

More than 2,500 expected for Dec. 7 commemoration

National Park Service and Navy Region Hawaii

The U.S. Navy and National Park Service will host a joint memorial ceremony commemorating the 72nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor from 7:45 to 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument (formerly known as the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center).

The ceremony will take place on

the back lawn of the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, looking directly out to the USS Arizona Memorial.

More than 2,500 distinguished guests and the general public are expected to join current and former military personnel, including Pearl Harbor survivors and other WWII veterans, for the annual observance of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

The theme of this year's historic commemoration, "Sound The Alarm," examines how thousands of Americans answered a call to

duty in the wake of the attack.

"Sound the Alarm" also explores how the nation was unified through communication in 1941 and throughout the war.

Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr. who assumed duties as commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet on Oct. 16, is scheduled to speak.

This year's keynote speaker for the Dec. 7 ceremony is Secretary Max Cleland of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

A former U.S. senator and the youngest-ever administrator of the U.S. Veterans Administration, Cleland has been a distinguished public servant for nearly 50 years. In 1967, Cleland joined the armed forces where he served in the Vietnam War as a battalion signal officer, charged with improving communications on the battlefield.

In 1968, as an Army captain,

Cleland was seriously wounded in combat and received both the Bronze Star for meritorious service and the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

On June 3, 2009, President Barack Obama appointed Cleland as secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission, a position responsible for managing 24 cemeteries overseas where fallen American troops from World War I and World War II are memorialized.

At 7:55 a.m. at the ceremony tomorrow, the exact moment the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor began 72 years ago, a moment of silence will be observed. USS Halsey (DDG-97) a guided-missile destroyer, will render honors to the USS Arizona, and a flyover will be conducted above Pearl Harbor.

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Photo courtesy of American Battle Monuments Commission

This year's keynote speaker for the Dec. 7 ceremony at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center is Secretary Max Cleland of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

Ford Island Bridge closure

All lanes of the Ford Island Bridge will be closed from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. today and from 6 to 10 a.m. Saturday for military vessel transit related to the Pearl Harbor Day observance.

All motorists and pedestrians are asked to plan accordingly.

The small craft gate must be closed during the bridge opening, so boat traffic under the causeway is not allowed during that time.

Nimitz strike group makes brief stop in Pearl Harbor

MC3 (SW) Siobhana R. McEwen

USS Nimitz Public Affairs

Just a few days shy of the 72nd anniversary of the Japanese attack on U.S. forces at Pearl Harbor, Sailors and Marines manned the rails of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68) as they entered the harbor.

Passing by the USS Arizona Memorial, the crew aboard Nimitz paid tribute to their fallen comrades in the hallowed waters below.

"It really is surreal," said Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class Daniel Routhier, assigned to the "Wolf Pack" of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 75, one of eight squadrons assigned to Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 11, embarked on Nimitz.

Routhier, who has experienced paying honors to Arizona before, said doing so gave him an immense amount of pride in the Navy and in being able to continue the tradition of saluting the memorial.

Interior Communications Electrician 2nd Class Michalle Boyce manned the rails of USS Ronald Reagan



U.S. Navy photo by MCSA Rose Forest
The aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68) arrives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Tuesday.

(CVN 76) while passing the Arizona in 2004 and has volunteered to do so with every opportunity she has since been given.

Boyce's grandfather served on the USS Oklahoma during the attack.

She said that being able to render a salute to the Sailors lost in the Dec. 7, 1941 attack has become a point of personal pride.

"Every time I stand up there, I feel goosebumps when we pass the Arizona,"

Boyce said. "It is a very powerful experience."

Nimitz, along with embarked Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 11, CVW- 11 and Destroyer Squadron 23, made the brief stop while headed home after an

eight-and-a-half month deployment to the U.S. 5th, 6th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibilities.

"I am especially proud of our crew and all the work they have done over the duration of this deployment,"

said Rear Adm. Michael S. White, commander, CSG 11.

Upon departing Pearl Harbor, Nimitz is scheduled to continue east toward San Diego before returning home to Everett, Wash., by the end of the year.

Freedom Tower lighting ceremony set for tonight

The 44th Annual Tower Lighting Celebration will begin at 4:30 p.m. today at the Freedom Tower.

Free shuttle service from the BX garden shop will start at 4:15 p.m.

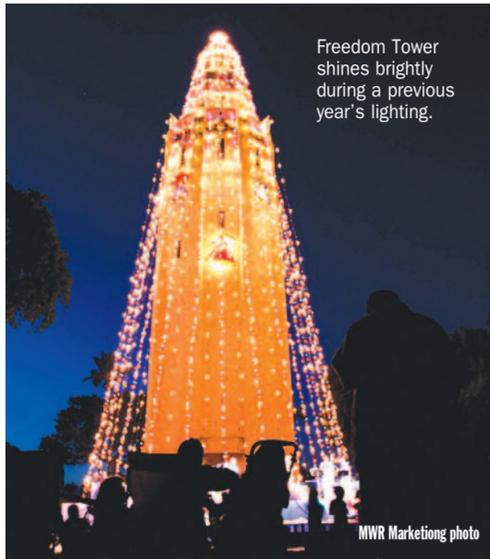
Free snacks and pictures with Santa will be available

from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Crafts, inflatables, food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Patrons can bring a lawn chair or blanket to watch the tower lighting at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.



Freedom Tower shines brightly during a previous year's lighting.

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Hickam set to commemorate 72nd anniversary of Dec. 7 attack

Staff Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

This year's 72nd anniversary remembrance ceremony for the Dec. 7, 1941 attacks on Pearl Harbor and Hickam Field will be attended by four Dec. 7 survivors and a host of family members of those killed in action or deceased.

One of those attending will be Tech. Sgt. Andrew Shepherd, an active-duty member assigned to the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, whose grandfather survived the attack on Hickam Field.

"It's a real privilege to know I'll be meeting survivors that served here with my grandfather and show them that even after all these years, we're still eager to remember the sacrifices they made," Shepherd said.

The ceremony will start at 7:55 a.m., the approximate time the attacks began that claimed the lives of 190 Airmen and civilians on Hickam Field.

In observance of its historical past, the ceremony is scheduled to take place at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam at the flagpole in Atterbury Circle, a site which, according to Jessie Higa of the

Hickam History Club, is "holy ground," and still boasts the original bullet holes and strafing marks from the attack.

"The flag pole is a December 7 survivor too," she said. "That location is truly considered ground zero for the attack on Hickam Field and that's why we chose this location to honor the fallen. Several young men gave their lives

defending the symbol of our great nation, and though it was torn, tattered and wounded it remained standing at the end of the attacks and served as a symbol of hope and resolve."

Those interested in attending the ceremony should be in place no later than 7:30 a.m. Dec. 7 in civilian attire or uniform of the day.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Meares

Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, presents Master Sgt. (Ret.) Ken Ford, a Hickam Field survivor, with a flag to thank him for his service to his country during the 71st anniversary remembrance ceremony held Dec. 2012 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



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Story and photo by Brandon Bosworth

Staff Writer

The ashes of Watertender 1st Class Louis "Lou" Zwillich, a survivor of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, were scattered in the waters near the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island during a ceremony held Dec. 3.

Among those in attendance were Zwillich's son, Robert, and his family; Capt. Larry Scruggs, deputy commander, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard; and Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivor liaison.

Also present was Navy 2nd Class Signalman Delton Walling, another survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack. Chaplain Lt. James Ragain, Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, presided over the services.

Zwillich was born on Jan. 10, 1922 in New York City. He joined the Navy in his teens and was serving as a seaman first class on the USS Phoenix, a light cruiser, during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on

Pearl Harbor.

"The Phoenix was just around the corner, all alone," said Taylor, gesturing to a spot in the harbor.

"She was a perfect target for incoming aircraft and was very fortunate because she suffered no damage during the entire attack, truly a miracle. The first sighting of the Japanese by the ship was on the signal bridge — the planes were attacking from north of Ford Island. The crew of Phoenix could see the bombs dropping on Battleship Row and the huge battleships being hit by torpedoes."

Undamaged, Phoenix's machine gun battery opened fire, targeting incoming planes and firing more than 5,000 rounds of ammunition during the attack. The ship got underway but had to turn around after being instructed to return to its original location. Before the day was over, Phoenix was allowed to get underway and left Pearl Harbor to join Commander Task Force One.

"That afternoon, they set sail, not knowing if they

would come as they prepared to take on the Japanese juggernaut," said Capt. Scruggs. "This type of bravery and selflessness is something all our Pearl Harbor survivors share."

After leaving the service, Louis Zwillich eventually moved to Scarsdale, N.Y., where he passed away Aug. 18, 2012 at the age of 90. He never forgot what happened on Dec. 7, but was disappointed that many Americans had little or no knowledge of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"Lou recalled a time when he and a friend left a restaurant wearing their Pearl Harbor survivor hats," said Taylor.

"Someone approached them as if they were imposters, saying there were no survivors of Pearl Harbor."

Zwillich's son, Robert, was very pleased with the ceremony honoring his father.

"I had no idea it would be this detailed," he said. "The dedication of those involved to a past brother was phenomenal. I couldn't have scripted anything this beautiful."

PACFLT leaders visit USS Michael Murphy

MC1 Amanda Dunford

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, and U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief Marco Ramirez visited Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) in Pearl Harbor on Thanksgiving.

Harris thanked Sailors for their dedication and hard work on a day most people spend with their loved ones.

"I dropped by this impressive warfighting ship to express my gratitude to the Sailors here and throughout the U.S. Pacific Fleet who are working on Thanksgiving," Harris said.

"I want to personally thank all the Sailors standing the watch at sea, our faithful Navy civilians, and our families for their support."

The visit was a surprise for Sailors standing watch on the ship.

"I was originally upset



U.S. Navy photo by MCCS Michael Lewis

U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief Marco Ramirez speaks with Sailors on the mess decks aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112).

that I had duty today, but once I learned that the four-star was coming, it made my day," said Seaman Apprentice Christopher Back, who was standing messenger of the watch.

"I'm very grateful he came aboard today. It's not an opportunity that every Sailor gets and I'm very honored to have met him."

Cmdr. Corey Turner, Michael Murphy's commanding officer, was grateful Harris thanked the Sailors and agreed with Harris' sentiments.

"On behalf of the entire crew, I'm very thankful Adm. Harris took time out of his holiday to see our ship and talk to the crew," Turner said.

USS Michael Murphy is the 62nd ship of the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer, and is named after Lt. (SEAL) Michael P. Murphy, the first person honored to have met him. Cmdr. Corey Turner, Michael Murphy's commanding officer, was grateful Harris thanked the Sailors and agreed with Harris' sentiments.

'Currents' features helpful RECP info

Karen S. Spangler

Managing Editor

The fall 2013 issue of "Currents," the Navy's energy and environmental magazine, focuses on Navy Region Hawaii and the Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP).

Hawaii-based Sailors, Information Systems Technician 1st Class Joshua Brown and Damage Controlman 1st Class Amy Lynn Huitrado, and their families were featured in the articles and offered insight into some of the ways that they are able to save energy and reduce their electricity bills as resi-

dents of Navy housing.

"Currents" also provided background on RECP and the beginning of the RECP pilot program in Hawaii as well as energy usage statistics and additional energy saving tips.

To view the issue of "Currents," visit <http://ow.ly/rsFsG.pdf> or download the PDF at: <http://greenfleet.dodlive.mil/currents-magazine/>.

Beginning Oct. 1, a rate increase of 123 percent was implemented for all Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii energy customers, including residents of Forest City under the Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP).

More than a dozen articles about RECP with tips and information to residents for managing their housing electricity bills have been featured in previous issues of Ho'okele. The most recent of these articles were published in the Nov. 15, 2013 edition, pages A-6 and A-7. To access previous Ho'okele issues, check <http://www.cnicy.navy.mil/hawaii> or www.hookelenews.com.

More information about energy conservation is available at the Navy Region Hawaii website at <http://ow.ly/rsFme> and www.livewithinthebuffer.com or the Forest City website at <http://www.fcnavyhawaii.com/recp/>.

Commentary

Connections to history help shape our future in heart of Pacific

Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific



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Our connections with each other and with our past define us and aid in shaping our future.

Tomorrow, World War II veterans — our “living monuments” — will help us honor fallen shipmates in the shadows of our memorials at the 72nd Dec. 7 commemoration. These brave men are helping us pass the torch of vigilance and readiness to future generations.

Among the leaders light-

tomorrow's commemoration.

From PACFLT headquarters, Adm. Harris walks in the footsteps of Fleet Adm. Nimitz, responsible for the world's largest fleet command and leading America's rebalance to the Pacific.

This week Adm. Harris embarked USS Nimitz (CVN 68) at sea, as one of the world's most powerful weapons returned from an extended deployment in the Arabian Gulf, Mediterranean Sea and western Pacific.

While the mighty carrier steamed to Pearl Harbor we were reminded of the great things our Navy and its

leaders did to win World War II, securing our national interests, providing stability and defending peace over the past seven decades.

Adm. William “Bull” Halsey — whose namesake is proudly part of tomorrow's ceremony — is remembered as a warfighter's warfighter. His strength, courage and leadership inspired our Navy, a nation and several generations.

Adm. Halsey demonstrated the need for credible power, employed wisely, to back international diplomacy. His legacy endures in Pearl Harbor. Our USS Halsey longs for the future, pulling at her mooring —

ready for her mission.

Among the Band of Brothers at tomorrow's ceremony as keynote speaker will be a Vietnam War Veteran and Wounded Warrior, former head of the Veterans Administration and former U.S. senator from Georgia — Max Cleland, secretary of the Battle Monuments Commission.

Like Adm. Harris, Max Cleland is a diplomat, leader and patriot, both having served with Secretary of State John Kerry, a highly decorated Vietnam veteran.

Saturday's ceremony is a time for reflection and a time to heal. It's a time to make connections and

understand how the legacy of our past can influence our future. Those who fight our wars fight even harder for peace.

In the heart of the Pacific we are resilient, resolute and ready to maintain stability, defend our nation and preserve peace as part of our nation's rebalance.

Thanks to the “living monuments” who inspired us, we can learn the lessons of history. Thanks to strong leaders, we can carry these lessons into the future.

Making the connections from one generation to the next, we champion and defend the American values of freedom and justice now and for all time.

Diverse Views



If you had an opportunity to talk to a Pearl Harbor survivor, what question would you ask?

Master Sgt. Marcus Johnson
Military Personnel and Finance



“The one question I would ask them is: ‘What was the change you felt from the day before, compared to the day after the event happened?’”



GSMC Daniel Lynn
ATG MIDPAC

“What actual feelings were going on during that time, from that morning on.”

Staff Sgt. Rachel Feliciano
647th Force Support Squadron



“If I could ask them one question, it would be: ‘How did it feel to come back home after everything happened?’”



OS2 Jordan Johnston
USS Chung-Hoon

“What was his mentality when he first got deployed and if he was scared or not.”

Airman 1st Class Alisha Venidiola
647th Force Support Squadron



“The question I would ask would be: ‘What is the most distinct memory you can recall from that day?’”



CW03 Felix Dealba
NIOC Hawaii

“How did they feel on that specific date 72 years ago? How do they feel on this date looking back on history?”

Provided by Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi and SrA Christopher Stoltz

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Interactive, live streaming event to highlight this year's Dec. 7 ceremony at JBPHH

National Park Service and Navy Region Hawaii

World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument has announced a new highlight to this year's Dec. 7 commemoration ceremony tomorrow.

Through a partnership with Veterans United Home Loans, the National Park Service will host an interactive Google+ Hangout, allowing Pearl Harbor survivors and World

War II veterans to be a part of the Dec. 7 ceremonies tomorrow, even if they cannot travel to Honolulu.

The recording of the 72nd anniversary will be available live stream on youtube.com/veteransunited.

Beginning at 7 a.m. Hawaii time, before the main ceremony begins, Pearl Harbor survivors, World War II veterans and audiences located at partnering sites across the mainland will be speaking with Pearl Harbor

survivors on Oahu and introducing themselves to all those who are participating in the Hangout through the “face-to-face-to-face” streaming technology.

Following the Hangout, the main ceremony will begin at 7:45 a.m.

Participants will be able to join the ceremony with the same view as if they were sitting in the audience on the main lawn of the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

Commentary

Why is Dec. 7 important? It changed everything

Scott Hubbartt

Chief Master Sergeant (retired) U.S. Air Force

Dec. 7. Thanksgiving turkey has been eaten, Black Friday is past and the numbers are in. How well did the merchants do? Talking heads will tell us. Christmas is just around the corner. It's a busy time for us all. What to do for New Years?

We have so much to consider — so much to worry about. So, when some-

one mentions Dec. 7 — Pearl Harbor Day, it is only natural to wonder, “What's the point?”

If you are older than 18 you no doubt remember Sept. 11, 2001. Well, for most of us over age 30, Dec. 7, 1941 is our Sept. 11. While we probably did not live through that infamous day we grew up hearing of it, and of how it changed our nation, and indeed the entire world.

In contemporary history no other date had been engraved in the American psyche more indelibly. Dec. 7 changed everything. It led us into a

global conflict — a contest between good and evil in which about 60 million people died. Our nation, and the world, was never the same again.

While the numbers of casualties are different than those on Sept. 11, it has had the same effect on our everyday life. We need to learn for our history. Yes, our history.

You may not have lived through World War II or even Sept. 11, but those two dates should resonate in you a respect and appreciation of the evil, hazard and dangers which lurk out there.

Torpedo planes strike Battleship Row



Torpedo planes attack Pearl Harbor's Battleship Row at about 8 a.m. on Dec. 7, 1941, seen from a Japanese aircraft. Ships are, (from lower left to right): Nevada (BB-36) with flag raised at stern; Arizona (BB-39) with Vestal (AR-4) outboard; Tennessee (BB-43) with West Virginia (BB-48) outboard; Maryland (BB-46) with Oklahoma (BB-37) outboard; Neosho (AO-23) and California (BB-44). West Virginia, Oklahoma and California have been torpedoed, as marked by ripples and spreading oil. White smoke in the distance is from Hickam Field. Gray smoke in the center middle distance is from the torpedoed USS Helena (CL-50), at the Navy Yard's 1010 dock.

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Series of upcoming events planned for Pearl Harbor Day

National Park Service and Navy Region Hawaii

The series of events planned by the National Park Service and Navy Region Hawaii to commemorate the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Oahu include:

Today, Sunday

• Narrated historic Pearl Harbor boat tours will be held at 2:15 and 2:45 p.m. today; and 2:15 and 2:45 p.m. Sunday at Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Seating is limited. Reservations are required. Tickets can be booked online at recreation.gov or by calling 954-8721.

Today

• USS Utah sunset ceremony from 5 to 6 p.m. at USS Utah Memorial, Ford Island. Base access is required.

Saturday

• NPS and U.S. Navy Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration Ceremony at 7:45 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. The event is open to the public. Attendees should arrive at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center by 7 a.m. at the lat-

est. Free public parking is available at Aloha Stadium, with free shuttles to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center starting at 6 a.m.

• Ewa Field Memorial from 7:45 to 9 a.m. at Ewa Marine Corps Air Station.

• Hickam Field ceremony from 7:55 to 9 a.m. at Atterbury Circle, Hickam Field. Base access is required. Attendees must be in place by 7:15 a.m.

• USS Oklahoma Memorial Pearl Harbor Day remembrance from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., USS Oklahoma Memorial, Ford Island. Those who wish to attend the ceremony can catch a free shuttle departing every 15 minutes from the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park.

• Pearl Harbor Memorial Day Parade from 5 to 7 p.m. from Ft. DeRussy to Kapiolani Park.

• The play "Nothing Is the Same" will be performed at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Honolulu Theatre for Youth Tenney Theatre. The play explores how on Dec. 7, 1941, the lives of four 11 year olds living on Oahu



NHHC photograph

The forward magazine of USS Shaw (DD-373) explodes during the second Japanese attack wave. To the left of the explosion, Shaw's stern is visible at the end of floating drydock YFD-2. At right is the bow of USS Nevada (BB-36) with a tug alongside fighting fires.



Official U.S. Navy photograph, National Archives collection

The wrecked destroyers USS Downes (DD-375) and USS Cassin (DD-372) in drydock one at the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard soon after the end of the Japanese air attack. Cassin has capsized against Downes.

are changed forever when Pearl Harbor is attacked. Visit the Honolulu Theatre for Youth website www.hty.org for tickets or call 839-9885.

For more information on the Pearl Harbor Day remembrance events, visit the website http://www.pacifichistoricparks.org/phh_events.php

Halsey Sailors give thanks by giving back

Ensign John R. Smith

USS Halsey (DDG 97)
Public Affairs

The Sailors of USS Halsey (DDG 97) spent the month of November helping those in need, providing food baskets and conducting toy drives, sponsoring fun runs and volunteering their time.

On Nov. 22, Halsey delivered about 300 pounds of food and Thanksgiving supplies to the YMCA Food Basket Drive, tripling their original goal of 100 pounds. The YMCA Food Basket Drive provides food for those servicemen and women who cannot support themselves or their families on such occasions.

The purpose of the food drive is to remove the strain that would have otherwise been placed on

the families at a time that is meant for thanks, reflection and sharing.

In addition, Halsey Sailors, led by Logistics Specialist 1st Class Kristian Fabian, volunteered for the Lighthouse Outreach "Feed the Homeless Project" the evening prior to Thanksgiving.

Ship's Serviceman 3rd Class Olyen Scott said they volunteered to "give back to those who can't support themselves."

On the lighter side, many across the nation and Navy have been making a mark in November with an increased growth in facial hair as a symbol of awareness of men's health issues.

On Nov. 23, nearly 20 members of the Halsey family gathered on Ford Island. They sported genuine and artificial mustaches in the spirit of

Mustache Movember and participated in a 5K run for men's health and cancer awareness.

"It was fun, really fun. I was running with my child in a stroller," said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Devin Schefano. The organizers, the Surface Navy Association, raised \$2,500 for the American Cancer Society.

In the coming weeks, Halsey's Coalition of Sailors against Destructive Decisions (CSADD)

will be teaming up with the Shriners' Hospital Holiday Drive to benefit children who are suffering from incurable, fatal or debilitating diseases and conditions. This effort to donate children's toys, books, and activities will be led by the current president of CSADD, Damage Controlman 2nd Class Leauwandeau Clarke.

Volunteer opportunities for Sony Open announced

Military appreciation initiatives are available for the 2014 Sony Open golf tournament in Hawaii from Jan. 5 to 12.

They include free admission and the Patriots' Outpost hospitality tent. Caddies are being

recruited for the Military Caddie Program on Jan. 8.

In addition, at least 100 volunteer marshals and 40 parking volunteers are being recruited.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, e-mail volunteer@friends

ohawaii.org or call 523-7888.

More information can also be found at the websites

<http://www.sonyopeninhalawaii.com/attending.html> and <http://www.friendsofhawaii.org/sony-open-hawaii/volunteers>



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Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



U.S. Navy photo
Many service members and other well-wishers greeted 90-year-old Pearl Harbor survivor and World War II veteran Ewalt Shatz on Dec. 4 as he arrived at Honolulu International Airport. Shatz is in Hawaii for tomorrow's Pearl Harbor Day commemoration ceremonies.



U.S. Navy photo courtesy of USS Chung-Hoon (DDG-93)
Sailors on the USS Chung-Hoon (DDG-93) recently participated in a volunteer blood drive on the ship to assist the Armed Services Blood Program.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Terri Paden
Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, reads a favorite childhood book, "The Big Hungry Bear," to a kindergarten class at Hickam Elementary School at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Dec. 2. Roscoe's visit to the school was part of the weekly Rockin' Reader program which invites volunteers to the school for story time with the children.



U.S. Navy photo by MCSA Rose Forest
Eight spouses were honored by the Honolulu Chapter of the Navy League and received this year's Navy Outstanding Military Spouse Award during a ceremony held at Honolulu City Hall with Hawaii Navy League President David Livingston and the City and County of Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell.

Max Cleland's 'Heart of a Patriot'

Review by **Bill Doughty**
Navy Region Hawaii
Public Affairs

"Heart of a Patriot" by Max Cleland with Ben Raines is a deeply personal and fearless account of a life of towering summits and dark valleys.

The former Army Airborne captain and decorated Vietnam combat veteran lost both legs and most of his right arm during the Battle of Khe Sanh in a

grenade explosion. In the book's foreword, "An Open Letter to America's Veterans," Cleland speaks candidly about his post-traumatic stress disorder and "a journey to the dark places of life terror, fear, death, wounding, loss, grief, despair and hopelessness."

He writes for fellow veterans trapped in "a misery of memories" and offers light and hope. "Recovery is possible," he writes.

"There are people who

can help."

Publisher Simon and Shuster writes, "Max Cleland describes with love the ties America's Soldiers forge with one another, along with the disillusionment many of them experience when they come home. "He spares no one his humiliations and setbacks in this gut-wrenching account of his life in the hope it will keep even one veteran from descending into darkness. "Heart of a Patriot" is a story about the joy of serving the country you love, no matter the cost — and how to recover from the deepest wounds of war."

Max Cleland will be the keynote speaker at this year's Navy and National Park Service 72nd Pearl Harbor Day ceremony, Dec. 7.

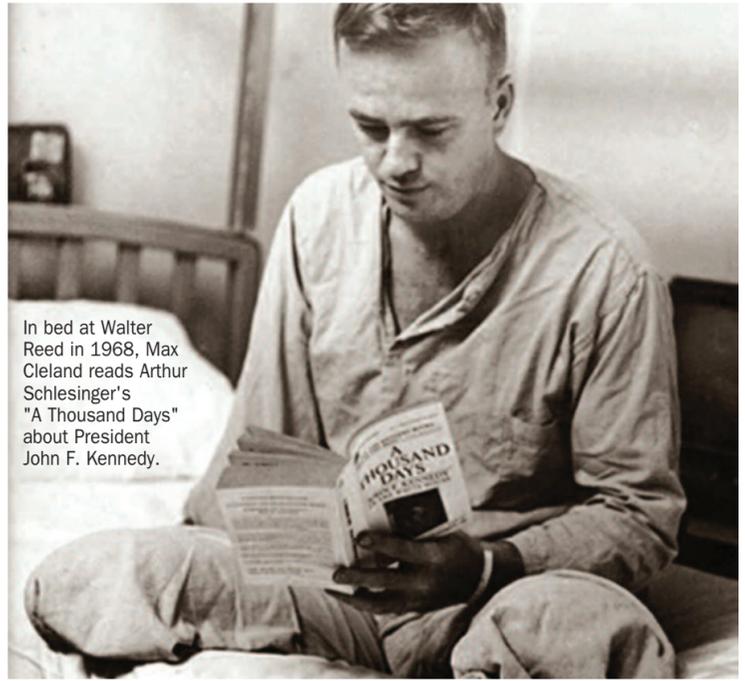
Cleland's father joined the Navy and shipped out to Pearl Harbor after war was declared. His dad returned home Dec. 8, 1945 when Max was three and a half.

Cleland was inspired to public service and to join the military by President John F. Kennedy, especially in the wake of JFK's assassination 50 years ago.

After his promising future was "blown to bits" Capt. Cleland made a slow recovery at Walter Reed and then through the Veteran's Administration, getting a first-hand look at the institution he would run one day.

Later, after serving for more than a decade in state politics in Georgia he received an appointment as head of the VA by former Georgia governor and newly elected president Jimmy Carter, a Navy veteran.

Cleland created VA centers to help millions of veterans, including returning service members from Iraq and Afghanistan. "Their creation is one of the things I am most proud of," he writes.



In bed at Walter Reed in 1968, Max Cleland reads Arthur Schlesinger's "A Thousand Days" about President John F. Kennedy.

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The ceremony will conclude with a "Walk of Honor" by Pearl Harbor survivors and other WWII veterans through an honor cordon of military service members and National Park Service men and women.

This year's Dec. 7 ceremony is co-hosted by Paul DePrey, superintendent, National Park Service, WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, and Rear Adm. Richard Williams, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

Highlights of the ceremony will include music by the Navy's U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, morning colors, a Hawaiian blessing, a rifle salute by members of the U.S. Marine Corps, wreath presentations, echo Taps and recognition of the men and women who survived the attack of Dec. 7, 1941 and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

The commemoration is free of charge and open to the public. Seats for the general public to the commemoration are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The visitor center will open early at 6 a.m. Seating for the public will begin at 7:15 a.m.

There will be limited public parking for the ceremony at the visitor center. Additional parking will be available at Richardson Field. The public is encouraged to arrive early to allow time for parking and going through security at the visitor center.

Military dress for the event is summer whites or service equivalent. The civilian dress code for the commemoration is aloha business attire, long pants and collared shirts.

Public tours to the USS Arizona Memorial will be operating on a special schedule on Dec. 7 due to the morning ceremony. The first public tour will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the last tour beginning at 1:30 p.m. Tours will begin every 15 minutes and include a 23-minute movie presentation followed by a short boat ride and visit to the memorial. Tickets are free and distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information on Pearl Harbor Day commemorative events, visit the website http://www.pacifichistoricparks.org/phh_events.php.

Elected to the U.S. Senate, Cleland became chairman of the armed services subcommittee on personnel. His colleagues, mentors and friends in the Senate included fellow combat veterans Chuck Hagel, Dan Inouye, John Kerry and "my Vietnam veteran brother" John McCain. He describes the pride of wearing his dad's WWII navy peacoat as a U.S. Senator during a presidential inauguration.

After the Al Qaeda attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 Cleland was appointed to the 9/11 Commission but said he was frustrated by a lack of access to key intelligence information leading up to the attacks.

In the chapter, "An Infamous Commission," he links aspects of the 9/11 Commission with the Warren Commission that investigated the JFK assassination. He also compared the 9/11 lack of transparency with the investigation after the Pearl Harbor attack.

"Within the first week

after that tragedy, Roosevelt had set up a commission to investigate it and all its ramifications.

Just 10 days after the attack, he relieved both the naval commander at Pearl Harbor, Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, and the army commander, General Walter Short, of their jobs based on the commission findings. Every aspect of the government's inner workings, from diplomacy to military readiness and intelligence, was laid bare for the commission to examine. And in the end, Roosevelt got his man: Within three years, he had personally given the order to shoot down the plane carrying Admiral Yamamoto, the Harvard-educated enemy warrior who planned the attack."

The book describes in painful detail the bouts of depression that Max Cleland endured during his life of public service. Poignantly, Cleland, who "grew up in the golden era of rock," describes a moment alone listening to

the Beatles and Paul McCartney's "Yesterday," feeling like "half the man I used to be."

"Heart of a Patriot" concludes with another message directly for veterans, especially for those suffering from polytrauma. He imagines and then creates a better future. Through faith and hope and the help of others, there is "something to stand on" and a way to fly out of the darkness, he writes.

Max Cleland is scheduled to speak to the "Greatest Generation" and "the greatest of our generation" at Saturday's Pearl Harbor Day commemoration. A self-described "war baby," he was born Aug. 24, 1942.

Do the math, and he was conceived just prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor.

President Barack Obama appointed Cleland as Secretary of American Battle Monuments Commission in June 2009.

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