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Tops in Blue

Freedom Tower lighting ceremony shines at JBPHH



Story and photos by
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At precisely 7 p.m. on Dec. 2, 171 feet of Christmas lights illuminated the parade mall on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), shimmering from Freedom Tower for the 42nd annual tower lighting ceremony.

The ceremony celebrated an evening of holiday festivities and events. It also included a performance by the world-famous active-duty singing group Tops in Blue.

"When these guys sing for them [active-duty members], they know they're not forgotten," said Army Capt. Margaret Kronk-Schultz.

Before the sky darkened, families began congregating on the field at the foot of Freedom Tower to be entertained by free inflatables, holiday snacks, crafts and a kids' clinic. Hamburgers, baked goods, shaved ice and other goodies were available for purchase.

Santa arrived around 5 p.m., and children formed a line that snaked halfway down the field for their turn to sit on his lap and whisper their wish in his ear.

After the Freedom Tower lighting, Tops in Blue lit up the stage. Lawn chairs and blankets dotted the field, with the crowd awaiting the show, "Rhythm Nation."

"[Tops in Blue is important] just for morale alone," said Tops in Blue former member (2000 and 2010) Mindy Cameron. "Working such long hours and fighting the war on terror, it's hard to just relax and do

things with the family. Especially when we go overseas and to deployed locations, it's just great."

One Tops in Blue performer was the "hometown hero" of the evening. Staff Sgt. Mark Lindquist, 324th Intelligence Squadron, is a part-time emcee and vocalist.

"It's the best thing I've done in my Air Force career," Lindquist said. "I get to travel and be an

ambassador for America."

The show songs spanned the decades, featuring All-American genres such as the jazz of Nat King Cole, the rock 'n' roll sounds of Little Richard, the Motown R&B of Marvin Gaye and of country.

Tops in Blue is entirely self-sufficient. Throughout the tour, performers are responsible for the instrumental, vocal, choreography and staging requirements of the show. As their own road crew, they set up and break down more than 60,000 pounds of staging, lighting, audio, video and special effects equipment required for each performance.

"We always say if a traffic jam happened and we had to perform for all the people in their cars we would have everything we need," Lindquist said.

Tops in Blue is an all active-duty U.S. Air Force special unit made up of amateur performers selected for their entertainment abilities. Members complete a highly accelerated educational course to prepare them as world-class entertainers.

"It's like American

Idol on steroids," Lindquist said.

With 85 completed of more than 140 total shows, Tops in Blue has a while to go before their 10-month tour is completed. But JBPHH served as a welcome stop for the crew.

"This has been one of the best and biggest crowds we've had," Lindquist said.

War Dragons ready to breathe fire in playoffs

Story and photo by
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Sports Editor

The USS Chosin (CG 65) War Dragons failed to repeat as the Afloat Flag Football League regular-season champs, but after their easy 27-6 win over USS Louisville (SSN 724) in the league's season finale at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Dec. 3, members of the squad are feeling pretty confident about their chances in the postseason, which kicks off on Dec. 10.

"This is the team that I want to take to the playoffs right now," said Chosin co-head coach Fire Controlman 3rd Class Shawne Haley. "This is the team that I definitely think will shine in the playoffs. We've had our ins and outs, but as of today, it is a different ballgame. These guys know that the next game is a game to be serious about."

While Chosin, which finished their recent campaign with a 9-2 record, will enter the postseason as one of the favorites, the team has to be concerned about the status of its star quarterback Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Tony Reid. He has been bothered with a nagging hamstring injury since he was forced out in the second half of Chosin's Nov. 19 loss to USS Santa Fe (SSN 763).

Reid made a cameo appearance in the second half versus the Louisville, but according to co-head coach Cryptologic Technician



USS Chosin (CG 65) War Dragons wide receiver Logistics Specialist Seaman Anthony Hagerty tries to make a one-handed grab near the end zone during the team's Afloat Flag Football League game versus USS Louisville (SSN 724) at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Dec. 3.

(Maintenance) 1st Class Kevin Henyard, the QB will need more time to mend before the playoffs.

"If he gets rested up over the week, I think he'll be ready to go," Henyard said. "Reid is a warrior, and I think he'll be ready to go by the playoffs."

Although Haley admitted that putting Reid out on the field in a game that had no

bearing on the playoff seeding was a bit risky, he stated that extra reps was a necessary precaution to ensure that the QB was ready for battle.

"When we were up, I took him to the side and told him that he was going to play one series, just to keep that 'I'm a quarterback' type of mentality," Haley said. "He needed to get out here and

continue to be a field presence. We didn't want him to overwork himself. He sat in the pocket, ran to the outside and threw the ball. That's what we wanted him to do."

In allowing Reid more time to heal, Chosin was also able to get lefty quarterback Ship's Serviceman Seaman Anthony Jones some

much-needed hikes from center.

In his debut at signal caller, Jones rushed for an eight-yard touchdown in his first series on offense and completed an 11-yard pass to Logistics Specialist Seaman Richard Roberson for another score to take a 21-0 lead into halftime.

In between the team's two offensive touchdowns,

Chosin safety Seaman Phillip Jones picked off Louisville quarterback Chief Electronics Technician Jason Valentine near midfield and took it all the way to the house for a touchdown.

In the second half, Louisville avoided the shutout, when Valentine eluded a pass rush and connected with receiver Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Mark Trevino for a 43-yard catch-and-run into the end zone.

However, Chosin came right back with their final score of the game when Jones found Logistics Specialist Seaman Anthony Hagerty for 43 yards and a touchdown.

Following the game, Valentine said that a lack of game experience was too much to overcome – especially against a veteran team like Chosin.

"We've been at sea and have missed, pretty much, the whole season," explained Valentine, whose team was playing in only its sixth game of the year. "We played two games early, and this was the first time we've played in about two months."

Despite the easy victory over the Louisville, both Haley and Henyard agreed that the game was a good tuneup before the postseason.

"I wanted the league (Afloat) championship," Henyard noted. "We didn't quite make it, but it's our time to get the base championship. We're hungry. We're looking to go all the way."

Division-leading 561st NOS rallies past Juggernauts

Story and photo by
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Fighting to keep their top seeding in the Hickam Gold Division, the 561st Network Operation Squadron (561 NOS) Det. 1 scored 27 unanswered points to earn a dramatic come-from-behind 27-13 victory over the fourth-place Hangar 5 Juggernauts at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Dec. 6.

Down by a score of 13-0 in the first half, the NOS got on the scoreboard with under a minute remaining before intermission and then tacked on three more touchdowns in the second half to raise their record to 10-2 and keep their single-game divisional lead heading into the playoffs, which starts Dec. 10.

"That proved to us that we could be down and still come back to win the game," said NOS quarterback 1st Lt. Kip McCarthy, who substituted for first-string QB Master Sgt. Keone Peneku. "That did a lot for our confidence."

While the NOS finished off their showdown with Hangar 5 in strong fashion, it was the Juggernauts that came out fast and appeared to be in the hunt for an upset.

After having their first



Airman 1st Class Robert Light, receiver for the 561st Network Operation Squadron (561 NOS) Det. 1, prepares to catch a 36-yard pass during the team's Hickam Gold Division matchup against the Hangar 5 Juggernauts at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Dec. 6.

drive stall at their own 39, the Juggernauts quickly got the ball back and immediately launched a five-play, 52-yard march into the end zone for six points and the lead.

During the drive, quarterback Tech. Sgt. Blane Woodard directed a near-perfect series in running for 15 yards on the first play from scrimmage before con-

necting on three of four passes, with the final completion going to Airman 1st Class Syd Bodden for 18 yards and the score.

When the Juggernauts' defense stiffened and forced the NOS to hand the ball over on downs on their next drive, the scrambling Woodard seized the opportunity once again and used his running ability to fash-

ion another scoring march.

Woodard rushed for 31 yards on two consecutive plays before tossing the ball to Airman 1st Class Phillip Vandenberg for 12 yards and a touchdown.

The converted point after touchdown (PAT) gave the Juggernauts a seemingly safe 13-0 lead with under a minute to go before half-time.

However, with his team's back against the wall, McCarthy got hot in a hurry and hit receiver Airman 1st Class Robert Light with a 36-yard bomb on the first play to place the ball on the Juggernauts' 29 with 42 seconds on the clock.

Another pass found Senior Airman Stephen Daniels at the six before McCarthy went back to Light for the team's first touchdown.

Following intermission, the Juggernauts appeared to get back their momentum after Staff Sgt. Damien Davis picked off McCarthy to open the second half.

Instead of using the opportunity to rebuild their lead, the Juggernauts were stopped by NOS defense and were forced to hand the ball over on downs at the 18.

"That was big time," said McCarthy about his team's tough defensive stand. "Our defense really came through."

With the ball back in his hands, McCarthy wasted little time in making the Juggernauts pay.

The NOS QB completed a short pass to Daniels on the first play of the series before going over the top to Light who made the catch and cruised into the end zone for 54 yards and for his second touch-

down of the night.

"We were pretty much getting one-on-one coverage with our best receiver," McCarthy explained about his connection with Light.

Later, the NOS completed the comeback with a 30-yard touchdown pass from McCarthy to Daniels, which was followed by a 72-yard pick six by defensive back Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Winston Jackson that sealed the game.

After the matchup, Woodard said that a shortage of key players hindered the Juggernauts' ability to maintain their early-game effort, but assured that the team will be fine in the playoffs.

"We got tired quick because we're hurting for players," he admitted. "But we're feeling good. As long as we got our primary players, we'll be good going into it (playoffs). We can make a run. There's no doubt about it."

Meanwhile, McCarthy said that he is also looking to go deep into the postseason.

"Last year, we were feeling really good, but got beat in the first round," he pointed out. "We're definitely looking for redemption this year. I think we have a better team and I'm looking forward to trying to make a run for the championship."

Army beats Navy at NIOC despite 'Cryptonite'

U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Hillary Lamb

Members of the Navy's Kunia Cryptonites flag football team defend against the Army intramural flag football team during the Army-Navy game Dec. 2 at Wheeler Army Airfield. The Army-Navy game is an annual event and one of the largest and longest standing rivalries in college football. Every year, this game is emulated by commands around the nation to promote healthy rivalry, camaraderie and esprit de corps for joint service personnel. At Wheeler Army Airfield, the Navy fell to the Army by a score of 24-6.



Hawaii Marines and Sailors remember Dec. 7, 1941

**Marine Corps Base Hawaii,
Kaneohe Public Affairs**

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII, Kaneohe – Marines and Sailors at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe (MCBH) honored 18 Sailors and two civilian contractors who died in the Dec. 7, 1941 attack during the 70th anniversary of the Japanese attacks on Oahu.

On that day in 1941, aircraft of the Japanese Imperial Navy attacked Naval Air Station (NAS) Kaneohe Bay. At 7:52 a.m., eight minutes before the attacks at Pearl Harbor, the quiet peace of a Sunday morning was shattered by the sudden rattling of strafing machine gun fire and the explosions of bombs. Two waves of Japanese Zero aircraft assaulted the runway and hangers of the air station, destroying 27 of the 33 PBV Catalina aircraft on the ground.

During Wednesday's ceremony, three platoons of Marines



Photo by Kristen Wong

Retired Lt. Cmdr. Cass Phillips, a former radioman with Patrol Squadron 11, Naval Air Station Kaneohe; Col. Brian Annichiarico, commanding officer, Marine Corps Base Hawaii; and Capt. Christopher Ramsden, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2, place the traditional wreath during the Kaneohe Klipper Memorial Ceremony outside hangar 101, on Dec. 7.

and Sailors stood in formation along with the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band. Keeping with tradition, a wreath was presented in honor of those who lost their lives, and Marines and Sailors saluted as the names of the 20 men who died at MCBH were read aloud. A three-round volley rifle salute and the playing of Taps concluded the ceremony.

The events of Dec. 7, 1941 were detailed during the ceremony which opened with Col. Brian Annichiarico, base commanding officer, welcoming all in attendance.

Guest speaker Dr. David W. Griffin, the grandson of Navy Lt. Daniel Griffin who was killed during the attack, spoke of the heroism of his grandfather and the Sailors and civilians who witnessed the events that Sunday morning.

Dr. Michael Smith, a retired Marine master gunnery sergeant, recounted the morning of Dec. 7 as told to him by

Medal of Honor recipient and retired Navy Lt. John Finn. Then-Naval Ordnance Chief Finn manned a .50-caliber machine gun in a completely exposed section of the aircraft parking ramp. Although painfully wounded many times, he continued to man his gun and returned the enemy's fire vigorously and with telling effect throughout the enemy's strafing and bombing attacks.

A memorial plaque in honor of Finn was unveiled during the ceremony, and the plaque will be placed at hangar 103 where Finn's office was located.

After the ceremony, retired Lt. Cmdr. Cass Phillips, a former radioman with Patrol Squadron 11 at NAS Kaneohe, took guests through the hangar and recounted the events of Dec. 7, 1941. After a walk through the hangar, he visited the scarred building's exterior and cement pad that is riddled with shrapnel and patched bullet holes from the attacks.

USS Pearl Harbor Sailors, Marines reflect on ship's namesake

**Story and photo by
MC2 Alan Gragg**

*Amphibious Squadron 5
Public Affairs*

USS PEARL HARBOR, At sea (NNS) – Sailors and Marines aboard the amphibious dock landing ship USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) reflected on the meaning of the ship's namesake during a ceremony Dec. 7, exactly 70 years after the attacks on Pearl Harbor.

In a ceremony held on the ship's flight deck, Pearl Harbor crew members and embarked Marines from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) remembered the Americans who lost their lives on Dec. 7, 1941.

During the ceremony, Cmdr. Homer Denius, Pearl Harbor's commanding officer, spoke to hun-



Sailors and Marines stand in ranks during a remembrance ceremony aboard the amphibious dock landing ship USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) for the Dec. 7, 1941 attacks on the ship's namesake Pearl Harbor.

dreds of Sailors and Marines in attendance.

"We honor those who fought, survived and died on that fateful day," Denius said. "Today we reflect on what those great Americans sacrificed for our country and what it means to be stationed aboard this ship."

Denius spoke of the many contributions of the World War II generation and how Sailors and Marines of today can honor those who served.

"I challenge you—Sailors and Marines of the Pearl Harbor—to reflect on the heritage that is passed to you symbolized in the

name of this ship, reflect on how you conduct your daily duties, and reflect on how you honor those who have given us so much," Denius said.

Crew members who attended the event said the ceremony was important in helping to remember the ship's namesake.

"It's extremely important for us to remember them," said Hull Maintenance Technician 3rd Class Keith Doran. "It gives us a sense of pride in our ship and what we're out here for, it reminds us what we're doing every day, and why we do the things we do and why we support our country and fight for our Navy combat team."

Other Sailors said they had similar feelings.

"To me it means that I'm representing strong people who came before us," said

Electrician's Mate 1st Class Christopher Rosson. "Meeting the Pearl Harbor survivors was a great experience; they're living heroes."

"It's definitely important to honor our veterans, so that they know they haven't been forgotten, and it's a remembrance for us to know where the Navy was and where we're at now and do a comparison," Rosson added.

Yeoman 1st Class Jason McClinton was one of the two members of the flag detail for the ceremony, who raised and lowered the ensign for the national anthem and the playing of Taps at the end of the ceremony.

"For me, being a Sailor assigned to USS Pearl Harbor, it's more than just me individually showing up to work on board every day," McClinton said. "It

gives me a sense of purpose knowing that I am a Sailor assigned on board the ship named after the men and women who sacrificed their lives at Pearl Harbor."

McClinton also said he is proud to carry on the legacy of the Pearl Harbor victims.

"If the Sailors back then were alive now, and they could see us, I'm pretty sure they'd be proud of the things that we're doing every day, going out and defending the country in their honor," McClinton said.

Pearl Harbor deployed Nov. 14 in support of the Navy's maritime strategy, along with the amphibious assault ship USS Makin Island (LHD 8) and the amphibious transport dock ship USS New Orleans (LPD 18), which make up the Makin Island Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

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Morale Welfare & Recreation

MWR NEWCOMERS LUNCH

A free lunch, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) information booths, sponsor tables, activities, prize wheels and giveaways will be available at the MWR newcomers lunch at 11 a.m. Dec. 13 at Tradewinds Enlisted Club. After the luncheon, the 12:30 p.m. tour will take participants to MWR locations around the base. Separate registrations are required for the luncheon and tour. The event is open to all military-affiliated personnel during their first six months of arrival. FMI: www.greatlifeohawaii.com.

HICKAM HISTORICAL TOUR

An exclusive tour to relive history and to understand the important role Hickam Field played in World War II will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 14, 21 and 28. The tour includes a lunch buffet at the Hickam Officers' Club. Military ID is required. The tour departs Information, Tickets and Travel-Hickam and Royal Alakai Lodge. Pickup is available at Hale Koa Hotel for an additional \$10 per person. The cost is \$55 for adults, \$45 for children ages 3-11 and free for children age 2 and under on an adult's lap. FMI: 448-2295.

STAINED GLASS KALEIDOSCOPE

Make a kaleidoscope from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center. Some soldering is required. A sample is on display in the arts and crafts center gallery. The cost is \$105 per person. The class is open to ages 16 and older. FMI: 448-9907.

THIRD FRIDAYS LIVE

Relax every third Friday of the month with live music from 6-10 p.m. and free pupus from 5-7 p.m., including Dec. 16, at the Hickam Officers' Club Koa Lounge. FMI: 448-4608.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT ESCAPE

Watch a free family movie on the big screen at 7 p.m. Dec. 16 in the Escape Bowling Center. Popcorn will be also be free. Watch for an announcement of the movie to be shown. FMI: 473-2651.

FREE GOLF CLINIC

Get some tips on improving your game at this free golf clinic at 9 a.m. Dec. 17 at Barbers Point Golf Course. FMI: 682-1911.

KAYAKING HALEIWA RIVER/NORTH SHORE

Tour Waimea Valley or Anahulu Stream from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 17. The cost is \$20 per person. Sign up by Dec. 15. Transportation, instruction and equipment will be provided from Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. FMI: 473-1198.

LEARN TO STAND-UP PADDLEBOARD

Learn to stand-up paddleboard at 10 to 11 a.m. or 11 a.m. to noon Dec. 17 at Hickam Harbor. The cost is \$20 per person. Sign up by Dec. 15. FMI: 449-5215.

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

Community Calendar

December

13, 19, 21 - The Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) plays a key role in providing quality blood products for service members and their families. Upcoming ASBP drives include:

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 13, 18th MEDCOM Fort Shafter Flats.
- 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 19, 599th Transportation Brigade Wheeler, 352 Sterling Road.
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 21, Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC), oceanside lobby entrance, 1 Jarrett White Road, room 2A207.

Appointments are available daily at Schofield Barracks. FMI: 433-6148, email Michele.lele@amedd.army.mil or visit the website www.militaryblood.dod.mil.

16, 17 - The Pacific Fleet Band will perform a holiday concert at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16 at Hickam Memorial Theatre. The band will also play a holiday concert at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Hale Koa Hotel banyan tree. FMI: email MUC Richard Lindberg at Richard.lindberg@navy.mil or call 474-3693.

16, 17, 18 - Free holiday festival of lights Pearl Harbor evening boat tours will be offered to the public on Dec. 16, 17 and 18, by the Pearl City Lions Club in cooperation with the National Park Service and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The 30-minute boat tours will depart from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center (formerly known as the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center) each evening from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at 15-minute intervals. Boat tours are free, but canned good donations for Hawaii's food charities are appreciated. Seats are limited and tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the visitor center, on each day of the tour. FMI: Pacific Historic Parks at 954-8721.

24, 25, 31, Jan. 1 - The following holiday schedule is observed for the remainder of this year for both Hickam and Pearl Harbor Commissaries.

- Dec. 24, Hickam Commissary opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m. Pearl Harbor Commissary opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m.
- Dec. 25, both Hickam and Pearl Harbor Commissaries are closed.
- Dec. 31, Hickam Commissary opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 8 p.m. Pearl Harbor Commissary opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 7 p.m.
- Jan. 1, both Hickam and Pearl Harbor Commissaries are closed.

Movie Showtimes



Puss in Boots (PG)

Way before Puss ever met Shrek, our suave and furry feline hero goes on a swashbuckling ride, as he teams with mastermind Humpty Dumpty and the street-savvy Kitty to steal the famed Goose that lays the Golden Eggs.

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- TODAY**
7:00 PM Real Steel (PG-13)
- SATURDAY**
2:30 PM Puss in Boots (PG)
4:45 PM The Three Musketeers (PG-13)
7:15 PM The Ides of March (R)
- SUNDAY**
2:30 PM Puss in Boots (PG)
4:45 PM The Thing (PG)
7:15 PM Real Steel (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

- TODAY**
6:00 PM Puss in Boots (PG)
8:30 PM Paranormal Activity (R)
- SATURDAY**
4:00 PM Puss in Boots (PG)
7:00 PM In Time (PG-13)
- SUNDAY**
2:00 PM Puss in Boots (PG)

For more movie information, visit www.greatlifeohawaii.com.



Sea Cadets help commemorate 70th anniversary of Pearl Harbor

Story and photo by
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Cadets from San Francisco's Arkansas Division, Band of the West, participated in a ceremony at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on Dec. 7 in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack.

Twenty-six young people, ages 13 to 18, from various bay area locales performed. These young musicians train and perform at some of the same venues as U.S. Navy musicians. They specialize in paying tribute to veterans and active military personnel at local, state, national and international functions.

"The spirit and musical talent of these young sea cadets ensures that the 70th anniversary of Pearl Harbor will be honored as a memory for all generations," said U.S. Congresswoman Jackie Speier of California's 12th Congressional District in a press release that announced the cadets' visit to Hawaii.

Since arriving Dec. 2, the band played at a series of concerts throughout Honolulu and Waikiki,



Cadets from San Francisco's Arkansas Division, Band of the West, participated in a ceremony at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on Dec. 7 in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the 1941 attack.

leading up to the Dec. 7 performance at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

During one of their performances for survivors of the attack, the cadets had an opportunity to hear what life was like for young

Sailors in 1941.

"It was pretty cool to hear about what they were doing and what they're doing now," said Cadet James Dao (tenor saxophone). "It made me happy and sad because they did a

lot for our country, but at the same time they really suffered."

According to one cadet's parent, the experience was extraordinary. Not only did they learn about history, but also they were able to

hear firsthand accounts from World War II veterans.

"It really opens your eyes," said Olga Perez, a cadet parent. "Some survivors' stories you can't find in a book."

The band performed a variety of patriotic pieces, including music from the era, and debuted a new composition written specifically for the ceremony by renowned composer George Roumanis.

"The new piece 'USS Arizona, In Memoriam' opens with a collage of the ringing of a ship's bell playing of Taps and Anchors Aweigh, which paints a tonal story of the heartache of the losses at Pearl Harbor and the grandeur of ships at sea," said the band's music director, Ken Crowell. "It is a stirring piece of music with haunting melodies that harkens a simpler time, a tragic event and a call to duty. It is a masterpiece of simplicity and emotion."

As the band performed, Pearl Harbor survivors, tourists and others gathered to listen.

"That was absolutely incredible. The way these teenagers play, it was a moving experience for me," said Michael Valente, a visiting tourist. "It seems like these days it's all about sports, basketball, football. You don't see this kind of quality often [cadets]."

Military should confirm mailing address to vote absentee ballot in election

Lt. Cmdr. Kathleen A. Elkins

Staff Judge Advocate
Navy Region Hawaii

Now is the time to confirm that your local election official has your correct mailing address so that you can exercise your right to vote via absent ballot.

The Federal Post Card Application (SF76) is used for that purpose.

Take a few minutes to complete the pre-paid postage form, print and sign it, paste it over your actual mailing envelope into which you placed your completed SF-76A; then mail it to your local election official.

A complete listing of

addresses can be found at www.fvap.gov. This site will walk voters through every step to easily and quickly complete their registration.

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For more information, call 473-1793 or email kathleen.elkins@navy.mil

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Holiday events continue throughout December

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Assistant Editor

Holiday festivities sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation have begun, and the activities will continue throughout December at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

For example, a Gourmet Club "Christmas Around the World" event will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 13 at Tradewinds Enlisted Club Oahu Room. The cost is \$40 for members and \$45 for nonmembers. Celebrate the season with traditional dishes from many lands. For reservations, call 448-2271.

Free preschool story time will take place from 9 to 10 a.m. Dec. 14 at the base library. Hear stories with the theme of "Christmas." For more information, call 449-8299.

A free Honolulu City Lights tour with Liberty will be held Dec. 16.



departing from the Teen Center. Take a trip to Honolulu Hale (City Hall) and the downtown area for the annual Christmas lights extravaganza. Youth, ages 13-18, should sign up at the Hickam Teen Center to reserve a spot. For more information, call 449-3354.

A holiday break craft camp will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 20-23 at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center. The camp is for children, ages 7 to 14. Make holiday ornaments, cards and other small projects. Prices vary by project. Call 448-9907 for pricing and other information.

The first day of the free winter polar bear challenge with Liberty will take place Dec. 22 at the Wahiawa Annex Pool. Depart Makai Rec Center at 4:45 p.m., Instant Liberty at 5 p.m., Beeman Center at 5:15 p.m. and Liberty Express at 6 p.m. This event is for single active-duty service members only. For more information, call 473-2583.

Depart Beeman Center and Liberty Express at 5:30 p.m., Instant Liberty at 5:45 p.m. and Makai Rec Center at 6 p.m. This event is for single active-duty service members only. For more information, call 473-2583.

Watch the classic holiday film "Home Alone" for free from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 16 at Hickam pool two as part of Santa's Dive-in Movie. The festivities include holiday treats and the movie starts at dusk. For more information, call 448-2223.

A free teen Christmas lights tour will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 19

at 2:30 and 4:45 p.m. Dec. 31 and, 2:30, 4:45 and 7 p.m. Jan. 1 at Sharkey Theater. For more information, call 473-0726.

Escape Bowling Center and noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 25 at the Hickam Bowling Center. For more information, call 448-9959, 473-2574 or 473-2651.

Free Christmas holiday weekend movies with popcorn and drinks will be held at 2:30 and 4:45 p.m. Dec. 24, and at 2:30, 4:45 and 7 p.m. Dec. 25 at Sharkey Theater. For more information, call 473-0726.

A free Liberty white elephant gift party will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 24 at Beeman Center. Bring a \$10 (maximum) gift to exchange. Shuttles will depart Liberty Express at 5 p.m., the Makai Rec Center at 5:30 p.m. and Instant Liberty at 5:45 p.m. This event is for single active-duty service members only. For more information, call 473-2583.

Free holiday golf specials will be held all day on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 at Barbers Point, Kealohi Par 3, Mamala Bay and

the Navy-Marine Golf Courses. Active-duty personnel (E-1-E-5) get free green fees, plus one free basket of range balls (except at Kealohi Par 3), to celebrate the holidays. For more information, call 682-1911, 448-2318, 449-2300 or 471-0142.

An around-the-island Christmas tour will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 25 through the Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. Cost is \$20 per person. Sign up by Dec. 21. For more information, call 473-1198.

Free Liberty Christmas lunch will take place at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 25 at all Liberty Centers. This event is for single active-duty service members only. For more information, call 473-2583.

Free Christmas Day punch and cookies will be available from noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 25 at Hickam pool two and Scott Pool. For more information, call 448-2223 or 473-0394.

Free holiday bowling will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 24 at the Naval Station Bowling Center. It will also be held from noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 25 at the

lights go off at 10 p.m. No cover will be charged. Wear white and illuminate your evening under the black lights. For more information, call 473-1742.

Celebrate New Year's Eve at J.R. Rockers on Dec. 31. Doors open at 9 p.m. and the show starts at 10 p.m. An all-inclusive package costs \$25 for E-1 to E-4, \$35 for members and \$45 for nonmembers. For the show only, the cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. The all-inclusive package includes reserved seating, pupu social hour prior to the

show, entertainment, breakfast at midnight, New Years hats and noisemakers. All ranks are welcome. For information and reservations, call 448-2271.

A New Year's Eve cruise with Liberty will be held Dec. 31. Depart Liberty Express at 9:15 p.m., Beeman Center at 9:45 p.m., Instant Liberty at 10 p.m. and Makai Rec Center at 10:15 p.m. This event is for single active-duty service members only. For more information, call 473-2583.

Kayaking at a New Years barbecue at Chinaman's Hat will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 1 through the Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. Cost is \$25 per person. Sign up by Dec. 29. For more information, call 473-1198.

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Celebrate the New Year with events to kick off 2012

Don Robbins

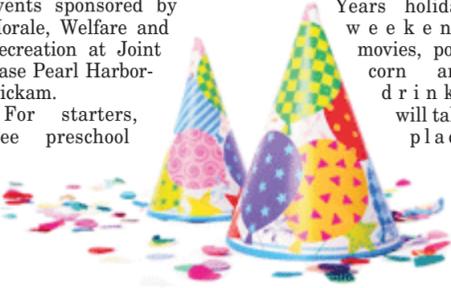
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Prepare to celebrate the New Year 2012 in style with a series of events sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

For starters, free preschool

story time will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. Dec. 28 at the base library with the theme of New Years. For more information, call 449-8299.

Free New Years holiday weekend movies, popcorn and drinks will take place



at 2:30 and 4:45 p.m. Dec. 31 and, 2:30, 4:45 and 7 p.m. Jan. 1 at Sharkey Theater. For more information, call 473-0726.

Ring in the New Year to the sound of falling pins during a New Year's Eve celebration from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. starting Dec. 31 at the Hickam Bowling Center. The cost is \$25 per adult and \$20 per youth ages 12 and under. Make your reservations early by calling 448-9959.

A New Year's Eve blackout party will be held Dec. 31 at Club Pearl. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and

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Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard automated welding increases safety, efficiency

Katie Vanes

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

More than 20 Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard employees completed a challenging weld buildup recently as part of repairs on a propeller shaft that will be installed on a submarine during an upcoming availability. This was the first time the welding team had used the automated submerged arc welding process on such an expansive area – 18 feet of the length of the shaft, or about one-third of the surface area of the component.

The machine was installed in 2006. Only one other welding job has been performed previously using the same technology — for USS Charlotte (SSN 776) in 2008 — but it only covered two separate three-square-foot areas.

The machines are replacing manual welding and have proven to be a safer, more efficient process that no longer requires welders to work near environments with temperatures between 400 to 500 degrees Fahrenheit, according to welding engineer Charlene Mashiba.

“This machine gives us first-time quality and saves time and resources, unlike manual welding, which often requires two to three

re-weld cycles,” Mashiba said. “It takes four hours to weld a one-foot length of shaft in what would take 12 man-days to do manually.”

Four shops worked together on the welding project: the inside machine shop, the welding shop, the rigging shop, and the equipment maintenance and tool shop along with engineers and the quality assurance office.

“This truly was a team effort, with the engineers working directly with the technicians and mechanics, very hands-on,” said senior welder Stan Kajioka. “The mechanics do the actual welding, and the engineers fine-tune (and) oversee the process and offer suggestions.”

About seven months of preparation were required prior to beginning welding with the machine. The goal is to get one shaft completed per year in 2012 and 2013 and two per year after that to meet priorities in the shipyard, according to Khonsa Phommavong, the shaft refit manager for the inside machine shop.

“The machine shop has never completed ‘start to finish’ shaft work in a year,” Phommavong said. “With ownership and shared vision in mind, all of the obstacles were identified and mitigated in advance. The team is determined to get a win for Pearl.”

My Favorite Photo...

Photo by Allen Unger
Allen Unger took this photo of a turtle at Haleiwa Ali'i Beach Park during a recent outing.



WHO SAID IT?

“When placed in command — take charge.”

Last Week's

WHO SAID IT?

“No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people, in their righteous might, will win through to absolute victory.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt

This Week's Trivia

On Dec. 9, 1941, which submarine made the initial U.S. submarine attack on a Japanese ship?



Last Issue's Question: On Dec. 7, 1941, how many airplanes were on the ground at Hickam Field, the headquarters of the Hawaii Air Force?

Answer: On Dec. 7, 1941, 51 airplanes were on the ground at Hickam, the headquarters of the Hawaii Air Force. A flight of 12 B-17s was expected to arrive that morning.