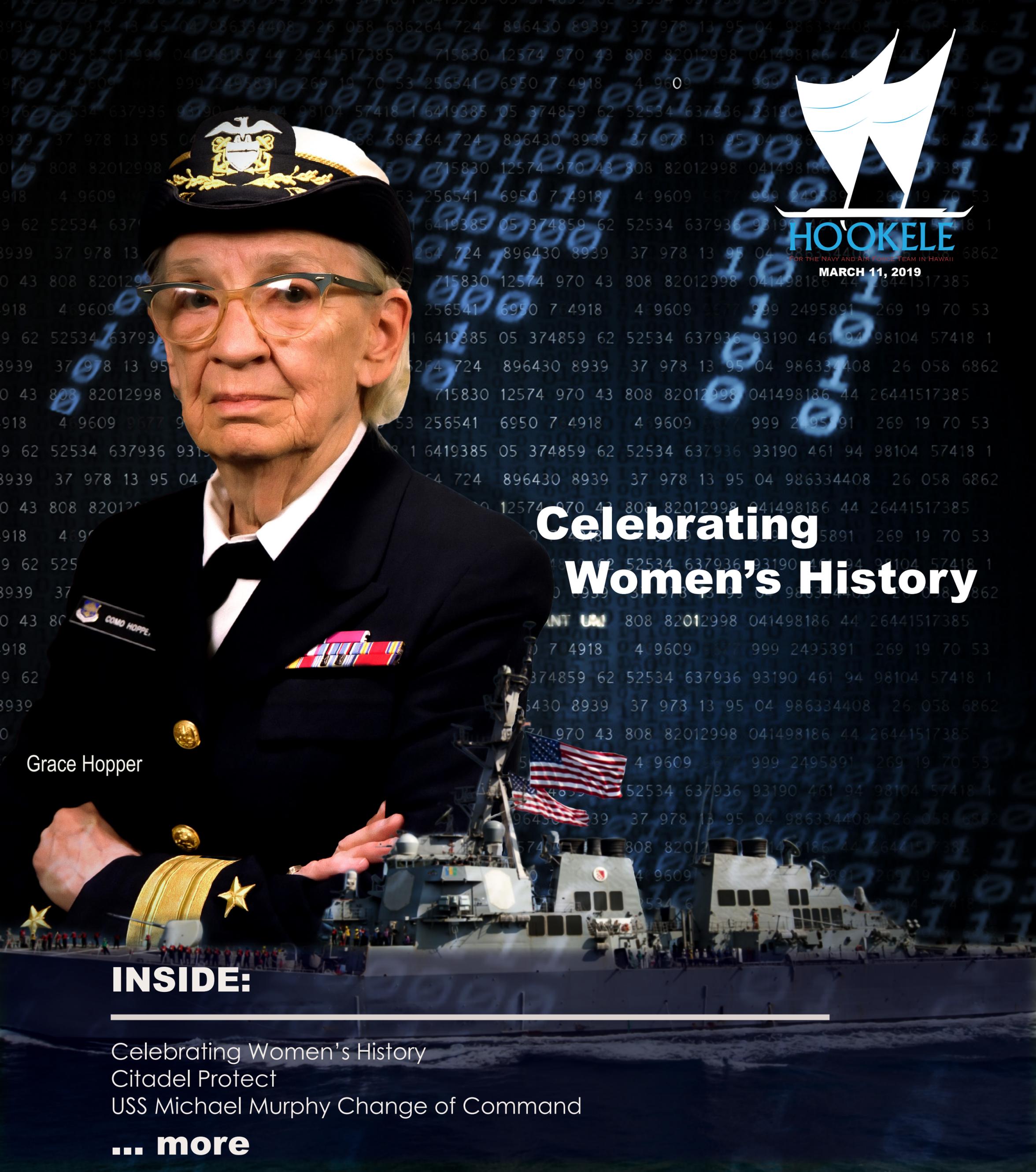




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Master-at-Arms 1st Class Jennifer Andrews, from Miami, fires a M240 machine gun aboard a rigid hull inflatable boat (RHIB) during a harbor security training scenario as part of Exercise Citadel Protect at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Citadel Protect is a multi-part anti-terrorism force protection exercise that is being conducted nationwide Feb. 25 - Mar. 8. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Charles Ok)

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A Hui Hou!

From the Editor



Data and Analytics: Honoring ‘Amazing’ Grace

By Anna General, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

With the innovation of new technology and the availability of information on the internet, computers have evolved and defined how we live our daily lives. As Ho’okele moves to the future of digital media, keeping track of the analytics is important to increase the success of the online magazine.

Among influential women with analytical minds, we recognize the late Rear Adm. “Amazing” Grace Hopper, namesake for the USS Hopper (DDG 70), as we celebrate Women’s History Month in March.

Known as a pioneer in the field of computer science, she worked on the development of the Harvard Mark I computer made by IBM, which is credited as being the first digital computer that could store numbers and automatically calculate them. She was also the first mathematician in history to have a U.S. Navy ship named in her honor.

According to the book “Wired for War” written by P.W. Singer, all computer instructions were written in binary code. “Amazing” Grace was part of a team of early pioneers to develop a software known as a “compiler,” which turned each machine’s codes into something universal, developing COBOL (Common Business

Language), a user friendly programming language that helped revolutionize computer programming.

With the development of this language, computers were able to communicate with each other. Following the Mark I was the development of the Mark II, which strangely kept crashing. “Amazing” Grace’s computer team eventually found out it was a moth that was trapped inside the computer causing the program glitches. From then on, the glitches have been called “bugs.” The groundwork of these programs is what we now call the internet.

Today, the internet has changed the way we connect to people and communicate by using mobile devices such as smartphones.

Flip through the pages of the Ho’okele bi-weekly online magazine at <https://issuu.com/navyregionhawaii> or <https://www.dvidshub.net/publication/841/hookele>. We ask that you share our Ho’okele link from our post located on Navy Region Hawaii Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NavyRegionHawaii/> to help increase our readership.

To read more about “Amazing” Grace, visit the Naval History and Heritage Command at <https://www.history.navy.mil/>.

Statistics for Ho’okele’s Feb. 25 edition (As of March 8)

PLATFORM USED	# OF PEOPLE REACHED	# OF ENGAGEMENTS/IMPRESSIONS (includes likes, comments, shares and clicks)
NAVY REGION HAWAII ISSUU	181 TIMES READ	395 TIMES DISPLAYED ONLINE
NAVY REGION HAWAII FACEBOOK	5,419 PEOPLE REACHED	282 ENGAGEMENTS
JBPHH FACEBOOK	4,017 PEOPLE REACHED	194 ENGAGEMENTS

These numbers are based on the social media platforms maintained by Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs. Official Facebook pages such as the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Hawaii Air National Guard, 15th Wing, NAVFAC Hawaii, NAVFAC Pacific, MWR Greatlife Hawaii, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and other command/units have shared the Ho’okele post from Navy Region Hawaii Facebook page which helped to increase readership.

CITADEL

PROTECT

*Story and photos by
Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Charles Oki,
Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs*

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) concluded the anti-terrorism/force protection (AT/FP) exercise Citadel Protect, March 8.

The two-week long exercise began Feb. 25.

Citadel Protect enables Navy security forces to train and simultaneously assess mission essential tasks and readiness across the fleet. The exercise focused on command, control and communications for missions requiring a coordinated response from both ashore and afloat units in response to waterborne and land-based threats.

"I believe that this is the type of training that we've got to have," said Dr. Mike Smith, director of training and exercises for Navy Region Hawaii. "The Sailors that are doing the training aren't using the blue dummy guns, they are using their actual service weapons in the environment they are expected to respond to. We are using blank ammunition and the multiple integrated laser engagement system (MILES) which makes it very realistic. If we don't provide this type of training then we aren't training our Sailors to be able to respond the way they are supposed to. We owe it to these Sailors to give them the very best training so they know how to do their job when they are called upon."

Training evolutions conducted during the exercise included harbor defense training with the use of tactical weapons between two small boats, an active shooter scenario, and small boat attacks on the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73) and the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Charlotte (SSN 766).

Security force Sailors sweep for a simulated active shooter during an active shooter training scenario as part of Exercise Citadel Protect at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Citadel Protect is a multi-part anti-terrorism force protection exercise that is being conducted nationwide Feb. 25 - Mar. 8.

PMRF Wins Navy Environmental Stewardship Flagship Award

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class
Sara B. Sexton, PMRF Public Affairs

Sailors and employees of Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) Barking Sands, Kauai, were awarded the 2018 Navy Community Service Environmental Stewardship Flagship Award, Medium Shore Installation class.

As sponsor of the Environmental Stewardship Flagship, the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics (N4) salutes commands engaged in exemplary voluntary community service activities that promote good stewardship of environmental resources.

"I am honored that PMRF was recognized for this award and proud of the men and women who helped us earn it," said Capt. Vinnie Johnson, commanding

officer of PMRF. "A Hawaiian word for stewardship is malama - to serve, protect and honor. Malama is a PMRF core value. Being good stewards of our environmental, cultural and community resources enables us to be excellent at our ultimate mission, stewardship of our Nation's security."

PMRF's role as the world's largest instrumented training and testing facility includes conducting events in an operationally realistic environment. Prior to each mission, natural and cultural resources are considered and closely evaluated.

The PMRF natural resources and environmental teams work closely with more than 20 organizations and programs outside the installation boundaries to engage the local community and ensure protection of the many natural and cultural

resources on base.

"It's through these collaborative efforts that we continue to improve our environmental stewardship of the base and stay engaged with our community, so we are beyond grateful for the efforts of our partner organizations," said Jessi Behnke, PMRF's Installation Environmental Program Director. "Support from programs like Save Our Shearwaters, the Hono O Na Pali NARS Seabird Mitigation Project, the Kauai Endangered Seabird Recovery Project, and DLNR/DOFAW [division of forestry and wildlife] among others has helped us strengthen our wildlife recovery, predator control, and seabird conservation efforts. Our collaboration with Na Kilo Aina has brought about unique opportunities for students through seasonal intertidal workshops, and most recently we've partnered



PMRF Sailors conduct a beach cleanup in December 2018. Photo by MC2 Omar Powell



Pacific Missile Range Facility personnel, Kalaheo Elementary School students and other guests assisted shearwater birds in taking flight during a blessing by the local shearwater team at Lydgate Beach, Kauai, Oct. 16. Photo by MC2 Omar Powell

together to participate in a new Hawaiian learning initiative called Huli'ia, where students and trained scientists alike take a traditional Hawaiian approach to monitoring and identifying subtle environmental changes."

In a message to the winners, Vice Adm. D.R. Smith, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics, said, "our relationships with the communities in which we live and work are an essential piece of the Navy's mission readiness. Without the support of those local communities, our ability to service

our warfighting platforms, maintain safe and healthy infrastructure for our workforce, and even deploy assets on time can suffer. The Environmental Stewardship Flagship program recognizes commands who are fortifying those vital relationships through volunteer efforts that protect and restore the natural environment we all share."

The Navy Community Service Environmental Stewardship Flagship Award is recognized annually and includes 6 categories of excellence. PMRF stands as the Medium Shore winner.

ATG MIDPAC named Bainbridge Award winner

Story by ATG MIDPAC Public Affairs

Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATG MIDPAC) was named the 2018 USS Bainbridge Award winner on Jan. 10 at Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. ATG MIDPAC was recognized for its outstanding contributions in its volunteer support efforts to the local community.

This annual award recognizes a Navy command that engaged in exemplary voluntary community service activities with local communities. Sailors at ATG MIDPAC greatly improved the lives of more than 61,000 in their local community through their ongoing relationship with local schools, Special Olympics of Hawaii, and numerous local food banks. Their efforts made a positive difference in the lives of America's youth and helped them to reach their fullest potential, specifically in education and civic responsibility.

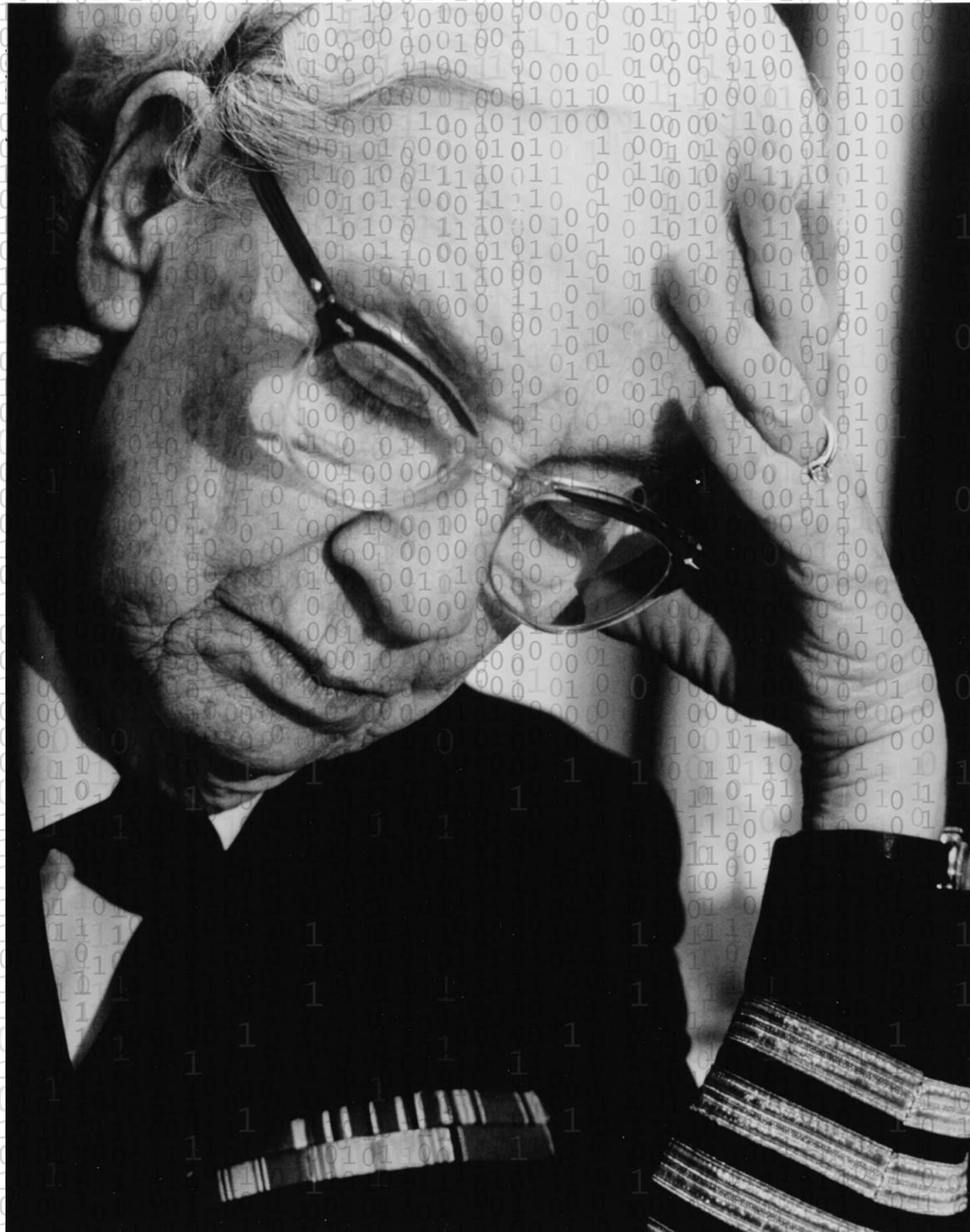
"Giving back to the community has been the cornerstone to success here at ATG MIDPAC," said Senior Chief Culinary Specialist Larry Lovell, community relations lead for ATG MIDPAC. "Keeping a selfless attitude coupled with a heart of

gold has impacted the children, the homeless, and our environment while strengthening our ties in the community. Being recognized for the efforts that our community service leaders provided and love to do...is simply a dream come true," he added.

"The USS Bainbridge Award captures the essence and dedication of ATG MIDPAC Sailors. We take care of our community while simultaneously providing quality training to the waterfront, demonstrating excellence in the local community and throughout the fleet," said Capt. Kenneth Athans, commanding officer Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific.

USS Germantown (LSD 42) was chosen as honorable mention for the USS Bainbridge Award for Overall Excellence in Community Service. Sailors at USS Germantown volunteered more than 1,000 hours to a beach cleanup, the Sasebo Shimabara Walk, Department of Defense Schools Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics [STEM] Programs, and the Kami Ainoura Childcare Center. Selection was highly competitive with the winner chosen from a field of 15 outstanding nominees.





GRACE HOPPER

By Naval History, and Heritage Command

Grace Brewster Murray was born on Dec. 9, 1906 in New York. She claims as her second hometown, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, to which she first traveled in the summer of 1907. She attended Vassar College, graduating in 1928, with Phi Beta Kappa and a Vassar College Fellowship. She attended Yale University, where she received her master's degree 1930, and doctorate's degree in 1934, together with election to Sigma Xi and two Sterling Scholarships.

She returned to Vassar as an assistant in mathematics in 1931, becoming successively, instructor, assistant professor, and associate professor. During this time, she received a Vassar Faculty Fellowship and studied at New York University (1941-42).

In December 1943, she entered the United States Naval Reserve and attended the UNSR Midshipman's School-W at Northampton, Massachusetts. Upon graduation, she was commissioned lieutenant junior grade and ordered to the Bureau of Ordnance Computation Project at Harvard. Here, she learned to program the first large-scale digital computer, Mark I. In 1946, she resigned from her leave-of-absence from Vassar and joined the Harvard Faculty as a research fellow in Engineering Sciences and Applied Physics at the Computation Laboratory where work continued on the Mark and Mark II computers for the Navy. In 1946, she received the Naval Ordnance Development Award.

In 1949, she joined as senior mathematician the Eckert-Mauchly Computer Corporation in Philadelphia, then building the UNIVAC I, the first commercial large-scale electronic computer.



Capt. Grace M. Hopper, head of the Navy Programming Language Section of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OP 911F), discusses a phase of her work with a staff member, August 1976. Photographed by PH2 David C. MacLean. Note decpack computer equipment at the right. Official U.S. Navy Photograph, from the collections of the Naval History and Heritage Command.

She remained with the company as a senior programmer when it was bought by Remington Rand and later merged into the Sperry Corporation. She was appointed systems engineer, director for Automatic Programming in 1952 when she published the first paper on compilers. In 1964, she became staff scientist, Systems Programming. She retired from the UNIVAC Division of the Sperry Rand Corporation in December 1971, while on military leave.

During the years, she published over 50 papers and articles on software and programming languages. Her interest in applications programming sent her to the first meeting of CODASYL with a strong interest in the development of COBOL. She has also served on the ANSI Xe.4 Committee on the standardization of computer languages. She also served on the CODASYL Executive Committee.

She served, starting in 1959, first as Visiting Lecturer; in 1962, as Visiting Assistant Professor; in 1962, as Visiting Associate Professor; and in 1973, as Adjunct Professor of Engineering at the Moore School of Electrical Engineering of the University of Pennsylvania. In 1961, she was appointed Professorial Lecturer in Management Science at the



Commodore Grace M. Hopper, special assistant to Commander, Naval Data Automation Command, poses with officers of the Navy Regional Data Automation Center (NARDC), San Diego, during groundbreaking ceremonies for the Grace M. Hopper Navy Regional Data Automation Center at Naval Air Station, North Island, California, September 27, 1985. Commodore Hopper is second from right, front row. Rear Admiral Paul Sutherland Jr., Commander, Naval Data Automation Command, is at the left end of the front row. Captain Charles T. Smith, Commanding Officer, NARDAC, San Diego, is in the center of the back row. Photographed by PH2 Michael Flynn. Official U.S. Navy Photograph, from the collections of the Naval History and Heritage Command.



Commodore Grace M. Hopper, receives congratulations from President Ronald Reagan, following her promotion to commodore in ceremonies at the White House, Dec. 15, 1983. Photographed by Pete Souza. Official U.S. Navy Photograph, from the collections of the Naval History and Heritage Command.

George Washington University and served until 1978.

In 1962, she was elected fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. In 1964, she was selected to receive the 1964 Achievement Award by the Society of Women Engineers. In 1969, the Data Processing Management Association selected her as the first Computer Sciences "Man-of-the-Year."

The American Federation of Information Processing Societies gave her the Harry Goode Memorial Award in 1970. In 1917, the UNIVAC Division of the Sperry Corporation initiated the Grace Murray Hopper Award for young computer personnel to be awarded annually by the Association for Computer Machinery. In 1962, she received the honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering from the Newark College of Engineering, a Wilbur Lucius Cross Medal from Yale University, and was made a fellow of the Association of Computer Programmers and Analysts. In 1963, she received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from the C. W. Post College of Long Island University, was elected to membership in the National Academy of Engineering, was presented with the Legion of Merit by the Navy, and was selected as a distinguished fellow of the British Computer Society.

In 1974, she received the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws, from the University of Pennsylvania at the 50th Anniversary Convocation honoring the Moore School of Electrical Engineer. In 1976, she received the Distinguished Member Award of the Washington,

D. C. Chapter of the Association from Computer Machinery, and an honorary Doctor of Science from Pratt Institute. In 1979, she received the W. Wallace McDowell Award from the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Society. In 1987, she received the Meritorious Service Award from the Navy, honorary Doctor of Science from Bucknell University, an honorary Doctor of Science from Arcadia University from Loyola University, Chicago and the Southern Illinois State University and an Honorary Doctor of Public Service from the George Washington University, Washington, D. C.

She was a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, a member of the Association for Computing Machinery, the Data Processing Management Association, the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a member of the Franklin Institute, the U. S. Naval Institute, and the International Oceanographic Foundation.

She maintained her close connection with the Naval Reserve and was successively promoted to lieutenant, lieutenant commander and commander. At the end of 1966, she was retired with the rank of commander in the retired reserve. She was recalled to active duty on Aug. 1, 1967. On Aug. 2, 1963, she was promoted to the rank of Captain on the retired list of the Naval Reserve.

Vet Girls ROCK!

Celebrating Women's History



Capt. Susan Weeks, 535th Airlift Squadron (AS) C-17 Globemaster III pilot, Capt. Teri Boivin, 535th AS C-17 instructor pilot, and Master Sgt. Joleen Morse, Air National Guard 204th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, walk into the 535th AS building during the filming of the Vet Girls ROCK video. National Vet Girls ROCK Day recognizes the dedication of U.S. veteran women and raises awareness concerning their needs.

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Brown, 15th Wing Public Affairs

On July 8, 1948, Esther McGowin Blake made history and paved the way for all women when she enlisted in the Air Force on the first minute of the first hour of the first day regular Air Force duty was authorized for women. For many, serving in the Air Force and flying has been a challenging and rewarding career.

"Flying is the coolest job ever," said Capt. Teri Boivin, 535th Airlift Squadron C-17 Globemaster III instructor pilot. "However, there are not a lot of women in who do it. But it's definitely worth it and it's definitely something that I wish more women would pursue, and I wish more women would understand that this is an option for them."

According to the Air Forces Personnel Center, as of Dec. 31, 2018, 20.3 percent of Air Force members are women and 749 are serving as pilots.

For those interested in aviation careers, there are several career choices. From air battle managers to navigation, women have excelled in every aspect of



aviation.

"Gender does not limit you, and just look around and see all the women who are doing such extraordinary things," said Boivin. "Women are just as smart and just as capable and there's absolutely nothing holding you back from that."

While some look for adventure, others look to flying for the friendship and team building it brings.

"Having camaraderie with other female veterans is awesome," said Capt. Susan Weeks, 535th AS C-17 pilot. "It's easy to build camaraderie when you have that same background and that same baseline as everyone else. It gives us something to relate to, commiserate and celebrate together."

The contributions women have made throughout the years is apparent in all walks of life, and the Air Force is no exception. With the observation of Women's History Month in March, the 15th Wing would like to remind everyone that not even the sky can limit your potential.

15th MDG Airman

saves lives, ensures women are mission ready

Story and photo by Airman 1st Class Jermaine Ayers
15th Wing Public Affairs

The 15th Medical Group's (MDG) mission is as varied as its Airmen. From bioenvironmental engineers to X-rays, all of the clinics share a single purpose — to ensure the 15th Wing Sky Warriors are physically fit and healthy to accomplish the mission at home and abroad. For one Airman, her day-to-day job is just one part of the big picture.

Senior Airman Victoria Lowell, 15th MDG aerospace medical technician, works hard to ensure the Women's Health Clinic (WHC) operates smoothly.

"On a typical day, I'll ensure our provider's virtual and physical appointments are ready," said Lowell. "I prepare the rooms for our patients and if we have procedures scheduled, I'll prep all the instruments."

The WHC provides comprehensive patient centered care that focuses on a variety of women's health concerns.

Some of the services the WHC provides are birth control consultation and insertion,

cervical cancer screening, gynecological health, and fertility concerns.

"My job contributes to the 15th Wing mission by ensuring that all active-duty females are ready to deploy," said Lowell. "Which means their woman's exam is up-to-date and they don't have any procedures to follow up on."

While Lowell's current position allows her to care for the needs of women, her training has prepared her to tackle any obstacle she comes across.

On February 2018, Lowell responded to an accident that happened outside of the medical group. During the accident, an Airman crossing the street was hit by a vehicle, and was launched into the middle of the street.

"One of the Airmen I worked alongside in the pediatric clinic witnessed the accident and ran inside to gather our team to respond," said Lowell. "I heard from other medics that when accidents occur all of your training just kicks into gear even if you've never experienced anything emergent before, and that's exactly what happened to me."



Senior Airman Victoria Lowell, Aerospace Medical Technician, 15th MDG.

"The team worked together at the scene and was able to give the victim the best possible care we could until a higher echelon of care arrived," Lowell said.

Lowell works hard taking care of Airmen and their families to ensure they are prepared to complete their missions. In doing so, she embodies the 15th MDG's values of character, commitment, and compassion.



U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY GLEE CLUB TO PERFORM IN HONOLULU, HI

by Maddie Darbie, U.S. Naval Academy

The internationally-acclaimed U.S. Naval Academy Glee Club will appear in concert in Honolulu twice this March during the Academy's spring break. The concerts will feature a variety of music to include patriotic selections, music from Broadway, classics, and several small specialty a cappella ensembles. Both concerts are free and open to the public; no tickets required. Doors will open thirty minutes prior to each concert.

The second concert will be Friday, March 15, at 7 p.m. at Central Union Church, located at 1660 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96828.

The USNA Glee Club is comprised of 90 singers — both the Naval Academy Men's and Women's Glee Clubs. The Men's Glee Club has achieved international prominence as one of the world's premier men's choruses, and the highly-acclaimed Women's Glee Club is the only all-female military ensemble in the world. Appearances on network television include The Kennedy Centers Honors (CBS), The Today Show (NBC), NBC and TNT's Christmas in Washington, and several nationwide broadcasts featuring the National Anthem.

Training for any mission, any environment

2nd Lt. Elizabeth Andreas-Feeney,
624th Regional Support Group Public Affairs

More than 40 Citizen Airmen from the 154th Wing, 313th Airlift Squadron (AS) and 624th Regional Support Group (RSG) conducted joint aeromedical staging and aerial port training at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) March 3 to build relationships and train for future real-world missions.

The event was a collaborative effort between the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve focused on both en route patient care and staging, and cargo preparation and loading.

“Understanding our procedures and training on life-saving techniques sets the foundation and gives our Airmen an opportunity to identify their own strengths and physical limitations,” said Master Sgt. Tatiana Abasolo, the unit training manager from the 624th Aeromedical Staging Squadron (ASTS), a unit assigned to the 624th RSG.

For many, gaining exposure through field exercises like this provides an opportunity to train in different environments alongside experienced Airmen, gaining knowledge that can be used while working in austere locations and as part of the U.S. Air Force’s Total Force.

“I go out of my way to ensure the safety of the aircraft and support the medical crews, who are potentially saving lives,” said Master Sgt. Timmy Long, a loadmaster with the 313th AS. “We train to set up equipment on the plane so the aeromedical evacuation crews can focus on the patient.”

Immersive training opportunities using a static aircraft, in this case, a U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, allowed the teams an opportunity to learn from each other so they can adapt to real-world missions in any setting.



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Donahue Pinto, of Ewa Beach, Hawaii, a member of the Air Force Reserve’s 624th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, provides instruction on how to properly secure a patient for movement during an aeromedical staging and aerial port training at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam March 3. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Theanne Herrmann)

“We set up training with our guard and active-duty counterparts to continuously build upon our familiarization with the aircraft, basic litter lifting techniques, and medical readiness,” said Tech. Sgt. Donahue Pinto, a 624th ASTS aerospace medicine service craftsman, and the team leader for this event. “There are a lot of moving pieces in aeromedical evacuation situations, so we train to be ready for different scenarios our Airmen may encounter.”

Staff Sgt. Osiris Terry, an aerial port specialist with the 48th Aerial Port Squadron, a unit assigned to the 624th RSG, knows first-hand how important Total Force training is for him and his counterparts.

“It’s great working with other organizations because it allows us to build relationships and showcase the

integration between the guard, reserve and active duty,” said Terry. “We are an important component of the supply line and deliver critical supplies downrange. We train in order to be able to react to any threat or mission required of us.”

The Air National Guard’s 154th Wing at JBPHH is comprised of nearly 1,900 full and part-time Airmen with the mission of providing quality air power, at home and while deployed. The Air Force Reserve’s 313th AS from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, is assigned to the 446th Airlift Wing and provides ready Airmen to support global operations. The 624th RSG at JBPHH employs more than 600 Reserve Citizen Airmen who specialize in providing the throughput of cargo, passengers, patients, and runway repair worldwide.

Federal Fire Department recognized for brushfire response

Story and photo by the Federal Fire Department



On Feb. 28, Hawaii Rep. Cedric Gates and Rep. Stacelyn Eli, representatives of the Wai’anae Coast, recognized the Federal Fire Department, Navy Region Hawaii and other emergency response agencies at the Hawaii State Capitol for their outstanding performance in battling two large, out-of-control, brush fires on the leeward coast last year.

The fires started on Aug. 4, 2018 and burned for three days in the Wai’anae and Makaha valleys. The fires quickly threatened civilian homes, schools, farms, and businesses. In addition to the size of the fires, firefighting efforts were further complicated by strong winds, dry brush, heavy smoke, and added heat from the sun.

In a letter from Gates, he states “this year, we want to honor the first responders of the Wai’anae brush fires that occurred last summer and many summers before. Floor presentations are used by the House of Representatives as a ceremonial means to recognize individuals or organizations for accomplishments and contributions to the greater good of the community.”

The Federal Fire Department dispatched 16 firefighting apparatus and 38 firefighters over two of the three days of firefighting efforts. In total, the fires scorched nearly 9,000 acres of state and private land. Successful firefighting efforts required cooperation and coordination of several city, state, and federal emergency response organizations. Members of the Wai’anae Coast community also supported firefighters by donating food and water for firefighters.



Deputy Chief Neil Fujioka, third from right, and District Chief Robert Chandler, second from right, received a certificate of recognition from the Hawaii House of Representatives on behalf of the Federal Fire Department, Navy Region Hawaii.

The Federal Fire Department, Navy Region Hawaii, is an all-hazards emergency response organization providing fire and emergency services to military installations on the island of Oahu. The department has a staff of 273 personnel and maintains 13 fire stations around the island.

MICHAEL MURPHY HOLDS 5TH CHANGE OF COMMAND

Story by Ensign Emma Gray,
USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) Public Affairs

Photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Charles Oki, Navy Region Public Affairs

Cmdr. Christopher J. Forch relieved Cmdr. Kevin T. Louis as commanding officer of the guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) in a ceremony held at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam March 1.

Forch served as Michael Murphy's executive officer from June 2017 to December 2018. His previous sea tours include USS Shrike (MHC 62), USS Russell (DDG 59), and USS Truxton (DDG 103). Ashore, he has completed tours at Afloat Training Group in Norfolk, Virginia, and at USSTRATCOM in Bellevue, Nebraska.

Louis, the ship's fifth commanding officer, assumed command of Michael Murphy in August 2017. He previously served as the ship's executive officer from February 2016 to June 2017.

"Serving as the commanding officer for this crew has been the honor of a lifetime," said Louis. "The responsibility of commanding a naval warship is not an easy job to take on, but it is exciting, rewarding, and tremendously fulfilling to make a positive difference for over 300 Sailors."

While in command, Louis led the ship and her 300-plus crew members through two western Pacific deployments, Carrier Strike Group One (CSG 1) sustainment training exercise, Portland Rose Festival and several other underway periods totaling over 260 days away from homeport.

Further, he oversaw the completion of the ship's Ready-for-Sea Assessment; anti-submarine warfare and strike warfare certification validations; six maintenance availability periods; and numerous community and public relations events.

"Michael Murphy's high operational tempo has kept us all busy over the last three years," said Louis. "Despite this, the crew consistently overcomes every challenge thrown at them, demonstrates a high level of tactical and professional excellence, and continues to uphold the legacy of the ship's namesake with pride. I am grateful for their hard work and dedication and for the opportunity to have been a part of the USS Michael Murphy team."

For his next tour, Louis is headed ashore to Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center in San Diego.

Cmdr. Chris Forch, left, relieved Cmdr. Kevin T. Louis as commanding officer of the guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) in a ceremony held at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam March 1.



Cmdr. Chris Forch, commanding officer of the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) salutes the sideboys after taking command of Michael Murphy during a change of command ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Charles Oki

NAVFAC Pacific celebrates National Engineers Week

Story by NAVFAC Pacific Public Affairs



Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific celebrated National Engineers Week Feb. 17-23 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam by recognizing the work its employees do in support of U.S. Navy and Marine Corps operations.

National Engineers Week's aim is to celebrate how engineers make a difference in our world and increase public dialogue about the need for engineers. This year's theme is "Engineers: Invent Amazing."

NAVFAC Pacific Commander Rear Adm. John Adametz used the theme to encourage NAVFAC Pacific engineers to find inventive ways to meet the needs of the military commands they support.

"We've been called on by Chief of Naval Operations to adapt to the emerging security environment, a return to great power competition," he said. "The competition extends to readiness through our shore facilities; from capable berths to secure sources of energy and more. Who better than our engineers to meet that challenge?"

NAVFAC Pacific employs 185 engineers to deliver lifecycle technical and acquisition solutions aligned to fleet and Marine Corps priorities in the Pacific. Its area of responsibility encompasses 13 time zones, 30 countries, and delivery of more than \$3 billion each year of naval shore facilities, base operating support, and expeditionary projects throughout the Pacific.

"As we celebrate National Engineer's Week, we'd like to sincerely acknowledge our industry engineering partners and our talented workforce with our deepest appreciation as they remain vital to enabling warfighter lethality and maximizing naval shore readiness for our Navy," said Marc Wong, NAVFAC Pacific's top civilian engineer.

NAVFAC Pacific also joined engineers from NAVFAC Hawaii for an engineering career fair event March 6 at the University of Hawaii Manoa's Campus Center Ballroom.

Diverse VIEWS

March is Women's History Month. Who do you think is the most influential woman in history and why?

Submitted by Helen Zukeran and David D. Underwood, Jr.



Chief Master Sgt. Nicholas Brock
154th Operations Support Squadron

"Eleanor Roosevelt, often called 'The First Lady of the World.' Her contributions to human rights in a world at war continue having positive effects globally."



Master Sgt. Tonya Poole, First Sgt.
613th Air Operations Center

"Mother Teresa. Her kindness and selfless attitude inspired many people around the world to be kind and help others."



Collection Cryptologic Technician Seth Baham
NIOC Hawaii

"Rosa Parks. She created ripples through history because of what she believed in and stood up for what was right."



Stephanie Chun
NAVFAC Hawaii

"Oprah Winfrey. Her empathy and authenticity allows her to relate and connect with people. As a philanthropist, media mogul and best-selling author, she has the power to influence millions."

MFSC hosts hiring event for transitioning service members, spouses

Story and photos by Anna General,
Navy Region Public Affairs

The Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) Pearl Harbor held a hiring event for service members, veterans and military spouses at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Feb. 22.

More than 200 job seekers were in attendance and some were given the opportunity to interview with hiring officials from various companies from the public and private sector.

Fran Salas, volunteer and employment specialist at MFSC, said they host big hiring events like this twice a year.

“This is our first hiring event for 2019 and the next one will be on May 23. We try to aim for 50 employers to participate in this big hiring event but because we wanted to go small, we had 38 employers participate.”

The atmosphere was in a classroom setting, lined with tables showcasing various employers in three separate rooms, looking to hire qualified individuals.

Information Technology (IT) Specialist 2nd Class Kyle Trantum from Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific, volunteered for the event and also plans to transition from military life to the civilian world in a couple of years.

“Coming to the hiring event really helped me to at least start a network and to get my feet a little wet in the civilian side,” said Trantum. “With my job being an IT in the Navy and seeing what kind of job opportunities are out there for ITs, I got lucky. It’s a good industry to be in and everyone needs IT’s, I guess that’s the beauty of it.”

In addition to transitioning service members



and spouses, retired service members, veterans and Department of Defense (DoD) civilians were also welcomed to attend the hiring event.

Sharee Evans, a military spouse, a veteran and a DoD civilian, said that she heard about the hiring event and wanted to see what opportunities were available.

“I just wanted to see what was going on here and to see what opportunities they had for me. This hiring event helps by communicating with people and trying to get good contacts,” Evans said.

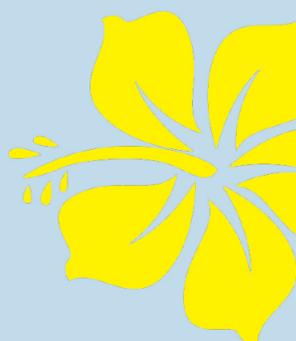
Salas said usually their main priority is to help service members who are about to separate from the military or about to retire.

“In the military, transition is when you are separating from the military. We help transitioning service members explore how a job in the military translates to a job in the civilian world by helping them adjust in the situation,” Salas said.

“Even though our main population is Navy and Air Force because we are a joint base, we do open the doors to other branches. We also always welcome our retirees and veterans too.”

The next hiring fair is scheduled for May 23. For more information about MFSC at JBPHH, visit <https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/support/military-family-support-center>





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Ford Island Bridge Run Registration

NOW - Register for the 22nd annual Ford Island Bridge Run scheduled April 6. This is a 10K event beginning and ending at Ford Island. Cost is \$25 for Department of Defense ID cardholders and \$30 for the public. For more information, visit <https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/> or call 473-0784/2494.

Autoport Courtesy Service

Ongoing - The Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) Autoport, located on the sub side of the base, provides a free courtesy car inspection to families of deployed Sailors. This service is available one week prior, after and during deployment periods. For more information, call 423-3226.

Spring Craft Fair Registration

NOW – Calling all crafters! The MWR Arts & Crafts Center is accepting registration for the Spring Craft Fair scheduled May 4. Cost is \$75 for a 15'x15' space or \$105 for two to share a space. For more information, call 448-9907.

A-OK Program

Ongoing – Bring your child's most recent report card to the Pearl Harbor NEX to register for the Project A-OK Program. Your child could win a monetary gift. For more information, visit the NEX Aloha Center in the rotunda. For more information, call 423-3287.

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament Registration

NOW until March 21 - Register for 3-on-3 Basketball at the Hickam Memorial Fitness Center. This event is free and is open to ages 18 and up. Limited to 12 teams. The tournament will be held March 22 at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 448-2214.

Creative Writing Contest

Now until March 23 - Submissions for the annual Creative Writing Contest are being accepted at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) library. Categories are for poetry and short stories and the contest is open to ages 6 and up. Winners will be announced on April 13. For more information, call 449-8299.

North Channel Swim Challenge

Month of March - Swim the distance of the North Channel - 22 miles or 35 kilometers at JBPHH pools. The first 10 people to complete the challenge receive a prize. Participants have the whole month to complete the challenge. Sign up at Scott Pool. For more information, call 473-0394.

Federal Employment 101

March 12 - The application process for federal jobs can feel confusing and overwhelming but the benefits of civil service are worth the effort! This class will help you navigate the USAjobs website and understand the application process from start to finish, at the Wahiawa Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call 474-1999 or visit <https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/support/military-family-support-center>

Bench Press Competition

March 12 - Compete against other athletes in the Bench Press Competition from 7 a.m. to noon at the Wahiawa Annex Fitness Center. Awards will be given to the top three men/women finishers. The results will be determined by maximum presses in relation to their body weight. For more information, call 653-5542.

Interpersonal Skills

March 12 - Master the art of people skills and maximize the impact of your first impressions at the Pearl Harbor MFSC from 10 a.m. to noon. This class will teach you about communication, conversation, and the value of soft skills in the workplace. For more information, call 474-1999 or register at <https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/support/military-family-support-center>

Tranquil Seas: Mindfulness and Self-Care

March 13 - Self-care is a critical element in managing stress, preventing burnout and achieving a sense of fulfillment. Evaluate ways you can build self-care into your daily routine and be mindful through your activities and reach your fullest potential. This class will be held at the Pearl Harbor MFSC from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 474-1999 or register at <https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/support/military-family-support-center>

Golf Clinics

March 14 and 16 - Get an introduction to a free game of golf March 14 at the Navy-Marine Golf Course (NMGC) from noon to 1 p.m. and on March 16 at the Barbers Point Golf Course (BPGC) from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Call the NMGC at 471-0142 or the BPGC at 682-1911.

EFMP Coffee Talk

March 14 - Learn, share and connect with other Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) families at the Pearl Harbor MFSC from 9 to 10 a.m. For more information, call 474-1999 or register at <https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/support/military-family-support-center>

King of the Hill Bowling Tournament

March 14, 21, 28 - Bowl two free games at the Naval Station Bowling Center every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a chance to be declared King of the Hill. This event is open to active duty personnel. The two highest scores of the month will win 10 free games. For more information, call 473-2574.

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March 16 - Learn about therapy dogs at the Teen Center from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Trainers from the Tripler Human Animal Bond Program will be at the event to talk to teens. For more information, call 448-1068.

Boot Camp for New Dads

March 16 - Join veteran dads (and their babies) to learn how they made it through the first months of parenthood and resurfaced as confident, on-the-job fathers. Learn how to handle a baby and find out about issues you didn't know were important and more. This class will be held at the MFSC Pearl Harbor from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 474-1999 or register at <https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/support/military-family-support-center>

St. Patty's Day Celebration

March 16 - JBPHH MWR will host a St. Patty's Day Celebration at Brews & Cues in Club Pearl. This is a free event and is open to ages 18 and older. For more information, call 473-1743.

Salsa Dancing

March 16 - Come to the Country Bar for a hot night of dancing every Saturday from 8:30 to 10 p.m. This is a free event and is open to ages 18 and older. For more information, call 473-1743.

Lifeguard Certification Class

March 18 to 22 - The lifeguard certification class takes place from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Hickam Family Pool. A prerequisite assessment must be completed by March 11 to be able to take the class. Cost is \$175. For more information, call 216-1712.

Stop Bullying

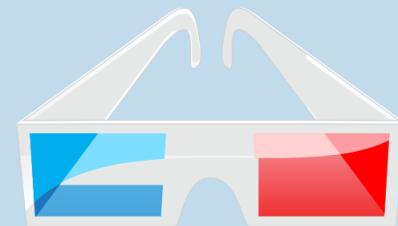
March 19 - Has your child been a victim of bullying? Has your child been the bully? This workshop will be held at the Pearl Harbor MFSC from 1 to 3 p.m. The class looks at the dynamics of bullying and ways to defend against it. Building our children up today will help end bullying tomorrow. For more information, call 474-1999 or register at <https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/support/military-family-support-center>

Intramural Softball League Coaches Meeting

March 20 – A meeting for coaches will be held JBPHH Fitness Center at 1 p.m. Sign up your team for the upcoming softball league which will begin April 16. The league is limited to active-duty personnel assigned to commands on JBPHH. For more information, call 473-2494/2437.

New Moms and Dads

March 20 - New and soon-to-be parents (or those who are thinking about becoming parents) will learn about the roles, responsibilities, demands and joys of being parents. This session will be held at the Hickam MFSC from 5 to 8 p.m. It will include early childhood social, emotional and physical development, crying and consoling and more. For more information, call 474-1999 or register at <https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/support/military-family-support-center>



Movie Showtimes

*Movie schedules are subject to change

Sharkey Theater

Thursday, March 14:

7 p.m. What Men Want (R)

Friday, March 15:

7 p.m. Isn't It Romantic (PG-13)

Saturday, March 16:

2:30 p.m. The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part (PG)

4:40 p.m. Alita: Battle Angel (3D) (PG-13)

7:10 p.m. Isn't It Romantic (PG-13)

Sunday, March 17:

1:30 p.m. The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part (3D) (PG)

3:50 p.m. Alita: Battle Angel (PG-13)

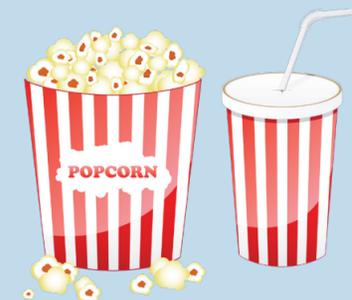
6:20 p.m. What Men Want (R)

Thursday, March 21:

7 p.m. Alita: Battle Angel (PG-13)

Friday, March 22:

7 p.m. Isn't it Romantic (PG-13)



Hickam Memorial Theater

Thursday, March 14:

6:30 p.m. What Men Want (R)

Friday, March 15:

7 p.m. Happy Death Day 2 U (PG-13)

Saturday, March 16:

3 p.m. The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part (PG)

6 p.m. Alita: Battle Angel (PG-13)

Sunday, March 17:

2 p.m. The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part (PG)

4:30 p.m. Alita: Battle Angel (PG-13)

Thursday, March 21:

6:30 p.m. Happy Death Day 2 U (PG-13)

Friday, March 22:

6:30 p.m. What Men Want (R)

Saturday, March 23:

3 p.m. Studio appreciation advance screening - Free admission

6 p.m. Happy Death Day 2 U (PG-13)

Sunday, March 24

2 p.m. The Lego Movie 2 (PG)

4:30 p.m. Alita: Battle Angel (PG-13)



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