

Many ways are available to Celebrate the Holidays Safely

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A multitude of activities are available for service members and their families to enjoy during the holidays through Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

For example, a free Honolulu City Lights tour with Liberty will be held Dec. 16. Depart Beeman Center and Liberty Express at 5:30 p.m., Instant Liberty at 5:45

p.m. and Makai Rec Center at 6 p.m. This event is for single active-duty service members only. For more information, call 473-2583.

Watch the classic holiday film "Home Alone" for free from 6 to 9 p.m. tonight at Hickam Pool Two as part of Santa's Dive-in Movie. The festivities include holiday treats and the movie starts at dusk. For more

information, call 448-2223.

A free teen Christmas lights tour will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 19 departing from the Hickam Teen Center. Take a trip to Honolulu Hale (City Hall) and the downtown area for the annual Christmas lights extravaganza. Youth ages 13-18 should sign up at the teen center to reserve a spot. For more information call 449-3354.

A holiday break craft camp will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 20-23 at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center. The camp is for children ages 7 to 14. Make holiday ornaments, cards and other small projects. Prices vary by project. Call 448-9907 for pricing and other information.

The first day of the free winter polar bear challenge with Liberty will take place Dec. 22 at the Wahiawa Annex Pool. Depart Makai Rec Center at 4:45 p.m., Instant Liberty at 5 p.m. Beeman Center at 5:15 p.m. and Liberty Express at 6 p.m. This event is for single active-duty service members only. For more information, call 473-2583.

A secret Santa overnighter for teens will be held from 6 p.m. Dec. 23 to 8 a.m. the next morning at the Hickam Teen

Center. The cost is \$20 for youth ages 13-18. Bring a secret Santa gift under \$5 to exchange with other teens. For more information, call 449-3354.

For family fun, surfing at White Plains Beach and a Christmas Eve barbecue will be held from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 24 through the Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. The cost is \$25 per person. Sign up by Dec. 22. Professional instructors will teach the basics. Participants must be at least 12 years old and be able to swim without a life jacket. For more information, call 473-1198.

Free holiday bowling will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 24 at the Naval Station Bowling Center. It will also be held from noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 25 at the Escape Bowling Center and noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 25 at the Hickam Bowling Center. For more information, call 448-9959, 473-2574 or 473-2651.

Free holiday weekend movies will be held at 2:30 and 4:45 p.m. Dec. 24 and at 2:30, 4:45 and 7 p.m. Dec. 25 at Sharkey Theater. For more information, call 473-0726.

A free Liberty white elephant gift party will be held

at 6 p.m. Dec. 24 at Beeman Center.

Bring a \$10 (maximum) gift to exchange.

Shuttles will depart Liberty Express at 5 p.m., the Makai Rec Center at 5:30 p.m., and Instant Liberty at 5:45 p.m. This event is for single active-duty service members only. For more information, call 473-2583.

An around-the-island Christmas tour will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 25 through the Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. Cost is \$20 per person. Sign up by Dec. 21. For more information, call 473-1198.

Free Liberty Christmas lunch will take place at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 25 at all Liberty Centers. This event is for single active-duty service members only. For more information, call 473-2583.

Free Christmas day punch and cookies will be available from noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 25 at Hickam Pool Two and Scott Pool. For more information, call 448-2223 or 473-0394.

(See page B-4 for religious services.)

Kick off New Year 2012 with festive events

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Celebrate the New Year safely with a series of events. For starters, free preschool story time will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. Dec. 28 at the base library with the theme of New Years. For more information, call 449-8299.

Free New Year's holiday weekend movies will take place at 2:30 and 4:45

p.m. Dec. 31 and 2:30, 4:45 and 7 p.m. Jan. 1 at Sharkey Theater. For more information, call 473-0726.

Ring in the new year to the sound of falling pins during a New Year's Eve celebration from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. starting Dec. 31 at the Hickam Bowling Center. The cost is \$25 per adult and \$20 per youth ages 12 and under. Make your reservations early by calling 448-9959.

A New Year's Eve cruise

with Liberty will be held Dec. 31. Depart Liberty Express at 9:15 p.m., Beeman Center at 9:45 p.m., Instant Liberty at 10 p.m. and Makai Rec Center at 10:15 p.m. This event is for single active-duty service members only. For more information, call 473-2583.

Kayaking at a New Year's barbecue at Chinaman's Hat will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 1 through the Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet

Store. Cost is \$25 per person. Sign up by Dec. 29. For more information, call 473-1198.

Free holiday bowling will be held from noon to 5 p.m. at the Escape Bowling Center and from noon to 6 p.m. at the Naval Station Bowling Center on Jan. 1. In addition, bowl free from noon to 6 p.m. Jan. 2 at the Naval Station Bowling Center. For more information, call 473-2574 or 473-2651.



561st NOS reigns supreme in flag football

Story and photos by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Hickam Gold Division regular-season champs 561st Network Operation Squadron (561 NOS) Det. 1 overcame a muddy and sloppy field, and two consecutive days of grueling post-season competition to top a strong field of 16 teams and win the 2011 Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Intramural Flag Football Championship Tournament at Ward Field on Dec. 11.

The NOS, which finished atop of the Gold Division with a record of 12-2, won their first three games in the single-elimination tournament, before stopping fellow Gold Division rival 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) Pound Town, 27-7, in the winner-take-all championship final.

"This feels good," NOS quarterback Master Sgt. Keone Peneku admitted after being presented with the championship trophy. "I know we hit some adversity in the last couple of games in the regular season, but we did what we needed to in the playoffs and championship game. Everybody stuck together. They believed in one another and that's what got us through."

Teammate 1st Lt. Kip McCarthy, who plays defensive back and is the NOS backup quarterback, said that once the postseason got underway, things just seemed to come together and fall into place for the team.

"I think our team really started peaking at the right time," McCarthy said. "We found a defense that worked and everyone just came together. And we really had no glaring holes for teams to find against us."

Airman 1st Class John Hunt, who was at the



receiving end of Pound Town's only touchdown of the game, said that the NOS defense was extremely hard to penetrate and by the time the 647 figured it out, it was too late.

"They (NOS) played really good 'D' on us and we didn't start clicking until the second quarter," Hunt said. "They had a really good pass rush on us. They weren't giving our quarterback enough time to throw the ball, so kudos on them."

Right from the start of the game, the NOS defense imposed its will on Pound Town, as Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Winston Jackson picked off 647 QB Senior Airman J.T. Coffland on the very first play from scrimmage.

"That was huge," said Peneku about the interception. "That built confidence in our offense that the defense can get the ball back for us."

The interception put the NOS in good field position at the Pound Town 38-yard line, from where Peneku needed only four plays, before shuffling a short four-yard pass to Airman 1st Class Daniel Swenson into the end zone and the first score of the game.

Although the NOS turned over the ball in their next series on a pickoff by Pound Town defensive back Staff Sgt. Jordan Miller, Peneku closed out the second half with a 52-yard, six-play drive for a touchdown to give the 561 a 14-0 lead at the break.

With only 31 seconds

remaining before the half, Peneku led an impressive hurry-up offense by connecting on two of four passes, before hooking up with Airman 1st Class Robert Light on a one-yard pass and a touchdown.

Then, starting with the ball in the second half, the NOS may have driven the stake into the heart of Pound Town, when the team gained a three-touchdown lead after diving 65 yards on seven plays to score.

On the drive, Peneku connected on two big passes to Light and Airman Michael Kelly, before hitting Airman 1st Class Daniel Escribano with a strike in the end zone for six.

After the score, the 647 finally got on the scoreboard when Coffland finished off a 65-yard, 10-play drive with a pass to Hunt in the end zone.

However, the NOS came back with one final march as Peneku used the clock and closed out the game with an eight-play, 65-yard series and another scoring pass to Escribano.

"I'm PCSing in a couple of weeks, so it's good to get a championship," McCarthy said. "To beat everybody pretty handily in the playoffs, it really feels good to know there is no doubt that we are the best team. It's a great win for our squadron."

When asked if the NOS would be ready to do it again next season, Peneku smiled and said that only time will tell.

"We'll see, but let's just enjoy this one first," Peneku stated.

(Above) Airman Michael Kelly, receiver for the 561st Network Operation Squadron (561 NOS) Det. 1 flag football squad, battles Airman 1st Class John Hunt 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) for the ball during the 2011 Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Intramural Flag Football Championship Tournament at Ward Field on Dec. 11.

(Left) Members of the 561 NOS 2011 Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam intramural flag football championship squad hold court after beating the 647 SFS in the title showdown.

Commentary

Window on Pearl Harbor

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'Tis the season of giving so ...

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The holidays are here and with them come all of the wonders of the season. Christmas music floats through the air in stores and shopping malls, brightly colored lights and decorations twinkle everywhere you look, and everyone is busy with seasonal parties and dinners, presentations of the magical Nutcracker Ballet, and visits to Santa.

It's a time when shoppers scurry from store to store as they gather their special gifts for friends and family members, and the smells of cookies baking and fragrant evergreen trees is everywhere.

The holiday season is filled with excitement and anticipation as we enjoy all of the sights,

sounds, smells and activities that make it so special.

But sometimes in the hustle and bustle and joy that is part of the celebration of the holidays we forget about the real reason for the season. Perhaps we get so caught up in our own activities and the joy of the season that we forget about others who are not as fortunate.

After all, Christmas is all about love and peace and giving. But there are plenty of opportunities to help others — not only during this holiday season but all year long.

At this time of year, you can

drop a couple bucks into the Salvation Army pot or contribute at your grocery store toward a turkey or holiday dinner for a needy family.

There are always needy youngsters who might not have a new toy for Christmas without the generosity of others. Select an angel from one of the trees at shopping malls or give an unwrapped toy (or two or three) to the Toys for Tots project, spearheaded by the U.S. Marines Corps.

Share what you have —

canned or nonperishable food items with the Hawaii Foodbank, or donations of clothing, toys and household



items to the Salvation Army and other organizations that reach out to the needy in our communities.

Or buy a warm meal for a homeless person. You might be surprised at how much this small gesture can mean to someone who never knows when or where their next meal may be coming from.

In today's difficult economy, maybe your finances are tight and you can't really afford monetary donations. But a gift of your time to help someone can be just as meaningful and much appreciated.

A visit to a local nursing home or long-term care facility will mean a lot to an elderly shut-in who rarely or never gets any visits from families.

Stop by and read to them, or challenge them to a game of checkers, or just pay a visit and talk story.

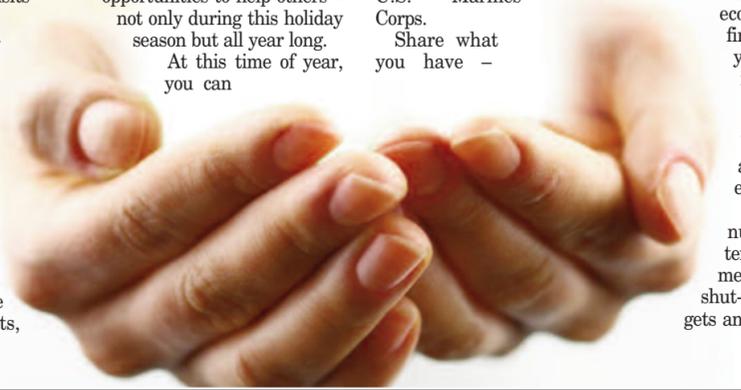
Remember our military families — and reach out to them. It would mean a lot to a young mother to have someone dependable watch her young children so that she can have some time to herself. Be a friend to our military families who are far away from their own families and homes and would appreciate a kind gesture.

Unfortunately, the holidays can also be a depressing time. Sometimes those who are alone or are struggling are feeling sad or lonely and need to know someone cares about them. Share your time and some kind words, and let them know that you care and that they aren't alone.

As you share the joy and excitement of the holiday season with your families and friends, please take a few minutes to remember the meaning for the season and think of our military families and also those in our community who are less fortunate.

As you take the time to give to others, your own joy will be multiplied and your holiday, and theirs, will be a whole lot merrier.

Mele Kalikimaka and Hauoli Makahiki Hou!



Spiritual support offered through the religious program holiday schedule

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The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) command religious program holiday schedule has been announced.

The JBPHH religious ministries team welcomes service members and their families to celebrate the holidays. Various special services have been scheduled to provide spiritual support during the holiday season.

Catholic services include:

- Dec. 17, Catholic choir Christmas concert following the 5 p.m. Mass at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel (building 1600).

- Dec. 24, family Mass at 5 p.m. with choirs and Christmas hymn at 4:30 p.m. at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel (building 1600).
- Dec. 24, children's program at 5 p.m. at Hickam Chapel Center (building 1750).
- Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Mass at 5 p.m. at Hickam Chapel Center (building 1750).
- Dec. 25, Midnight Mass at 12:01 a.m. at Hickam Chapel Center.
- Dec. 25, Christmas Day Mass at 9 a.m. at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.
- Dec. 25, Christmas Day Mass at 10:30 a.m. at Hickam Chapel Center.
- Dec. 31, Vigil Mass of the Epiphany at

- 5 p.m. at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.
- Dec. 31, Vigil Mass of the Epiphany at 5 p.m. at Hickam Chapel Center.
- Jan. 1, Epiphany of the Lord Mass at 9 a.m. at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.
- Jan. 1, Epiphany of the Lord Mass at 10:30 a.m. at Hickam Chapel Center (building 500).

Protestant services include:

- Dec. 24, general Protestant children's Christmas program at 5 p.m. at Hickam Nelles Chapel.
- Dec. 24, general Protestant candlelight service at 7 p.m. at Hickam Nelles Chapel.
- Dec. 24, children's pageant and commu-

- nion candlelight service at 7:30 p.m. at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.
 - Dec. 25, traditional worship service at 9 a.m. at Hickam Nelles Chapel.
 - Dec. 25, gospel service at 10:45 a.m. at Hickam Nelles Chapel.
 - Dec. 25, Protestant worship service at 11 a.m. at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.
 - Dec. 31, watch night service at 10 p.m. at Hickam Nelles Chapel.
- Jewish services include:**
- 7:30 p.m. every Friday at the Aloha Jewish Chapel, building 1514.
- For more information, call the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel at 473-3971 or the Hickam Chapel Center at 449-1754.

Big-league Marlins pay visit to JBPHH

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The Miami Marlins Major League Baseball (MLB) organization capped off a 15-day tour of U.S. military bases in the Pacific with a youth baseball and cheer clinic at Vandenberg Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on Dec. 12.

The tour, which started off with stopovers in Japan and Guam, marked the Marlins' fourth trip to overseas bases since 2010, when the organization became the first MLB team to take active players on tours to military installations.

This year, troops and their family members were treated to visits from Marlins catcher Brett Hayes, center fielder Bryan Petersen and slugger Mike Stanton, in addition to team vice chairman Joel Mael, team mascot Billy the Marlin and Marlins cheerleaders Mermaids Ashley, Jackie and Stephanie.

According to U.S. Marine Capt. John Gilleland, Armed Forces Entertainment Pacific circuit manager, the local event was coordinated with the help of JBPHH Morale, Welfare and Recreation, which assisted with the baseball and cheer clinic.

While Hickam and Barking Sands represented the final visits on the tour, Gilleland said that everyone was excited and enthusiastic about meeting Hawaii service members and their families.

"Everyone has been very welcoming, and all the troops have been very glad to see these guys," Gilleland said. "These guys (Marlins) love it. They might actually be getting more out of it than the troops."

At Vandenberg, the baseball clinic was for children



Slugging outfielder Mike Stanton of the Miami Marlins Major League Baseball team signs the shirt of a young baseball fan during the squad's visit to Vandenberg Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Dec. 12.

ages 9 to 15, and was divided into three age divisions and a batting station, with Hayes, Petersen, Stanton and Mael heading a single group.

Each child got fielding and batting tips, before applying their skills in a simulated game.

Meanwhile, the Mermaids were also busy leading girls from ages 7 to 15 in a spirited cheering session.

"This is very important to us," said Mael about the team's support of the armed forces. "This is our third

year in a row that we've visited troops and first year in the Pacific. We're the only team that we're aware of that does it. We're really here to show our appreciation and support for all our troops."

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Edward Bass, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, helped out with the baseball instruction at Vandenberg and has been a youth coach at JBPHH for the past two years.

He said that he not only appreciated the Marlins' support of service members, he

also liked the message that the team conveyed to the youth.

"This gives them hope," he pointed out. "These guys come out here and give our kids an opportunity that they would never have."

"For me personally, I have a player who is 5 years old and I coached him in football. They didn't have an age group for him, but they let him come out and throw the ball. The coach and players reached out to him and made him feel, probably, like the best he ever felt. To

see him smile made me smile."

Stanton, who at age 22 might be the brightest prospect in the Marlins' organization, said that supporting our nation's military and its family members is what the tour is all about.

Last season, the young slugger, who stands 6 feet, 5 inches tall and made his MLB debut at age 20, crushed 34 home runs and drove in 87 runs.

While he said that the clinic might not be long enough to help kids improve

their skills on the diamond, he hopes that his appearance would help children believe that they can achieve anything in their life.

"I never went to any camp with big leaguers, so hopefully it's something that they never forget," he said. "For some people, we seem like untouchable. They see us on TV, and it doesn't seem realistic to be like us. But then, when they see us out here and see that we're just normal people, it kind of helps to give them hope that they can do it too."

Sailors and Marines Honor 70th anniversary by helping local veteran

Story and photos by IT2 Cicely Wiggins

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In honor of the 70th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, 15 Sailors and two Marines volunteered with Honolulu Habitat for Humanity to support the ongoing Naone-Bailey family building project located on Auwailimu Street in Honolulu.

This build broke ground in July and is almost complete. The house will be dedicated in February. Genie Brown, executive director of Honolulu Habitat for Humanity, spoke well of the build. She said, "Participation and enthusiasm with this build has been great. Things are going better than expected."

Rain started early and continued throughout the day. The build began with an opening prayer, announcements, stretching and assignments. The rain drenched T-shirts while the mud coated sneakers and created an unwanted game of slip and slide, but volunteers pressed on. Outside, volunteers swung pick axes, handled jackhammers; and shoveled dirt and pieces of debris into big blue wheel barrows. Inside, volunteers taped windows, painted, drilled and vacuumed.

"This is an opportunity to give back to the community, especially to veterans," said Aviation Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Ismael Deluna from Patrol Squadron Four.

Honolulu Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1988 and has helped more than 70 low-income families build affordable homes. A build can take anywhere from six to eight months. Habitat's mission is to give a "hand up, not a hand out."

Because of this belief, applicants are required to participate and support the building process. In this case, homeowner Wallace Bailey, an Army Vietnam veteran, has been closely involved in every aspect of the build. He works side by side with the general contractor, Danyel McGarr, and construction manager, Mark Saito.

McGarr explained Bailey's passion to make sure that the job is done right. She said, "Wallace was tough on me in the beginning. He had to make sure that I knew what I was doing. Now he is my right hand man."

Bailey has quite a story to share.



(Above left and right) Lt. Caroline Haid of Patrol Squadron Nine participates in the Military Build on Dec. 5.

(Above right) From left, Logistic Specialist 2nd Class Hervin Barahona and Lt. j.g Thomas Shannon carry a large piece of asphalt.

(Left) From left, Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class Akoli Jones and Logistic Specialist 1st Class Josephchris Romero operate a jackhammer and shovel rocks.

He was drafted in the Army in 1969 and a short time later deployed to the dangerous jungles of Vietnam. Taking care of his family is his focus and priority.

"My family and I are very grateful. The journey with Habitat began in May 2009. It is one of my biggest desires to have a good home for my family," he said.

All volunteers wore blue T-shirts with the words "Hammers for Heroes" printed on them. It's a program financially supported by Lowe's has donated about

\$132,000 to Honolulu Habitat for Humanity to support programs that assist low-income families, particularly veterans. Melanie Kincaid, a consultant for Honolulu Habitat, said these different programs are making a difference. She said, "These projects raise awareness about the difficult situations some veterans are dealing with. You can see the pride that Wallace has in this house. A lot of heart is going into the project," she said.

Habitat for Humanity is a popu-

lar program for volunteers. Many people, civilian and military, sign up to help with builds. There is such a large interest that Habitat asks volunteers to sign up only once a month so that as many that are interested will have a chance to participate.

"It is a great problem to have. Everyone plays a significant role and Habitat creates an environment where we all can share our aloha (sense of community) together," said Honolulu Habitat for Humanity volunteer coordina-

tor, Ashley Gauer.

Despite the weather, the heavy lifting, paint splattering all over the place and some old fashioned hard work, volunteers focused on what was important. Each volunteer gave their time to help support an organization with a cause, a family in need, and a fellow service member.

"This is a great opportunity and real honor to help a veteran. It makes you feel good" Aviation Electronics Technician 3rd Class Justin said.

Air Force Sergeants Association supports Toys for Tots

Story and photo by
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With a dozen teams participating, the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) softball tournament had plenty of action on the field, but it was what its members did off the field that counted the most.

As part of each team's entry fee, the AFSA collected toys and then handed them over to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots campaign during a break in the two-day tournament at the Hickam Softball Fourplex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Dec. 10.

"Obviously, there are a lot of folks on this island that like to play softball," said Senior Master Sgt. David Stubblefield, who is the president of the local AFSA chapter. "There are a lot of good teams and the Marines have their team as well. And they have a good program called 'Toys for Tots,' so it's the perfect time of the year to do a toys drive for them."

From stuffed animals to trucks, dolls and sporting goods, the haul was big enough to overfill the two huge collection boxes brought by Marine Staff Sgt. Rafael Arriaga Jr. and Marine Staff Sgt.



U.S. Marine Staff Sgt. Andrea Creasy and Staff Sgt. Rafael Arriaga Jr. receive the first donation from Chief Master Sgt. Robert Rodewald, 15th Wing Command Chief Master Sgt., during a Toys for Tots drive that was held at a Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) softball tournament at Hickam Fourplex Softball Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Dec. 10.

Andrea Creasy, who made the drive over from Marine Corps Base Hawaii to pick up the items for Toys for Tots.

The idea for the holiday pickup came from AFSA member Tech. Sgt. Gary Lafon, an avid softball player who has spearheaded toy drives in the past.

Lafon said that while he might have come up with the thought, the collection of toys was a joint effort that also included the help of Stubblefield, Tech. Sgt. Lillian Barnes, 15th Wing executive assistant, and Chief Master Sgt. Robert Rodewald, 15th Wing Command Chief Master Sgt.

"Everywhere I've gone, I've always done one of these tournaments," Lafon said. "This is the fourth or fifth one that I've done from Korea to Germany. I love it. You see all the toys here and that's what it's about. A lot of individuals stepped up."

Rodewald, who passed the first toy – a basketball

– to Arriaga, said that he was thrilled to know that the items will go a long way toward putting a smile on the face of a child.

"It's a pleasure for us to help out our mission partners, Air Force and Marines, with Toys for Tots," Rodewald admitted. "It means a lot that we can

work with them to help benefit children who might not otherwise have toys. Not only are we in these beautiful islands, but we're able to give back to a cause that has been going on for years. I'm just honored that I could be here."

Arriaga, who served as the Toys for Tots coordinator last season, explained that program is run by the Marine Corps Reserve and is a way for the reservists to give back to the community in which they live.

The Marines ask for and collect the donations before the toys are broken down by age group and distributed with the help of the Salvation Army.

Last year, Arriaga said that Toys for Tots had 200 dropoff locations on Oahu and collected even more donations through 150 scheduled events from Oct. 1 to Dec. 18.

In total, more than 45,000 toys were donated in 2010 and, despite the down economy, Arriaga said he hopes to receive the same number of items this Christmas season.

"Anytime we can go over that amount, we'll go over," he said. "But the goal remains the same. A lot of people are either in the same situation or are worse off than they were in the year's past. So that goal of 45,000 is to make sure that we can service as many people."

Tips to keep family and home safe during the holidays

Hickam Communities

To achieve a safe and wonderful holiday season that is truly merry and bright, here are some important tips to help ensure your family and your home are safe during the holidays.

Cook with caution during the holidays.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay three feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.

- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children - up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in a room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Holiday lights
For Hickam Communities' homes, all lights should be temporary and can only be placed on the first floor roofline. Clips are recommended for easy removal; nails and screws may not be used.

Lights for the holiday season may be installed and lighted from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. through Jan. 1. Lighting restrictions will not apply on Christmas Day and New Year's Day/Eve. All lights must be

removed by Jan. 15. Please keep energy conservation in mind when choosing a lighting schedule and check out the wide array of solar and LED holiday lights available this holiday season in local stores.

Remember to keep a focus on safety by using lights, cords and equipment that are approved and rated for exterior use. For safety reasons, lights are prohibited on roofs or roof edges or any location where climbing or roof access is required.

Traveling during the holidays

Here are some tips to help keep your home safe while traveling:

- Inform your neighbors of the exact dates you will be gone on vacation. Ask them to watch for suspicious activity around your home.
- Leave a key to your front door and emergency numbers for your vacation destination with a trusted

neighbor or friend who is willing to watch your home and enter if needed.

- If you will be gone more than two to three days, make arrangements to have your newspaper and mail deliveries stopped or picked up by a trusted neighbor or friend.
- Set automatic timers for various lights inside and outside the house. Set them for your TV and radio as well. This will create the illusion someone is home.
- Keep the air conditioner on, but adjust the thermostat so that it saves energy by not running as often. Hot weather requires the air conditioning to be set a higher degree.
- If you will be gone for longer than one week, remove items from the refrigerator that might spoil. Place these items in an outside garage receptacle. Ask a neighbor to take it out on your specified trash days.
- If you will be gone more than five days,

make arrangements for someone to cut your grass.

- Mute the ringer on the phone so that a ringing phone is not noticed by others. If you have an answering machine, shut off the volume so no one can hear a caller leaving a message.
- Lock the garage door. If the door has an automatic opening device, unplug it.
- Lock all gates or doors on your property.
- To conserve water and prevent flooding, make sure all faucets

inside and outside the home are turned off and no water is dripping.

- Place any valuables in a locked safe or safety deposit box.
- If possible, leave a car in your driveway, or ask a neighbor to park there on occasion.
- Do a final walk-through right before you leave to make sure you haven't missed any of these steps. Make a check list from these steps, and check off each item as you walk through your home.



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Get some tips on improving your game at this free golf clinic at 9 a.m. Dec. 17 at Barbers Point Golf Course. FMI: 682-1911.

WINTER CAMP 2011

Winter day camp for ages 5 to 12 provides youth with a variety of social, recreational and learning opportunities within the facility, throughout the local bases, as well as in various locations around the island of Oahu. Week one is from Dec. 19 to 23 and week two is from Dec. 27-30 (closed Dec. 26). The cost varies. Registration is open at www.greatlifehawaii.com until filled. FMI: call Catlin SAC at 421-1556 or Hickam SAC at 448-4396.

HISTORY TOUR

An exclusive tour to relive history and to understand the important role Hickam Field played in World War II will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 21 and 28. The cost is \$55 for adults and \$45 for children ages 3 to 11. The event is free for children ages 2 and under on an adult's lap. The tour departs (Information, Tickets and Travel) ITT-Hickam and Royal Alakai Lodge. Pickup is available at Hale Koa Hotel for an additional \$10 per person. Military ID is required. FMI: 448-2295.

CRAFT PROJECTS

Young people can make holiday ornaments, cards and other small projects over the winter break from 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 20 to 23 at the Hickam Ceramics and Pottery Shop. Prices will vary by project. The craft camp is for youth ages 7 to 14 years old. FMI: 448-9907.

WHALE-WATCHING TOURS

Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) offers numerous whale-watching tours to see giant winter visitors from January to April. Choose from a variety of excursions covering different locations around the island, with some packages including meals. This opportunity is only available during the annual humpback whale migration. Prices will vary. FMI: 473-0792.

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

Community Calendar

At a glance

The Navy's Tax Center, run by the Pearl Harbor Naval Legal Service Office (NLSO), officially opens on Jan. 30, 2012. In addition to free "full service" tax preparation, the tax center offers "self-service" preparation. NLSO is also announcing openings for volunteer tax staff with free training provided. The Navy Tax Center is located in the Navy College Building (building 679), room 11, at 1260 Pierce St. (corner of North Road and Pierce Street as you enter the Submarine Base). If interested in participating in volunteer program, email Lt. Marin at alexandra.marin@navy.mil or Katherine Lake at katherine.lake@navy.mil. FMI: 473-4717.

December

16, 17 - The Pacific Fleet Band will perform a holiday concert at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16 at Hickam Memorial Theatre. The band will also play a holiday concert at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Hale Koa Hotel banyan tree. FMI: email MUC Richard Lindberg at Richard.lindberg@navy.mil or call 474-3693.

16, 17, 18 - Free holiday festival of lights Pearl Harbor evening boat tours will be offered to the public on Dec. 16, 17 and 18, by the Pearl City Lions Club in cooperation with the National Park Service and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The 30-minute boat tours will depart from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center (formerly known as the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center) each evening from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at 15-minute intervals. Special tours will be available for active duty service members and their dependents on Dec. 19 from Merry Point Landing from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at 20-minute intervals. Boat tours are free, but canned good donations for Hawaii's food charities are appreciated. Seats are limited and tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the visitor center, on each day of the tour. FMI: Pacific Historic Parks at 954-8721.

23, 26, 30, Jan. 2 - The inter-harbor boat shuttle will not run on Dec. 23, 26, 30 and Jan. 2 due to the holiday work schedule or boat maintenance.

24, 25, 31, Jan. 1 - The following holiday schedule is observed for the remainder of this year for both Hickam and Pearl Harbor Commissaries.

- Dec. 24, Hickam Commissary opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m. Pearl Harbor Commissary opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m.
- Dec. 25, both Hickam and Pearl Harbor Commissaries are closed.
- Dec. 31, Hickam Commissary opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 8 p.m. Pearl Harbor Commissary opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 7 p.m.
- Jan. 1, both Hickam and Pearl Harbor Commissaries are closed.

Movie Showtimes



The Three Musketeers (PG 13)

They are known as Porthos, Athos and Aramis, three elite warriors who serve the King of France as his best Musketeers. After discovering an evil conspiracy to overthrow the king, the Musketeers come across a young, aspiring hero, D'Artagnan and take him under their wing. Together the four embark on a dangerous mission to foil the plot that not only threatens the crown, but the future of Europe itself.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY
7:00 PM The Big Year (PG)

SATURDAY
2:30 PM Puss in Boots (PG)
4:45 PM In Time (PG-13)
7:00 PM Footloose (PG-13)

SUNDAY
2:30 PM Puss in Boots (PG)
4:45 PM The Thing (PG)
7:15 PM The Three Musketeers (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY
6:00 PM Closed
8:30 PM Paranormal Activity (R)

SATURDAY
4:00 PM Puss in Boots (PG)
7:00 PM Tower Heist (PG-13)

SUNDAY
2:00 PM Johnny English (PG)

For more movie information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.



Pearl Harbor shipyard cookbooks raise \$2,900 for charity

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Sales of a Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard cookbook raised about \$2,900 in October and November for the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

"Dedication and commitment from a small team of employees produced a cookbook that became an immediate best seller," said Donna Nakamura, shipyard diversity program manager.

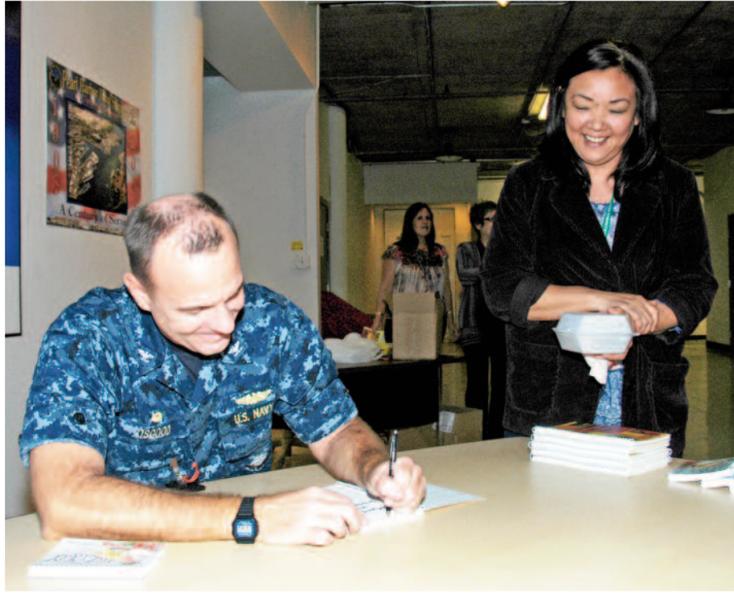
The concept of a cookbook had been discussed since last year but the "Mixed Plate with a Scoop of Aloha" diversity celebration in June gave the idea new momentum.

"Mixed Plate generated so much energy and excitement, a follow-up activity in the form of a cookbook emerged to showcase some of the ethnic foods that were part of the event," Nakamura said.

The start of CFC in October provided a perfect opportunity to link the sales of cookbooks with support for the annual fund-raiser for charities, Nakamura said.

Shipyard Commander Capt. Brian Osgood, CFC coordinators, Diversity and Wellness program managers, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) teams and the First Class Petty Officers Association (FCPOA) collaborated on a series of "neighborhood" visits throughout the shipyard

to market the cookbook. The first event, held Oct. 27 in building 167, featured cookbook signings by Osgood, food sales. Music was provided by Jim Phillips, Shayla Deitch, Terry Quapaw and Sal St. Germain. Producing the cookbook "created a sense of community," Nakamura said. "At the same time, we're raising funds for CFC. It's a win-win both ways."



Capt. Brian Osgood, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Commander, autographs cookbooks for Lori Ikeda, supervisory program planning manager, during a cookbook sale to raise funds for the Combined Federal Campaign.

U.S. Navy photo by Marshall Fukuki

TRICARE Prime option for young adults is available

Brian P. Smith

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

Military families have a new TRICARE Prime option for young adults without healthcare coverage.

TRICARE Young Adult Prime gives eligible family members TRICARE Prime medical (and pharmacy) coverage with low out-of-pocket costs for a \$201 monthly premium.

Military family members who are not married, who have "aged out" of other TRICARE eligibility (up to

age 26) and who have a TRICARE-eligible sponsor are eligible to purchase TRICARE Young Adult (TYA) coverage. TYA enrollees can now choose either TYA Standard or TYA Prime coverage, based on eligibility. The choice will determine your monthly premium, out-of-pockets costs and how you access care. Each TYA program allows access to the TRICARE pharmacy benefit.

TYA Standard enrollment is available now. Enrollment applications for TYA Prime are being accepted and coverage will

begin on Jan. 1, 2012. Complete information, along with the application form, is available at TriWest.com/TYA.

TYA Prime features are:

- Little to no out-of-pocket costs for care.
- \$201 monthly premium for 2012.
- Sponsor must be eligible for TRICARE Prime (or TRICARE Prime Remote).
- Coverage is available in those Prime Service Areas where TRICARE Prime is available.
- Open enrollment, but cov-

erage start date depends on when the application is received.

- Access care from a primary care manager, TRICARE network providers and at military hospitals.
- Referrals needed for most specialty care.

TYA Standard features are:

- Annual deductible and cost-shares.
- \$176 monthly premium for 2012.
- Sponsor must be eligible for TRICARE (and enrolled in TRICARE Reserve Select or TRICARE Retired Reserve if

eligible).

- Continuous and open enrollment.
- Access care from any TRICARE-authorized provider.
- No referrals needed.

Premium payments

Enrolling into TRICARE Young Adult requires setting up automatic recurring payments for monthly premiums. You can set up payments through either credit or debit card or through a monthly electronic funds transfer from a bank account. Premiums can change each year on Jan. 1.

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PEARL HARBOR-HIGGINS NEWS
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Retired Sailor receives China War Memorial Medal

Don Robbins

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Retired Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Stanley E. Toy was awarded the China War Memorial Medal during the annual "In Harm's Way" party on Ford Island Dec. 3.

His son, Col. Stanley E. Toy, director of operations and military support, (Hawaii Army National Guard) HIARNG, pinned it on his father's still crisp Navy White uniform adorned with his prior medals from World War II, the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

"This was an event that was both historic in mean-



Photo courtesy of the Toy family

Retired Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Stanley E. Toy received the China War Memorial Medal during the annual "In Harm's Way" party on Ford Island Dec. 3.

ing given the setting on Ford Island with the Arizona Memorial in the background coupled with the significance of being done at the eve of the 70th

anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor December 7th 1941," his son said.

The elder Toy enlisted in the naval service at the young age of 17 in 1944, and he was assigned to both the U.S. 6th and 7th Fleet, making him one of the few enlisted Sailors at the time having the distinction of having a European and Pacific Theater Campaign Medal.

In 1945, he was part of the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with tours of duty in the Straights of Formosa where he participated in operations to secure the sea-line of communication freeing it from Japanese aggression.

Toy later served in the Korean War as a photo-

reconnaissance specialist serving on the USS Valley Forge (CVS-45). He took part in the Invasion and Battle of Inchon and later provided support to combat operations conducting numerous aerial-photo reconnaissance mission over hostile North Korean occupied territory.

His last tour was at Pearl Harbor at the Fleet Intelligence Center Pacific (FICPAC) during the Vietnam War where he served as the Senior Chief for all operations on located on Ford Island 1965-68.

He received the China War Memorial Medal recently from the minister of defense, Republic of China, in recognition for his participation in liber-

ating Formosa, a medal that he unknowing earned nearly 65 years ago. The China War Memorial Medal is authorized by Nationalist China to all U.S. personnel who served in the China-India-Burma Theatre during WWII for their assistance to the Chinese in their fight against Japan during the second World War. It was established by the Republic of China in 1944 and issued October of 1946.

Republic of China established this Medal in Commemoration of Victory in the Resistance Against Aggression, but is more commonly known as the China War Memorial Medal.

My Favorite Photo...



Photo by IT2 Cicely Wiggins

IT2 Cicely Wiggins recently took this photo of the American flag flying at the Arizona Memorial.

Last Week's
WHO SAID IT?

"When placed in command — take charge."

Norman Schwarzkopf

This Week's Trivia



Last Issue's Question: On Dec. 9, 1941, which submarine made the initial U.S. submarine attack on a Japanese ship?

Answer: USS Swordfish (SS-193) made the initial U.S. submarine attack on Japanese ship on Dec. 9, 1941.