the big event should occur in the near future.

The Department of Defense received \$7.4 billion from the ARRA, which is less than one percent of the \$787 billion total amount. The Navy in Hawaii received \$124 million to modernize Navy and Marine Corps shore infrastructure, enhance America's energy independence, and sustain a steady and robust maritime force for decades.

Service dogs mend spirits of Wounded Warriors

Story and photo by
Master Sgt. Cohen A.
Young

Defense Media Activity

U.S. Marines assigned to Wounded Warriors Battalion West, Marine Corps Base (MCBH) Kaneohe, Hawaii enjoyed a stress-free day with the help of service dogs from Hawaii Fi-Do on Sept. 23.

Hawaii Fi-Do is a volunteer organization that provides service or pet therapy dogs to those in need; and most recently that has been the Wounded Warriors at MCBH Kaneohe Bay.

The Marines suffer from a wide variety of injuries, either physical or mental, after deployments in

Afghanistan. As part of their healing process, they meet with the dogs every Friday for a few hours.

According to Susan Luehrs, Hawaii Fi-Do owner, the time the Marines spend caring and training for the dogs takes their minds off their immediate problems, which is an important part of the program.

"Many of these young Marines have been withdrawn and quiet, but spending time with the dogs gives them someone to speak to or spend time with," Luehrs said. "This experience gets them out and being social with others."

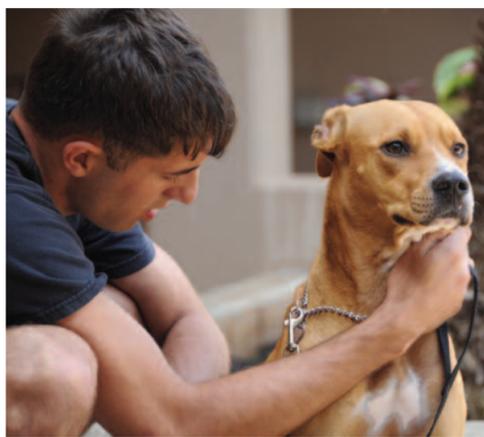
"Before my dog Fin, I was always depressed and in my room, but now I'm always out," said Cpl. Daniel Carter,

a native of Temecula, Calif.

"When I first started this, I wondered how this would help me," said Lance Cpl. Andrew Childress, a native of Shorewood, Minn. "Now I look forward to seeing one of these dogs every Friday because ever since I got blown up in Afghanistan, my time with them is the only thing that relaxes me."

Luehrs, a former special education teacher, noticed how relaxed and social her former students were when playing with dogs once a week, and she thought to apply that to military veterans returning from deployments. She has been working with the Marines and the U.S. Army for the last two years.

Some of the dogs actually



Cpl. Joseph Honan, a native of Biggs Calif. currently assigned to Wounded Warrior Battalion West, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, rubs the chin of "Holly" a rescue dog in training with the Hawaii Fi-Do on Sept. 23. (Additional photo on page A-5.)

live with the Marines and are a part of each other's daily life.

"The dogs help the individuals by retrieving their medicine or slippers when they can't move or, in some cases, [are] right there to wake them up during a nightmare or there for a lick on the face after the nightmare," Luehrs added.

This one-week program has helped mend the spirit of these Marines as man's best friend shows a little love.

"It's the unconditional love of the dogs that makes this all possible," Luehrs said. "They don't care what color you are, if you can read or if you have missing limbs, they just want that touch and are eager to give that back."

Medical walk-ins welcome at Pacific Angel – Timor Leste

Story and photo by
Tech. Sgt. Phillip
Butterfield

Operation Pacific Angel
2011 Public Affairs

COM, Timor Leste -- Com Primary School is one of two locations hosting Operation Pacific Angel, a health service outreach operation that provided free medical care to the people of Timor Leste from Sept. 19-23.

Officially in its fourth year, Operation Pacific Angel is a joint and combined humanitarian assistance operation led by 13th Air Force at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The operation supports U.S. Pacific Command's capacity-building efforts by partnering with other governments in the region to provide medical, dental, optometry, veterinary and engineering assistance to their citizens.

A contingent of 13 U.S. military service members and four Falenti Falintil-Forças de Defesa de Timor-Leste medics along with translators



An elderly couple waits to be registered so they can receive medical care Sept. 19 at the clinic Pacific Angel service members set up at the primary school in Com, Timor Leste. Officially in its fourth year, Operation Pacific Angel is a joint and combined humanitarian assistance operation led by 13th Air Force at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

set up a clinic in Com geared toward medical programs consisting of dental, optometry, women's health, general medicine and public health education. These activities are aimed at improving the immediate health of the Timorese living in the town and providing a brighter future through better sanitation practices.

"We anticipate seeing a lot of patients here," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Marlon Muthuveeran, medical site lead from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. "The majority of our patients will probably be seen by our dental and optometry providers. We are also expecting to see patients with respiratory complications and dermatological issues."

The small L-shaped school, with six medium-sized rooms, opened during the outreach not to students but to whoever required medical treatment. Each room contained a specialty from public health at one end to the pharmacy at the other. After the patients

made their way through the school's courtyard they were registered at the clinic, where they were given a public health brief before departing to the clinical specialty they required.

"We decided to use this type of processing line to keep things as organized and efficient as possible," said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Sean Simler, medical readiness manager from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. "This way we can also ensure that every patient gets seen and receives the information and care they deserve."

Patients were allowed to see only one specialty at a time. If they needed further medical attention, they were required to start the process over again. This was done in an effort to get as many people seen as possible.

Public health was chosen as the first stop for patients after registration to assist medical personnel in reinforcing the importance of following important sanitation practices that are known to stop the spread of dis-

ease and infection.

"Public health is here to educate the town's people on proper sanitation practices in an effort to help prevent the spread of diseases and other illnesses that are endemic to the area," said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Tou Moua, public health flight chief from Yokota Air Base, Japan. "By using the tips and instructions, such as washing their hands frequently, the patients can prevent a vast majority of the common illnesses they suffer from today."

During its first day, Pacific Angel's health service outreach operations in Com and Baucau served more than 600 Timorese patients, extracting 96 teeth, filling 800 prescriptions and issuing glasses for 218 people.

"I'm very happy the Americans are doing this," said Marta, a resident of Com. "This is the only opportunity my family and I have to receive medical care ... thank you."

Pacific Angel dentists: Improving smiles one extraction at a time

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt.
Phillip Butterfield

Operation Pacific Angel 2011
Public Affairs

COM, Timor Leste — "Doctor, the patient said she has had unbearable tooth pain for a month now. Can you help?" said an Operation Pacific Angel 11-2 translator.

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tance to their citizens.

U.S. Air Force Capt. Frances Becker, dentist, and his assistant, U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Richard Glass, both from Misawa Air Base, Japan helped provide the residents of Com and the surrounding areas with the best dental service they can. For some residents, it is their first visit to a dentist.

The dental mission is to improve oral hygiene, provide education, and improve the lives of all the residents-one smile at a time.

"Proper dental hygiene gives you teeth for chewing, talking, smiling, and it makes you an all-around happier person," Becker said. "We're providing a service that most people here may never get."



On the first day they saw 13 patients and performed 14 extractions. They reported more than 100 patients were seen during the five-day operation.

"I enjoy helping the people here," Glass said. "It's all worthwhile when I see a patient come in with a frown and in pain and leave with a smile."

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Richard Glass, dental assistant, prepares a 151 extraction tool for U.S. Air Force Capt. Frances Becker, dentist, for an extraction of Lanjina de Castro's left-upper molar at COM, Timor Leste on Sept. 19. Operation Pacific Angel is a joint and combined humanitarian assistance operation led by 13th Air Force at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

My Favorite Photo...

Navy Lt. Erik N. Molina took this photo of the Pu'u O'o vent from the end of the 14-mile Napau trail hike during a trip a few months ago to the Big Island.

Photo by Lt. Erik N. Molina



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Makahiki celebration

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the sea, the Navy and the past," James said.

"The ancient Hawaiian warriors of yesterday, along with today's Sailors and Airmen warriors, share a commonality all too often overlooked — while they are prepared for war, the message of *makahiki*, a time to lay down arms and give thanks — is always a preferred outcome," he continued.

"We should take this message from the ancient Hawaiians and share it with the rest of the world," James said.

For more than 2,000 years, the significance of Lono and his contributions to the beliefs and practices of the early Hawaiian people influenced the celebration of events held during *makahiki* festivals

throughout the Hawaiian Islands. According to the ancient calendar of Hawaii, the Hawaiian new year begins on the first night of the rising star constellation Makali'i, or Pleiades. The four months following the rise of the Makali'i, from October to the end of January, were set aside as a time for *Lono* to give thanksgiving for the bounty of land and sea.

In ancient Hawaiian history, Lono was the embodiment of peace and welfare, and all warfare was strictly forbidden during the time of *makahiki*. The focus on health and welfare made games of skill that tested a healthy body and mind a focal point of the *makahiki* games.

For more information, contact Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs office at 473-2926.

96th ARS is 'tip of the spear'

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in the back of the tanker and actually flies the boom to the receiving aircraft. He is an integral part of a three-person tanker team — two pilots and one boom operator — and he is the one backing up the pilots during all phases of flight.

"(We) are the 'tip of the spear,' offloading fuel to U.S. and coalition aircraft so they can complete their mission," Jefferson said. "Whether it's an airlift aircraft taking cargo throughout the theater, or a fighter providing cover for troops on the ground, it's possible because the boom operator and the tanker crew were there to provide gas. Being a boom (operator) is a very rewarding and enjoyable job; hands down the best enlisted job in the Air Force," he said.

Air refueling is a critical capability in the Pacific theater, enabling global reach and global strike, Hill said. This versatile unit supports all activities in the Pacific theater and beyond.

"We are very fortunate to

be able to work hand in hand with awesome Guard units: the 203rd ARS and the 154th Maintenance Group," he said. "The ability of the 96th ARS to meet FOC is a testament to the help and care the 154th Wing has given to us. They have shared their buildings, resources, aircraft, and vast experience and knowledge of the Pacific theater.

"We are also blessed with fantastic maintenance support," he continued. "Our KC-135 maintainers provide us with a perfect product no matter what. The dedication and service provided by them allows the mission to be carried out."

"The Screamin' Eagles are grateful for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's support in helping us reach this significant milestone, honored to be part of the combat warrior *ohana* that makes Hickam a strategic enabler for our nation's armed forces, and ready and willing to execute any and all higher headquarters taskings on behalf of our United States," Hill said.

Ford Island Bridge closed 9 to 10:30 a.m. Oct. 26

The Admiral Clarey Bridge (Ford Island Bridge) will be closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Oct. 26 to test the opening mechanism and to validate recent repairs.

The bridge will open as soon as required maintenance is completed.

KHON (FOX) TV 2 Hawaii Navy News upcoming segments

Oct. 20 — Makahiki

Oct. 27 — Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (VPP)

Nov. 3 — Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (Individual augmentees)

Nov. 10 — Marine Corps Birthday

Nov. 17 — Pearl Harbor Day 70th Anniversary

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