

SAILORS, VOLUNTEERS CLEAN UP BIKE PATH

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AIEA, Hawaii – In observance of Earth Day, Sailors, families and friends volunteered April 21 to help clean up a 13.5-mile bike path that runs along Pearl Harbor's historic waterfront.

The cleanup is an annual environmental project and one of the Navy's many community relations and service projects.

"A lot of military members use the bike path for running and biking," said Air Traffic Controller 1st Class Ngai Benson. "They noticed how dirty it was and how much trash was

on the sides. So we put together a team comprised of Pearl Harbor military members."

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Paul Mobley, one of the volunteers for the cleanup, talked about the importance of cleaning up the bike path.

"It's important for the Sailors to show the community that we're trying to help the solution of picking up trash and pollution," Mobley said. "We're here just to help beautify it and make sure all the pollution is not washing down into the harbor and into the ocean."

The Navy has been involved in a number of environmental efforts ashore and at sea to assist in this year's observance of Earth Day.

Last-minute goal helps NCTAMSPAC beat Lake Erie

Story and photo by
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A breakaway goal with under two minutes remaining in the game by Army Spc. Luis Avila helped Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMSPAC) overtake and defeat USS Lake Erie (GC 70), 2-1, April 21 in a Blue Division intramural soccer matchup at Earhart Field, Joint

Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Avila, who scored earlier in the game to tie the score at 1-1, took a pass and led a breakaway to the Lake Erie goal, before sideswiping a shot past the goalkeeper and into the net for the game-winning shot.

The win helped NCTAMSPAC catch Lake Erie in the standings, with both teams holding identical 3-2-2 records.

"I had to be confident. The pressure was on," said Avila about his game-win-

ner. "I'm like, 'Come on, just score this and it's over. The game is on you. You just got to push it off on the last second, give it all you got.'

"This is great. We break up the tie, we were like 2-2-2, so we get another victory and now we're up."

While Avila and his teammates celebrated on the sideline, a dejected Interior Communications Electrician 3rd Class J.J. Perez, striker for Lake Erie, said that this was just one of those games that got away.

Although Lake Erie spent the majority of the game in NCTAMSPAC territory, the team just couldn't seem to find the mark when it needed it.

"We took our heads out of the game and beat ourselves," Perez said. "We had some mistakes that cost us two goals. I think more of it just comes from us not being aware of what we're doing. We're looking for someone to kick it to the goal, instead of looking to set it up."

At first, it seemed like Lake Erie entered the game with the stronger attack, after the team scored on its second possession.

On just their second kick on goal, Lake Erie took a 1-0 lead when Perez broke away from the pack and rambled all the way down to the left corner of the goal, where he booted it into the net.

"I saw that their defense was playing more the position vice playing the man, and I took advantage of it,"

said Perez about the team's only score of the game. "Somebody passed the perfect ball through and they just got beat."

However, moments after the Perez shot, Avila found himself at the right place at the right time and hooked in a perfect shot for the tie.

"One of our guys actually missed the kick," Avila explained. "Nobody responded to the ball, so I just came in, attacked the ball, the keeper hesitated, and that's how I ended up scoring. I was just hoping it goes between his legs. It did, so I was like, 'Yes!'"

Following NCTAMSPAC's first goal, the game remained in the deadlock until Avila came up with the second score of the day to wrap up the win.

For Perez, the Lake Erie defeat represents the way things have gone for the team since the beginning of the season.

Still, with a lot of games remaining on the schedule, Perez said that he believes that Lake Erie will turn things around.

"I think our biggest issue is we psych ourselves out," he said. "We get ahead and we coast. We have the caliber and skills to be the best team out here. We'll make some changes, and then it will be easy money. We'll make a good run in the playoffs."

As for NCTAMSPAC, Avila said that he hopes the gutsy win over Lake Erie will be an omen for good things to come.

"This will give us a stronger finish because it gives us confidence," Avila noted. "The last couple of games, we were just tired and couldn't win. Here, we kept it cool. We told ourselves that we got to finish strong and we finished strong."



Army Spc. Luis Avila of Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMSPAC) breaks ahead of the pack before booting in the game-winning goal with under two minutes on the clock.

NIOC hurler superb in tossing 8-0 shutout

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Master Sgt. P.J. Nichols threw a complete-game shutout April 23 to propel Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) to their fifth win in a row by beating 647th Civil Engineers Squadron (647 CES), 8-0, in an intramural softball White Division game at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

With the victory, NIOC, the base runner-up last year, maintained their hold on first place with a 5-0 record, while the 647 CES saw their mark dip under .500 at 2-3.

In tossing the seven-inning gem, Nichols faced only one batter above the minimum in the third, fourth and fifth innings, before allowing two base hits in the sixth and seventh, but with no damage to preserve the win.

Nichols, who is going through his first season as a pitcher, said that the windy conditions at the park helped his cause, but it was his teammates who really came to his aid.

"I was trying to hit spots - inside and outside," he said. "But the secret was that I had a good team backing me up. It was all them and wasn't me. I was just trying to get it over the plate, and they were all catching them."

With Nichols holding down the CES, NIOC hitters took awhile to come around, but finally got things going with a big hit in the bottom of the second inning.

Tied at 0-0, Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Zac Metz led off the inning by driving a pitch up the middle of the field. The ball screeched past the CES fielders all the way to the center-field fence.

Metz, a first-year player for NIOC, got on the horse



Master Sgt. P.J. Nichols, pitcher for Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC), releases a pitch during the team's intramural softball White Division game against the 647th Civil Engineers Squadron (647 CES).

and touched them all for an inside-the-park home run and a one-run lead.

"I was just trying to hit the ball hard," Metz said. "I saw a hole and got lucky, I guess. The ball rolled to the fence and that's a run."

Then in the bottom of the third inning, Nichols helped his own cause when he stepped up to the plate, with a runner on second, and slapped a base hit to drive in the team's second run of the game.

The teams traded zeroes

in the top and bottom halves of the fourth and fifth, before Nichols put out the fire in the top of the sixth after a CES runner reached third base.

Following the close call, NIOC hitters immediately went to work in the bottom of the frame with Staff Sgt. Luis Torres grinding out a double, before being driven home on a single by Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 2nd Class Bryan Butz.

A force out at first on a

grounder hit by Metz moved Butz to third, from where he scored the team's fourth run of the game on a sacrifice fly from Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Daniel Cerda.

Then with the bases cleared and two outs, NIOC hitters broke the game wide open by banging out five straight singles to post four more runs in a six-run explosion that sealed the game.

Among the five hits was

another RBI single by Nichols and a two-run hit by Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 3rd Class Jarrett Bennett.

"That was really nice," said Nichols about the additional cushion going into the final inning. "We had some breathing room, so that was good."

After walking off Millican Field with the win, both Nichols and Metz said that while the game was tight, the team is right where it needs to be to make another

run for the base championship.

Although neither Nichols nor Metz was on the squad last year, the pain of falling short in the championship game seemed to have rubbed off onto the new additions.

"I've heard lots of stories about losing in the championship game last year," Metz said. "So I fully expect to be there playing for this year's championship. Hopefully, it will turn out differently this year."

Ten-run first inning steers 747 CS to upset win

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The 747th Communications Squadron (747 CS) scored 10 runs in their first at-bat April 24, and then hung on to defeat the 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (647 LRS) April 24 in a slugfest, 17-11, during a matchup of Gold Division squads at Hickam Softball Complex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

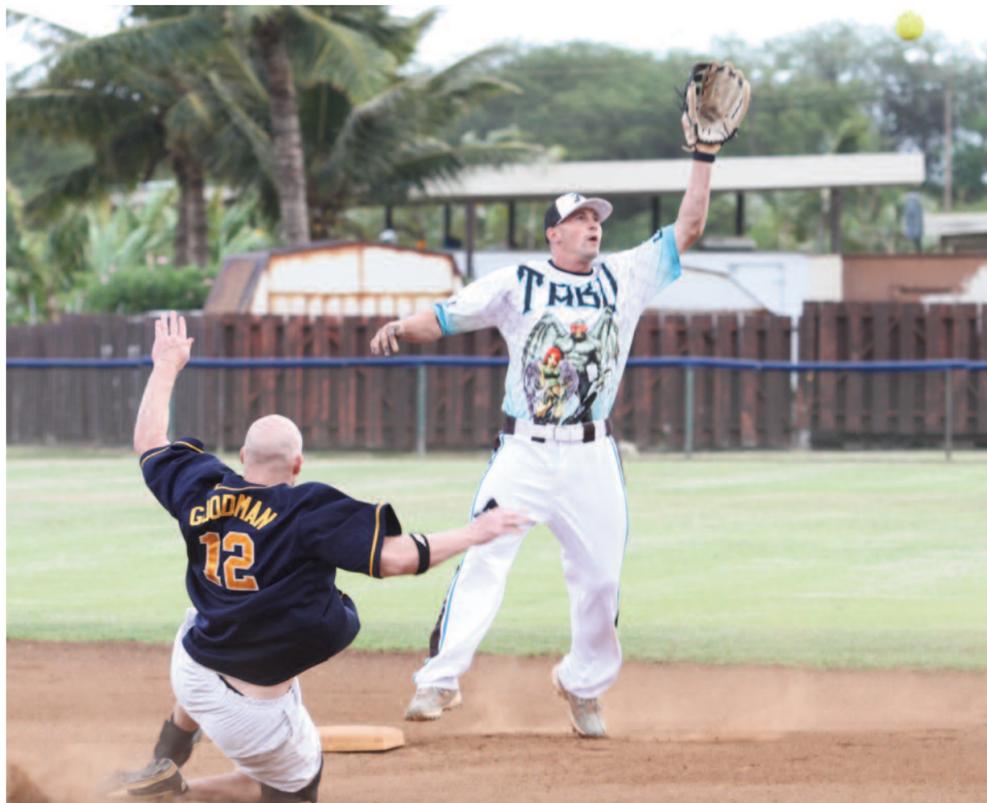
Aided by five errors from the LRS infield, the CS added five hits, two from leadoff hitter Staff Sgt. James Goodman, to bat around the order and gain the huge 10-run advantage.

Remarkably, nine of the team's early 10 runs came after Goodman scored the first run on a two-out grounder.

The LRS, which entered the game as one of the top teams in the Gold Division, dropped their second game of the season against three victories.

Meanwhile, the struggling CS may have saved and rejuvenated their season by improving their record to 2-3 after their upset victory.

"We definitely had our reservations coming into this game," said CS pitcher Master Sgt. Mark Mitchell, who admitted that the team had its back up against the wall. "They (LRS) got some good ballplayers on their team. We saw them play last week, and they put on a good show. We knew we had our hands full, so we just came out and did what we did at practice, get some



Staff Sgt. James Goodman of the 747th Communications Squadron (747 CS) slides into second base as 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (647 LRS) shortstop Tech. Sgt. Chris Sage prepares to receive the toss during a Gold Division intramural softball game.

base hits and focused on making good plays."

Uncharacteristically for the LRS, blunders on field in the first inning added to the damage that was done by the CS.

The usually slick-fielding shortstop Tech. Sgt. Chris Sage, an all-star-caliber player, committed four of the 647's five first-inning errors on errant throws.

He explained that once

the fielding mishaps started, things just seemed to get out of control.

"It wasn't throws that I shouldn't have made, but they were just bad throws and guys not being able to field the ball when I threw it," Sage said. "And then everybody started throwing the ball (away). It was like a snowball fight in the middle of the infield."

Still, battling back from a

huge hole, the LRS slowly dug their way out to make a game out of what could have easily been a blowout.

The LRS, led by the bat of Sage, who clubbed two ground-rule doubles, scored three runs in the bottom half of the first and, after pitcher Master Sgt. Tony Karpenko set the CS hitters down in order in the top of the second, added six more tallies to pull to within a run

at 10-9.

On the verge of losing their once seemingly insurmountable lead, the CS retook control of the game by scoring five times in the top half of the third.

While the LRS responded with two runs in their turn at-bat, the team hit a major roadblock in the form of Mitchell, who was masterful in his final innings on the mound.

With the LRS hot on his heels, Mitchell stepped up his performance and closed out the game with four shutout innings by retiring the final 12 batters he faced in a row.

"The strike zone was really small, so I had to be really accurate with my pitches," Mitchell said. "I noticed that they (LRS) were taking the outside pitches, so I tried to cram them on the inside, and that would cause them to pop up every time."

Although the LRS erased the 747's early lead, Mitchell said that it did nothing to take away his team's focus.

"I knew that it was a close game, but we don't think about that stuff," he admitted. "We just go out there and play ball just as if it's 0-0 every inning."

Sage said that the fight to come back might have taken the wind out of the players' sails in the later innings.

Still, the LRS shortstop said that while the loss is disappointing, he knows that the team will bounce back.

"This team has a good attitude," Sage acknowledged. "We know we can win, we know we're a good team, and we're just going to fight back. We put stuff like this behind us and keep on pressing. I definitely think we can win a championship with this team."

Mitchell was equally confident about the CS and said that he feels the team might have turned the corner with its win over the LRS.

"I think we're definitely in the top three," he said. "As long as we have everybody continue to come out and make good plays, we should be able to stick up there."

PMRF opens fitness and skateboard park



(From left) Paul Banasihan, Capt. Nicholas Mongillo, commanding officer of Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Stephen Taylor, and Erick Greffrath cut the ribbon April 19 to the newly installed fitness equipment in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Fitness and Skateboard Park at PMRF.

U.S. Navy photos by MCI(AW) Jay C. Pugh



Roslynn Samio (left) pedals with Alyssa Rodriguez on the newly installed fitness equipment at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Fitness and Skateboard Park at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF). The equipment was officially dedicated April 19 during a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Armed Services Blood Program to hold upcoming drives

Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has scheduled upcoming blood drives as part of the Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP):

- 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., April 30, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Makalapa Naval Health Clinic.

- 6 to 9 a.m., May 2, University of Hawaii Air Force, 1460 Lower Campus Road, Honolulu.

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 3, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station (NCTAMS) gym, 500 Center St., Wahiawa.

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 7, Marine Corps Base Hawaii chapel, Kaneohe.

- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 8, Schofield Barracks Tropics.

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 9, Fort Shafter 205th.

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 10, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Personnel Support Detachment, Moanalua Center.

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 14, Naval Submarine Support Command (NSSC), 822 Clark St., Ste. 400, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 15, Schofield Barracks 65th Engineers.

- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 16, Schofield Barracks Main Exchange.

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 22, SPAWAR Hawaii, Victor Wharf Access Road, building 992, Pearl City.

- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 23, Hickam Exchange, building 1235, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 29, Joint Intelligence Operations Center (JIOC) building, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 30, Tripler Army Medical Center Exchange.

For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil

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Brian P. Smith

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Then you can contact your provider and make your appointment.

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii has limited services available today

Susan Schultz

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

Due to all Naval Health Clinic Hawaii staff participating in mandatory semi-annual training, limited health care services will be available April 27.

Beneficiaries are asked to take this into consideration when scheduling health care. All routine care should be planned prior to or after April 27.

For Makalapa Clinic, there will be limited health care operations. Services available are laboratory, pharmacy and radiology. All other services are closed.

For Kaneohe Bay, Camp Smith and Wahiawa clinics,

all health care operations are closed. Makalapa Clinic will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 28 and from 8 a.m. to noon April 29 for acute care needs. Kaneohe Bay, Camp Smith and Wahiawa clinics will open April 30 at their regular hours of operation. For NHCH hours of operation, visit the website at <http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhch>.

To speak to a medical care provider anytime the clinics are closed, call the "Provider After-Hours Advice Line" at 473-0247, ext. 3. For emergencies, go to Tripler Army Medical Center, dial 911, or go to the nearest emergency department.

Boutiki donations benefit community



U.S. Navy photo by Jazmin Williams

Capt. Lawrence Scruggs (right), chief staff officer for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, presents a donation check to Col. Paul Field (left), head of Navy junior ROTC at Radford High School. The presentation was made during the annual Boutiki check ceremony April 18. This year Boutiki donated \$40,000 in cash and \$3,600 in in-kind gifts, such as gift baskets for spouses' groups. Monetary donations were also given to 42 non-profit organizations with military affiliations. Boutiki has donated \$805,000 since 1973, according to Julie Smith, Boutiki chairwoman.

WHO SAID IT?

"Independence is happiness."

Last Week's

WHO SAID IT?

"Because a thing seems difficult for you, do not think it impossible for anyone to accomplish."

Marcus Aurelius



This Week's Trivia

When did Gov. James Barbour of Virginia issue a general order to the brigadier generals of the state militia establishment, calling them into service against the British?

Last Issue's Question: Edward Michael was an Army Air Force aircraft mechanic strafed at Wheeler Field on Dec. 7, 1941. In 1944, Lt. Michael was a B-17 pilot flying missions in Europe. What happened to Michael on April 11, 1944? **Answer:** Enemy fighters riddled his plane with shells. Fire filled the bomb bay, but the emergency release did not work. Michael belly-landed the B-17, saving the lives of his fellow crewmembers.

MY FAVORITE PHOTO



Navy Lt. Cmdr. Allen Unger took this photo a few weekends ago of a sea turtle at Kahe Point (Electric Beach) at Nanakuli in West Oahu. Unger works at Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor.

PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM Manawa Nanea LEISURE

Morale Welfare & Recreation

ADVANCE SCREENING: "BATTLESHIP"
 Universal Pictures and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) will host a free advance screening of the movie "BattleShip" at 6 p.m. Saturday at Sharkey Theater. The ticket booth will open at 4 p.m. to distribute 400 tickets on a first-come first-served basis. Active duty members in uniform, their families and all authorized patrons are welcome. Military uniform is service dress whites for Navy E6 and below, summer whites for Navy E7 and above, and the short-sleeved equivalent for all other services and ranks. The advance screening is being held in conjunction with Universal Pictures' promotion of the movie which was filmed in part at JBPHH. BattleShip opens nationwide on May 18. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

MOVIE NIGHT
 A Month of the Military Child free movie night will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Hickam Teen Center. A new release film will be shown and there will be refreshments. FMI: 448-0418.

SPRING CRAFT FAIR AND FAMILY FUN
 The spring craft fair and family fun day will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 5 at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center lawn. Vendors will sell original, handmade art, jewelry and crafts. The event will also feature food booths, live entertainment, horse rides, youth activities and giveaways. Admission is free. FMI: 448-9907.

FATHER-DAUGHTER DINNER DANCE
 A father-daughter dinner dance will be held from 4 to 7:30 p.m. May 5 at the Hickam Officers' Club lanai. The cost is \$15 for each father/daughter pair and \$5 per additional daughter. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 474-1999, ext. 0.

GABRIEL IGLESIAS COMEDY SHOW
 Stand-up comedian Gabriel Iglesias, also known as the "fluffy" comic in a Hawaiian shirt, will perform a free show May 10 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Gates open at 5 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Blanket and chair seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. No pets, bottles or outside food are allowed. The show is recommended for audiences ages 16 years and older. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

SUPER GARAGE SALE
 A super garage sale will be held from 8 a.m. to noon May 12 at Richardson Field at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. FMI: 473-0792.

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

Community Calendar

April

27 - The U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command will host an arrival ceremony at 9 a.m. in hangar 35 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to honor fallen U.S. personnel whose identities remain unknown. This event is open to the public. FMI: 448-1937 or visit the webpage at www.jpac.pacom.mil.

28 - Turn in your unused or expired medications for safe, anonymous disposal from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the National Take Back Initiative at Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) main lobby, 4725 Bougainville Drive and also at Schofield Barracks Exchange and Marine Corps Exchange Kaneohe Bay. FMI: www.dea.gov or 541-1930.

28 - "Paws and Patriots," a free military appreciation event, will be held beginning at 3 p.m. at Hawaiian Humane Society, 2700 Waialae Ave., Honolulu. FMI: 946-2187.

30 - Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has scheduled an upcoming blood drive from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Makalapa Naval Health Clinic. FMI: 433-6699 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil.

May

1 - The City & County of Honolulu will be conducting 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.

1 - The Junior Officer (JO) Spouse Workshop Committee will host an event titled "Let's Talk" from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lockwood Hall at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam. All spouses of Navy and Coast Guard officers pay grade O-1 to O-4 and chief warrant officer (CWO-1 to 5) are welcome to attend. RSVP by April 28 by calling Military and Family Support Center at 474-1999 or email hawaiijsposuse@gmail.com. Interested attendees can also obtain information by visiting the JO Spouse Ohana Hawaii Facebook page.

9 - An Asian Pacific-American Month event will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Military and Family Support Center, Hickam lanai at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The theme is "Striving for Excellence in Leadership, Diversity and Inclusion." Guest speaker for the event will be CWO3 Andrew Nguyen. Attendees must be seated 10 minutes prior to the start of the program. FMI: Kathryn Keatts at 449-0300 or kathryn.keatts.ctr@navy.mil

Movie Showtimes



BattleShip (PG-13)

A fleet of ships is forced to do battle with an armada of unknown origins in order to discover and thwart their destructive goals. Much of this movie was filmed here in Hawaii and during RIMPAC 2010.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY
 7:00 PM Dr. Seuss The Lorax (PG)

SATURDAY
 6:00 PM Advance Screening of "BattleShip"
 Free to the first 400 active duty in uniform and authorized patrons. Tickets with assigned seating will be issued at 4 p.m from the ticket booth.

SUNDAY
 2:30 PM Dr. Seuss The Lorax (PG)
 4:30 PM The Vow (PG-13)
 7:15 PM Gone (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY
 6:00 PM Dr. Seuss The Lorax (PG)
 8:30 PM Project X (R)

SATURDAY
 4:00 PM Dr. Seuss The Lorax (PG)
 7:00 PM John Carter (PG13)

SUNDAY
 2:00 PM John Carter (PG13)



NAVSUP hosts Earth Day Fair

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Navy and other military commands around the world are participating in Earth Day activities throughout the month of April.

Sailors and Airmen, along with their family members and area civilians, participated in the third annual Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center (NAVSUP FLC) Earth Day fair April 20 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"Every year we try to put on a good event," said Lt. j.g. Luke Dragovich, a Seabee with NAVSUP FLC. "We invited different organizations to come out and talk about oil spills, endangered species, green energy and similar topics."

"We also had alternative fuel vehicles here, including hydrogen vehicles and electric vehicles," Dragovich added.

This year's theme, "Partnering for a Greener Future," highlights the Navy's part-

nerships with other military services, government agencies, local schools, non-governmental organizations and the public.

The Earth Day Fair at JBPHH featured exhibits by several local organizations, including Navy Region Hawaii Federal Fire Department and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The Navy continues to

fund millions in research and collaborate with academic institutions to study the ecology of marine mammals and to minimize the potential effects of Navy training and testing activities on the marine ecosystem.

The Navy is working with government agencies, industry and local communities to determine how to support renewable energy projects, such as wind projects, while

minimizing training impacts.

The official Earth Day date was April 22, and military commands participated in Earth Day activities on that date and throughout April. Many installations celebrated by hosting beach cleanups, information sessions, classroom visits, nature hikes, poster contests and many more activities.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tierra Fulgham

Winning coloring contest submissions are on display at the Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Earth Day fair on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The theme for this year's Earth Day fair was "Partnering for a Greener Future."

Shipyard apprentices inducted into honor society

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Eighteen Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard second-year apprentices were inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa international honor society at an April 13 lunchtime ceremony in training building 2.

The apprentices were eligible to join the organization after attaining grade point averages of 3.5 or above in academic courses from Honolulu Community College (HCC). Earning a two-year degree in applied science from HCC is one of

the requirements for completing the shipyard's four-year apprentice program.

The actual number of shipyard apprentices who qualified for admission to the honor society was much higher—72 trainees out of a class of 95.

"You should take pride in what you do at the shipyard," said deputy shipyard commander Capt. Lawrence Hill, to the inductees. Very few industries have standards as high as those in naval shipyards, he noted. "Many of you have families, and to uphold those standards while still

keeping up a 3.5 grade point average is quite an accomplishment. Congratulations to all of you."

When asked what motivated him to stand out academically, Marine Machinery Mechanic Apprentice Brandon Kachi answered, "It's important to me to do the best that I can."

Pipefitter apprentice Ricky Ancheta considers classroom work a challenge to achieve and a way to set an example for his children. "I want to excel in school to show my kids I can do it," he said. "I know I can balance family, school

and work and still do good."

Machinery Mechanic Apprentice Nicole Teixeira saw honor society membership as "something I thought would further my career... I'm looking at trying out for the A2E," she said. A2E is the shipyard's Apprentice to Engineer Program that provides high-potential graduates of the apprentice program with a four-year scholarship to go to the University of Hawaii and earn an engineering degree.

Combined Military Band Concert set for May 2 at Hale Koa

Navy League of the United States, Honolulu Council

As part of the National Military Appreciation Month, the Navy League Honolulu Council will host the 27th annual Combined Military Band Concert at 7 p.m. May 2 at the Hale Koa Luau Garden.

David C. Livingston, president of the Honolulu Council of the Navy League, announced that the event is free and open to the public. Open seating will begin at 6 p.m. on a first come, first served basis.

This year, the United States Army will be the military lead. They will be led and conducted by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Lisa M. Guynn, U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division Band. The combined band features out-

standing service members from each branch of the military, with each respective conductor taking turns overseeing a myriad of patriotic songs. There will also be performances by the U.S. Navy Pacific Band, U.S. Marine Forces Pacific Band and U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific.

For more information about the Hawaii Military Bands Appreciation Concert, call the Honolulu Council at 422-9404. Event parking will be available in the Hale Koa hotel garage.

The Navy League was founded in 1902 by Teddy Roosevelt. Their mission is to educate the public on a need for a strong sea service, including the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and the Merchant Marine. For more information, visit www.HonoluluNavyLeague.org/

'Hiring Our Heroes' job fair to take place May 16

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

A "Hiring Our Heroes" veterans event titled "Shipmates to Workmates" will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 16 at Neal Blaisdell Center, 777 Ward Ave. in Honolulu.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce event is a hiring fair for veterans who are job seekers, active duty military members, National Guard and Reserve members, and eligible spouses.

The event is designed as a one-of-a-kind free hiring fair for naval Sailor job seekers referred by the Shipmates to Workmates program.

The fair is part of the larger Workforce 2012 event being conducted by Hawaii Hires Heroes, in partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Shipmates to Workmates civil service hiring initiative, it is spearheaded by Naval Sea Systems Command, Naval Air Systems Command, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Naval Supply Systems Command, Military Sealift Command and Commander Navy Installations Command, the Department of Labor's Veterans Employment and Training Service, Hawaii Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, NBC News and other local partners.

Employers must call 536-7222 or email margarete@successhi.com. Job seekers register free at HoH.GreatJob.net to guarantee admission.

For more information, visit the website www.uschamber.com/hiringour-heroes

Holocaust Days of Remembrance pays tribute

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(See the April 20 edition of Ho'okele for a related article by Michael Smith on the Holocaust Days of Remembrance.)

Our nation commemorates the Holocaust with the Days of Remembrance. The actual Holocaust Day was April 19, but observances and remembrance activities often occur during the week of remembrance that runs from the Sunday before Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah) through the following Sunday.

State and local governments, military bases, workplaces, schools, churches, synagogues and civic centers observe days of remembrance. For many, unless you are old enough to remember WWII or your family was directly affected by the Holocaust, you may not be completely aware of

the horrific suffering that took place during the Holocaust. This brings to mind a famous quote by Madame Chiang Kai-Shek who once said, "We live in the present, we dream of the future and we learn eternal truths from the past."

According to information obtained from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum website, holocaust is a word of Greek origin meaning "sacrifice by fire." The Nazis, who came to power in Germany in January 1933, believed that Germans were racially superior and that the Jews, deemed inferior, were an alien threat to the so-called German racial community. The Nazis embarked on a Holocaust or the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of approximately six million Jews.

In 1933, the Jewish population of Europe stood at over nine million. When we talk about a number this large, it

is often hard to imagine exactly what nine million looks like. If you combined the entire populations of Road Island, New Hampshire, Maine, Hawaii, Idaho and Nebraska, you would have roughly nine million people.

By 1945, the Germans and their collaborators killed nearly two out of every three European Jews as part of the "final solution," nearly six million people brutally killed, simply for being Jewish. Six million people is more people than the entire population of Alabama or Colorado. The Nazis killed more people in concentration camps than most of us can imagine, and this is exactly why we must always remember and learn for the eternal truth of the past.

Increasingly in the years before the outbreak of WWII, SS and police officials incarcerated Jews and other victims of ethnic and racial hatred. To concentrate and monitor the Jewish popula-

tion as well as to facilitate later deportation of the Jews, the Germans and their collaborators created ghettos, transit camps and forced-labor camps for Jews during the war years. The German authorities also established numerous forced-labor camps for non-Jews whose labor the Germans sought to exploit.

These concentration camps became an almost accepted way of life. Sara Bloomfield, director, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, reminds us that this cataclysmic event happened in the heart of Europe, in a very civilized and advanced country. Germany was a young democracy that quickly descended into not only social collapse, but also a world war and eventually mass murder.

Near the end of WWII, as Allied troops moved across Europe, they began to encounter tens of thousands of concentration camp prisoners. Soviet forces were the

first to encounter the camps and killing centers and in January 1945, liberated the infamous Auschwitz, the largest extermination camp. For the first time, the world was beginning to see the carnage. Although, in an attempt to hid evidence, the retreating Germans destroyed most of the warehouses camp, they left behind personal belongings of the victims, hundreds of thousands of men's suits, more than 800,000 women's outfits, and more than 14,000 pounds of human hair.

Allied forces continued to liberate camps as they moved across Germany and were horrified with what they found. They confronted unspeakable conditions in the Nazi camps, where piles of corpses lay unburied. Only after the liberation of these camps was the full scope of Nazi horrors exposed to the world.

Those who survived resembled skeletons because of the demands of forced

labor and the lack of food, compounded by months and years of maltreatment. Many were so weak that they could hardly move. Wide spread disease remained an ever-present danger, and many of the camps had to be burned down to prevent the spread of epidemics.

Today, while little remains of the Nazi concentration camps some 700,000 tourists visit the concentration camp at Dachau every year and Auschwitz receives another 600,000 people a year. But why? Some visitors are survivors or descendants of those slaughtered, but the majority comes to see the unthinkable, to see what humanity is capable of doing when left unchecked. People follow orders without question, bystanders watching and do nothing, ordinary men and women simply going with the flow. They come to remember because it is an unthinkable scar on humanity.

Doolittle Raiders honored at ceremony marking 70th anniversary of historic mission

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Defense Media Activity

DAYTON, Ohio (AFNS) -- The five remaining members of the famous Jimmy Doolittle Tokyo Raid were recently honored in a banquet at the National Museum of the United States Air Force here.

Four of the Raiders were in attendance: Staff Sgt. David J. Thatcher, Maj. Thomas C. Griffin and Lt. Cols. Richard E. Cole and Edward J. Saylor. The fifth, Lt. Col. Robert L. Hite, was unable to attend for health reasons.

The banquet commemorated the 70th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid, where the crews of 16 B-25 bombers



Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Bennie J. Davis II

Lt. Col. Richard E. Cole, co-pilot of Gen. Jimmy Doolittle's B-25 plane #1, signs autographs during a meet and greet with the Raiders for their 70th reunion on April 19 at the Hope Hotel, Fairborn, Ohio. At 96, Cole is the oldest of the remaining five Raiders and says the attention they receive still surprises him.

took off from the deck of the USS Hornet and dropped bombs on several locations in mainland Japan. After the mission, the crews didn't have enough fuel to return home, and 15 of the B-25s either crash-landed in Japanese-occupied China or abandoned when their crews bailed out. The final B-25 landed safely within the borders of the Soviet Union and was the only plane to survive the mission.

The mission, though daring, was important because it marked the first time the United States was able to take the offensive against Japan after the Japanese military attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The raid forced the Japanese to change their tactics and

boosted the morale of America and its allies.

"It was a hard mission, but we got away with it," said Saylor, who served as a gunner with crew 15. "And we always knew it would help morale."

The banquet not only honored the brave men of the Doolittle Raid but also gave those in attendance a chance to show their respect and meet the living legends.

"We are honored to host the raiders on the 70th anniversary of such a historic event," said Lt. Gen. (ret.) Jack Hudson, the museum's director. "And we are grateful these amazing men chose to come here to commemorate this famous World War II mission."

During the banquet, the

Raiders were honored with a special movie featuring Hollywood stars such as Gary Sinise and Jon Voight, who all thanked the Raiders for their service and praised them for their courage.

Several representatives from the Chinese Embassy were also on hand as well as Hu Daxian from Zhejiang, China, whose husband, Li Senlin, aided the rescue of Doolittle Raider crew number two, after they landed in Japanese-occupied China.

The banquet culminated a week of events held at the museum and throughout the area, including a flyover of 20 B-25s, the most in one flight since World War II, and several autograph sessions and luncheons with the Raiders.