

Under the Sea

Waikiki Aquarium offers fun, education for Sailors

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Beneath the seas around Hawai'i lie a variety of creatures found nowhere else on earth. The Waikiki Aquarium, located next to a living Hawaiian coral reef on the shorelines of Waikiki, offers Sailors and family members a window by which to view these creatures.

"The aquarium shows the marine life around Hawai'i and, in many cases, creatures that you would never see otherwise," said Andrew Rossiter, director of the Waikiki Aquarium. "Our focus is entertainment and education. So you can come here and have fun and learn about the life that's [around] these islands."

Rossiter said of the roughly 420 species of fish that can be seen around the island, thirty percent can be found nowhere else in the world.

The aquarium boasts a collection of more than 2,500 living creatures, including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal and the bearded armorhead fish. The Waikiki Aquarium is one of only two aquariums in the world that displays a Hawaiian monk seal and the only aquarium in the United States that displays a bearded armorhead.

The aquarium houses two male monk seals, which were originally brought to the aquarium for rehabilitation and research. There are fewer than 1,500 monk seals left and the aquarium works with colleagues from other agencies to study the biology and behavior of the monk seal.

The aquarium, which is the third oldest aquarium in the United States, opened to the public on March 19, 1904 and is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. According to Rossiter, one of its most unique attributes is the largest collection of coral in the United

States. With more than 170 species of coral grown at the aquarium in a conservation effort, they focus on the quality of their exhibits, as opposed to quantity.

"The backgrounds themselves are alive," said Rossiter. "It's not fake rock. The closer you look, the more you'll see."

Rossiter believes education to be a vital attribute of the aquarium. They hold classes for children and adults, tours for school groups and enhance visitor's enjoyment by providing volunteers and naturalists to answer questions.

"Our focus is conservation through education," said Rossiter. "If people understand a little bit about the animals, then hopefully they go and learn more or help protect these animals and their habitats."

Rossiter believes the key to a healthy future is educating children on the importance of taking care of marine life.

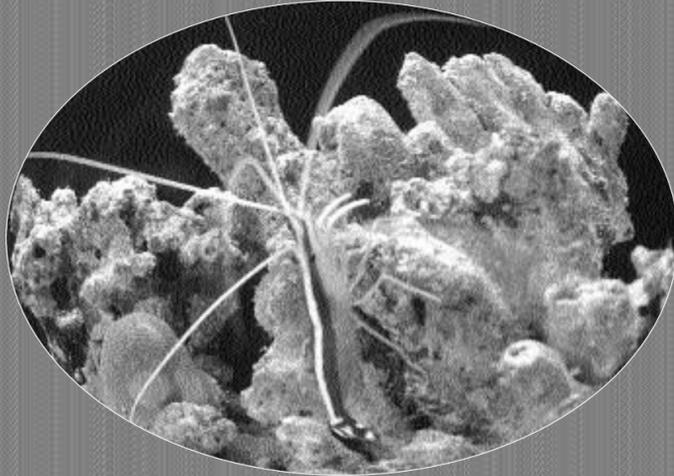
"It's very important that parents and especially the children get to understand that," he said. "Because children are the future and they're the ones that are going to have to live with this legacy. Whether we give them a healthy reef or give them something which is a disaster is entirely within our own hands."

The aquarium is offering a special military discount through Dec. 31 for Sailors possessing a valid identification card.

"It's something we do from the aquarium to recognize the sacrifices that the military is making overseas and at home," said Rossiter.

The aquarium is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is located in Queen Kapiolani Park at 2777 Kalakaua Ave. on the Diamond Head end of Waikiki Beach.

For more information on tours, classes or educational activities, contact the aquarium's educational department at 923-9741.



The cleaner shrimp (*Lysmata amboinensis*) spends its time cleaning parasites off fish.



The Hawaiian turkeyfish (*Pterois sphex*) is one of the most common scorpionfishes found in the Hawaiian waters.



The Waikiki Aquarium has the only display of the bearded armorhead in the United States.



Commentary

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Esprit Nightclub and Lounge

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She sits slightly hunched over in her chair, displaying her age of maybe 70 with grace, charm and a strong reluctance. He sits next to her, displaying the same aforementioned characteristics with little movement except for the slight tap of his right foot to the strong beat.

They rise from their chairs with caution and ease as they progress to the dance floor – hand in hand. What follows is an act of pure enjoyment from both themselves and spectators.

They dance as if no one is watching and smile as if turning back the hands of time. They are not turning back time, but embracing the moment and creating another memory that is hopefully one of thousands they have enjoyed together.

While most diligent members of the workforce prepare for the upcoming week or struggle for that last ounce of relaxation before the inevitable daily grind, a select few throw caution to the wind – donning their dancing shoes for a little enjoyment of *el bailar y diversion*.

The Esprit Nightclub and Lounge, located in the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, provides a soulful environment on Sunday nights, by which the beats of cha-cha, merengue, bachata and samba echo in step with the young and young at heart.

Son Caribe creates these beats with a flavor and zing that would make almost anyone want to stand up and dance. The ensemble of five plays original music with the help of trumpets, bongo drums and a love of live Latin music.

The establishment's decor lacks a

strong character that would define itself from others. Plain black walls, tacky lighting and a lack of panache create a dismal environment in which to sit in – but they don't expect anyone to be sitting. The music and dance floor more than make up for the aesthetics.

For those who don't know the steps to these unique dances, the nightclub offers a basic class at 8 p.m. before the band goes on, by which fundamental movements and steps are taught in an effort to allow those unfamiliar with Latin music to dance and enjoy themselves.

The crowd varies from those in their twenties to those in their seventies. There is not a distinctive culture that dominates the room, but rather an eclectic group of music and dance lovers. A full bar is available for the customers, but drinking is put on the back burner when the music is vibrating.

There is also a \$5 cover charge, which is adequate considering the level of enjoyment most should walk out with. Even those who sat most of the night talking or enjoying the music from their chairs, eventually got up for one dance, just to try it.

The laughter and smiles on their faces made it evident they did not regret their decision.

The couple in their seventies danced the night away with the jealousy of everyone around them. Spectators were not envious of their amazing dance steps, but rather their love for one another and Latin music.

Their smiles, like so many others, were enough to make anyone realize that unique establishments inhabit this city, waiting patiently with open arms for anyone to find.

Navy food drives benefit needy

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Year round, but especially during the holidays, food drives help ease the strain for needy families and individuals. This year, Pearl Harbor Navy personnel have several options to donate food items and help others through difficult times.

Now through Dec. 9, the Armed Services Young Men's Christian Association (ASYMCA) at Naval Station Pearl Harbor with the assistance of the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, will hold its own holiday food drive to benefit needy Navy families.

The ASYMCA, which already completed Thanksgiving food baskets for over 200 families, is planning to fill Christmas meal baskets for needy families as well.

"People don't realize how things can get really rough during the holidays," said Ernie "Auntie" Aubrey, ASYMCA director, "and we want people to know there's people like us out there," she added.

Gas Turbine Systems Technician 3rd Class Kentarvis Webb is a USS Russell Sailor who spent hours volunteering to help with the Thanksgiving food baskets. He encouraged single Sailors to volunteer and donate.

"It's important to give back to the community, especially during the holidays," said Webb.

The following items are needed to complete holiday baskets: instant potatoes, canned green beans, stuffing, cake and cookie mixes, cranberry sauce, mushroom soup, dried French onions,



U.S. Navy photo by PH2 (AW) John Looney RP2 Christopher S. Eddy, RP2 (sel) Bonnie G. Gutierrez and Lt.Cmdr (sel) Dave Stroud prepare food donations for delivery to the ASYMCA.

pumpkin pie mix, boxed pie crust, dinner roll mix, gravy in cans or packets, and canned chicken broth.

Donations can be made either by leaving items in the boxes located in the Pearl Harbor Chapel or by dropping off items directly at the ASYMCA on base.

For more information, call Aubrey at 473-3398 or the chapel office at 473-3971.

Two other food drives are being conducted at Pearl Harbor to benefit the Hawai'i Foodbank, a certified member of America's Second Harvest, a nationwide network of foodbanks and food-rescue organizations.

Students at Navy Hale Keiki School will collect food and personal hygiene items through Dec. 3. Parents can send donations with their children to teach them the value of giving to others less fortunate.

"This time of year, it's important for children to learn what the holidays

mean. Even if they only bring in one can of food, they are learning to share," said Vicky Varlotta-Chung, head of the School Life Committee.

Those wishing to make an effort may even want to organize smaller collection drives within their own offices. For instance, Navy housing personnel will be collecting canned food and other items during their office holiday party this year.

Navy Sailors from Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet will be collecting food throughout the later part of the holiday season. The dates of the food drive are still to be announced, but those interested may contact Yeoman 1st Class Lahaunn Moore at 471-8769.

The Hawai'i Foodbank works with three subsidiary organizations to distribute food to other islands: The Hawai'i Island Food Bank, the Maui Community Food Bank and the Kauai Food Bank, which has already received Navy donations of 5,000 pounds of food from the Pacific Missile Range Facility at Barking Sands.

The Hawai'i Foodbank collects and distributes many canned goods, but the most wanted items are canned meats or tuna, canned meals such as spaghetti, chili and corned beef hash, canned soups, canned fruits and vegetables, and canned beans. The Foodbank also accepts personal care items like soap, deodorant and diapers.

Food and monetary donations can also be made directly to the Hawai'i Foodbank by calling 836-3600 or visiting their web site at: <http://www.hawai'i-foodbank.org>.

Housing residents urged to return resident satisfaction surveys

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As the Dec. 3 deadline approaches for housing residents to return this year's Resident Satisfaction Survey, Navy housing officials urge residents to take an active role in making their suggestions and/or concerns heard by completing and returning the surveys.

About 29 percent of residents have responded to the survey thus far. According to Navy management, the surveys serve as a useful tool in providing information that helps the Navy in its efforts to make housing better for Sailors and their families.

The housing surveys are part of a Navy-wide performance assessment program. The surveys take approximately 10 minutes to complete and

should be returned in the pre-paid, self-addressed envelopes.

"The participation of residents is critical to the success of the program and will help Navy officials to identify resident concerns and determine areas that need improvement," emphasized Capt. Norman Ho, assistant chief of staff for housing for Navy Region Hawai'i.

"We want to hear from you. Your feedback is vital so that we can better help you and address your concerns," continued Ho.

The survey was designed by the nationally-recognized real estate consulting firm of CEL & Associates, Inc. The firm will tabulate the survey results by neighborhoods and provide the data to the appropriate housing office. Housing residents are asked to express their true feelings and

thoughts when completing the form. The survey results are completely confidential and anonymous. The bar code, number, boxes and color-coding identify only the housing community and does not identify individuals.

Ho explained this year's survey will be compared to previous year's results and will help Navy management to identify weaknesses and improve performance.

"We are dedicated to improving customer service and the quality of life for military members and their families. Customer service is our top priority," said Ho.

"We strongly encourage our Navy families to complete the surveys and return them. They provide an opportunity for our residents to voice their concerns or make suggestions regarding family housing," Ho added.

Response to Housing Survey by Neighborhoods			
Neighborhood	Surveys Distributed	Surveys Received	% By Neighborhood
Camp Stover	200	38	19%
Catlin Park	385	94	24.4%
Doris Miller Park	214	49	22.9%
Ford Island	182	64	35.2%
Halawa	96	23	24.0%
Hale Alii/Hospital Point/ Marine Barracks	44	19	43.2%
Hale Moku	318	94	29.7%
Little Makalapa/Maloelap/ Red Hill	51	25	49.0%
Makalapa	107	45	42.1%
Manana	79	27	34.2%
NCTAMS	140	42	30.0%
Pearl City	636	191	30.0%
PRMF Kauai	43	4	9.3%

Wyland returns to NEX

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NEX Marketing

Like his beloved whales' instinctive migration to Hawai'i for the winter, marine artist Wyland once again returns to Hawai'i, which he calls home, after months of being away. Wyland visited Navy Exchange Hawai'i (Nov. 20-21) where he showcased some of his new art pieces, shared his future plans with some of his biggest fans and personalized paintings and sculptures.

On a deeper (sea) level, Wyland's appearance is a reminder for the military of its role in the environment and ecosystem.

"The military is getting really environmental. People don't hear it yet, but they're gonna hear more," he said. "Because the young people in the military, they wanna protect the oceans of the world. They're doing a great job."

Wyland loyal following kept him and the Wyland Store busy throughout the weekend as his excited fans lined up and waited to get their chance to meet the talented artist at the three-day art show featuring some of his original work from the Haleiwa gallery.

The faces that flowed through the line were familiar ones. Two of them were Col. Gloria Copeland and her husband Barry Copeland,

who associates say are always the first in line. "We both enjoy Wyland's work," Col. Copeland said.

Barry has a big reason to be fond of Wyland and his work. As a volunteer for the ceiling project, Barry actually helped paint it - a story he continues to share with his friends.

For two days, the Copelands said they have over indulged at the Wyland Store.

"We really like what NEX Hawai'i has done with the art shows," Col. Copeland said. "The military community truly appreciates it."

One of Wyland's biggest fans this weekend was also his smallest. Barely four feet tall, nine-year old Ashley Kellar, who said she likes sea creatures just like Wyland, surprised him with a gift - an underwater drawing - a gift for an artist from a young artist.

"We were here in November," said Ashley's parents, Angie and Michael Kellar. "We like his stuff and he's very nice with the kids."

Wyland, who began painting his 89th whaling wall in May 2002 at the Mall at Pearl Harbor, returned early this year to add a life-size monk seal to his mural.

"I'm really glad to be back at the NEX," he said. In early 2005, Wyland will return to the Mall at Pearl Harbor to add another marine animal to his

100,000-square foot cement canvas, the "Oceans Sanctuary."

As to what he will add to The Mall rotunda ceiling, "It's a secret," he said.

Wyland says "Oceans Sanctuary" is what he is most proud of because of the challenge painting a giant ceiling presented and how beautiful it turned out.

"It gives you that feeling of having whales swimming all around your head," he said.

With a busy schedule of gallery appearances these coming months, it would be no surprise if Wyland feels a whirlwind of whales constantly swirling around his head. Wyland will be in Hawai'i indefinitely and plans on going diving and spending some time in his sanctuary in Maui.

Like some of his dolphins, the playful Wyland's newest collaborative art creation is not for sale and will stay with him for a lifetime. Wyland sports a new tattoo of beautiful ocean creatures on his left arm, which he drew on himself, and was later filled in by the tattoo artist.

Though tattoos are known to be addictive after the first one, not to Wyland. "This is it for me," he said.

Along with the tattoos, Wyland's famous walls will also come to an end after he finishes his 100th whaling wall in 2008. He plans on

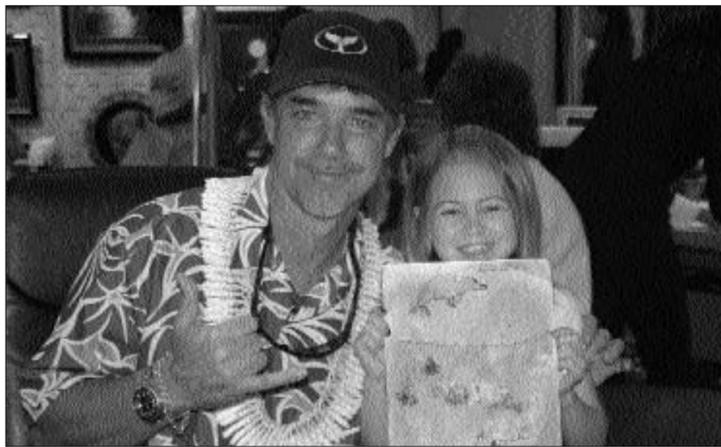


Photo by Laarni Gedo

Marine art movement pioneer, Wyland, flashes the 'shaka' while a Navy Exchange customer proudly flashes her art work—a gift for Wyland.

calling his last wall "Hands Across the Ocean." It will be a 10-mile long section of the Great Wall of China. He also plans on selecting 13 children (through a marine life contest) to represent 13 of 191 United Nation members in painting the wall with him.

In the meantime, Wyland will work on his 92nd whaling wall, located either in New York or in Osaka, Japan.

There may be slight uncertainties in Wyland's future plans, but one thing remains constant - his love for the ocean and the environment and his goal to spread the need to protect and preserve it.



Photo by Laarni Gedo

After Wyland finishes his 100th wall in China in 2008, he will embark on a new artistic journey to 100 original sculptures.

For more Wyland, catch him at one of his appearances

Nov. 26, 6-10 p.m.

Wyland Kalakaua Center
2155 Kalakaua Ave., #104, Honolulu, HI

Dec. 4, 6-10 p.m.

Aloha Tower Market Place
1 Aloha Tower Drive, space 191, unit 78
Honolulu, HI

Dec. 5, 1-5 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Waikiki
2424 Kalakaua Ave., Honolulu, HI

Dec. 11, 6-10 p.m.

Haleiwa Town
66-150 Kamehameha Highway
Haleiwa, HI



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Brandy Galton, a DoD employee, enjoys a game of fast action Bowl-go at Pearl Harbor Naval Station bowling center. Bowl-go is now offered at the Naval Station Bowling Center. Bowl-go one way to entertain friends and family when they are not bowling.

Bowl-go now at Pearl Harbor

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Staff Writer

Bowl-go is now offered at the Naval Station Bowling Center. Patrons can purchase a game of bowling for \$2 and receive one ticket to play the new electronic Bowl-go game. According to Millie Gomes, bowling program director, Bowl-go is a good way to entertain friends and family when they are not bowling. Gomes described it as a "good substitute for family members not interested in bowling."

"[It's] just another entertaining thing to do at the Pearl Harbor and Barbers Point bowling centers," said Gomes. "Bowl-go is a fun past time and you can win cash prizes. You're a winner either way; you bowl anyways if you win or lose."

"It's a win-win situation," said Leonard Kaneshiro, a bowling league player.

There are six consoles ready for use at the Pearl Harbor bowling center. All participants must be age

18 or older. "It's fun during breaks from bowling," said Brandy Galton, a bowling league player.

It is easy to play Bowl-go. First, you purchase a control ticket from the bowling center counter. Then insert the ticket number into the Bowl-go game monitor. Follow the instructions on the screen and win prizes. After you are finished playing, print out your control number. If you win, you can pick up your prize at the bowling center control counter. Bowl-go prizes can exceed \$200. All prizes must be redeemed within 30 days of ticket purchase.

The bowling center at Naval Station offers tournaments and special activities. The bowling center's hours of operation are: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 5-9 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-11 p.m. on Saturday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. on Sunday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on holidays. For more information, visit building 1736 at Pearl Harbor, visit the website at www.greatlifehawaii.com, or call 473-2574.

Forest City Residential Management spearheads Thanksgiving food drive

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Forest City Residential Management (FCRM) spearheaded its first Thanksgiving food and fund drive to benefit the Hawai'i Food Bank. Donations of canned goods and non-perishable items and monetary contributions were collected Nov. 17-24. Delivery of the items was made to the Hawai'i Food Bank.

The Food Bank works with 260 local charities on Oahu to make distributions to needy families and also contributes to Food Banks on other islands.

According to numbers released by the Hawai'i Food Bank, approximately 240,000 people in Hawai'i are hungry or at risk of hunger. About 65,000 of that number are children. Forest City Residential

Management will continue to accept donations for the Hawai'i Food Bank and plans to make monthly donations to the Hawai'i Food Bank. FCRM spokesmen suggest that housing residents who are preparing to move from Hawai'i might consider donating their leftover canned goods and non-perishable items.

The food products that are most needed include canned tuna and meat products; canned spaghetti, chili and corned beef hash; canned soups; canned vegetables; and pork and beans and canned beans. However, all donations of canned goods and non-perishable items are appreciated.

Monetary donations are also welcome and should be in the form of checks or money orders.

Donations may be taken to the Forest City Residential



U.S. Navy photo by PH1 David A. Levy

Sailors from aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63), help load food in support of "Operation: Save the Holidays." Approximately 240,000 people in Hawai'i are hungry or at risk of hunger. About 65,000 of that number are children.

Management Relocation and Resident Services office at the Navy Aloha Center, 988 Spence St., suite 100, from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday

and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information, call 423-7713 or email jen-nifervillar@forestcity.net.

DoD announces America Supports You program

Special release from the U.S. Department of Defense

The Department of Defense announced Nov. 19 the launch of "America Supports You," a nationwide program to showcase and communicate American support to the men and women of the armed forces.

In announcing "America Supports You," Charles Abell, principal deputy under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said that thousands of Americans, including individual citizens, businesses and organizations, have spearheaded activities and projects in their communities to show their support for America's armed forces, especially those serving in harm's way.

"These activities of support have a positive impact on the morale and spirit of those who serve," said Abell. He said the America Supports You

program will showcase these community activities and projects on a new Web site, www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil, so that the American public and the U.S. military serving at home and overseas will know firsthand how much the American people appreciate their service and sacrifice.

Teenager Shauna Fleming of Los Angeles created one of the projects highlighted on the new America Supports You Web site. Fleming, a 15-year-old high school freshman, launched a campaign called "A Million Thanks," a year-round campaign to show U.S. military men and women, past and present, appreciation for their sacrifices, dedication and service through letters, emails, cards, prayers and thoughts.

Fleming's story is one of many that will be profiled on the America Supports You Web site in the coming weeks and months. Americans are

invited to log on to the Web site and share details of activities supporting the troops that are taking place in their communities. Everyone who shares their story will receive a dog tag with the America Supports You logo, while supplies last.

Representatives of veterans and service organizations also joined DoD at the launch, including Edward A. Powell Jr., USO, president and chief executive officer; Raymond Felsecker, American Legion, assistant director of the National Security Foreign Relations Commission; and James R. Mueller, Veterans of Foreign Wars, senior vice commander-in-chief.

They join other organizations and associations supporting the campaign through the distribution of promotional materials and development of community-based activities.

Anyone who would like more information about "America Supports You," can log on www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil.

Movie Call

Sharkey Theater
Naval Station Pearl Harbor
(473-0726)

FRIDAY
7:00 p.m. The Forgotten (PG 13)
SATURDAY
2:30 p.m. Shark Tale (PG)
4:30 p.m. Taxi (PG 13)
6:30 p.m. Ladder 49 (PG 13)
SUNDAY
2:30 p.m. First Daughter (PG)
4:45 p.m. Raise Your Voice (PG)
7:00 p.m. Friday Night Lights (PG 13)
THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. Team America: World Police (R)
\$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)

Memorial Theater
Hickam Air Force Base
(449-2239)

FRIDAY
7:00 p.m. Team America: World Police (R)
SATURDAY
7:00 p.m. Team America: World Police (R)
SUNDAY
7:00 p.m. Team America: World Police (R)
WEDNESDAY
7:00 p.m. Surviving Christmas (PG 13)
\$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)

Sgt. Smith Theater
Schofield Barracks
(624-2585)

FRIDAY
7:00 p.m. Friday Night Lights (PG-13)
SATURDAY
2:00 p.m. Shark Tales (PG)
7:00 p.m. Shark Tales (PG)
SUNDAY
2:00 p.m. Shark Tales (PG)
7:00 p.m. Taxi (PG 13)
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First Daughter: Samantha wants what every college freshman desires: to experience life away from parents. But it's not easy; her dad is the president of the United States. Sam meets and falls for James, but she discovers he is a secret service agent assigned to protect her.

The Forgotten: Telly is tormented by the memory of her eight-year-old son's death 14 months ago. She is informed by her psychiatrist that she is suffering from delusions, that her son never existed and she is fabricating his memories.

Friday Night Lights: See Review

Ladder 49: Firefighter Jack Morrison has led an extraordinary career as a first responder. But the sacrifices he's made have taken their toll on Jack's relationship with his family and friends.

Raise Your Voice: A small-town girl gets the summer of her dreams when she gets to leave home for the summer and attend a performing-arts school in Los Angeles.

Shark Tale: The sea underworld is shaken up when the son of the shark mob boss is found dead and a young fish named Oscar is found at the scene. He takes advantage of the situation and makes himself look like he killed the mobster.

Surviving Christmas: Drew decides to go back to his childhood home to spend the holidays with family. But the people living there now are not Drew's family. Nevertheless, Drew has his mind set on a family Christmas.

Taxi: Belle, a talented New York City cab driver, is asked to partner with police officer Washburn, the worst driver on the NYPD. Her skills behind the wheel and souped-up car help Washburn pursue a gang of female bank robbers.

Team America: World Police: Team America is an international police force dedicated to maintaining global stability. Power hungry dictator Kim Jong Il is out to destroy the world. The team recruits Broadway star Gary Johnston to go undercover.

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

- **Dec. 4:** Tandem skydiving, 8 a.m., \$135. Register by **Dec. 1.**
- **Dec. 4:** Waimano Pools hike and swim, 9 a.m., \$5. Register by **Dec. 1.**
- **Dec. 5:** Afternoon mountain horseback riding, \$55, call for time. Register by **Dec. 1.**
- **Dec. 11:** Kuliouou Ridge hike, 8:30 a.m., \$5. Register by **Dec. 8.**
- **Dec. 11:** Hanauma Bay snorkeling, \$8, call for time. Register by **Dec. 8.**

WINTER BREAK CAMP

Camp Adventure will be back with Winter Break Camp from **Dec. 20-Jan. 7** at Catlin and Iroquois Point Clubhouses. Three full weeks of activities, crafts, games and trips are planned. Camp is open to children (ages five-12) of military members and DoD employees.

Camp fees are based on total household income and include daily breakfast, afternoon snacks and a weekly lunch. Registration for single active duty military and dual active duty military is ongoing and begins at 9:30 a.m. A family care plan is required. Registration for all other military and DoD civilians is ongoing and held at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 421-1556.

THANKSGIVING SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT/TURKEY SHOOT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

A Thanksgiving Softball Tournament and Turkey Shoot Basketball Tournament will be held **Nov. 26-28** at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The tournaments are open to all MWR patrons, age 18 years or older, and DoD employees assigned to Navy Region Hawai'i (Pearl Harbor, Barbers Point, NCTAMS, West Loch and NSGA Kunia). The entry fee is \$175 per team. Softball games will be played at Millican Field. Basketball games will be played at Naval Station gym. For more information or to sign up, call 473-2437.

PEE WEE FLAG FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for Pee Wee flag football will be held **Nov. 29-Dec. 17** at the youth sports office, 600 Main St. The cost is \$35 and includes T-shirt, medal and certificate. To register, participants should bring a current physical (dated no more than a year ago) and birth certificate. The activity is open to youth ages three-five years. For more information, call 474-3501.

FREE SQUASH TOURNAMENT

A free squash tournament will be held **Dec. 3** at the Makalapa squash courts. The time will be announced. Divisions will include men's and women's open, A, B and C divisions. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers. Register by **Dec. 1** at Wentworth Pro Shop or on the web at www.greatlifehawaii.com. For more information, call 473-0610.

HOLIDAY WALLYBALL TOURNAMENTS

Holiday wallyball tournaments will be held **Dec. 7** (doubles only) and **Dec. 14** (triples only) at Bloch Arena racquetball courts. The time will be announced. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers in the following divisions: men's and women's - A, B, C. The cost is \$5 per team. Register by **Dec. 3** for the **Dec. 7** tournament; register by **Dec. 10** for the **Dec. 14** tournament. For more information, call 473-0610.

ADULT RACQUETBALL CLINIC

Learn the basics of racquetball including grips, strokes and strategy at a free adult racquetball clinic at 5:30 p.m. **Dec. 8** at Bloch Arena racquetball courts. Goggles, racquets and balls will be provided. Register by **Dec. 6** at Wentworth Pro Shop or on the web at www.greatlifehawaii.com. For more information, call 473-0610.

WINTERFEST 2004

Winterfest 2004 begins at 6 p.m. **Dec. 10** at Paradise Lounge, Club Pearl and offers entertainment for the entire family. A tree lighting ceremony opens the event. Holiday carols and special treats, children's crafts, a visit with Santa, games, a bounce house, face-painting and a performance by Hypersquad - a dance troupe which offers stylings of hip-hop, jazz ballet, tap and more - will all be part of the evening's celebration. Admission is free and open to all MWR patrons and families. For more information, call 839-4884.

JUNIOR GOLF HOLIDAY PROGRAM

A Junior Golf Holiday Program is planned for **Dec. 11-12** and **Dec. 18-19** at Navy Marine Golf Course. Clinics will be held from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and are open to junior youth ages 17 and younger. Register at the pro shop. For more information, call 471-0348.

SIGNATURE MOVIE THEATER TICKETS

Patrons can stop by any Navy ITT office and purchase five Signature movie theater tickets and get one free during November and December. Tickets are good through February. Tickets are not valid on some first-run movies; patrons should check with the theater box office.



- **Nov. 26:** Aiea Loop hike, \$2, 2 p.m.
- **Nov. 27:** Kualoa Ranch, \$40, 10 a.m.
- **Nov. 28:** Swap Meet Day, \$1, 9 a.m.
- **Nov. 30:** Halo Tourney, all centers, 7 p.m.

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.

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.

Blood Drives:

- **Dec. 8:** 6-10 a.m., U.S. Army ROTC, University of Hawai'i.
- **Dec. 23:** 9 a.m.-noon, U.S. Air Force, Hickam Community Center, Hickam Air Force Base.

The NEX Winter Wonderland Choo-Choo Train will treat children to rides at The Mall from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. through **Jan. 5, 2005**. Ticket prices are \$2 per child.

Live Christmas trees will be on sale at the NEX from 6-9 p.m. **Nov. 26-28** and as long as supplies last at the NEX parking lot.

Jake Shimabukuro, "Master of Ukelele," will perform at 4 p.m. **Nov. 27** at The Mall at Pearl Harbor.

Susan Brandt, illustrator of the book "Daphne Moves to Hawai'i," will be available for book signings from noon-1 p.m. **Nov. 28** at the Hawai'i book department of the NEX.

Discover the art of crystal cutting and meet Sean O'Donnell, master cutter for Waterford Crystal, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. **Nov. 30** at Navy Exchange Hawai'i.

Tickets are now available for the 2nd Annual **Holiday Tour of Homes** hosted by the Boutiki Gift Shop from 4-9 p.m. **Dec. 1**. There will be pupus and shopping at Boutiki from 4-6 p.m. and maps will be provided for touring the historic Pearl Harbor homes at Hali Ali'i and Makalapa. The tours will last from 6-9 p.m. and shopping at Boutiki will be available throughout the evening. The tickets are currently being sold at Boutiki for \$12 each. Participants must have base access and no children under 12 will be allowed on the tours. Carpooling is recommended due to limited parking. Boutiki is located in building 210 at 640 Club Road, Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Extended hours of operation for November are from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 422-6662.

Gary Oda, local artist, will be at the Navy Exchange from 6-8 p.m. **Dec. 2**.

Professional Military Training (PMK) General Military Requirements for CPO, sponsored by the Navy Region First Class Petty Officers (FCPOA), will be held from 3-4 p.m. **Dec. 2, 9 and 16** at Navy College, building 679, second floor, room 24B at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. For more information, contact PN1(SW/AW) Aughtry at patricia.aughtry@navy.mil or 474-6616, or CTA1(SW) Alomar at wilmarie.alomar@navy.mil or 471-9734, ext. 216.

Special preview tickets of the holiday production, "A Merry Christmas with Friends and Nabors," will be offered to military with ID for a special presentation of the show at 7:30 p.m. **Dec. 2** at the Hawai'i Theatre. At the request of Jim Nabors, star of the annual holiday extravaganza, military with ID may purchase tickets for the special price of \$10 adults/\$5 students. Tickets may be obtained at the Hawai'i Theatre box office at 1130

Bethel St. or may be reserved by calling 528-0506 (pick-up at will call with ID only). Tickets are limited for the preview and subject to availability. The regular engagement is **Dec. 3-5**, with tickets priced from \$45 to \$75. Headlined by Jim Nabors, the production will include such stars Jimmy Borges, Karen Keawehawaii, Emma Veary, and Philip Huber and Huber Marionettes.

First aid/CPR and babysitting classes will be offered by the Hickam Air Force Base/Pearl Harbor chapter of the American Red Cross in December. First aid and CPR classes will be given **Dec. 4** and **Dec. 18**. A babysitting class will be held **Dec. 11**. All classes require pre-registration and payment at the time of registration. For more information or to register, call 449-0166 or stop by building 1105 at Hickam Air Force Base.

The Hawai'i Special Olympics Holiday Classic is just around the corner. Forty volunteers are needed to serve as lane escorts for the Unified Team bowling tournament on **Dec. 5** from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 at Hickam Lanes. As lane escorts, duties include keeping score, ensuring athletes bowl in proper order and cheering on the athletes as they bowl. Special Olympics T-shirts and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call FC1(SW/AW) James A. Graham at (808) 342-7155 or via email at james.a.graham@pacom.mil or firehawk0212@hotmail.com.

USS O'Kane Ohana will hold its annual command holiday party on **Dec. 2** at DeRussy Hall at the Hale Koa. Cocktail time begins at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The ohana will host a keiki Christmas party from 2-4 p.m. **Dec. 11** on the USS O'Kane. Those who plan to attend must RSVP to Audra or Kim by **Dec. 8** with a headcount that includes the sex and age of each child who will attend. For more information, email Kim at okaneohana@yahoo.com or call Audra at 630-4111.

The **American Red Cross**, Hickam Service Center is seeking volunteers to fill the following positions: chairman of volunteers, records chairman and publicity chairman. For more information, call the Red Cross office at 449-0166. The office is located at 655 Vickers Ave., building 1105 and is open from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.

New uniform service is offered by the NEX Uniform Center. It provides a direct line to the Uniform Support Center (USC) to help service members obtain items that are not available at the Pearl Harbor location. The direct line is available at the Uniform Center, Wahiawa and Barking Sands Mini Marts. See a sales associate for questions or assistance. For items available at the Pearl Harbor location, fax your order to 423-3272; items are ready for pickup within two hours.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly with T.O.P.S., a support group for men, women and children who are working together to lose weight. There is no obligation for the first meeting. There are five chapters on Oahu. Meetings are held in four locations at varying times. For more information, call Delcie, area captain, at 623-1403 or e-mail DelcieN@aol.com.

Security measures are enforced at the NEX. For customers' protection, bags, purses or personal bags larger than 12 inches-by-12 inches will not be allowed in the Navy Exchange.

OVERALL RATING:

MWR holds sunset celebration

Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) hosted Sunset Celebration at Ward Field Nov. 19 to celebrate Military Family Appreciation Month. Approximately 1500 people attended the event.

MWR provided free hot dog snack packs, entertainment by Liquid Amber, demonstrations by Mad Science and lots of activities for the kids, including bounce houses, crafts, pottery and mural painting.



Photo by Amiee Huepenbecker
A military family member plays on one of more than 20 giant sized beach balls bouncing around Ward Field at Sunset Celebration.



Photo by Amiee Huepenbecker
A young military family member puts the finishing touches on her ceramic bowl. After painting, the colorful pieces were kiln fired and ready for the kids to take home the same night.

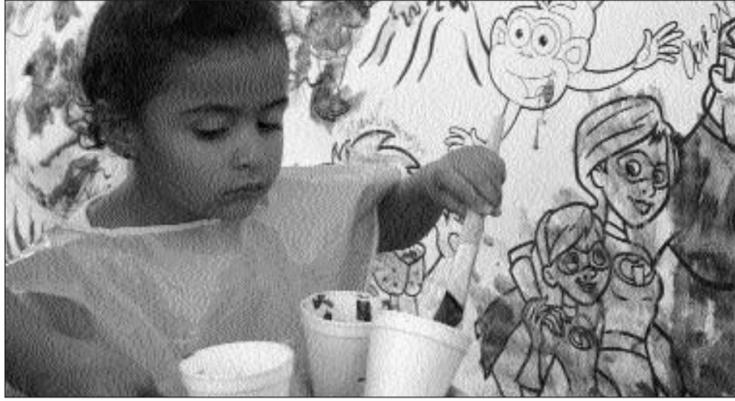


Photo by Amiee Huepenbecker
Six giant murals were posted for children to paint. This young military family member finds the perfect color for her masterpiece.

