JBPHH announcements in support of RIMPAC 2016

PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM – Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is gearing up for the biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise scheduled to begin June 30. Twenty-six nations, 45 ships, five submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel will participate in the exercise. Base personnel, residents and visitors should be aware of the following activities and events:

- Helicopter operations on Ford Island: Increased flight activities will take place on the north side of Ford Island near the vicinity of the Ford Island Navy Lodge from July 6 to Aug. 1, daily, during daylight hours. The flights will not interfere with normal activities on Ford Island. Traffic barriers, road guards, and warning signs will surround the designated landing zone, but residents and visitors should remain clear of the area for their own safety.

- Temporary road and parking closures: The parking lot between Scott Pool and the Fleet Exchange is closed now until Aug. 4. The parking lot will resume normal operations on Aug. 5. Also, motorists should be prepared for possible delays in support of the RIMPAC 5K Run on Wednesday, July 6 and Thursday, Aug. 4, starting at 9 a.m. The course starts and finishes at “Bravo Central” across from Bravo Piers 23/24. Other traffic advisories will be announced as needed.

- Photography: While personal photography is allowed in many areas of the base, photography is strictly prohibited at submarine piers, security posts, Hickam airfield, and other controlled areas. During ship tours and open houses, photography may be allowed in the immediate area where the ship is moored and onboard the ship during the tour as permitted by the ships’ commanding officers.

- Base camps: JBPHH residents may notice “camp sites” or laydown areas near Alpha Dock, Honeymoon Beach and on Ford Island. These sites support the various training events for RIMPAC. Residents may see a slight increase in military vehicular traffic at various times throughout the day on June 29-30 as units transport equipment from vessels on JBPHH to the Ford Island camp site.

- Harbor activities: Military swimmer and small boat activities in the harbor are scheduled throughout July, but will be well marked for recreational boaters to easily identify.
• Open ship tours, Saturday, July 9, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.: RIMPAC participants, active
duty/reserve and retired military personnel, Common Access Cardholders and their
sponsored guests are welcomed to tour visiting U.S. and foreign ships on July 9 from 8
a.m. to 4 p.m. The tours will not be available to the general public. For safety reasons,
guests must be 8 years old or older, independently mobile and able to walk and climb
ladder wells, and wear covered shoes (no heels or slippers). Bags are not allowed, and
photography will be limited to the immediate area and onboard the ship during the tour as
permitted by the respective ships’ commanding officers.

• Hickam Field aircraft static display, Saturday, July 9, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.: All RIMPAC
participants, active duty military, and DoD government civilians (no dependents, families
or guests permitted) can tour aircraft static displays on July 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at
Hickam Field 23 Row. Military ID required. No cameras or cell phones allowed.

• MWR sporting events: Base personnel are invited to watch the numerous sporting and
special events sponsored by MWR. Visit “Bravo Central” located across Bravo Piers
23/24 for up-to-date information. Sporting events include: basketball, soccer, volleyball
(indoor and sand), softball, tennis, bowling, indoor triathlon, bench press contest, strong
arm contest, swim meet, and golf tournament.

Show aloha! There will also be more foreign military personnel walking around the base,
dining at restaurants and shopping at the stores. Please drive with caution and look out for
pedestrians. All foreign military RIMPAC participants are required to have a RIMPAC sticker on
their ID card. If you see them wandering around the base confused or lost, please show some
aloha and assist, if able.

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