



Taking the next **STEP**

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While busing tables at a local barbecue restaurant, Chief Intelligence Specialist Kenyan Thompson always knew he would be like one of his favorite T.V. show characters, Thomas Magnum of "Magnum P.I."

"I wanted to be just like him, a Navy intel officer," said Thompson.

Wanting to get out of his small hometown of Chattanooga Tenn., Thompson enlisted in 1991. However, Thompson's idea of a naval career did not start the way he liked.

"First of all I wanted out of my town to go explore the world," said Thompson. "I enlisted in a two-year program and wasn't qualified for the intel program. However, I stayed career oriented."

As an airplane captain for FA-18 Hornets, he took care of the aircraft performing maintenance prepping it for flights. When he had six months left in the Navy, Thompson had the opportunity to re-enlist and pick a new rating.

"I put in a package for a few ratings," said Thompson. "After a while I heard I got accepted to be an intelligence specialist."

Over the next 13 years, Thompson moved up the ranks staying focused on becoming a chief. "I always gave 110 percent," said Thompson.

Number six was Thompson's lucky number. After 14 years of service, he finally joined the chief petty officers mess while serving on the staff of Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC).

"When I first heard I made chief, there were delayed feelings because it was my sixth time," he said. "I think it really kicked in when I was at the uniform shop fitting my new khakis. I was like 'wow,' this is cool. I had a big smile on my face, but I didn't want my sponsors to see me smiling before I was pinned."

During Thompson's transitional period, he lost 15 pounds. He said he would continue his new healthy lifestyle learned through the mini boot camp trials and instill those principles at his next command.

"We spend six weeks training the selects to be functional on their first day in the chief's mess," said Submarine Squadron Seven's Command Master Chief Chris Shannon. "I think the most important idea when making the transition from blue shirt to khaki is immediately becoming the example. The junior Sailors will look to them for guidance. The way they appear, train and conduct themselves has an impact on the command," he said.

At the 2005 COMSUBPAC Chief Pinning Ceremony, Thompson's mother and wife were in attendance to pin his gold fouled anchors with the superimposed "USN".

"My mother reminded me that 10 years ago I told her if I became a chief I wanted her to pin my anchors," said Thompson. "It is only fitting that my wife was there because she has been with me through the last five disappointing years where I missed the quota always telling me I would make it some day."

Thompson was rewarded during the ceremony for a long and successful career.

"I was nervous," he said. "I said to myself, please don't mess this up."

After the ceremony ended, Thompson said he felt relieved that his hard work had paid off. But there were more changes ahead as he slipped into his role as chief petty officer.

Sept. 19 was his first full work day as a chief petty officer.

"It felt like I started my whole career over," said Thompson. "When I dressed in my new khakis, I felt different. It was like dressing every day in casual clothes to now dressing every day in a suit and tie. I was still nervous though. I wanted to make sure I looked my best," he said. "I didn't want any wardrobe malfunctions like the Janet Jackson Super bowl."

Thompson said he now understands that his work is just beginning.

"I told myself, it doesn't stop here," said Thompson. "Now my goal is help out my Sailors to get where I am and stay on the path to a successful Navy career," he said.



ISC (SW) Kenyan Thompson



Chief petty officers assigned to Naval Station Pearl Harbor witness the pinnings of the new chief petty officers.



ISC (SW) Kenyan Thompson takes time from his schedule to talk with Cryptologic Technician Specialist 2nd Class Andrew Moreno.



ISC (SW) Kenyan Thompson is pinned by his wife and mother during the 2005 COMSUBPAC Chief Petty Officer Pinning ceremony.

Commentary

Window on Pearl Harbor

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Weathering the storms...

Ever have one of those days from Hades when nothing seems to go right? Those days when "Murphy's Law" seems to be in control and everything and anything that can go wrong at the worst possible time does?

It was one of "those" days - which started off badly and continued throughout the day. I grumbled to myself as I sat in bumper-to-bumper traffic during the morning rush hour, increasingly frustrated as I wasted valuable time waiting in a long line of slowly moving cars.

The day was a continuous progression of interruptions, minor problems, slow-running computers and busy telephones - all impeding my progress. When the workday was over and I headed home, I found there were still battles to be fought.

Stopping to buy gas, I was confronted with lines of cars waiting at the pumps - to buy the precious commodity before prices were hiked the next day. The prices had already risen 14 cents a gallon since I had purchased gas a few days before, I whined to myself.

Any ideas that things would be better when I arrived home were soon squelched. Thanks to a water repair issue somewhere in the neighborhood, the water was off. My son reminded me that I had forgotten to pick up some items that he needed for school the next day. The chairman for the church women's group called to remind me that I was supposed to bring cookies for the meeting the following evening.

I trekked back to the store to get my son's supplies for school, managed to twist my leg and re-aggravate a knee injury which left me in pain and limping, and returned home to find that the water was still off.

And I still had those darned cookies to bake. I griped some more to myself about the day's events - wishing that I could have accomplished more, that the gas prices weren't steadily climbing, that the kids would remind me sooner of things they needed for school, that the water would soon be turned on, and that I didn't have to spend the rest of my evening baking those darned cookies.

I decided to relax for a brief respite from

my challenging day and watch television for a few minutes. Scenes from the horrible devastation in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina flashed across the screen. As I watched the reports of human pathos and struggles unfold, I was guilt-ridden.

The "Murphy's law" of my day was miniscule compared to what was happening to the hurricane victims. Here I was - grumbling about rush hour traffic and steadily escalating gas prices - while thousands of people in the hurricane's path were without cars, treading murky, polluted water to get to evacuation shelters.

There I was, griping because the kids didn't remind me to pick up their supplies for school sooner, when families who had been in the path of Hurricane Katrina had been separated from each other and watched loved ones swept away by flood waters.

While I was fussing about my temporary situation in not having water and the fact that I had to bake cookies by the next day, these poor people had no homes, no belongings. Many of them had lost everything they owned except the clothes on their backs.

Suddenly, although my life had been governed throughout the day by a series of minor calamities and mishaps - I recognized them for what they were: minor.

My children, my home and all of my possessions were safe. Thousands of people in the Gulf region were without food, water or a place to call home.

My problems were small and inconsequential and I would weather the small storms in my life - and be thankful for my blessings.

As stories about the hurricane victims are reported, I realize that "Murphy's Law" has treated me very kindly. You won't hear me grumbling the next time that I find myself in bumper to bumper traffic or when my day doesn't go quite right. It could be much worse.

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.)

Barber's Point Clubhouse – one of MWR's best kept secrets

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It's described as "one of MWR's best kept secrets." Patrons had an opportunity to find out what all of the fanfare is about when the grand re-opening of the new Barbers Point Clubhouse was held Wednesday.

Groundbreaking and construction on the 7,200-square-foot clubhouse, nestled on an expanse of lush green grass just off the first tee at Barbers Point Golf Course, began May 27. The project cost \$2.8 million.

The 18-hole course features a driving range, putting greens and a practice bunker. Robin Hashimoto, manager of the Barbers Point Golf Course, described the course as having a "retro" feel with "short, dog-leg holes and push-up greens that are very characteristic of a 1960s course design."

The course appeals to both seasoned and first-time golfers, according to Hashimoto.

"This is a fantastic place to play a round of golf. And with the new clubhouse, if you're not up for golf, you will still be able to enjoy a nice meal at MacGregor's Market," he remarked.



Photo by Amiee Huepenbecker

Members of the Navy Region Hawai'i leadership help cut the cake at the grand re-opening of the Barber's Point Clubhouse.

The new clubhouse features a pro shop - well stocked, wall-to-wall with accessories and logo merchandise - a restaurant, and showers with day lockers.

An Information, Tickets and Travel office is also contained within the complex.

The former clubhouse, a 50-year-old structure that was once the living quarters of a Marine commander, is scheduled to be demolished Oct. 11. The land will be converted to a parking area.

The Barbers Point Golf Course operates daily from 7

a.m.-6:30 p.m. The pro shop is open from 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. daily and golfers can use the driving range from 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m. seven days a week.

Located near Kapolei, Barbers Point Golf Club offers golfers an opportunity to "drive or dine" - and a chance to get "teed off" at the newest golf club the Navy in Hawai'i has to offer.

To reserve a tee time, call 682-1911.

For more information on programs and tournaments, visit the MWR Web site at www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Navy Marine Corps Golf Course to close for final phase of renovation

MWR Quality of Life Marketing

Navy Marine Golf Course (NMGC) will close Sept. 26 to finalize the renovation work that started in April 2005.

The renovation project includes a new irrigation system and a three million-gallon lake fronting the seventh tee, totally renovated greens complexes and renovated tees. The project is progressing as planned and the greens have been shaped and planted.

Todd Nicely, golf program director, said the front nine holes and the driving range are expected to open in spring 2006 after the new

turf has been sufficiently established. Projections call for the back nine holes to be open by summer. "The golf course will be beautiful and much improved when it reopens in 2006," Nicely said.

Additionally, the pro shop and the Breakfast on the Green snack bar will be closed during renovations.

Patrons are invited and encouraged to tee off at Barbers Point Golf Course and enjoy the newly opened clubhouse. Call 682-1911 to reserve your tee time at Barbers Point. Call 471-0142 for more information on NMGC course upgrades.

Forest City Hawai'i employees volunteer for community day

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Employees from Forest City Residential Management (FCRM) participated in Community Day on Sept. 16, helping with renovations and repairs at Aliamanu Elementary School and Makalapa Community Center. The effort represented the second year that FCRM has participated in Community Day, part of a nationwide Community Day project involving FCRM employees in community proj-

ects across the United States.

Forest City Enterprises, a real estate development company headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, created Community Day last year to demonstrate its commitment to community involvement and betterment, and to give their employees the opportunity to volunteer their time and skills to local organizations.

The community service day also exhibits the company's strong belief in its other core values, such as teamwork and performance ethic.

Projects include painting at schools and children's agencies, delivering meals to the elderly, and cleaning up beaches and waterfronts.

Forest City's volunteers in Hawai'i installed security window screens and air conditioners at Aliamanu Elementary School in Salt Lake and accomplished painting at the school. They also worked with Big Brothers & Big Sisters to do repairs and painting at Makalapa Community Center.

Forest City employees, assisted by Donald Takamiya and Calvin Yokote of WE Painting in Waipahu, donated 25 gallons of paint and several of their employees' time to the project at Makalapa Community Center.

Children at Aliamanu Elementary School expressed gratitude for the help for their school from the Forest City employees.

"I really like that you did the repainting on the sidewalk because most people don't notice it when you come to the school," explained Ryan Way.

Mehan Pomeroy noted, "It's

cool because we have enough money to do the other stuff. We haven't used the money to do the hopscotches. Instead of using it to fix up the school, we can do more important things with it."

Chad Ullery was happy that the Forest City employees wanted to pitch in and help the school.

"I love it. It's cool because we don't really get that much stuff that people do for us," he said.

"Our first Community Day event was such a success that we knew right away it would become an annual event," said Charles A. Ratner, president and chief executive officer of Forest City Enterprises. "The number of lives and organizations that our associates are affecting, just by the work they are doing on this one day, is a significant accomplishment and we are looking forward to building relationships with our neighbors."

Forest City currently manages Navy housing projects in Hawai'i at Halsey Terrace, Hokulani, McGrew Point, Moanalua Terrace and Radford Terrace.



Photo courtesy of Forest City Residential Management

Forest City Residential Management employees repaint hopscotch lines on a sidewalk at Aliamanu Elementary School.



Photo courtesy of Forest City Residential Management

A Forest City Residential Management employee pitches in to help with a project at Aliamanu Elementary School as part of the second annual Community Day held Sept. 16.

TriWest and DoD reach out to displaced military families and retirees

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

Prompt, decisive and coordinated action by TriWest Healthcare Alliance and the Department of Defense is ensuring continuity of care for military families and retirees displaced by Hurricane Katrina throughout the 21-state TRICARE West Region.

Working in conjunction with the TRICARE Regional Office-West in San Diego (the DoD agency that administers the mil-

itary's health plan in the West Region), TriWest has mobilized their organization to reach out to the more than 44,000 active duty military family members ordered to evacuate military installations affected by the storm, some of whom have relocated to the TRICARE West region.

"We have trained staff on the ground at the nearly 100 military treatment facilities and TRICARE service centers throughout the region," said Rear Adm. Nancy Lescavage, western regional director of the Defense

Department's TRICARE program. "Our top priority is providing accurate information to displaced beneficiaries' and ensuring that they have access to medical care whenever and wherever they are."

TriWest also is delivering posters, brochures and wallet cards to evacuation centers and shelter locations in more than a dozen states, and has posted a comprehensive Hurricane Katrina web portal at www.triwest.com, to provide specific information, additional resources

and helpful links. Call center agents at 1-888-TRIWEST are advising displaced beneficiaries how to access care, answering questions about health care options, processing authorizations, referrals and enrollments.

"We know that our beneficiaries need their medications, they need to continue dialysis or chemotherapy treatment, and they don't need red tape," explained David J. McIntyre Jr. president and CEO of TriWest Healthcare Alliance. "We are meeting the need on the phone,

on the web and at military facilities. TriWest field service personnel are holding briefings at sites with large clusters of relocated or displaced beneficiaries throughout the region, including Arizona, Utah, Texas, Washington, Kansas and Missouri. Our mission is to get information and resources into the hands of those who need it."

For TRICARE customer service or to locate a health care provider in the west region, call 1-888-874-9378 or visit www.triwest.com.

Skylark Central

It Can't Be Done

By Berton Braley

The man who misses all the fun
 Is the man who says "it can't be done."
 In solemn pride he stand aloof
 And greets each venture with reproof.
 Had he the power he'd efface
 The history of the human race;
 We'd have no radio or motor cars,
 No streets lit by electric stars;
 No telegraph nor telephone,
 We'd linger in the age of stone.
 The world would sleep if things were run
 By men who say, "It can't be done."

Which president said...?

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 W A R S U R E O F P E A C E N A V Y I S
 T H E A T I O . I T N T O " A G N O T
 O V O C I S

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message.

"Never a good sign"



What ship am I?

Answer: USS Enterprise

- I am the 8th U.S. Naval vessel to carry my name; the first one was launched in 1755 as a one-masted sailing ship that served during the American Revolution and its displacement was only about 1/1000 of mine.
- My construction began 4 Feb. 1958 and I was launched on 24 Sept. 1960 as the largest ship afloat.
- My waterline is 317 meters long and I have a beam of 40.5m
- I am powered by eight pressurized water-cooled A2W nuclear reactors and 4 geared steam turbines by Westinghouse, which produce 280,000 horsepower. With this power I can travel 140,000 nautical miles at 36 knots or 400,000 n.m. at 20 knots.
- Cost of construction was 450 million dollars.
- I carry 94 aircraft which can include F-14A Tomcat, A-7E Corsair II, A-6E Intruder, S-3A Viking, EA-6B Prowler, E-2C Hawk Eye and SH-3H Sea King helicopters.
- I am the first nuclear powered aircraft carrier
- I am also known as the "Big E"



Are you a puzzle master?

HNN is accepting answers to this week's puzzle and "Know your Navy" question. Email answers to hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com. The first correct answer will have his/her name printed in next week's edition.

Know your Navy

To be effective CPR must start within how many minutes of cardiac arrest?

Last week's question...

Who was the first Chief of Naval Operations to have started as an enlisted Sailor?

Answer - Adm. Mike Boorda



Movie Call

Sharkey Theater
Naval Station Pearl Harbor
(473-0726)

TODAY

7:00 p.m. The Great Raid (R)

SATURDAY

2:30 p.m. Sky High (PG)

4:45 p.m. Must Love Dogs (PG 13)

6:45 p.m. Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo (R)

SUNDAY

2:30 p.m. Valiant (G)

4:30 p.m. The Skeleton Key (PG 13)

7:00 p.m. Four Brothers (R)

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. The Skeleton Key (PG 13)

Memorial Theater
Hickam Air Force Base
(449-2239)

TODAY

7:00 p.m. Valiant (G)

SATURDAY AND THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Valiant (G)

SUNDAY

7:00 p.m. Four Brothers (R)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Four Brothers (R)

Sgt. Smith Theater
Schofield Barracks
(624-2585)

TODAY

7:00 p.m. Dukes of Hazzard (PG 13)

SATURDAY

7:00 p.m. Dukes of Hazzard (PG 13)

SUNDAY

7:00 p.m. The Great Raid (R)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. The Great Raid (R)

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Supercross (PG 13)

Editor's note: Every effort has been made to provide the most up-to-date information at the time of publication. However, scheduling of these events is subject to change. It is recommended that you call the contact numbers for the individual events to determine whether or not the activity will be held.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE EVENTS

• **Sept. 29:** Surf kayaking, 8:30 a.m., \$20. Register by **Sept. 26.**

PEE WEE SOCCER SIGN-UP

Pee Wee Soccer registration will be held through **today**. The season begins **Oct. 15**. The cost is \$35 and includes a T-shirt, medal and certificate. To register for youth sports activities, bring current physical (dated no more than a year ago) and birth certificate. Leagues are open to family members of active duty, retirees, reservists and DoD civilians. For more information, call 474-3501.

MWR GARAGE SALE

MWR will host a garage sale from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. **Sept. 24** at Barbers Point Golf Course snack bar. Admission is free. Used equipment, including restaurant and office furnishings and equipment, golf clubs, tables, chairs and more will be for sale. The sale is open to all eligible MWR patrons (MWR employees are not eligible to purchase). All items will be sold "as is" and no refunds. Purchases must be made on Sept. 24 with optional pickup day of Sept. 26. Cash and checks accepted with valid DoD identification card. For more information, call 473-0606.

PAMPERED PLEASURES

Five lucky winners will be selected to receive "A Day of Pampering,"

valued at \$185, courtesy of MWR, NEX and O•P•I Products. Grand prize winners will receive a one-hour full body massage, a 45-minute facial, hairstyling (shampoo, cut and blow dry), a manicure and pedicure, and an O•P•I gift bag. In addition, 50 people will be selected to receive the "Pampered Nails" prize valued at \$60. Winners will receive a full manicure and pedicure service from an O•P•I professional (scheduled between Oct. 16-18 at The Banyans) and an O•P•I gift bag. Entries should be submitted no later than **Sept. 25** by visiting www.greatlife-hawaii.com. Entries will also be accepted at the beauty salon in The Mall at Pearl Harbor. The drawing is open to all eligible MWR patrons. (The five grand prize winners must have NEX shopping privileges.) Winners will be selected by a random drawing. There is one prize per winner and one entry per person. For more information, call 423-3397.

REGISTER FOR SUPER GARAGE SALE & CRAFT FAIR

The next MWR Super Garage Sale & Craft Fair is set for **Nov 5**. Those who wish to participate as vendors can register early at any Navy Information, Tickets & Travel Office. The information about the event and the application can be found online at www.greatlife-hawaii.com.

OCEAN CONCEPTS ACTIVITIES

Ocean Concepts Scuba and Water Sports Adventure Center offers daily boat dives, air fills, equipment rentals and repairs. They also provide free transportation from Pearl Harbor to the dive site. The next PADI Rescue Diver Course, Emergency First Responder (EFR)/DAN Oxygen Provider Course will be held through **Sept. 25**. Slots are available. For more

information on the course or other classes and scheduled trips, call 422-5990.

TAILGATING TIME

University of Hawai'i football season and MWR brings party time to Richardson Field. Rent a stall for your tailgate party before each UH home football game and you'll receive free amenities provided by MWR - free ice to re-fill your coolers, prizes, games and fun activities. Stall rentals are open to all military ID cardholders. Party stalls are \$5 each and are large enough to accommodate one vehicle. Stalls are limited. To reserve a space or for more information, call the Rainbow Bay Marina office at 473-0279.

VOLUNTEER COACHES AND OFFICIALS NEEDED

Boys & Girls Clubs of Navy Hawai'i is looking for volunteer coaches and officials in a variety of sports and cheerleading. If you have a few hours to spare for a good cause, call the youth sports office at 474-3501.

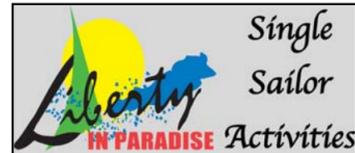
STROLLER STRIDE

Moms and dads can participate in Stroller Stride, a fitness program for parents and fun for the babies. Join the Stroller Stride group from 8:30-9:30 a.m. each Monday and Wednesday at Ward Field at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The cost is \$25 per month to attend only one day per week or \$40 per month to attend two days per week. For more information, call 473-0793.

BECOME A CHILD DEVELOPMENT HOMES PROVIDER

Become a Child Development Homes (CDH) provider and have an opportunity to earn income by working at home. The greatest benefit is caring for your own children and

children of other military families while assisting in their positive growth and development. CDHs provide warm, family settings where children participate in developmentally appropriate learning activities and build trusting relationships with a caring and well-trained provider. The program offers flexible work hours and a source of income, as part of the federally-funded USDA Child Care Food Program, transferable certification and more. For more information, call the CDH office at 471-8444.



- **Today:** Halo 2 Tournament, 7 p.m., LIP, free with ID.
- **Sept. 24:** Kualoa Ranch ATV/horseback riding, depart from LIP at 9 a.m., \$52-\$92.
- **Sept. 25:** Surf lessons with Jodi, 10 a.m., \$7.
- **Sept. 26:** Monday Night Football, 7 p.m., LIP, free.
- **Sept. 27:** Ruth's Chris Steak House, meet at LIP at 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 28:** Game Show Night, 6:30 p.m., Beeman Center, free.
- **Sept. 29:** Pool Tournament, 7 p.m., LIP, free.
- **Sept. 30:** X-treme parasail, meet at LIP at 9 a.m., \$40.

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 hmn@honoroluaadvertiser.com or fax 473-2876. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's issue. Items will run on a space available basis.

Blood drives will be held at the following locations. For more information or to schedule a blood drive, call 433-6148 or 433-6195.

- **Sept. 28:** IPAC (Installation Personnel Administration Center), Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe, time to be announced.
- **Sept. 29:** 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 25th ID Replacement Det, building 691, Schofield Barracks.

The Navy Exchange (NEX) **Uniform Shop** relocated to its bigger and newly-renovated home in building 1337 (formerly the NAVSTA Bowling Center next to Club Pearl) and will open **today**.

VP-4 Enlisted Family Support Group (EFSG) 1st Annual Golf Scramble will be **Nov. 2** at the Klipper Golf Course at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with shotgun start at noon. The deadline to register is **Sept. 30**. After Sept. 30, contact the golf committee for availability. Prizes will awarded for the longest drive, closest to the pin and the overall team score. Ticket prices are as follows: E-5 and below \$50, E6-O3 \$57, O4 and above \$59, DoD/federal/civilian, \$65. The entrance fee for retired military applies to prior rate. Family members pay the same rate as military spouses. The fee includes: greens fee, cart fee (two per team), awards dinner, one raffle ticket, snacks and beverages. There will be an awards dinner for family and friends at a cost of \$27 for adults, \$13.50 for children ages five-10 and no charge for children under four years old. For more information, log onto: <http://efsg.tripod.com/> For more information, call 677-2059 or email VP-4 EFSG president, Jhyllia Eagle, at alohaegle1@aol.com or VP-4 vice-president, Prairie Burt, at PBAdpi@aol.com.

The **USS Hopper Ohana** will meet at 6:30 p.m. **Oct. 4** in the fellowship hall of the Pearl Harbor Main Chapel. The event will feature a fall harvest party for Hopper keiki and their parents. Children will be doing an art project titled, "What my parent does on Hopper." The finished works of art will be delivered to the ship to be displayed, along with pictures of the artists, on Hopper during Fleet Week in San Francisco. Pizza and other treats will be provided at the party and there will be a drawing for a door prize. Those who plan to attend should RSVP by **Sept. 30** to hopperohana70@yahoo.com For more information, call 683-1134.

The **Navy Enlisted Birthday Ball** will begin at 6 p.m. **Oct. 1** at Hilton Hawaiian Village. For tickets or for more information, Navy personnel should contact their command representative or command master chief.

The **Navy Officers' Birthday Ball** will begin at 6 p.m. **Oct. 8** at Hilton Hawaiian Village. For tickets or more information, Navy personnel should contact their command representative.

Pouhala Marsh Work Days have been scheduled for cleanup and removal of pickle weeds at the north end of Pearl Harbor's West Loch. The project will cover a Hawaiian fish pond and coastal marsh of about 70 acres. Volunteers are needed for the follow-

ing dates and times: 8:30-11:30 a.m. **Oct. 8, Nov. 5** and **Dec. 3**. Anyone who is interested in participating should call 473-1203 or e-mail adelina.lope@navy.mil.

In observance of **Fire Prevention Week**, the Federal Fire Department on Oahu will conduct a series of displays and demos at various locations around Oahu.

- **Oct. 11** - 9-10:30 a.m., Aliamanu Elementary School, Salt Lake: Live fire and fire truck demo and live stage show with Sparky and Smokey.
 - **Oct. 14** - 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Pearl Harbor NEX Commissary, Radford Drive: Fire truck display, "house of hazards" and Sparky the Fire Dog.
- For more information, call Inspector Victor M. Flint (FFD) at 474-7785.

Naval Health Clinic Hawai'i will present a three-day **health promotion workshop** from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. **Oct. 26-28** at Navy Training Center, building 679 (formerly Navy College). The workshop is designed for Navy instructors who wish to improve their presenting skills on such topics as nutrition, fitness, tobacco awareness, alcohol awareness, healthy heart and sexual responsibility. Deadline to register is **Oct. 14**. For more information, call 471-9355.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is seeking **Navy volunteers to help with the MDA dinner and auction** to be held **Nov. 19** at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel in Waikiki. The evening's activities include a silent auction and a live auction. Volunteers are needed to assist with the auctions. MDA will provide a free dinner to each volunteer. For more information, call 593-4454.

The 2005 Shop NEX "**shop and win**" bumper stickers are available at any Navy Exchange location. Patrons can place a bumper sticker on their cars for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate from the Navy Exchange; winners are selected weekly. Winners are then entered in a grand prize drawing for a \$2,000 shopping spree at the Navy Exchange.

The Hickam Hurricanes **swimming team is looking for a head coach**. Previous coaching experience is desirable. The team also has an immediate opening for an assistant coach. No previous coaching experience is required for the assistant coach position. For more information, contact Peggy Glasgow at 389-5063 or email at information@hickamhurricanes.com with a current resume.

How to contact **TriWest/TRICARE services** - Beneficiaries can contact TriWest with enrollment; Primary Care Manager and address changes; program benefits questions; claims status; fee payments and locating network providers in the area by calling 1-888-TRIWEST (1-888-874-9378), visiting their web site at www.triwest.com, or visiting TRICARE Service Centers located at Makalapa Medical Clinic and Kaneohe Bay Medical Clinic. The TRICARE Service Center located at the Pearl Harbor Makalapa Clinic is open from 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. The TRICARE Service Center located at the Kaneohe Clinic is open from 7-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m.

Welcome Baby support group: All expectant and new moms are invited to attend. The group meets twice a month. Children are welcome to attend. For more information or to reserve a spot, call Terri or Susan at 363-1897.



Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo: Deuce Bigalow is seduced back to his unlikely pleasure-for-pay profession, when his former pimp is implicated in the murders of Europe's greatest gigolos.

The Dukes of Hazzard: Bo and Luke Duke, who with the help of their eye-catching cousin Daisy and moonshine running Uncle Jesse, try and save the family farm from being destroyed by Hazzard County's corrupt commissioner Boss Hogg.

Four Brothers: After their adoptive mother is murdered, the Mercer brothers reunite to take the matter of her death into their own hands.

The Great Raid: Set in the Philippines in 1945, "The Great Raid" tells the true story of the 6th Ranger Battalion who undertake a daring rescue mission against all odds.

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The Skeleton Key: Caroline takes a job in Louisiana, caring for Ben, a stroke-victim who is bed-ridden and cannot speak. But Caroline becomes suspicious of the house. After acquiring a skeleton key, Caroline makes her way into a secret room within the attic where she discovers instruments for practicing voodoo.

Sky High: When you're the son of the world's most legendary superheroes, there is only one school for you - Sky High, an elite high school that is entrusted with the responsibility of molding today's power-gifted students. The problem is that Will is starting with no superpowers of his own.

Supercross: Two brothers overcome emotional and physical obstacles to achieve success in the competitive world of Supercross racing.

Valiant: A lowly wood pigeon named Valiant overcomes his small size to become a hero in Great Britain's Royal Air Force Homing Pigeon Service during World War II.

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The 'chick flick,' as perceived by many, is a movie in which lots of hugging, kissing and exploring of feelings develop so as to bring together a man and woman in a sentimental tear jerking finale. Albeit a terrible label for a genre, it pretty much sums up "Must Love Dogs."

In the beginning of the film we meet Sarah and Jake, who are both recently divorced. They feel both emptiness and worthlessness as friends and family try to set them up on weird dates. Both explore the Internet as a dating tool and wind up not with a partner, but a really peculiar story about a really peculiar person. But then they meet each other and our story begins. Nothing really happens as Sarah and Jake learn about each other. There are moments of poignancy and true depth, but usually they're followed by a cheap laugh.

John Cusack is the only noteworthy element of the film. Were it not for his quick-witted banter, the picture would be left for the dogs. Cusack possesses an everyman complex that relates well with audiences, especially women. He's no Brad Pitt, but is more held up by his charm and likeability.

But even the wordplay of Cusack can't save the film from being a traditionally woeful experience. The movie follows a predictable path, exposing the lighter and more childlike aspects of loss and infidelity, rather than exploring its true meaning and nature. It's essential to mark "When Harry Met Sally" as a true and elevated bar by which all romantic comedies should follow.

Its use of poignancy and comedy directly correlate to a substantial candor about relationships. "Must Love Dogs" doesn't even come close to an understanding of divorce or relationships after divorce, because it's too busy meddling in its own self-pity and genre-crushing stereotypes.

OVERALL RATING: