

NEPMU-6

Providing health protection and preventative services

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Service members deploy constantly to remote areas of the globe in support of operational missions designed to protect freedom and democracy. It's the job of Navy Environmental and Preventative Medicine Unit Six (NEPMU-6) to ensure their safe return.

"We provide force health protection for the deployed Sailors and Marines on our afloat platforms," said Capt. Gail Hathaway, officer in charge of NEPMU-6. "With any port visits that they would make to any of the islands in the Pacific, it's incumbent upon us to make sure those places are safe for the Sailors to visit and disembark from the ships."

Prior to World War II, local medical department personnel of ships and stations handled preventive medicine problems in the Navy. Today, that responsibility lies with preventative medicine units whose goal is to maximize the combat readiness of operational forces by providing specialized environmental and preventive medicine support.

"We provide specialized public health and preventative medicine services to the Pacific Command area of responsibility," said Hathaway. "We're very versatile and very capable. In a small package, we can bring a lot to the war fighter."

NEPMU-6 includes a variety of specialized areas designed to maximize readiness, establish and maintain a rapid deployment capability and protect Sailors. These areas include entomology, environmental health, industrial hygiene,

epidemiology, microbiology and forward deployed preventative medicine units (FD-PMU).

A FD-PMU consists of a 12-person team of microbiologists, preventative medicine physicians, environmental health officers, industrial hygienists, advanced lab technicians and preventative medicine technicians who provide rapid-response, specialized preventative medicine platforms that identify, evaluate, and assess operational risks of environmental health hazards and recommend countermeasures to reduce risk for troops.

"The whole platform is tailored to address the questions we couldn't answer after the first Gulf War," said Lt. Cmdr. Doug Putthoff. "What we call that is deployed medical surveillance. What that amounts to is, if someone deploys for more than 30 days, they need a team like us to go in and take a look at the air quality and the water quality so we can provide risk assessments to the commanders."

Being versatile in a wide array of preventative medicine areas, members of NEPMU-6 pride themselves in training their Sailors to be able to handle any situation.

"We have a lot of diversity across a wide spectrum of specialties," said Hathaway. "We're unique in that our Sailors will specialize in many areas. We compliment each other and cross-train a lot so that one person can do the job of many."

Chief Hospital Corpsman (SW/AW) Barbara Cooper, senior enlisted leader for NEPMU-6 said the junior Sailors who work at NEPMU-6 take pride in their educational opportunities at the command, and often times have a hard time leaving.

"My goal for our Sailors is that I hope their minds are opened and



HM1 Darnell Mason, assigned to NEPMU-6, wears protective equipment while applying a mass permethrin (insecticide repellent) treatment to U.S. Army uniforms prior to deployment.

they can take control and do the best job that they can in helping those that are in need, and providing the support that we're here to do," said Cooper. "If they can do that, then they can leave with a sense of pride that they have done their job and they have done it well."

NEPMU-6 also has the capability to respond and deploy to a situation within 48-72 hours, something Hathaway said was vital to providing the proper assistance.

"If there's an outbreak that needs to be investigated or we need to provide assistance to another country, time does not help that situation so the quicker we can be there, the faster we can start helping them get it under

control," said Hathaway.

NEPMU-6 also aids with humanitarian assistance, having provided teams to support relief efforts after the tsunami in Southeast Asia and Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

"Being able to provide rapid humanitarian assistance is the kind of rapid response and logistics that only the military can do," said Lt. Cmdr. Scott Thornton, head of the microbiology division at NEPMU-6. "Units like ours can really go in there and help."

Hathaway said preventative medicine is unique in their field because the very definition of preventative means their job is to make sure there are no patients or illnesses.

"I think the difficulty in preventative medicine is that it is the absence of what you would otherwise have, which sometimes gets overlooked," said Hathaway. "How do you measure nothing? How do you measure prevention? It's actually a very selfless job."

"Our Sailors give a lot and I think they gain their satisfaction in knowing that they have given," she continued. "You don't always get the feedback from what you do until a ship comes back from deployment and nobody's gotten hurt because we gave them good safety advice, or nobody's gotten really sick because they had the right medication for prevention. Those are the rewards."



(Above) Lt. Kyle Lim, industrial hygiene officer assigned to NEPMU-6, prepares to test a water sample for contaminants with a Hazardous Air Pollutants On-Site (HAPSITE) machine. NEPMU-6 aids in the combat readiness of operational forces in the Pacific region by providing specialized environmental and preventative medicine support.

(Left) HM2 Vanessa Smith, assigned to Navy Environmental and Preventative Medicine Unit Six (NEPMU-6), cultivates a sample to test for drug resistant bacteria.

Parent involvement helps children in school

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Parents can make a big impact on their children's education – by being actively involved at their school and taking an active role in their children's education.

According to the National Education Association (NEA), positive results of parental involvement can result in improved student achievement, reduced absenteeism, improved behavior and restored confidence among parents in their children's schooling.

Leilani Reyes, a Parent Community Networking Center (PCNC) parent facilitator at Aliamanu Elementary School which has a high percentage of military children, said that "the school works hard to involve parents so that they feel a part of the team that is responsible for educating the child. They are always thinking of new ways to attract parents to the school and to interest them in the school."

Reyes, who has been working and volunteering at Aliamanu Elementary School for six years, is a good example of how parental involvement helps children flourish in school. She began helping in the school when her son, now a middle school student, attended Aliamanu Elementary. Reyes explained that her son saw that "mom's interested in my work" at school and he took school more seriously. She said his adjustment to the middle school went very well and he is making straight As and is in gifted classes. Reyes attributes much of her son's accomplishments to her role in being at the school and showing him how important school is.

Kathy Wooldridge, school liaison officer for Navy Region Hawai'i, echoed the importance of parents seeking ways to help their children and to support their children's schools. "Any area and amount of involvement is beneficial (from the big picture things to just helping around the school, and especially, working with your child at home). The point is to show that you are interested and that you believe that education is important - show your



Photo courtesy of SHCS (SW) Michael Gladden

Chief Storekeeper (SW) Fidelino Avellaneda reads to children at Momilani Elementary School. Studies have shown that parents can make a big impact on their children's education by being actively involved at their child's school.

children, show your children's teachers," she emphasized. "Research shows that parent involvement in schools and education results in students who have higher grades, test scores and graduation rates, better attendance, increased motivation and better self-esteem, lower suspension rates, decreased use of drugs and alcohol and fewer instances of violent behavior," she added.

Senior Chief Navy Counselor (SW) John Wood, command career counselor for Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, believes that parental involvement plays an integral part in children's education. "As a parent, I take full responsibility for the education of my children. If the parents are not engaged, it reflects in the child. I believe it is vital for parents to talk with their children about what they are doing, attend school functions and keep in contact with the child's teacher. I think parents should regularly discuss the life altering consequences of neglecting the educational opportunities that are afforded us in this country," remarked Wood.

Wood said that he frequently discusses the importance of education with his sons, ages 8 and 11. "I have explained the connection between education and economics. I have explained the importance of education as an individual functioning in society. I have explained that being

able to read is important to an individual's awareness of life altering issues that confront American citizens every day. I have explained the importance of critical thinking, learned in school, to have an open mind and review all or as much evidence on an issue or topic before forming an opinion or making a choice," he offered. "Education provides opportunities to better our individual economic situation. The bottom line, in my opinion, is education is the gateway to understanding the world around us," noted Wood.

The NEA outlined some of the ways that parents can be involved with their children's education:

- Reading to your child.
- Checking homework every night.
- Discussing your children's progress with teachers.
- Voting in school board elections (or, in Hawai'i, joining the School Community Council (SCC) and/or the PTA).
- Helping your school to set challenging academic standards.
- Limiting TV viewing on school nights.
- Becoming an advocate for better education in your community and state.

"Education just doesn't happen at school," offered Jessica Harris, a Navy spouse and parent of a kindergartener. "Parents have to be

involved to make a difference. You could pay millions of dollars for a private school education, but if you don't know what your child is doing in school, if you don't know what the letter of the week is, or the color of the week, you are wasting your money. You need to reinforce at home what your child is doing in school. You need to stay connected to be involved," she said.

Capt. David Bigelow, chief of staff for Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific and the parent of a 6-year-old, pointed out that teachers can't be expected to bear the full responsibility for educating children. "It is pretty clear that active, constructive parental involvement in school is vital to the process of raising a child to become a responsible, contributing member of society. Our kid's teachers are wonderful: creative, quick, persistent. They need our help, though, they need our support outside the classroom to maximize the opportunities our kids have in the classroom," he said.

"Kids are generally bright, eager, happy, but they don't all get their lessons the first time. Fundamentals like writing letters and numbers, counting, recognizing and then reading letters and words takes practice, requires reinforcement from parents. It can be frustrating, for parents and for kids, too - but they have to get these lessons, have to acquire these skills, in order to build on them in the years ahead," continued Bigelow.

And there are many rewards. "It is also fun, when the light comes on, when they [children] are praised for doing an assignment correctly, when you watch the wheels go around in their heads. Parental involvement in school is part of parental involvement in their lives," Bigelow said.

Fay Toyama is principal of Lehua Elementary School, a school heavily impacted by the military which serves the Pearl City Peninsula housing area. She begins every school year (at orientation and open house) telling the parents: "Research shows that it doesn't matter if you are rich or poor, or what your ethnic background is. What does matter is, if you are involved

with your children at school, your children will succeed. Believe in your kids and stay involved; stay involved throughout their education years," recommended Toyama.

Charles Gumm, Parent Teacher Student Organization president at Radford High School which has a high percentage of students from Navy, Air Force and Army families, said that parents could change the face of our educational system by following a few simple steps:

- "Make sure our children have their homework done.
- Get them to bed at a decent hour so they get eight hours of sleep.
- Wake up our children early enough so they can get a shower, dress and have something to eat for breakfast.
- Get them to school on time.
- Expect that they pay attention in class and be prepared to constructively correct our children if we find from school administrators they have not been paying attention in class."

He placed the blame for any educational breakdown on parents. "If things are going to change, we're the ones who are going to have to do the changing," he noted.

"I think we parents can save ourselves all kinds of time and energy spent in meetings and work projects if we just get serious about the common sense ways we can support our teachers and administrators in educating our children," said Gumm.

The NEA emphasized that parental involvement can be as simple as asking your children, "How was school today?" But ask every day. That will send your children the clear message that their schoolwork is important to you and you expect them to learn, they said.

"Some parents and families are able to be involved in their child's education in many ways. Others may only have time for one or two activities," said the NEA.

"Whatever your level of involvement, do it consistently and stick with it because you will make an important difference in your child's life," they advised.

(Some information provided by National Education Association.)

STORY IDEAS? Email: hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com Hawaii Navy News

The transformation: From awful to award-winning

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When Senior Chief Operation's Specialist (SW) David Nusbaum, assigned to Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific, and his family moved into their Halsey Terrace home three years ago, they quickly realized that their yard was in a sad state and just as quickly decided to turn the large, ugly space into a beautiful family retreat.

After about 14 months and many hours of hard work, copious sweat and painful blisters, a transformation took place. The plain, barren-looking lawn with brown grass and little or no landscaping had been converted into a showplace – winning the Nusbaum family Yard of the Month (YOM) honors for Halsey Terrace for August 2004 and August 2005.

Nusbaum explained that when the family moved into the home, there were about 400 large rocks that had been used by a former resident to border flower beds, etc. His first job was to obtain a wheelbarrow and get rid of all of the unattractive stones.

It was an aged mock orange tree that drew him to the house. "The best thing I liked



Photo courtesy of Forest City Residential Management
This is a "before" photo of OSCS (SW) David Nusbaum's yard in Halsey Terrace before he put his green thumb to work.

about it [the yard] was the mock orange tree in the back – when it blooms, the smell is unbelievable," he said, then thought, "There is so much work, but I know I can do it. I know it's going to be beautiful."

"I could already see what I wanted it to look like in my mind," he added.

Armed with a weed whacker, an edger, a mulch mower and a rake, Nusbaum tackled the challenging yard. He replaced the rocks with edging, turned the grass green again, and added a variety of flora and fauna – to the tune of over \$1,000. In addition to

planting a papaya tree from seed – which is now producing fruit – he added such things as cats' whiskers (to attract butterflies), gardenias, bird's beak (from the family of plants of bird of paradise), red ginger, false purple heather and elephant ears.

But he still wasn't done. He converted his backyard lanai into a 10-foot-by-12-foot screened porch for indoor-outdoor living.

Nusbaum, whose father was a career Navy man for 30 years, grew up in Hawai'i and credits his lawn talents to his childhood. "It's from my upbringing. We've been taught

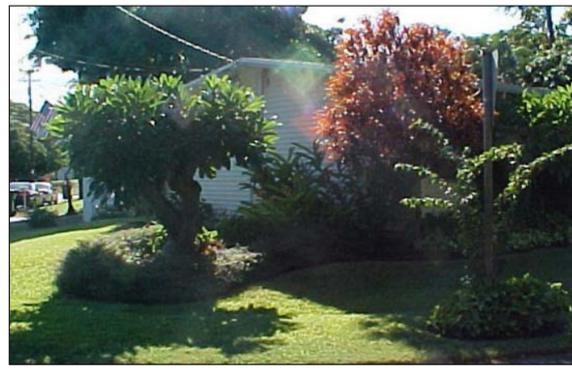


Photo courtesy of Forest City Residential Management
After months of work, Nusbaum's yard was transformed and earned Yard of the Month honors.

from an early age to keep a nice yard," he said, adding that the tradition of winning Yard of the Month honors runs in his family. His parents, long-time residents of military housing, have also been frequent YOM recipients.

Taking honors for an award-winning yard isn't anything new to Nusbaum. He and his family have also won the prize for Yard of the Month in other Navy housing communities in Pensacola, Fla. and Norfolk, Va. Describing lawn care as his own project, Nusbaum explained, "My wife takes care of the inside of the house, I

take care of the outside." He spends about six and a half hours each week taking care of his lawn.

"I just like the satisfaction of seeing the grass, the yard and like the beauty of a nicely-kept yard," he explained. "There's no reason you can't take a little bit of time to prune bushes, etc.," he said.

He has also offered some helpful tips to some of his neighbors – who, thanks to Nusbaum's advice, have also won Yard of the Month awards.

Navy housing residents in non-public-private venture (PPV) housing are mandated

to care for their yards. Yard service is provided for PPV residents for yard spaces outside fencing; however, residents are still responsible for watering. Some of the yards receive minimal care, some garner Yard of the Month honors, and the rest fall somewhere in between.

"It doesn't take much to throw your hose out and keep it [grass] green at least. All people have to do is water," said Nusbaum. He spoke about residents having pride in their housing communities.

"In the military, we've got to take pride in our community, wherever we live," he offered.

"As senior enlisted, we need to set the example. We [service members and their families] shouldn't be living in a trashy neighborhood. One way to make it look better is to keep your yard up," he said.

"I see people mowing their yard and it makes me feel good," he said, acknowledging the importance that he places on preserving community pride along with the grass.

Nusbaum will leave for a tour of duty to Yokosuka, Japan in March. A lucky Navy family will certainly benefit from the fruits of his labors when they move into his former home in the Halsey Terrace neighborhood.

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Hawaii Navy News

Movie Call

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Naval Station Pearl Harbor
(473-0726)

TODAY

7:00 p.m. Memoirs of a Geisha (PG 13)

SATURDAY

2:30 p.m. The Chronicles of Narnia (PG)

5:00 p.m. Pride and Prejudice (PG)

7:15 p.m. Family Stone (PG 13)

SUNDAY

2:30 p.m. Cheaper By the Dozen 2 (PG)

4:30 p.m. Rumor Has It (PG 13)

6:30 p.m. The Producers (PG 13)

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. King Kong (PG 13)

Memorial Theater
Hickam Air Force Base
(424-2239)

TODAY AND SATURDAY

7:00 p.m. Fun with Dick and Jane (PG-13)

SUNDAY

7:00 p.m. Munich (R)

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. The Ringer (PG-13)

Sgt. Smith Theater
Schofield Barracks
(624-2585)

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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 or not the activity will be held.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE EVENTS

• **Feb. 18:** Learn to surf, 9:30 a.m., \$15. Register by **Feb. 15.**

• **Feb. 19:** Makapu'u Tide Pools hike, 8:30 a.m., \$7. Register by **Feb. 15.**

• **Feb. 25:** Alpine Tower, 9 a.m., \$20. Register by **Feb. 22.**

• **Feb. 26:** Mountain horse-back riding, 1 p.m., \$60. Register by **Feb. 22.**

FAMILY FUN AND MOVIE

MWR will host family fun time and a movie at Ford Island tonight. Field games, a bounce house, face painting and cotton candy will be available from 4-7 p.m. The movie, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," will follow and movie goers will be treated to free popcorn. Activities will take place near the Navy Lodge. Children under 10 years of age must be supervised by someone age 16 or older. For more information, call 471-8658.

ALL-NAVY BOWLING TEAM

Try-outs for the Hawai'i All-Navy Bowling Team will be held **Feb. 14-16** at Naval Station Bowling Center. The All-Military Tournament will be held **April 4-7**. For more information, call 473-2651.

SWEETHEART SWIM

Take a dip at any MWR pool for a sweet deal this Valentine's Day (**Feb. 14**). Any two partners swimming 500 yards together will receive a box of chocolate candy. For more information, call 473-0394.

LADIES SAILING SPECIAL

Ladies who rent a boat from Rainbow Bay Marina on Valentine's Day (**Feb. 14**) will receive a box of candy and a rose. Sailboats, kayaks and paddleboats are available daily from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. For more information, call the marina at 473-0279.

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL COACHES MEETING

This is the last chance to sign up teams for the intramural softball league. Call the athletics office today at 473-2494. A coaches' meeting will be held at 1 p.m. **Feb. 15** at Bloch Arena.

HEART RATE MONITOR CLINIC

In observance of Heart Month in February, Bloch Arena Fitness Center is offering a heart rate monitor clinic from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Feb. 15**. For \$50, participants will receive a heart rate monitor and participate in a group exercise class. Navy fitness specialists will teach attendees how to determine and maintain their target heart rate zone. Advance registration is recommended. For more information or to register, stop by Bloch Arena Fitness Center or call 473-0793.

POLYNESIAN LUAU

The Shore Shack at White Plains Beach will host a Polynesian luau dinner and show from 5-9 p.m. **Feb. 19**. Dinner will include teriyaki beef, kalua pig, barbecue chicken, lomi lomi salmon, potato-mac salad, rice and dessert. Live dinner music will be played through the evening. For more information or tickets, call 682-8280.

FAMILY FITNESS FRIDAY

Family Fitness Friday Happy Hour will be offered from 5-6 p.m. on **Fridays** at Bloch Arena.

The activity is free and provides an opportunity for families to work together on fitness goals, courtesy of MWR. Participants can learn how to incorporate fitness together with their children, under the guidance of a certified fitness specialist. Workouts include a variety of equipment, appropriate skill level and partner exercises. The family fitness hour is open to parents and their children ages 10 and up (limited to no more than two children per adult). Reservations are recommended. For more information, call 473-0793.

WHALE WATCHING SPECIALS

Enjoy whale watching on a Pacific Splash Whale Watching cruise. Navy ITT offices have an assortment of cruise options to fit patrons schedules and budgets. For more information, call 473-1190.

"THE LOTUS TOUCH"

Want to improve circulation, increase flexibility, release muscle tension and receive a greater sense of well-being? Try "The Lotus Touch." Patrons can enjoy a hot and cold stone massage which includes face, neck and shoulders. A 75-minute treatment costs \$90. Appointments are available at Bloch Arena and Power Point Fitness Centers. For more information, call Ruby at 386-4812.



- **Feb. 10:** Dave and Buster's, leave LIP at 6:30 p.m., bring money.
- **Feb. 11:** Liberty Triathlon, 7:30 a.m. at LIP, cost to be announced.
- **Feb. 12:** Pro Bowl party and game, meet at LIP at 10 a.m., \$50.
- **Feb. 12:** Surfing lessons and lunch, 10 a.m., \$7.
- **Feb. 13:** WWE wrestling and free food, 6:30 p.m. at LIP.
- **Feb. 15:** "There's Something Going on at Beeman," activities and games, 6:30 p.m., free.

Weekly events:

- Sunday:** Chess tournament, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday:** WWE wrestling, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday:** 8-Ball tournament - 7 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Game show - 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday:** 9-Ball Pool tournament - 7 p.m.



Cheaper by the Dozen 2: Tom and Kate take their 12 offspring to Lake Winnetka. But their retreat soon becomes cut-throat when they enter a competition with another family.

The Chronicles of Narnia: The film tells the story of four children who are sent to the country for safety and find a magic wardrobe that transports them to the mystical world of Narnia.

The Family Stone: The Stones have their annual holiday gathering. The eldest son brings his girlfriend home to meet his family. The Stones greet their visitor with a mix of awkwardness and hostility.

Fun with Dick and Jane: A wealthy couple loses their main source of income, causing both to turn to a life of crime--as they organize various heists on their rich friends' accounts.

King Kong: While filming on location at Skull Island, a group of filmmakers discover a giant gorilla living in a massive jungle.

Memoirs of a Geisha: See Review

Munich: Set in the aftermath of the massacre of the 1972 Munich Olympics, the story follows an Israeli squad assigned to track down and kill the 11 Palestinians suspected to have planned the attack.

Pride & Prejudice: In England at the end of the 18th century, the five Bennet sisters have been raised well aware of their mother's fixation on securing set futures. Elizabeth, however, strives to live her life with a broader perspective.

The Producers: The Producers tells the story of a down on his luck producer and his accountant and their get rich quick plan.

The Ringer: When Steve finds himself running last in the corporate rat race, he attempts to rig the Special Olympics by pretending to be intellectually challenged.

Rumor Has It: Sarah's life is in a tailspin. She's finally agreed to marry her boyfriend, but isn't at all sure that marriage is what she really wants.

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Memoirs of a Geisha

"Memoirs of a Geisha" has been condemned on many levels for using mainly Chinese actors, straying from the novel and presenting the world of geisha in an altogether enlightening fashion. Having never read the novel, nor being bothered by a little sugarcoating, I found the film strikingly beautiful and emotionally charged as it hovers around the world of geisha and one in particular, Sayuri.

The film opens in 1929 as Sayuri and her sister are sold by their widowed father to different geisha houses in the city of Kyoto, Japan. Sayuri's sister is sold directly into a prostitution house, but Sayuri is sold to an establishment that aims to groom her into a respectable, moneymaking geisha. The film follows Sayuri as she falters and fights for freedom, before becoming one of the most famous geisha in Japan.

Director Rob Marshall creates an impressionistic masterpiece of visual delight as Sayuri explores the hidden world. Chinese actress Ziyi Zhang is stunning as the main character, in her first English-speaking role. Her mesmerizing beauty, elegant eyes and vocal delivery create an emotional connection that takes the audience beyond the world she is living in, and instead brings them through a journey into her heart. As her teacher explains in the film, a geisha can stop men in their tracks. Zhang does this not only with the male characters in the film, but the audience as well. One look through her sky-blue eyes brings a new dimension to an already interesting character.

Politics aside (as well as the novel), "Memoirs of a Geisha" is an extraordinary love story that explores the virtually unknown world of geisha. Sayuri is a magical character who defies logic and captivity in search of her one true love. When she utters behind those breathtaking eyes, "Every step I have taken, since I was that child on the bridge, has been to bring myself closer to you," hearts will melt and Oscars should soar.

OVERALL RATING: ★★★★★

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.

Tax Center

The Pearl Harbor Tax Center is now open in building 679, room 11. Hours for walk-ins are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays. Hours for appointments are from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesdays and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information, call 473-4112.

Boutiki

Applications are currently being accepted at The Boutiki at Naval Station Pearl Harbor for donation disbursements. Applicants may pick up a form at the shop during hours of operation or may email Felicia@hawaii.rr.com. The shop is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Friday and Saturday and from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday. The return application deadline is March 15. For more information, call 422-6662. The following positions are also available: bookkeeper (paid position), vice chairman, secretary, publicity coordinator, receiver and buyers.

FBI

Learn about the requirements for applying to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) by attending an FBI career seminar from 10:30-11:30 a.m. today at the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC), building 193, room 205. For reservations, contact FFSC at 473-4222. For more information about the FBI or the seminar, call Special Agent Kal Wong at 566-4488.

NFL Hall-of-Famer

Willie Brown, the stellar cornerback for the Raiders who returned an interception 75 yards for a touchdown in Super Bowl XI, will be at the rotunda of the Navy Exchange (NEX) Pearl Harbor from 2-3 p.m. today. Brown was inducted into the Professional Football Hall of Fame in 1984. Before the Oakland Raiders, Brown played for the Denver Broncos.

Motorcycle Safety Day

The first Navy Region Hawai'i Motorcycle Safety Day will be held from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Navy Exchange (NEX) Mall at Pearl Harbor. The day's events will offer information on safety programs, dealer displays, and participation by local clubs and rider groups. Motorcycle safety program representatives from Navy, Army, Marines and Coast Guard programs will be available to provide information and directly sign up riders for initial and refresher motorcycle training. There will be field events to test motorcycle skills. Rider protective gear is required for field events. For more information, call 474-3447, ext. 246 or 233.

Magic Johnson

Meet Magic Johnson for an autograph session at the Navy Exchange (NEX) Mall from 3-4 p.m. Feb. 25, while he presents his new collection of footwear. Starting Feb. 15, the first 350 customers to purchase Magic32 footwear will receive a VIP lanyard and be guaranteed an autograph by Magic Johnson on Feb. 25 at the Navy Exchange.

- Please follow rules and regulations:
- One lanyard per person.

- One autograph per person.
- Must be in line one hour prior to signing.
- Must have lanyard with you to receive autograph, no exceptions.

Car Wash

The First Lieutenant Department of Naval Station Pearl Harbor will host a car wash from 9 a.m.-noon Feb. 17 and March 3 at building 1754 (located behind the TPU Barracks on South Ave within two blocks of Nimitz Gate). There will be sign holders on South Ave. The proceeds from the fund raisers will support the Navy's electric car entry into the inter-service competition which will be held on March 18 on Ford Island and hosted by HECO. For more information, call Lt. j.g. Rob Kleinman at 472-0338.

NLSO

The Naval Legal Service Office Pacific, Detachment Pearl Harbor, will be closed on Feb. 22 to participate in the Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps "2020 Strategic Standown." Regular hours/services will resume on Feb. 23. Those persons requiring emergency services should page the command duty officer at 577-2772.

Whale watching

Help the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary count whales Feb. 25 and March 25. Volunteers are needed to assist with the whale counting from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The count will be conducted at 65 different shore sites around Oahu, Kauai and the Big Island. The "gentle giants" return to Hawaiian waters during the winter months to reproduce and nurse their young. Those who wish to register to help with the whale watching count should call the following numbers: Oahu, 397-2651, ext. 253; Big Island, 1-888-55-WHALE, ext. 253; Kauai, 246-2860. For more information about the whale sanctuary, visit <http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov>.

Puhala Marsh Clean-up

Puhala Marsh work days have been scheduled for Feb. 25, March 18, April 29 and May 20 for cleanup and removal of pickle weeds at the north end of Pearl Harbor's West Loch.

The project will cover a Hawaiian fish pond and coastal marsh of about 70 acres. Volunteers are needed to help with the project from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Anyone who is interested in participating should call 473-1203 or email adeline.lopes@navy.mil or Pauline Kawamata at 955-0100, ext. 18.

NEX

Through the Navy Exchange (NEX) price matching policy, the NEX will match the price of any identical item sold in any local store. Customers may provide proof of the lower price and the NEX will match it. If the price difference is under \$5, the store will match it on the spot. Some restrictions apply to the policy. Please see a sales associate for more information.

Volunteers

The American Red Cross needs volunteer instructors for cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid classes. Free training is provided. Volunteers must make a commitment to teach eight classes a year and have at least one year left in the area. For more information, call 449-0166.