

Ladies

of the

high seas



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It is a long-standing nautical tradition to refer to a ship as "she" or "her" even though the majority of naval ships have been named for men who have contributed to the history of the country and America's sea service.

But Lady Washington, USS Higbee, Harriet Lane, USS Hopper and USS Florence Nightingale are just a few examples of vessels that have been named for the fairer gender, recognizing the significant role that females have played in the history of our country.

Travel back to 1776 for the commissioning of the gunboat, Lady Washington. Named in honor of Martha Washington, the first "first lady" of America and the wife of President George Washington, Lady Washington was the first American armed ship named for a woman. Constructed by the state of New York to defend the Hudson River, she was a row galley, a small wooden river gunboat. Lady Washington was commanded by then-

General George Washington and remained active through 1777.

In 1857, the first U.S. armed ship in service with the Navy to be named for a woman was launched. She was named Harriet Lane, after the niece of President James Buchanan. Harriet served as the White House hostess at the time since Buchanan was a bachelor. Originally a revenue cutter, the Harriet Lane was transferred to Navy

er, was named in honor of Lenah S. Higbee who served as superintendent of the Navy Nurse Corps from 1911-1922. Commissioned in January 1945, USS Higbee was the first ship to be laid down, christened and commissioned for a woman who had served in the U.S. Navy. With service in the Fast Carrier Force, she was also the first ship that was named for a woman to see combat. USS Hopper (DDG-

service in 1858 and was later returned to the Revenue Cutter Service. But in 1861, with the start of the Civil War, the ship was again transferred to the Navy. She was captured by the Confederates at Galveston, Texas in January 1863. Harriet Lane wasn't returned to service at the end of the war.

USS Higbee (DD-806), a Gearing-class destroy-

70), an Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer that was built in 1996, was named after Rear Adm. Grace Murray Hopper. The ship was built and commissioned at Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine. Rear Adm. Hopper was a computer technology pioneer who led the Navy into the computer age.

Launched in 2000, USNS Mary Sears (T-

AGS-65) was named for Navy Cmdr. Mary Sears (1905-1997). Cmdr. Sears was a leading oceanographer and was associated with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) at Woods Hole, Mass. throughout her career.

USS Katrina, USS Eliza Hayward, USS Miss Toledo, USS Princess Matioka, USS Sara Thompson, USS Jane II and many more. Many of these ships served in either or both World War I and World War II as well as the years in between. Although some of the names came from a previous owner, all of the ships were commissioned in the Navy.

Recognizing the contributions of these notable women and numerous others, President George W. Bush issued a proclamation for Women's History Month 2006. "Women continue to strengthen our nation and the world by excelling as leaders in all walks of life, including business, law, politics, family life, education, community service, science, medicine and the arts," he said.

Encouraging all Americans to pay tribute to the achievements and contributions of American women, he reminded, "The brave women who wear the uniform of the United States Armed Forces are helping to lay the foundations of peace and freedom for generations to come."

The listing of the "ladies of the sea" includes others not so well known, but no less important. On that list, you can find USS Miss Betsy, USS Guinevere,

Lyon, and USS Susan B. Anthony (AP-72). In a slight departure from the female naming pattern, USS Roosevelt (DDG-80) was named for both Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt.

The sternwheel river steamer Bloomer was launched in 1856. Named for feminist Amelia Bloomer, the ship was captured from Confederates in 1862 and served in the U.S. Navy from 1863-1865. Harbor tugs, Sacagawea (YT-326) (1942-1944), Watseka (YT-387), 1944, and Pocahontas (YT-266),

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Commentary

Window on Pearl Harbor

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Celebratin' the wearin' o' the green

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Gosh and begorah! It would seem that somehow in the midst of celebrations of ethnicities and cultures, the Irish folk have been given lesser significance. Think about it – we celebrate such observances as African-American Heritage, Native American culture, Women's History Month, etc. for a whole month. But we have relegated our observance of Irish culture to just one day – St. Patrick's Day which occurs on March 17.

Leapin' leprechauns – that seems such a travesty - so since I come from a strong Irish, albeit Scotch-Irish heritage, I thought that I could at least familiarize you with some very basic information about Irish heritage.

There are a lot of things that people associate with the Irish – leprechauns, shamrocks, the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, corned beef and cabbage and, of course, the traditional gatherings on St. Patrick's Day at pubs and taverns to enjoy some brew – colored green, of course.

But how much do you really know about the Irish and Irish culture? Hmm...just as I thought...but not to worry, I can share with you some of the basics before you start your own journey to learn about the "wearin' o' the green" and all things Irish.

St. Patrick's Day was so named for the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick. St. Patrick was one of Christianity's most widely known figures and St. Patrick's Day observes the date of his death, March 17, around 460 A.D. St. Patrick's Day has been observed as a religious holiday by the Irish for more than 1,500 years.

However, the famous account that tells of St. Patrick banishing all of the snakes from Ireland is the typical product of Irish storytelling – but not true.

St. Patrick's Day is always celebrated with a traditional Irish parade in many cities – the most famous of these in New York City. As it happens, the first

St. Patrick's Day parade took place in the United States, not in Ireland, as Irish soldiers who served in the English military marched through New York City on March 17, 1762. It was a proud moment for many Irish when President Truman attended the St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City in 1948.

The story of the Irish in America is a story of strife and struggles and tells of courageous Irish immigrants who came to America to escape starvation – only to fight stereotypes and racial prejudice in their quest to find acceptance in America.

If you have some Irish ancestry, you are one of about 34 million people in the United States and one of about 70 million people worldwide who claim Irish heritage. Irish is the leading ancestry group in three states: Delaware, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Irish is also among the top five ancestries in every state, but two – Hawai'i and New Mexico.

There are nine places in the United States that share the name of Ireland's capital, Dublin. The two most populous of these Dublins are Dublin, Calif. and Dublin, Ohio.

So how about some of those things that we consider symbolic of the Irish. The shamrock, a three-leafed clover, has long held a place in Irish culture. Also called the "seamroy" by the Celts, the shamrock was a sacred plant in ancient Ireland because it symbolized the rebirth of spring. It later became representative for the Irish as they wore the shamrock as a symbol of their pride in their heritage.

Irish music is often associated with St. Patrick's Day and Irish culture. It has been an important part of Irish life since the ancient days of the Celts. Because it stirred emotion and helped to unite the people, music was outlawed by the English. Queen Elizabeth I decreed that all artists and pipers were to be arrested and hanged on the spot.

Traditionally, many Irish Americans share a meal of corned beef and cab-

bage on St. Patrick's Day. While cabbage has long been an Irish food, corned beef only began to be associated with the Irish holiday at the turn of the century. Irish immigrants who lived on the lower east side of New York City substituted corned beef for their traditional dish of Irish bacon to save money.

And I really hate to be the one to break this to you, but leprechauns have nothing to do with St. Patrick or the celebration of St. Patrick's Day. In actuality, Irish leprechauns or "lobaircin" as they are known by in the Irish language, means "small-bodied fellow." The Celts believed in fairies, tiny men and women who could use their magical powers for good and evil. In Celtic folklore, leprechauns were cranky souls who were known for their trickery and they often used such deception to protect their fabled treasures.

But in 1959 with the release of a Walt Disney film, "Darby O'Gill and the Little People," America was introduced to a purely American invention, a cheerful, friendly leprechaun. It became a recognizable symbol of St. Patrick's Day and Ireland, but was a very different leprechaun from the cantankerous little fellow derived from Irish folk tales.

The Irish are also known for many wise – and oft witty – sayings. One of the most famous Irish blessings goes like this:

"May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you,
In the palm of his hand."

Whether or not you are an Irish lad or lassie, may the luck of the Irish be yours today and have a fine Navy day here in paradise.

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



Photo by Mark Jackson

Maj. Gen. Gale S. Pollock, commanding general of Tripler Army Medical Center, presented a patient safety information at Tripler's Kyser Auditorium on March 6.

Patient safety briefings presented to military health care recipients

Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs Office

An open-house discussion on patient safety in the military health care system was held at Tripler Army Medical Center's Kyser Auditorium on March 6. Maj. Gen. Gale S. Pollock, commanding general of Tripler, was the keynote speaker. A second briefing was offered at the Cobra Den, Schofield Barracks Health Clinic.

"Tripler and Schofield Barracks Health Clinic are committed to providing the highest quality care with an emphasis on patient safety," said Pollock.

Pollock discussed what is currently being done to ensure patient safety and what will be done in the future to prevent errors and improve the safety and qual-

ity of care for all military health care beneficiaries.

"Medical science and technology have advanced at an unprecedented rate," said Pollock. "There is more to know, more to manage, more to watch and more people involved."

Pollock said that translating knowledge into practice and applying new technologies safely and appropriately is one of the challenges health care faces for the future.

"Health care organizations must create an environment in which patient safety is the top priority," said Pollock. "The need for patient safety affects every nation, every state and all health care locations. It's not unique to military health care," she said.

For more information, call Tripler's patient safety office at 433-2464.

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Hawaii Navy News

Food inspectors ensure food safety

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U.S. Army food inspectors work to protect the health of the public, including military personnel and family members, retirees and anyone else authorized to shop or eat food on military installations. In addition, they help to look out for the financial interests of the United States Government and its procurement of food items.

The Army food inspectors fall under the veterinary field and are the Department of Defense (DOD) executive agents for inspecting food for the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. Here in Hawai'i, they are responsible for inspecting all food delivered on military bases - Schofield Barracks, Fort Shafter, Pearl Harbor, Barbers Point, Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe, Aliamanu Military Reservation, and many other locations on Oahu, Kauai, Maui, Big

Island and even American Samoa.

The food inspectors have offices located in all the major Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) commissaries where they spend most of their day inspecting deliveries and performing walk-through inspections of the numerous commissary departments.

Having a food inspection office located at the commissary allows the inspector the best opportunity to inspect the foods being delivered to the store, keeping in mind that commissaries handle approximately 75 percent of all the food that travels on each installation. Having their office at the commissary does not stop them from traveling to visit and inspect foods at the shoppettes, exchanges, food courts, Morale, Welfare and Recreation restaurants, contracted restaurants (Burger King, McDonalds, etc.), child development centers and naval vessels, to name a few.

The food inspector workday begins at the commissary with the first delivery at about 6 a.m. and continues throughout the day with

several deliveries each day. During these deliveries, inspectors are verifying proper delivery temperature, proper quantity and quality, that items originate from an approved food source and countless other checks. In between deliveries, you can find them walking the commissary sales floor - checking cooler and freezer temperatures, checking each store department to ensure that proper food handling and personal hygiene practices are being followed, proper condition of food items on the sales floor, and providing assistance to customers who may have questions regarding foods sold in the commissary. You can recognize the food inspector; they are the ones wearing the white lab coats and berets while indoors, or simply ask a commissary representative to page them.

One of their numerous missions, and perhaps one of the most important at the commissary, is to handle customer complaints regarding food items. When a customer has a complaint with a food item, he can return the food item to the customer service department at the

commissary. With help from a customer service representative, the customer can fill out a DeCA Form 40-45, Food Quality Report, which details the product information: when it was purchased, what was wrong with it, as well as how it was handled. This DeCA Form 40-45, along with the returned food item, is forwarded to the food inspection office.

The first thing the food inspector does with the returned food item is check its date and code with the same item that is on the sales floor. If the date and code match the item, it is removed from the sales floor until the food inspector has completed his inspection. The inspector will then open several packages of the food item to determine whether the problem exists within the store or whether this is an isolated incident. Upon completing the inspection, the food inspector will provide a disposition on the food item in question: return to the sales floor, throw away, or even send to the food laboratory for additional testing. The commissary will then contact the person

who completed the Food Quality Report, if they requested this, and let them know the food inspector's findings.

Even if you no longer have the item to return to the commissary or feel like the problem was no big deal, customers are encouraged to fill out a DeCA Food Quality Report. The food inspector can still check on the complaint without the returned food item and it allows them to determine whether the problem was "no big deal."

The customer plays an important role in food safety within our community. Without their help in letting the commissary know they might have a possible problem, someone may end up eating that food item and getting sick. The food inspectors are there to serve and protect customers, but without patrons' help, this sometimes can be very challenging.

If you have a complaint or maybe even just a question regarding food, visit your local installation commissary and ask to see a commissary customer service representative or U.S. Army food inspector.

Navy families rake in awards

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Some Navy families who won Yard of the Month honors in family housing non-public private venture (PPV) neighborhoods in January had an opportunity to see the fruits of their labors - not only a sense of pride in their well-kept, neatly manicured lawns, but as award winners in the Yard of the Month program.

Trimming, mowing, raking, hard work and some green thumb savvy all combined to make lawn showcases for the winners.

A judging panel comprised of command family housing representatives (CFHRs) tours the neighborhoods and decides the winners. In addition to the privilege of displaying a sign in the yard announcing their selection as overall neighborhood winners, the honorees receive a gift certificate for 20 percent off purchases at the Navy Exchange Garden Shop.

Yard of the Month winners for January were: Petty Officer Layaka Young and family, Camp Stover; Chief Petty Officer Mark Wilson and family, Catlin Park; CS1 Terry D. Moller and family, Doris Miller Park; Petty Officer Charles Arnold and family, Hale Moku; Lt. j.g.



staff, Navy Region Hawai'i and commanding officer, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, presents CS1 Terry Moller and his family with a certificate from Navy Region Hawai'i for their selection as the Yard of the Month winner for Doris Miller family housing for January.

Demetric Felton and family, Little Makalapa; Capt. T.L. Polich and family, Makalapa; PO Zina Henshaw and family, Manana; and PO Lawrence Thomas and family,

NCTAMS.

Yard of the Month awards are also given to Navy residents in public-private venture (PPV) neighborhoods that are managed by Forest

City Residential Management (FCRM) and similar awards are presented to those residents.

U.S. Navy photo by Navy Family Housing Capt. Taylor Skardon, chief of

MWR offers entertainment for Navy families

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Bounce houses, games, family activities and a movie - free family fun and movie nights are what's happening at Navy installations around Oahu as Navy Region Hawai'i's Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosts the fun extravaganza.

The next family fun and movie night will be today at the field near the bowling alley at the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) near Wahiawa. Children under the age of 10 years must be supervised by someone 16 years or older.

A full schedule of family fun activities is planned, which will begin at 4 p.m. and run until 7 p.m.

The movie presentation, "Home on the Range," (rated PG) begins at 7 p.m. It's a cartoon tale about a greedy outlaw named Alameda Slim (voiced by Randy Quaid) who

schemes to take possession of the "Patch of Heaven" dairy farm. But he meets his match when three determined cows (the voices of Roseanne Barr, Dame Judi Dench and Jennifer Tilly), a karate-kicking stallion named Buck (voice talents by Cuba Gooding Jr. and a colorful corral of critters join forces to save the farm.

Movie going patrons will be treated to free cotton candy and popcorn.

"The first portion of the family movie night allows for families to float among the various games and activities provided. After a few hours of "playing hard," they can wind down with a family-oriented movie under the stars, including free popcorn," explained Lara Katine, special events coordinator for Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Family fun and movie nights will be offered on Fridays and Saturdays at various Navy installations.

For more information, call 471-8658.

Skylark Central

St. Patrick's Day Crossword Puzzle

- Across
- Saint Patrick's Day event
 - In the same book or chapter, for short
 - Hesitant sounds
 - Pencil mark remover
 - Famous painting, with "Lisa"
 - U.S. agency for well-being
 - Morsel
 - Mug part
 - Place to catch a train, for short
 - Ms. Gabor
 - Irish Lore: Kissing it shall bring skill in Flatbary
 - Letter of the alphabet
 - Exists
 - Paulo completer
 - 12 mo. period
 - Initials of the actor who starred in "Barefoot in the Park" (1967)
 - Mr. Sayer
 - Something said to an Understudy on Saint Patrick's Day: "You should be on _____ should the actor we hired to play Saint Patrick not show up today."
 - Execute
 - Irish person, in ancient times
 - Goose Egg
 - Word with Dai
 - Tic Toe connector
 - Goddess of Harvests
 - Long slender feather, without the "kle"
 - Layer of cloth or wood
 - Stuff in a bottle on a desk
 - Controversial gr.
 - It'll turn "ee" into a Swedish Furniture Company
 - "Rebel Without a Cause" (1955) name
 - Electric discharges
 - Brother of Odin, in Scandinavian mythology
 - Certain body condition
 - Find out
 - He (Initials) recorded "Veronica"
 - Mr. Mercury sang it: "_____ are the Champions"
 - Hostile Attack, without the "oad"
 - Elvis flick: "_____ Blues" (1960)
 - Some blood types: _____Positive or _____Negative
 - Ireland Forever!
 - "To" to a Scot
 - Wedding announcement word
 - "No" to a Scot
 - Intention
 - Suffix to "Entrepren"
 - It used to be known as Persia
 - Word with Irish

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- Down
- Wilma's daughter, minus the "les"
 - Seed coat
 - Pro follower
 - Equally
 - Bruce and Laura
 - Canal Completer
 - Song by The Beatles: "_____ a Loser"
 - On Saint Patrick's Day, a large #1A is held here
 - Within
 - Popular song on Saint Patrick's big Day
 - Compass point
 - Hit show from Ireland
 - Decorations on Saint Patrick's Day
 - Song by Irish singer, Van Morrison: "#9D the _____"
 - Disturbance of the public peace
 - German word for "Hall"
 - Noun-forming suffix
 - Celebrity of Irish Folklore
 - Ms. Klensch the Fashion Correspondent
 - Because of Saint Patrick, there's isn't a _____ to be seen in Ireland!
 - Waste time
 - Saint Patrick _____ Pagans to Christianity
 - Something changed on the side of _____ a highway
 - The Emerald Isle
 - Saint Patrick: The _____ Saint of Ireland
 - Belt out a hit
 - It's connected to Europe
 - Be obliged to pay someone back
 - Ms. O'Connor, the Irish songstress
 - Everybody's favorite color on Saint Patrick's Day
 - "Yesterday" in Italian



Know your Navy

What color of piping is used to identify a system containing steam?

Last week's question...

What minimum amount of blood loss usually causes a person to go into shock?

Answer - 2 pints



Cryptogram Solution

What famous woman said:

"The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity. The fears are paper tigers. You can do anything you decide to do. You can act to change and control your life; and the procedure, the process is its own reward." - Amelia Earhart

MWR

Movie Call

Sharkey Theater
Naval Station Pearl Harbor
(473-0726)

TODAY

7:00 p.m. Underworld:
Evolution (R)
SATURDAY
2:30 p.m. Nanny McPhee (PG)
4:30 p.m. Glory Road (PG)
7:00 p.m. Casanova (R)

SUNDAY

2:30 p.m. Nanny McPhee (PG)
4:30 p.m. Big Momma's
House 2 (PG 13)
6:30 p.m. Tristan & Isolde
(PG-13)

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Underworld:
Evolution (R)

Memorial Theater
Hickam Air Force Base
(449-2239)

TODAY AND SATURDAY

7:00 p.m. Nanny McPhee (PG)
**SUNDAY AND
WEDNESDAY**
7:00 p.m. Annapolis (PG 13)
THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Nanny McPhee (PG)

Sgt. Smith Theater
Schofield Barracks
(624-2585)

TODAY

7:00 p.m. Munich (R)
SATURDAY

7:00 p.m. Fun with Dick
& Jane (PG-13)
SUNDAY

7:00 p.m. The Ringer (PG 13)
WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE EVENTS

- **March 25:** Pu'u Ohia to Manoa Falls trail, 8:30 a.m., \$7. Register by March 22.
- **March 26:** Surf kayaking, 9 a.m., \$15. Register by March 22.
- **April 1:** Wa'a hila Ridge hike, 8:30 a.m., \$7. Register by March 29.
- **April 2:** Family fun – kids and kayaks, 9 a.m., free. Register by March 29.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Come out for the wearin' o' the green, celebrating St. Patrick's Day, at Club Pearl's Pool & Pizza from 4-6 p.m. **today**. The event will offer singing and Irish-style pupus. For more information, call 473-1743.

PEE WEE BASKETBALL

Registration for Pee Wee basketball is being held **through March 24** at the youth sports office. The cost is \$35 and includes a T-shirt, medal and certificate. The Pee Wee sports program is designed for children ages three to five and is described by the staff at Morale, Welfare and Recreation as a unique, fun interactive parent/child experience. To register, bring a current (dated no more than a year ago) physical, pay-

ment and birth certificate. Programs are open to family members of active duty, retirees, reservists and DoD civilians. For more information, call 474-3501.

FAMILY FUN AND MOVIE NIGHTS

Navy Region Hawai'i's Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host free family fun and movie nights on a regular schedule on Fridays and Saturdays at various Navy installations. The events will feature a full schedule of family activities, including games, bounce houses and free cotton candy and popcorn. Children under 10 years of age must be supervised by someone 16 years or older. "Home on the Range," rated PG, **Today** at NCTAMS Bowling Field near Wahiawa. There will be activities for families from 4 to 7 p.m. and the movie will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, call 471-8658.

FREE CONCERTS AT DUSK

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

tion for an enjoyable evening of music under the stars. For more information, call 473-0606.

SAND BLAST BEACH PARTY

Celebrate spring on White Plains Beach at MWR's Sand Blast Beach Party from 10 a.m. to midnight **March 25**. The day's events will feature live entertainment including various bands, adult races and competitions, keiki and family games and activities, a movie under the stars, "50 First Dates," (PG) and giveaways and prizes. For challenges and competitions, sign up early. There is a \$5 registration fee and paid event participants will receive a "Sand Blast" tank top. Visit www.greatlifeohawaii.com for more details or call 473-0606.

9TH ANNUAL FORD ISLAND BRIDGE RUN

Sign up now for the 9th Annual Ford Island Bridge Run, the biggest 10k on Oahu, on **April 8**. Early registration (with T-shirt) is through **March 31**. Entry forms are available online at www.greatlifeohawaii.com or can be picked up at any military fitness center. For more information, call 473-2494.

NAVY CHESS TEAM

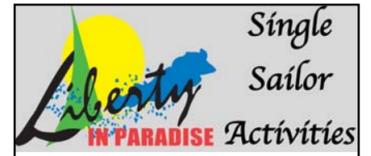
Applications are now being accepted for the 2006 Navy Chess Team. Compete around the world and represent the U.S. Navy. The deadline is **April 1**. Visit www.mwr.navy.mil for an application. For more information, contact Julie at julie.k.smith@navy.mil.

ALL-NAVY BOWLING TEAM

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

FIRST PLAY FRIDAYS

Visit Beeman Center at 7 p.m. every Friday and be among the first customers to watch newly received movies. The Navy Motion Picture Service provides the movies and continually rotates the movie library. Patrons can watch the movie on a 60-inch screen and enjoy free popcorn. Beeman Center is open only to active duty personnel and sponsored guests. For more information, call 473-2582.



Today: Dave and Buster's, leave LIP at 7 p.m., bring money.
March 18: Whale watching and meal, time to be announced, \$38.
March 19: Surfing lessons and lunch, 9:30 a.m., \$7.
March 20: WWE wrestling and free food, 5 p.m. at LIP.
March 22: "There's Something Going on at Beeman," activities and games, 6:30 p.m., free.

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.



Annapolis: A young man from the wrong side of the tracks has his dream come true when he is accepted at the Naval Academy. But once there, he is not sure he measures up against the best and the brightest.

Big Momma's House 2: The continuing adventures of master-of-disguise FBI special agent Malcolm Turner. This time he must go undercover as Big Momma to nail his ex-partner's murderer.

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

Fun with Dick and Jane: A wealthy couple loses their main source of income, causing both to turn to a life of crime--as they organize various heists on their rich friends' accounts.

Glory Road: The inspiring true story of the underdog Texas Western basketball team, with history's first all African-American starting lineup of players, who took the country by storm, surprisingly winning the 1966 NCAA tournament title.

Munich: Set in the aftermath of the massacre of 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics, story follows a secret

Israeli squad assigned to track down and kill the 11 Palestinians suspected to have planned the Munich attack--and the personal toll this mission of revenge takes on the team and the man who led it.

Nanny McPhee: A new nanny enters the household of the recently widowed Mr. Brown and attempts to tame his seven exceedingly ill-behaved children.

The Ringer: When Steve finds himself running last in the corporate rat race, he attempts to rig the Special Olympics by pretending to be intellectually challenged.

Tristan & Isolde: In the medieval legend of Tristan and Isolde, young lovers become doomed against the forces of royal politics. English knight Tristan wins the hand of the daughter of the Irish king, but the love threatens the truce between their two countries.

Underworld: Evolution: A war emerges between the aristocratic Death Dealers (vampires) and the barbaric Lycans (werewolves), stemming from an ancient feud between the two tribes. Selene, the beautiful vampire heroine, and Michael, the lycan hybrid, try to unlock the secrets of their bloodlines. Their forbidden love takes them into the battle to end all wars as the immortals must finally face their retribution.

Community Calendar

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HMSA Go Walk and Festival – Military families are invited to participate in the HMSA Go Walk and Festival which will begin at 7 a.m. **April 1** at Magic Island. Registration forms can be obtained at Morale, Welfare and Recreation offices and completed forms must be turned in **today**. Military families of those currently or previously deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan are eligible for registration at no cost. That's a savings of \$12 for adults and \$10 for each child. The HMSA Go Walk and Festival is a three-mile walk around Ala Moana Park and Magic Island with a variety of fun physical activities and games along the route. Participants will also enjoy healthy snacks and entertainment after the walk. For more information, call 948-6826.

Hawaiian Electric Electron Marathon – Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) will host its the annual Hawaiian Electric Electron Marathon on **March 18** on Ford Island. The event will be from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Area schools and military teams will race custom built electric vehicles. For more information, call 543-7511.

Power outage in Hospital Point family housing – There will be a power outage in the Hospital Point family housing neighborhood between the hours of 7-8 a.m. and 5-6 p.m. **March 18**. The outages are required to provide backup and restore normal power to housing residents prior to Naval Facilities Command Hawai'i installing its new transformer and switch gear to station A-2. For more information, call Gail Hamada at 474-1920.

Pouhala Marsh Clean-up - Pouhala Marsh work days have been scheduled for **March 18, April 29** and **May 20** 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 to help with the project from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Anyone who is interested in participating should call 473-1203 or email adelina.lopes@navy.mil or Pauline Kawamata at 955-0100, ext. 18.

Gyotaku by Naoki - Meet artist Naoki Hayashi from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **March 18** at the rotunda of the Navy Exchange (NEX) at Pearl Harbor. His art, gyotaku, is a decade-long tradition practiced by Japanese fishermen to record their big catch by pressing rice paper onto the ink-covered fish. An avid diver and fisherman, Naoki's art provides a window to the underwater.

Sean Na'auao - Sean Na'auao, the local boy jack-of-all-trades, will share his love for Hawaiian culture through his music from noon-1 p.m. **March 18** in the CD/DVD department of the Navy Exchange (NEX) at Pearl Harbor. The singer, musician, composer and producer will showcase his new album, "Ka 'Eha Ke Aloha."

NAVSTA Golf Tournament – The Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor Golf Tournament will be held

March 24 at the Klipper Golf Course at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i – Kaneohe. The deadline for signups is **March 20**. There are 18 team spots and the tournament format will be four-person scramble. Prizes will be awarded to first and second place, longest drive and closest to the tee. The entry fee is \$10 per player. Players are responsible for their own green fees and golf carts; walking is okay. Proceeds from the tournament will be used for the NAVSTA Pearl Harbor's Holiday Celebration. For more information, call CS2 Alfredo Medina at 472-9510, ext. 324 or MMC Gaetano Critelli at 473-1574.

Sea Services Women's Leadership Symposium – The Sea Services Women's Leadership Symposium (SSWLS) will be held from 7:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. **March 21** at the base theater at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH) – Kaneohe. The theme of the symposium is "Making a Difference," offering a professional development and training symposium that is designed to enhance the professional knowledge of attendees while increasing overall awareness of issues affecting the sea services. SSWLS participants will include female active duty flag officers and senior enlisted leaders from the Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps. Symposium uniform will be uniform of the day. The cost to attend the symposium is \$5 and can be paid on the symposium Web site at www.sswls.org. There is also a small fee for two optional events: a luncheon and the all-hands after-hours event, both held at the MCBH Officer's Club. To register or for more information, visit the SSWLS Web site: www.sswls.org or contact Lt. Cmdr. Desarae Janszen, symposium director, at 541-2125, Capt. Gail Hathaway at gail.hathaway@nepmu6.med.navy.mil, or Master Gunnery Sgt. Bettie Green at bettie.j.green@usmc.mil.

Surplus Food Distribution – Distribution of surplus federal food will be held from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. **March 22, 23** and **24** at the Pearl Harbor Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) on North Road. Military families, especially those E-5 and below, are urged to take advantage of this food give-away. For more information, call 473-3398. Food will also be distributed at the Aliamanu ASYMCA on **March 22**. For more information, call 833-1185.

Whale watching - Help the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary count whales **March 25**. Volunteers are needed to assist with the whale counting from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The count will be conducted at 65 different shore sites around Oahu, Kauai and the Big Island. The "gentle giants" return to Hawaiian waters during the winter months to reproduce and nurse their young.

Those who wish to register to help with the whale watching count should call the following numbers: Oahu, 397-2651, ext. 253; Big Island, 1-888-55-WHALE, ext. 253; Kauai, 246-2860. For more information about the whale sanctuary, visit <http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov>.

All Military Bowling Tournament – The All Military Bowling Tournament will be held **April 4-7** at military installations on Oahu. The tournaments will begin at 10 a.m. each day and run until approximately 3 p.m. The Hickam Bowling Center will host the first day of competition on **April 4** followed by Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH) – Kaneohe on **April 5**, Schofield Barracks Lanes on **April 6** and the Naval Station Bowling Center on **April 7**. For more information, call 473-2651.

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