

## NAVAL STATION BEATS LAKE ERIE IN DOUBLE OT

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It was a game worthy of a championship matchup, but in the end, defending champion Naval Station Pearl Harbor's (NAVSTA) desire to repeat proved to be the difference as the team fought off upset-minded USS Lake Erie (CG 70), 46-43, in double overtime to earn the 2010 intramural basketball base title at Naval Station Gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on May 19.

"It was the will to win," said Personnel Specialist 3rd Class Aaron Jackson, who helped NAVSTA extend its on-base winning streak to 42 games. "There was a little bit of luck, but if you put the opportunity with the luck, you'll get the win."

While the game was decidedly closer than last year's championship final, when NAVSTA easily dismissed Lake Erie, 54-26, Information Systems Technician 1st Class (SW) Gennaro Hawkins of Lake Erie said that to come so close, but fall short, is a hard pill to swallow.

"It's disappointing. I really wanted this one," admitted Hawkins. "We should have beat them (NAVSTA), but we gave it up in the end."

The double OT final was a fitting way to end the contest as both teams fought tooth and nail throughout the 32 minutes of regulation play and the back-to-back three-minute overtime periods.

During the first half, NAVSTA built up leads of six points twice, only to see Lake Erie battle back each time.

NAVSTA opened the first period by taking an 8-2 advantage, but Lake Erie went on a 7-0 run to go out in front by a single digit.

Following the short run, NAVSTA bounced back to gain an 18-12 lead, but a three-point shot and field goal by Gas Turbine System (Mechanical) Fireman Brandon Reed of Lake Erie reduced the margin to a point at 18-17 going into halftime.

In the third, Hawkins immediately went to work and scored six points to give Lake Erie a 23-20 lead, but Jackson scored his first points of the game with a trey to tie the score and help NAVSTA go on to claim a 27-26 advantage heading into the fourth period.

With only 3:23 left in



Seaman Erieck Ausbey of USS Lake Erie (CG 70) tries to block a shot from Chief Electrician's Mate Troy McCloud of Naval Station Pearl Harbor (NAVSTA) during the teams' intramural championship game at Naval Station Gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on May 19. NAVSTA captured its second consecutive base title by beating Lake Erie, 46-43, in double overtime.

regulation, Operations Specialist 1st Class Lateef Day's basket put Lake Erie out ahead at 28-27, which burgeoned to 31-27 a minute later when Seaman Erieck Ausbey stepped back beyond the arch and sank a huge shot from downtown for three points.

However, Lt. Jason Jones answered with a trey of his own to help NAVSTA cut the lead to 31-30 at the one minute mark and later, with his team down 34-30, Jones fired in another three-point bomb to keep the game within striking distance with less than 40 seconds on the clock.

Lake Erie seemed to be on its way to capturing the base title, when it held a 38-35 advantage with just under 10 seconds remaining in the fourth, but Jackson put a stop to the afloat champion's celebration by ad-

vancing the ball past mid-court, before nailing a game-tying trey just prior to the buzzer.

"I looked at the clock and I knew we needed a three," said Jackson. "I knew I could dodge a couple of guys and get a good look. I just wanted to get it up there."

Even on the verge of going down for the first time in over 40 games, center Chief Electrician's Mate Troy McCloud of NAVSTA, who knocked down two three-points shots in the first half, said that he was confident that Jackson's shot would go down.

"I pretty much had no emotion whatsoever," said McCloud about seeing the shot leave Jackson's hand. "I was like, 'Yeah, he's going to put it in.' Not to sound cocky, but all I was thinking about was that we got another three minutes."

In the first overtime, Lake Erie rolled out ahead by four at 42-38, but problems at the free-throw line opened the door for NAVSTA to tie the game at 43-43 and send it to a second OT period.

Jackson scored all of the team's three points in the final three minutes of play while NAVSTA's defense stepped up to hold Lake Erie without a point and put an end to the challenge.

Lake Erie hurt itself when the team could only convert two of nine free throws in the final six minutes of the game.

"Our legs got the best of us in the end," said Hawkins, who was 0-2 from the charity stripe in the second OT period. "It was a tough loss."

While last year's victory in the championship game was easier, Jones admitted that going undefeated this season was much sweeter.

"Last year, with the bodies we had, we could swap out five guys at time and keep going," he said. "This year, we had to struggle and fight for it, but the proof is in the pudding."

Although Jackson also led NAVSTA to the base football title as the team's quarterback, he noted that taking the hoops championship meant a little something extra to him.

"Growing up, football was something that I liked to do," said Jackson, who was held scoreless in the first half, but went on to tally three points in the third, five points in the fourth and six points in overtime. "But basketball is something that I love to do."



Commentary

# Window on Pearl Harbor

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## Aloha to HAWAII NAVY NEWS

**Karen S. Spangler**

Managing Editor

Okay, I'm going to be honest with you. When talk first started circulating about Hawaii Navy News merging into a joint base newspaper, I viewed it with some trepidation, considerable concern and much sadness.

After all, I had been part of the newspaper staff for more than a decade – not something that I readily admit. Beginning as a writer and features editor, I had moved from chair to chair through various editorships – to assistant editor to editor to managing editor and now soon-to-be managing editor of the joint base newspaper.

Hawaii Navy News is like an old friend. We have traveled the road together through innumerable events and stories. I have watched with pride as the newspaper has continuously improved and has consistently won awards.

I can't say enough about the wonderful team of people I have worked with through the years – writers, photographers, graphic artists, editors and public affairs directors who have been part of the commitment to producing a quality newspaper that serves the Navy community in Hawaii. Our current team of journalists, with Agnes Tauyan and Bill Doughty at the helm, includes Chief Mass Communications Specialist (MCC) Bart Bauer, MC2 Mark Logico and MC2 Robert Stirrup.

But that thanks also needs to include Blair Martin and Randy Dela Cruz, photojournalists, and Tony Vercelez, graphic artist, whose exceptional talents and commitment to our staff have helped us to have one of the best Navy newspapers in the Navy. They are a vital part of our



team. Without them, we simply couldn't do what we do.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to some special people from the Honolulu Advertiser who have provided great support over the years. Joe Novotny was always right there for us with his vast technical knowledge and quick response. James Gonsler has been a vital part of the team, guiding and coordinating and helping to ensure that everything kept moving in the right direction. And Steve Tomino in circulation has rescued many of our readers when, for whatever reason, they were missing their copies of Hawaii Navy News.

But the thank yous don't end there. There are too many to list here by name, but there are numerous others who played a significant role – contributors from afloat and ashore commands and contributing writers who have been an important part of Hawaii Navy News and the stories it tells.

With the launch of Ho'okele, we start a new tradition of newspaper excellence for the Navy and Air Force in Hawaii.

As we begin this new phase in publishing a joint newspaper

that will serve the Navy and Air Force communities and readers, please rest assured that we will always do our best to provide news coverage that is timely, informative and offers a good balance of issues that are important to both Navy and Air Force readers. Our commitment continues – to provide you, our reader, with the best newspaper possible.

We always welcome your ideas for stories as well as your suggestions and feedback. We truly want to know what you like about the newspaper and what you don't like and any suggestions that you may have to make it better.

As Hawaii Navy News prepares to shout its last hurrah, it is time to say *aloha* to the newspaper that I have guided and nurtured for more than a decade. It's always difficult for me to say good-byes, so with a tear in my eye, I bid aloha to Hawaii Navy News. It's been great to be a part of you.

Now it's also time for new beginnings as we launch the joint base newspaper, Ho'okele.

Isn't that what it's about – meeting the challenges, continuing the journey and being the best that you can be?



Hull Maintenance Technician 1st Class Shawn Branske, a first baseman for SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team One (SDVT-1), closes in on a putout, while holding a runner on first base during an Ashore Intramural League softball game versus I'd Hit It at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on May 25.

## Big inning drives I'd Hit It past SDVT-1

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I'd Hit It, a team comprised of players from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, scored six runs in the bottom of the first inning enroute to a 9-2 win over SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team One (SDVT-1) in an Ashore Intramural Softball League game at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on May 25.

The victory raised I'd Hit It's league record to 6-4, while SDVT-1 saw its mark drop to 5-3.

After falling behind, 1-0, in the top of the first, I'd Hit It did exactly what its team name suggests by exploding for six runs in its first at-bat.

Lt. Al Ruiz of I'd Hit It said that the team's clutch hitting and fast start were important factors in beating the SEALs, which started off the game in fifth place overall.

"It's always good to get a good start because it sets the tone for us," noted Ruiz. "We've had a couple of games where we were down early and had to dig ourselves out. The lead made it easier to relax a little bit."

While the SEALs started the game with one player short on the field, SDVT-1 first baseman Hull Maintenance Technician 1st Class Shawn Branske said that it wasn't the main reason for the team's loss.

Although the league allows teams to compete with nine players, instead of the required 10, squads with one player less than the minimum are penalized with an automatic out at each 10th at-bat.

"We started with one player down and we weren't as focused as normal," acknowledged Branske. "But you can't make excuses. They (I'd Hit It) played good, basic ball."

The shortage of focus was evident for SDVT-1 batters as the players found it very hard to

string back-to-back hits throughout the game.

The SEALs scored single runs in the top of the first and second, but failed to plate any more players after that.

"We weren't taking our time," said Branske. "There was a lot of impatience."

Armed with the five-run advantage after the first, I'd Hit It pitcher Lt. Brian Heasley did his job in keeping SDVT-1 batters off-balance.

Heasley worked out of bases-loaded jams in the third and fourth innings by inducing fly-ball outs to end the threat each time.

Having the automatic out every 10th at-bat helped, admitted Heasley, but he also stuck to a game plan that kept SDVT-1 batters guessing.

"The umpire was calling a deep strike zone," pointed out Heasley, who was pitching in his final game for I'd Hit It. "I tried to mix it around, but I took advantage of the deep strike zone."

I'd Hit It added single runs in the bottom of the second, fourth and sixth innings to round out its scoring.

By defeating a tough SDVT-1 team, Ruiz said that he hopes I'd Hit It is finally coming around to play up to its potential.

"This helps our confidence," said Ruiz. "We can play with anybody at anytime. We just got to be on it."

As for SDVT-1, Branske said that the loss shouldn't derail the team from its goal of competing for the pennant.

The SEALs next game will be against Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii on June 15 and Branske is confident that his team will be ready. Currently, NIOC is tied in second place with a league record of 7-1.

"We'll get a little bit of rest, a couple of good practices and we'll be ready to tee it up," affirmed Branske. "We got enough games, so we still got a really good chance. These guys can pull it together, if anybody can."

# Lake Erie scores upset win over NIOC-Hawaii

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USS Lake Erie (CG 70) scored two goals late in the second half to topple Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii, 2-1, in an Intramural Soccer League game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on May 22.

NIOC started off the day in third place and was only one game behind We Fix Ships before suffering its second loss of the season - dropping its record to 7-2.

"We just got back (from being deployed), so that was a huge win right there," said Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Jake Martin of Lake Erie, who scored the winning goal with less than five minutes remaining in the game. "It was huge because they (NIOC) only got one loss, so we're moving up."

After a scoreless first half, NIOC immediately got on the scoreboard first, when it opened the second half by penetrating close to the Lake Erie goal where Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 2nd Class Patrick Shup was fouled.

While Lake Erie players disputed the infraction, Shup calmly stepped up and nailed the penalty kick to give NIOC a 1-0 lead.

"The referee said that our goalkeeper pushed the guy (Shup)," said Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Dedd Guignard of Lake Erie. "When you play soccer, you always want to protect the keeper and the ref wasn't doing that. I didn't see it, but I guess it was a good call."

The play seemed to have inspired Lake Erie to pick up the pace on offense and espe-

cially on defense, where the team kept NIOC out of its goal for the rest of the game.

Then with time approaching the midway point in the second half, Guignard delivered some payback when he streaked down the right sideline, before kicking the ball across the field and into the left side of the NIOC goal to tie the score.

"I knew that I'm faster than them so when I saw the ball coming, I already knew what I was going to do," he noted. "I just blew past them and that was it."

Following the tie, Lake Erie continued to keep the pressure on its foe by forcing the action near the NIOC goal.

As time was running out, Lake Erie cashed in on a golden opportunity when Martin got a pass near the goal and found himself one-on-one with the NIOC goalkeeper.

Martin dribbled the ball for a couple of feet and then boot-ed the ball past the out-reached hands of the keeper and into the net for the game winner.

"I got a great pass and saw the opportunity," said Martin. "I saw that the goalie was biting right so I put it in the left corner."

From that point on, Lake Erie rode the strength of its defense to run out the clock and preserve the win.

"We haven't been practicing enough. Everyone was a little out of shape so we got tired," said Information Systems Technician Seaman Edgardo Carreno about NIOC's sluggish second half. "We'll figure it out. By the next game, we'll be good."

Martin countered that he wasn't surprised by the way Lake Erie dominated play in the final minutes of the game.

"We're actually a second-half team," he pointed out.



"We were rusty in the first half, but in the second half, we picked it up and started playing better. We didn't rush any shots."

Meanwhile, Guignard said that the victory was sweet revenge for a loss that was handed to Lake Erie by NIOC last season.

"It was just motivation. That's all it is," stated Guignard. "They beat us last year so we really wanted to come out here and play them hard."

Players react to the ball during an Intramural Soccer League game between USS Lake Erie (CG 70) and Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on May 22. Lake Erie scored a 2-1 upset over NIOC, which entered the game with a 7-1 record.

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*Health Tip of the Week*

*"If you find it difficult to exercise for 30 minutes or more each day, just do five or 10 minutes. Often you'll find it difficult to quit once you get started."*  
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Wherever you are at on your wellness journey, your daily habits can determine 95 percent of your thoughts, feelings and actions. The Feel Like a Million program can help you develop life-long habits for better health and life balance. To learn more, visit <http://hickam.ifeellikeamillion.com>.

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**Hawaii Navy News**



## Pearl Harbor historic sites will offer free admission to military families on Memorial Day

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Admission to all Pearl Harbor historic sites will be free this Memorial Day, May 31, for active-duty, reserve, auxiliary and retired U.S. military personnel and their family members. This extends to all service branches — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and National Guard. Qualified visitors must present a valid military I.D. upon entering the sites of their choice, including the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park, Battleship Missouri Memorial, and Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. The USS Arizona Memorial and USS Oklahoma Memorial do not charge general admission.

The Pearl Harbor historic sites provide a powerful historical journey unlike any other, a cumulative experi-

ence that has grown far beyond that of a single day. These memorials and museums carry forth the legacies of several of our nation's most treasured icons, enduring tributes to the valor and sacrifices of our veterans during a time when the future of our nation and the world truly hung in the balance. As a convenience to visitors, the Pearl Harbor historic sites partners maintain an online hub at [www.PearlHarborHistoricSites.org](http://www.PearlHarborHistoricSites.org).

Memorial Day, traditionally observed on the last Monday of May, commemorates all fallen U.S. men and women who gave their lives in military service to their country. Its origins began as a tribute to Union soldiers during the American Civil War. Following the First World War, the observance was expanded to in-

clude those who died in any war or military action.

USS Arizona, USS Oklahoma and USS Utah Memorials are operated and maintained by the National Park Service as part of the newly-designated WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument. These three ships' memorials honor and commemorate all members of the U.S. Armed Forces and civilians who gave their lives to their country during the attack on the island of Oahu and Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Visitors to the USS Arizona Memorial take a shuttle boat operated by the U.S. Navy. Shuttle service is available from the WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument visitor center to the USS Oklahoma Memorial. Access to the USS Utah Memorial is limited. The visitor center is open daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Tick-

ets are issued on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 422-2771 or visit [www.nps.gov/valr](http://www.nps.gov/valr).

### WHO SAID IT?

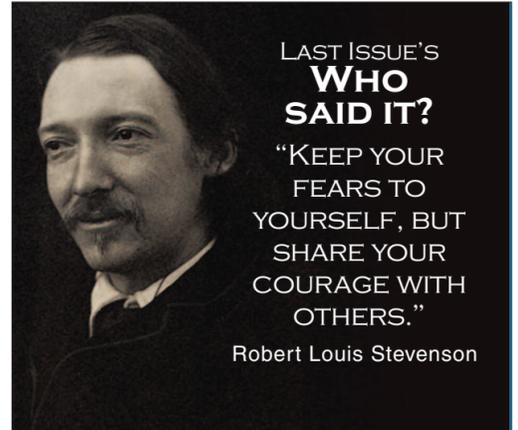
"If America shows weakness and uncertainty, the world will drift toward tragedy. That will not happen on my watch."



### LAST ISSUE'S WHO SAID IT?

"KEEP YOUR FEARS TO YOURSELF, BUT SHARE YOUR COURAGE WITH OTHERS."

Robert Louis Stevenson



### This Week's Trivia

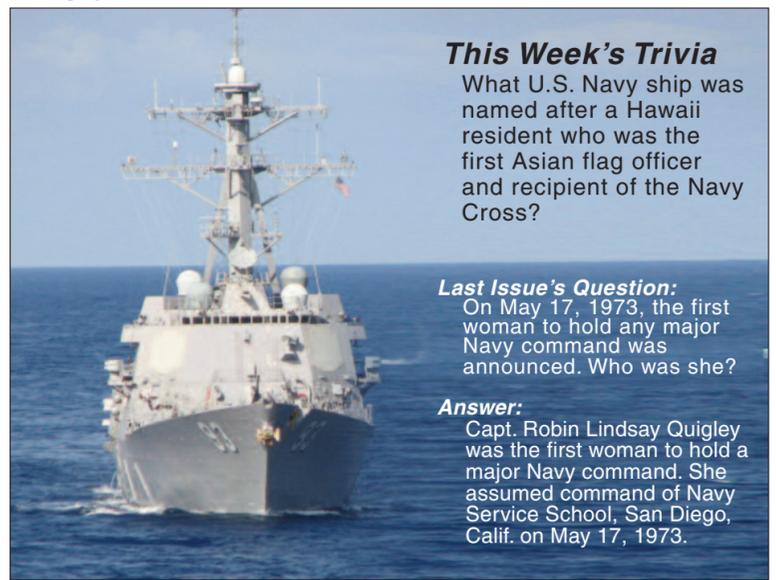
What U.S. Navy ship was named after a Hawaii resident who was the first Asian flag officer and recipient of the Navy Cross?

#### Last Issue's Question:

On May 17, 1973, the first woman to hold any major Navy command was announced. Who was she?

#### Answer:

Capt. Robin Lindsay Quigley was the first woman to hold a major Navy command. She assumed command of Navy Service School, San Diego, Calif. on May 17, 1973.



# Navy Region Hawai'i Manawa Nanea

## Morale Welfare & Recreation

**ARMED FORCES DAY AT MWR POOLS**  
Celebrate Armed Forces Day at Pearl Harbor Morale, Welfare and Recreation pools on Saturday. All active duty service members will receive a free ribbon pin at all MWR pools. FMI: 473-0394.

**SUMMER SWIM LESSONS**  
Summer swim lessons have begun at MWR pools. Sessions are two weeks in length and are held Monday through Thursday. Swim lesson sign-ups will be month-to-month (i.e., May sign-ups will be for June sessions; June sign-ups will be for July sessions; and July sign-ups will be for August sessions.). FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) for complete information on dates, times, places and cost.

**FREE HYPNOSIS SHOWS**  
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam MWR presents the comedic entertainment of hypnotist Chuck Milligan. An all-hands show will be presented at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Hickam Makai Recreation Center. Participation on stage is limited to ages 14 and up. No tickets are needed, but seating is limited to the first 300 personnel in attendance. FMI: 449-3354. An adult-themed show for ages 18 and older will be presented at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Club Pearl, Paradise Lounge. No tickets are needed, but come early for the best seats. Events are open to all military-affiliated personnel, Department of Defense ID cardholders and their sponsored guests. For the May 29 performance, personnel will also be limited to 18 and older. FMI: 473-0606.

**DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT FOR SINGLE SAILORS**  
Dinner and movie night for single Sailors is planned for tonight at Ward Theaters and Buca di Beppo Restaurant. Transportation departs from Instant Liberty at 5:30 p.m. Bring money. FMI: 422-7167.

For more information on Navy Region Hawaii MWR events, visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com)

## Community Calendar

### May

**26-31** ~ A Memorial Day tent and parking lot sale event will be held from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange in support of Military Appreciation Month. There will be local foods and desserts, and performances by the Pacific Fleet Band, Marine Forces Band and local Hawaiian bands. FMI: 423-3287.

**29** ~ A free military band concert will be presented from 7 to 10 p.m. at Fort DeRussy, next to Hale Koa in Waikiki. Musical guests Kapena will also perform. U.S. Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force bands are scheduled to perform. FMI: 448-0281.

### At a glance

**29** ~ Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) renovations in various departments are scheduled from now until October. Here are recent changes:

- Navy Pride is now in the rotunda (previously golf shop).
- Embroidery and engraving has moved to tailor shop.
- Flower shop renovation is complete
- Books and gift cards has moved to first floor near the flower shop (previously Navy Pride).
- Dive O'ahu has moved next to hardware department (second floor).
- Hawaiian food and gifts has expanded (second floor).
- Bose Entertainment and furniture display (second floor).

## Sharkey Showtimes



### Clash of the Titans (PG-13)

Caught amid a war between the gods, Perseus, the son of Zeus, is helpless to save his family from Hades, god of the underworld. With nothing left to lose, Perseus leads a band of warriors on a dangerous quest to prevent Hades from overthrowing the king of the gods and laying waste to the Earth.

#### SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

**TODAY**  
7:00 PM Clash of the Titans (PG 13)

**SATURDAY**  
2:30 PM The Last Song (PG 13)  
5:00 PM The Ghost Writer (PG 13)  
7:15 PM Repo Man (R)

**SUNDAY**  
2:30 PM The Last Song (PG)  
4:45 PM Date Night (PG 13)  
7:00 PM Death at a Funeral (R)

#### HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

**TODAY**  
6:00 PM Oceans (G)  
8:30 PM Kick Ass (R)

**SATURDAY**  
4:00 PM The Last Song (PG)  
7:00 PM Clash of the Titans (PG-13)

**SUNDAY**  
2:00 PM Oceans (G)

