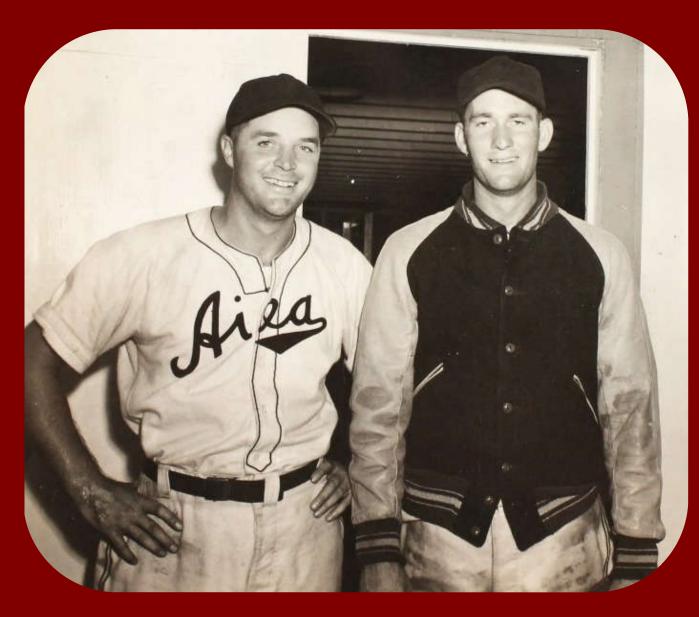
# **Wartime Baseball in Hawaii**

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## Hall of Famers in Hawaii

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Here we are, it's 1945, and we've journeyed through the war years reliving baseball in Hawaii. From the dark days of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor to the coming of peace nearly four years later, baseball played an integral part in military life on the islands. Baseball was embraced by Army and Navy commanders as a morale booster, athletic activity and form of entertainment, which led to high profile leagues being organized and highprofile players being involved. Hall of Famers Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams, Bob Lemon, Billy Herman, Enos Slaughter, Phil Rizzuto, Johnny Mize, Ted Lyons, Red Ruffing, Bill Dickey and Pee Wee Reese all played on the diamonds of Oahu, as did many players who were in the middle of their career, facing the twilight of their playing days, or just beginning the journey to the big leagues. It was a time of uncertainty, heartache and sorrow, but maybe - just a little baseball helped to ease the pain of war and remind everyone what they were fighting for.

I hope you've enjoyed this journey through the years. It's been fun putting each newsletter together – occasionally frustrating – but always rewarding when uncovering facts that have been forgotten for over 70 years.

This is in no way the complete story of baseball in Hawaii during the war. A newsletter simply doesn't allow for every little nugget of information to be retold and it's possible that a book will soon follow, piecing everything together as much as possible. But in the meantime, enjoy 1945...the end in sight.

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The cover photo shows future Hall of Famers Billy Herman and Bob Lemon, who both played for the Aiea Barracks Dodgers in 1945.



## Wartime Baseball in Hawaii

## 1945: The End in Sight

In the Pacific Theater in early 1945, Allied forces were rapidly eroding the Japanese territorial gains of previous years, while the same was happening across Europe. Iwo Jima was invaded in February, and the assault on Okinawa – only 340 miles from mainland Japan – began in April. Meanwhile, the Allies had smashed their way into Germany, and it seemed only a matter of time before the war would be over.



Hawaii saw the arrival of a huge influx of professional ballplayers who were now in service in 1945, and early expectations looked for a banner year of baseball. This, however, was not to be due to a number of reasons. At different times during the year, the Navy and Army placed restrictions on servicemen ballplayers competing in professional leagues like the Honolulu League and Hawaii League, Pacific Island tours which were organized by both branches of the service to entertain troops in forward areas, took some of the top players out of Hawaii, and once the hostilities ended in August, some of the lucky ones returned home to the mainland. Nevertheless, a full year of baseball was organized for entertainment of the soldiers and sailors in Hawaii and some thrilling games took place, particularly in the 14<sup>th</sup> Naval District League.

By the time the dust settled on 1945, Hank Greenberg and Bob Feller had returned to the major leagues, the Detroit Tigers had been crowned world champions, and at least 150 major leaguers had played ball in Hawaii. But we should never forget that around 165 players with major and minor league experience made the ultimate sacrifice during World War II.

## Honolulu League



John Grace, Theo Whitfield and Henry Hadley of the Colored Eagles

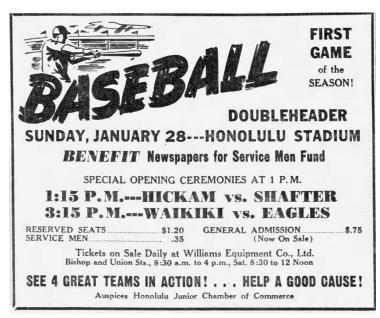
The 1945 Honolulu League was a scaled down version from the 20-team league that ran the year before. Ten teams entered the league with seven being Army or Army Air Force teams.

There were no Navy or Marine Corps teams entered as a Navy ruling had banned its personnel from participating in professional sports teams or leagues. The military teams were Wheeler Feld, Hickam Field, Bellows Field, Fort Shafter, Engineers, Tripler General Hospital and the Hawaiian Air Depot. The Colored Eagles were an all-Army personnel team made up of black servicemen, much the same as the Atkinson Athletic Club had been in 1944.

The league opened on January 28, with 9,000 fans seeing a doubleheader at Honolulu

Stadium as Fort Shafter beat Hickam Field, 5-1, and the Waikikis beat the Colored Eagles, 7-1. Three days into the season, Eddie Funk hurled a no-hitter over Tripler General Hospital, winning 13-0, while striking out 15. After losing their first nine games, the Colored Eagles beat the Waikikis, 3-1, on 1 one-hitter by Joe Sheppard on February 28. On March 11, Wally Cyr - pitching for the Hawaiian Air Depot after being turned loose by the Fort Shafter team because they had too many pitchers - got his revenge with a 6-2 win over his former team, allowing just six hits. Prior to the game, HAD possessed a 3-9 record while Fort Shafter were 11-2. Cyr had been pitching in Hawaii for 13 years, and a week later he beat the Engineers, 13-6, striking out 15. On March 22, Wheeler Field pitcher, Rugger Ardizoia, chalked up his 10th straight Honolulu League win as he blanked the Kaimukis, 13-0. Ardizoia helped Wheeler Field clinch the Honolulu League regular season title on April 4, claiming his 12th straight win with a 4-3 victory over Waikiki.

As in previous years, the regular season was followed by the Cronin Series which, this year, featured the top four teams -Wheeler Field, Hickam Field, Bellows Field and Fort Shafter – along with an all-star team that combined the talent of the two civilian clubs. In the opening game, Fort Shafter upset regular season winner, Wheeler Field, 5-1, handing Ardizoia his first defeat after a dozen wins. Fort Shafter turned six double plays in the game including an unassisted effort



by first baseman Frank "Wizard" Williams.



Stars of the Wheeler Field Wingmen. Front row, left to right: Carl DeRose, Charlie Silvera and Rugger Ardizoia. Back row: Joe Gedzius, Don Lang and Mike McCormick

From April 20 to April 23, Walt Judnich of Bellows Field, went on an incredible hitting spree. On the 20th, he hit three home runs to break a Honolulu Stadium record for a player in a single game and accounted for six of the seven runs his team scored against Wheeler Field. On the 21st, he hit one of the longest home runs seen at the stadium when he put the ball only nine rows from the top of the right field bleachers in a game against Fort Shafter. On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, he homered against Hickam Field and on the 23rd, he hit a three-run homer in a game against the All-Stars.

On April 26, Carl DeRose set a league record and tied a Honolulu Stadium record (set by Ted Shaw in 1940) with 20 strike outs in a game for Wheeler Field over Bellows Field, winning 8-1. The previous league record of 16 had been set by Andy Steinbach of the Pearl Harbor Marines. It's worth noting that the Bellows Field line-up included Walt Judnich, Max West, John Sturm, Bob Dillinger, Bobby Adams and Al Lien. Judnich and West struck out four time each.

On April 29, Hickam Field suffered a surprise loss to Wheeler Field, 7 to 4, giving Fort Shafter the opportunity to tie Hickam for first place and force a play-off if they could beat Bellows Field on May 4. Fort Shafter were 6-0 down with the title chance slipping from sight when the game was rained off in the third inning. Although the game was rescheduled for May 8, it was discovered the stadium wasn't available that day, and Fort Shafter chose to concede the league title to Hickam Field. The somewhat surprising decision was reached between Tom Winsett, AAFPOA baseball officer and Vernon "Tim" Holt, business manager of the Fort Shafter team.

### Honolulu League (regular season standings)

23	3	.885
21	5	.808
19	7	.731
18	8	.693
12	12	.500
13	14	.482
9	15	.375
7	16	.304
4	21	.160
1	26	.036
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Regular season batting champion: Bob Dillinger (Bellows Field) .489

#### Cronin Series (final standings)

Hickam Field Bombers	6	2	.750
Fort Shafter Commandos	5	2	.714
Wheeler Field Wingmen	5	3	.625
Bellows Field Fliers	3	4	.429
*All-Stars	0	8	.000

<sup>\*</sup>The All-Stars were selected players from the two civilian teams – Kaimuki and Waikiki Hickam Field were declared champions after Fort Shafter conceded the title with a game still in hand

Cronin Series batting champion: Walt Judnich (Bellows Field) .519

### Honolulu League official all-stars

P Rugger Ardizoia – Wheeler Field

P Eddie Funk – Hickam Field

P Ed Crawley – Fort Shafter

C Earl Kuper – Fort Shafter

1B Ferris Fain – Hickam Field

2B Dario Lodigiani – Hickam Field

3B Bob Dillinger - Bellows Field

SS Billy Hitchcock - Hickam Field

OF Walt Judnich – Bellows Field

OF Jun Muramoto – Kaimuki

OF Mike McCormick - Wheeler Field

Utility Don Lang - Wheeler Field

## Hawaii League

What should have been a banner year for Hawaii's senior baseball circuit didn't actually work out that way. The United States Navy had already put a ruling in place that stopped Navy personnel participating in professional sports leagues and the Army followed suit in late April with an administrative order effectively restricting soldier ballplayers to playing only with service teams and not as part of a professional league. This, however, did not apply to Army Air Force teams, allowing Hickam Field, Wheeler Field and Bellows Field to participate in the Hawaii League, although the competition against civilian teams was expected to be greatly reduced without those teams being able to rely on the support of Army players. In an attempt to remedy this, the Army Air Force teams released a number of players to the civilian clubs, including catchers



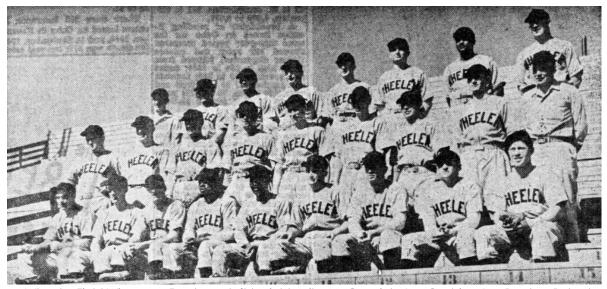
Paul Pancotto and James Hill, second baseman Joe Sciurba, outfielders Izzy Smith and Joe Shea, and pitcher Ray Hicks.



Members of the Bellows Field Fliers. Left to right: Tex Hughson, Chubby Dean Johnny Sturm, Bobby Adams, Max West and Walt Judnich

The Hawaii League opened on May 9, with Wheeler Field playing Bellows Field at Honolulu Stadium in a benefit game for the Police Relief Association Fund which provided financial aid to widows and orphans of police officers who had died in the line of duty. Bellows Field won the game, 6-4, before 13,000 fans and more than \$20,000 was raised.

At the conclusion of the first round of play in the Hawaii League at the end of May, the three Army Air Force teams considered leaving the league as the competition from the civilian teams was virtually non-existent. All three teams had a 6-1 record and none of the losses were against civilian clubs. At a meeting held on June 4, the teams agreed to remain in the league for the second round which would take them to the end of June, but days later the Army Air Force teams dropped out of the league, leaving the five civilian teams to compete for the title. While not participating in the Hawaii League, the Army Air Force teams agreed to provide the feature game of Sunday doubleheaders at Honolulu Stadium playing each other. However, this was soon overturned as Army Air Force teams – just as Army and Navy teams had previously - were forced to stop participating in civilian leagues. The last Army Air Force game at Honolulu Stadium was played on June 17, before 13,000 fans as Howie Pollet led Hickam Field to a 2-0 win over Bellows Field.



Wheeler Field Wingmen. Front row, left to right: Mike McCormick, Joe Gedzius, Joe Dooley, Robert Nelson, Rubird Taylor, Tony Procaccino, Gordon Howerton, Joseph Shea and Weldon Phillips. Middle row: Charlie Silvera, Rugger Ardizoia, Walter Kinnison, Jack Hickson, Vernon Harsell, Harry Everham, Frank Murano, Wesley Smith and Maurice Crosby. Back row: Eugene Glenney, D. Bruce Burns, Raymond Hicks, Don Lang, Robert Baum, Adam Rensa, Sam Jones and Carl DeRose.

Despite recent rulings, a few military ballplayers were granted permission to continue playing in the Hawaii League. Eddie Funk pitched for the Athletics, Wally Cyr for the Tigers, Johnny Beazley for the Braves, and Bill Salveson for the Wanderers. On September 11, Beazley hurled a no-hitter for the Braves to clinch the Cartwright Series for the Braves, beating the Athletics, 4-0. "Beazley really burned 'em in last night," noted the Honolulu Advertiser, "Five of the A's went down swinging, while the other five watched the third strike whizz by."

#### Hawaii League (first round standings)

Hickam Field Bombers	6	1
Bellows Field Fliers	6	1
Wheeler Field Wingmen	6	1
Tigers	3	3
Hawaiis	2	3
Braves	1	5
Athletics	1	5
Wanderers	1	6

#### Hawaii League (final standings)

*Braves	13	7
Tigers	11	9
Wanderers	11	9
Athletics	10	10
Hawaiis	5	15

<sup>\*</sup>The Braves also clinched the Cartwright Series title

Hawaii League batting champion: Larry Kamishina (Braves) .420

## 14th Naval District League



Billy Herman (left) takes a turn at umpiring in the 14th Naval District League. Also in the photo are Dick West, Johnny Pesky, Harry Hughes and Ira Gordon.

Undoubtedly the most competitive league in Hawaii in 1945, the 14th Naval District League opened proceedings in April and played until mid-September. There were, in fact, two leagues in operation – the 14th Naval District League, which was packed with major league players, and the 14th Naval District "B" League (more commonly known as the Pearl Harbor League and referred to as such from here onwards) with teams bustling with former minor league players.

Not only was the level of play exceptional, but the first half of the season saw a nail-biting race for first place between NAS Kaneohe Bay, Pearl Harbor Submarine Base and Aiea Barracks, which ended in a tie for first place between Kaneohe Bay and the PH Sub Base. On June 24, before 22,000 fans at Furlong Field, the Pearl Harbor Submarine Base Dolphins beat the Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay Kaneohe Klippers, 11-4, in a play-off to gain the first half championship honors.



Meanwhille, the Pearl Harbor League saw a clear leader from day one with the Naval Air Station Ford Island Islanders winning 21 of their 22 games. On June 28, the Pearl Harbor League all-star team played the Pearl Harbor Submarine Base and was defeated, 4-2. It was Ford Island hurler, Jay Avrea's first loss after 12 straight regular season wins.

Moving into the second half of the season, one of best performances of year saw Lou

Tost throw a one-hitter for Pearl Harbor PH Sub Base over the Kaneohe Kaneohe Klippers on July 11. Retiring the last 17 batters he faced, Tost struck out 8, in the 2-0 win.



Hugh Casey and Boots Poffenberger

On July 20, 44-year-old Ted Lyons made his Hawaii hurling debut with three innings in relief for the Ewa Marines Flyers. Lyons allowed six hits and struck out three. On August 12, diminutive Gibby Brack, who was 37 years old and had last played in the big leagues with the Phillies in 1939, accounted for all Barber Point's runs in a 5-4 win over Aiea Barracks. He hit a threerun homer in the first and a two-run shot in the fifth, both hits coming off Fred Hutchinson.

On September 16, Ted Williams, in one of the few games he played in Hawaii, homered for the basement-dwelling Ewa Marines to help upset league-leading Aiea Barracks, 10-7, while the PH Sub Base Dolphins beat Base 8 Hospital Hospital, 7-3, to tie for first place. On September 19, a play-off game for the second half crown saw the PH Sub Base Dolphins beat Aiea Barracks, 2-0. Lou Tost, out-pitched Fred Hutchinson before 21,500 fans at Furlong Field. Charley Gilbert homered in the first to put the Dolphins ahead and Don Meyers scored on Packy Rogers' single in the third.



NAS Kaneohe Bay Klippers.

The 14th Naval District League, packed with major league stars including future hall of famers Pee Wee Reese, Ted Williams, Ted Lyons, Stan Musial and Billy Herman, was also a learning ground for up and coming youngsters. Eddie McGah, a 23-year-old catcher with the Base 8 Hospital Hospital team with a .385 batting average (second best in the league), learned a great deal playing against seasoned major league catchers like Ray Lamanno, Rollie Hemsley and Bob Scheffing. McGah went on to play briefly with the Red Sox in 1946 and 1947. Bob Usher, a 20-year-old outfielder with the Kaneohe Kaneohe Klippers, who'd played one season in the Cincinnati Reds farm system before the war, went on to play six seasons in the majors. Jack Phillips, a 23-year-old first baseman in the Yankees' farm system before the war, batted .333 in the league and went on to play nine seasons in the majors. Hank Schenz, a 26-year-old infielder with Base 8 Hospital Hospital, who'd never played above Class B minor league baseball before the war, batted .358 and played six seasons in the majors from 1946 to 1951. Sal Recca, a 23-year-old catcher with Aiea Hospital, who hit four home runs in a single game, saw limited action in the minors after the war but played professional baseball in Japan and returned to the islands to play in the Hawaii League for many years. 24-year-old Bob Lemon of Aiea Barracks, had played five years in the minors and had been trying to get Ken Keltner's job as the Cleveland Indians' third baseman with no luck. In 1941, he'd played five games with the Indians and played another five the following year. In the 14th Naval District League, his manager, Billy Herman, had been short of pitchers and used Lemon to throw a number of games with impressive results. Upon his return home, however, Lemon briefly continued to try for the third base spot during spring training before switching to the mound. It was a move that led to 12 post-war major league seasons, seven all-star game selections, two World Series wins and Hall of Fame selection in 1976.



Pearl Harbor Sub Base. Front row, left to right: Eggie Brown, Bill See, Michael Piecan, Lt. J. T. McDonough, Packy Rogers, Charlie Gilbert, Pinkly Evans, Jack Buick and Jim Adair. Back row: Ken Sears, Johnny Jeandron, Bob Harris, Bob Scheffing, Schoolboy Rowe, Don Meyers, Lou Tost, Neil Cline and Joe Glenn.

#### 14th Naval District League (first half standings)

*Pearl Harbor Submarine Base Dolphins	13	5	.722
NAS Kaneohe Bay Kaneohe Klippers	13	5	.722
Aiea Barracks Dodgers	12	6	.667
Fleet Marne Force (FMF)	10	8	.555
Base 8 Hospital Geneva Reds	9	9	.500
NAS Honolulu Crossroaders	8	10	.444
Aiea Hospital Hilltoppers	8	10	.444
Ship Repair Unit	7	11	.389
NAS Barber's Point Pointers	7	11	.389
MCAS Ewa Flyers	3	15	.167

<sup>\*</sup>Pearl Harbor Submarine Base beat NAS Kaneohe, 11-4, in a play-off for the first half title on June 24.

#### 14th Naval District League (second half standings)

*Pearl Harbor Submarine Base Dolphins	24	12	.667
Aiea Barracks Dodgers	24	12	.667
NAS Honolulu Crossroaders	20	16	.555
NAS Barber's Point Pointers	20	16	.555
Aiea Hospital Hilltoppers	19	16	.543
Fleet Marine Force (FMF)	19	17	.528
NAS Kaneohe Bay Kaneohe Klippers	18	18	.500
Base 8 Hospital Hospital Geneva Reds	17	18	.486
Ship Repair Unit	9	27	.250
MCAS Ewa Flyers	8	28	.222

<sup>\*</sup>Pearl Harbor Submarine Base beat Aiea Barracks, 2-0, in a play-off for the second half title and league title on September 19.

League MVP and batting champion: Billy Herman (Aiea Barracks) .408

#### 14th Naval District League All-Star Selection Ρ Fred Hutchinson Ρ **Hugh Casey** Lou Tost С Ed McGah 1B Wimpey Quinn 2B Billy Herman 3B Bob Lemon SS Pee Wee Reese Stan Musial OF OF Charlie Gilbert OF Whitey Platt Utility Dick West Cookie Lavagetto Utility Manager Schoolboy Rowe

## Pearl Harbor League - Class B 14th Naval District League (first half standings)

NAS Ford Island Islanders	21	1	.955
Pearl Harbor Hospital	17	5	.773
CHA-3 Volunteers	16	6	.727
Pearl Harbor Marines	15	7	.682
Manana Barracks	11	11	.500
NAS Barber's Point (B team)	11	11	.500
ABRD Iroquois Point	10	12	.455
Seabees Specialists	9	13	.409
Camp Catlin Marines	7	15	.318
Red Hill Seabees	6	16	.273
Naval Supply Depot	5	17	.227
Naval Aviation Supply Depot at Pearl City	5	17	.227

## Pearl Harbor League (second half standings)

Standings unavailable but NAS Ford Island were league champions



NAS Ford Island Islanders

## **Navy All-Star Series**

Due to travel restrictions, there was no major league all-star in 1945, but the Navy in Hawaii put on a display of major league talent in late September that matched any all-star line-up the big leagues could have offered, or for that matter, the line-ups of the Chicago Cubs and Detroit Tigers that were playing in that year's World Series.

Divided into American League and National League squads, there were some extremely familiar names from major league baseball, including Ted Williams, Stan Musial, Billy Herman, Johnny Pesky and Hugh Casey. It was agreed beforehand that all seven games of the best-of-seven series would be played for the benefit of the servicemen spectators and overflow crowds turned out at Furlong Field.

National League	American League
Max Wilson P	Russ Messerly P
Ray Yochim P	Bob Lemon P
Clyde Shoun P	Luman Harris P
Ray Coombs P	Al Lyons P
Hugh Casey P	Hank Feimster P
Wes Livengood P	Jack Hallett P
Lou Tost P	Schoolboy Rowe P/Mgr
Dee Moore P/C	Ed Weiland P
Billy Herman Mar	Mickey McGowan P
Ray Hamrick	Fred Hutchinson P
Whitey Platt	Rollie Hemsley C
Hank Schenz	Ken Sears C
Charlie Gilbert	Eddie McGah C
Wimpey Quinn	Fred Chapman
Ed Shokes	Tom Carey
Russ Meers	Jack Phillips
Stan Musial	Sherry Robertson
Bob Usher	Johnny Pesky
Steve Tramback	Ted Williams OF
Cookie Lavagetto	Dick Wakefield OF
Gil Brack	Ned Harris OF
Bob Scheffing	Al Lyons OF
Dick West	Barney Lutz OF
John McCarthy	George Staller OF
Ray Lamanno	Jack Conway
Jim Carlin	Bob Kennedy
Bill Barnacle	Chet Hajduk
Aubrey Epps	Harry Hughes
Herman Franks	Bill Marks
Larry Varnell Coach	Warren Delbert
Jerry Lonigro Batboy	Packy Rogers

#### Game 1 – September 26, 1945 – NL win 6-5 (NL lead series 1-0)

With the score tied at 4-4 going into the top of the ninth, the National Leaguers rallied for two runs with doubles from Charlie Gilbert and Jim Carlin, a sacrifice fly by Billy Herman and a single from Whitey Platt. The American Leaguers were two runs down in the bottom of the ninth and pulled back a run on a National League error. This brought Ted Williams to the plate with runners on the corners and one out. Williams hit the ball sky-high but straight up and it was easily handled by catcher Ray Lamanno. In disgust, Williams tossed his bat in the air and it almost struck a photographer on its way down. Dick Wakefield struck out swinging to end the game.

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Batteries: (National) Schoun, Coombs (6), Casey (8), Tost (9) and Lammano, Scheffing.

(American) Hutchinson, Lemon (8) and Hemsley

Location: Furlong Field, Civilian Housing Area 3, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaiian Islands

Attendance: 26,000 Time: 2:35

#### Game 2 – September 28, 1945 – NL win 4-0 (NL lead series 2-0)

Little Max Wilson dominated the American League hitters in the second game, allowing just one hit – a third inning single by Johnny Pesky – to give the National League a two-game advantage in the series.

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Batteries: (National) Wilson and Lammano. (American) L. Harris, A. Lyons (9) and McGah

Location: Furlong Field, Civilian Housing Area 3, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaiian Islands Attendance: 26,000 Time: 1:58

## Game 3 – September 30, 1945 – NL win 6-3 (NL lead series 3-0)

After a rain delay of one day, the National League got off to a quick start in the third game, scoring four runs in the first inning against Hank Feimster. The American Leaguers waited until the ninth inning before they were able to put runs on the board with a two-run homer by Ted Williams that cleared the right field bleachers.

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Batteries: (National) Tost and Scheffing. (American) Feimster, Weiland (1), A. Lyons (9) and Hemsley

Location: Furlong Field, Civilian Housing Area 3, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaiian Islands

Attendance: 28,000 Time: 1:44

#### Game 4 – October 3, 1945 – AL win 12-1 (NL lead series 3-1)

Following another rainout, and three straight defeats the American Leaguers claimed their first victory as Jack Hallett held the National Leaguers to a single run. Offensively, the American Leaguers amassed 12 runs, including home runs from Barney Lutz and Johnny Pesky.

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Batteries: (National) Schoun, Livengood (1), Yochim (5) and Lammano. (American)

Hallett and Hemsley, McGah

Location: Furlong Field, Civilian Housing Area 3, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaiian Islands

Attendance: 18,000 Time: 2:06

#### Game 5 – October 5 , 1945 – AL win 4-1 (NL lead series 3-2)

The American Leaguers appeared to be making an impressive comeback as they clocked up their second straight win against the National League. Luman Harris held the senior circuit hitters to just three hits, while Ken Sears' sixth inning three-run homer was enough to win the game.

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Batteries: (National) Wilson, Coombs (9) and Lammano. (American) L. Harris and Hemsley

Location: Furlong Field, Civilian Housing Area 3, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaiian Islands Attendance: 15,000 Time: 1:36

## Game 6 – October 6 , 1945 – NL win 4-3 (NL win series 4-2)

In a closely fought battle with both starting pitchers – Lou Tost for the Nationals and Ed Weiland for the Americans – going the distance, Tost earned his second win and clinched the series title for the National League. After eight innings the score had been tied at 2-2. Hank Schenz' two-run double in the top of the ninth put the National Leaguers ahead. Facing their final chance, Schoolboy Rowe homered with two out to pull the American Leaguers to within a run of at least taking the game into extra innings, but Tost knuckled down and struck out Jack Conway to end the game.

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Batteries: (National) Tost and Scheffing. (American) Weiland and Hemsley, Glenn Location: Furlong Field, Civilian Housing Area 3, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaiian Islands Attendance: 22,000 Time: 2:12

#### Game 7 – October 7, 1945 – AL win 5-2 (NL win series 4-3)

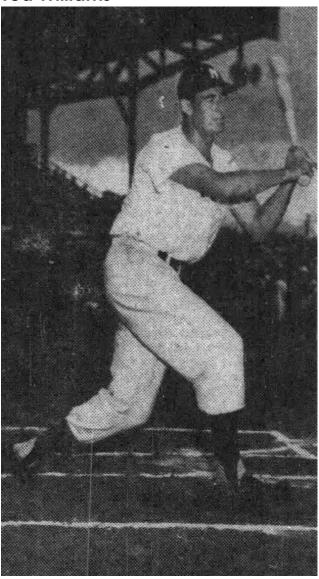
With the series in the bag for the National League, the American Leaguers were playing for pride alone and took their third win in the series with homers from Jack Phillips and Joe Glenn.

(no box score available)

Location: Furlong Field, Civilian Housing Area 3, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaiian Islands

Attendance: 25,000

#### **Ted Williams**



When Ted Williams reported to Ted Lyons, manager of the Ewa Marines Flyers baseball team on September 5, 1945, he had already been in military service for over three years. He was a pilot and had earned a commission as a second lieutenant, but the war was over and he was keen to get back to major league baseball. His last season in the big leagues, 1942, had seen him lead the American League with a .356 batting average and 36 home runs, while his efforts in 1941 had produced an incredible .406 batting average, the first time a major league player had hit over .400 in more than a decade. However, he'd not had much time for baseball while in military service. "Our flying was rather important to us," he told Gayle Hayes of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, "and we had plenty of classes and flights to attend and it was simply impossible to think about baseball when our studies meant so much to us."

The Ewa Marine Flyers were the basement team of the 14<sup>th</sup> Naval District League in the first half of the season and were in the same position

with seven wins and 24 losses when Williams joined them. In his first game on September 7, against the Kaneohe Bay Kaneohe Klippers, he hit a home run and a single in the Flyers, 11-5, loss. On September 7, he was 1-for-4 in an 8-6 loss against NAS Honolulu. On September 12, Williams had a single, double and walk against Base 8 Hospital in the Flyers 10-7 loss. Then, on September 16, his fourth and final game with the Flyers and their final game of the season, a dramatic seventh inning home run against the league-leading Aiea Barracks Dodgers turned the tied for what appeared to be a loss for the Flyers and a second-half pennant-clinching victory for the Dodgers. In the biggest upset of the season, the Flyers came through with a 13-11 win and forced a play-off between Aiea Barracks and Pearl Harbor Submarine Base, which Aiea Barracks subsequently lost.

In late September and early October, Williams played in five of the seven Navy All-Star games. He went 3-for-11 for a .272 batting average and hit a two-run homer in the third game. By November, he was back in California, and honorably discharged from the Marines in January 1946.

## All-Star games and other events

### Navy All-Stars play AAFPOA Bombers

On February 8, 1945, as the cream of the crop of Navy baseball players in Hawaii prepared for their Pacific Theater tour, they played an exhibition game against the AAFPOA (Army Air Forces Pacific Ocean Areas) Bombers at Hickam Field. The Army Air Force team, managed by Tom Winsett, consisted of players from Hickam Field, Bellow Field and Wheeler Field, with 30-year-old Al Lien – a Pacific Coast League pitcher before the war – given the starting assignment. The Navy, with a line-up that included Mickey Vernon, Pee Wee Reese and Johnny Mize, should have had an easy time of things, but Lien proved too much of a mystery for the Navy hitters during the first five innings. He allowed four hits and struck out four, leaving the game with the score tied at 1-1. His replacement, Bill Schmidt, a 32-year-old side-arm pitcher who also hurled in the Pacific Coast League before the war, continued to baffle the Navy squad, allowing just one hit – a home run by Buddy Blattner in the eighth – to help the Bombers to a surprise, 4-2, win.

#### Central Pacific Base Command All-Army League

The first round of the Central Pacific Base Command All-Army League (CPBC League) began on April 1, 1945, with 15 teams participating. Competition was close between the three Army Air Force teams and on the last day of the first round, May 20, Enos Slaughter hit a 2-run homer in the 8th inning to give Hickam Field a 4-2 win over Wheeler Field, to clinch CPBC title.

It was hoped the league would lead to a ten-team Army-Navy circuit, similar to the CPA League of 1944. However, the end of the war meant this follow-on league never saw fruition. Instead, the league played a second round starting August 4, but without the three Army Air Force teams as they chose to play in round-robin contests among themselves.



98th Infantry Division Iroquois

Ten teams entered the loop's second round with the Military Police, Signal Corps All-Stars (coached by Marius Russo), Air Force Mid-Pac (AFMIDPAC) Raiders and Combat Training Command Warriors reaching the play-offs. On September 19, the

Military Police beat the powerful Signal Corps All-Stars, 4-2, to advance to the finals. On September 21, the Combat Training Command Warriors forfeited their game against Air Force Mid-Pac (AFMIDPAC) Raiders, giving the Raiders a place in the finals. On September 23, the Military Police beat AFMIDPAC, 5-1, to claim the second round crown.

#### Oahu Army Baseball League

The Oahu Army Baseball League featured some of the strongest teams from Army camps in Oahu but teams suffered from player shortages when the war ended. The first half of the season was played from July 15 to August 5, with Fort Shafter winning all five games. Fort Ruger, Fort Armstrong and the 98th Infantry Division Iroqouis had to pull out after the first round and the league added the Air Transport Command Skymasters for the second round. In mid-August, Eddie Erautt of the 13<sup>th</sup> Replacement Depot threw a perfect game against Fort Kamehameha, winning 9-0. In the fifth inning he threw nine pitches and struck out each batter. Fort Shafter easily won the second half of the season to take the Oahu Army Baseball League title.

#### Oahu Army Baseball League (first half standings)

*Fort Shafter Commandos	5	0	
98th Infantry Division Iroquois		4	1
Schofield Barracks Redlanders		2	2
13 <sup>th</sup> Replacement Depot	3	2	
Hawaiian Ordnance Depot Tor	chers	2	3
Fort Kamehameha Warriors		2	4
Fort Armstrong		2	2
Fort Ruger	0	6	

#### Oahu Army Baseball League (second half standings)

*Fort Shafter Commandos	8	1	.888	
Air Transport Command Skymas	sters	7	3	.700
13 <sup>th</sup> Replacement Depot	6	3	.667	
Schofield Barracks Redlanders		6	4	.600
Fort Kamehameha Warriors		2	8	.200
Hawaiian Ordnance Depot Tord	chers	0	10	.000

<sup>\*</sup>Fort Shafter won both the first and second round of play to clinch league title

#### Schofield Barracks League

Starting in mid-April, Schofield Barracks operated two leagues – American and National – with 10 teams in each league. Unusually, one of these teams was a U.S. Navy team – the Wahiawa Radio Station Bluejackets. The 223rd Field Artillery Caissons clinched the first round of American League play, while the 364th Ordnance Techs and Provisional Engineer Dragons were joint winners of the National League title. The second round started in late May and ran until late July, with teams moved between leagues to ensure competitive play. The American League second round title was shared by the 90th Ordnance Tarheels (champions in 1943 and 1944) and the 18th Ordnance Nomads, while the National League title was claimed by the 168th Ordnance Bombers.

Ten teams advanced to the next play-off round (the US Navy Wahiawa Radio Station Bluejackets finished in the top 10, but a pre-season agreement meant they weren't eligible to advance to the play-offs), during which time Rufus C. Leonard hurled a no-hitter for the 223<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Caissons over the Searchlight Skylighters, and Joe Gomez of the 219<sup>th</sup> General Hospital Medics hurled a no-hitter against the 18<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Nomads.

After a month of play, the ten teams were whittled down to the 219<sup>th</sup> General Hospital Medics and the 90<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Tarheels. The Tarheels had a lot to play for because if they could win the title for the third time they would be able to permanently keep possession of the impressive Chun Hoon trophy. In the best-of-three playoff, the Medics won the first game, 3-2, then won, 7-3, the following day to claim the Schofield Barracks League title.

## All-Schofield Team for 1945 (selected by league officials)

RHP Joe Gomez – 219th General Hospital

LHP Rufus Leonard – 223rd Field Artillery

C Stan Strepka – 18th Ordnance

1B Robert Riga – 223<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery

2B Edgar Patterson – 18th Ordnance

3B Albert Tameriano - 219th General Hospital

SS Thomas Conway – 90<sup>th</sup> Ordnance

LF Robert Pulmer – Replacement Training Center

CF George Abrams – 90th Ordnance

RF Russell Cunningham – 219<sup>th</sup> General Hospital

UT Maynard Taylor – Replacement Training Center

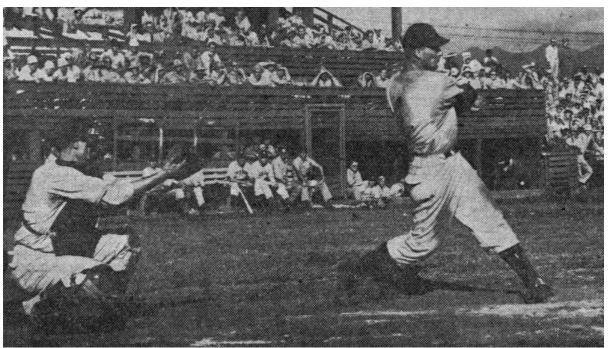
Mgr Fred Weinberg – 219th General Hospital

### **Central Pacific Base Command Championships**

Played between October 1 and October 6, the Central Pacific Base Command championships saw the best teams from across Oahu compete the annual title, but from the outset the event was hampered by players being discharged from service. Both the Chemical Warfare Service and Ordnance teams had to forfeit games due to lack of players. Four teams advanced to the semi-finals – the Signal Corps All-Stars, Medical Service All-Stars, Hawaiian Anti-aircraft Artillery Command (HAAAC) and Combat Training Command, with the Signal Corps All-Stars defeating the Medical Service, 6-1, while HAAAC beat Combat Training Command, 9-1. The final, set for October 6, between the Signal Corps All-Stars and HAAAC, was not played due to further player discharges and it was agreed both teams would share the title.

#### **USO National League All-Stars tour**

In December 1945, a USO camp show team of National League ball players arrived in Hawaii for a series of games before visiting other islands to entertain troops. The team - which was led by Dodgers' manager Charley Dressen, and included Red Barrett who won 23 games pitching for the Cardinals and Braves in 1945, 18-year-old Brooklyn shortstop Tommy Brown, third baseman Whitey Kurowski, who batted .323 for the Cardinals in 1945, and Bill Voiselle who won 21 games for the Giants in 1944 – played two games against a Navy all-star team and five games against the Army Olympic team (a team being assembled by former major leaguer Fred Hofman to compete in the Army Olympics in 1946). The Navy All-Stars included Stan Musial, Ken Keltner, Clyde Shoun, Ray Hamrick and Willard Marshall, while the Army Olympic team had Eddie Erautt, Hank Edwards and Tommy Tatum.



Al Lakeman of the USO National League team homers against the Navy All-Stars

The first game saw the National Leaguers take on the Navy All-Stars at Furlong Field, and come away on the wrong side of a 7-3 score line. The Navy batters had 11 hits off Brooklyn pitcher Tom Seats, including home runs by Keltner, Marshall and Shoun. In the second game, the National Leaguers faced the Army Olympic team and despite the Army squad holding a 5-0 lead after three innings, the visitors fought back for a 10-5 win. The third game was a convincing 9-1 win for the National League squad against the Army, but the soldier team fought hard the following day for a 5-3 victory.

The fifth game of the series was the second and final bout against the Navy All-Stars, with the Navy claiming an 8-7 win, knocking Ralph Branca out of the box in the second inning. The final two games of the series were against the Army Olympic team. The National Leaguers won, 9-1, on Christmas Eve, and 11-5 on Christmas Day.

#### **December 19, 1945**

Navy All-Stars 7 National League 3

Furlong Field Attendance: 6,500

#### **December 21, 1945**

National League 9 Army Olympic team 1

Hickam Field Attendance: 3,500

#### **December 23, 1945**

National League 7 Navy All-Stars 8

Furlong Field Attendance: 10,000

#### **December 25, 1945**

National League 11 Army Olympic team5

Fort Shafter Attendance: 4,200

#### **December 20, 1945**

Army Olympic team5 National League 10

Schofield Barracks Attendance: 4,000

#### **December 22, 1945**

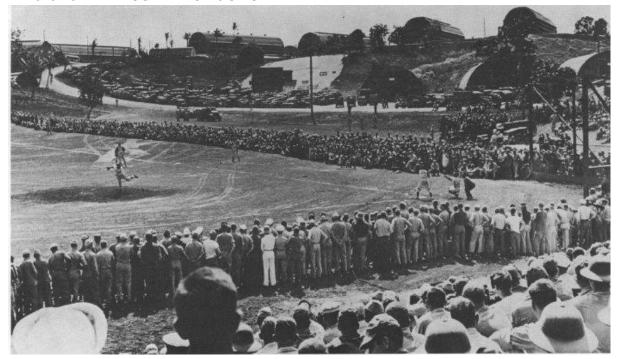
National League 3 Army Olympic team5 Furlong Field

#### December 24, 1945

National League 9 Army Olympic team 1 Wheeler Field After 10 days in Hawaii the USO National League team departed for Kwajalein, then Guam and Manila.

#### **USO Camp Show National League team** Ρ Red Barrett (Cardinals) Ρ Ralph Branca (Dodgers) Tom Brown (Dodgers) SS Ρ Al Gerheauser (Pirates) Ρ Clyde King (Dodgers) 3B Whitey Kurowski (Cardinals) C Al Lakeman (Reds) 1B Frank McCormick (Reds) C/2B Mike Sandlock (Dodgers) Ρ Tom Seats (Dodgers) С Mike Ulicny (Braves) Bill Voiselle (Giants) Charley Dressen (Dodgers) Manager Ed Logan (Giants) Trainer

#### Third and Fifth Fleet in the Pacific



In early February 1945, it was announced that many of the players with major league experience and serving with the Navy in Hawaii would form part of a tour of forward areas in the Pacific Theater. Led, initially, by Bill Dickey, the teams were divided into two squads – Third Fleet and Fifth Fleet (Third Fleet was named for the US Navy fleet under the command of Admiral Halsey in the Southwest Pacific. Fifth Fleet was named for the US Navy fleet under the command of Admiral Spruance in the Central Pacific) – and included future Hall of Famers Johnny Mize and Pee Wee Reese. The teams played just two warm-up games before leaving Hawaii, one against an Army Air Force all-star team, which they lost, 4-2, and an intra-squad game on February 11, which was won by Third Fleet, 2-0.

In mid-February, the teams left Hawaii aboard two Curtiss C-46 Commando twinengine transport aircraft and spent the following months playing exhibition games at Majuro, Roi and Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands, Ulithi and Peleliu in the Carolines, and Saipan, Tinian and Guam in the Marianas. They played at least 20 games on the tour and servicemen packed the stands at every game.

It was originally anticipated by the players that they would all return to Hawaii after the tour and play in the 14<sup>th</sup> Naval District League, but they were, instead assigned to activities on Guam, Tinian or Saipan, except Mickey Vernon, who went to Ulithi, and Elbie Fletcher, who was sent to Peleliu. They helped design ball fields, organize athletic activities and compete on local teams until returning to the Unites States at the end of the year.

#### **Fifth Fleet**

Virgil Trucks P

Johnny Vander Meer P

Robert Klinger P

Tom Ferrick P

Frank Marino P

Joe Gonzales P (did not make Pacific trip)

George Dickey C

Ben Huffman C

Johnny Mize 1B

Connie Ryan 2B

Johnny Lucadello 2B

Al Brancato 3B

Alban Glossop SS

Mickey Vernon OF

Red McQuillen OF

Schoolboy Rowe OF (did not make Pacific trip)

Gene Woodling OF

#### **Third Fleet**

Johnny Rigney P

Hal White P

Jim Trexler P

Mike Budnick P

Mace Brown P

Vinnie Smith C

Elbie Fletcher 1B

Billy Herman 2B (did not make Pacific trip)

Buddy Blattner 2B

Merrill May 3B

Pee Wee Reese SS

Barney McCoskey OF

Del Ennis OF

Joe Grace OF

Bill Dickey was manager but did not make the Pacific trip. He remained in Hawaii in charge of the 14<sup>th</sup> Naval District Athletic program. Mace Brown was selected as manager of the two teams for the Pacific tour.

#### Army Air Force teams in the Pacific



58th Wingmen playing the 73rd Bombers on Saipan, August 1945. Joe Marty of the 58th Wingmen is at-bat. Charlie Silvera is the catcher and Joe Gordon is on deck (far left).

Similar to the Navy's Third and Fifth Fleet ball teams that toured the Pacific islands, the Army Air Force sent three teams to entertain the forward area troops. Selected from the top players at Bellows Field, Hickam Field and Wheeler Field including Joe Gordon, Walt Judnich, Birdie Tebbetts, Tex Hughson and Enos Slaughter they flew to the

Marianas in late July. The 20<sup>th</sup> Air Force Servicemen's League was created with the three teams representing the heavy bombardment groups based on the island – the 73<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Wing Bombers, the 58<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing Wingmen and the 313<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing Flyers. The three-team league opened on July 27, with games played on Saipan, Tinian, Guam and Iwo Jima, with the foul lines packed with servicemen spectators. Stan Rojek of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Wing Bombers was crowned the batting champion with a .363 average, while Bill Schmidt of the same team was the top pitcher with a 4-1 won-loss record.

## 58th Bombardment Wing (Wingmen) Based at West Field, Tinian

Art Lilly IF

Chuck Stevens 1B

**Enos Slaughter RF** 

Joe Gordon SS

Birdie Tebbetts C/Mgr

Joe Marty CF

Billy Hitchcock 3B

Howie Pollet P

Chubby Dean P

George Gill P

Ed Kowalski P

Pete Layden OF

Don Lana OF

Tom Gabrielli C

Roy Pitter P

Vic Wertz OF

Nick Popovich P

\*Bob Neighbors SS

\*Bob Neighbors, a shortstop with the St. Louis Browns in 1939, was an Army Air Force first lieutenant and pilot for General Barney M. Giles, commanding general of the Army Air Forces in the Pacific Ocean Area. Neighbors appeared in at least one game for the Wingmen. He went on to serve in the Korean War and lost his life when he was shot down on August 8, 1952.

#### 73rd Bombardment Wing (Bombers) Based at Isley Field, Saipan

Stan Rojek SS

Bob Dillinger 3B

Taft Wright OF

Mike McCormick OF

Buster Mills OF/Mgr

Charlie Silvera C

Ferris Fain 1B

Dario Lodigiani IF

Tex Hughson P

Sid Hudson P

Chet Kehn P

Bill Schmidt P

Al Lien P

Johnny Mazur C

Bill Dudley Utility

Ralph Lamson IF

Herm Reich 1B

#### 313th Bombardment Wing (Flyers) Based at North Field, Tinian

Johnny Sturm 1B

Bob Adams 2B

Lew Riggs 3B/Mgr

Nanny Fernandez SS

John "Swede" Jensen OF

Max West OF

Walt Judnich OF

Bill Leonard C

Burl Storie C

Rugger Ardizoia P

Stan Goletz P/Officer in charge

Eddie Chandler P

Carl DeRose P

Al Olsen P

Don Loeser Utility

Roman Piskor C

Herm Reich 1B

Bill Daisie P

## Players with Major League experience in Hawaii in 1945

**Army/Army Air Force** 

Army/Army Air Force	1		1
	Position	Teams in Hawaii	Years in Majors
Bobby Adams	3B/2B	Bellows Field	1946 to 1959
John Andre	P	Hickam Field	1955
Rugger Ardizoia	Р	Wheeler Field	1947
Johnny Beazley	Р	Hickam/ATC/Braves	1941 to 1949
Bob Carpenter	Р	Fort Shafter	1940 to 1947
Ed Chandler	Р	Bellows Field	1947
Chubby Dean	P/1B	Bellows Field	1936 to 1943
Bob Dillinger	3B	Bellows Field	1946 to 1951
Hank Edwards	OF	13 <sup>th</sup> Repl Depot	1941 to 1953
Eddie Erautt	Р	13 <sup>th</sup> Repl Depot	1947 to 1953
Ferris Fain	1B	Hickam Field	1947 to 1955
Nanny Fernandez	3B/SS/OF	Wheeler Field	1942 to 1950
Sid Gautreaux	С	Schofield Barracks	1936 to 1937
George Gill	Р	Hickam Field	1937 to 1939
Izzy Goldstein	Р	98th Infantry Div	1932
(HOF) Joe Gordon	2B	Wheeler Field	1938 to 1950
Billy Hitchcock	Infield	Hickam Field	1942 to 1953
Fred Hofmann	С	Athletic School	1919 to 1928
Sid Hudson	Р	Wheeler Field	1940 to 1954
Tex Hughson	Р	Bellows Field	1941 to 1949
Walt Judnich	OF	Bellows Field	1940 to 1949
Don Lang	OF	Wheeler Field	1938 to 1948
Dario Lodigiani	2B/3B	Hickam Field	1938 to 1946
Duster Mails	Р	13 <sup>th</sup> Repl Depot	1915 to 1926
Mike McCormick	OF	Wheeler Field	1940 to 1951
Buster Mills	OF	Bellows Field	1934 to 1946
Howie Pollett	Р	Hickam Field	1941 to 1956
Lew Riggs	3B	Wheeler Field	1934 to 1946
Stan Rojek	SS	Hickam Field	1942 to 1952
Marius Russo	Р	Signal Corps	1939 to 1946
Don D. Schmidt	Р	Hickam Field	1946 to 1952
Ham Schulte	2B	Bellows Field	1940
Charlie Silvera	С	Wheeler Field	1948 to 1957
(HOF) Enos Slaughter	OF	Hickam Field	1938 to 1959
Chuck Stevens	1B	Wheeler Field	1941 to 1948
Johnny Sturm	1B	Bellows Field	1941
Tommy Tatum	OF	Hickam Field	1941 to 1947
Birdie Tebbetts	С	Hickam Field	1936 to 1952
Ed Walczak	2B/SS	Fort Shafter	1945
Max West	OF/1B	Bellows Field	1938 to 1948
Tom Winsett	OF	AAFPOA	1930 to 1938
Taffy Wright	OF	Wheeler Field	1938 to 1949
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Navy

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Jim Avrea	Р	NAS Pearl Harbor	1950
Johnny Berardino	Infield	Aiea Hospital	1939 to 1952
Gil Brack	OF/1B	Barber's Point	1937 to 1939
Tom Carey	2B/SS	Barber's Point	1935 to 1946
Jim Carlin	OF	Aiea Hospital	1941
Hugh Casey	Р	Aiea Hospital	1935 to 1949
Fed Chapman	SS	Aiea Barracks	1939 to 1941
Lou Ciola	Р	Aiea Barracks	1943
Jack Conway	Infield	NAS Honolulu	1941 to 1948
Bobby Coombs	Р	NAS Honolulu	1933 to 1943
Cliff Dapper	С	Aiea Barracks	1942
[HOF] Bill Dickey	С	14 <sup>th</sup> Naval District	1928 to 1946
Marvin Felderman	С	Kaneohe Klippers	1942
Herman Franks	С	Barber's Point	1939 to 1949
[1] Larry French	Р	Non-playing	1929 to 1942
Charlie Gilbert	OF	PH Sub Base	1940 to 1947
Joe Glenn	С	PH Sub Base	1932 to 1940
Joe Gonzales	Р	Kaneohe Klippers	1937
Dick Hahn	С	Aiea Barracks	1940
Chet Hajduk	1B/OF	Aiea Barracks	1941
Jack Hallett	Р	NAS Honolulu	1940 to 1948
Ralph Hamner	Р	Kaneohe	1946 to 1949
Ray Hamrick	SS/2B	Barber's Point	1943 to 1944
Bob Harris	Р	PH Sub Base	1938 to 1942
Lum Harris	Р	Ship Repair	1941 to 1947
Ned Harris	OF	NAS Honolulu	1941 to 1946
Rollie Hemsley	С	Aiea Hospital	1928 to 1947
[HOF] Billy Herman	2B	Aiea Barracks	1931 to 1947
Lee Howard	P	Base 8 Hospital	1946 to 1947
Fred Hutchinson	P	Aiea Barracks	1939 to 1953
Rankin Johnson, Jr.	Р	PH Sub Base	1941
Dale Jones	P	NAS Honolulu	1941
Ken Keltner	3B	Navy All-Stars	1937 to 1950
[2] [HOF] Ralph Kiner	OF/1B	Non-playing	1946 to 1955
Ray Lamanno	C	Ship Repair Unit	1941 to 1948
Cookie Lavagetto	3B/2B	Ship Repair Unit	1934 to 1947
[HOF] Bob Lemon	P/3B P	Aiea Barracks	1941 to 1958 1939
Wes Livengood Joe Lutz	г 1В	Ship Repair Unit Barber's Point	1951
Al Lyons	P/OF	Base 8 Hospital	1944 to 1948
Walt Masterson	P	PH Sub Base	1939 to 1956
Johnny McCarthy	1 1B	Barber's Point	1934 to 1948
Eddie McGah	C	Base 8 Hospital	1946 to 1947
Roger McKee	P	Aiea Barracks	1943 to 1944
Mickey McGowan	P	Ship Repair Unit	1948
Russ Meers	r P	Kaneohe Klippers	1941 to 1947
Dee Miles	OF	NAS Honolulu	1935 to 1943
[HOF] Stan Musial	OF/1B	Ship Repair Unit	1941 to 1963
Vern Olsen	P	Aiea Hospital	1939 to 1946
Johnny Pesky	r P	NAS Honolulu	1939 to 1946
Jack D. Phillips	1B	Barber's Point	1947 to 1957
Whitey Platt	OF	Aiea Barracks	1942 to 1949
Sherry Robertson	OF/2B	Kaneohe Klippers	1940 to 1952
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[3] Eddie Robinson	1B	Did not play	1942 to 1957
Packy Rogers	Infield	PH Sub Base	1938
Schoolboy Rowe	Р	PH Sub Base	1933 to 1949
Bob Scheffing	С	PH Sub Base	1941 to 1951
Clyde Shoun	Р	Base 8 Hospital	1935 to 1949
Ken Sears	С	PH Sub Base	1943 to 1946
Eddie Shokes	1B	Aiea Hospital	1941 to 1946
Lou Tost	Р	PH Sub Base	1942 to 1947
Steve Tramback	OF	Kaneohe Klippers	1940
Eddie Turchin	Infield	Aiea Hospital	1943
Bob Usher	OF	Kaneohe Klippers	1946 to 1957
Dick Wakefield	OF	Aiea Hospital	1941 to 1952
Ed Weiland	Р	Barber's Point	1940 to 1942
Dick West	C/OF	NAS Honolulu	1938 to 1943
Max Wilson	Р	NAS Honolulu	1940 to 1946

<sup>[1]</sup> Lt. Cmdr. Larry French was at Pearl Harbor as a supply officer in August aboard the battleship USS New York.

- [2] Ensign Ralph Kiner flew Martin PBM Mariners from Kaneohe Bay Naval Air Station.
- [3] Eddie Robinson was originally to be part of the Navy Pacific tour but developed a tumor on the calf of his leg and underwent an operation at Pearl Harbor.

#### **Marine Corps**

Jim Atkins	Р	Marine Flyers	1950 to 1952
Aubrey Epps	С	FMF	1935
Nippy Jones	1B/2B	FMF	1946 to 1957
Bob Kennedy	OF/3B	Marine Flyers	1939 to 1957
[HOF] Ted Lyons	Р	Marine Flyers	1923 to 1946
Willard Marshall	OF	FMF	1942 to 1955
Dee Moore	С	FMF	1936 to 1946
Ike Pearson	Р	Marine Flyers	1939 to 1948
Boots Poffenberger	Р	FMF	1937 to 1939
Wimpy Quinn	Р	FMF	1941
George Staller	OF	FMF	1943
[HOF] Ted Williams	OF	Marine Flyers	1939 to 1960
Ray Yochim	Р	FMF	1948 to 1949

The following played briefly in Hawaii before leaving for Pacific tour

## **Navy All-Stars**

Fifth Fleet	Third Fleet
Virgil Trucks P	Johnny Rigney P
Johnny Vander Meer P	Hal White P
Robert Klinger P	Jim Trexler P
Tom Ferrick P	Mike Budnick P
Frank Marino P	Mace Brown P
George Dickey C	Vinnie Smith C
Ben Huffman C	Elbie Fletcher 1B
Johnny Mize 1B	Buddy Blattner 2B
Connie Ryan 2B	Merrill May 3B
Johnny Lucadello 2B	Pee Wee Reese SS
Al Brancato 3B	Barney McCoskey OF
Alban Glossop SS	Del Ennis OF
Mickey Vernon OF	Joe Grace OF
Red McQuillen OF	
Gene Woodling OF	











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