



JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to host Makahiki Nov. 6

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM – Kapuaikaula, perhaps better known today as Hickam Beach, will be the site of the Makahiki festival on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon. Organized by the Oahu Council of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, the Makahiki (festival) will feature oli (chants), exhibition games, and other cultural demonstrations. Military and civilian personnel with base access are invited to attend and take part in this unique cultural event.

As the Makahiki begins, canoes will make a safe passage from Iroquois Point to Hickam Beach. A huakai (procession) from the landing site to the Makahiki location will feature canoe paddlers and members of the Royal Order of Kamehameha, with numerous tall feather kahili (standards) announcing the arrival of the ali`i, or royalty, and the Hawaiian deity Lono, guardian of agriculture, rain, health and peace.

“The annual Makahiki is an important celebration of the past that will help redefine our relationship as contemporary people of Hawaii for the future,” said Shad Kane, the Ewa Moku representative for the Oahu Council of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

“Kapuaikaula Makahiki will not only help to improve relationships between the military and the Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian community, but also establish an awareness of the rich pre-western Hawaiian traditions and history of this area of Oahu,” Kane added.

NOTE: Media interested in covering the event should contact Philip Breeze by 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov 5, by calling 473-2880. Media will meet at the Hickam Main Gate at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Nov 6 and be escorted to the Makahiki site.

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