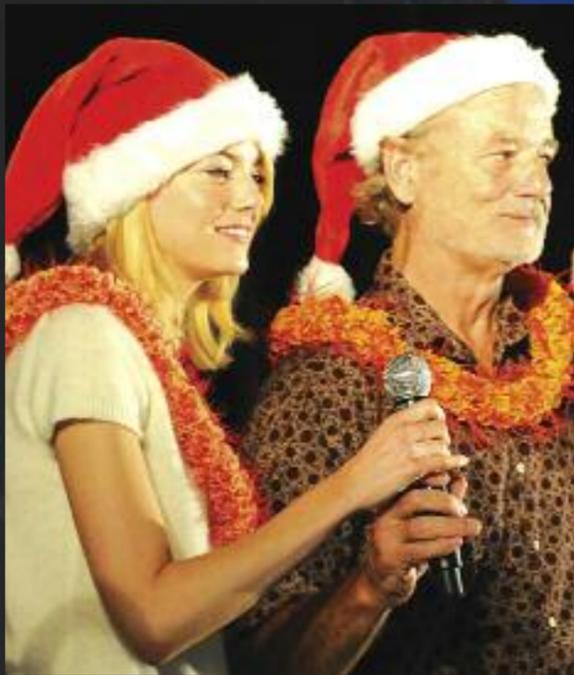


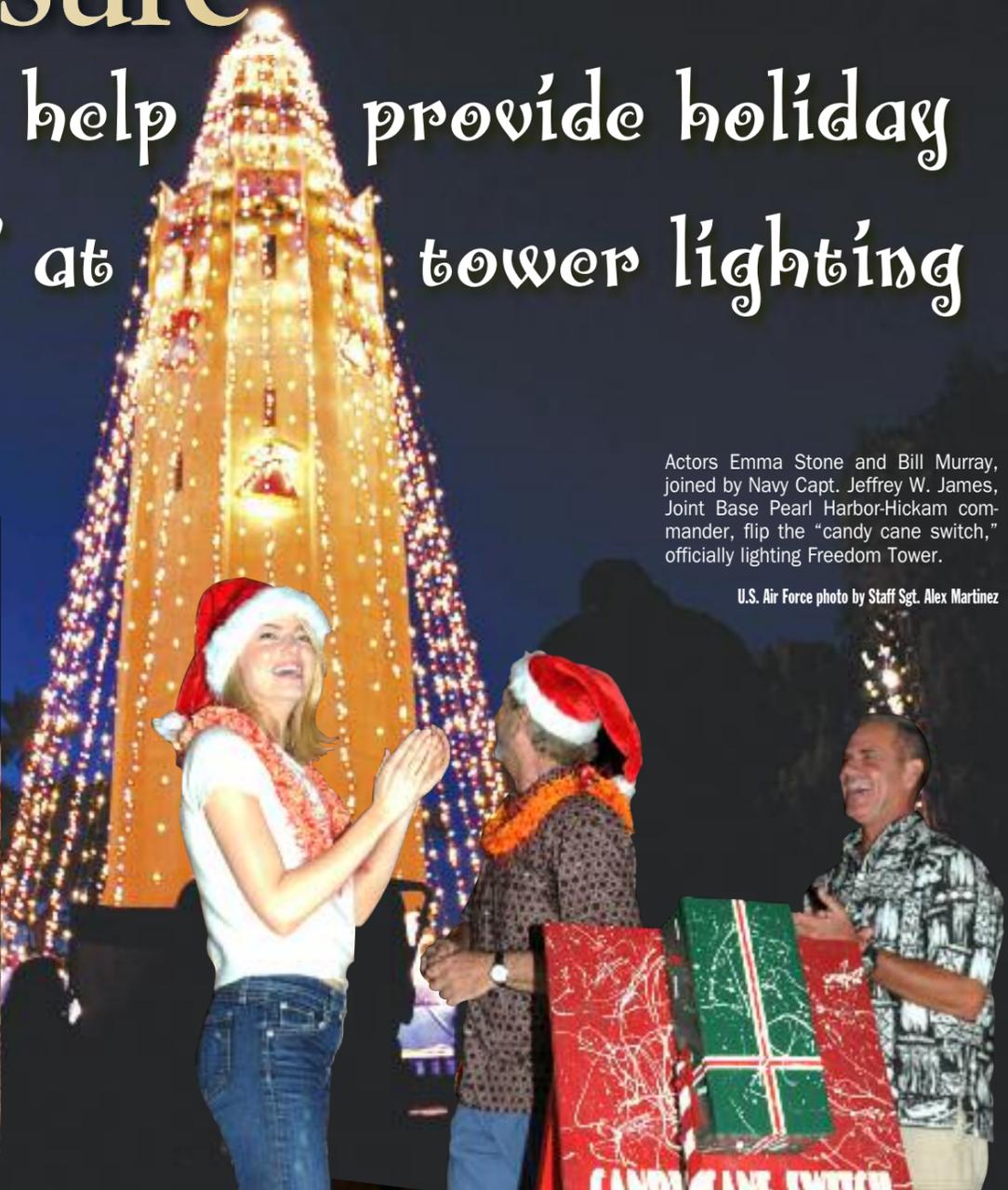


Life & Leisure

Celebrities help provide holiday 'glow' at tower lighting



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alex Martinez



Actors Emma Stone and Bill Murray, joined by Navy Capt. Jeffrey W. James, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam commander, flip the "candy cane switch," officially lighting Freedom Tower.

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Emily McNulty and Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Stars were out for the 44th annual Tower Lighting celebration held Dec. 6 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Freedom Tower, including special guests Emma Stone and Bill Murray.

Stone and Murray, two of the actors who have been filming on the joint base for an untitled film by Cameron Crowe, were on hand to flip the switch to start the tower lighting.

"Hello, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. We are so honored to be here tonight to light up the tree," Stone said. "Thank you for your flexibility, and your teamwork and your support, because we're having the best time."

Bill Murray agreed.

"We've had a wonderful welcome here in Hawaii, and the people have been so gracious. I'm very happy for you, that if you have to be posted somewhere that's not your hometown, that you've ended up in Hawaii," Murray said.

Families attending the celebration were able to enjoy free photos with Santa, free hot chocolate and cookies, two pools of "snow" provided by the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center to play in, crafts, bounce houses and more. The tower will stay lit until the end of December.

While they awaited the lighting of the tower, the Air Force Band of the Pacific and Aidan James, a young ukulele player, performed holiday and popular music.

"Holiday spirit and excitement was in the air, and Aidan James and the Air Force Band of the Pacific dazzled the audiences," said Lara Katine, MWR special events director.

"It's a good place to get everyone together safely and have fun. We always attend the Tower Lighting celebration and are looking forward to see how our two and four-year-olds will react to the lighting tonight," said Amanda Andrews, a Navy spouse.

Mike Perry, active duty Navy, said he liked how the event was set up for his kids to have fun.

"They're somewhere, running around with mom. I don't expect to see them until the lights come on," Perry said.

The bounce houses are what his kids were most excited about, Perry added.

Retired Army Master Sgt. Pat McMullen attended with his wife and their young son.

McMullen said his family was looking forward to, "mainly the (tower) lights coming on, that's the main event and Santa Claus. That's what my wife said she wanted to come for."

"We are giving our patrons a free professional picture with Santa. Patrons can download the pictures on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at www.photos.greatlifehawaii.com. We really enjoy providing these pictures," said Jeff Harris, MWR marketing director.

Tracy Sullivan, an Air Force spouse, attended the tower lighting for the fourth year in a row.

"I have always loved this event. This has always been one of my favorite things to do since we've been here," Sullivan said.

Sullivan added that her kids really enjoyed themselves and were happy to see Saint Nick.

"We were a little worried that we weren't going to see Santa. This is the latest we've actually come but we made it, so it was good. I love the tower lighting. I know it's kind of cheesy, but this really is one of our most favorite things to do. It's a great thing. I love it," Sullivan said.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alex Martinez



Senior Airman Aaron Kusterer (left), guitarist, and Master Sgt. Lara Murdzia (right) vocalist, with the Hana Hou! Rock Band perform holiday classics. Singer and ukulele musician Aidan James (middle) also performed. U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Alex Martinez

Hot Boyz beats JPAC in overtime to keep crown

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The year of Morale, Welfare and Recreation intramural sports at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam ended in the same way that it closed in 2012.

For the second consecutive season, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Hot Boyz topped the competition in flag football by beating Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC), 28-21, in overtime on Dec. 11 to become the first repeat champions in base flag football. The showdown took place at Ward Field.

Tied at 21-21 at the end of regulation, the Hot Boyz took the first series in overtime and broke the deadlock on a clutch fourth-down pass from quarterback Operations Specialist 2nd Class Solomon Pulu to Marine Sgt. J.R. Martin for a touchdown before converting the extra point for the 28-21 lead.

Looking to answer, JPAC took the ball and got down to the one-yard line by covering 19 yards in three plays.

However, unlike the Hot Boyz, JPAC could not punch it in on fourth down and the game came to a close.

"I'm surprised because talent wise, I'll admit it, it's not as great as it was last year," Pulu said. "But we just got everybody together and had fun. That's all that it was about."

While smiles covered the faces of the entire Hot Boyz team at the end of the game, there were no visible signs of joy after Pulu opened the game by throwing an interception to JPAC defensive back Sgt. 1st Class Craig Prouty.

The pick seemed to energize JPAC as the team, led by quarterback Master Sgt. Rick June, took



Marine Sgt. J.R. Martin leaps up and beats three Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC) players to score the winning touchdown for Commander, United States Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Hot Boyz. The Hot Boyz beat JPAC, 28-21, in overtime to capture their second consecutive base intramural flag football championship.

the ball at its own six-yard line and promptly marched down to the Hot Boyz 14 before June hooked up with Prouty on fourth down to get on the scoreboard

first at 6-0.

After falling behind, the Hot Boyz came up with a drive of their own as Pulu needed only six plays to move the chains from their own

15 to the JPAC 17.

Then on the very next play, Pulu completed a pass to Electronics Technician 2nd Class Michael Robinson who took it in for a 6-6 tie.

The Hot Boyz converted on their point after touchdown to go out in front at 7-6.

Although JPAC had to switch quarterbacks on their second possession of the game, the team didn't miss a beat as Department of Defense civilian Adrain Peay replaced June.

Starting at the JPAC 15, Peay took only three plays to break midfield, and then he finished off the drive by running in the final nine yards on a keeper to retake the lead at 12-7.

However, with Pulu now warmed up, the Hot Boyz QB cashed in on his second touchdown of the night on pass to Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Deville Warner on a drive took only four plays.

Another PAT conversion and the Hot Boyz stormed back out in front at 14-12.

JPAC did manage to get within striking distance on the final drive of the half, but ran out of time on the Hot Boyz two-yard line.

After the break, JPAC allowed another golden opportunity to slip away when the team's drive to the Hot Boyz 16-yard line ended on a miscue.

Facing second and goal at the 16, Peay completed a pass to June inside the 10, but the quarterback turned receiver lost grip of the ball and it bounced out of the back of the end zone for a turnover.

Seeing an opportunity to seize control of the game, Pulu quickly directed the Hot Boyz downfield to the JPAC nine-yard line on five plays.

Then facing fourth down, Pulu went to his favorite receiver for the past three years and lobbed

an alley oop to Martin who jumped up and grabbed the toss for six.

Converting the PAT for the third time, the Hot Boyz took a 21-12 lead with less than seven minutes left to play.

With time winding down, Peay calmly took control and went on a 65-yard drive that ended on a 14-yard touchdown pass from Peay to June.

Then with their backs against the wall, JPAC went for the three-point PAT and got it to tie the game at 21-21 before losing in overtime.

Martin, who was the receiver on the Hot Boyz final two touchdowns, said with the game on the line, he asked for the ball.

"I just feel like Pulu was trying to get everybody involved," said Martin, who caught the game-winning pass against three JPAC defenders. "It ain't no I in team, but with the game on the line, I told him to give me the ball and let me do what I do."

Pulu said that knowing what Martin is capable of doing, he quickly agreed with his receiver.

"That's why we call him Megatron," Pulu said. "You get the ball to Megatron in crunch time. That's my bread and butter. If I ever get in trouble, I just put it up there and he go get it."

Peay said that although JPAC fell short, he has no regrets.

"That's (Hot Boyz) a great team," he said. "You could tell they've been playing together for awhile. They just came up when it was time to."

As Pulu relished the moment of quarterbacking a championship team for the second season in a row, he said enjoying the time is all he is thinking about right now and has no idea if the team can do it again next year.

"This is my last year," he admitted. "I'll be leaving in a couple of months, so it just feels good to go out on top."

Chief Flemming's 70 qualifies for Sony Pro Am

Story and photo by
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Sports Editor

After 26 years of active participation in the sport he loves, Chief Electrician's Mate Jeffery Flemming, assigned to Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, achieved the pinnacle of his passion by shooting a 70 to qualify for the Sony Pro Am at the tournament's qualifying round, which was held on Dec. 8 at Navy Marine Golf Course (NMGC).

Associated with the Sony Open, the first-full event of the PGA Tour, the Pro Am is scheduled for Jan. 8 at NMGC, one day before the first tee of the Open, which returns to Waialae Country Club. It will feature professional golfers such as Hideki Matsuyama, Hideto Tanihara, Adam Scott, Webb Simpson and defending champion Russell Henley.

"It's a chance of a lifetime," Flemming said. "To play with a PGA professional, I've never done that before. Obviously, I love the game of golf. I've been playing my whole life and for me to get the chance to play with the pros is great. Not just for me, but I will represent CNSG MIDPAC and the Navy."

This year, Sony reserved eight qualifying spots for active-duty military, but the slots weren't guaranteed.

Each armed forces member had to compete in an 18-hole qualifier for the slots, and Flemming's 70 was the best round of the eight.

Not bad for a golfer that practices only once a week on the weekends, although Flemming admitted he might have had an advantage.

"I know the course pretty well," he acknowledged. "So it's kind of like a home course. I had a good feeling. I've been playing since I was 13 years old, so through junior high and high school, I've played competitive golf before. When I deploy, I always take my golf clubs on the ship with me. I've golfed in 15 different countries."

While Flemming modestly downplayed his accomplishment, Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, praised the chief for an outstanding job.

"This chief is a no-kidding-proven engineer, a sea warrior," Williams said. "He came from sea duty, working on ships, turning a

wrench, and on his off-duty time he plays golf and excels. He is a notch above."

Williams offered congratulations to all of the military golfers who made the cut.

"Congratulations to all eight of the qualifiers who will have a chance to compete with the pros," Williams stated. "This is just another example of the positive energy here for the military and our families stationed in Hawaii, and we are grateful to the Sony Pro-Am organizers who reached out to include us."

In addition to Flemming, the qualifiers include Shelby Tucci, Navy; Eric Jordan and Robbie Richardson, Air Force; Travis Fulton and Kevin Williams, Marine Corps; Michael Merritt and Adam Delph, open slots.

Besides being a great opportunity, Flemming said that the Pro Am also gives him a huge platform to kick start a few future goals.

First up will be the All-Navy team, which he has tried out for before, but has fallen short.

"This is going to help me, when I try out for the All-Navy golf team next year," he said. "This time, I want to make the team and this (Pro Am) is a great stepping



Even after a couple of days, a smiling Chief Electrician's Mate Jeffery Flemming, assigned to Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, is still feeling the moment of qualifying for the 2014 Sony Pro Am.

stone for that."

Then, with retirement around the corner, Flemming is already planning his future life with golf right in the middle of it all.

"When I retire, I want to go to the Golf Academy in Carlsbad, Calif.," he said. "It will teach me, not only the golf side, but the retail side, how to conduct a tour-

namment and to be a teaching professional."

As for the Pro Am, Flemming said that, while he expects some jitters, he is going to go there and have a blast.

For fellow military members who might be looking to follow in his footsteps, Flemming said that course management

is the key to golf.

Although it can be rough to stay on path, while juggling career, family and golf at the same time, he said that he never forgets what is important.

"It's practice, patience and personal schedule," he said. "I'm married, I've got two kids, and they come first."

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'Plane' to see why this humble, grateful Pearl Harbor survivor is our hero

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Ewalt Shatz survived the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. But he never expected to encounter challenges when he decided to make the trip to Hawaii to attend the 72nd Pearl Harbor Day commemoration.

Ninety-year-old Shatz, traveling alone, was bumped by an airline on a flight from Los Angeles to Hawaii on Dec. 4. Stranded and not knowing what to do, Shatz contacted his sponsor in Hawaii. Another airline came to the rescue and Shatz was put on a flight on his way to the 50th state.

He traveled from Los Angeles to Maui and then on another flight to finally reach Honolulu International Airport. Shatz said he received world-class, first-class treatment, and an atten-



U.S. Navy photo

Pearl Harbor survivor Ewalt Shatz participated in this year's Pearl Harbor Day commemoration ceremonies.

dant flew with him from Maui to Honolulu. Meanwhile, word of his dilemma had quickly traveled through the military community and when Shatz

arrived at the airport in Honolulu, he was met by dozens of military service members. Greeted with numerous enthusiastic smiles and lei, the Pearl Harbor survivor received a warm welcome when he arrived at the airport even though it was almost midnight.

As the story of his experiences in trying to come to Hawaii became news, Shatz became an instant celebrity and was interviewed by local news outlets. The story of his heroism during the war was also part of the story.

As a young Sailor, he was assigned to the USS Patterson at Pearl Harbor during the 1941 attack. His more experienced shipmates were below decks putting a boiler back together when the attack began. Shatz found himself manning a 50-caliber machine gun for the first time. The Navy credited him with shooting a

Japanese plane.

His heroism was recounted by Adm. Cecil Haney, former U.S. Pacific Fleet commander, during his keynote address at the Dec. 7, 2012 Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance ceremony. "That was some good shooting. Thank you for your courage and tenacity. Our nation is truly grateful," Haney said.

Displaying a gentle smile and humility during the numerous interviews last week, Shatz denied any claims to being a hero. He also expressed his gratitude to those who helped him to finally make the journey to Hawaii.

For Shatz, his trip to Hawaii—as it has been in past years—was all about paying respects to his former shipmates who were killed during the attack on Pearl Harbor. It was all about the bond that exists between service members, their commitment to their country, and their strong patriotism.

It was that same bond and connection that brought service members, many of them in uniform, to the airport to greet him when he finally arrived.

It was important to those service members to welcome one of their own and to extend their support and aloha.

Shatz never expected such fanfare or attention. He was just happy to finally be here and thankful to all of those who made it happen.

Ewalt Shatz, you are truly an American hero—not only because of your courage during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack but because of your humility, patriotic spirit, and gratitude. May God bless you and your fellow service members and may God bless the United States of America.

(We welcome comments from readers. If you have comments, please send them to: Karen.spangler@navy.mil.)

Hump Daayy beats Cowabunga Dudes for softball title

Story and photo by
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Sports Editor

The top two teams in Morale, Welfare and Recreation Winter Softball American League squared off for the league's championship game on Dec. 7 at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, as Hump Daayy met Cowabunga Dudes.

In a slugfest, Hump Daayy broke out the heavy metal and thumped the Dudes, 23-12, to add another title trophy to Hump Daayy's, also known as Snafu, growing number of crowns.

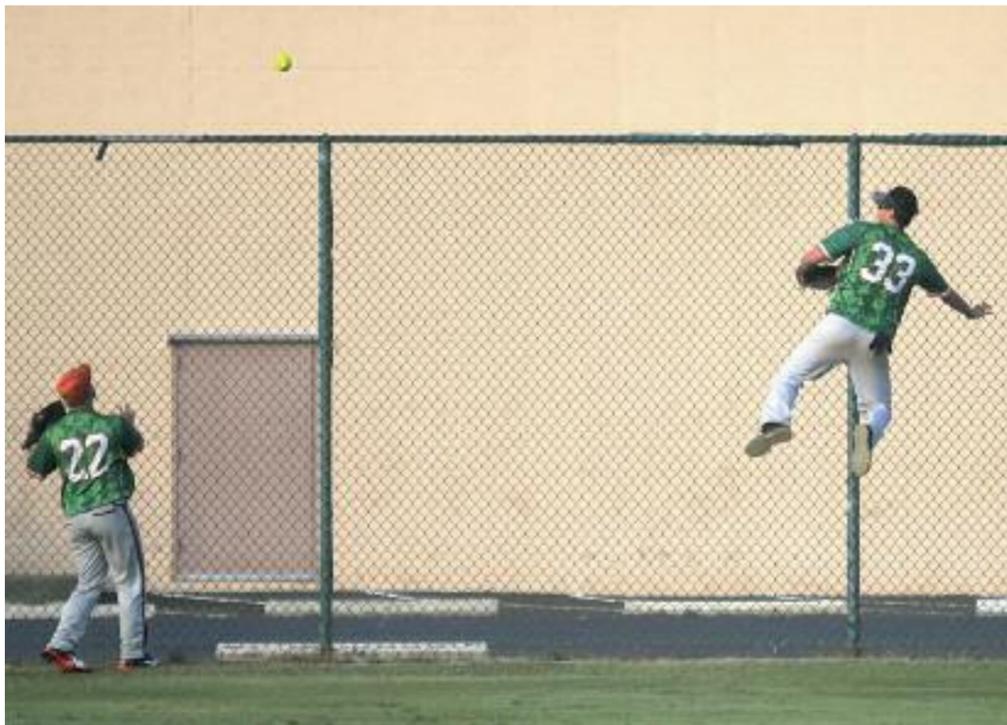
Led by the steady pitching of retired Chief Information Systems Technician Lloyd Shoemaker and the heavy bat and slick fielding of All-Armed Forces Softball member Electrician's Mate 1st Class Jake Alicuban, Hump Daayy almost ended the game via mercy rule after taking a 16-2 lead into the bottom of the fifth inning.

Jumpstarting the day's big outing at the plate was none other than Alicuban, who blasted a long three-run shot over the left-field fence in his first at-bat of the game.

In the top of the second, Hump Daayy bats were still blazing hot as the team led off with three straight singles before Gunner's Mate 1st Class Frank Kuras stroked a triple, which led to another four-run inning.

Hump Daayy quickly exhausted their allotment of five home runs within the first four innings, which might have allowed the Dudes back into the game.

According to league rules, any



Ryan Taira, a Department of Defense civilian, leaps into the air while a teammate helplessly looks up at a home run off the bat of Electrician's Mate 1st Class Jake Alicuban.

home runs after the allotment of five counts as an out.

In their remaining turns at the plate, Hump Daayy hitters launched at least five more shots deep into the night, but all of those bombs were counted just as long outs.

Leading 16-0 going into the bottom of the fourth, Dudes pitcher Senior Chief Explosive Ordnance Disposal Jeremy Porter started a comeback by crushing a pitch way over the left field fence for two

runs to make it 16-2.

Then facing elimination in the bottom of the first, Porter came up with the needed runs to extend the game by connecting on a grand slam to make it 16-7.

Hump Daayy picked up a run in the top of the sixth to go back out in front by 10 at 17-7, but the Dudes drew even closer in their turn at-bat by adding five more runs to pull to within five at 17-12.

However, that was as close as the Dudes would get, as Hump

Daayy retaliated in the top of the seventh with six runs to close out the game.

Again, the big blow of the inning came off the bat of Alicuban, who lined a double that drove in two runs.

Alicuban admitted that since many of his teammates have played together since 2007, the familiarity of the squad members certainly helps when it all comes down to tournament time.

"It feels good. Everybody backs

each other up," said Alicuban after the game. "We know what everybody can do."

Shoemaker said that although Hump Daayy missed out on a chance to end it after five innings, he wasn't too disappointed that it didn't end that way.

"I just think we relaxed as a team," Shoemaker admitted. "We started having a bit more fun instead of taking it too serious. That's the fun about this team; when we need to crack down we crack down."

Alicuban, who has represented the Navy at several armed forces softball tournaments and was recently ranked as the military's top four player in the country, said that playing for Hump Daayy is a little less formal than playing against the top military teams in the country.

"We relax, play around and have fun," he said. "That's what we're here for: have fun. You know, you never lose vision of that because once you don't have fun, it's not worth playing any more."

On the topic of having fun, Shoemaker is in complete agreement with Alicuban. And he said that his Hump Daayy teammates are the perfect companions to do just that.

"I tell the guys, we have a common thing where we play softball, but our friendship is built off of softball," Shoemaker said. "But if we didn't have softball, we'd still have a bunch of great guys that hung out and have a great time. It's just great meeting these guys and being on the same field competing with them. It's a great opportunity and I enjoy it."

Historic street signs reappear at Hickam

Story and photos by
Hickam Communities LLC

Coming soon to a corner in the Officer Field and Hale Na Koa neighborhoods of Hickam Communities, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, are 61 street signs placed atop historic poles.

The poles take design cues from historic streetlights that doubled as street sign poles for Hickam homes during the late 1930s and early 1940s.

The original poles were made of concrete and left unpainted. The new signs are cast-iron metal and painted to match the color of surrounding homes.

The intent of the new street sign design is to capture the historic neighborhood's character through fluted columns, a faceted

base and decorative tops. Landscape designer Towne and Home that designed the signs also sought to seamlessly integrate the signs into the existing historic tapestry and landscape of the neighborhoods.

Bryan Flower, Hickam Communities historic preservation specialist, described the process as balancing the historic ambience of the neighborhood while meeting modern requirements with new designs and materials.

"For me, this is a successful demonstration of how old and new are blended in ways that are pleasing to the eye, echo and honor the past and provide modern functionality, while enhancing the overall historic park-like setting of the neighborhood," Flower said.



Street light and sign pole at the corner of Signer Boulevard and 6th Street, circa 1942.



The new street sign located at the corner of Signer Boulevard and 6th Street.

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Contact Ho'okele editor for guidelines and story/photo submission requirements. 473-2890 editor@hookelenews.com

FREE JUNIOR GOLF CLINIC

A free junior golf clinic will begin at 4 p.m. Dec. 18 at Barbers Point Golf Course. FMI: 449-2300.

GROUP SURF LESSON

There will be a group surf lesson at 8 a.m. Dec. 21 at White Plains Beach. The registration deadline is Dec. 18. Shuttle service is included via the Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. Participants must be able to swim without a lifejacket. FMI: 473-1198.

FAMILY HIKE, SWIM

There will be a hike to Makapu'u lighthouse followed by a swim at Pele's Chair beginning at 9 a.m. Dec. 28. Departures are from the Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. The deadline for registration is Dec. 24. FMI: 473-1198.

UFC 168 IN HD

Patrons can watch Chris Weidman vs. Anderson Silva in a mixed martial arts event live from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas in high-def beginning at 3 p.m. Dec. 28 at J.R. Rockers. Doors open at 2 p.m. for preliminaries. FMI: 448-2271.

BOWLED OVER BY BOOKS

Bowled Over by Books is ongoing through Dec. 31 at the Hickam Library and Hickam Bowling Center. Patrons can sign up at the library and get a bookmark/stamp card. Bowling is valid while lanes are available Sunday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The offer is not valid for leagues, special events and Thunder Alley. This free program is open to youth in grades K-9. FMI: 449-8299 or 448-9959.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BOWLING PARTY

Hickam Bowling Center will host a New Year's Eve bowling party from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31. The party package includes all-you-can-bowl, shoe rental and breakfast buffet at midnight. FMI: 448-9959.

DECEMBER

SATURDAY — Breakfast with Santa will begin at 8 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall food court lanai. A child's ticket costs \$12 and an adult's ticket costs \$5. FMI: 423-3287.

16 — USO Hawaii is seeking donations to spread *aloha* to the troops during the holiday season. Drop-off locations include the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 16 and the Hickam USO at the AMC Passenger Terminal through Dec. 16. FMI: USO Hawaii's Facebook page.

16 — The annual Pearl Harbor Holiday Festival of Lights ship/submarine lighting decoration contest will be judged through an evening barge tour of the harbor. Categories include best decorations, best hospitality, best Christmas skit, best glee/choir and a Scrooge Award. One ship and one submarine will be selected for each category. Holiday lights aboard ships and submarines should be turned off at 9 p.m. nightly for energy efficiency. FMI: email eric.galassi@navy.mil or call 473-0660.

17-22 — The second annual Hawaii Pacific University Athletics Basketball Classic is scheduled for Dec. 20, 21 and 22 at Bloch Arena. Invited teams include Northwest Nazarene, Menlo College, Malone College and St. Katherine's College. Practice sessions are scheduled for Dec. 17 to 19. Games will be open to the public via base access limited to Bloch Arena. FMI: Jesse Nakanishi at 284-0593.

20 — Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Air Mobility Command Passenger Terminal will host a "space available brief" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hickam Memorial Theater. FMI: 449-6833 or <http://www.facebook.com/HickamAMC>.

JANUARY

5 to 12 — Military appreciation initiatives are available for the 2014 Sony Open in Hawaii. They include free admission, the military caddie program and Patriots' Outpost hospitality tent. Caddies are being recruited for the military caddie program on Jan. 8. In addition, at least volunteer 100 marshals and 40 parking volunteers are being recruited. FMI: e-mail volunteer@friendsofhawaii.org or call 523-7888.

AT A GLANCE

A voluntary, anonymous Navy Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) survey is available through Jan. 6, 2014. The survey is accessible from any web-enabled computer (including a work computer), tablet or smartphone at www.donsapro.navy.mil/donsas.html. The password for all military participants is "2013Survey."

**THE BEST MAN HOLIDAY (R)**

Mia Sullivan has written a letter requesting Harper Stewart and his nine-month pregnant wife Robin's attendance at her Christmas weekend party. Harper is reluctant to go, as he's still not on the best of terms with Mia's husband and his estranged best friend Lance (a retiring running back for the New York Giants) after sleeping with Mia in college.

SHARKEY THEATER**TODAY 12/13**

7:00 PM Delivery Man (PG-13)

SATURDAY 11/14

4:00 PM SNEAK PREVIEW-Grudge Match (PG-13)

7:00 PM The Best Man Holiday (R)

SUNDAY 12/15

2:30 PM Free Birds (PG)

4:30 pm Delivery Man (PG-13)

7:00 pm (3D) Thor: The Dark World (PG-13)

THURSDAY 12/19

7:00 PM The Counselor (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER**TODAY 12/13**

6:00 PM Thor: The Dark World (PG-13)

SATURDAY 12/14

2:00 PM Free Birds (PG)

6:00 PM Advance Screening – Free Admission (PG13)

Tickets available at your local Exchange Food Court.

Seating open to non-ticket holders 30 minutes prior to showtime)

SUNDAY 12/15

2:00 PM Free Birds (PG)

THURSDAY 12/19

7:00 PM Ender's Game (PG13)



Pearl Harbor Festival of Lights to be held from Dec. 17 to 21

The Pearl Harbor Holiday Festival of Lights tours will begin Dec. 17.

Boat tours of the harbor will be available from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 17 and 18, every half hour departing from Merry Point Landing for military and Department of Defense civilian ID holders.

Tours for the general public will be every half hour 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 20 and 21 from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

Due to enhanced security measures in effect at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, no backpacks, fanny packs, luggage, diaper bags, camera bags, purses, large cameras/tripods or other items which provide

concealment are allowed in the visitor center or aboard the boats.

The tours are free, but a donation of canned goods for Hawaii's food charities will be accepted. 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. The tours will be offered as a community service by the National Park Service and the U.S. Navy. For more information, call Lt. Eric Galassi at 473-0660, email amanda_carona@nps.gov or visit the website http://www.pacifichistoricparks.org/phh_events.php

Hickam Communities, Forest City highlight holiday lighting, recycling information

Hickam Communities

Hickam Communities has announced holiday lighting and recycling guidelines. They include:

Holiday lighting

- All lights that are strung should be temporary and can only be placed on the first floor roofline. For safety reasons, residents should keep off roofs.

- Clips are recommended for easy removal. Nails and screws may not be used.

- Lights for the holiday season may remain up through Jan. 1.

- Lights should only be on between the hours of 6 and 10 p.m.

- Lighting restrictions do not apply on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve/Day.

- Lights need to be removed by Jan. 15.

- Solar and LED holiday lights are encouraged, and all lights need to be approved and rated for exterior use.

More information can be found in Hickam Communities Resident Guide, Section 5.12: Exterior Decorative Lights.

Christmas tree recycling

Residents can recycle Christmas trees, stripped of all decorations, by placing them inside or beside green waste recycling bins located throughout the neighborhood.

Stripped trees also can be left curbside for pick-up on the neighborhood recycling pick-up day. A flocked tree cannot be recycled so put these in regular garbage container.

Forest City Military Communities

Forest City Military Communities advises residents to check the resident handbook for rules pertaining to the use of holiday lights and decorations, and the approved hours to have lighting on.

Green waste

Green waste such as yard trimmings, leaves, grass clippings, Christmas trees (but no ornaments, tinsel or flocking) should be taken to the City Convenience Centers to be

taken to the composting facility, Hawaiian Earth Products.

The green waste should be placed curbside for recycling collection in green carts in automated collection areas or in bags in manual collection areas. It can be dropped off at the City Convenience Centers or taken directly to the composting facility, Hawaiian Earth Products, which manufactures mulch and compost products.

Residents should leave grass clippings on their lawn when they mow to return nutrients to the soil. Green waste is restricted at city disposal sites to no more than 10 percent per truckload. Large commercial generators of green waste, including landscapers and property managers, should deliver to the composting facility. Onsite do-it-yourself shredding and mulching is also an option.

For more information, residents can also visit the website www.fcnavyhawaii.com or contact their resident services office.

Forest City plans holiday activities for residents of military communities

Forest City Military Communities

A series of holiday-themed events have been scheduled for residents of Forest City Military Communities. They include:

- Today, 3 to 4 p.m., surfin' Santa pictures at Halsey Terrace Community Center. East community residents are invited to bring cameras for photos.

For more information, call 839-8620.

- Dec. 16, 9 to 11 a.m., cookie social and recipe exchange at Pearl City Community Center for central community residents. For more information, call 839-8670.

- Dec. 16 through 20, gift wrapping by the Forest City "elves" at Moanalua Community Center. West community residents can bring gifts to the office and let the Forest City elves do the work. For more information, call 839-8640.

- Dec. 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., gingerbread

house social at Camp Stover Community Center. Central community residents can bring their fully constructed gingerbread house to enter in a contest that could win a prize. For more information, call 839-8670.

- Dec. 18, 3 to 4:30 p.m., cookie-decorating contest at Halsey Terrace Community Center. East community residents can bring their decorating skills to the decorating contest. Supplies will be provided. For more information, call 839-8620.

- Dec. 20, 3 to 4:30 p.m., holiday crafting event at Radford Terrace Community Center for east community residents. For more information, call 839-8620.

- Now through Dec. 20, holiday decoration contest in all east community neighborhoods. Forest City is looking for the most holiday-spirited homes to take the winning spot. Judging will take place on Dec. 20. For more information, call 839-8620.

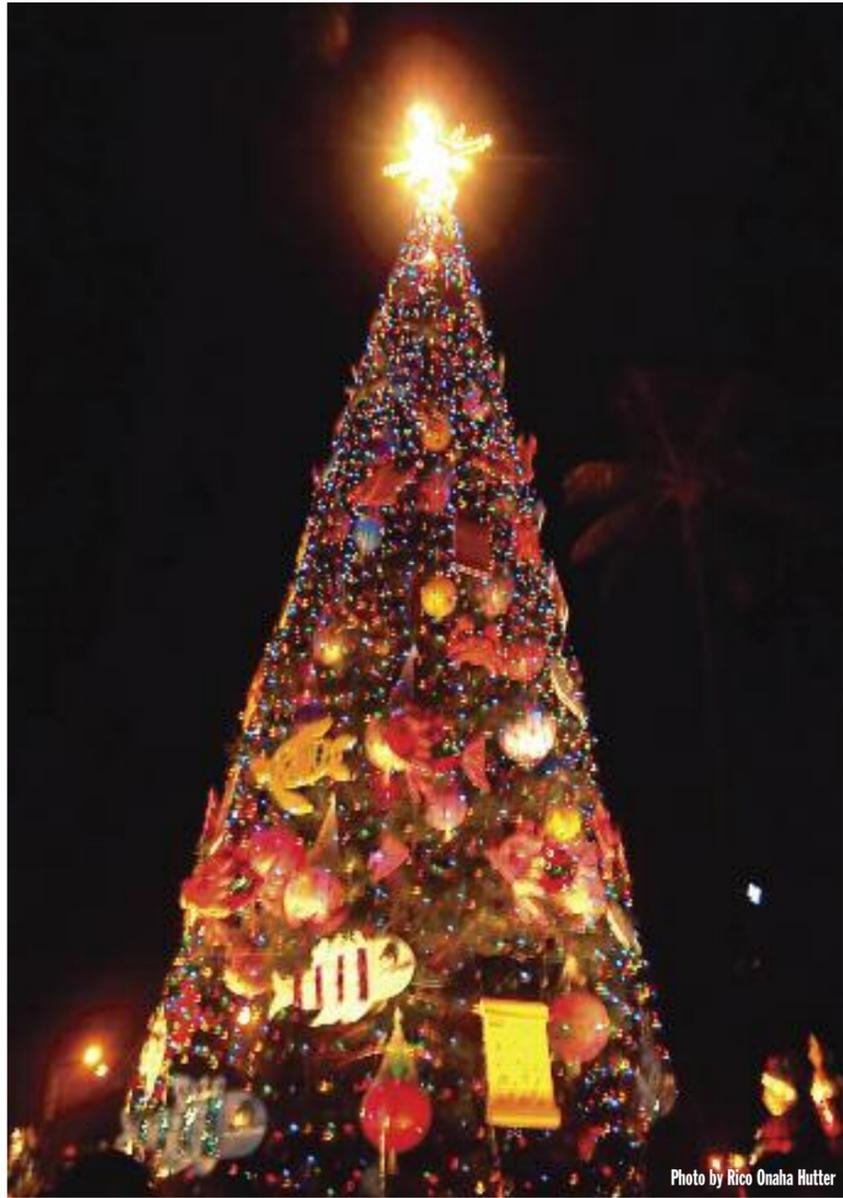


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Dec. 7 survivor attends Hickam Historical Tour

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The Hickam Historical Tour on Dec. 6 included the service of someone who was actually there during the fateful attack on Dec. 7, 1941.

Tech Sgt. Derwood Swanson was an honored guest aboard the trolley tour hosted by Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation, that takes patrons on a journey back in time.

Patrons from near and far attended the tour for the opportunity to meet Swanson and hear the personal stories told by him and guide Jessie Higa.

Swanson said he enjoyed the tour.

"I did, very much so. It was nothing new to me. I relived a lot today of what happened Dec. 7," said Swanson.

At the end of the tour, participants gathered to honor Swanson and express appreciation for what he has done.

Swanson said, "Like I said, if it started again, if I could do anything, I'd do it just like I did it before."

Erma Gibbons, a former Navy service member from Michigan, was visiting her sister here in Hawaii when they decided to go on the tour.

"The tour was wonderful," said Gibbons, adding that having Swanson on the tour was the best part. Gibbons' sister Stephanie Wickizer, former Air Force

member now married to an active duty Air Force service member, said, "This is my second time on the tour. When family visits, I try to get them on the tour."

"When we saw that Swanson would be on the tour, we wanted to go," said Julie Defazio, Air Force spouse.

Defazio and other Air Force spouses, Anisa Hunter and Susan Forrer, said their favorite part of the tour was when they visited the U.S. flag on display in the headquarters building. The flag was the original one flying on the day of the attack in 1941 and Swanson was the person who lowered the flag afterward.

"When he stood and saluted the flag, it was such a moving moment," said Forrer, who participated in the tour for the second time.

Larry and Cheryl Cromer traveled from Southwick, Va. to visit their daughter Treena Butera, whose husband is active duty Navy. Butera was looking for activities for her parents during their visit.

"When I saw that you were running this special tour with the veteran, I thought it was a great opportunity we couldn't pass up," Butera said.

The Cromers also said having Swanson on the tour was their favorite part.

"It made it more real," Larry said.

Cheryl added, "I just thought since we were going to be here on Dec. 7, we should do some activities" related to the event.



The Hickam Historical Tour on Dec. 6 included the outside of the headquarters building.

Learn more about RECP and saving energy

Karen S. Spangler

Managing Editor

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

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).

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).

"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/rGCqE> or download the PDF at : <http://greenfleet.dodlive.mil/currents-magazine/>.

Numerous articles about RECP that provide helpful 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.cnmc.navy.mil/hawaii> or www.hookelenews.com.

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

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@friendsofhawaii.org or call 792-9305.

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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