

## Oceans Chief Petty Officers Club



Celebrating 30 years of tradition within the CPO community

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The Chief Petty Officers' Club at Naval Station Pearl Harbor has undergone many changes – some small and some more significant – throughout its long history.

You can also trace the journey of the present CPO Club from the former Pearl Harbor Chiefs Club (which was destroyed by fire) to a temporary residence at Embers (site of what was the 19th Puka before Sam Snead's), then to the Pearl Harbor Palms CPO Club (which was situated near the current site of PSD) and another club, Oceans 11 (formerly on land near the current NEX) and to the current Oceans CPO Club, located adjacent to the entrance at Makalapa Gate.

The local CPO Club is one of the last remaining chiefs' clubs in the Navy. But some things haven't changed through the years – the time-honored traditions of that special breed of Navy Sailor who is the Navy chief petty officer.

The club will mark 30 years of service to the Navy's enlisted elite with a 30th anniversary celebration from 3-10 p.m. Sept. 11. First opened at its present site on Sept. 11, 1974, Oceans has catered to primarily Navy chiefs, although all branches of the military in enlisted ranks E7-E9 are welcome.

"Oceans is not just a club, but also a workplace. It's a place where chiefs discuss work and help each other out with problems," said Carlita McDavitt, club operations assistant for MWR clubs within Navy Region Hawaii. "It is one of the very last clubs especially for chiefs."

Immediately upon entering the foyer of the club, guests are confronted with a plaque that mandates, "Ye who enters covered here shall buy the bar a round of cheer."

Almost every square inch of space of the club's walls are covered with plaques and memorabilia from the ships and submarines that have called Pearl Harbor their homeport or that have visited here. A ship's wheel from the ex-U.S.S. Bryce Canyon holds center stage on another wall.

Located outside at the front of the club is a ship's bell that also originally came



"Auntie" Nona Carrell stands outside the entrance to Oceans CPO Club at Naval Station, Pearl Harbor. "Auntie" Carrell retired in 2000 after 30 years with the Oceans CPO Club and its predecessors. The club celebrate its 30th anniversary celebration from 3-10 p.m. Sept. 11.

from the ex-USS Bryce Canyon. The ship was the first to donate a plaque to Oceans.

The club boasts the only shuffleboard table in the Navy club system and club patrons can enjoy other recreational activities, such as electronic dart boards and tables for playing cards.

A new addition in 2003 – in keeping pace with the times – is a small area with computers and Internet access.

Situated in the middle of the large room, a "table for one," a more recent tradition that was started in November 2002, holds a place of honor and pays tribute to POWs/MIAs.

It is the chiefs' way of "symbolizing the fact that members of the profession of arms are still missing from

our midst. They are unable to be with us, and so, we remember them because of their incarceration."

A plaque affixed to the wall above the small table explains the symbolism of each item:

"The table set for one is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his oppressors. Remember!

The tablecloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms. Remember!

The single red rose in the vase reminds us of their families and loved ones who keep faith, awaiting their return. Remember!

The red ribbon tied so prominently on the vase is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn upon the lapel and

breasts of thousands, who bear witness to their yielding determination to demand proper accounting of our missing. Remember!

The slice of lemon is to remind us of their bitter fate. Remember!

The salt is symbolic of the families' tears as they wait. Remember!

The glass is inverted; they cannot toast with us this night. Remember!

The chair remains empty; they are not here. Remember!

The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope. Remember!"

The club opens onto a large, comfortable wooden lanai furnished with umbrella-covered tables and chairs. As part of the club's 30th anniversary celebration, a

waterfall which enhances the outdoor landscaping will be dedicated.

Mirrors were installed behind the bar area in 2003 and new club furniture was added to the club in 2001. New projects planned for the club include the addition of a 42-inch plasma screen television and new flooring.

"Auntie" Nona Carrell, a bartender at Pearl Harbor CPO clubs for 30 years, reminisced about the many chiefs who visited the club during her employment there. "The chief petty officers of the Navy are different; they're very unique individuals," said Carrell.

With the job of bartender came much responsibility, according to Carrell. But it was more than just a job for Carrell, remembering the

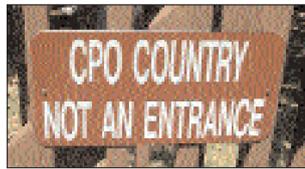
past as she ran her fingers across the smooth wooden surface of the bar.

"I treated the chiefs just like they were my kids," she reflected.

Carrell was with the club since 1974 when it first opened and retired in 2000.

She explained that in addition to her bartending duties, she also did all of the decorating for the club's festive events – Christmas, Halloween, etc. "I made it really festive for the chiefs," she said.

Many chiefs may come and go through the doors of Oceans CPO Club, but some things will remain unchanged – the creed and the traditions that are inherent to those in that elite community, the realm of the Navy chief petty officers.



(Left) The "table for one" at Oceans CPO Club holds a place of honor and pays tribute to POWs/MIAs. The tablecloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms. The single red rose in the vase reminds us of their families and loved ones who keep faith, awaiting their return. The red ribbon on the vase is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn upon the lapel and breasts of thousands, who bear witness to their yielding determination to demand proper accounting of our missing. The slice of lemon is to remind us of their bitter fate. The salt is symbolic of the families' tears as they wait. The glass is inverted; they cannot toast with us this night. The chair remains empty; they are not here. The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope.



"Auntie" Nona Carrell reminisces as she looks at the ship's wheel from the ex-U.S.S. Bryce Canyon that was donated to Oceans CPO Club. The bell in front of the club was also donated from Canyon. The walls of the club are covered with numerous plaques from ships that have visited or been homeported at Pearl Harbor. The club continues to undergo change, such as the addition of computers and internet for visiting chief petty officers.

Commentary

# Window on Pearl Harbor

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## Remembering Sept. 11...

Tomorrow marks the third anniversary of the horrific events of Sept. 11. As each year slips by, the healing of our nation continues.

The memories of that morning have been dimmed somewhat by the passage of time, but we cannot totally obliterate it from our minds. Nor would we want to – for it keeps us ever mindful and constantly vigilant of the dangers that can be unleashed with no warning.

We will never forget the newscasts showing the airliners slamming into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon; we will always remember the heart-rending stories of the many brave heroes of that day.

We will not forget how we clung together as Americans through the ensuing days, how we supported the heroes who worked to save the victims of the attacks. We will remember how helpless and bereft we felt in offering our condolences and help to those who grieved at their losses.

We will not forget how we felt - outraged by this vile act on our own soil and confused about how anyone could hate us so much that they would purposely kill so many innocent people.

As our military forces fight Enduring Freedom in the war against terrorism in a faraway place, we will remember how important and stalwart is our resolve to be united as a country, to protect America and mankind against those who

want to destroy our beliefs, our country and the freedoms that so many have fought and died for.

We will never forget the brutal lessons that we have learned – that not only are we not safe as we travel to other countries, but we can no longer even feel safe in our own homeland. We will remember that we must be cautious and aware – ever vigilant and questioning anyone or anything that does not seem right or appropriate.

We will remember how the horrors and chaos of that Sept. 11 morning brought us even closer together as Americans, united in our strength, our hope and our fierce patriotic spirit.

And certainly we will remember that it is that strength and hope, our fierce patriotism and support of our heroic military personnel, and our resolve that remain just as strong as ever...and will continue...because we are, after all, Americans and dedicated to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

On this Sept. 11, we will take time to remember, to pay our respects to those many innocent people who lost their lives that day, and to the lives that have been lost in the battle against terrorism. As our nation continues to heal, we will go about our daily lives and do what is necessary – but we will always remember that day that changed our lives forever.

Have a fine Navy day here in paradise.

## MyPay personal identification numbers now available to Navy

### From Military.com

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service and the U.S. Navy announced that servicemembers are able to receive personal identification numbers for myPay at their official Navy email account.

Within minutes of requesting a new or updated PIN on the myPay Web site <https://mypay.dfas.mil>, members can expect to receive the PIN at their official Navy email address if it was provided when they received their common access card (CAC). myPay, an Internet/Web-based and interactive voice response (IVR) system, allows customers to access and control their pay information.

myPay is available to all military

members, military retirees and annuitants, and Department of Defense and Department of Energy civilian employees. The email PIN delivery process is a simpler, faster alternative to the direct mail and in-person request methods previously available. This capability is especially timely as more commanders, members and employees are realizing the benefits of accessing myPay from remote and deployed sites.

Customers can view, print and save leave and earnings statements, make adjustments to federal and state tax withholdings, update bank account and electronic transfers and change address information, all online by accessing myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>

## Be aware when you prepare

### Warrant Officer Budd A. Dodge

Chief, Food Safety & Quality Assurance

Defense Commissary Agency and local U.S. Army food inspectors from U.S. Army Central Pacific District Veterinary Command Hawai'i are participating in the 2004 National Food Safety Education Month in September to showcase their commitment to food safety and food safety education. This year's theme, "Be aware when you prepare," focuses on the important procedures necessary for preparing food safely.

The local U.S. Army food inspectors and DeCA will showcase operations that go above and beyond to ensure safe food handling in the community. A food safety booth will be displayed at the Pearl Harbor Commissary from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 10, 15, 21 and 27. The focus of the display is to encourage consumer awareness of food safety.

Each week there will be a different topic, pertaining to preparing food safely, which is based on the training activities found on the National Food Safety Education Web site at: <http://www.nraef.org/nfsem/training.asp>.

There will be a weekly raffle drawing for a \$25 shopping spree and a coloring contest for kids. Commissary customers may enter the raffle and coloring contest through the weekly display at the Pearl Harbor



U.S. Navy photo by J01 Paul Long

Spc. Ysabelle Castellanos from Central Pacific District Veterinarian Command explains to a service member common misconceptions about food safety.

Commissary.

The inspectors caution that with increased incidences of food-borne illnesses, it is imperative that the military join other agencies and industries to increase public awareness. Outbreaks such as the highly publicized cases of e. coli in recent times remind Americans that under certain circumstances familiar foods can lead to serious consequences.

Most consumers are not aware that bacteria are a part of all living things and are present on all raw agricultural products. Bacteria can survive on raw foods despite aggressive controls at the processing and retail levels. Food may also become contaminated during its preparation, cooking, serving, or storage period. Harmful

organisms that cannot be seen, tasted or smelled still have the potential to make people sick.

The good news is that consumers can protect themselves and their families from getting sick following some basic rules for handling food safety at home.

Bacteria grow most rapidly in the "danger zone" – the unsafe temperatures between 41 degrees Fahrenheit and 135 degrees Fahrenheit – so it's important to keep foods out of this temperature range. In addition, cold temperatures keep most harmful bacteria from growing. Therefore, refrigerating foods quickly is key.

Consumers can visit the display at the Pearl Harbor Commissary for more tips on food safety.

## Opportunities for military healthcare veterans

### Special to Hawai'i Navy News

When it comes to treating patients and using technology, military healthcare workers have been there and done that - sometimes with missiles flying overhead and supply lines under threat. In the healthcare job market, where demand continues to outpace supply, the armed forces are viewed as a font of high-quality talent. "Military healthcare providers are in demand," says Ted Daywalt, president of VetJobs in Marietta, Georgia. "Their work environment is much more hostile and demanding than at a U.S. civilian hospital," so they're able to hit the ground running after military retirement. Healthcare organizations readily recognize the value of

candidates' military backgrounds.

Military medical personnel have also seen it all when it comes to patient care. "In the Navy, I saw thousands of patients," said Michael Wood, a military optometrist who retired in 1992 after 20 years to open a private optometry practice in Greenville, S.C. When making the transition to the civilian workforce, military medical workers face many of the same challenges other armed services professionals do. Although many former military healthcare workers make the transition to civilian hospitals, there are other choices. Veterans who are medical professionals find employment in settings ranging from stand-alone clinics to doctors' offices, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes,

and private or public research laboratories. There are also varied healthcare career opportunities at the Veterans Health Administration. Jobs are available at VA hospitals and other veterans healthcare facilities across the country, with current openings including certified registered nurse anesthetist, medical technologist, clinical psychologist, general radiologist and audiologist.

Another option for veterans is to work for a military healthcare institution, such as an Army hospital.

Most military healthcare workers are prepared to enter the civilian workforce with no additional training. Even so, some may choose to update their skills or reach for a higher professional level as they make the transition.

# Customer service a central priority at family housing

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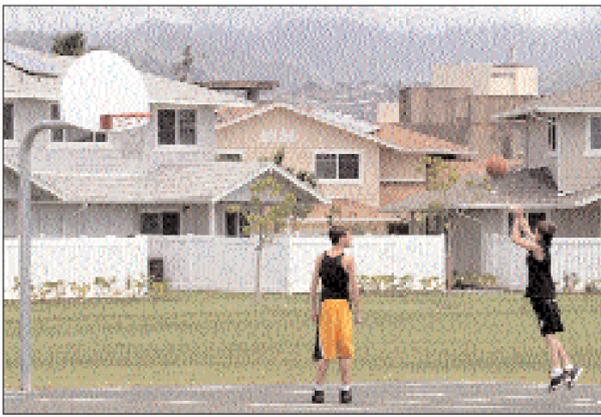
Do you have a question about a housing policy or need information? Do you have a concern that you would like to address? Would you like to express your appreciation to someone who deserves thanks?

Family housing residents can accomplish all of these objectives by contacting the Navy Aloha Center and can be assured that their questions and concerns will be addressed - and in a timely manner. Discussing their housing matters with staff at NAC will also alert housing personnel to areas that are of particular concern, according to NAC.

"Our number one goal is to improve customer service to our Navy families," said CMDM (SW) Anthony Hintz, the housing military liaison at the NAC. Hintz will play an active role in addressing customers' housing concerns and resolving issues that may arise.

He has become very familiar with the issues of Sailors and their families in Hawai'i over the past years, previously serving as command master chief for Afloat Training Group, Middle Pacific, USS Russell (DDG 59) and Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet before his assignment as military liaison for Navy family housing at Pearl Harbor.

"We at Navy family housing encourage good communications between our residents and hope that they can develop lifetime relationships that continue well after completion of naval service,"



U.S. Navy photo

Navy family members enjoy a game of basketball at the new Navy housing on Ford Island. The number one goal of the Navy Aloha Center is to improve customer satisfaction.

said Hintz. "Some of my best friends in the Navy have also been my neighbors. How many people get to live next to - and work with - their best friends?"

Housing residents also have an opportunity to provide input to the Navy Region Ohana Survey as well as the residents' satisfaction survey which is prepared by Naval Facilities Engineering Command.

Feedback from the surveys provide Navy housing management with information on specific areas that housing customers would like to see improved. The surveys assist housing in making improvements and addressing resident concerns.

Customers are asked to address basic questions to their housing area inspectors as these are the front line personnel who are most familiar with their respective areas and concerns.

Capt. Norman T. Ho,

assistant chief of staff for housing for Navy Region Hawai'i, emphasized housing is dedicated to improving customer service and the quality of life for military members and their families.

"We strive to provide exceptional customer service," he said. "We are always looking for ways to do an even better job in the customer service we provide to our housing customers."

Comments, questions and concerns from housing customers are not only welcome, but strongly encouraged.

When visiting the Navy Aloha Center, customers may also opt to complete a Navy family housing customer survey card to provide feedback to the housing staff.

To reach Hintz, call 474-1804 or e-mail him at [anthony.hintz@navy.mil](mailto:anthony.hintz@navy.mil).

To reach the Navy Aloha Center or an area inspector or other housing personnel, call 474-1800.

# Investing, planning early can ease financial road ahead

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Time is a large factor in determining the value of your money. If you invest \$1,000 at 8 percent interest, at the end of a year your \$1,000 isn't worth \$1,000, it's worth \$1,080.

If, instead you had stuck that \$1,000 in the freezer for a year, you'd have cold hard cash, nothing more. Now as year two begins, you're earning 8 percent interest on your investment, but now that investment is \$1,080.

So then after year two, you've earned 8 percent on \$1,080, which equals \$1160.40. Each year thereafter, you continue to earn money on the combination of money you originally put in, and the accumulation of the money you've earned each year.

Excuses are the roadblocks to getting something done. We have heard many, such as: I don't have time right now. I will hook up with that financial counselor at FFSC you recommended to us next week. I've got deadlines at work that have to be addressed right now and you want me to deal with another one that isn't going to affect me

Start Age	No. of Years	Total Inv.	Value at Age 65
25	40	\$48,000	\$351,428
35	30	\$36,000	\$150,030
45	20	\$24,000	\$59,295
55	10	\$12,000	\$18,417

for another 20 years? Look, I'm 35 years old, the family is growing, and the house payments are not easy for us to make. We can't put away anything right now. Maybe when the kids are a little older. You're in your 40s---oh no, tuition. College isn't cheap and you know what I mean. Investments can come later.

Now you are in your 50s, can't invest right now, things aren't going your way. It's too late to start a new career. We're 65 now and Social Security doesn't give us anything extra to invest.

We should have put money aside years ago. I wish I had listened 30 years ago. In the word of

personal finance, time = money and procrastination of the financial kind literally will either make you or break you.

The bottom line is, ask yourself, what age would you like to retire, or do you choose to "have" to work until you die. You and only you can make that decision.

The Thrift Savings Program (TSP) has made it so easy for military to invest for retirement, but still, many are not taking advantage of that.

If you would like some assistance with getting started on your investments, call the Fleet and Family Support Center for a free, confidential appointment at 473-4222, ext. 223.

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# Preparation makes the difference for JEMS job seekers

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Over 100 local businesses, mainland companies and government agencies will be at the Banyans Club at Naval Station Pearl Harbor from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 15, recruiting during the 17th Annual Joint Employment Management System (JEMS) Job Fair.

Good preparation can help applicants take full advantage of this employment opportunity that is open to military family members, active duty personnel, retirees, reservists and Department of Defense and Coast Guard employees with base access.

The first step is doing some homework before the event. A list of participating companies is available on the JEMS web site at <http://www.JEMSHawaii.com>.

"Look at the list of companies and prioritize which companies offer the best chances of career opportunities for them," suggested Rita May, JEMS director.

Applicants can use their preferences to focus on a one-page resume, highlighting skills specific to those positions.

Companies will be recruiting for positions from entry level to highly technical and professional, and dress should be appropriate to the position.

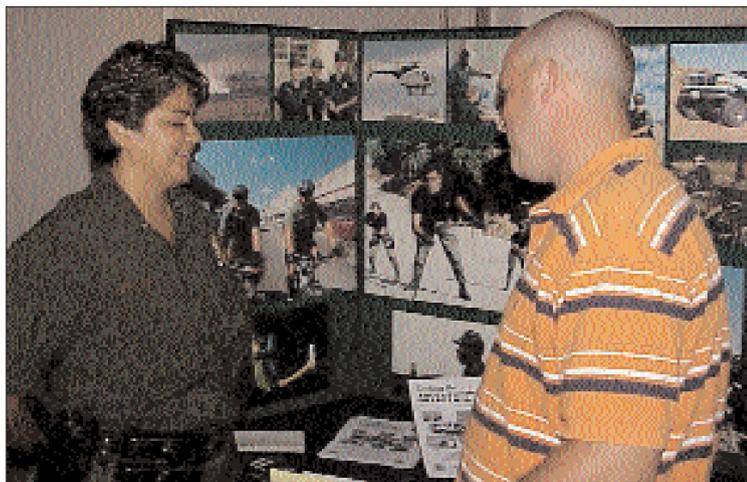


Photo courtesy of Quality of Life Marketing

A U.S. Border Patrol representative explains to a servicemember job opportunities after military life at last year's job fair. More than 100 local businesses, mainland companies and government agencies will attend this year's fair.

"You kind of dress like the job you want to aspire to...dress comfortably, but dress professionally," said May, who advised aloha shirts and dress slacks for men and dresses or skirts and blouses for women are generally appropriate.

The job fair attracts a large crowd. Last year, approximately 1,250 jobseekers attended the event. On the day of the job fair, May suggests applicants give them-

selves a good two and a half to three hours to look around, plus additional time for parking. Carpooling is also encouraged.

At the door, attendees will be able to pick up a job fair directory, which contains room layouts with each company's location, and an alphabetized directory with company profiles. The short profiles will include company addresses, telephone numbers, the positions they

are recruiting for, and the names of company representatives.

According to May, the brochures will also list those companies who are not attending, but want to recruit from the military community.

"Companies will also be taking applications that day," added May.

Job seekers should bring copies of resumes, pens and paper to take notes, and business cards. Seating will be available for applicants to sit down and fill out applications.

Some mainland companies will schedule tests and interviews for the evening and the following day so applicants are advised to keep this day open.

Local companies will also be scheduling interviews and attendees are encouraged to bring calendars.

Applicants should also bring a list of educational and professional training, with dates completed, and at least three references with addresses and phone numbers so they can fill out job applications.

At the job fair, approaching an employer and talking to them is "probably the scariest for most job seekers," said May who suggests applicants practice and prepare a 30-45 second introduction.

The introduction should include: who the applicant is, why they are interested in the company, and the

skills and skills they have that will be of interest to that employer. May offered the following tips for job-seekers:

- Be prepared to answer questions as well as ask them. Take notes on who you talked to and any pertinent information you will need to know on how to follow up with the company for possible job openings.

- Whether it's a resume, an application or a business card, job seekers should provide the employer with a way to contact them, currently and possibly six months into the future.

- Finally, be sure to follow up on all leads and contacts and keep all appointments.

In addition to its annual job fair, JEMS also maintains an on-line job bank, which is updated daily with about 600 new jobs added every month.

"If they're looking for a job in Hawai'i, the JEMS job fair occurs only once a year, but the job bank is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day," said May. "Once they are registered to use the job bank, we have really helpful information...about Hawai'i employers, salaries, agencies and other job fairs and events," said May.

For more information on the JEMS job fair, call Rita May at 473-0190.

# Federal employees can now make changes to FEGLI coverage

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Federal employees now have the opportunity to make changes in their Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) coverage during open season which is now ongoing and will continue through Sept. 30. The open season is being offered in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the FEGLI program.

Kay Coles James, director of the Office of Personnel Management, advised federal employees, "I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this rare opportunity to review your life insurance requirements to ensure you are spending your hard-earned dollars in the best possible way to protect your family."

"Like many things, life insurance needs

change over time," she emphasized. That is why I want to make sure you have every opportunity to elect FEGLI coverage without having a physical examination or answering any medical questions."

Open seasons to make changes to FEGLI coverage don't occur very often. The last opportunity for federal employees to update their life insurance coverage was five years ago.

Another advantage of the FEGLI open season is that federal employees can choose or update FEGLI coverage without having a physical examination or answering any medical questions.

New coverage elected during this open season will have a delayed effective date. The new coverage will become effective on the first day of the employee's first pay period

that begins on or after Sept. 1, 2005 and immediately follows a pay period in which the employee meets the pay and duty status requirements. According to the FEGLI Web site, for most federal employees on a bi-weekly pay period, this would occur on Sept. 3 or 4 of next year for most U.S. Postal Service employees.

Employees would start paying for the new coverage only when it becomes effective.

Employees who wish to make changes to their FEGLI coverage or to find out what coverage they currently have should visit the EBIS Web site. Changes to FEGLI coverage should also be submitted electronically through EBIS.

Those employees who are planning ahead for retirement should note they must have the new coverage for the five years of service

immediately before retiring or starting to receive compensation in order to continue that coverage as an annuitant or compensation. That means that the earliest that most employees can retire or start receiving compensation and carry the new coverage into retirement or compensation is Sept. 3, 2010.

To access EBIS or for more information, visit the Department of the Navy Web site at [www.donhr.navy.mil](http://www.donhr.navy.mil). Employees may also call the benefits line at 1-888-320-2917 and select option four to speak with a customer service representative (CSR). CSRs are available from 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

Additional information about the FEGLI 2004 Open Season is available on the Web at [www.fegli2004.opm.gov](http://www.fegli2004.opm.gov).

# MWR

## Movie Call

Sharkey Theater  
Naval Station Pearl Harbor  
(473-0726)

### FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle (R)

### SATURDAY

2:30 p.m. Cat Woman (PG 13)

4:30 p.m. I, Robot (PG 13)  
7:00 p.m. The Village (PG 13)

### SUNDAY

2:30 p.m. A Cinderella Story (PG)  
4:45 p.m. Thunderbirds (PG)  
6:30 p.m. Cat Woman (PG 13)

### THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. The Village (PG 13)  
\$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)  
\*Special: \$2 adults; \$1 children (6-11)

Memorial Theater  
Hickam Air Force Base  
(449-2239)

### FRIDAY,

### SATURDAY

### AND SUNDAY

7:00 p.m. I, Robot (PG 13)  
**WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY**  
7:00 p.m. Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle (R)

\$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)  
\*Special: \$2 adults; \$1 children (6-11)

Sgt. Smith Theater  
Schofield Barracks  
(624-2585)

### FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. The Bourne Supremacy (PG 13)

### SATURDAY

2:00 p.m. Thunderbirds (PG)  
7:00 p.m. The Bourne Supremacy (PG 13)

### SUNDAY

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*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

- **Sept. 15:** Bike Repair Workshop I, 6-9 p.m., \$5. Register by **Sept. 13.**
- **Sept. 18:** Wa'ahila Ridge hike, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., \$5. Register by **Sept. 15.**
- **Sept. 18:** Haunama Bay night snorkeling, 6-10 p.m., \$8. Register by **Sept. 15.**
- **Sept. 19:** Circle Island Adventure Tour I, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$15. Register by **Sept. 15.**

## FREAKY FRIDAY "FOOTBALL" IN POOL & PIZZA

Pool & Pizza at Club Pearl will host Freaky Friday football from 4-6 p.m. **today.** The event will kick off football season with games, prizes, karaoke and free pupus. The sports bar opens daily at 11 a.m. For more information, call 473-1743.

## YOUTH FITNESS ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Free youth fitness orientation programs will be offered at 9 a.m. **Sept. 11** at Power Point Fitness Center. The programs take youth (accompanied by an adult) ages 10-15 on educational tours of the fitness facilities. Registration is required by the Thursday prior to each class. For more information or to register, call Bloch Arena at 473-0793 or Barbers Point at 682-5243.

## OCEANS CPO CLUB 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Oceans CPO Club will

observe its 30th anniversary celebration from 3-10 p.m. **Sept. 11.** The event will feature a steak dinner, entertainment and prizes. Tickets are available for purchase. For more information, call 371-9754 or 220-5508.

## NAVAL STATION JUNIOR BOWLING PROGRAM

The Naval Station Junior Bowling program for youth ages five to 21 years of age will begin **Sept. 11.** Signup will start at 8:45 a.m. Games will start at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$6 per week. Youth can learn to bowl, develop skills and sportsmanship and be on a team. For more information, call 473-2574.

## FREE GOLF CLINICS

Free golf clinics will be offered at Navy Marine Golf Course. The "Putting Stroke" will be offered on **Sept. 11** and NMGC will host "Those 'Tough to Hit' Long Irons" on **Oct. 16.** Register at the NMGC pro shop. For more information, call 471-0142.

## INTRAMURAL HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

An intramural horseshoe tournament will be held **Sept. 13-17** at Grenfell Pool. The tournament is open to active duty only from Pearl Harbor, NCTAMS, Barbers Point, West Loch and NSGA Kunia. Registration is free. For more information, call MWR athletics at 473-2437 / 473-2494.

## LUNCHTIME BOWLING LEAGUE

A lunchtime bowling league will begin at 11 a.m. **Sept. 14** at Naval Station Bowling Center. The format will be doubles teams using the 80 percent of 200 handicap. All patrons are welcome. The cost for the 10-week league is \$4 per week and trophies will be awarded at the end of the season. For more information,

call the bowling program director at 473-2651.

## FREE WALLYBALL NIGHT

Free wallyball night is planned for **Sept. 15**, beginning at 6 p.m. at Bloch Arena racquetball courts. MWR will provide the wallyball nets and balls. All levels of play are welcome. Registration is due by **today.** For more information, call 473-0610.

## FREE RACQUETBALL CLINICS

Free racquetball clinics for juniors (ages 12-18) will be offered from 5:30-7 p.m. **Sept. 17** at Bloch Arena racquetball courts. The clinics provide an opportunity for youth to learn the basics of racquetball. Goggles, racquets and balls will be provided. Register by **Sept. 15.** For more information, call 473-0610.

## FALL TEAM TENNIS CHALLENGE

MWR will host a Fall Team Tennis Challenge on **Sept. 22** at Wentworth tennis courts. All skill levels are welcome. Participants can enter their command or form a team of interested players to find a team. Match format is two singles, two doubles and one mixed doubles. The maximum number of players is 16 per team roster. The cost is \$5 per player. Register by **Sept. 17.** For more information, call 473-0610.

## PEE WEE SOCCER

Registration for Pee Wee soccer will be held through **Sept. 24** at the youth sports office. The cost is \$35 and includes a T-shirt, medal and certificate. To register, bring participant's birth certificate and a current physical (dated no more than one year ago) to registration. Children should also attend to get proper sizing for shirts or uniforms. Children ages three-five are eligible to participate. The season begins **Oct. 6.** For

more information, call 474-3501.

## FFSC

All classes free and located at Fleet and Family Support Center, building 193, unless otherwise indicated. To register or for more information, call 473-4222 or visit [www.greatlife-hawaii.com](http://www.greatlife-hawaii.com).

**Million \$ Sailor classes** will be held from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. **Sept. 13-14** at FFSC Pearl Harbor and **Sept. 15-16** at NCTAMS. The courses teach junior personnel proper budgeting techniques, credit management, savings and investment options, understanding pay and allowances, etc.

A class on **Anger Management** will be held from 5-7 p.m. **Sept. 15.** The class is designed for people who want to better control anger in both work and social/family settings.

**Surviving the Holidays Financially**, offered from 5-7 p.m. **Sept. 16**, teaches participants how to develop a holiday spending plan with a gift list and an overall survival plan that will assist them in enjoying a less stressful holiday season.



## 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.



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## The Village

In 1999, one film shocked audiences and brought the "surprise ending" back to Hollywood. That movie was "The Sixth Sense." What would follow from director M. Night Shyamalan are two more films with "surprise endings" that engraved him as a master of suspense and twists. Audiences now know who Shyamalan is; they know his movies, and they want to figure out how they will end before they end. This is not the way to watch this or any movie.

"The Village," Shyamalan's newest film, is different from his previous efforts, yet the same in many ways. It centers around a small town in Pennsylvania where a group of people live in relative peace, except for "Those we do not speak of." "Those we do not speak of" are monsters that live in the woods surrounding the village.

There is an understanding; the villagers do not go into the woods, and the monsters do not enter the village. The rest of the story is hard to explain, because it is almost impossible not to give away spoilers.

What can be said is that Shyamalan is amongst the most creative directors of all time. Everything from camera movements to his amazing utilization of color generates a product unlike any other. His ability to direct actors is additionally dazing. Joaquin Phoenix is unparalleled as a non-verbal townsman and William Hurt, Sigourney Weaver and Adrian Brody lend quality supporting roles. Bryce Dallas Howard is the leading light of this film though, in her first starring role. The power, fright and charisma she brings to the screen via Shyamalan is downright breathtaking.

The ending of this film is not Shyamalan's best though, but it's recommended audiences not try and guess it. Let the story unfold and the disappointment will be minimal. It is creative and unique, yet would have yielded more impact if this had been his first film.

**OVERALL RATING:**

**The Village:** See Review

# Community Calendar

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

## Blood drives:

- **Sept. 23:** 9 a.m.-noon, U.S. Air Force, Hickam Community Center, Hickam Air Force Base.
- **Sept. 29:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., U.S. Navy, CPRFP, Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe.

**Irish country folk music** will be performed by singer, songwriter and accordionist Eddie Coffey and his four-member band from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. through **Sept. 17** at the Navy Exchange.

Enter the **Baby Days Crazy Hair Contest** if your baby has crazy hair or if you just like to get creative with your tot's tresses from 1-2 p.m. **Sept. 11** in the children's department at the Navy Exchange. Those who enter the Navy Exchange Baby Days contest have a chance to win a bassinet with layette products. Babies aged two years and under are eligible.

**The Cat in the Hat** will visit the book department of the Navy Exchange from noon-2 p.m. **Sept. 11.** Dr. Seuss books and DVDs will be available for purchase.

Free **Kid Print Ids** will be accomplished from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. **Sept. 11** at the Navy Exchange rotunda.

**Boating Skills and Seamanship classes** will be taught by Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 18 in two sections at McDonalds at Pearlridge Uptown. Classes will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. on Monday and Thursday evenings beginning **Sept. 13.** Section one, Boating Skills and Safety, costs \$35 and includes seven lessons, a manual and exams.

The course meets U.S. Coast Guard, state and national boating education requirements. Section two, Seamanship, consists of five lessons for a fee of \$35 and includes a manual, exams and a certificate. Combined courses are offered for a \$60 fee and students completing section one may sign up for the second for the reduced fee. These courses are designed to make the boater more safety conscious and safer operators. For more information, call Kawika Warren at 595-4934.

**JEMS Job Fair 2004**, the 17th annual JEMS job fair, will be held from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. **Sept. 15** at The Banyans at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The job fair is open to military family members, active duty personnel, military retirees and reservists, and DoD/Coast Guard employees with base access.

No children will be admitted; attendees are asked to please plan accordingly. The job fair provides an opportunity to talk to recruiters, drop off resumes, pick up applications and research the job market. For more information, visit the JEMS web site at <http://www.JEMSHawaii.com> and click on job fair/events. For more information, call Rita May at 473-0190.

Find out more about **Hale Koa Hotel and Kilauea Military Camp** at an information session scheduled from 1-2 p.m. **Sept. 18** at the NEX rotunda. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions about rates, activities and nearby attractions.

The next **Twang Jam** (co-produced and sponsored by Bluegrass Hawai'i) will be held **Sept. 19** at

Kapono's at Aloha Tower Marketplace. The concert will be presented from 2-5 p.m. followed by workshops and jamming at 5 p.m. All active-duty military personnel with valid military ID plus one guest will be admitted free to Twang Jam.

Tickets for non-active duty military personnel are available at a cost of \$7 pre-sale (available from members of featured bands or by calling 678-3010) and \$10 at door. Children under the age of 12 will be admitted free. Families are welcome. Each Twang Jam will include free workshops sponsored by Bluegrass Hawai'i. The workshops are geared to introduce the community to traditional music and dance, and further the development of local players. The September event will include an intermediate Irish fiddling workshop, a beginner's jamming workshop and a workshop for rhythm guitarists. For more information, visit the Bluegrass Hawai'i Web site at <http://www.bluegrasshawaii.com> or call 622-1077.

**USS Crommelin Family Support Group (FSG)** will meet at 6:30 p.m. **Sept. 20** at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. Childcare will be provided at a minimum donation of \$1 per child. For more information, contact the FSG Board at [crommelinfsg@yahoo.com](mailto:crommelinfsg@yahoo.com) or Athena at 623-4973.

**The Hawai'i Nature Center** is seeking volunteers to help with clean-up and restoration from 8:30-11:30 a.m. **Sept. 25** at Pouhala Marsh in Waipahu. The marsh, which is the largest wetland habitat in Pearl Harbor, will be the new field site for the center's third grade wetland program that teaches children about the wetlands and the endangered Hawaiian birds that live there. The work will involve removal of trash and pickleweed so volunteers should be prepared to get dirty, wet and hot. Volunteers should provide their own work gloves and water and wear long pants and covered shoes. Pickleweed removal will involve getting wet up to the waist. For more information or to sign up for this special project, contact Pauline Kawamata, volunteer coordinator, at 955-0100, ext. 18.

**Volunteers are needed to serve as volunteer guardian ad litem (VGALs)** for Hawai'i's First Judicial family court. VGALs serve as advocates for abused and neglected children who are in the family court system. Free training is provided. Volunteers must enjoy working with children and be able to confront difficult issues. The next training class is scheduled to begin **Oct. 9.** Those interested in attending the next class should contact the VGAL program staff as soon as possible. For more information, call the VGAL program office at 538-5930.

**The Joint Spouses Conference** is now accepting registration for the 2004 conference. The event will be held **Oct. 15 and 16** at the Hickam AFB Officer's Club. Registration forms may be picked up at base exchanges, commissaries, support centers, thrift shops and chapels. Registration forms may also be downloaded from their web site at [www.jointspousesconference.com](http://www.jointspousesconference.com). The cost for both days is \$25 or \$15 for either Friday or Saturday alone. Forms need to be postmarked by **Sept. 30.** Children are not permitted to attend the conference. Childcare is not available and must be prearranged.

The **'Race for the Cure'** Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation 5K run/walk will be held **Oct. 24.** Registration for the event will be held in front of the Navy Commissary from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. **Oct. 2.**

# Sailor to compete in events at Athens Paralympics

**Samantha L. Quigley**

*American Forces Press Service*

Cryptological Technician Interpretive 2nd Class Casey Tibbs is heading to Athens next week, looking for gold in the 400-meter, 4x400-meter relay and the pentathlon track and field events.

If you're thinking he's missed the starter's gun, think again. Tibbs, 24, confirmed that he is the first active duty servicemember to compete in the Paralympics that will run Sept. 17-28.

A 110- and 300-meter hurdler at Lake Travis High School in Austin, Texas, Tibbs graduated in 1999 and entered the Navy about a month later. He also quit running competitively.

"I thought I was done (running)," Tibbs said.

A motorcycle accident on March 5, 2001, and the events that followed changed his mind. Tibbs lost his right leg below the knee in that accident. Because of the investment in his training, the Navy gave him an option of separating or staying in. He chose to stay.

About a year after being back on

active duty, he read an article about Paralympians and was inspired. Tibbs decided he would compete in the next Paralympics.

He said his first track meet went so well that the Paralympic coaches called him and invited him to a national meet. He said he is currently ranked number two in the world in the 400-meter.

He qualified for the 2004 games with a pentathlon score of 4,573 during the 2004 Far West Games held at San Jose City College in California.

Rankings for the pentathlon (long-jump, shot put, discuss, 100- and 400-meter events) haven't been released yet, but he said he feels competitive in the event. He will be among about 4,000 athletes from 130 countries to compete.

Tibbs has spent the past week in Oklahoma City, getting a new prosthesis. He said he's been training on his new leg for the past week and has no anxiety about running on it in his events.

"The thing about the Paralympics is, you can be a great athlete and a good runner, but you're only going to run as good as your prosthesis is going to allow

you to run," Tibbs said.

Tibbs said he's just ready to get to Greece and start running.

"I'm really excited. It's been a lot of work," Tibbs said. "Training for it is no fun at all. It's not a fun sport to train for. But it's all worth it once it's over and you get a medal."

If everything goes well in Athens, Tibbs said he'd like to compete in the 2008 Paralympics to be held in Beijing.

"From everything, it looks like the Navy supports me 100 percent," he said, adding that the Navy Sports Department, headed by John Hickok, has arranged for transportation to meets and provided uniforms. Tibbs said that Hickok also worked with Adidas to secure sponsorship for him. He said his command has been very supportive, as well.

The meaning of being the first active duty Paralympian is not lost on Tibbs, who is stationed at Naval Security Group Activity Medina Texas.

Tibbs said he never would have expected when he lost his leg that his life wouldn't change drastically.

"When you lose your leg, people



U.S. Navy photo

CT2 Casey Tibbs will compete in the 400-meter dash, the 4x400-meter relay and the pentathlon Paralympic events in Athens, Greece, this month. Tibbs is the first active duty Paralympian.

kind of first assume that 'My life is totally different now. ... I've got to live differently,' Tibbs said. "There are little changes, but really for the most part, nothing's really changed for me. Everything has changed for

the better for me. "I wouldn't ever have dreamed of going to the Paralympics ... ever," he said. "And now, (I'm about) to go to Greece to compete against everybody else, which is amazing."

## Report dead animals to base police

**Karen S. Spangler**

*Assistant Editor*

Guidelines provided by Navy family housing directs that housing residents should report all dead animals seen in the road or elsewhere to the base police.

The police will notify the emergency service desk and make arrangements to have the animal removed.

Any identification found on the animal will be removed and turned over to the police.

According to housing officials, the same procedure holds true for deceased family pets as well.

They should still be reported to the base police who will make the necessary arrangements for removal.

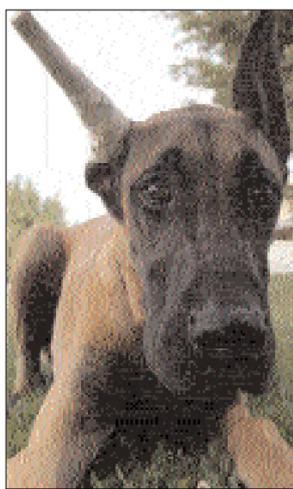
Families also have the option of making other arrangements on their own, such as contacting a pet cemetery or crematory, to lay their pet to rest.

But housing guidelines stress any plan that might involve burying a pet in the yard of your home in family housing is forbidden.

Various actions can be taken against family housing residents who choose to bury "Spike" in the back yard.

They could be directed to dig up the animal and turn it over to the police for disposal.

A letter citing non-compliance with housing regulations might be sent to the Sailor's command. It is against housing policy for pets to be interred in the yard.



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Devin Wright  
Mojo plays in the grass at Navy housing.

## Commissaries around the world again accepting Internet coupons

**Special to Hawai'i Navy News**

Commissaries are again accepting computer-generated Internet coupons with a couple of requirements to guard against fraud, Defense Commissary Agency officials announced.

This week, all 273 commissaries around the world began accepting computer-generated Internet coupons that meet the following criteria: They must have a bar code that store checkouts can scan and they cannot be for free product.

Photocopied or facsimile-generated coupons remain unacceptable at all commissaries.

"Internet coupons are a popular medium customers use to save money, so we wanted to work out a way to provide this service," said Scott Simpson, DeCA's

chief operating officer. "We've analyzed this issue and these requirements should adequately protect us against fraud while giving our customers the kind of the service they want."

DeCA, as well as other grocery retailers, had stopped accepting home-printed coupons in September 2003 as an interim measure while the grocery industry grappled with losses incurred because of their fraudulent use.

Analysts estimated the loss by coupon fraud to be millions of dollars to the grocery industry, which ultimately costs consumers in the form of raised prices to recoup losses.

Later this month, the agency's Web site, [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com), will re-establish links to Internet grocery coupon sites for the convenience of commissary shoppers.



