

## Hickam Veterinary Clinic: Keeping Navy pets healthy



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Whether living in, moving to, or transferring from the Hawai'i area, Navy families with pets need to seek out a treatment facility for the care of their animals. Much like choosing a care provider for family members, choosing the right veterinary clinic is an essential part of having a pet.

"We want to make sure Navy families know we're here for them [to provide pet care]. You don't have to be Air Force to come to our base [vet clinic], you don't have to be Army to go to the Army base [vet clinic] and it's open to all ranks," said Gwen Garcia, veterinary clinic office manager at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawai'i Veterinary (Vet) Clinic.

The clinic is one of four military animal treatment facilities that military families can use while serving in the Hawai'i area. Adjacent to Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Hickam Vet Clinic provides Navy families with convenient opportunities for affordable quality pet care.

"We don't charge office visit fees. Some civilian vets will charge just to see your pet before they administer [treatments]," said Wanda Meek, administrator's assistant at the clinic.

The clinic is manned by a combination of military and civilian staff that consists of two veterinarians, four vet technicians and four office administrators. While the primary



mission of the vet clinic is to provide operational support and care to military working dogs, it also provides routine veterinary care for all military family-owned domestic animals and household pets such as dogs, cats, birds, turtles, mice and guinea pigs.

According to U.S. Army Sgt. Tracie Goodwin, animal care specialist for Central Pacific District Veterinary Command (CENPACDVC), assigned to Hickam Vet Clinic as a veterinary technician, the clinic administers vaccinations, blood draws, annual check-ups and pet sick call. Additionally, they provide health certificates for mainland and overseas travel, testing for intestinal parasites, heartworms, and feline leukemia, and permanent microchip implants for animals weighing five pounds or more.

"There's no charge for health certificates for [permanent change of station (PCS) moves]," said Meek.

Members under PCS orders who plan to take their pets into a foreign country or out of state are encouraged to consult with the clinic for guidance, details and pet requirements for their animals in the specific geographic areas to which they will be assigned.

Patients are seen on an appointment only basis, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. A walk-in clinic is held from 8-11:30 a.m. on one Saturday per month for members who do not have scheduled appointments. Patients who visit the walk-in clinic are seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

To reach the Hickam Vet Clinic, call 449-6841.



Commentary

# Window on Pearl Harbor

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## Getting the word out

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As a journalist for Hawai'i Navy News (HNN) at Pearl Harbor, I take my job very seriously. Not only do I enjoy the craft of writing, but I well understand why it's important to share information with our readers. Whether it's a message from the command staff, a story featuring exemplary Sailors and their accomplishments, or making certain that our Navy families are kept informed about what is going on in and around Pearl Harbor, it's important news.

There are a lot of people who rely on us to get the word out so that our Navy families are aware. For example, I spent a recent Wednesday evening (after an already long day at the office) attending a town hall meeting for housing residents. The meeting was an opportunity for Navy officials and the Navy's public-private venture (PPV) partner to present information about upcoming phases of the project as well as an opportunity for residents to ask some questions.

Obviously, there were a lot of other ways I could have been spending my time – with my kids, watching an entertaining television program, or just kicking back and relaxing at home with a tall glass of iced tea. Instead, I sat for over two hours in a warm recreation center, listening intently to what was going on and recording the information so that I could write a story. Don't get me wrong – I didn't mind being there one bit. Like I said, I take my job very seriously and I wanted to write a story that

would be informative and helpful for those who couldn't attend the meeting that night.

But I sometimes have to wonder how much good I'm doing. In order for the information to be helpful, people need to pick up their copy of HNN and read it. That's where all of you come in.

Let me share with you an experience that I had several months ago. I was in the office when I received a call from the family member of a Navy man who asked me if we could remove her name from the distribution list for HNN.

Okay, I'll have to be honest, I probed. "Why would you want to do that?" I asked her. She proceeded to tell me that she never reads HNN and it's really annoying for her to have to stop her car in her driveway, get out of her car and pick up the newspaper so that she doesn't drive over it. I was horrified – well, maybe not horrified – at my age and in this line of work, I find that there isn't much anymore that really surprises me.

"You don't read it?" I probed further. She told me no, there was nothing in the newspaper that interested her and she didn't want to be bothered with it. I proceeded to explain to her that HNN is a mechanism that is used to get the word out to Navy families about a variety of different issues and asked her if she didn't think that it would help her to be aware of what was going on. But she was quite adamant – she had no intention of reading it and didn't want it delivered and that was that.

I can honestly say that over the course of five or six years, I have had, um, maybe, about

three calls asking that we remove someone from the HNN distribution. The intent of HNN isn't to repeat the news that you hear on the local television and radio stations. Although we use some stories that are bigger Navy stories, our primary focus and most of what we produce is about the Navy in Hawai'i and even more specifically, about the Navy here at Pearl Harbor.

Let me take that a step further. We continually ask for feedback from our Navy community – every edition of HNN extends the invitation to submit ideas for stories, to let us know what you like about HNN and, at the same time, to let us know what you don't like. Again, we rarely hear from anyone.

We honestly want to know how we're doing and if our readers like what we're doing. We can handle criticism, but we like getting kudos, too. But above all, we want to serve our Navy community – providing information that is helpful and informative.

But the work we're doing and the stories we're writing aren't helpful and informative to you if they aren't read. Certainly, our objective is not to be just an annoyance in your driveway.

Please call us or email us and let us know how we're doing. We'd love to hear from you.

Meanwhile, enjoy reading about what's going on within the Navy community here – at the best homeport in the Navy – and have a fine Navy day here in paradise.

*We welcome comments from readers. If you have comments, please send them to: Karen.spangler@navy.mil.*

## MWR adds more family entertainment

**Karen S. Spangler**

*Assistant Editor*

Whether it's a concert under the stars or a fun-filled afternoon capped with a family movie, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) at Naval Station Pearl Harbor is launching an ongoing venue of free family events. Family fun and movie nights will be offered on a regular schedule on Fridays and/or Saturdays at various Navy installations and will feature a full schedule of family activities. There will be games, bounce houses and free cotton candy and popcorn. Children under 10 years of age must be supervised by someone 16 years or older.

A series of free concerts, Concert Under the Stars, will be presented at dusk on the fourth Friday of each month on the lawn behind The Banyans at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The Pacific Fleet Band and guest bands will be fea-

tured, presenting a variety of musical selections.

The first concert begins at 6 p.m. March 24 and will offer a variety of styles in traditional music, presented by the 35-piece Pacific Fleet Band Wind Ensemble. Lara Katine, special events coordinator for Naval Station Pearl Harbor, described the setting for the event as an "elegant, but relaxed atmosphere."

According to Lt. Ken Collins, fleet bandmaster for the Pacific Fleet Band, those attending the concert will be treated to an evening of musical enjoyment interspersed with a touch of nostalgia. "Please come and enjoy the Pacific Fleet Band's Wind Ensemble for a wonderful evening of music for all ages. Harkening back to the days when bands could be heard performing in parks in every town, the group will present an evening of traditional patriotic literature along with some more contemporary selections for the younger folks in the crowd,"

he noted.

The next concert has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. April 28. Those who plan to attend the concerts should bring lawn chairs or blankets and snacks in preparation for an enjoyable evening of music under the stars.

"In the past, the Pacific Fleet Band has hosted similar "Concert Under the Stars" events. Each of those were very successful ... I remember looking around and thinking that this is probably how it used to be," explained Katine.

"Children were dressed up for a family outing, including picnic baskets spread on a grassy lawn, with a breezy Hawaiian sunset as the backdrop. Beautiful music filled the air, whether couples snuggled to the tunes and shared their favorite beverages or families spent quality time together in a peaceful and relaxed atmosphere," continued Katine.

For more information about the concerts, call 473-0606.

## Survey drawings net winners



Photo courtesy of Forest City Residential Management

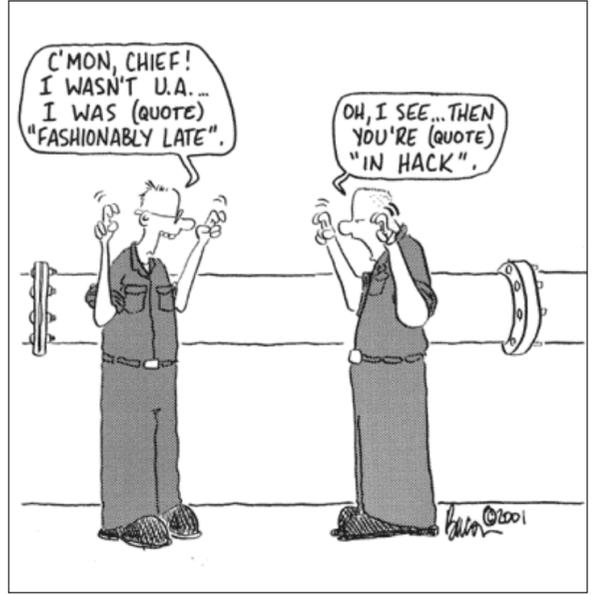
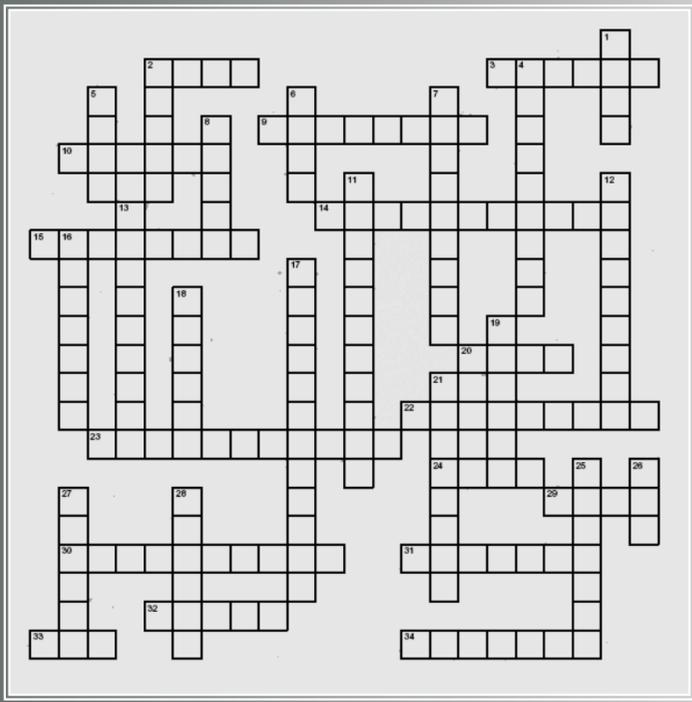
Tom Carter, general manager for Forest City Residential Management (FCRM), presents a \$500 NEX gift card to the Turnage family, one of the winners of a random drawing held recently. Neighbors of FCRM and Navy public-private venture (PPV) communities of McGrew Point, Halsey Terrace, Radford Terrace, Moanalua Terrace and Hokulani were given the opportunity to participate in a random drawing sponsored by FCRM in conjunction with the annual CEL & Associates housing surveys mailed in December. More than 500 drawing entry forms were received and one family from each community won a \$500 gift card from the NEX. The following service members were the lucky recipients: Cmdr. Michael Turnage (McGrew Point), Lt. J.g. Scott Story (Halsey Terrace), GM2 (SW) Abraham Plotsky (Radford Terrace), GSM3 Cory Sharrard (Moanalua Terrace) and STSC (SS) Mark Williams (Hokulani).

# Skylark Central

## U.S. History

### Crossword Puzzle

- Across
- Number of years between presidential elections.
  - President who was a movie actor.
  - Branch of government that interprets laws.
  - President who had a peanut farm.
  - The branch of the government that enacts laws.
  - Held congressional hearings looking for communist spies in the government.
  - Leader of civil rights movement, assassinated in 1968.
  - "One small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind."
  - Brown vs Board of Education was a Supreme Court case related to what?
  - Number of justices on the Supreme Court.
  - Introduced assembly lines and mass production.
  - First U.S. president.
  - President during the Civil War.
  - A Marine on the National Security Council staff convicted for his role in the Iran-Contra scandal.
  - How many years is a U.S. Senator's term?
  - First major battle between Union and Confederate forces was at \_\_\_\_\_.



## Solution to: HAPPY BIRTHDAY G.W. Cryptogram

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## Know your Navy

In July of this year Navy photographers, lithographers, draftsmen and journalists will merge into a new rating. What will the new rating be called?

Last week's question...

During what years was George Washington president of the United States?

Answer - 1789-1797



# MWR

## Movie Call

**Sharkey Theater**  
Naval Station Pearl Harbor  
(473-0726)

### TODAY

7:00 p.m. The Producers  
(PG 13)

### SATURDAY

2:30 p.m. Rumor Has It  
(PG 13)  
4:30 p.m. The Ringer (PG 13)  
6:30 p.m. The Family Stone  
(PG 13)

### SUNDAY

2:30 p.m. The Ringer (PG)  
4:30 p.m. Fun with Dick  
and Jane (PG 13)

**Memorial Theater**  
Hickam Air Force Base  
(449-2239)

### TODAY AND SATURDAY

7:00 p.m. The Last Holiday  
(R)

### SUNDAY

7:00 p.m. Hostel (R)

### WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Hostel (R)

### THURSDAY

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

**Sgt. Smith Theater**  
Schofield Barracks  
(624-2585)

### TODAY

7:00 p.m. Casanova (R)

### SATURDAY

7:00 p.m. Grandma's Boy  
(PG 13)

### SUNDAY

7:00 p.m. Hoodwinked (PG)

*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. 25:** Alpine Tower, 9 a.m., \$20.
- **Feb. 26:** Mountain horse-back riding, 1 p.m., \$60.
- **March 4:** Kuaokala Trail, 8:30 a.m., \$7. Register by **March 1**.
- **March 5:** Ultra-light flying, "Fly a Powered Hang Glider," 7 a.m., \$120. Register by **March 1**.

## SUPER GARAGE SALE AND CRAFT FAIR

The Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation Super Garage Sale and Craft Fair will be held from 8 a.m.-noon **March 4** at Richardson Field. Sign up at any Navy IIT office or get a registration form at [www.greatlifeohawaii.com](http://www.greatlifeohawaii.com). For more information, call 473-0606.

## FAMILY FUN AND MOVIE NIGHTS

Navy Region Hawai'i's Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host free family fun and movie nights on a regular schedule on Fridays and Saturdays at various Navy installations. The events will feature a full schedule of family activities, including games, bounce houses and free cotton candy and popcorn. Children

under 10 years of age must be supervised by someone 16 years or older. "Home on the Range," rated PG, will be shown at 7 p.m. **March 11** at Pearl City Community Center, preceded by games and family activities beginning at 4 p.m. "The Chronicles of Narnia," rated PG, will be presented **March 17** at NCTAMS Bowling Field near Wahiawa. There will be activities for families from 4 to 7 p.m. and the movie will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, call 471-8658.

## SPRING BREAK CAMP ADVENTURE

Camp Adventure is back with activities and trips especially for kids (ages 5 - 12). Camp fees are based on total household income. Registration is open to military and DoD family members. It begins **Feb. 21** and will continue until all slots are filled. Camp dates are **March 20-31**. For more information, call 421-1556 or 499-2572.

## FREE CONCERTS AT DUSK

A series of free concerts at dusk will be presented the fourth Friday of each month on the lawn behind The Banyans at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The concert series will feature the Pacific Fleet Band and guest bands, presenting a variety of musical selections. Hosted by Navy Region Hawai'i's Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the first concert is scheduled for 6 p.m. **March 24** and will offer a variety of styles in traditional music, presented by the 35-piece Pacific Fleet Band Wind Ensemble. The next concert has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. **April 28**. Those who plan to

attend the concerts should bring lawn chairs or blankets and snacks in preparation for an enjoyable evening of music under the stars. For more information, call 473-0606.

## ALL-NAVY BOWLING TEAM

The Hawai'i All-Navy Bowling Team will represent the Navy at the All-Military Tournament to be held **April 4-7**. For more information, call 473-2651.

## 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 IIT 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.



- **Today:** Beach excursion and bonfire, leave LIP at 5 p.m., \$10.
- **Feb. 25:** Fish auction and breakfast, leave LIP at 5:45 a.m., bring money.
- **Feb. 25:** Whale watching cruise, leave LIP at 12:30 p.m., \$25.
- **Feb. 26:** Surfing lessons and lunch, 10 a.m., \$7.
- **Feb. 27:** WWE wrestling and free food, 6:30 p.m. at LIP.
- **March 1:** "There's Something Going on at Beeman," activities and games, 6:30 p.m., free.
- **March 1:** Oahu dines - eat to donate to the Life Foundation, 6:30 p.m., bring money.

## 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.



**Casanova:** When Giacomo Casanova discovered Francesca Bruni, he met his ultimate romantic match, succumbing to the only woman ever to refuse his charms--until he could prove himself to be the one man worthy of her romantic ideals.

**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.

**Grandma's Boy:** 35-year-old Alex is the world's oldest video game tester, but by night, he is privately developing the next big game. Alex gets kicked out of his apartment, and finds himself forced to live with his grandmother and her friends Grace and Bea.

**Hoodwinked:** Furry and feathered cops from the animal world, Chief Grizzly and Detective Bill Stork, investigate a domestic disturbance at

Granny's cottage, involving a girl, a wolf and an axe.

**Hostel:** Two adventurous American college buddies, Paxton and Josh, backpack through Europe eager to make quintessentially hazy travel memories with new friend Oli, an Icelander they've met along the way.

**The Last Holiday:** After being diagnosed with a fatal disease, a shy sales clerk goes on a European vacation to live out the rest of her life. With nothing to lose--or so she thinks--her behavior becomes more irreverent and outrageous each day, only, to find out later she was misdiagnosed.

**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.

# Community Calendar

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

**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.

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.

**Pouhala Marsh Clean-up** - Pouhala Marsh work days have been scheduled for **Feb. 25, March 18, April 29** and **May 20** for clean-up 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 [adelina.lopez@navy.mil](mailto:adelina.lopez@navy.mil) or Pauline Kawamata at 955-0100, ext. 18.

**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://hawaiiwhale.noaa.gov>.

**Town hall meetings** - Town hall meetings have been scheduled to provide information to Navy housing residents about phases two and three of public-private venture (PPV). A meeting for residents of Hale Moku, Halawa, Little Makalapa and Red Hill housing areas will be held at 6:30 p.m. **March 1** at the Moanalua Terrace Community Center.

**Car Wash** - The First Lieutenant Department of Naval Station Pearl Harbor will host a car wash from 9 a.m.-noon on **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 Avenue. 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 Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO). For more information, call Lt. j.g. Rob Kleinman at 472-0338.

**U.S. Coast Guard Academy Chorale** - The 40-member U.S. Coast Guard Academy (USCGA) Chorale will perform at 7 p.m. **March 5** at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. The concert is free. The group specializes in the performance of patriotic music

and songs of the sea. The chorale travels annually to entertain people throughout the country. Appearances have included performances at the Super Bowl, the Senior Bowl in Mobile, the Annual Sea Fest in Miami, an All-Military Ball in Dallas, the Coast Guard Foundation Dinner in San Francisco, Disney World in Orlando and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. Academy singers have also performed for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as well as for numerous presidential inaugurations. For more information, call the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel at 473-3971.

**FBI Recruitment** - Learn about the requirements for applying to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) by attending an FBI career seminar from 10-11 a.m. **March 6** at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe (USMCBH), building 267, room 2. For reservations, contact the USMCBH Personal Services Office at 257-7790/7795. For more information about the FBI or the seminar, call Special Agent Kal Wong at 566-4488.

**Army Community Theatre** - Army Community Theatre (ACT) will hold auditions for its production of "Damn Yankees" at 7 p.m. **March 6, 7 and 8** at Richardson Theatre, Fort Shafter. The show, with music by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross, book by Douglass Wallop and George Abbott, runs May 11-27 at the venue, with all performances at 7:30 p.m. "Damn Yankees" will be directed by Jim Hutchison, with musical direction by Ernest Taniguchi and choreography by Marcelo Paclab.

Keoki Kerr of KITV who performed in last season's "Miss Saigon" and most recently appeared with the Hawai'i Opera Chorus in "Rigoletto," will star as Joe Boyd, a middle-aged baseball fanatic who sells his soul to the devil in exchange for a winning season. For audition information, call ACT at 438-4480.

**Learn from the Leaders** - The third in a series of Learn from the Leaders events will be held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. **March 8** at The Banyans at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Constance Lau, president and CEO of American Savings Bank, will be the featured speaker at the event which is hosted by Commander Navy Region Hawai'i's Workforce Development Office. For more information, call 471-0225.

**NEX price matching** - Through the Navy Exchange 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.

**Tax Center** - The Pearl Harbor Tax Center, located in building 679, room 11, is open for walk-ins from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays and Fridays and from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturdays. Appointments can be made from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesdays. For more information, call 473-4112.

**Red Cross 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.

**Free classified advertising for military in Hawaii Navy News**

Active duty and retired military, civil service and family members can advertise the sale of their personal property (including real estate) and services in HNN at no charge. The details are as follows:

Classified items and services must represent an incidental exchange between the aforementioned personnel and not business operations. Requests for three-line free classified advertisements can be submitted via email, if from a ".mil" address (submit to [lkameshi@honolulu.gannett.com](mailto:lkameshi@honolulu.gannett.com)), by phone at 521-9111 or by visiting [www.honoluluadvertiser.com](http://www.honoluluadvertiser.com) and clicking on "classified ads." More lines of advertising can be purchased at an additional fee. Requesters should include their military ID number and a call-back phone number.

# TriWest commits to USS Arizona Memorial restoration

Richard Gray

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

Drops of crude oil still bubble from the hull of the USS Arizona. Resting at the bottom of Pearl Harbor with her crew of 1,177, the battleship is a silent reminder of sacrifice.

Visitors, some 5,000 a day, come to the USS Arizona Memorial atop the once proud battleship, America's first significant capital loss of World War II. At anchor nearby is the USS Missouri. Upon her decks, the Japanese surrendered, ending the world's most devastating conflict.

Weathered by sea and sun, time and heavy foot traffic, an effort to restore the USS Arizona Memorial, one of the nation's most significant monuments, is underway.

TriWest Healthcare Alliance president and CEO, Dave McIntyre, announced a donation of \$500,000 in initial support and \$500,000 in matching funds as part of the five-year project for the memorial's restoration.

"Our owners have allowed us to develop a robust program of giving back to a variety of causes - most of which are directly aligned with our customers, both to meet their needs and to recognize their significant sacrifices and contributions. It is generous of our owners to allow us to give back some of what would otherwise go to them as profit, and it is behavior which they model so well for us in their own businesses and communities," McIntyre said.

"We are privileged to count service personnel and their families and those who have gone before them, from both the states of Arizona and Hawai'i, as our customers. Not only does the memorial remind us of the sacrifices our men and women in uniform made in defending our freedom some 65 years ago, but it also reminds us of the sacrifices that service personnel are making today in places like Iraq and Afghanistan. In that sense, it stands as a living memorial and it is a privilege to contribute toward such a worthy cause," McIntyre said.



U. S. Navy photo by PH1 William R. Goodwin.

Chief Journalist Tim Paynter scans the names of 1,177 Sailors and Marines who lost their lives during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, in the shrine room of the USS Arizona Memorial. Paynter was on board the Memorial to re-enlist one of his Sailors. Considered one of the most honored and historic sites in the world, thousands of military personnel from all branches have re-enlisted at the USS Arizona Memorial.

Visiting the memorial is like being in church. Chattering tourists fall silent as they stare through the cutouts in the floor at the Arizona's rusting remains - a relic that transports visitors back in time.

### Day of Infamy

"Pearl Harbor attacked! This is no drill!" Those words caused Americans to react in anger and fear.

Americans tuned to the anxious voices of radio news reporters for real time accounts of the attack as the first wave of Japanese planes let their bombs and torpedoes loose over "Battleship Row" where the USS Arizona berthed.

She was hit by several bombs. One penetrated her forecastle and detonated her forward ammunition magazines. The resulting massive explosion wrecked the ship's forward hull, collapsing her forward

superstructure causing her to sink with her crew.

On shore, Sailor John Finn stood in an open area - single-handedly manning a machine gun aimed at the attacking planes. He was wounded numerous times, but stayed at the trigger. He later received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroism that day.

The nation, knocked to its knees in crushing defeat at the outset of the Pacific war, began the long road back the next day when President Franklin Roosevelt delivered to Congress the most important speech the nation had ever heard.

"Yesterday, Dec. 7, 1941 - a date which will live in infamy - the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan," he began.

The President ended with a vow.

"Hostilities exist. There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory and our interests are in grave danger. With confidence in our armed forces - with the unbounded determination of our people - we will gain the inevitable triumph - so help us God."

Without warning, peaceful Hawai'i had changed forever and a nation began reinventing itself.

The world can never again think of this island paradise without thinking of the morning all those years ago that hostile wings dotted its azure sky and the whine of foreign engines and the ear-piercing blast of explosions shattered the calm tropical morning.

### Aboard the Memorial

In 1950, the USS Arizona began to be used as a site for memorial ceremonies. In the early 1960s, the memorial structure was constructed

over the Arizona's amidships as a permanent shrine to those Americans who lost their lives in the attack on Pearl Harbor and in the great Pacific War that began there.

Today, the USS Arizona Memorial is much more than it was intended. It is itself a piece of history.

"The memorial is of tremendous importance to Hawai'i," said Karl Kiyokawa, TriWest market vice president for Hawai'i. "It teaches people never to forget, but at the same time helps people to heal and understand that Japan is now one of our global allies."

The USS Arizona Memorial starts at the visitor center, which has a modest museum and an auditorium. A short movie presentation, depicting the event leading to the attack, is shown every half hour and includes motion picture footage of the actual attack.

"It's a very informational and emotionally moving movie," Kiyokawa said.

A five-minute ferry trip takes visitors into the harbor to the memorial itself.

"Once you are on the memorial, the feeling is surreal," Kiyokawa said. "The memorial is open-aired with several large cut-out areas in the floor where you can gaze into the ocean to see the Arizona laying on the bottom of Pearl Harbor. As one moves to the back of the memorial, the noise level of people talking gets lower and lower."

On the back wall of the memorial is a marble plaque listing the names of the 1,177 Sailors and Marines who perished that day and who are entombed just below their feet.

"No one is talking in this area of the memorial," Kiyokawa said. "Only the sounds of the breeze and the lapping of the waves beneath the memorial can be heard. You can usually see flower leis and flower petals floating on the water's surface, paying tribute to the brave Americans of the USS Arizona."