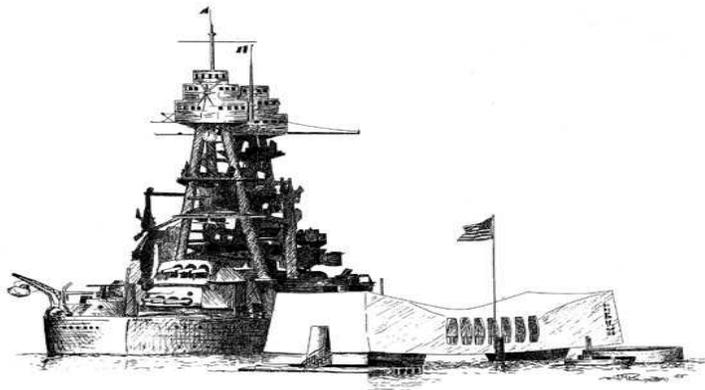


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Barbers Point Commissary to close for business on April 30

PEARL HARBOR – The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) is planning to close the Barbers Point Commissary store on April 30 and turn over possession of the building and property to Ford Island Ventures (FIV) on June 1.

The 20,000 square foot store has 41 employees and is located on part of the 499 acres of land parcels at Kalaeloa that was conveyed by the Navy in February, 2009, to FIV. All 41 employees were extended opportunities for continued employment with DECA.

“The Barbers Point Commissary has served the Navy well for many years,” said Rear Adm. Dixon R. Smith, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii. “Although it continues to serve a number of authorized customers, the Navy has not had an operational presence in the area since the base closed in 1999, and there is no longer Navy family housing in the area.”

DeCA operates four other commissaries on Oahu: one at Schofield Barracks, two at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and one at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

The Navy Exchange will continue to operate the Touch ‘N Go Mini-Mart Gas Station through next year. The Subway Sandwich Shop and the child care center, now operating as Kama’aina Kids and serving military and civilian families in West Oahu, are operating under an agreement with FIV. The athletic fields are also open to the public, and the bowling center re-opened to the public earlier this year.

The Barbers Point Golf Course, the picnic area and cottages at White Plains and Nimitz Beaches continue to be operated by the Navy’s Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) department. These facilities were not affected by BRAC and are not part of the 499 acres of land parcels conveyed to FIV.

NAS Barbers Point closed in July 1999 as a result of the 1993 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) legislation. The Navy retained portions of the former base after its closure, including the area containing the commissary. The FY07 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) required the Navy to enter into a binding agreement to convey, by sale, lease or combination thereof, any public or private person or entity outside DoD a large part of those portions including the area containing the commissary by Sep. 30, 2008. In Feb. 2009, the Navy entered into a lease with FIV to fulfill the FY 07 NDAA requirement.

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