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African Americans recognized for legacy of service

Lt.Col. Lee Archer
Ensign Jesse L. Brown
Lt. William J. Powell

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Each February, the Department of Defense recognizes the contributions of African Americans in war and peace, earning praise and commendation for overcoming their struggles and sacrifices.

The national and Department of Defense theme for this year's observance is "Black Women in American History and Culture."

Highlighted here are a few of the many women and men whose resilience and bravery in aviation and naval history shaped America and paved the road to freedom.

For example, Ensign Jesse Leroy Brown was the first African American to be trained as an aviator, and he was also the first to fly in combat.

In 1948, Edna Young became the first African American enlisted woman to serve in the regular Navy.

Chaplain Thomas Parham became the first African American chaplain in the Navy and the first African American naval officer promoted to the rank of captain when he was promoted in February 1966.

Rear Adm. Michelle J. Howard has many firsts to her credit, including her status as the first female United States Naval Academy graduate to be promoted to the rank of admiral, the first African American woman to command a combatant ship, and the first to be promoted to two-star admiral.

In 1996, Adm. J. Paul Reason became the first African American to be promoted to four stars. African Americans continue to shape the legacy of the Navy in the 21st century.

The Air Force website www.af.mil is profiling a different man or woman each day, a different person in aviation or Air Force history who helped pave the way for today's Air Force. Among those featured are Elizabeth "Bessie" Coleman, who went on to be the first female pilot of African-American descent, but, more importantly, influenced the accomplishments of others who continued the evolution of African-American involvement in aviation throughout the 20th century.

Inspired by the achievements of Bessie Coleman, Willa Brown had an impact on African-American involvement that led to the creation of the famed all-African-American "Tuskegee Airmen" combat flying squadrons during World War II.

Willa Brown eventually became the coordinator of war-training service for the Civil Aeronautics Authority and later was a member of the Federal Aviation Administration's Women's Advisory Board. She was the first black female officer in the Civil Air Patrol and the first black woman to hold a commercial pilot's license in the United States.

An engineering student from Chicago, William J. Powell became an important link in African-American aviation history and did much to take the accomplishments of the early pioneers in aviation and propel them to national acclaim. For example, Powell created Bessie Coleman Aero clubs as a way to introduce flying and aviation to the African-American public nationwide. He also created the first black-owned airplane building company and envisioned the firm as a way to hire African Americans to design, build and maintain aircraft throughout the U.S.

Then there was the story of a man who was shunned because of his race during his four years at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., back in the early 1930s but became the first African-American general in the U.S. Air Force. Benjamin O. Davis Jr. was born in 1912 to Benjamin O. Davis Sr., an Army officer who was the Army's first African-American general. He also served as commander of the first all-black air unit, the 99th Pursuit Squadron. It was the beginning of the famed "Tuskegee Airmen."

Rear Adm. Michelle J. Howard
Benjamin O. Davis Jr.
Willa Brown
Chaplain Thomas Parham

'Night at Apollo' among highlights in February

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and the Hickam African American Heritage Association (AAHA) are hosting several events to celebrate African American History Month.

A luncheon to kick off the month, commemorating "Black Women in American History and Culture," took place Feb. 3 at the Hickam Officers' Club.

In addition, AAHA will hold a free Night at the Apollo talent show at 5 p.m. Feb. 11 at Paradise Lounge at Club Pearl at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The theme is African American legends of music. Performers and volunteers for the event are being sought. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Kimberly Blackmon at 449-8612 or email Kimberly.blackmon@hickam.af.mil.

The first AAHA bowling tournament will be held at noon Feb. 17 at the Hickam Lanes. The event includes three games plus shoes. Cost is $7 with a maximum of five per team. The deadline to register via email is Feb. 15.

For more information, call Master Sgt. David Edwards at 448-9794 or email david.edwards@hickam.af.mil or Staff Sgt. Ashanti S. Cox at 448-6459 or email Ashanti.cox@hickam.af.mil.

During the week of Feb. 20, AAHA will also read to students at elementary schools at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Dwana Bell at email dwana.bell@hickam.af.mil or call 448-0896.

Finally, AAHA will hold the third annual Gospel Fest and Taste of Soul from 5 to 8 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Hickam Main Chapel. Singers and dancers are welcome. The Taste of Soul will include a food contest where participants will have their best soul food dishes judged.

For more information or to participate or volunteer, contact Master Sgt. Joshalin Wilson at 449-7969.

Gary Sinise and his Lt. Dan Band to perform tonight at Freedom Tower

Photos by Lance Cpl. Reece Lodder

USO

Gary Sinise and his 12-member Lt. Dan Band will put on a free USO performance for troops and their families stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam tonight and at Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) tomorrow.

Tonight's performance at the Joint Base begins at 7 p.m. at the Freedom Tower. Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket for the show. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Round-trip shuttle service to and from Freedom Tower will be available from the Hickam BX/Burger King parking lot. In case of rain, the event will be moved to hangar 35. The event is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders and their sponsored guests.

Tomorrow's performance begins at 7 p.m. in Dewey Square, MCBH. In case of rain, the location will change to hangar 103.

This trip marks the band's fifth USO tour to Hawaii. It visited and entertained more than 3,900 military families in February 2011.

Formed in 2004, Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band have participated in 47 USO tours and enhanced the lives of some 229,800 troops and their families stationed throughout the United States, as well as in Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Belgium and Afghanistan, among other countries.

Always ready to show his support for the U.S. armed forces, Sinise and his band will perform for military families as they continue their four-month road trip with USO tour performances in California, North Carolina, Colorado and Kansas. Besides his music and support for the troops, Sinise also is the actor who plays Detective Mac Taylor on CBS "CSI: New York" TV show and portrayed the Lt. Dan character in the movie "Forrest Gump."

TriWest Healthcare Alliance, a Department of Defense contractor that provides military families with access to health care in the western United States, partnered with the USO to sponsor the concert series.

For more information, including shuttle times, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

'Kids free for summer' at aviation museum

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor has announced its "kids free for summer" promotion. With every paid adult admission, one child, age 4 through 12, gets free admission to the museum from June through August. Children under 4 are always admitted free.

Activities include flying the combat flight simulators and exploring inside the big helicopters, and nosing around in the cockpit of a jet's nose cone. Movies, videos, two World War II hangars with battlefield scars, and more than four acres of planes, helicopters and jets are also featured. A full restaurant and kid-friendly museum store are available.

Tickets for this promotion are available only at PacificAviationMuseum.org and at the admissions desk at the museum. They are not available at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center ticketing desk.

Call 441-1000 for more information.

Armed Services Blood Program seeks donors

Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has scheduled upcoming blood drives.

As part of the Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP), the official United States military blood program, a donation serves as a vital link to military service members and their families worldwide. The drives include:

- Feb. 15 at Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) Hawaii.
- Feb. 16 at U.S. Coast Guard Sand Island.
- Feb. 22 at University of Hawaii ROTC Air Force.
- Feb. 27 at Naval Submarine Support Command (NSSC).
- Feb. 28 at Navy Exchange Hawaii (NEX)
- March 14 at the Federal Detention Center.

For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil.

Military urged to take online education survey

U.S. Pacific Command

U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM) urges active duty military members and their families to take the new "Military Child Education in Hawaii" online survey to help examine policies about the Hawaii education experience for military families while stationed here.

Adm. Robert F. Willard, USPACOM commander, asked active duty service members to consider completing the survey a "high priority" in an introductory letter to all military leaders.

The study, created by Johns Hopkins University along with the University of Hawaii, will make recommendations based on parent and children's opinion about their educational experience in Hawaii.

Families who have changed duty stations will also be provided an opportunity to fill out a survey regarding how well their children are prepared to attend schools after their Hawaii school experience.

The survey focuses on the academic quality of the school, expectations for living and going to school in Hawaii, and information about the children's needs for academic and behavioral supports.

"If enough people participate in the survey, we will have strong evidence that can speak to education policies and practices, particularly by branch of service," said Dr. Robert Blum of Johns Hopkins University, director of the study.

The survey can be found online at http://www.hawaiikids.org.

Maintenance Squadron shuts down NCTAMSPAC

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The 15th Maintenance Squadron (15 MXS) used a tenacious man-to-man defense to build up a 17-2 lead in the first half and roll over Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMSPAC), 36-12, in a Gold Division intramural basketball game at Bloch Arena, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 7.

The tough defense of the maintenance squadron kept NCTAMSPAC off balance throughout the contest and held their opponent scoreless until Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Marquis Perkins dropped in his team's first bucket six minutes into the game.

The 15th Maintenance Squadron got their first double-digit lead at the 9:10 mark of the first half, when Staff Sgt. Artis Gandy sank a basket to gain a 13-2 advantage.

Then two minutes later, the MXS grew their lead to 17-2 on a rebound and outlet pass from Gandy to a fast-breaking Airman 1st Class Aaron Maxwell, who scored on an easy lay-up.

Airman 1st Class Aaron Maxwell, guard for the 15th Maintenance Squadron (15 MXS) basketball squad, goes up for a jump shot during a Gold Division intramural game versus Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMSPAC) at Bloch Arena, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 7.

The 15 MXS closed out the first half on a three-point shot from guard Senior Airman Ryan Hubbard to take a 23-9 lead into intermission.

"We started in the first game in a zone, but it didn't work too good," Maxwell said. "So we just pressure defense the whole game. We won by 24, so it works for us."

Ensign Gennaro Hawkins, who was a starter on last year's runner-up USS Lake Erie (CG 70) and is now a player-coach for NCTAMSPAC, said that a lack of experience against a good pressure defense hurt his team's offense.

"We haven't really played against a tough man (defense)," Hawkins said. "Playing against a team that got a lot more athletic guys than we probably do, we got a little pressured and rattled."

Things got even worse for NCTAMSPAC in the second half as the team was held to only three more points in the final 18 minutes of play.

As the MXS defense was putting NCTAMSPAC on lockdown, the team's offense was doing more than its share to ensure the runaway win.

Playing off of the solid inside play of Gandy and power forward Cpl. J.R. Martin, Maxwell triggered the team's transition game and scored a game-high 13 points.

"We really don't have tall guys, but we got strong guys that crash the boards," Maxwell noted. "Usually, I'm the runner on the team, so anytime we get a rebound, I'm the first one down the court. Our game is the fast break and it showed this game."

Midway through the second half, point guard Staff Sgt. Joey Laybon zipped a pass into the lane to a wide-open Jeremy Bass, a Department of Defense civilian, who deposited a lay-up for a 20-point lead at 30-10.

Despite the loss, Hawkins said that he believes his team can still be one of the top contenders in the Gold Division.

The NCTAMSPAC coach pointed out that both teams entered the matchup with identical 2-0 record and there are a lot more games remaining in the season.

"We're going to try and do some things to make it work and simulate more aggressive teams," Hawkins stated. "I think we can go far. We got a young squad, and I think we're going to do well. This was only the third game of the season."

As far as the 15 MXS, Maxwell said that if the team stays focused, it should keep on winning.

"We don't get overconfident. We look at every team as a threat," he said. "Just keep up the defense because that's what wins games."

Gold Division standings
(As of Feb. 7)

	W	L
1. Will Francia	3	0
2. 647LRS/Code 45	2	0
3. FFRP Bad Boys	2	0
4. MXG	2	0
5. NCTAMSPAC	2	0
6. CE Bulls	1	1
7. 8 IS 'B'	1	1
8. Outkast	1	1
9. 561 NOS DET 1	1	1
10. 647 FSS	0	1
11. 96 ARS	0	2
12. 17 OWS	0	2
13. JPAC	0	2
14. 15 MDG	0	2
15. CSS 1/3/7	0	2

Quick start leads fast-breaking O'Kane to easy win

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

An 11-0 run at the start of the game and 23 points from guard Fire Controlman 2nd Class Frank Lofton paced USS O'Kane (DDG 77) to a 44-28 victory over USS Key West (SSN 722) Shellz in an Afloat League intramural basketball game at Bloch Arena, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 4.

The win raised O'Kane's record to 2-0, while the Shellz, which lost by a single point to USS Chosin (CG 65) in the season opener, saw their league mark fall to 0-2.

Against the Shellz, O'Kane used a balanced attack to open up the contest by evenly distributing the ball between its three-guard rotation of Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Clifton Jackson, Operations Specialist 2nd Class Adain Woods and Lofton.

Besides taking control of the team's fast-breaking offense, the trio also headed a torrid man-to-man defense that pressured the Shellz from baseline to baseline.

Key West was held scoreless for their first hoop of the game at the 15-minute mark in the first half.

Shellz guard Machinist's Mate 1st Class Steve Adriazola, who led his team with 13 points, said that falling behind by such a big margin early in the game made it difficult to mount a comeback.

"It's hard trying to get started and into rhythm," Adriazola said. "It's hard to do that and win the game. It's definitely a challenge."

USS O'Kane (DDG 77) Fire Controlman 2nd Class Frank Lofton tries for a lay-up against the defense of USS Key West (SSN 722) Shellz forward Electronics Technician 2nd Class Terrance Fields during an Afloat League intramural basketball game at Bloch Arena, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 4.

Lofton added that with only two substitutions on the bench, it was important for the team to get out ahead by as much points as it could.

"That was real big because we didn't have but seven players," Lofton explained. "We all had to play hard and play through the physicality. Just keep playing, that's all we could do. Run fast breaks and finish on the lay-up."

While the Shellz – especially Adriazola – started to find the hoop after its first basket, Lofton took over and turned up the heat with 13 first-half points that included a trey, two-for-two from the free-throw line and three straight baskets to end the first half.

Afloat Division standings
(As of Feb. 7)

	W	L
1. O'Kane	2	0
2. Koa Kai	2	0
3. Crommelin	2	0
4. Chosin	1	1
5. Lake Erie	1	1
6. Paul Hamilton	1	1
7. Santa Fe	1	1
8. Shellz	0	2
9. Reuben James	0	2
10. Sea Warriors	0	2
11. Olympia	0	0
12. USS Hawaii	0	0

In the second half, Lofton kept up the pace and scored O'Kane's first eight points after intermission.

"Coach (Operations Specialist 2nd Class Donte East) told us to keep running and get back on defense," Lofton said. "We got to jump on the team and don't let up. As soon as you give a team a break, any team can come back. So we wanted to stay on top of them. Keep that 15-point lead, and we knew that we could finish that team out if we maintained that lead until the end."

Besides Lofton, O'Kane also got a double-digit contribution from Woods, who tallied a dozen points on six baskets. Woods (eight points) and Lofton (10 points) scored all of the team's 18 points in the second half.

Although the Shellz found themselves in the loser's column for the second week in a row, Adriazola said that he believes the team will turn itself around soon.

"We got to get more aggressive," he said. "We need more rebounds, more shots and set some picks. Everybody has weaknesses. It's going to be good. We're definitely going to play hard every week."

Meanwhile, despite not having a true post-player in the box, Lofton said that O'Kane has all they need to continue their winning ways.

"Hustling is the key to the game," Lofton stated. "As long as you hustle, it don't matter that you don't have somebody six (feet) six (inches). We're good. We got a lot of new players, we're young, we're ready to go and we think we can win it all."

PACOM/JIOC rebounds to defeat Poundtown

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Guard Intelligence Specialist 3rd Gary Fry pumped in a game-high 16 points and teammate Staff Sgt. Kitrell Hill chipped in 13 as Pacific Command/Joint Intelligence Operation Center (PACOM/JIOC) bounced back from their loss to Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) to defeat 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) Poundtown, 45-34, in a Blue Division intramural basketball game at Bloch Arena, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 6.

Down by a score of 8-7 early in the game, Fry swished a three-point shot to give PACOM/JIOC their first lead and ignited a 10-0 run to take a 17-8 advantage just before halftime.

For the game, Fry tossed in four treys from downtown and was a perfect two-for-two from the free-throw line, before completing his night with a lay-up.

"Last week, after our loss to NIOC, us guys who have been here last year and a couple new guys came in and worked on our spacing for about two hours. That really set the tone," said Fry about how he was able to get open for his long shots. "We didn't want to lose our last two games. We knew we had to step up. A sense of urgency would be the best way to describe it. We wanted to come out strong, play our brand of basketball and dominate."

Pacific Command/Joint Intelligence Operation Center (PACOM/JIOC) guard Intelligence Specialist 3rd Gary Fry puts up a shot over the defense of 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) Poundtown center Tech. Sgt. Sylvester Lawrence in a Blue Division intramural basketball game at Bloch Arena, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 6.

In addition to the shooting of Fry and Hill, PACOM/JIOC head coach Senior Chief Logistics Specialist Latonya Veasley said that a defensive adjustment early in the game helped slow down Poundtown's attack.

Initially, Veasley had her team open in a two-three zone, but when the Poundtown shooters stung PACOM/JIOC with a couple of zone-busting treys in the first couple of minutes, the veteran coach switched to a tight man-to-man defense and the strategy seemed to work.

Blue Division standings
(As of Feb. 7)

	W	L
1. 324 IS Tigers	3	0
2. Team NIOC	3	0
3. Hellraisers	3	0
4. Hangar 5	3	0
5. Poundtown	2	1
6. PACOM/JIOC	2	1
7. 8 IS 'A'	2	1
8. 747 CS	2	1
9. 735 AMS	1	2
10. 535 AS Tigers	0	3
11. TPU	0	3
12. Nasty PAC	0	3
13. HQ PAC	0	3
14. FACSFAC	0	3

After Poundtown's 8-7 lead, the team didn't score another basket until the 6:08 mark of the first half, when center Tech. Sgt. Sylvester Lawrence sank the first end of two free throws.

"We started with a two-three defense and that was not working for us," admitted Veasley. "They were killing us on the threes in the beginning. Once we started to go man-to-man, it's hard to pull up on us, as long as we stay man. They're a good three-point shooting team. We had to come out on them."

Airman 1st Class Vince Kruzona, who led the SFS with 11 points on three treys and a basket, agreed that PACOM/JIOC's tough defense was hard to beat.

"They were playing deep and cheating on screens," Kruzona said. "We didn't exploit that. It's just all fundamentals. We just weren't doing it, and that's how we got down quick."

Although the SFS managed to cut the lead down to six points with under two minutes remaining in the game, two free throws by PACOM/JIOC post-player Lt. Adam Hudson with only 1:11 on the clock sealed the game.

In comparing PACOM/JIOC's win over Poundtown to their defeat to NIOC, Veasley said that the biggest difference was teamwork and patience.

"Once we opened up, things became available for us," she noted. "When we play together as a team, not as individuals, you can tell the difference. And patience, I cannot mention that enough. Even in practice, it's patience."

While the strong performance of PACOM/JIOC against a tough opponent seems to suggest that the team is back to their championship form of last season, Veasley is not convinced that her team is there.

Sharpshooter Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Josh Kelly, despite getting numerous open looks at the basket, scored only two points against Poundtown, and big men Hudson and Staff Sgt. Allen Birtcil have averaged only five points in their last two games.

However, Veasley said that if the team stays together, she is confident that it will challenge for the division's top spot once again.

"We are a command where we have watch standards, and that makes it kind of tough to practice with them all together," she explained. "As long as nothing real world happens, we're going to be all right."

VP-9's 'King of the Hill' 5K race makes strides

Lt. j.g. Ryan Jones

Patrol Squadron Nine Public Affairs Officer

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII, Kaneohe Bay – More than 145 competitors assembled at Dewey Field, Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), Kaneohe, to run the fifth annual King of the Hill 5K on Jan. 21.

Sponsored by Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9), the event attracted men, women and children from around the island to challenge themselves, and each other, on the rigorous course.

"The number of participants is more than ever before. This demonstrates a growth in the event's popularity, with a 40 percent increase in runner turnout over last year's King of the Hill," said Cmdr. Rich Prest, VP-9's commanding officer and race participant. "It's great to see Sailors, Marines and families enjoying some healthy competition."

The race is the first event of the 2012 commanding officers' fitness series. The five-kilometer course tests even the strongest competitors with distracting ocean views and the infamous climb up "Radar Hill."

VP-9's own Lt. Susan Richardson finished first in the women's overall with a time of 23:28. Finishing first in the men's division was Tyler Hubbard at 20:57.

"It's such a challenging course, but it has to be the most picturesque 5K you can run on Oahu," Richardson said. "If you can remember to look around at the top, you'll see what I mean. The views are stunning."

Runners took pictures of the scenic bay and surrounding mountains as children in strollers grinned when they whizzed up and down the streets. Friends and families paced each other and enjoyed the spirit of the competition as they headed toward the finish.

More than 25 volunteers met early Saturday morning to register racers and provide them with packets, timing chips and T-shirts. Manned aid stations were located along the course to provide guidance and motivation as runners of all ages conquered the terrain.

"A special thanks goes out to all the men and women who volunteered as well as the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center which provided assistance. This event could not have happened without all the support," Prest said.

Official results will be posted at http://www.mccshawaii.com/cgfit.shtml.

U.S. Navy photo by CRW/MC2 Jeremy Hacker

Runners jog past the finish for the Fifth Annual Patrol Squadron nine King of the Hill 5K run. The event, held Jan. 21, attracted more than 145 runners.

Seabee Run will take place on Saturday

Navy Region Hawaii

The 20th annual Seabee Run will take place at 7 a.m. Feb. 11 on Ford Island.

There will be six categories and entry fees for the run:

- 5K for $25
- 10K for $25
- 10K couples for $40
- 1 mile keiki run for $10
- 5 K-9 with dog $25
- 5K stroller

Awards will be provided to the top three male and female finishers in each division for the 5K and 10K. Top finisher in the couples 10K division, which is the combined times of the Valentine's Sweethearts, will also receive an award.

Register at http://bit.ly/wWfDqM.

Packet pickup will be at Runner's Hi from 2 to 7 p.m.

For more information, call Lt. j.g. Luke Dragovich at 473-7818 or email luke.dragovich@navy.mil.

Soccer players sought

The American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Region 188 covering Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Fort Shafter is looking for boys and girls ages 12 to 18 to sign up to play soccer on the U14 and U16/19 teams.

The group will register as many players as needed to fill the teams.

For information on how to register a player, email Elisha Cole at reg@aysoregion188.org.

Anyone interested in volunteering may email rc@aysoregion188.org

Career-related information offered for Airmen, spouses

Hickam Education Office

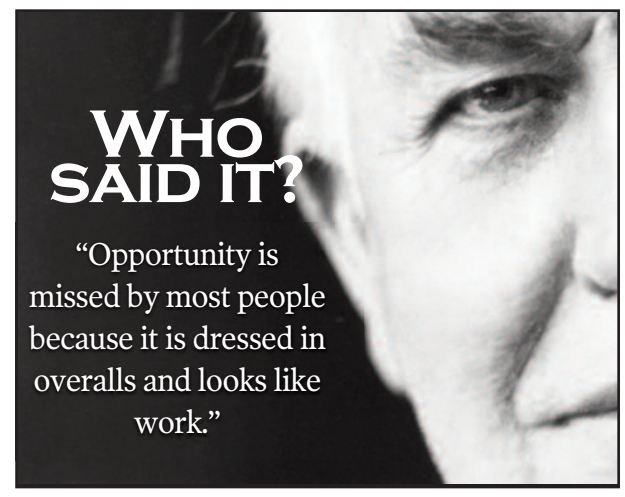
As a note to Air Force enlisted members, career development course (CDC) study material for Weighted Airman Promotion System (WAPS) is now available online for Airmen who are having trouble acquiring it.

Once an Airman has access to the study material through the website, the 60-day clock for study time starts. The following is the link to the study material website: http://cdc.aetc.af.mil/.

For information, email cythnia.stine@hickam.af.mil.

In addition, spouses of active duty Air Force members may be eligible for Spouse Tuition Assistance Program (STAP) funds. Applications will be accepted Feb. 20 through March 9 for classes with a term start date of April/May/June.

Go to the website https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/stap/. For information, call the Hickam Education Office at 448-0022 or email: 647fss.fsde@hickam.af.mil.



This week in USAF and PACAF history

Charles Nicholls

PACAF historian

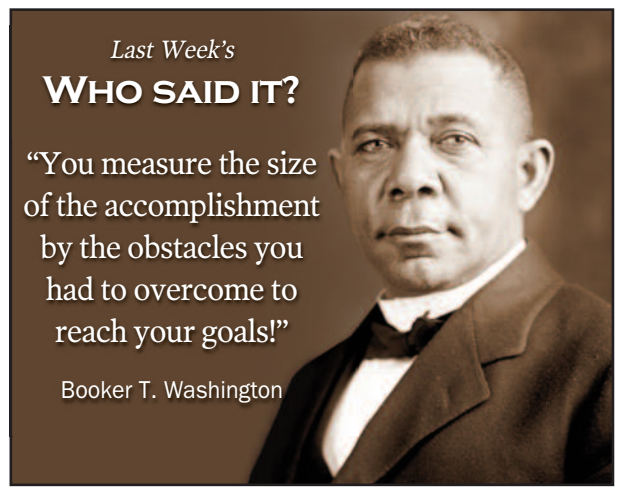
On Feb. 12, 1993, the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron (HIANG) activated at Hickam AFB, with Lt. Col Walter K. Kaneakua in command.

On Feb. 8, 1938, the first bombardment unit based at Hickam, the 31st Bombardment Squadron (BS) (heavy), arrived from Hamilton Field and was assigned to the 5th Composite Group. The 31st emblem was the distinctive skull and crossbones proper on a black triangle. Four members of the 31 BS were killed in action on Dec. 7, 1941, nine members were wounded, and all of the squadron's B-18 Bolo bombers were either damaged or destroyed. Re-equipped with B-17s, the squadron was assigned various maritime bombing and surveillance missions in the South Pacific.

On Feb. 8, 1953, the American Medical Association recognized aviation medicine as a medical specialty, the first specialty to evolve from military practice and research.

On Feb. 10, 1954, the Hawaii Air National Guard's (HIANG) first group of F-86 Sabre Jets arrived to replace their WWII-era P-47s. A large enthusiastic group of HIANG members was on hand to "de-cocoon" them of their waterproof protective coverings. One of the "new" F-86s was recognized by Tech. Sgt. Simanu Afoa Jr., a Korean veteran, as F-86E No. 740, the jet flown by Maj. James Jabara, the world's first jet ace. Four years later, the Hawaii Air National Guard traded their F-86E fighters for more modern radar-equipped F-86L all-weather interceptors. The initial shipment of F-86Ls arrived at Pearl Harbor on Feb. 5, 1958. The new Sabres assumed air defense alert duty on May 1.

On Feb. 8, 2006, the first of eight C-17 Globemaster IIIs arrived at the former Hickam Air Force Base, greeted by a host of distinguished visitors and a cheering crowd in front of base operations. Hawaii Gov. Linda Lingle christened the new C-17 the "Spirit of Hawaii - Ke Aloha." The aircraft were assigned to the 15th Airlift Wing. The maintainers were a composite of active duty and Hawaii Air National Guard.



This Week's Trivia

What happened on Feb. 10, 1862 in U.S. naval history?

Last Issue's Question: During Desert Storm, when did F-111 Aardvarks deliver guided bombs on the Al Ahmadi oil refinery to close oil manifolds opened by the Iraqis?

Answer: On Jan. 27, 1991, the F-111 Aardvarks participated in the attack, which stopped the flow of the biggest deliberate oil spill in history.

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Morale Welfare & Recreation

GARY SINISE AND LT. DAN BAND
Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band will hold a free performance tonight at 7 p.m. at the Freedom Tower at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Round-trip shuttle service to and from Freedom Tower will be available. The band will also perform at 7 p.m. Saturday in Dewey Square, Marine Corps Base Hawaii. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

FREE GOLF CLINIC
There will be a free golf clinic at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Navy-Marine Golf Course. FMI: 471-0142.

VALENTINE'S RED AND WHITE BALL
There will be a free Valentine's ball on Sunday at J.R. Rockers. Dinner is at 5 p.m. and dancing starts at 9 p.m. FMI: 448-2271.

SWEETHEART'S SWIM
On Feb. 13 and 14 Scott, Richardson, Hickam pool one and Hickam pool two will host a sweetheart's swim. Each couple swims 1,000 yards total, with each couple completing the swim receiving a prize. The event is for those ages 16 and older. FMI: 473-0394.

SPRING CAMP REGISTRATION
Registration for Spring Camp 2012 will be held Feb. 13 through 17 for single parent active-duty and dual active-duty parents. Open registration will be Feb. 21 until it is completely filled. In-person registration is at Catlin and Hickam SAC, and online registration can be found at www.greatlifehawaii.com. Spring Camp 2012 will be held from March 12 to 16. FMI: Catlin SAC 421-1556 and Hickam SAC 448-4396.

ALL-NAVY BOWLING TRYOUTS
There will be bowling tryouts at 10 a.m. Feb. 14 to 16 at the Naval Station Bowling Center. Tryouts are eight games per day and are open to all active-duty personnel. The top six men and top four women advance to the All-Military Bowling Tournament in April. The cost is $16 a day. FMI: 473-2574.

VALENTINE'S SWEETHEARTS DINNER
The Hickam Officers' Club is hosting a Valentine's Sweethearts Dinner from 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 14. Dinner is four courses and includes an appetizer, salad and dessert. This event is open to all ranks. The cost is $89.95 per couple, and members receive a $10 discount. FMI: 448-4608.

THIRD FRIDAYS LIVE
Third Fridays Live will be held from 4 to 10 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Hickam Officers' Club. This month's free event will feature Anjj Lee and Funky Monkey. FMI: 448-4608.

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

Community Calendar

February

Today ~ Today is the last day to sign up for the Great Aloha Run. More than 25,000 participants will run in the 8.25-mile race from Aloha Tower to Aloha Stadium where prizes and goody bags await. Go to http://www.eventsonline.ca/events/GAR/, or www.greataloharun.com to register.

11 ~ The Hickam African American Heritage Association (AAHA) will hold a free night at the Apollo Talent Show at 5 p.m. Saturday at Paradise Lounge at Club Pearl on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH). The theme is African American legends of music. Performers and volunteers for the event are being sought. FMI: Staff Sgt. Kimberly Blackmon 449-8612 or Kimberly.blackmon@hickam.af.mil

18 ~ A "hangar talk" will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor education center. The event is free with paid museum admission. Guest lecturers who are aviation authors, pilots, scientists and veterans will discuss aviation and the history it made and changed. FMI: 441-1000 or www.pacificaviationmuseum.org.

18-19 ~ An airsoft fundraising tournament for Wounded Warriors will be held at the Schofield Barracks MOUT (Military Operations on Urban Terrain) site from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry fee is $25 per person. Registration forms can be completed on the day of the event or be downloaded from www.airsoftwarriors.org. FMI: 733-4263 or Stanley.toy@us.army.mil.

20 ~ The Home of the Brave quilt project will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. The event is free with paid museum admission. See quilts being made, and sign one that will be presented to the family of a fallen Hawaii Soldier. FMI: 441-1000 or www.pacificaviationmuseum.org.

23 ~ The Commanding Officer/Executive Officer, Junior Officer, Master Chief Petty Officer, Senior Chief Petty Officer and E-8/E-9 Spouses Workshop Committee will host an event titled "Keeping Sailors and Families Safe Through Operational Security (OPSEC)" from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Kaneohe Bay Officers Club at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. RSVP by Feb. 17. All spouses of Navy and Coast Guard officers who have been selected for or served in an executive officer or commanding officer position, O-1 to O-4 and Chief Warrant Officer 1-5, and E-8/E-9 and above are welcome to attend. To RSVP, call Fleet and Family Support center at 474-1999 or email leadership4U@hotmail.com. FMI: visit the JO Spouse Ohana - Hawaii Facebook page.

Movie Showtimes

The Adventures of Tintin (PG)

Intrepid reporter Tintin and Captain Haddock set off on a treasure hunt for a sunken ship commanded by Haddock's ancestor.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY
7:00 PM Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13)

SATURDAY
2:30 PM Hugo (PG)
5:00 PM Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G)
7:00 PM Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13)

SUNDAY
2:30 PM Hugo (PG
4:45 PM The Adventures of Tintin (PG)
7:00 PM Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY
6:00 PM Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G)
8:45 PM The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Pt 1 (PG-13)

SATURDAY
4:00 PM Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G)
7:00 PM We Bought A Zoo (PG)

SUNDAY
2:00 PM Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G)