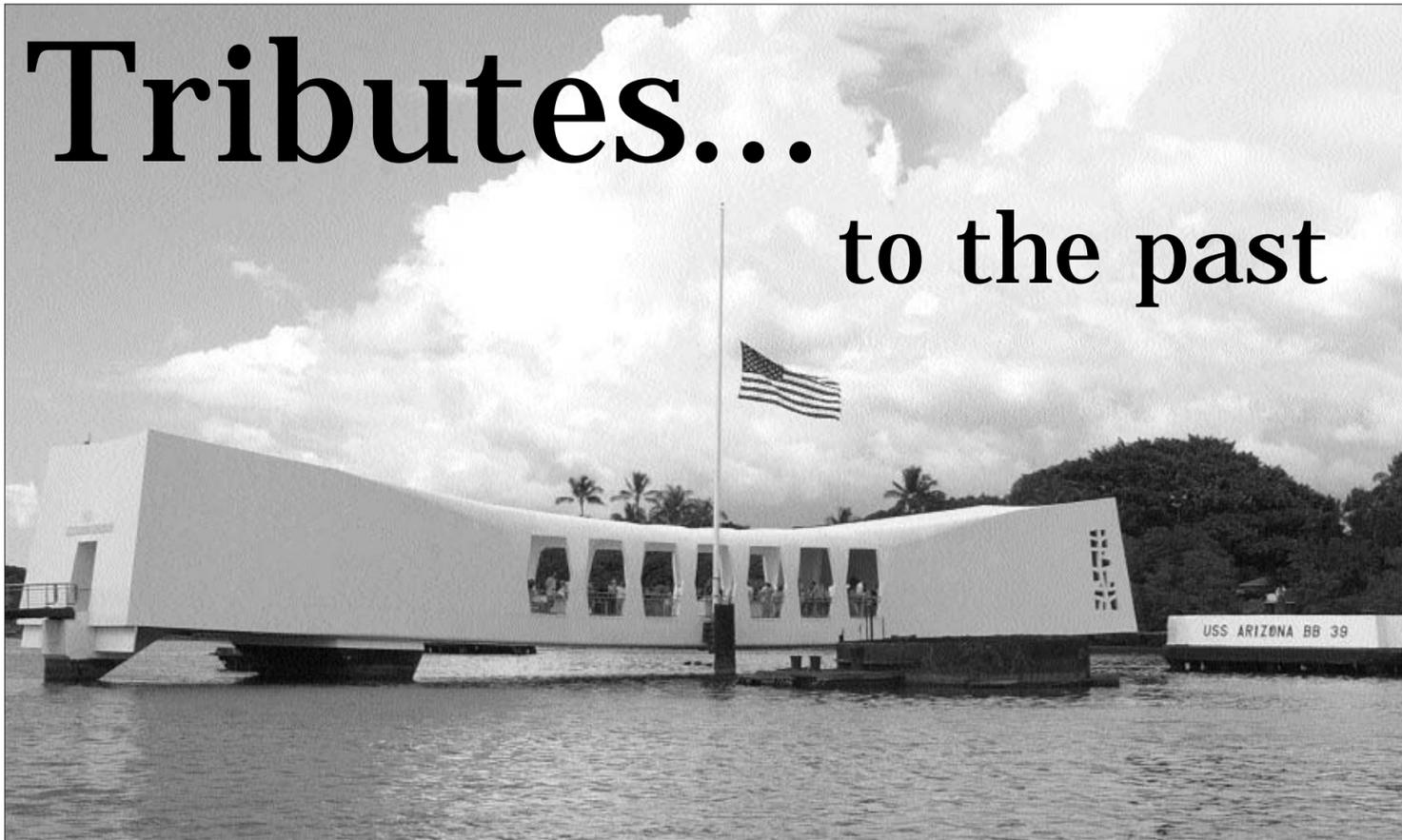


Tributes... to the past



U.S. Navy photo

The Arizona Memorial is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. A 23-minute documentary film about the attack and the boat trip to the USS Arizona Memorial begin at 8 a.m. (7:45 a.m. in the summer). The last program each day begins at 3 p.m. The Memorial is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day. Call 422-0561 for more information. The nearby Missouri Memorial opens at 9 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum ticket window.

Remembering Pearl Harbor through war memorials

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The Sunday morning calm of Dec. 7, 1941 was broken shortly before 8 a.m. by the sounds of gunfire and explosions.

Japanese Fleet Commander Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor had been a success. Although the attack took less than two hours, it left total devastation. More than 2,403 service members and 68 civilians were killed, and another 1,178 military and civilians were injured.

A day of horrific destruction also saw incredible acts of heroism. Many people, in and out of military uniform, saved lives during and after the attack. War memorials around Oahu commemorate the Sailors, Soldiers and civilians who acted bravely, fought valiantly, and died tragically that day.

The most recognizable of the memorials is the USS Arizona. On Dec. 7, a 1,786 pound, armor-piercing bomb hit USS Arizona (BB 39), which was moored along Pearl Harbor's "battleship row."

The bomb exploded in the



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Visitors to the USS Utah Memorial must be authorized to access military installations, including active duty/retired military, military Reservists or DoD/civil service personnel. For current information on visiting the USS Utah Memorial, contact the Navy Region Hawai'i Public Relations Office at (808) 473-2888.

ship's forward ammunition magazine, causing an explosion and severe damage to the forward portion of the ship. Within nine minutes, the ship had sunk 40 feet to the harbor floor. Although the initial blast killed many, 1,177 crew members went down with the ship. Those lost on the Arizona make up nearly half of all Americans killed in Pearl Harbor that morning.

The first memorial surfaced in 1950 with a plaque and flag to fly where the Arizona rests in the harbor. In 1958, President Dwight Eisenhower approved a proposal to build a larger memorial. Construction finished in 1961, and the monument was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1962.

The Arizona Memorial straddles the remains of the ship, but only touches the

ship at the flag mast.

Alfred Preis, the memorial's architect, described the symbolism of the design, "the structure sags in the center, but stands strong and vigorous at the ends, expresses initial defeat and ultimate victory."

Three sections comprise the memorial: the entry, the central area and the shrine room. The central area offers the best views of the remains of the Arizona. This area also contains "the well" which is an open section in the floor looking directly down on the ship. The shrine room contains a wall of names listing the Sailors and Marines who perished with the ship and includes the names of survivors of the attack from the Arizona who chose to be interred in the ship after their deaths.

On the morning of the Dec. 7, USS Utah (AG 16) was moored on the west side of Ford Island. The Japanese planners of the attack on Pearl Harbor instructed pilots to avoid Utah and focus their efforts on more desirable targets like battleships and carriers. However, anxious Japanese pilots dropped two torpedoes on the Utah, making it one of the first vessels hit during the attack.

As the crew aboard Utah raised the flag for morning colors, the first torpedo struck the port side. Moments later, a second torpedo struck the Utah in the same area, worsening the ship's condition. Utah soon capsized and became a tomb for 58 Sailors.

Senator Frank Moss of Utah dedicated the Utah Memorial on May 27, 1972. The memorial is comprised of a 70-foot concrete walkway stretched out from Ford Island, extending into the waters in front of Utah's partially exposed hull. Several plaques note the ship and memorial's history and list the men lost aboard the ship.

USS Nevada (BB 36) was moored just off Ford Island along battleship row behind USS Arizona when the attack commenced. Engineers aboard Nevada prepared to get the ship underway when a Japanese torpedo and several bombs struck the ship.



U.S. Navy photo

The USS Nevada Memorial is located at Hospital Point, which derived its name from the naval hospital constructed there in 1913-14. The hospital moved and is now part of Tripler Army Medical Center. Visitors to this memorial must have base access or have an authorized sponsor. Contact the Navy Region Hawai'i Public Relations Office at (808) 473-2888 for visitor information.

The ship, though damaged, managed to get underway, but the Japanese intensified their focus on the ship. Fearing the ship would sink and block the channel out of the harbor, the Nevada was intentionally beached just outside the Navy Yard.

Although the ship was greatly damaged and lost 50 men in the attack, the Nevada was repaired and put back into service, supporting numerous invasions including Normandy, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. The memorial, dedicated Dec. 7, 1983, is located at Hospital Point near where the ship intentionally beached.

Civilian contributions are recognized alongside those of Sailors at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fountain. The fountain is comprised of 12

eight-foot metal and glass markers that rise from a shallow pool surrounding a fountain. Eleven of the markers represent ships and the twelfth is a dedication to all those who risked and sacrificed so much the day of the attack.

Each marker is made up of a unique metal station and an illuminated panel of glass with ships' descriptions and dedications etched into the panels. The memorial is located just off the North Road and Pearl Harbor Blvd. intersection next to building 150.

All of these monuments stand in their various locations as physical reminders of horror, heroism and "a date which will live in infamy..."

(Information compiled from previous Hawai'i Navy News articles).



U.S. Navy photo

Pearl Harbor Memorial recognizes all the ships sunk or damaged Dec. 7, 1941 as well as the contributions of civilians. The following ships are memorialized on the glass panels: USS Arizona, USS California, USS Helena, USS Honolulu, USS Maryland, USS Nevada, USS Oklahoma, USS Pennsylvania, USS Raleigh, USS Tennessee and USS West Virginia.

Commentary

Window on Pearl Harbor

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Things to be thankful for ...

To cook or not to cook...that was the question. Or that has been the question for the past couple of Thanksgivings. It starts out with my asking the kids if they would rather go out for Thanksgiving dinner, or if they would prefer that I cook. The response was a resounding vote in favor of my cooking the traditional turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, pumpkin pie...all the trimmings.

So again this Thanksgiving, as I have every year, I navigated the crowded aisles at the grocery store to buy all the fixings, lugged it all home, laboriously defrosted the frozen bird and spent hours in the kitchen cooking and stuffing and baking and mashing and preparing everything for a wonderful feast for Thanksgiving dinner.

After all of those many hours spent preparing a delicious meal (if I may say so myself) and enjoying dinner, I found myself feeling uncomfortably "stuffed," not that I ate a lot, but just a little of this and a little of that of all the choices to sample can quickly fill you up. So after many hours spent cooking and preparing, and eating my fill during about an hour of conversation and quality family time in between bites of dinner at the heavily-laden Thanksgiving table, it was time to face the dismal prospect of cleaning up everything, doing the dishes, putting away all of the leftover food, etc. - which would take another couple of hours.

But amidst all of these après-Thanksgiving dinner chores, I had the time to reflect a little about the holiday and all of the things that I have to be thankful for.

Most apparent on the eve of such a bountiful dinner was being thankful for having an abundance of food and a wonderful family to share it with. And I could give thanks for

really wonderful children, just the opposite of the warnings of well-meaning friends about the dreaded teenage years.

Of course, I am thankful that my family and I are in good health and, despite those times when I put things away in a "safe place" and can't - much to the kids' dismay - remember where I put them, I am glad that my mental acuity is still sharp.

I am thankful to have a job that I enjoy - and editors with the vision to allow me to express my own opinions in a column such as this. I am thankful for understanding and supportive friends - you can just never have too many good friends.

I also give thanks for the abilities and talents that I've been blessed with - some of them, like writing, come in handy in my work and others, like cooking, work their magic on holidays like Thanksgiving.

I am thankful to live in America - a country where I can pretty much do as I want (as long as it isn't illegal) and say what I think (although there are times when these things are best said to myself), a country that allows me to worship as I please and which has been founded on the rights and freedoms of every person.

So as I stood there, up to my elbows in soapy dishwater, I realized that I was also thankful for the opportunity to cook Thanksgiving dinner and do the dishes afterward.

Come to think of it, that was something else to be thankful for - there are always the leftovers.

Have a fine Navy day here in paradise.
(We welcome comments from readers. If you have comments, please send them to: karen.spangler@navy.mil)

Tips for energy-efficient holiday season

Alliance to Save Energy

Fun, yet practical energy-efficiency tips from the Alliance to Save Energy can help reduce holiday stress and home winter energy costs, so you can enjoy the festivities.

Be festive yet smart with holiday lighting:

- Consider using energy-saving, solid-state LED (light emitting diode) holiday lights and strands that use about 99 percent less energy than larger, traditional incandescent holiday bulbs - and last up to 100,000 hours.

- Once you've lit the Chanukah Menorah, use a dimmer switch to lower the lights. By the eighth night, you may not need any electric lights at all.

- Use timers to limit holiday light displays to no more than six evening hours a day

to curb energy use and costs, and to avoid having to remember to turn them on and off every day. Leaving lights on 24 hours a day will quadruple your energy costs - and create four times the pollution.

- Untended lights can cause fires, so for safety's sake, always unplug your interior holiday lights before going to bed or leaving the house.

- Decorate your home with "Energy Stars." Appliances and electronics with the Energy Star label - the government's symbol of energy efficiency - can cut related home energy bills in each category up to 30 percent.

- Strap on those roller blades or ride your bike to tour the neighborhood holiday decorations. It's a great way to work off those extra holiday calories and it's much cheaper than filling up

your family SUV.

- Unplug the video games and turn off the television on Christmas Eve - and read your favorite holiday story instead. Your children may appreciate your attention and time and you will be saving energy in the process.

- Make a New Year's resolution that's good for your pocketbook and the environment.

Additional year-round, energy-efficiency tips and resources can be found on the Alliance's consumer Web site, www.ase.org/consumers.

(The Alliance to Save Energy is a coalition of prominent business, government, environmental, and consumer leaders who promote the efficient and clean use of energy worldwide to benefit consumers, the environment, economy, and national security.)

USMC continues good will collecting Toys for Tots

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Staff Writer

Each year the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots collects millions of toys nationwide to distribute as gifts and for over 20 years, Marine Corps Base Hawai'i Kaneohe Bay has been a participant in this holiday charity program.

The program provides for needy children who, due to family hardships, do not receive presents.

According to Gunnery Sgt. Todd Manning, "Children shouldn't have to worry about [things] such as unemployment, financial difficulties, [and] overwhelming medical bills to name a few."

Now through Dec. 22, members of the community can participate by dropping off new, unwrapped toys in collection boxes in businesses and organizations across Oahu.

Two drop-off locations are located close to Pearl Harbor. The Pearl Harbor Navy Federal Credit Union (PHNFCU) and the Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) on Naval Station Pearl Harbor are both collection sites for Toys for Tots this year.

PHNFCU has been collecting toys for the program for the past six years and hopes to collect more than 200 toys this year. The branch, located at 4256 Radford Drive, will be collecting toys now through Dec. 17.

Navy Federal Credit Union worldwide is also a corporate sponsor for Toys for Tots, according to Jerry Sobieski, PHNFCU manager.

Sobieski suggested that people can pick up their toy donations while holiday shopping.

"It's a chance for Navy Federal Credit Union and its members to help needy families during the holiday season," said Sobieski.

This is ASYMCA's second year as a collection site, according to staff member Judy Steele, who said they collected over 400 toys last year.

ASYMCA gives out some of the toys they collect with their holiday gift baskets.

Staff members ensure toys are age appropriate for the children who will receive them.

According to Steele, each child in the Navy families that ASYMCA assists receives a toy.

"This is one of the most outstanding charities I think the military has," said



U.S. Navy photo by PH2(AW) John Looney

Nancy Ruiz and Naty Delapena, employees of the Pearl Harbor Navy Federal Credit Union, gather toys for their annual donation to the Toys for Tots foundation.

Cash and toy donations can be made at the following Toys for Tots public events:

- Kaneohe Christmas parade at Castle High School, Dec. 4 from 7:30-10:30 a.m.
- Street Bikers United Toy Run at Kapiolani Community College, Dec. 5 from 9:30-11 a.m.
- Toys for Tots donation presentation at University of Hawai'i-Manoa, Dec. 11 from 7-7:30 p.m.
- Big Bus promotion with Island 98.5 Radio at the Marketplace at Kapolei, Dec. 18 from noon-1:30 p.m.

Other drop-off locations include Option One Mortgage Corporation, Children's Discovery Center, All Hawai'i Dodge dealers, Long's Drugs, Subway, Bank of Hawai'i, Easy Money Group EMG, Foodland Grocery, Kaneohe Bay Shopping Center, The Zone @ Pearlridge Mall, KB Toys, Navy Federal Credit Union and Windward Community FCU.

Steele, who added some of the commands are soliciting toy donations from their personnel.

After toys are collected throughout the holiday season, they are brought to a central warehouse on Oahu. The Salvation Army runs and helps organize the warehouse, and toys are sorted by age and gender, and distributed on Dec. 23 and 24.

"Every kid sees on TV and at school what everyone else is getting and no one should have to sit on the sidelines and watch the happiness when we can provide that smile and good feeling," said Manning.

Toys for Tots began in Los Angeles in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR, and a group of Marine Reservists collected and distributed

5,000 toys to needy children. In 1991, a foundation was established to raise money and support year round.

The official goal of the program is to deliver "a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders."

For more information, call 257-2531, ext. 227. Checks can also be mailed to: Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, c/o GySgt Todd R Manning, P.O. Box 63040, MCBH Kaneohe Bay HI 96863.

Credit donations can be made at Toys R Us in the form of a UPC Swipe program or directly at the foundation Web site at: <http://www.toysfortots.org/home/donate.html>.

Make the Yuletide safe

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It's the holiday season - time for Christmas tree trimming, holiday decorating and other Yuletide preparations. Navy housing officials offer these guidelines for Christmas lighting.

Christmas lighting:

Holiday lighting displays may be lit on Oahu Navy housing installations between sunset and midnight daily through Jan. 8, 2005. On Dec. 24 and Dec. 31, displays may be illuminated from sunset to sunrise. All outdoor lights and extension cords must be Underwriters Laboratory (UL) listed and approved for outdoor use. Lighting and decorations are not permitted on roofs due to safety concerns and to maintain the integrity of the roofing. Precautions should be taken not to cause any damage to the structure.

Whether you have a real tree or an artificial one, there are certain precautions that need to be taken to ensure that Christmas is a merry and safe one.

Safety tips :

Real Christmas trees are cut in November and shipped from the mainland in refrigerated containers by early December. When selecting a tree, make certain it has a deep green color and sticky sap at the base. If a lot of needles are falling off, avoid it. After taking it home, cut about an inch off the trunk, preferably at a diagonal, and place the tree in a container of water in a cool place. A potted Norfolk Island pine grown here in Hawai'i is an alternative to a mainland-grown Christmas tree.

You may already have an

artificial tree or decide to purchase one. Be sure to look for a label that says it has been tested for flammability. Read the safety instructions and heed all warnings.

The tree should be placed away from all heat sources and open flames. Be sure the tree does not block traffic patterns for doorways. Make sure the tree is substantially supported. Since water should be added to the stand of a real tree each day, make sure you allow easy access to the base of the tree.

Before you place light sets on the tree, check them for broken bulbs, loose connections and frayed wires. If they are not safe, do not use them. When purchasing new sets of lights, make sure that they are certified as safe by UL or Factory Mutual (FM).

Overloading lights, connecting two or more strings of lights into one outlet and running them under rugs or furniture, can result in electrical fires. Light strings should be stretched out before use. Allowing them to coil creates heat buildup and could cause a fire. When buying outdoor lights, make certain they are designated as safe for outdoor use.

Extension cords should also carry safety certifications. Overloaded extension cords greatly increase the chance of fire so be safe. Extension cords should be located so that they do not pose a tripping hazard.

Never leave a lighted tree unattended, even for a short period of time. Before leaving the house or going to bed, unplug all lights and electrical decorations. Lighted candles and smoking can also be very hazardous if too close to the tree or near wrapped

presents.

Enjoy your beautifully decorated Christmas tree, but be sure to exercise common sense. Supervise children when they are around the Christmas tree and teach them basic safety rules. Prevent a disaster before it happens. By exercising good judgment and following safety guidelines, you will ensure that your Christmas remains merry.

Christmas tree recycling pickup:

Discarded Christmas trees will be picked up in all Navy non-PPV housing neighborhoods on assigned green waste collection days during the weeks of Jan. 3 and Jan. 10. The trees will be recycled and made into mulch for use in Hawai'i's botanical gardens and other locations. The Christmas Tree Recycling Project is state-sponsored.

Trees should be placed at curbside by 7 a.m. on pickup days in the same vicinity where trash containers are placed for regular refuse collection.

The trees must be clean and free from nails, screws, wires, tinsel, stands or decorations. Also, no flocked trees are accepted. If trees are picked up that do not meet these specifications, the entire truckload of trees will be rejected at the tree-recycling center.

Change in refuse/bulk pickup collection:

There will be no refuse or bulk trash pickups on Friday, Christmas Eve and Friday, New Year's Eve. If your normal trash collection or bulk refuse collection day is on those Fridays, collections will be accomplished on the following Mondays, Dec. 27 and Jan. 3.

NEXCOM and AT&T offer free phone cards to Sailors and Marines underway

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The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) and AT&T will provide free \$10 prepaid phone cards to those Sailors, Marines and Coast Guard personnel who will be underway aboard U.S. Navy ships and Coast Guard vessels with AT&T direct ocean service phones during the December holiday season.

NEXCOM will distribute 21,000 free phone cards during the holidays.

"NEXCOM and AT&T have worked together over the past few years to bring a little taste of home to those underway during the holidays," said Jennie Virden, NEXCOM personal telecommunication specialist. "We're committed to continuing the sponsorship of this significant quality of life initiative. It's our way of saying thank you to all the men and women who are serving our country."

Ships receiving the free phone cards this year are



U.S. Navy photo by AN Joe Hendricks

Official U.S. Navy photo of a Sailor making a commercial phone call while deployed at sea.

USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), USS Duluth (LPD 6), USS Rushmore (LSD 67), USS Hue City (CG 66), USS The Sullivans (DDG 68), USS Underwood (FFG 36), USS Monterey (CG 61), USS Mason (DDG 87), USS Barry (DDG 52), USS Carney (DDG 64), USS Taylor (FFG 50), USS O'Bannon (DD 987), USS Boone (FFG 28), USS Halyburton (FFG 40), USS

Bunker Hill (CG 52), USS Milius (DDG 69), USS Thach (FFG 43), USS Shiloh (CG 67), USS Shoup (DDG 86), USCGC Munro (WHEC 724), USCGC Alert (WMEC 630), USCGC Sherman (WHEC 720), USCGC Polar Star (WAGB 10), USCGC Spencer (WMEC 905), USCGC Tampa (WMEC 902), USCGC Dauntless (WMEC 624), USCGC Decisive (WMEC 629) and USCGC Vigorous (WMEC 627).

Tripler clinics continue to immunize 'high risk' patients

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Tripler Army Medical Center's allergy and immunization clinic is still immunizing "high risk patients" during normal immunization hours. The criteria as to who meets these guidelines is listed below and is also available at <http://www.cdc.gov/>

These are the adult patients that CDC has identified as "high risk":

- People who are 65 years of age and older.

- People 18 years and older who have an underlying, long-term illness (heart or lung disease, metabolic disease (like diabetes), kid-

ney disease, a blood disorder or a weakened immune system (including people with HIV/AIDS).

- Women who will be pregnant this flu season.

- People who live in nursing homes or other chronic-care places.

- People who have or take care of a baby under six months old. (Do not give a flu shot to babies under six months of age.)

These are the pediatric patient populations that CDC has identified as "high risk":

- Children ages six months to 23 months.

- People two years and older who have an underlying, long-term illness (heart or lung dis-

ease, metabolic disease (like diabetes), kidney disease, a blood disorder, or a weakened immune system (including people with HIV/AIDS).

- People who are six months to 18 years of age and take aspirin daily.

The clinic's immunization hours are from 1-3 p.m. on Tuesdays and from 9-11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. The clinic is located on Tripler's fourth floor. The two easiest ways to access the clinic are:

- Park on the mountainside and stay to your left. Walk all the way down the left corridor and you'll be at the clinic.

- Park oceanside and take the elevators near the Tripler Post Office and Distribution Center. Go to the fourth floor, turn right and you will be at the clinic.

Patients who meet Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines and are enrolled at the pediatric clinic will be vaccinated during regular immunization hours which are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and from 8 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Patients enrolled at the Tripler family practice clinic and who meet CDC guidelines will be vaccinated during regular immuniza-



U.S. Navy photo by PHAN Joseph R Schmitt
HM3 Tiffany Long administers the influenza vaccination to a Sailor.

tion hours, which are 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. on weekdays except Wednesdays. The Wednesday schedule is from 2-3:30 p.m.

Patients enrolled to Schofield Clinic and who meet CDC guidelines may be vaccinated during Schofield immunization clinic's regular immunization hours:

- Mondays - 8 a.m.-noon and 1-2:30 p.m.

- Tuesdays and Thursdays - 7:30 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m.

- Wednesdays - 7:30 a.m. - noon

- Fridays - 7:30 a.m.-noon and 1-2:30 p.m. except the last Friday of every month when the hours are 1-2:30 p.m. only

For information on flu vaccinations available in the community, call 211. Tripler's immunization clinic may be reached at 433-6334.

The pediatric immunization clinic may be reached at 433-6234, and Tripler family practice clinic may be reached at 433-3300. Schofield's immunization clinic may be reached at 433-8145.

According to the CDC, people should concentrate on not getting the flu by doing the following:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick, too. If possible, stay home from work, school and errands when you are sick.

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

- Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

(The CDC Web site includes many of these prevention tips in other languages. It also offers toll-free hotlines to the public at 888-246-2675.)

TAP classes ease transition for retiring, separating Sailors

MM3 Greg Bookout

Staff Writer

Each month, the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) holds a transition assistance program (TAP) class for Sailors who are planning to retire or separate from active duty service.

The classes, funded by the Department of Labor, feature speakers from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, civilian headhunters, state veterans' affairs representatives, motivational speakers and more.

"We assist you in gaining the tools necessary to get a job

in the civilian world," said Richard Carlson, transition assistance counselor for the Fleet and Family Support Center. "We work in conjunction with the Department of Labor and the Department of Veterans' Affairs, state and federal agencies. They provide facilitators which we feel will help Sailors become more informed as they prepare to leave the military."

Carlson also noted Sailors thinking of leaving the service should talk to their command career counselors and get enrolled in a TAP class at the beginning of the separation process.

"We try to encourage people to come to the class as early as they can," said Carlson. "We recommend as much as one year prior to separation and as early as two years before retirement."

Chief Enginemen (SW) Troy Ferrell, who plans to retire from active duty service in February 2005, said the program was a necessity and people leaving the Navy should take advantage of all of the resources which the program provides.

"Attending the TAP class is mandatory when you separate, but if you can go twice, that's great," said Ferrell.

"The program provides a large amount of extremely important information; it is kind of overwhelming at first. If you can attend twice, I definitely recommend it."

Ferrell said Sailors involving their husband or wife is also very helpful.

"If at all possible, you should bring your spouse along and get them involved," said Ferrell. "The information will help them, too, and separating [from the military] will affect them also."

Along with providing guidance in resume-writing techniques, interviewing skills and writing cover letters and

thank you notes, the program also offers assistance to Sailors trying to figure out just exactly what to do next in their lives.

"My favorite common statement among Sailors leaving the service is, 'I could do anything in the world, if I just knew what it was,'" said Carlson. "We give them the opportunity to sit down with professional counselors and help them focus on their interests and life goals and help them figure out what they want to get into."

Carlson explained the program also works with people thinking of leaving, but who

may be unsure, showing them what their future options are.

"We try to get people to think about what is next in their lives - whether they have been in for two years or 20," said Carlson. "We help people find out what opportunities are available in the civilian world and help them search out options for staying in the Navy."

The classes are held monthly at the Fleet and Family Support Center, building 193, at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

For more information on the transition assistance program, call 473-4222.

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Movie Call

Sharkey Theater
Naval Station Pearl Harbor
(473-0726)

FRIDAY
7:00 p.m. The Grudge (PG 13)
SATURDAY
2:30 p.m. Shark Tale (PG)
4:30 p.m. Taxi (PG 13)
6:45 p.m. Alfie (R)
SUNDAY
2:30 p.m. Shark Tale (PG)
4:45 p.m. Surviving Christmas (PG 13)
6:45 p.m. Friday Night Lights (PG 13)
THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. Alfie (R)
\$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)

Memorial Theater
Hickam Air Force Base
(449-2239)

FRIDAY
7:00 p.m. The Grudge (PG 13)
SATURDAY
2:00 p.m. Snow Day (G)
7:00 p.m. The Grudge (PG 13)
SUNDAY
2:00 p.m. Snow Day (G)
7:00 p.m. The Grudge (PG 13)
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. I Heart Huckabees (R)
\$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)

Sgt. Smith Theater
Schofield Barracks
(624-2585)

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. Surviving Christmas (PG 13)
\$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)

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. 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**.
- **Dec. 12:** North Shore shark adventure, \$90, call for time. Register by **Dec. 9**.

PEE WEE FLAG FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for Pee Wee flag football will be held through **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.

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.

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 **today** for the **Dec. 7** tournament; register by **Dec. 10** for the **Dec. 14** tournament. 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.

CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE TENNIS

MWR will host a free Christmas Challenge tennis doubles round robin beginning at 5:30 p.m. **Dec. 13** at Wentworth tennis courts. All authorized MWR patrons (18 years of age and older) are invited to participate. The tournament will be in round robin format. Prizes will be given to the top finishers. A minimum of eight players is required. Participants must register by **Dec. 10**. For more information, call 473-0610.

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.

MERRY FITNESS

Join Navy Fitness for the "Twelve Days Before Christmas." Participants can earn the opportunity to win prizes with each visit to a Navy fitness facility between **Dec. 13-24**. Drawings will be held daily at all participating Navy fitness centers. For more information, call 473-0793.

HOLIDAY RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

A holiday racquetball tournament will be held **Dec. 17-18** at Bloch Arena racquetball courts. The time will be announced. Divisions will include: men's and women's singles and doubles, open, A, B, C and seniors 50 and over. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers. The cost is \$5 per player. Register by **Dec. 15** at Wentworth Pro Shop or on the web at www.greatlifehawaii.com. For more information, call 473-0610.

"KING OF THE BEACH" SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The "King of the Beach" Sand Volleyball Tournament will be held **Dec. 17-18** at Wentworth sand volleyball courts. The tournament is doubles only. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers. The cost is \$5 per person. Participants should register by **Dec. 15**. For more information, call 473-0610.

HONOLULU CITY LIGHTS TROLLEY CHARTER

Enjoy the sounds of the city, thousands of twinkling lights and festive holiday displays as the open-air trolley makes its way through downtown Honolulu on the Honolulu City Lights trolley charter. Get your tickets at any Navy IIT office for the holiday jaunt. The cost is \$10 per person age six and up. Charter trol-

leys will pick up from Bloch Arena, at 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on **Dec. 17, 19 and 21**. For more information, call 473-1190.

HOLIDAY INLINE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

MWR will host a Holiday Inline Hockey Tournament on **Dec. 18-19**. Divisions will include adults (age 18 years and over), advanced and intermediate levels. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers. The time will be announced. The cost is \$5 per player. For more information, call the Boards & Blades skate shop at 473-3295.

ACTIVE DUTY TENNIS CLINIC

Learn the basics of tennis at a free active duty tennis clinic at 5:30 p.m. **Dec. 22** at Wentworth tennis courts. Racquets and balls will be provided. Spouses are welcome. Register by **Dec. 20**. For more information, call 473-0610.



- **Dec. 4:** Golfing at Koolau, \$25 and up, 8 a.m.
- **Dec. 5:** Hanauma Bay snorkeling trip, \$15, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Dec. 8:** Christmas social, 7-9 p.m., Beeman Center.
- **Dec. 9:** Christmas social, 7-9 p.m., LIP.

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.



Alfie: A British bachelor in Manhattan named Alfie Elkins balances several relationships at once, but eventually his womanizing makes him question his seemingly carefree lifestyle.

Friday Night Lights: Friday Night Lights chronicles the entire 1988 season of the Permian High Panthers with football players, coaches, fans and families struggling with ongoing personal conflicts while the team fights for a state championship.

The Grudge: See Review

I Heart Huckabees: A plucky couple, the Jaffes, likes to play detective. Their latest case: a retail worker named Albert and his archenemy, Brad. Albert has faced a series of coincidences in his life, and he's hoping his new detective pals can help him figure it out.

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

Snow Day: When an entire town is closed down by an unexpected snowfall, a "snow day" begins when a group of elementary school kids try to ensure that the schools stay closed by stopping a snowplow driver.

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.

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The Grudge

"The Grudge" is yet another remake of a Japanese horror film that falls prey to clichéd boredom. Director Takashi Shimizu gives the audience creepy sounds, culminating in music and ghosts that seem to jump out of nowhere in a feeble attempt to scare the audience into enjoyment.

The film starts remarkably well with Bill Pullman's character committing suicide for no apparent reason, invoking curiosity throughout the movie. Karen and her boyfriend Doug who are exchange students in Japan, and the downhill progression starts. Karen and Doug are happily in love as per an establishing scene that rivals most after school specials.

Karen works at a Japanese health center for college credits and is given the opportunity to take care of an elderly woman. She soon learns the house is haunted and so the story begins, and ends at the same time. The legend goes like this: when a tragic crime occurs in a violent rage, a curse is born. The curse inhabits the house and anyone who enters.

What follows is lack of screenplay whatsoever. There is no character development and no real dialogue. What encompasses the movie is people walking into the house, hearing the noises, investigating those noises and the inevitable scare. Time after time the same events occur with little development or information.

Eventually the movie explains itself to a certain extent, but by then the audience has lost interest. If not for the freaky scenes with the ghosts, the movie would be a complete loss.

Horror movies are done best with quick editing, volatile scary moments and a complex screenplay that evokes emotion of some kind. As a matter of fact, any movie requires emotion and character development. The reason film is such a viable art medium is because of the emotion it inflicts, not how many times the director can make us jump with camera trickery.

OVERALL RATING:

Community Calendar

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

Blood Drives:

- **Dec. 8:** 6-10 a.m., U.S. Army ROTC, University of Hawai'i.
- **Dec. 9:** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., U. S. Air Force ROTC, University of Hawai'i.
- **Dec. 10:** 6:30 a.m.-noon, U.S. Army, AVN BDE and 314 CAV, Wheeler Air Force Base.
- **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 \$2.50 per child.

Pictures with "Surfin' Santa," sponsored by Forest City Residential Management, will be taken from 3-6 p.m. **today** at Hokuani Community Center. A photographer will take pictures of families and pets - with or without Surfin' Santa. Pets can dress up in Santa hats and antlers. No appointment is necessary. Digital images will be immediately available on compact disk, but housing residents are invited to also bring their own cameras. For more information, call 423-7713 or email jenfevillar@forestcity.net.

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**. 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.

Celebrate the international songs of the season with **Hawai'i Pacific University's International Choral and International Vocal Ensemble** as they present their third annual winter concert at 4 p.m. **Dec. 5** at Kawaiaha'o Church, located on the corner of King and Punchbowl streets in Honolulu. Titled, "O Nata Lux, O Born Light," the concert will feature holiday songs from the countries of Austria, Canada, China, France, Great Britain, India, Italy, Ukraine, Venezuela and the United States, including songs from Hawai'i. The event is free and no tickets are required. Event parking is available at the church and municipal lots. Hawai'i Pacific University's choral program, composed of the international chorale and the international vocal ensemble, is Hawai'i's first program specializing in ethnic choral literature. Through vocal performances, both groups serve as an outreach to the broader community and showcase the talents of HPU's diverse student body. For more information, call 544-1127 or e-mail sduprey@hpu.edu.

USS O'Kane 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 JICPAC Ohana Support Group will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. **Dec. 9** at Lockwood Hall, Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The ohana is a social organization

and is open to all spouses of JICPAC personnel. Children are welcome. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at Lockwood Hall. For more information, call Mona Darwich-Gatto, club president, at 497-4297 or email at m_darwich@yahoo.com.

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. 9 and 16** at Navy College, building 679, second floor, room 24B at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. For more information, contact PN1(SWAW) Aughtry at patria.oughtry@navy.mil or 474-6616, or CTA1(SW) Alomar at wilmarie.alomar@navy.mil or 471-9734, ext. 216.

Michael Walther, author of "A Guide to Hawai'i's Coastal Plants," will be at a book signing from noon-1 p.m. **Dec. 11** at the NEX. Patrons can learn about Hawai'i's plants and how to save them.

The Hickam-Pearl Harbor chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a **babysitting course** on **Dec. 11** at the Pearl Harbor Red Cross office. Youth between the ages of 11-15 can become certified babysitters by taking the Red Cross class. The cost is \$35. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call 449-0166.

Meet Don Chapman, local author of "Mauna Ala," from noon-1 p.m. **Dec. 12** at the NEX. Those attending can find out how the author compiled the artistic details about the Royal Mausoleum and the caretakers behind it.

Join Admiral and Mrs. Doran in celebrating the holiday season at a **free Boston Pops-style concert** given by the Pacific Fleet Band beginning at 6:30 p.m. **Dec. 15** at the USS Bowfin Memorial. The festive event will entertain kids of all ages and rumor has it that a special guest will be visiting all the way from the North Pole. The event is open to all military and DoD personnel, their family members and sponsored guests. Dress is aloha attire. Pets are not permitted. Free parking is available at the USS Arizona Memorial. For more information, call 474-2194, ext. 128.

Various groups from **"Our Ohana's 2nd Christmas CD"** will perform during the holiday season from 4-6 p.m. **Dec. 18** at the Navy Exchange.

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.

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.

The **University of Oklahoma** offers a master of arts in managerial economics and a master of public administration. The university's non-thesis programs can be completed in about 18 months.

It also offers one-week classes that are TDY/ITAD friendly. For more information, call 449-6364, email aphickam@ou.edu or visit their Web site at www.gouou.edu

Collecting food for the needy

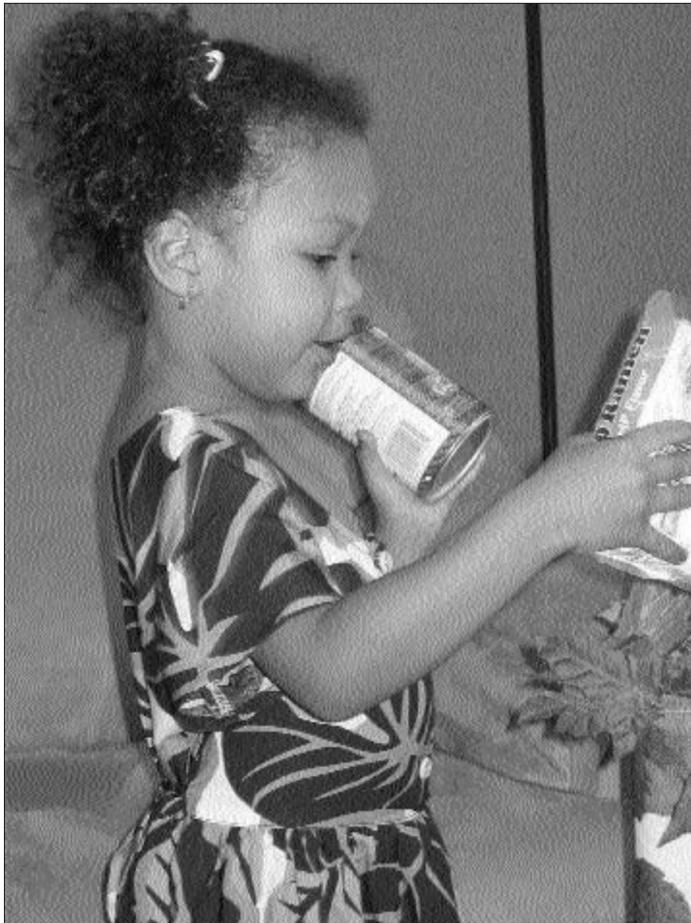


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The child of a Navy family housing resident makes her contribution to the Thanksgiving food drive for the needy, sponsored by Forest City Residential Management. Donations given by housing residents were contributed to the Hawai'i Food Bank for distribution to needy families. Forest City has extended the deadline for holiday season contributions to Dec. 20. Non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations are needed and appreciated. For more information, call 423-7713.

National Park Service announces Pearl Harbor Day events schedule

National Park Service, Pearl Harbor

The National Park Service will hold its 63rd annual Pearl Harbor Day commemoration from 7:45 to 9 a.m. Dec. 7 at the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center.

The theme for this year's program is "Voices of Pearl Harbor." The ceremony is free of charge and open to the public. General seating will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the program will commence promptly at 7:45 a.m. Attendees should allow an extra 15 minutes for parking and security. The civilian dress code is aloha crisp attire. Military dress is summer whites or service dress equivalent with ribbons, no medals.

Paul Stillwell, author and U.S. Naval Institute historian, will be the keynote speaker. Hawai'i Senator Daniel K. Inouye will be the honorary speaker and Dr. Ronald Sugar, chairman, CEO and president of Northrop Grumman Corporation and national chairman of the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund will be the special guest speaker.

The remembrance service will include military music selections, morning colors, a prayer of remembrance, wreath presentation, Hawaiian blessing, rifle salute and Taps. A moment of silence will be held as USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) passes in review and the Hawai'i Air National Guard will perform a missing man flyover.

Other Dec. 7 commemorative events will be held throughout the day.

Tours to the USS Arizona Memorial will begin at 10 a.m. The program is 75-minutes in duration with free tickets issued on a first-come, first-served basis. The last program is at 3 p.m. The

program consists of a 23-minute documentary film and a U.S. Navy water taxi ride to the USS Arizona Memorial. There will be no transportation to the memorial during the ceremony.

Special historic boat tours of Pearl Harbor will also be given. Tour one, "From Fishponds to Battleships," begins at 10 a.m. Tour two, "Keeping Their Memories Alive," begins at 11:30 a.m. Reservations for the tours may be made by calling 955-1931, ext. 3.

The general public is invited to participate in narrated, one-hour boat tours which will take visitors around historic Ford Island. All boats will depart from the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center. This program is offered separately from the normal park program. There will be no disembarking points during the tour. Advance registration is required.

Deadline for signing up is before the close of business at 3 p.m. on Dec. 3. To register, call 955-1931, ext. 3. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants may only sign up for one tour. Early registration is advised.

Park Ranger Skip Wheeler will present "From Fishponds to Battleships" which will take participants traveling through time from the geologic formation of Pearl Harbor to its importance to native Hawaiians and subsequently, to its strategic significance to the U.S. military. Discover how the history of Pearl Harbor extends far beyond Dec. 7, 1941. There will be no stop at the USS Arizona Memorial.

Park Ranger Neal Niyama will host "Keeping Their Memories Alive" which tells not only the story of duty, honor and sacrifice, but also

about family, forgiveness and gratitude. Discover this story of how both American and Japanese military survivors of Dec. 7, 1941 experienced and remembered that day. There will be no stop at the USS Arizona Memorial.

A series of book signings by nationally-renowned authors will be hosted by the Arizona Memorial Museum Association at the USS Arizona Memorial bookstore through Dec. 16:

- Paul Stillwell, historian and author of "Air Raid: Pearl Harbor! Recollections of a Day of Infamy" and "Battleship Arizona: An Illustrated History," will be available from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Dec. 6 and 9:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Dec. 7. Stillwell is considered to be one of the foremost naval historians in the country. He focused his interest on Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona in authoring two publications for the Naval Institute Press. He currently serves as the director of history for the U.S. Naval Institute in Annapolis, Md.

- Ernest Arroyo, author of "Pearl Harbor," will be at book signings from 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Dec. 5 and Dec. 11.

Gerald Meehl is the author of "Pacific War Stories: In the Words of Those Who Survived." He will sign his book from 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 15 and 16.

Strict security measures are currently being enforced at the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center.

No purses, handbags, fanny packs, backpacks, camera bags, diaper bags, luggage or other items of concealment will be allowed. Free baggage storage will be provided by the USS Submarine Bowfin Museum and Park from 6:9 a.m. Suitcases and luggage will not be accepted.

