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WORLD WAR II PILOT RECALLS 'Days in the Skies'

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This past week, the Pacific Aviation Museum welcomed guest speaker Bernice "Bee" Falk Haydu to discuss her days in the skies, flying military aircraft during WWII.

Haydu was one of 1,074 Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) who were trained to fly military aircraft so that more male pilots could return to active duty during the war.

KT Budde-Jones, education director for the Pacific Aviation Museum,

said women like Haydu not only have fought for their country, but also for their place in the cockpit.

"WWII needed pilots and these women were all too willing," she said. "The WASPs may look like your grandmother, but underneath that gray hair are strong pioneers who fought against prejudices and their right to fly military aircraft."

Haydu, who began her training as a WASP in 1944, said her decision to become a pilot began after high school when she discovered her family could not afford to send her to college.

"I always regretted not going to college and for a long time I felt sorry for myself," said the New Jersey native. "One day, I decided I was going to take night classes and saw that there was an avi-

ation course available. I thought to myself, 'well, that is [an occupation] that will be around for a while,'" she laughed.

While taking flight classes in 1943, Haydu said she and several other women discovered Jacqueline Cochran, a famous American pilot, was starting a female flight school in Sweetwater, Texas and was looking for female pilots.

"At the time, women flying aircrafts was very unusual and the Army Air Corps was not quite sure if women would be able to handle the military life or any of the aircrafts," she explained. "So we [WASPs] were experimental and were only meant to relieve the men for active duty."

Applicants admitted into the training program were also promised a place in the U.S. Air Force if the program proved to be successful, Haydu added.

"Most people don't realize that during war, for every one combat pilot, 12 or more service pilots were needed to ferry planes, fly practice targets for gunnery and ground troops, and act as flight instructors," she explained. "With there being such a shortage of pilots, WASPs were very much needed."

According to Haydu, WASPs were only allowed to fly within the U.S. borders,

with the exception of Canada. All female pilots underwent strenuous seven-month training and were expected to pass both civilian and military flight tests for all three phases of their training program. Out of the 25,000 women who initially signed up for the flight school, only

WASPs were only recognized as civil service members and did not receive any military benefits.

"We were paid \$150 a month," she said. "Out of that, we had to pay all of our own expenses, including our room and board, our own way to Sweetwater [for training]

action. "There were cases where there was a male pilot and female co-pilot in a large aircraft and the aircraft crashed," explained Haydu. "He would get all of the military honors and benefits and she was not even recognized."

In 1975, Bee Haydu was elected president of the Order of Fifinella, a WASP organization, and launched the "Battle of Congress" campaign with Col. Bruce Arnold, that fought for WASPs to be officially recognized as WWII veterans. In 1977, President Jimmy Carter signed legislation that granted WASPs full military status for their service.

"Monetarily, we got very little, but we weren't looking for any of that," she said. "What we wanted was recognition for our service and to be able to be buried in a military cemetery with a flag on our coffin, which we now have."

At 87 years old, Haydu continues to serve as an ambassador for female aviators all over the world. Not only has she been inducted into the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame, but also her original WASP uniform is on display at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

Yet despite her numerous accomplishments, the former pilot remains modest about her contributions. "Some [female pilots] have told me that 'if it wasn't for you we would not be here today,'" she said. "But I don't believe that to be true...all we [WASPs] ever wanted to do was to contribute to the war efforts and at the same time do something we really loved - which was flying."

Haydu concluded her lecture by fielding questions from the audience. When asked by a child in the audience what was her favorite aircraft to fly, without skipping a beat, Haydu replied, "the one I was flying at the time."

For more information about Bee Falk Haydu or the Pacific Aviation Museum, visit www.pacificaviationmuseum.org.



U.S. Navy photo by Blair Martin

American pilot Bee Falk Haydu, one of the few Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) who flew military aircraft during WWII, was a guest speaker on Sept. 22 at the Pacific Aviation Museum. Haydu discussed her days as a WASP as well as her 1975 campaign in Washington, D.C. that urged that WASPs be recognized as WWII veterans.

1,074 would eventually earn their "wings," she said.

After her graduation, Haydu served as an engineering test pilot in Pecos, Texas. She explained that unlike their male counterparts, the

and if we 'washed out' of the program, we had to pay our own way home," she noted.

Even after the WASP program disbanded on Dec. 20, 1944, Haydu and other female pilots were forced to pay their own way home. For the 38 WASPs killed during the war, none were given military honors nor was a one-star flag given to their families, symbolizing that a service member had been killed in

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Commentary

Window on Pearl Harbor

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What do you do when you hear morning and evening colors?

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Editor

What do you do when you hear morning and evening colors? That may sound like a trick question, but it isn't.

I have seen people emerging from buildings here at Pearl Harbor who quickly duck back inside once they hear the beginning notes of "colors." It hasn't escaped my notice that many cars continue to cruise down the roadways on base – at the same time that the colors are playing. There have been occasions when people continued with their activities – walking, jogging, sports, etc. – seemingly oblivious to the playing of our National Anthem and morning and evening colors.

I have

to ask why. Why do some ignore the sounding of colors and refuse to take a few brief minutes to show respect to our flag and to the sacrifices of so many?

The sounding of colors has a long history, dating back to Admiral Lord St. Vincent of the Royal Navy who established a formal ceremony which included the raising and lowering of colors – the ensign and jack. The U.S. Navy adopted the practice and it was included in the 1843 "Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Navy."

The modern provisions for "colors" dictates that morning colors be accomplished at 8 a.m. with the raising of the flag, and evening colors just before sunset as the flag is retired.

These days, we think about the many members of our military forces who are serving in a brutal environment halfway around the world in Iraq and Afghanistan – our men and women in uniform who are fighting every day to protect and defend not only America's freedoms and our way of life, but

make sure that people in far off countries also will be able to know that freedom.

The war has touched all of us. We have watched the news as brave men and women in our military forces have tragically made the final journey from the war-torn Middle East to our islands of paradise. We have known many of them – our shipmates and co-workers, friends and neighbors, the parents of our children's classmates.

I think about those young lives that were cut short so early and their families who were so proud, yet so grief-stricken as they tried to deal with such a loss.

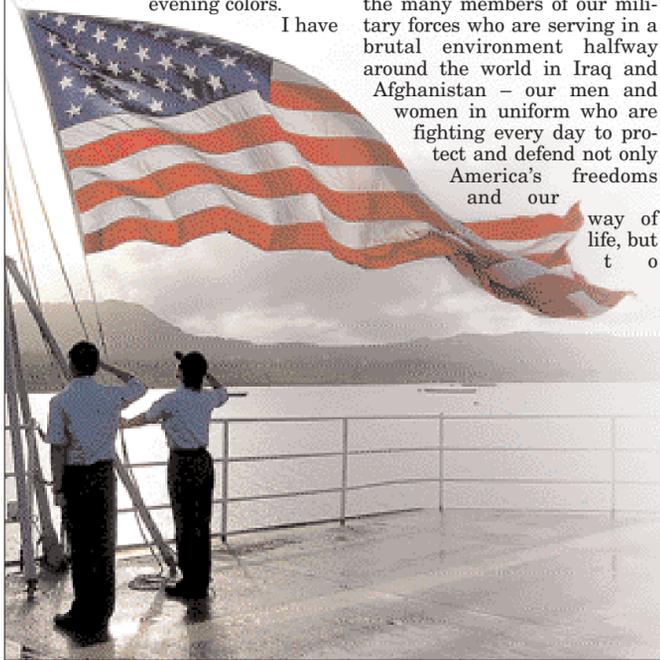
I think about what a precious gift freedom is – one that has been bought with the blood and the sacrifices of so many.

I think about the words of our National Anthem, the stirring sight of our flag, and the continued dedication of our armed forces who will serve tomorrow, next week, next month, next year – wherever and whenever they are called – to make sure that we will always be able to listen to the Star Spangled Banner and to fly the stars and stripes.

It seems appropriate that every day that we can celebrate our peace and freedom, we should give thanks to all of those who have fought, who have sacrificed, who continue to fight to make sure that we have that opportunity.

Is it really too much to ask each of us to take a few brief minutes to stop whatever we are doing and show our respect when we hear the morning and evening colors? I think you know the answer.

Have a fine Navy day!



Absentee voters

Federal Assistance Voting Program



1. Prepare to vote in November's general Presidential election. Click the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site for step-by-step guidance through the process of obtaining, completing, and sending absentee ballot applications for you and your voting dependents.

2. Timelines are short, you must act immediately to register in a timely fashion with your state.

3. The Department of the Navy has established a "100 percent contact" goal in reaching eligible Sailors and family members regarding their right to participate in all elections. Please make sure this information is passed to anyone who is not included on the distribution list, including family members, deployed members, family members of deployed members and civilians.

4. If have not received your state absentee ballot by Oct. 14, then complete the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB/SF-186)

and mail it to your state using the information provided at

<http://www.fvap.gov/for-voting-assistance-officers/vote-guide/index.html>.

5. The following documents are attached to assist you:

a. Step by step directions for registering to vote labeled "2008 Voting info."

b. A pdf fillable Form SF76 "Registration and Absentee Ballot Request - Federal Post Card Application(FPCA)"

c. A pdf return envelope you may use to mail your absentee ballot request postage free

d. 2008 General Election deadlines by state

e. A pdf fillable Form SF 186A "Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot Instructions"

6. Complete voting information can be found at

<http://www.fvap.gov/index.html>
7. If you need additional help, contact your unit voting officer or the Navy Region Hawai'i Voting Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Ed Korman, at (808) 473-5023.

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Fraud, Waste or Abuse

Contact Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i Inspector General

- ✓ We are here to help
- ✓ You can remain anonymous
- ✓ Remember to use your chain of command first

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Energy\$olutions Rebate Program to highlight energy efficiency seminar

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The growing cost of electricity has made conserving energy and improving energy efficiency critical issues for Navy Region Hawai'i. As key players in the region's energy efforts, identifying ways to save energy while being mindful of budget limitations is an important part of your responsibilities.

To assist you, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i Energy Team is hosting its next energy efficiency seminar on Hawaiian Electric Company's (HECO's) Energy\$olutions Rebate Program. The seminar will be from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Sept. 30 at Ford Island

Conference Center.

When planning an equipment replacement, renovation or new construction project, it is important to be aware of the energy-related rebate options that are available. Rebates provided through HECO's Energy\$olutions Rebate Program help reduce initial investments in energy efficiency projects. The program assists with creating and maintaining energy-wise workplaces and helps offset the up-front costs of installing energy-efficient equipment.

The upcoming seminar will provide practical information on HECO's Energy\$olutions Rebate Program. The presenters will discuss the various technologies that qualify for HECO rebates. They will also provide participants with a thorough review of the application process to include

required documentation, pre- and post-inspections, and important application deadline dates.

Steve Lockett is the Department of Defense (DoD) account manager for HECO. Lockett has worked with HECO for 10 years and is responsible for providing account management services DoD clients. Frank McCurley is the DoD program specialist for HECO. McCurley retired as a chief Navy counselor before joining HECO in April. Both presenters have an extensive knowledge of DoD energy requirements and will provide participants with practical information that can be used immediately.

To register for the free seminar, contact the NAVFAC Hawai'i Energy Team at 471-0440 or krista.stehn.ctr@navy.mil.

Identifying and controlling your asthma triggers

Tyler Patterson

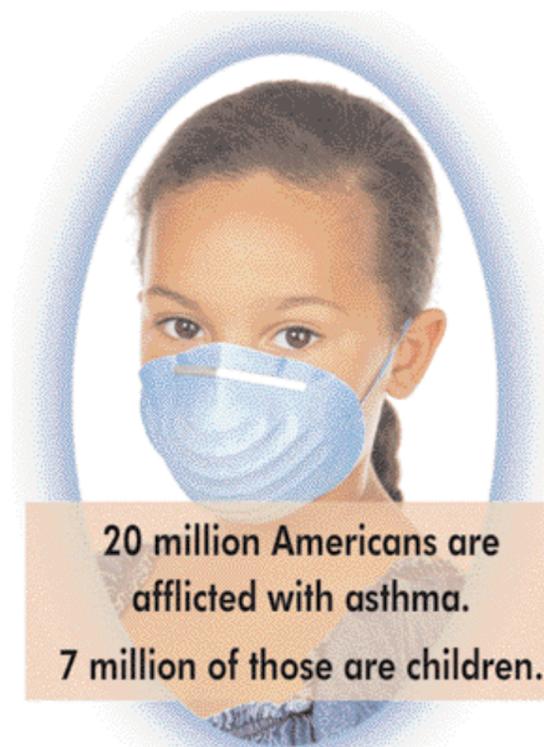
TriWest Healthcare Alliance

Your breathing becomes difficult, your chest tightens, you begin to wheeze when you breathe or cough. An estimated 20 million Americans live with asthma and you are one of them. You recognize these symptoms as typical of your condition and have learned ways to manage and control your reactions to them. But how can you prevent the symptoms from surfacing in the first place?

There are a variety of environmental and behavioral factors that can bring on your asthma symptoms and ultimately lead to a full-blown asthma attack. Surprisingly, some of these foods or activities may otherwise be good for you. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicates that commonly reported asthma triggers include dried fruits, certain medications and exercise.

Other asthma triggers to consider are:

- Allergens, including animal dander, dust mites, cockroaches, pollen and mold.
- Irritants, including cigarette smoke, air pollution, carbon dioxide, sudden weather changes, and particular scents and odors.
- Seemingly unrelated medical issues, such as gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), infections, or influenza.
- Intense emotional responses like "belly laughs," uncontrollable cry-



ing, and severe stress, shock or fear.

This is by no means a complete list of triggers. You are encouraged to meet with your doctor to help identify your unique asthma triggers and to discuss ways to avoid or control them.

Another resource available to eligible TRICARE West Region beneficiaries is the TriWest Condition (Disease) Management program, designed to help you learn to better manage your

asthma. The condition management program is completely free and does not affect other TRICARE benefits in any way. For more information or to enroll, call 1-888-259-9378 or visit the condition management section of the healthy living portal at www.triwest.com.

You can also find more information about asthma online at the Web sites for the CDC (www.cdc.gov) and the National Institutes of Health (www.nih.gov).

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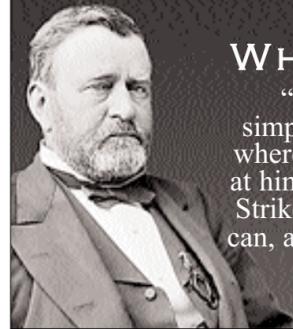
WORD SEARCH Find these 51 PEANUTS characters

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WHO SAID IT?

"I PAY NO ATTENTION
WHATEVER TO ANYBODY'S
PRAISE OR BLAME. I SIMPLY
FOLLOW MY OWN
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LAST WEEK'S WHO SAID IT?

"The art of war is simple enough. Find out where your enemy is. Get at him as soon as you can. Strike him as hard as you can, and keep moving on."

-Ulysses S. Grant

WORD SEARCH SOLUTION Find 61 words that Came from the Portugese

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This Week's Trivia

Who was Chief of Naval Operations on Dec. 7, 1941?

Last Week's Question: Who was the only president of the United States to travel on the USS Indianapolis?
Answer: The USS Indianapolis was commissioned on Nov.15, 1932, and following an overhaul at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, sailed to Maine to pick up President Theodore Roosevelt (Jan. 30, 1882-April 12, 1945) at Campobello Island, New Brunswick, on July 1, 1933.

Navy Region Hawai'i Community Calendar

Mental Well-Being & Recreation

BARBERS POINT BOWLING CENTER AND WEST SIDE CAFÉ
 Effective Oct. 1, the Barbers Point Bowling Center and West Side will discontinue operations. The Navy is working to enter into an agreement with a vendor or other private organization that could assume the operation. Until that time, the Navy will keep the bowling center in operational condition.



OKTOBERFEST AT CP BREWERY
 CP Brewery will host Oktoberfest from 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Oct. 3. Patrons will be able to sample pupus and brew of the month. CP Brewery hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., Friday and Saturday. FMI: call 473-1743.

YOUTH FITNESS ORIENTATION AT BLOCH ARENA
 On Oct. 4 and 18 at 9 a.m. come to Bloch Arena for a free program designed for youth between the ages of 10-14 years old. The orientation includes an introduction to the Fit Kid's equipment, rules and regulations review, safety guidelines and Fit Factor demonstration. Registration is required by the Thursday prior to each class and children must be accompanied by an adult. FMI: 473-0793.

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

Community Calendar

September

27 - Jasmine Trias, former American Idol finalist, will make a special appearance at the Navy Exchange (NEX) Mall at Pearl Harbor from noon to 1:30 p.m. FMI: 423-3330.

29 - The USS Chung-Hoon Family Readiness Group will host a monthly meeting at 6 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. This month's guest speaker will be from Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) and will discuss financial planning for deployment. Childcare will be provided and light refreshments served. FMI: E-mail chunghoonfsg@yahoo.com or call Careline at 440-4628.

October

1 - The NEX will hold its annual job fair from 5 to 7 p.m. near the NEX main store entrance. The NEX is accepting applications for a variety of positions. Employment applications are also available at the application drop boxes located in the main rotunda and the second floor by across from the layaway/refund department. Completed applications may be dropped off at those same drop boxes.

8 - The Navy Exchange (NEX) and Tripler Blood Donor Center will hold a military blood drive to aid in the collection of life-giving support from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the rotunda of the NEX Mall at Pearl Harbor. FMI: 423-3274.

13 - Diamond Head Theatre, the third oldest continuously running theatre in America, is seeking volunteers to help with its annual Ilima Awards program from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Volunteers will receive security T-shirts and free tickets to a final dress rehearsal of one of the Diamond Head Theatre plays. FMI: contact Tammy Tamai at 733-0277 ext. 303 or e-mail ttamai@diamondheadtheatre.com.

HAWAIIAN SHOWTIMES



Mirrors (R)

Nearly a year after Ben Carson was suspended from the NYPD for fatally shooting another undercover officer; he tries to pull his life together. Carson takes a job as a night watchman at the burned-out ruins of the Mayflower department store that devoured numerous innocent lives. As Carson patrols the store, he begins to notice horrific images in the ornate mirrors that adorn the Mayflower walls. Carson suffers physical effects when he sees his own reflection being tortured. Amy, a no-nonsense NYPD medical examiner, and Carson's wife is frightened by her husband's increasingly erratic behavior, and she fears it's putting their children in danger. Carson must somehow uncover the truth behind the mirrors--and convince Amy to help him battle the greatest evil he has ever faced.

TODAY
 7:00 PM The Mummy:
 Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG 13)

SUNDAY
 2:30 PM Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG)
 4:45 PM Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG 13)
 7:15 PM Mirrors (R)

SATURDAY
 2:30 PM Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG)
 4:45 PM The Longshots (PG)
 7:00 PM The House Bunny (PG 13)

