



Albatross wake up during the sunrise on the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge and the Battle of Midway National Memorial.

Former site of military battle doubles as nature's playground

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More than 1,200 miles northwest of Honolulu lie the lands and waters of the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge and the Battle of Midway National Memorial.

The population of the Midway Atoll more than doubled June 4 when the 60 people who live and work on the island were greeted by 72 people arriving by plane for a special ceremony honoring the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Midway.

Twelve years ago Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt designated the national memorial "so that the heroic courage and sacrifice of those who fought against overwhelming odds to win an incredible victory will never be forgotten." This is the first National Memorial to be designated on a National Wildlife Refuge.

Historically known for the battle that was the crucial World War II turning point in the Pacific, Midway Atoll is now famously known

for its wildlife population. Midway hosts the world's largest population of albatross. Approximately 72 percent of the entire population of Laysan albatross worldwide nest on the island atoll.

Nearly three million seabirds can be found all over the island, on roadways, sidewalks, beaches and grasslands.

In addition to seabirds, there are many species of coral and fish found at Midway as well as threatened green turtles and endangered Hawaiian monk seals. Midway is part of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument and is one of the oldest atoll systems in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, originating as a volcano approximately 27 million years ago.

Midway Atoll is an unorganized, unincorporated territory of the United States and is the only atoll/island in the Hawaiian archipelago that is not part of the State of Hawaii. Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on behalf of the American people and has international significance for both its historic and natural resources.



An albatross crosses the Battle of Midway National Monument.



A Laysan albatross feeds her chick as part of the world's largest population of albatross inhabiting Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge and site of the Battle of Midway National Memorial.



Big win catapults 692nd ISRG into third place

Story and photo by
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Sports Editor

The 692nd Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group (692 ISRG) took a 3-1 lead into halftime and made it stand to beat the 352nd Network Warfare Squadron (352 NWS) June 16 in a Blue Division intramural soccer matchup at Earhart Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

With the victory, the 692 ISRG leapfrogged over the 352 NWS to claim third place with a record of 9-4-1 and 28 points, while the 352 dropped to fourth with a mark of 8-3-3 and 27 points.

"This was insanely crucial," said 692 ISRG co-captain Senior Airman Randy Kelso. "When we sent out our e-mails and texts, we pointed out that if we win, we get third, but if we lose, we go to fifth. So please, everybody, show up and play as hard as you can. We did just that, so everything went well."

At first, things didn't go as hoped for the 692 as the 352NWS matched their opponent kick for kick before taking the first lead of the game on goal off the head of Senior Airman Chris Voigt.

The scoring play was set up by Airman 1st Class John Barlow, who blasted a kick from the corner that was passed toward the goal by teammate Tech. Sgt. Jason Maldonado before Voigt



Senior Airman Randy Kelso of the 692nd Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group (692 ISRG) battles 352nd Network Warfare Squadron (352 NWS) Senior Airman Chris Voigt for a 50-50 ball during a Blue Division intramural soccer showdown.

connected on a head shot into the net.

"It was just a team effort," said Voigt about the goal. "We had Barlow run in. They thought it was a corner ball, he hit it back and Maldonado headed it, and I ran in and just took advantage of the goalie not paying attention."

The lead didn't last long. Moments later, the 692 tied the score on a straightaway shot by 1st Lt. Leon Hontz at the midway point of the first half.

Then on the next trip down the field, the 692 went ahead for good on a shot by Kelso, who first kicked the ball off the goal's left upright before booting it back into the goal.

Hontz got the assist on the goal after finding Kelso on the left side of the field with an accurate touch pass from the right.

The score remained 2-1 in favor of the 692 until just before halftime, when Airman 1st Class Lothar Reck scored the team's third and final goal of the game.

After getting off to a slow start, better passing helped open up the team's offense, according to Kelso.

"Our passes were more on key," Kelso explained. "Leon would slow the pace of the game, so we could get open and a lot of give-and-goes, things like that."

While the 692 ISRG was picking up their offense, the team also began asserting itself on the defensive side.

Defensive back Senior

Airman Thomas Reiter anchored a tough 692 secondary, which shut down the 352 attack after allowing just one goal.

Following the first goal of the game, the 692 held the 352's offense to only one more shot on goal in the first half and two more in the second.

"We started communicating a little better and paid more attention to what they were doing that was getting past us," Reiter said. "Their center striker was really good at orchestrating their passing. We had to pay more attention to that."

With nine wins in their back pocket, the players on the 692 ISRG are beginning to believe that the team is peaking at the right time.

Reiter said that team cohesiveness is a big reason for its success.

"We've had a couple of years with the same group of guys and girls," he pointed out. "We get along pretty good, so when things aren't going real well, we support one another."

Kelso said that besides camaraderie, the players are getting excited about the playoffs and a big win over a tough team like the 352 will go a long way towards building their confidence.

"This picks our spirits up," he said. "People are getting off work and taking their Saturday to come out in the middle of the day. They know that it's important and it's awesome that they can get out here."

Bats come alive in decisive win for NIOC

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Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) exploded for 16 runs in the fourth inning to run away from the 25th Air Support Operation Squadron (25 ASOS) June 18 by a score of 35-15 in a White Division intramural softball game at Hickam Softball Complex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

NIOC batted around the order twice in the decisive inning to pull away from the 25 ASOS and clinch their place in the upcoming playoffs, which is scheduled for June 30 and July 1.

The win raised the joint command's record to 10-1, while the 25 ASOS fell to 9-3 and must win over the Tigers on June 25 in order to secure its place in the postseason.

In scoring 35 runs, NIOC scored five in the top of the first, eight in the second, six in the third, before erupting for 16 runs on 15 hits in the fourth to put the game away for good.

NIOC batters had the bases full of runners in the first three innings of the game.



Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Zac Metz is congratulated at home plate by a teammate after blasting a two-run homer for Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) in a White Division intramural softball game versus the 25th Air Support Operation Squadron (25 ASOS).

In a night full of hitting stars, Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Zac Metz, NIOC's number three hitter, was among the top batters in the game.

Metz drove in the team's first run with a single in the first and

came back to spark NIOC with a two-run jack in the second after the team fell behind, 8-5, in the first inning.

He also blasted a two-run double in the top of the third and another double to drive in a

run in the fourth.

"It was one of those things where we looked out, and I felt like everyone hit the ball where they wanted to hit it," Metz said. "Last week we did the exact opposite. So it was good to get some confidence behind us going into the last game of the season plus the playoffs."

At first, it appeared that the game would turn out to be a slugfest as the 25 ASOS kept it close for the first couple of innings despite 13 runs scored by NIOC.

Down 5-0 after the top of the first, the 25 ASOS, aided by a couple of fielding errors from NIOC, went out in front by scoring eight times on six hits in the bottom of the frame. All of the team's eight tallies were scored with two outs.

After losing their lead to NIOC in the top of the second, Master Sgt. Jason Meinders brought the 25 ASOS back to within striking distance by swatting a two-run shot over the left-field fence.

However, a two-run single by Tech. Sgt. Brian Badstibner, a run-scoring single by Master Sgt. P.J. Nichol, another RBI single by Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 2nd Class Bryan Butz and the two-run double by

Metz put NIOC up by nine runs at 19-10 in the top of the third.

Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Daniel Cerda said that once the team got rolling with its bats, the momentum just took over.

"The emotion of the team, we're all high spirited, just kept it going," Cerda noted. "That and we had batting practice before the game. Everybody felt like they were comfortable and he (25 ASOS pitcher Tech. Sgt. Timothy Evans) was giving us good pitches to hit."

While Cerda said that NIOC could only take it one game at a time from here, the big win over a solid team like the 25 ASOS should establish NIOC as a contender.

"We got to show everyone that we are a playoff team," he said. "We're going to play for the championship and we're going to compete."

The keys to a successful run in the postseason, Cerda said, are going to come down to the basics.

"Just keep hitting the ball and a lot of fielding practice," he pointed out. "The last game we lost, we lost to errors. So we're going to keep working on our infield and outfield, and make sure we keep the ball in front of us."

DIRSUP Drillers surprise division-leading 613 AOC

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Sitting in 10th place in the Gold Division with a record of 4-8, no one informed the Direct Support (DIRSUP) Drillers that they weren't supposed to be a problem for the 10-2 division-leading 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC) in a June 19 matchup at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

In fact, after the 613 AOC jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the top of the second inning, things seemed to be going along just as predicted.

However, with one swing of the bat, the Drillers not only passed the 613 AOC, but also went on to upset the league leaders, 14-8, in the division's final game of the regular season.

The loss prevented the 613 AOC from clinching the No. 1 seed in next weekend's playoffs, and may have created a backlog of five teams with 10-3 records vying for four divisional postseason spots.

Down by three runs going into the bottom of the second, the Drillers inched a run closer on an RBI single by Cryptologic

Technician (Collection) Seaman Matthew Justus, who stepped to the plate with runners on first and third and one out.

Then with two outs and the bases loaded, pitcher Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Daniel Nelson got on-board on an error to score another run and keep the bases jacked full of runners.

The error proved costly for the 613 AOC, as the very next batter, Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Levon Panhorst, stepped up to the plate and crushed a shot to right-center field that rolled all the way to the fence.

With the 613 AOC outfielders scrambling for the ball, Panhorst raced around the bases for an inside-the-park grand slam to put the Drillers out in front at 7-4.

"I was looking for my pitch and what I noticed was that he (613 pitcher) was throwing a low spin ball," Panhorst said. "When I saw that, I was pushing right field the whole way. I wasn't trying to kill the ball. I just tried to hit it hard and wherever the ball was at, that's where I tried to place it. It hit the sweet spot, and I knew that they weren't getting it. I just turned on the burners."



Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Daniel Nelson, hurler for the Direct Support (DIRSUP) Drillers, delivers a pitch during the team's game against the 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC).

Later in the bottom of the fourth, Panhorst led off the inning with a triple before touching home with the team's 10th run of the game on a single by Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Tyler Muennink.

While the Drillers were taking care of business at the plate, Nelson, after giving up three runs in the first, a single tally in second

and a leadoff home run to Maj. J.B. Wills in the third, settled down on the mound and kept the 613 AOC bats in check by throwing goose eggs in the next three frames.

Nelson was especially good at getting the power-hitting 613 to pop out as he retired the side in order on three straight fly outs in the fourth and induced five more

hitters to pop up over the next two innings.

"I was just making them hit my junk," Nelson said. "On every right hander, they like to hit them on the inside. That's a pop up all the time."

In the bottom of the fifth, the Drillers took a nine-run lead after scoring four times on four hits and a couple of 613 AOC errors.

The big hit of the frame came off the bat of Muennink, who stroked a single with the bases loaded to drive in two runs.

The 613 AOC, which came back from a two-run deficit in the final inning of their earlier game with Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC) to win by a score of 15-12, tried to mount one final rally in their last turn at-bat.

The team managed to scratch out three runs before Nelson got Master Sgt. Thornton Thompson on an infield fly to end the game.

"I had no idea they were the top team. It was a lot of fun," admitted Panhorst after his team got the final out. "All of us guys, we're just out here to play for fun. It's been pretty hard this season because of our Direct Support people going out on deployment. It's been challenging, but it's been a lot of fun."

June 27 fitness, wellness fair to center around state-of-the art facility

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Filled with the most modern and up-to-date equipment, the new Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Fitness Center embodies the U.S. military's focus on wellness. That's why it's the perfect location for this year's JBPHH Fitness and Wellness Fair, which takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 27, said Mark McFarland, joint base fitness training director. "We want to utilize this state-of-



Photo courtesy of Sheri Cavalieri

the-art center to its maximum capacity," he explained.

The free event is open to all Department of Defense

demonstrations. Samples of healthy food and drinks will be provided by the Pearl Harbor and Hickam commissaries.

The event will also feature a three-point basketball shootout, a massage therapist on location providing "chair massages," music and giveaways.

Besides the demonstrations and activities, the fair will focus on unique aspects of the new building, which opened May 21.

"Our second floor has two glass racquetball courts which are heavily

utilized," McFarland said. The first floor includes two basketball courts, a cardio and gym area, restrooms and ample locker room facilities.

Other segments of the facility include classrooms, administrative space, huge group exercise room, a spin room filled with 55 spin bicycles, and an activities room for pilates and yoga.

Besides serving as a modern place to become physically fit, the new center features environmentally friendly "green" construction, including a

solar hot-water heating system and 1,400 photovoltaic cells to generate energy.

"There is also natural ambient light included into the building to reduce the impact on energy," McFarland said.

Experts on hand at the fair will speak about recyclable materials such as carpeting and tiles used in building the center. The center's landscaping also includes maintenance-free plants and rockscaping.

For more information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

THIS WEEK IN USAF AND PACAF HISTORY

Charles Nicholls

PACAF historian

- On June 23 and 24, 1952, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps aircraft in coordinated attacks virtually destroyed all the hydroelectric power plants of North Korea. The two-day operation, involving more than 1,200 sorties, was the largest single air effort since World War II.

This bombing campaign was designed to apply political pressure against the communists at a time of stalemate in both the ground war and the truce talks.

- Arc Light began on June 18, 1965. There were 30 B-52Fs from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, refueled by 30 KC-135s, that bombed a Viet Cong stronghold near Saigon.

This was the first use of B-52s in combat, the first bombs dropped by B-52s in war. However, two B-52s were lost in a collision in the air refueling area.

In the first three years of opera-

tions in Vietnam, B-52s flew more than 25,000 sorties and dropped more than 630,000 tons of bombs. Enemy ground forces could not see or hear approaching B-52s, which typically released bombs from 30,000 feet.

- On June 19, 1970, the Minuteman III missile first became operational at Minot Air Force Base, ND. Minuteman III test launches were done into Pacific ranges from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

The missile had been airlifted to Minot in April and placed in its silo a few days later. Minuteman IIIs went on alert in August.

Each Minuteman III carries three independently targetable warheads. The LGM-30G Minuteman III is the only operational land-based ICBM in the United States' inventory.

- On June 19, 1973, the United States Congress passed the Case-Church Amendment banning any further U.S. military involvement in Southeast Asia, effective Aug. 15, 1973. The veto-proof vote was



The Kitty Hawk, Ronald Reagan and Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Groups sail in formation, while Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps aircraft fly overhead during the photo portion of Exercise Valiant Shield 2006.

278-124 in the House and 64-26 in the Senate. On Aug. 14, U.S. bombing of Khmer Rouge forces in Cambodia was halted in accordance with the ban.

With U.S. airpower gone, North Vietnam invaded and conquered South Vietnam in 1975.

- Final U.S. base closures in

Thailand took place June 20, 1976.

The last two U.S. facilities in Thailand closed, U Tapao Royal Thai Naval Air Field and the Ramasun electronic monitoring facility. The last scheduled C-130 service from U Tapao departed on June 19.

At U Tapao, facilities valued at

an estimated \$102 million were given to the Thais. After nearly 26 years, the U.S. Military Assistance Command Thailand also ceased to exist.

- On June 18, 1981, the F-117 Nighthawk, the world's first stealth combat aircraft, flew for the first time at Tonopah Test Range, Nev. on June 18, 1981. The revolutionary aircraft presented very little radar image.

- Exercise Valiant Shield was conducted as the largest joint exercise in the western Pacific on June 19 to 23, 2006. More than 290 aircraft, three carrier strike groups and approximately 22,000 U.S. military personnel participated in the exercise. Valiant Shield focused on joint training among U.S. military forces while responding to a range of mission scenarios.

B-2 and B-52 bombers; F-15C, F-15E, F-16CJ, and F/A-18 fighters; E-3 AWACS aircraft as well as KC-10 and KC-135 tankers launched from Andersen Air Force Base to support exercise events.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam MWR to hold Fourth of July spectacular

Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host a Fourth of July celebration from 2 to 9 p.m. July 4 at the Hickam Officers' Club.

The event features David Cook in concert. Cook is the American Idol season seven winner. A D.J. will entertain the crowd for the afternoon, prior to Cook's performance.

The event will also include free activities such as an "xpress train," air-brush tattoo, petting zoo and pony rides.

Enter for the chance to win a five-night Las Vegas



David Cook

getaway for two.

Food and drinks can be purchased from local vendors.

Inflatables, rides, games, mini golf and other activities will be available at an additional cost. The night will wrap up with one of the largest fire-

works displays on Oahu starting at 8:30 p.m.

Event and parking access will be limited. Shuttle service will be provided to and from the event.

This event is free and open to all military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests.

The schedule of events is subject to change without notice.

For safety reasons, barbecues, tents, umbrellas, glass, animals and outside alcoholic beverages are not permitted at the event. No official endorsement of sponsors is intended.

For more information, including shuttle service drop offs and pick-ups, visit greatlifehawaii.com.

Girls can learn to fly high at new 'flight school'

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Sixth through eighth grade female students have an opportunity to soar at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor's new "flight school" program this summer.

Developed by Dr. Shauna Tonkin, director of education the museum's program introduces girls to the history and science of flight on three consecutive weekdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 26 to 28, July 10 to 12 and July 24 to 26.

"It's a program aimed at helping girls discover the importance of flight for the growth and development of our society," Tonkin explained.

The program consists of immersive, hands-on activities with an emphasis on

Pacific aviation—and fun—while exploring scientific principles of flight through demonstrations and experiments. Participants will learn to "fly" in the museum's flight simulation lab, operate remote controlled aircraft, and meet the pioneers of aviation through presentations by costumed interpreters.

Cost is \$120, which includes all materials, lunch, snack and a "flight school" logo T-shirt. Upon successful completion of "flight school," the young women will receive a "license" that confirms their participation and gives them free admission for a future visit to the museum.

Call 441-1005 or email ShaunaT@PacificAviationMuseum.org for more information and reservations, or if you would like to volunteer to assist the program.

My Favorite Photo...

Photo courtesy of USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93)

A Sailor aboard the USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) took this photo of the moon and it was posted on their ship's Facebook page recently.



How to submit

Do you enjoy taking pictures and have a favorite photo? Would you like to see it featured in Ho'okele? Here is your opportunity. Submissions must be from people affiliated with the military services, including active duty, family members, Reserve, retired and Department of Defense civilians, etc.

Your favorite photo can be just about anything, but keep in mind that it should be in good taste. We aren't looking for posed family shots or group shots. But if you have a photo that you think is interesting and creative, here is your chance to see it published.

Photo submissions will be reviewed by Ho'okele editors who will determine if/when they will run in the newspaper. Along with your photo, please send a little bit of information about the photo, such as where it was taken or any interesting details. Also include the name of the photographer and contact information.

Please send your photos to editor@hookelenews.com and "cc" Karen Spangler, managing editor, at karen.spangler@navy.mil and Don Robbins, assistant editor, at d Robbins@hookelenews.com.

Brush up on your photography skills. Ready, set, shoot!

Earth tip: legal consequences

Recent headlines remind us that there are rules to guide our behavior as we enjoy Hawaii's natural environment.

The state of Hawaii issued citations to several young people, one who had fallen and needed to be rescued, who entered Sacred Falls State Park which has been closed since 1999 when eight people were killed when rocks fell after heavy rains.

In another situation, a young man was fined and sentenced to community service for landing at Rabbit Island, also

known as Manana Island, offshore of Waimanalo, which is posted as a wildlife area and closed to humans.

The man was photographed throwing rocks at an endangered Hawaiian monk seal. To avoid trouble, check out one of the more than 30 authorized hiking trails on Oahu described at www.hawaiiitrails.org/.

The easiest rule for being with wildlife is to observe animals from afar and to not let your actions disturb their behavior.

STORY IDEAS?

Contact the Ho'okele editor for guidelines and story/photo submission requirements

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PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM **Maniawa Nanea** LEISURE

Morale Welfare & Recreation

ADULT OIL PAINTING

This course will introduce students 18 and older to basic methods of oil painting. It will be held Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. June 26 to July 24 or Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon June 27 to Aug. 1 at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center. A supply list will be provided at time of registration. The cost is \$50 per person plus the cost of supplies. FMI: 448-9907.

FITNESS AND WELLNESS FAIR

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold a fitness and wellness fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 27 at the new Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center, building 1338. The event will highlight fitness and group exercise classes, with demonstrations and food samplings included. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Free preschool story time will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. June 27 at the Hickam Library. The theme will be "cookies." FMI: 449-8299.

PODIUM RACEWAY WITH LIBERTY

Attend Podium Raceway with Liberty on June 28. Depart Liberty Express at 5 p.m., Beeman Center at 5:45 p.m., Instant Liberty at 6 p.m., and Makai Recreation Center at 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. This event is for single active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

RIMPAC HAWAIIAN LUAU

Celebrate RIMPAC Hawaiian-style with an evening full of aloha spirit and local fare from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 29 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. There will be Hawaiian activities, a *kalua* pork sampling, a feast of local cuisine, hula dancers and a Polynesian fire knife show. Get your tickets at Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT)-Fleet Store, ITT-NEX and ITT-Hickam offices. The cost is \$40 for adults, \$20 for children ages 4 to 10 and free for children ages 3 and under. FMI: 448-4608.

RIMPAC FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE

Oceans CPO Club will re-open temporarily for limited hours during the RIMPAC exercises from June 28 to July 9, except on weekends and on the July 4 holiday. Lunch, cocktails and dinner will be available for all E7-E9. Watch for entertainment on selected days. FMI: 448-2271.

YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Registration for the youth 3-on-3 basketball tournament for ages 9 to 18 ends on June 29. The cost is \$120 per team. The tournament will be held July 6-8. There is a maximum six players per team, four games guaranteed. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

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

Community Calendar

June

26 -Military and Family Support classes include and anger management from 8 to 11 a.m. The class is free to Department of Defense civilian employees as well as military. Call the customer service desk to register for any class. FMI: 474-1999.

29, 30 - Miss Hawaii 2011, Lauren Cheape, will make a special appearance in honor of RIMPAC visitors from noon to 2 p.m. June 29 at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall. Authorized patrons will be able to meet and greet Hawaii's ambassador. In addition, local artist Jeff Chang will provide a demonstration of his work from noon to 2 p.m. June 29 at the mall. Local photographer Kim Taylor Reece will be there from noon to 2 p.m. June 30 at the mall.

July

1 - The City & County of Honolulu will conduct the monthly statewide outdoor warning siren test at 11:45 a.m. The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam "Giant Voice" works in conjunction with Honolulu's outdoor warning sirens and will sound a steady tone for 45 seconds.

16 to 20 - Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel will hold a Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Visit <https://overboard.cokesburyvbs.com/pearlharbormemorialchapel> to register your child or to volunteer. FMI: 473-3971.

At a glance

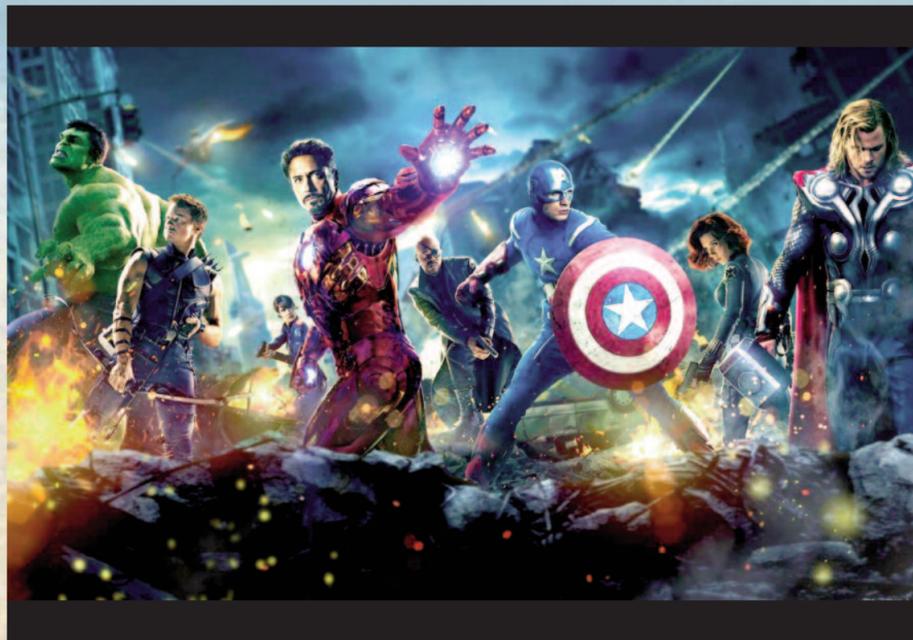
Navy Region Hawaii and Forest City Residential Management (FCRM) will hold several community meetings as an opportunity for residents to offer their ideas to housing representatives and Navy leaders. The meetings will be held:

- June 26, 5:30 p.m., FCRM Hokulani Community Center.
- June 27, 5:30 p.m., Wahiawa Annex Chapel.
- June 28, 5:30 p.m., FCRM Pearl City Community Center.
- July 10, 5:30 p.m., FCRM Moanalua Terrace Community Center.
- July 12, 5:30 p.m., FCRM Hokulani Community Center.

FMI: Darryl Nii at Navy Region Hawaii at 474-1825 or Tom Carter at Forest City Residential Management at 839-8610.

Due to construction work being done on the building, the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop will have to change its hours until next spring when the project is expected to be completed. Effective June 25, the thrift shop will only be open on Thursdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The shop will also be open the second Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Movie Showtimes



Marvel's The Avengers (PG13)

The Super Hero team up of a lifetime, featuring iconic Marvel Super Heroes Iron Man, the Incredible Hulk, Thor, Captain America, Hawkeye and Black Widow. When an unexpected enemy emerges that threatens global safety and security, Nick Fury, director of the international peacekeeping agency known as S.H.I.E.L.D., finds himself in need of a team to pull the world back from the brink of disaster. Spanning the globe, a daring recruitment effort begins.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY
7:00 PM Think Like a Man (PG-13)

SATURDAY
2:30 PM The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG)
4:45 PM Safe (R)
7:00 PM Battleship (PG-13)

SUNDAY
2:30 PM The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG)
4:45 PM The Five-Year Engagement (R)
7:15 PM The Avengers (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY
6:00 PM Marvel's The Avengers (PG13)

SATURDAY
4:00 PM Marvel's The Avengers (PG13)
7:00 PM What to Expect when you're Expecting (PG13)

SUNDAY
2:00 PM Marvel's The Avengers (PG13)



Martial arts fighters make special appearance



Photo by Justine Elona

Former heavyweight champion "Suga" Rashad Evans, and undefeated local boy Travis "Hapa" Browne, made a special appearance at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange Mall to meet and greet authorized patrons as part of their military appreciation tour June 15. The grand prize winner received a dinner with both fighters at Giovanni Pastrami in Waikiki.

Armed Forces Voters Week to take place June 28 to July 7

Lt. j.g. J. White
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The right to vote is a crucial element of our country's system of government, and it is a right that the military defends at great cost. This is a presidential election year, so exercising that right is particularly important.

To assist those serving

abroad, the Federal Voting Assistance Program has designated June 28 to July 7 as Armed Forces Voters Week to encourage all military and civilians who are away from their home state to register to vote in the upcoming primaries and November election and request an absentee ballot.

Sailors, Airmen, their eligible family members and citizens overseas who

want to register to vote should complete their Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) (SF-76).

You can complete your FPCA by visiting <http://www.fvap.gov>, printing the completed form and then mailing it to your local election office, postage paid.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact your voting assistance officer.

iPhone fitness app launched for NOFFS

Commander, Navy
Installations Command

An iPhone fitness application (app) has been launched for the Navy Operational Fitness and Fueling Series (NOFFS).

The NOFFS provides the Navy with "best in class" physical fitness and nutrition information for Sailors, allowing the Navy to maintain peak physical readiness, which is a top priority of the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative.

NOFFS provides Sailors with an evidence-based performance tool that will address injury prevention by physically training the movement patterns of operational tasks.

The NOFFS iPhone application provides the complete NOFFS program in a convenient format that is readily accessible to Sailors and portable anywhere in the world.

The NOFFS program was developed as a partnership between Commander, Navy Installations Command Navy Fitness team and Athletes' Performance Institute.

The program was

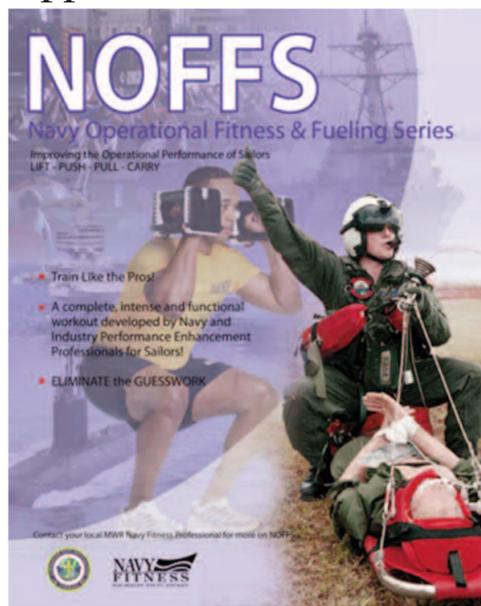


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launched via card sets available at all Navy Fitness Centers and as a downloadable program available at www.navyfitness.org/noffs.

The NOFFS iPhone application can be downloaded via the app store on all iPhones and iTouches and was launched in

January 2012.

The application greatly expands the program's reach and capabilities in that it allows Sailors to download the program directly to a mobile device and then access it anytime, anywhere without the need to be online.

Two educational health classes to be offered

Two Makalapa Clinic educational classes will be offered in July.

The first is "Sleep Better Now," a two-part class by Dr. Melissa Belanger, clinical psychologist at Naval Health Clinic Hawaii.

The class will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays on July 9 and 23 at Pearl Harbor Makalapa Clinic, class-

room B. Both sessions must be attended.

Another class titled "Take 20 Seconds to Relax" will be held from 11:30 a.m. to noon July 10 at the Makalapa Clinic Conference Room.

Service members, their family members and retirees are welcome.

Call 473-1880, ext. 2276 to sign up or for registration information.

Hawaiian *luau* planned for June 29

Celebrate a Hawaiian *luau* from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 29 at Ward Field at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam hosted by Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Celebrate RIMPAC Hawaiian style with an evening of aloha spirit and local fare.

Enjoy Hawaiian activities, a *kalua* pork sampling, hula dancers and a Polynesian fire knife show.

The cost is \$40 for adults and \$20 for children ages 4 to 10. The *luau* is free for children ages 3 years and under.

Get your tickets at Information, Tickets and Travel-Fleet Store, ITT-NEX and ITT-Hickam offices.

For more information, call 448-4608 or visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.



Upcoming construction on South Avenue starts early July

South Avenue will be repaired and repaved from Port Royal Street to Nimitz Gate beginning July 9. Work is expected to be concluded in September.

Construction will be phased to keep all lanes open during morning rush hour traffic. The contractor will start work at 7:30 a.m. each morning and will complete one lane of a 400-foot section of road per day throughout the duration of the project.

In order to have the road open for morning rush hour, the end of day traffic will be impacted by certain closed sections. There will be someone in place to direct traffic around road construction areas.

In addition, there will be two total road closures to place the final asphalt seal coat and stripe the road. These closures are scheduled for the weekends of Sept. 1 to 3 and Sept. 8 to 9 to minimize impacts on

normal daily traffic.

Drivers should obey all warning signs and take extra caution while driving near road construction. Direct all inquiries to Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii's Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Division point of contact Lt. j.g. Gil Barron at 341-2480 or email gilbert.barron@navy.mil.

Blood drive schedule

Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has updated its schedule of upcoming blood drives as part of the Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP). Dates and locations are updated regularly online as new drives are scheduled. Donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment online, call to make an appointment, and check the website for the latest information.

Currently scheduled drives include:

- June 25, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., U.S. Coast Guard Sand Island Club 14.
- June 26, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., NEX, Tripler Army Medical Center.
- June 27, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Makalapa Naval Clinic, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

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

WHO SAID IT?

"For in this modern world, the instruments of warfare are not solely for waging war. Far more importantly, they are the means for controlling peace."

Last Week's

WHO SAID IT?

"For once you have tasted flight you will walk the earth with your eyes turned skywards, for there you have been and there you will long to return."

- Leonardo da Vinci

This Week's Trivia

When did the War Department establish the Army Air Forces under Maj. Gen. Henry H. Arnold?

Last Issue's Question: On June 2, 1812, President James Madison sent Congress a message. What was the message about?

Answer: Madison sent to Congress his war message, laying out his case for war against Great Britain.