

Students enjoy 'green eggs and ham' with Pearl Harbor-Based Sailors



Photo by MC2 Paul Honnick

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Students at Lehua Elementary School celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss on March 3, with the storytelling of his books by 10 Pearl Harbor-based Sailors.

Sailors read classics such as "The Cat in the Hat" and "Hop on Pop" among others, as students ranging from kindergarten to sixth grade enjoyed the timeless stories.

Stacie Zellers, parent network community center coordinator at the school, was very grateful to have the Sailors read to the students.

"We appreciate that the Sailors came to the school today and volunteered their time to read to the



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Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Rasheema Newsome, assigned to Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, reads a Dr. Seuss book to kindergarten students at Lehua Elementary School. Students from kindergarten to sixth grade honored the 105th anniversary of Dr. Seuss' birthday with the readings of his classic books by 10 Pearl Harbor-based Sailors.

students," said Zellers. "The students always enjoy it when they come out here for events like this."

As Sailors walked into the classrooms holding the books, the students quietly moved into rows on the floor as their eyes lit up in the anticipation of hearing a classic tale.

"I was really excited to have my favorite story read to me," said a first grade student.

Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Ryan Flores, assigned to Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, read to the students and every voice change brought different emotions to the young, wide-eyed kindergarten keiki.

"I really enjoyed reading to the children. It's not every day that you get an opportunity like this to come out here, have fun, and help out in the

community," said Flores.

Yeoman 1st Class Calvin Everett, Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet's (COMSUBPAC) liaison for Lehua Elementary School, noted that Sailors enjoyed spending time with the students.

"As COMSUBPAC's liaison for the school, I'm able to coordinate with Sailors that are willing to volunteer their time for events like this," said Everett. "Everyone who comes out here always has an enjoyable time."

As the Sailors finished reading to the classes, they took the time to answer questions from the students. The students and teachers then gave the Sailors a farewell round of applause for taking the time to read to them.

"After talking with the students, they all told me that they had a great time listening to the stories," said Zellers. "Today's event went very well. We would like to thank all of the Sailors that gave their time to read to the students."



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Canoe Club is home to military personnel

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

Contributing Writer

It isn't as big or fast as a guided-missile cruiser or a destroyer, but members of the Honolulu Pearl Canoe Club (HPCC) all agreed that their sea-faring vessels are a lot more fun.

Formerly known as the Honolulu Canoe Club when it was created in 1976, the club changed its title to HPCC in 2002 and has become a melting pot between island locals and military personnel. Many of the club's paddlers are from the naval community.

Lt. Cmdr. Michael Davidson, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet (SUB-PAC), has been a member of HPCC for five years and was selected as the club's president three months ago.

A transplant from Texas, although he spent much of his childhood on the Big Island, Davidson said that he was drawn to the club in 2004 out of his curiosity for the local culture. It was a decision that he never regretted.

"I needed to experience something that was uniquely Hawaiian," shared Davidson. "I showed up and was welcomed with open arms. Everybody said, 'come on in.'"

The club, which is a member of the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association, sits on the shores of Pearl Harbor at Rainbow Bay Canoe Hale near USS Arizona Memorial.

According to Davidson, while civilians are allowed to join, HPCC by-laws state that at least 60 percent of its membership must be reserved for military-affiliated families.

Currently, of the club's 78 paddlers, 70 percent of its membership are from military communities, with paddlers coming from U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Air Force.

Although Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), has given the club major support, stated Davidson,



The crew members of Honolulu Pearl Canoe Club (HPCC) hold practice at Pearl Harbor on March 1. HPCC is a military-oriented outrigger canoe-paddling club that is open to all ages and skill levels. The club offers an opportunity for individuals to learn six-man, outrigger canoe skills and techniques for fun or competition in a positive and social environment. HPCC serves to promote the education and appreciation of Hawaiian culture through the sport of outrigger canoe paddling.

HPCC is not an MWR program.

"We set up here in the early 1990s and worked with MWR to let us use the hale (facility that houses the canoes at Rainbow Bay)," said Davidson. "Honolulu Pearl Canoe Club has three canoes. And MWR has eight canoes that they let us use."

Even though HPCC is a competitive club, head coach Al Streck said that the organization encourages leisure-minded paddlers to join as well — especially during January, February and early March when the club engages in recreational paddling.

From there, things start to heat up as the club prepares for the regatta season (racing sprints ranging from a quarter mile to a mile and a half) from June to August and distance racing (six-42 miles) from August through October.

The regatta season closes with the state races while the distance season finishes off with the Molokai to Oahu race, which is considered to be the granddaddy of all races.

"Some people are here for competition, while others are here to socialize or just

to get a workout," acknowledged Streck. "For the people that don't want the competition, but still want to paddle, we just bring them out. I try to teach that practice is the main thing. It's about everybody having a good time in practice together."

In order to get started, Streck, who has coached paddling for the past 15 years and helped lead HPCC to the 2008 Single "A" Division Oahu Regatta Championship, said that the club has very little requirements.

"You got to be able to swim and be comfortable in the water," said Streck. "Just come out with a positive attitude and we do the rest."

Mark Anderson, who retired from the U.S. Navy in 2007, reaffirmed the ease in becoming a club member. The hardest thing that he had to do was make the commitment to visit HPCC and ask about signing up.

"I stopped in one afternoon and asked, 'Hey, how do I get started in this?'" recalled Anderson. "Next thing I knew, Al threw me a paddle and said 'just get in the boat.'"

One Navy spouse said

that she started in paddling after seeing how much her eight-year-old daughter enjoyed it.

Just one time in the canoe, she admitted, was all it took for her to get hooked for life.

"Just going out is so beautiful. How can you not fall in love with it?" she asked. "The sad thing is that we're moving to Mississippi. But we're already looking for a canoe club up there."

While learning the sport was a big part of her experience with HPCC, she also expressed that the club was like being part of one huge ohana (family) and she will miss all of the its members.

"You just don't find that everywhere," she said. "I'm a Navy spouse and we've moved 12 times in our 18 years of marriage. So the club has been a blessing."

As a fundraiser for the club, MPCC will be among the sellers at the MWR Super Garage Sale and Craft Fair at Richardson Field from 8 a.m. to noon on March 7.

For more information about the club or its fundraiser, send an e-mail to HPCC at honolulupearlcanoeclub@gmail.com.



Individual augmentees to be honored at special luncheon

Blair Martin

Contributing Writer

Returning individual augmentees (IA) will be honored at the 2009 Individual Augmentee Recognition Awards Luncheon which will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 17 at the Officers Club at Hickam Air Force Base.

The St. Patrick's Day luncheon honors Sailors and Marines who possess special skills and deploy to units already "in country" in Iraq, Horn of Africa, Afghanistan and Philippine Islands the-

aters of operations.

The event will also feature keynote speaker, Adm. Robert. F. Willard, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Both Honolulu Navy League and Geico insurance company are title sponsors of the luncheon and will present each IA with their own special IA 'Boots on the Ground' coin.

The cost for the luncheon is \$25 per person and reservations are required.

For reservations or more information about the event, call 422-9404 or e-mail NavyLeague@hawaiiibiz.rr.com.

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Hawaii Navy News



A Yellow Bees batter narrowly misses a pitch during a Bronco Division (ages 11-12) PONY Baseball game at Lynch Field on Feb. 21.

Military kids have swinging time with baseball

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Contributing Writer

The smiling faces of children are a good way to tell that they are having fun.

And judging by the laughter and shouts of joy coming from Lynch Field at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, there's no doubt that kids in the base's youth baseball league are having a blast.

For the second winter in a row, through the Morale, Welfare and Recreation's youth program, military children ages five-14 at Pearl Harbor have competed head on against baseball teams from Hickam Air Force Base and Marine Corps Base Hawai'i in the Protect Our Nation's Youth (PONY) baseball league.

While inter-base confrontations can spark the competitive spirit in even children, coaches all agree that the winter league is about teaching and loving

the great national pastime.

"The main thing is for the kids to just have fun," said retired U.S. Marine Mike Allen, who is the head coach of the Bronco Division (ages 11-12) Mets baseball team. "If they're having fun, they are going to want to play. At this age, records don't matter."

Allen has been coaching youth baseball for the past five years. He said that no matter how long he coaches, he still gets a kick whenever he sees a child grin from ear to ear after getting that first hit or make a diving catch.

Although he stated that there are leagues that focus on capturing pennants and winning championships, he isn't in it to develop the next Alex Rodriguez. He just wants to see kids get better at the game that he loves, and the base league provides an opportunity to do that.

"I enjoy watching kids improve," shared Allen. "I especially enjoy watching a kid try to hit a baseball all season and then finally hit one."

Utilitiesman 1st Class Eric Bailey said that it was a pleasure to have his son play his first season of baseball under the tutelage of Allen.

Not only did the initial exposure to the game help his son learn the basic fundamentals of the sport, but it also taught him an important life lesson as well.

"It helped him learn about teamwork," noted Bailey. "If he's out there having fun and learning something in the process, it's all good."

Chief Navy Diver Dalbert Rivera, who was this year's head coach of the Bronco Yellow Bees, related that while his team's record stood at 3-4 with only one game remaining, he also understands that the winter league isn't about wins or losses.

A coach of two seasons, Rivera said that he never wants to place the stress of having to win titles on the shoulders of his young players. "At this age, we're just trying to teach them the basics so that they can move on to the

next level," he affirmed.

Even though Rivera acknowledges that there are other leagues where military-dependent kids can play baseball, he said that having a league of their own on base is a huge advantage.

"It's very important to have it on base," he maintained. "The closer it is, the easier it is for parents to bring their kids out. Obviously, the more kids we get, the less kids are out on the streets."

Rivera said that he has found coaching to be such a delightful experience; he would do it even if he didn't have any children in the league. And he encourages other adults to come out and support youth sports.

"I think that the more adults get involved, the more they motivate the children," he professed. "If kids see that they have support, they do better out on the field. They actually see that people do care about them and to me, that's the most important thing."

'Righteous Revenge' to commemorate 67th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid at PAM

Pacific Aviation Museum

To commemorate the 67th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo, Pacific Aviation Museum will present a dramatic reading of Joe Moore's new play, "Righteous Revenge," at 7 p.m. April 18 at the museum.

It's the true story that until now has been only partially told of America's first strike at Japan following the attack on Pearl Harbor. The full cast reading will be staged at the museum's B-25 Mitchell Bomber on the anniversary of the air raid.

The cost is \$15 for members and \$35 for non-members. Reservations are required by April 8.

The cast will include Joe Moore as Jimmy Doolittle, Kirk Mathews as Dick Cole - Doolittle's co-pilot on the raid, Justin Cruz as the young Dick Cole, Bill Ogilvie as General Hap Arnold, Rico Tudor as Adm. William Halsey, David Farmer as Maj. Jack Hilger, Allen Cole as Lt. Henry Miller and Don Stroud as Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Jurika. The cast also includes Paul Mitri, George O'Hanlon, Matthew Pedersen, Bob Whiting and Don Pierce in key roles.

The schedule of activities for the anniversary event follows:



Photo courtesy of Pacific Aviation Museum. Joe Moore will present a dramatic reading of his play, "Righteous Revenge."

5 to 7 p.m. - Book signing by Jonna Doolittle Hoppes (granddaughter of Jimmy Doolittle and author of "Calculated Risk").

7 to 8:30 p.m. - "Righteous Revenge" performance, hangar 37.

8:30 p.m. - Meet the cast party and dessert reception.

The museum's restaurant and museum store will be open for the evening event.

For more information or to make reservations, call 441-1008 or email TourCoordinator@PacificAviationMuseum.org.

Additional information is available at www.PacificAviationMuseum.org.

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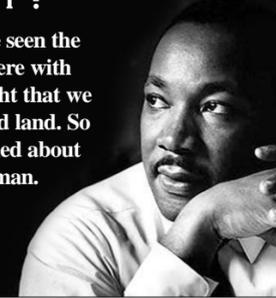
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- BREATHE EASY
- EASY RIDER
- GO EASY ON
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- EASY TARGET
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WHO SAID IT?
 I BELIEVE THAT
 ONE OF LIFE'S GREATEST RISKS
 IS NEVER DARING TO RISK.

LAST ISSUE'S
WHO SAID IT?
 ...And I've looked over, and I've seen the
 promised land. I may not get there with
 you, but I want you to know tonight that we
 as a people will get to the promised land. So
 I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about
 anything. I'm not fearing any man.



Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 - 1968)
 Speech in Memphis, April 3, 1968, the
 day before King was assassinated

WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

Find 55 of these places that begins with the letter **E**

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This Week's Trivia

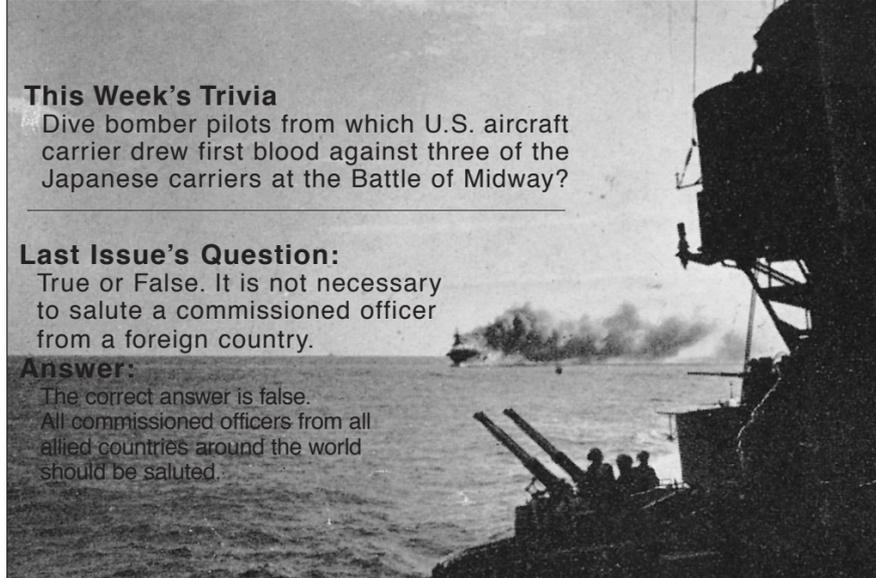
Dive bomber pilots from which U.S. aircraft carrier drew first blood against three of the Japanese carriers at the Battle of Midway?

Last Issue's Question:

True or False. It is not necessary to salute a commissioned officer from a foreign country.

Answer:

The correct answer is false. All commissioned officers from all allied countries around the world should be saluted.



Navy Region Hawai'i Manawa Nanea

Morale Welfare & Recreation

Community Calendar

SPRING BREAK CAMPS 2009

Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) will sponsor a variety of spring break camps full of fun-filled activities with MWR youth programs. Camps will be held at various locations and are open to children of all active duty and Department of Defense (DoD) civilians. The camps include Camp Adventure, Adventure Plus, Outdoor Adventure, Guard Start, sailing, surf and skateboarding. Registration will be held through March 11. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or 421-1556.

SUPER GARAGE SALE AND CRAFT FAIR

MWR will host a super garage sale and craft fair from 8 a.m. to noon March 7 at Richardson Field, off Kamehameha Highway across from Aloha Stadium. The event is free and open to the public. Parking is available at Rainbow Bay Marina. The cost for a 10-by-10 foot space for local, military-affiliated garage sellers is \$8 to \$10 and \$17 to \$22 for craft businesses interested in having a booth at the event. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or 473-0606.

FORD ISLAND BRIDGE 10K RUN

Register this year for the 11th Annual Ford Island Bridge Run, the largest 10K (6.2 miles) run on Oahu. The run will begin at 7 a.m. April 4 and start at the entrance of Admiral Bernard Clarey Bridge, continue across the bridge and around historic Ford Island, and end at Richardson Field. The entry fee is \$17 for all active duty, military-affiliated and DoD personnel and family members. The entry deadline is March 23. All late entries will be \$27 and accepted until April 3. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 473-2437 or 473-2494.

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

MWR can help you begin a new fitness regimen or keep you focused on an existing plan with weight management training. This six-week program includes a full physical assessment partnered with nutritional education. Classes will be held March 3 to April 9, every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Bloch Arena Fitness Center. The cost is \$75 per person and the program is open to all authorized patrons. A minimum of six participants is required to conduct the session. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or 473-0793.

For more information on Navy Region Hawai'i MWR events, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com

March

10 ~ The Navy Exchange (NEX) and Tripler Blood Donor Center will hold a blood drive from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the NEX. FMI: 423-3274.

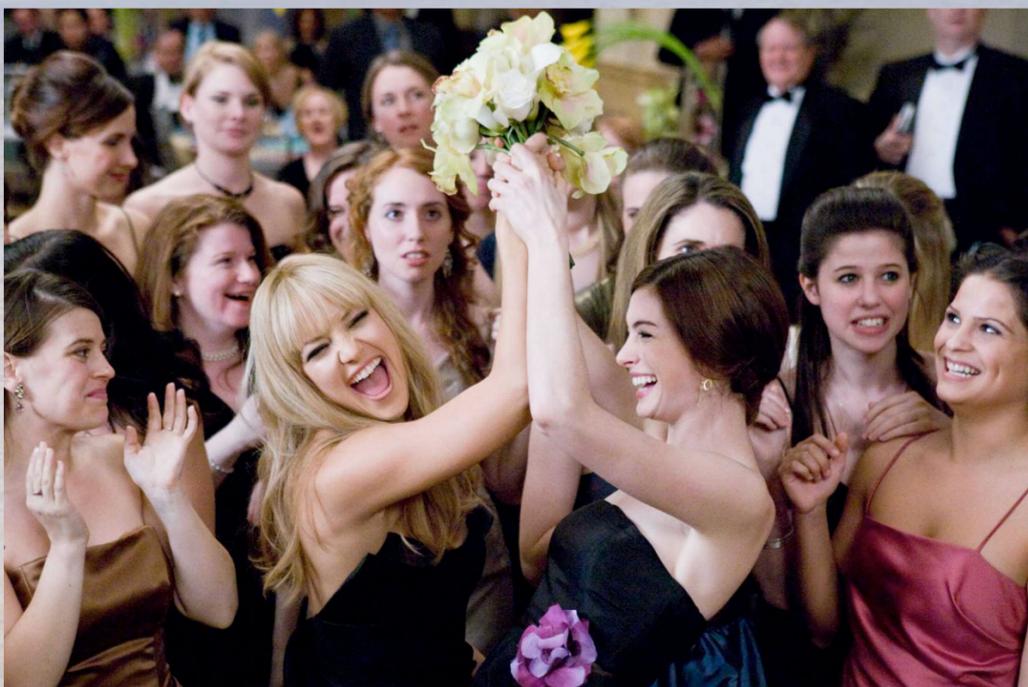
19 ~ Pearl Harbor Fleet and Family Service Center (FFSC) is sponsoring a Special Needs Awareness Workshop (EMFP) from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Moanalua Navy Services Center. The workshop is open to all those interested in learning about EFMP, families enrolled in EFMP and providers. FMI: 474-1999.

29 ~ Operation Homefront of Hawai'i will host an Easter egg hunt from 1-3 p.m. March 29 at the Oahu Veterans Center. The event is open to children of all branches of service members E6 and below. FMI: www.operationhomefront.net/hawaii or 469-7427.

At a glance

Volunteers are needed for the annual Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Whale Ocean Count from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on March 28. Whales counts will be conducted from various locations across Oahu, Kauai, and the Big Island (Hawai'i). No advance training is required, but registration is requested. FMI: 397-2651, ext. 253.

Sharkey Showtimes



Bride Wars (PG)

Liv and Emma are best friends who since childhood have planned every detail of their respective weddings. At the top of their bridal "must have" list: a ceremony at New York's ultimate bridal destination, the Plaza Hotel. Now, at age 26, they're both about to get married, they're about to realize their dreams, and they're about to live happily ever after. Or maybe not...

TODAY

7:00 PM My Bloody Valentine (R)

SATURDAY

2:30 PM Hotel for Dogs (PG)

4:45 PM Bride Wars (PG)

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7:00 PM My Bloody Valentine (R)

