

Navy Lodge reservations now easier to make on the Internet

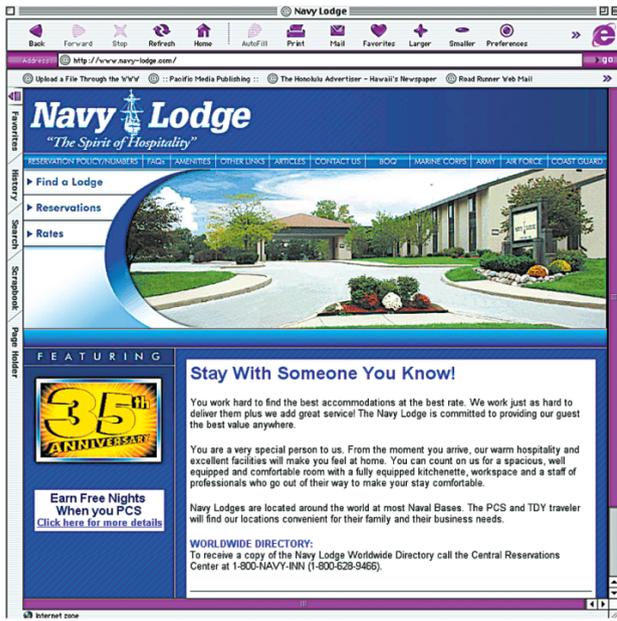
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VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) — The Navy Lodge Program has redesigned its Web page at www.navy-lodge.com to improve the information guests receive online, and for easier and faster reservations, officials announced on Dec. 21.

"We revamped our Web page to be more user-friendly and incorporated more color photos of the interior and exterior of our Navy Lodges," said Michael Bockelman, director of the program. "Guests will now have a better idea of where they are staying and the accommodations they can expect when they get there."

The Web page also features a list of worldwide room rates, policies, frequently asked ques-



tions and amenities, as well as a section for making a room reservation online.

"The new reservation pages are easier to use, and to make and change reservations," said Jerry Harvin, central reservation center manager.

Navy Lodges feature oversized rooms with complimentary coffee and local and toll-free phone calls, newspaper, cable TV with HBO, fully equipped kitchens with microwaves, hair dryers, laundromat and video/DVD rental.

To receive a Navy Lodge directory or to make a reservation at a Navy Lodge, call 1-800-NAVY-INN, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Guests are guaranteed a room once reservations are booked and confirmed. Reservation and room assignments are accepted on an as-received basis without regard to rank.



Vargus Mason

Free comedy show at Beeman Center

The comic talents of Marc Yaffee, Vargus Mason, Sebastian Cetina and Combat Comics will be spotlighted during a free comedy show starting at 8 p.m. on Jan. 12 at Beeman Center at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

No tickets are needed for the free two-hour comedy experience. Come early for the best seats.

The show is adult-themed and not appropriate for those younger than 18. It is open to all military-affiliated personnel.

The comedy show is being presented by Armed Forces Entertainment and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), in conjunction with MAX Entertainment.

According to information on MWR's Web site, Yaffee continues to win over audiences in the U.S. and overseas with his original brand of "scorched earth" comedy. He draws from his Mexican-Irish-Navajo background,

his adoption and unique family situation, resulting in original comedy to which people from all walks of life can relate.

According to one source, "Vargus is truly one of the funniest young comedians working today. His humor crosses multiple boundaries, bringing a uniquely urban and intelligent perspective to stand up. Extremely likable and friendly, he impresses by the way he can build an instant rapport with the audience."

As for Cetina's talents, he has been "compared to such comedians as Eddie Murphy, John Leguizamo and Phil Hartman because he is able to do well over 100 different impersonations, original characters and accents. There are no limits when it comes to race, gender and age. He can also do most of the hottest young pop stars and actors. His range is about as wide as there can be in one individual."

For more information about the comedy show, call 473-2582



Sebastian Cetina



Marc Yaffee

A huge hug at the harbor

PEARL HARBOR — A chief petty officer embraces a family member after the nuclear-powered attack submarine USS Pasadena (SSN 752) returned from a six-month deployment in the 7th Fleet area of operations. While on deployment, Pasadena participated in various exercises, conducted missions and helped to keep a forward naval presence in the theater.

U.S. Navy photo by Chief Journalist David Rush



MWR

Editor's note: Every effort has been made to provide the most up-to-date information at the time of publication. However, scheduling of these events is subject to change. It is recommended that you call the contact numbers for the individual events to determine whether the activity will be held.

TRIVIAL DAY AT POOL & PIZZA

Today is Trivial Day at Pool & Pizza at Club Pearl. Test your knowledge and win prizes from 4 to 6 p.m. Pool & Pizza is open from 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. from Sundays to Thursdays, and from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information on Club Pearl programming and activities, call 473-1743.

TENNIS AND INLINE HOCKEY

MWR is now offering tennis and inline hockey through Boys

& Girls Clubs of Navy Hawaii youth sports. Teams are forming in January. Interested players and coaches should call 474-3501 for more information.

FREE SWIM TOWEL

During the week of Jan. 1 to 8, any MWR patron who swims 2,006 yards at any Navy MWR pool will receive a free monogrammed towel from that swimming pool. Call Scott Pool at 473-0394.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

Registration for Little League baseball began Jan. 3 and continues through Jan. 27. Registration is open to children whose birthdays are on April 30, 2001 and older. Cost is \$60 (T-ball and coach pitch, minors) and \$80 (majors and juniors), and includes a uniform and trophy. Every player should have a current physical (dated no more than a year

ago) and a birth certificate. Leagues are open to family members of active duty, retirees, reservists and DoD civilians. Call 474-3501.

JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS REGISTRATION

Registration for United States Tennis Association (USTA) junior team will be held through Jan. 31. Practice is now in progress for the season, which begins in February. Registration is open to youths 8 to 18. Cost is \$60, and includes a uniform and trophy. To register, every participant should have a current physical (dated no more than a year ago) and a birth certificate. Leagues are open to family members of active duty, retirees, reservists and DoD civilians. Call 474-3501.

SWIM AROUND THE ISLAND CONTEST

All Navy MWR pools are

offering a distance "Swim Around the Island Contest." Participants can earn prizes as their yardage adds up when they move from town to town around Oahu. Sign up now; no fee for the ongoing contest. For more information, visit any MWR pool.

GREAT AMERICAN VOICES

The Great American Voices military base tour show will be presented on Jan. 29 at the Navy Lodge at Ford Island. Twenty-four professional opera companies will per-

form during the free show, featuring selections from popular operas such as Carmen and Don Giovanni, as well as highlights from classic American musicals. A welcome reception with pupus and music by the COMPACFLT Band will begin at 6 p.m. At 6:30, enjoy the elegant voices of singers from the Opera Studio, Hawaii Opera Theater's (HOT's) program for talented and rising young stars. Repertoire will focus on recognizable songs with themes of love and passion. Call 473-0606.

INSTANT LIBERTY NOW OPEN

Club Pearl is home to Instant Liberty, the newest Single Sailor Center now open at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The facility offers free Internet access, the latest video games on 12 plasma screens, movies, foosball, darts and many other activities for single Sailors. The center is open to active duty only. Instant Liberty is open from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. from Mondays through Fridays and from noon to 1 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Call 473-4279.

Community Calendar

To have your activity or event featured in the Community Calendar, e-mail your requests to hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com or fax 473-2876. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's issue. Items will run on a space available basis.

Written for runners by runners, "A Runner's Guide to Oahu" provides maps and course details for 36 road and trail runs. Explore the island by foot with the help of the book and its author, Rick Var-

ley, who will be at the Navy Exchange (NEX) book department for an autograph session from noon to 1 p.m. on Jan. 14.

The COMPACFLT Officer's Spouses Club will host an evening mid-year social and membership drive from 6 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 18 at the Rainbow Marina boathouse. Current members are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring a neighbor or friend. Membership is open to spouses of active duty officers, spouses of civilians GS-

7 and above and spouses of retired or deceased officers. Mid-year membership dues are \$8. RSVP by Jan. 16 event to compacfltspouses@yahoo.com by Jan. 16.

The GSA Global Supply Store at Schofield Barracks will be closed for annual inventory from Jan. 17 to 20. During the closure, customers can shop at the Hickam Global Supply Store. Questions may be directed to Mike Martin or Monique Paano at 655-0280.



U.S. Navy photo by Journalist 2nd Class Zack Baddorf

First sunrise

The amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA 5), which is homeported at Naval Station San Diego, displays her holiday lights in celebration during the first sunrise of the New Year. Peleliu is the flagship for Expeditionary Strike Group Three (ESG-3) and will deploy to the Persian Gulf in the spring.