

Tribute to heroes of Dec. 7, 1941



Col. (ret.) Andrew Kowalski
Hickam Field

"I had to man the commander's telephone to receive the names of all the casualties as they were being called in. I handled the casualties list when we set up a command post in the Aliamanu Crater. Those lists were then transferred to the morgue in preparation for burials."

Ed Vezey
USS Oklahoma

"I was part of the Navy, and the Navy will always be part of me. And part of me will always be here."



Woody Derby
USS Nevada

"I was five decks down on the port side as we came up the channel. They torpedoed us on the port side, and we got flooded out in about 15 minutes. The welds and rivets wrecked, and water came dashing into the magazine."

Al Rodrigues
Bishop's Point

"We should remember what members of my generation did and pass it along to future generations what these brave men and women did to preserve our freedom."



Master Sgt. (Ret.) Kenneth Ford
Hickam Field

"Today, more than 70 years later, I still have nightmares. It stays with you and you never really get over it."

Lou Conter
USS Arizona

"I feel obligated to be here to do our duty and let him go back to his duty station. There are still 12 of us to be called to their duty stations, and we'll go when the old man tells us to go. I'm the youngest at 91, so it's not going to be too long." *(spoken at the interment service for Arizona crew member Radarman 1st Class Wallace F. Quillin)*



Gilbert Meyer
USS Utah

"My good friend, John Reeves Crain, died then. We only knew each other six months, but back then, that was a long time. I was a lucky son-of-a-gun during World War II."

Ray Emory
USS Honolulu

"There hasn't been a day gone by in my life that I haven't thought of Dec. 7, in one way or another, including today."



Window on



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Rays of golden sunlight painted the morning sky as the 71st Pearl Harbor Day ceremony unfolded this year. It brought reflections of a day decades earlier on Dec. 7, 1941—when the U.S. Navy received its worst defeat in history.

The roar of aircraft engines, machine gun fire, explosions, gut-wrenching screams of agony and the cries from Sailors on the Navy's proudest ships, crippled and devastated by the enemy attack, shattered the silence of that long ago Sunday morning.

Those who attended the ceremony probably noticed many sim-

ilarities from commemorations in previous years. A moment of silence was observed at 7:55 a.m., the time marking the moment when the first bombs began falling that morning in 1941.

At each ceremony, there is usually a fly-over in the "missing man" formation of airplanes. Sailors in sharp white dress uniforms man the rails and render honors as a Navy ship passes by the Arizona Memorial. This year, a submarine also rendered honors.

There are always speakers who offer eloquent words about the Dec. 7, 1941 attack and the legacy of the "Greatest Generation."

But this year, as in recent years, one thing was noticeably

different: the declining numbers of Pearl Harbor survivors who were in attendance at the commemoration. There weren't as many of those bright green and white aloha shirts and jaunty Pearl Harbor survivor caps in the audience.

The few remaining heroes of another generation are well into their golden years, and for many of them, a trip to Hawaii is no longer possible. But those who can make the trip are diligent about returning to Pearl Harbor to pay respects to their former shipmates.

It's a visit filled with memories as they see the names engraved on the plaque in the Shrine Room of the memorial.

Remember Pearl Harbor

As they stand at the well on the memorial and look down into the depths of Pearl Harbor, they view the outline of the battleship USS Arizona below the water's surface. Remembering, their tears mingle with the droplets of oil which still seep from the sunken battleship.

There are other points of interest on their journey - such as the rusting hull of the sunken USS Utah off Ford Island and the adjacent Utah Memorial which honors those who still lie entombed.

The Pearl Harbor survivors have carried the poignant memories of the catastrophic event at Pearl Harbor for more than 70 years. They humbly express their gratitude that their lives were spared, along with sadness for the

loss of their shipmates.

For many of these heroes of another generation, their last tribute takes place at Pearl Harbor - as they return to their duty stations and their final resting place with former shipmates.

It is important that we always remember their courage, their commitment and their sacrifices. It is vital that we always remember the attack on Pearl Harbor.

We can only be stronger and more united as a nation by remembering the tragedies and sacrifices of the past and honoring those who gave so much to make our lives better and America stronger.

Have a fine Navy-Air Force day at JBPHH!

Air Force Sergeants Association shows holiday spirit

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

For the second year in a row, the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) supported the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots campaign by hosting a softball tournament Dec. 8 at Hickam Softball Complex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

In addition to donating a gift to warm a child's heart this holiday season, participating players also pitched in with a \$25 entry fee that benefited the Wounded Warriors Softball Team.

Tech. Sgt. Gary Lafon, United States Air Force Pacific Air Forces, along with Staff Sgt. Erin Frederick, 613th Air and Space Operation Center, coordinated this year's charity event, which was also attended by Col. Dann Carlson, deputy commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH); Chief Master Sgt. Karen Reed, JBPHH senior enlisted advisor; AFSA President Master Sgt. Brook Whetsel and his wife; and incoming AFSA President Phyllis Whetsel.

During the ceremonies, Carlson who handed over the first couple of toys to Lance Cpl. Kaulana Pak



Lance Cpl. Kaulana Pak Chong receives the first donations from Col. Dann Carlson, deputy commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, while Tech. Sgt. Gary Lafon looks on. The toys were part of the more than 100 gifts that were donated to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots campaign at the Toys for Tots/Wounded Warriors Softball Tournament that was hosted by the Air Force Sergeants Association.

Chong, said that it was an honor to be part of an event that helped two very worthwhile causes.

"Toys for Tots, it goes without saying," he said. "They're one of the largest Christmas-type campaigns out there and has done a great job. It's fun to be able to partner with them. And if you've

ever seen the Wounded Warriors softball team play, it's phenomenal. I think anyone who's seen them play finds them inspirational. I think that's a great cause."

Sgt. Cesar Martinez, who serves as the Marine Corps Base Hawaii assistant coordinator for Toys for

Tots, offered his thanks for the donations, which amounted to more than 100 toys from the event.

Since its inception in 1947, Martinez said that Toys for Tots has collected and distributed over 416 million toys to more than 195 million children.

"Today, the Marine Corps collects and distributes an average of 16 million toys to an average of seven million children each Christmas, which averages to roughly about two toys per child," he added. "The organization has been able to do this because of the generous individuals like yourselves."

While the base mission of AFSA is to provide a link between Congress and the enlisted force when it comes to quality of life decisions, said Brook Whetsel, the organization also takes part in many community outreach events.

"It's what we do as a service," he said. "It's our way to give back because without the community, we are not as strong as what we can possibly do without that type of support."

Phyllis agreed with her husband and added that it's especially gratifying to lend a helping hand at Christmas.

"With Toys for Tots, I was a sin-

gle parent for a very long time and I've received gifts," she said. "So this means a lot to me because it's not just outside community that you're assisting, it's also the military community as well."

Lafon, who has held a benefit softball tournament throughout his career, said that he is looking forward to organizing another one next year.

Only this time, it will be at Langley Air Force Base.

"I'm going to Langley, Virginia and do the same there," he said. "I'll still put it on for AFSA and make it happen."

For those who have come to expect the holiday tradition, Lafon said not to worry. He will leave the event in the capable hands of Frederick.

While Frederick admits that she would have to fill some very big shoes, she is looking forward to keep the event going strong.

"Losing Gary is going to be losing a big piece of it, but Gary and I are friends and he'll continue to keep in touch," she said. "Seeing all the Marines out here collecting all the donations and the Wounded Warriors softball team, knowing that's the cause of what you're working for, it is really good."

MWR to hold festive holiday seasonal events at JBPHH

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation has scheduled many festive holiday events this season. They include:

Honolulu City Lights trolley tours

The annual Honolulu City Lights trolley tours includes a trolley ride through Honolulu's city streets to see the buildings dressed up for the holiday season. A stop at Honolulu Hale (City Hall) provides a chance to stroll among the exhibits and decorations. Daily departures from Information, Tickets and Travel-Hickam are at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., now through Dec. 23 (no tour Dec. 22). Departures from Bloch Arena are at 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Dec. 14, 16-18, 20-23. The cost is \$15 per person for ages 4 and older, free for children 3 and under. Seating is limited; children 3 years and under must sit on an adult's lap (one child on lap per adult). No large

strollers are allowed (umbrella-type is OK). For more information, call 473-0792 or 448-2295.

5K Jingle Bell Jog

The Hickam Fitness Center will hold a 5K Jingle Bell Jog starting at 8 a.m. Saturday. This free event is open to all eligible base patrons. Prizes will be awarded for fastest reindeer (male and female), cutest elf and best Santa suit. For more information, call 448-2214.

Gourmet Club dinner:

Christmas around the world
On Dec. 18, Tradewinds Enlisted Club (Oahu Room) will celebrate the season with traditional dishes from many lands prepared by Chef Knapp. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The cost is \$45 for members, \$50 for non-members. For more information, call 448-2271, ext. 226.

Christmas party

The Country Bar will hold a no cover Christmas party at 10 p.m.

Dec. 22. There will be free food and giveaways to celebrate the holidays. For more information, call 473-1743.

Free holiday bowling

JBPHH bowling centers will offer free bowling during the holidays. Bowl free from noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 24 at the Hickam Bowling Center, from noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 24 and Jan. 1 at the Naval Station Bowling Center, and from noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 25 at the Escape Bowling Center. For more information, call 448-9959, 473-2574 or 473-2651.

Liberty Christmas holiday brunch

There will be a free Christmas holiday brunch with Liberty at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 25 at all Liberty centers. This activity is for single, active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. For more information, call 473-2583.

Free holiday movies

Sharkey Theater will show free

holiday movies Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 at 4:45 p.m. For more information, call 473-0726.

New Year's Eve bowling party

The Hickam Bowling Center is holding a New Year's Eve bowling party from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31. The cost is \$25 for adults, \$20 for children 12 and under. The bowl package includes all-you-can-bowl, shoe rental and a breakfast buffet at midnight. For more information, call 448-9959.

Happy New Year celebration

The Country Bar will hold a no cover New Year's Eve party starting at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 31. There will be free pupus, party favors and a traditional toast at midnight. For more information, call 473-1743.

New Year's Eve fireworks cruise with Liberty

There will be a free New Year's Eve fireworks cruise with Liberty

on Dec. 31. Departures are from Liberty Express at 8:30 p.m., Beeman Center at 9 p.m., Instant Liberty at 9:15 p.m. and Makai Rec Center at 9:30 p.m. This activity is for single, active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. For more information, call 473-2583.

New Year's Eve all-nighter

The Tradewinds Enlisted Club (Ballroom) will hold its New Year's All-Nighter beginning at 9 p.m. Dec. 31. The club will be decorated in New Year's Eve shimmer, complete with noisemakers and party hats. Four DJs will spin music during the night. The event will include the traditional countdown to the new year. Celebratory food will be available for purchase from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. The cost is \$5 for members and \$15 for non-members. Active-duty Air Force and Navy are welcome if 18 or over; 21 and over for all other authorized guests. For more information, call 448-2271.

Home runs finish off tourney with a blast

Story and photo by
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Sports Editor

The championship round of the Toys for Tots/Wounded Warriors Softball Tournament had the feel of a home run derby instead of a softball game as Team 6 came back from the loser's bracket to take two from Team 2 and walk off with the title.

The tournament was held Dec. 8 at Hickam Softball Complex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and was hosted by the Air Force Sergeants Association to benefit Toys for Tots and the Wounded Warriors Project.

The six participating teams were selected playground style, with captains taking turns at choosing from available players on the field, before the start of the day's double-elimination games.

In the championship meetings, Team 2 needed only one win for the title, but fell into a roadblock when Team 6 began crushing the ball to take back-to-back, mercy-rule victories, 21-9 and 18-8.

Off to a great start with five runs in the top of the first, Team 2 looked like they would ride their undefeated streak to the title.

However, a two-run blast by Army Capt. Chad

Agustine in the bottom of the first seemed to pump up Team 6 before they really began to explode in the very next inning.

Down by two runs going into the bottom of the second, Team 6 leapfrogged into the lead on a grand slam by Army Spc. Marshall Woods, whose Ruthian shot gave his team an 8-5 advantage.

Batting right behind Woods, retired veteran Dwayne Hassell, followed up with another towering homer to put Team 6 up by four.

Then Team 6 put the game away for good in the bottom of the third by batting around the order to plate 12 runs.

The big hit in the inning came off the bat of Hassell, who stroked a three-run double.

The short intermission between games did nothing to cool off the bats of Team 6 – especially Woods, who added two more homers to his total.

In the bottom of the first, Woods tied the score at 2-2 with a two-run shot before Agustine and Air Force Master Sgt. Jeff Miles added solo blasts for a 4-2 lead.

Woods also added a three-run thump in the bottom of the second.

Two innings later, Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael Dochwat led off for Team 6 with a monster bash deep



Army Spc. Marshall Woods finishes off a big swing for a grand slam during the championship game of the Toys for Tots/Wounded Warriors Softball Tournament.

over the fence.

Later in the same inning, Miles hit his second homer to drive in two more runs en route to the 18-8 win and title.

Logistics Specialist 3rd

Class Andrea Gonzales, Team 6 captain, said that without knowing anything about the players, she used a simple formula to fill the team's roster.

"Some guys had their

backpacks on and had their bats in the bag, and I was like, 'Oh, they look like they can play,' she said. "At the beginning I had the list and I came over and said, 'Well, did I choose well?' And they

said you did good."

Tech. Sgt. Gary Lafon, who with the help of Staff Sgt. Erin Frederick, organized the tournament, said that at first the competition was nice and easy, but got heated once the championship round began.

"Once we got down to the double elimination, guys really started digging deep and hard," he said. "Last game we tried to say one game square, but the (eventual) winning team said no. We're going to play two."

Woods, who spearheaded Team 6's powerful batting order, said that he just went up to the plate with one thing on his mind: hit the ball hard.

"Tournaments like this, everybody is trying to have a good time," he pointed out. "Everybody is loose and relaxed. I was just trying to get my pitch and when I got it, I just tried to hit it good. Nothing special. Just see it, hit it and put a good swing on it."

At the end of a long day, Lafon said that the tournament couldn't have gone any better than it did.

Not only did the games raise money for Wounded Warriors and gifts for Toys for Tots, everyone on the field seemed to have a good time.

"Everything was successful," he said. "We tried to prove everyone with something – shirt, hat – to remember the moment."

Undefeated COMPACFLT wins flag football title

Story and photos by
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The Commander, United States Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Boneyard flag football squad completed a season for the ages by coming back to beat Distributed Ground System-5 (DGS-5) Juggernauts, 21-14, on Dec. 10 and win the 2012 Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) intramural flag football championship at Ward Field, JBPHH.

The victory not only secured the title for Boneyard, but also topped off the first undefeated season in intramural flag football since inter-base competition began three years ago.

It also marked the first time that the championship went to a Navy team, with the first two titles won by the 613th Air and Space Operation Center in 2010 and the 561st Network Operation Squadron Det. 1 last year.

"Man, this is great," said COMPACFLT quarterback Operations Specialist 2nd Class Solomon Pulu. "All the hard work we put in to staying undefeated, this feels good."

The showdown pitted the top team from the American Division (Boneyard) going up against the best in the National Division (Juggernauts) and the clash didn't disappoint.

On the second play in the game, Pulu went downfield and connected with Marine Sgt. J.R. Martin, who made a leaping grab in traffic for a 47-yard gain that placed the ball on the Juggernauts' 18.

Three plays later, Pulu scrambled into the end zone from 10 yards out to put COMPACFLT on the scoreboard first.

The point after touchdown (PAT) was good to make it 7-0 in favor of Boneyard.

After falling behind, the Juggernauts took possession of the football and showed why they dominated the National Division with a 12-2 record.

Quarterback Staff Sgt. Justin Calvaruzo moved the chains 10 yards on two plays before hooking up with



Operations Specialist 2nd Class Solomon Pulu, quarterback for Commander, United States Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Boneyard, sticks the nose of the football over the goal line for a touchdown during the 2012 Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) intramural flag football championship game versus the Distributed Ground System-5 (DGS-5) Juggernauts. Pulu led COMPACFLT to a 21-14 win the title and complete and undefeated season.

Airman 1st Class Phillip Vandenberg on a catch-and-run that put the ball deep in COMPACFLT territory at the 16.

On the very next play, Calvaruzo ran an option to Tech. Sgt. Blane Woodard, who took the pitch and ran a tightrope down the left sideline and into the end zone.

The Juggernauts converted their PAT to tie the score at 7-7.

With both teams moving the ball on offense, the first big play on defense was recorded by the Juggernauts, when Senior Airman Syd Bodden picked off a Pulu pass and to set his team up at the Boneyard 10.

Calvaruzo capitalized on the turnover with a short plunge into the end zone for a, with the added extra point, 14-7 advantage that stood up until halftime.

In the second half, the COMPACFLT defense stiffened and forced the Juggernauts to give up the ball on their first drive after the break.

Pulu ran for a first down to



Members of the Commander, United States Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Boneyard intramural flag football championship team pose for a team photo after beating DGS-5. COMPACFLT finished the regular season with a perfect 13-0 record, before winning four more games in the playoffs to end the year at 17-0.

the Juggernauts' 39 and on the next play hit Ensign Gennaro Hawkins with a short pass down the middle of the field.

Seeing open green in front of him, Hawkins broke away from two defenders and took it all the way to the house.

Another successful PAT knotted up the score at 14-14.

Late in the game, with the score still tied, Pulu got the ball into the red zone, but was thwarted from the go-ahead TD when Juggernauts Senior Airman Aaron Gibson

intercepted a pass.

The game appeared headed for overtime as referees called the two-minute warning with the Juggernauts holding the ball at their own 19.

However, instead of running out the clock, Calvaruzo

tried to pick up the first down at the 20, only to have his toss stolen by Martin.

"We know that they were just beating us with the short routes," Martin said. "I was just reading the quarterback's eyes the whole time. I was just in the right place at the right time."

With only 1:46 remaining in the game, Pulu said he thought about just running out the clock and head off into overtime.

However, coming off the high of Martin's pick, Pulu said he decided to go for it.

"That (interception) was big," Pulu acknowledged. "I was going to try and run out the clock, but I knew that we had momentum, so I just kept the ball rolling."

That turned out to be a smart decision, as Pulu, on second and goal-to-goal from the eight, tossed a strike to Electronics Technician 2nd Class Corey Piggee for the game-winning score.

"We have no plays," Pulu said. "I just look for the receiver that's open. So when I saw him all by himself, I was like, you need to catch it."

Calvaruzo, who said that he was still very proud of the Juggernauts' season even in defeat, congratulated COMPACFLT and pointed to the team's adjustment for winning the game.

A failure to punch in one more touchdown before half-time also held huge consequences for DGS-5.

The Juggernauts had the ball at the COMPACFLT two-yard line, but the drive came up short just before the break.

"That was a huge momentum shift," he admitted. "If we had gotten that, given the way our defense played in the second half, that would have given us a comfortable cushion. We couldn't get it, and they got their one touchdown to win the game."

Following the game, Pulu looked back on the team's season of success and said while there are many things to be proud of, he is most happy to wrest the trophy out of the Air Force's hands.

"We're playing on Pearl Harbor," he noted. "So the trophy is going to stay here on Pearl Harbor."

DESRON 31's top chefs battle in new competition

Story and photos by
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Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 31 held an inaugural top chef competition Dec. 6.

Competitors from five ships—USS Chafee (DDG 90), USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), USS Hopper (DDG 70), USS O'Kane (DDG 77) and USS Russell (DDG 59)—entered their culinary creations.

There were special, secret ingredients chefs had to use in their dishes. The ingredients were Thai ginger, bananas and grape jelly. The ships' chefs didn't know what the ingredients would be until they were delivered to their galleys just two hours before the start of the competition.

The array of meals prepared was impressive and creative, including ginger beef and broccoli, teri chicken, garlic mashed potatoes and pineapple skewers. Two different ships entered variations of Monte Cristo sandwiches. Deserts ranged from banana lumpia to banana parfait to sautéed bananas and apple.

The three-judge panel consisted of Capt. Wallace Lovely, deputy



Capt. Wallace Lovely, deputy commodore, DESRON 31; Culinary Specialist 1st Class Lance Ross, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet; and Chef Ernesto Limcaco sample the culinary offerings of contestants in Dec. 6 top chef-style competition.

commodore of DESRON 31; Culinary Specialist 1st Class Lance Ross, assigned to Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Chef Ernesto Limcaco, Y. Hata & Co.

The judges tried each of the many dishes and chatted with the

contestants. Limcaco shared his years of experience and offered helpful advice to the chefs.

After much discussion and deliberation, the judges made their decision. The winner was Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Steven Lindlar from O'Kane. His meal consisted of



Culinar Specialist 3rd Class Steven Lindlar, USS O'Kane (DDG 77) congratulates his shipmates after he is named winner of DESRON 31's cooking competition.

sweet and sour pork with grape jelly and ginger, ginger rice, asparagus and ginger, and peanut butter and banana cake.

"I'm very excited," said Lindlar. "It was a lot of work, but I had good people helping."

The secret ingredients didn't intimidate Lindlar.

"I just looked at the ingredients and what we had in the galley and put two and two together," he said. "And I've always been good at sweet and sour pork."

As winner, Lindlar received a chef's knife, a trophy and two weeks being taught by Chef Limcaco.

The competition was the brainchild of Lovely.

"I always like to visit the galleys of ships," he said. "Each ship is so proud of the food they serve, and we wanted to bring out and recognize their talented culinary specialists."

As for the secret ingredients, they were chosen using very low-tech, old-fashioned methods.

"We wrote down different ingredients on pieces of paper and pulled them from a hat," said Lovely.

Limcaco said he was impressed by all of the contestants.

"In my book, all of them were winners," he said. "There is some awesome food in the U.S. Navy."

While this was the first "top chef" competition at DESRON 31, it probably won't be the last.

"We're looking at making this a quarterly event," Lovely said.

Navy Region Hawaii hosts first TweetChat to remember Pearl Harbor Day

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Navy Region Hawaii (@NavRegHawaii) held its first TweetChat to commemorate the 71st Pearl Harbor Day Anniversary on Dec. 7.

The TweetChat kicked off at 7:30 a.m. uniting people all over the world to discuss topics on lessons learned on Pearl Harbor Day, remembering our heroes and those lost, and what was most inspiring.

More than 130 tweets have been generated by chat participants using #PHDay2012 as the hashtag to follow along. Chat participants included @USPacificFleet, @usairforce, @usaghawaii, @PacificCommand, @PacificNPS and @SurfaceWarriors, to name a few.

As people remembered the Dec 7 attacks on Pearl Harbor, photos, articles, blog posts, video footage and personal messages were tweeted and retweeted throughout the day.

@JoshJJG tweets: "God bless all of our troops past and present #PearlHarbor #PHDay2012

@byzozgal tweets: "Take a moment to honor those who died and who were injured 71 years ago today at Pearl Harbor. #PHDay2012

@CDDensler retweets @USPacificFleet: "They are our national treasures pic... #PHDay2012 #NeverForget

@jennings_21 retweets @usairforce: "December 7, 1941 - a date which continues to live in infamy..#PHDay2012 #Airmen #Soldiers #Sailors #Marines

With several tweets hashtagging #PHDay2012, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) and Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam (JBPHH) Public Affairs monitored and tracked tweets through Hootsuite, a social media management dashboard and TweetChat.com, a site to automatically track a hashtag status.

In addition to our Twitter site, other social media platforms sky-rocketed in numbers during Pearl Harbor Day based on analytics reports. With 2,561 people reached during the week of Nov. 30 to Dec. 6, a total of 22,756 people were reached during the week of Dec. 7 gaining a 756.45 percent weekly increase for

CNRH Facebook.

This includes event photo posts, stories, video clips, comments, links and status updates. In a matter of hours, fans actively engaged in social media by sharing and liking the posts. The most popular post was the 71st Anniversary Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration photo album which reached 1,586 Facebook users and went viral 81.78 percent.

JBPHH Facebook's numbers also gained a 149.03 percent weekly increase reaching 27,460 Facebook users during the week of Dec. 7. The most popular post was the Hickam Remembrance Ceremony photo album which reached 1,655 Facebook users with a virality of 10.03 percent.

For additional Dec. 7 coverage, visit the following social media sites:

CNRH Facebook – www.facebook.com/NavyRegionHawaii

CNRH Flickr – www.flickr.com/photos/NavyRegionHawaii

JBPHH Facebook – www.facebook.com/JointBasePearlHarborHickam

Vimeo – <http://vimeo.com/user6381248/videos>

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❄️ ICE PALACE WITH LIBERTY

Visit Hawaii's only ice-skating rink with Liberty today. Departures are from Liberty Express at 5 p.m. Beeman Center at 5:30 p.m., Instant Liberty at 5:45 p.m. and Makai Recreation Center at 6 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. This activity is for single, active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

❄️ 2013 PRO BOWL TICKETS, GIVEAWAY

Club Pearl will be giving away tickets to the 2013 Pro Bowl tonight. Entry tickets will be handed out. The drawing begins at 9 p.m. Participants must be present to win. FMI: 473-1743.

❄️ OAHU HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

There will be tours of Oahu from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursdays through Dec. 27. The tour features major sights of Oahu, including Hanauma Bay, Pali Lookout, and Punchbowl Cemetery. The cost is \$45 for adults, \$40 for children, and free for children 2 and under who sit on an adult's lap. Lunch is included. Departures are from Information, Tickets and Travel-Hickam office. FMI: 448-2295.

❄️ HICKAM HISTORICAL TOUR

A historical tour of the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Fridays through Dec. 28. The cost is \$55 for adults and \$45 for children ages 3 to 11 years old, and free for children 2 years and younger. Departures are from ITT-Hickam and Royal Alaka'i Lodge. FMI: 448-2295.

❄️ FREE JUNIOR GOLF CLINIC

The Mamala Bay Golf Course is hosting a free junior golf clinic at 9 a.m. Dec. 22. FMI: 449-2300.

❄️ AROUND THE ISLAND TOUR

The Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store is offering an around the island tour at 10 a.m. Dec. 22. The tour will visit hidden parts of Oahu including hiking locations, beaches and more. The trip concludes with a beach swim. The cost is \$20 per person, and the registration deadline is \$20. FMI: 473-1198.

❄️ FLOAT DAY OBSTACLE COURSE

There will be a float day obstacle course from noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 22 at Hickam Pool 2. This is a free event. Participants must be able to pass swim test to use obstacle course. FMI: 448-2223.

❄️ FAMILY FUN: HIKE AIEA LOOP

The Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store will host a hike around the Aiea loop trail at 10 a.m. Dec. 26. Water, sun block and snacks are recommended for this hike. The cost is \$10 per person, and the registration deadline is Dec. 20. FMI: 473-1198.

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

Community Calendar

❄️ December

❄️ 14, 15, 16 ~ Free, 30-minute Pearl Harbor holiday lights tours will be held from 6:15 to 8 p.m., departing every 15 minutes from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. For reservations, email holidayharborlightstour@gmail.com. Donations of nonperishable and canned goods will be accepted for local charities. Seats are limited and tickets will be distributed on a first come, first-served basis beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the day of the tour at the visitor center. FMI: 422-3399.

❄️ 15 ~ The annual Breakfast with Santa event will be held starting at 8 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange food court lanai. The event for authorized patrons will also include young magicians, balloon art, and holiday arts and crafts. The cost of a child's ticket is \$12, and an adult ticket is \$5. FMI: 423-3287.

❄️ 15 ~ Santa will be arriving on jet ski from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the shores of Bellows Air Force Station. Participants can bring their cameras for a photo with Santa. The event will take place behind pavilion A on the beach. FMI: 259-4112.

❄️ 16-19 ~ The games of the upcoming Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) Basketball Classic will be played at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's Bloch Arena. Admission to the games is free. The games are: Dec. 16, 2 p.m., HPU versus Menlo College; Dec. 17, 7 p.m., Menlo College versus Upper Iowa; Dec. 19, 2 p.m., HPU versus Upper Iowa. FMI: www.goseawarriors.com.

❄️ 25 ~ A Christmas meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hale Aina dining facility at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The cost of the entrees will be ala carte plus an operational surcharge. The meal is open to all eligible patrons: active duty members, retirees and immediate family members. FMI: Tech Sgt. James Chatman at 448-0680.

❄️ January

❄️ 1 ~ The City & County of Honolulu will conduct the monthly statewide outdoor warning siren test at 11:45 a.m. The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam "Giant Voice" works in conjunction with Honolulu's outdoor warning sirens and will sound a steady tone for 45 seconds.

❄️ 10 ~ The Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team (WWAST) will take on the Navy Commanders, a team comprised of commanders, commodores and commanding officers from units throughout Navy Region Hawaii. The game will be played on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam at Millican Field. The WWAST is comprised of competitive, athletic veterans and active duty servicemembers who have lost limbs while serving their country. The event is open to anyone with base access. Bleacher seating at the field is limited, but lawn chairs and picnic blankets are welcome. FMI: 473-0911.

Movie Showtimes



Wreck It Ralph *(3-D) (PG)

For decades, Ralph has been overshadowed by Fix-It Felix, Jr., the good-guy star of their game who always gets to save the day. Tired of playing the role of the bad guy, Ralph takes matters into his own hands and sets off on a journey across the arcade through multiple generations of video games to prove he can be a hero. On his quest, Ralph meets tough-as-nails Sergeant Calhoun from the first-person action game Hero's Duty, and feisty misfit Vanellope von Schweetz from the candy-coated cart racing game, Sugar Rush, who may just be his first real friend. But everything changes when a deadly enemy is unleashed, threatening the entire arcade and Vanellope herself. Ralph finally gets his chance to save the day-but can he do it in time?

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY
7:00 PM Alex Cross (PG 13)

SATURDAY
2:30 PM Here Comes the Boom (PG)
4:45 PM Lincoln (PG 13)
7:00 PM Sinister (R)

SUNDAY
2:30 PM Wreck It Ralph *(3-D) (PG)
4:45 PM Fun Size (PG 13)
7:00 PM Silent Hill Revelation *(3-D) (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY
6:00 PM Fun Size (PG13)

SATURDAY
4:00 PM Muppets (PG)
7:00 PM Paranormal Activity 4 (R)

SUNDAY
2:00 PM Fun Size (PG13)

*\$1 for 3-D Glasses Rental

Navy judge advocate is first military attorney to receive national award

Region Legal Service Office, Hawaii

A Navy judge advocate is the first military attorney to receive the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) Award, according to information provided by the Region Legal Service Office (RLSO), Hawaii.

Lt. Cmdr. James Toohey, senior trial counsel at the RLSO Hawaii, received the honor for his work on two high visibility child abuse cases (a child homicide case and a child sex abuse and child porn production/distribution case).

The NDAA recognizes excellence in advocacy and prosecution by federal prosecutors nationwide. This is the first time the association recognized a military judge advocate.

The NDAA awarded Toohey for his outstanding trial advocacy, diplomacy and tireless dedication to seek justice for abused children and relief for their families. His efforts in two complex child abuse cases impressed the association to recognize his excellence in trial advocacy and prosecutorial talent.

"It is an honor to be recognized by the National District



Photo courtesy of Region Legal Services Office, Hawaii

(Left to right) Suzanna Tiapula, Lt. Cmdr. James Toohey, and Capt. Albert Janin chat off stage after the awards presentation.

Attorneys Association for my work on these cases, but these achievements were possible only because of the collective efforts of dedicated and hard-working individuals too numerous to mention. Pursuing justice on behalf of child victims is one of the most difficult yet rewarding areas of our practice and I feel privileged to be entrusted with this responsibility," Toohey said.

The NDAA's National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse (NCPCA) hosted their annual conference titled, "Investigation and Prosecution of Child Physical Abuse and Fatalities" in Honolulu, Hawaii the week of Nov. 26.

Suzanna Tiapula, director of NCPCA, presented the award to Toohey as part of the closing ceremony of the conference Nov. 30.

On stage with her was Capt. Albert Janin, commanding officer of Region Legal Service Office Hawaii, and Erin Runnion, the mother of Samantha Runnion who was kidnapped, raped and murdered in July 2002 in California. Her death triggered legislation for California's Amber Alert. Today, Runnion runs a foundation in her daughter's honor and lectures on the importance of remaining vigilant in cases involving violence against children.

Tiapula said she was impressed by the military and pleased that RLSO Hawaii was taking child abuse cases. She also expressed gratitude for Toohey's dedication and work in the military on tough cases.

"It is an absolute privilege to serve with Lt. Cmdr Jim Toohey. His superb performance of duty in U.S. vs. McVeigh, U.S. vs. Delgado and in his everyday due diligence sets the standard," Janin said.

U.S. vs. McVeigh was a complex infant homicide case. After an eight-day court-martial, the accused was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter and battery. He was sentenced to 12

years confinement and a dishonorable discharge.

U.S. vs. Delgado involved a child molestation, child pornography production and distribution case involving a father and his eight-year-old biological daughter. The case triggered international and Navy-wide law enforcement interest and identified a young victim previously unknown to National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). The defendant was sentenced to 75 years confinement and a dishonorable discharge from the Navy. His plea deal capped his confinement to 44 years and required his cooperation with law enforcement for two years from the date of the sentence in any inquiry related to child sexual exploitation.

"I am grateful to the JAG and our corps' military justice experts who created a career track for our highly motivated and talented litigators. Lt. Cmdr. Toohey epitomizes the pursuit of excellence and is a true servant of justice. I'm proud and pleased that he earned this prestigious National District Attorneys Association Award," Janin said.

December will feature a variety of holiday activities at local military communities

Forest City has registered with Toys for Tots to participate in the annual toy drive. Unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the Pearl City Peninsula and Camp Stover community centers Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today or at the Moanalua

Community Center during business hours through Dec. 21.

Moanalua Terrace is holding its first annual creative ornament contest through Dec. 21. There are two age divisions: 4-9 and 10-15. Ornaments can be dropped off during business

hours at Moanalua Community Center. Two winners will receive a prize, one in each age group.

Halsey Terrace Community Center will host a cookie-decorating contest from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 17. Residents will be decorating sugar cook-

ies. Materials will be provided. Winner will be named in two categories, most decorative and most creative.

Halsey Terrace Community Center will host a keiki matinee from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 18. Parents may sign in and drop off their children from

2:15 p.m. and pick up no later than 4:30 p.m. Free snacks will be served.

The Moanalua Community Center will offer free holiday gift-wrapping from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 17-21. Santa's helpers will wrap up to 10 gifts per family during the week.

JBP HH chapels announce holiday events

Events at the chapels at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to celebrate Christmas and the New Year will include:

Catholic services

• Dec. 24 — Catholic choir Christmas concert at 4:15 p.m., (Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel).

• Dec. 24 — Family Mass at 5 p.m. (choirs — Christmas hymn at 4:15 p.m. (Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel).

• Dec. 24 — Children's Christmas Mass/program at 5 p.m. (Hickam Chapel Center).

• Dec. 25 — Midnight Mass (Hickam Chapel Center).

• Dec. 25 — Christmas Day Mass at 9 a.m. (Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel).

• Dec. 25 — Christmas Day Mass at 10:30 a.m. (Hickam Chapel Center).

• Dec. 31 — New Year's Eve Mass at 5 p.m. (Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel).

• Jan. 1 — New Year's

Day Mass at 9 a.m. (Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel).

• Jan. 1 — New Year's Day Mass at 10:30 a.m. (Hickam Chapel Center).

Protestant services

• Dec. 23 — General Protestant children's Christmas program at 6 p.m. (Hickam Chapel Center).

• Dec. 24 — General Protestant Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7 p.m. (Hickam Chapel Center).

• Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve worship service at 7 p.m. (Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel).

• Dec. 31 — Watch night service at 9 a.m. (Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, - 3950 Pain Circle, Honolulu).

Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel regular schedule of services is daily Mass Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m., Saturday Mass at 5 p.m., Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. and Sunday Protestant worship service at 11 a.m.

Navy Hale Keiki honor survivors

Students from Navy Hale Keiki School's Young Patriots Club were invited to participate in the 71st anniversary Pearl Harbor Day commemoration services on Dec. 7 at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. They talked with survivors, escorted survivors to place a wreath and sang a song in memory of those lost.

Photo by Brister Thomas



Registration has begun for Seabee Run

Registration has begun for the Seabee Run, which will be held at 7 a.m. Feb. 9 at Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Registration closes on Feb. 4. Participants will receive a T-shirt. Awards will be given for the top three male and female runners in each division of the 5K and 10K races.

The best couple's run

time will receive an award. Registration fees range from \$20 to \$40 for the 5K, 10K and couple's runs. The fee is \$10 for the children's run.

Register online at www.active.com.

For more information, contact Lt. j.g. Chris Hoggan at christopher.hoggan@navy.mil or call 449-3105.

ASBP blood drive schedule updated

Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has updated its schedule of upcoming blood drives as part of the Armed Services Blood Donor Program (ASBP).

Dec. 17 and 19, 7 a.m. to noon, 3rd Radio Battalion, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Dec. 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., oceanside lobby entrance, Tripler Army Medical Center.

Jan. 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fort Shafter USARPAC, 263 Montgomery Road.

For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil. Check www.militaryblood.dod.mil for the latest information.

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Last Week's Trivia

When was the 15th Pursuit Group (Fighter), forerunner to the 15th Airlift Wing, activated and where?

Answer: The group was activated on Dec. 1, 1940 at the former Wheeler Field, Territory of Hawaii.