



Military Appreciation Month Parade



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Thousands turned out to honor service members, both past and present, at the USO Hawai'i Military Month Parade in Waikiki Saturday.

The parade, down Kalakaua Avenue, included 1,600 National Guard Soldiers, 550 Schofield Barracks troops, hundreds of Army Reservists, 150 Marines, 145 Sailors, 125 Air National Guard members, 50 Air Force personnel and 25 Coast Guard members as well as veterans of World War II, Vietnam and Korean Wars.

"Our active duty and our guard and reservists do so much for us," said Connie Krause of USO world headquarters. "These men and women protect us from our enemies. Without them we would have a tremendous amount of problems in this country and around the world. The USO is their home away from home when they are overseas or in another state. We want them to know how much we appreciate all that they do for us and this parade is just a small way to show our appreciation," she said.

Community members and tourists were on hand to honor the men and women who fight for their freedoms.

"I brought the family out today," said Bradley Curl, a Hawai'i resident. "I was going to stay home and work in the

yard and watch television and then it occurred to me that I might not have a yard or even a television if it weren't for the military. So I loaded the family up and came here to show our respect for them."

The USO Military Appreciation Month Parade also included a free concert featuring top-name entertainment, including headliner vocalist John Legend, as well as the Makaha Sons, Kapena and Seminole County.

According to their Web site, the USO is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide morale, welfare and recreation-type services to men and women in uniform. The original intent is to represent the American people by extending a touch of home to the military. The USO currently operates more than 120 centers worldwide, including seven mobile canteens located in the continental United States and overseas. Overseas centers are located in Germany, Italy, the United Arab Emirates, Iceland, Japan, Qatar, Korea, Afghanistan, Guam, and Kuwait. Service members and their families visit USO centers more than 5 million times each year.

There are two USO centers in Hawai'i, one at Hickam Air Force Base terminal and near the baggage claim at Honolulu International Airport.

Commentary

Window on Pearl Harbor

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Mother's Day

(Every year, as Mother's Day draws near, I devote my Window on Pearl Harbor column to a message about mothers and how special they are. The reminder is always timely and ever important - treasure your mom while you still have her and let her know you love her and appreciate her, now - while you still can.)

The memories are still poignant and clear - as though it were only yesterday or last month instead of 16 years ago. On a spring day in Pennsylvania, the air was balmy, but still carried a bit of a chill. Trees whose branches had been bare through the winter months were now beginning to bud with the rebirth of spring. The sky was overcast - with intermittent patches of blue - and a light drizzle fell from the gray clouds above. There in a small, rural cemetery, I stood quietly with my children and other members of our family - saying my last good-byes to my mother. My tears flowed down my face as the minister delivered a brief eulogy. Sprays of roses covered the top of the coffin which sat beside the open grave - dug into the muddy ground which was soon to be my mother's final earthly resting place. It was all so unreal to me - that my beloved mother was gone from my life. Part of me refused to believe it, though another part of me knew that it was true - and I had no idea how I would ever deal with such a great loss.

On a day that other families were planning Mother's Day celebrations with their mothers, I was burying my mom. While newspaper ads and radio and television announcements offered

reminders to do something nice for moms on their special day, I cried for my loss.

As weeks and months passed, I envied those who still had their mothers. I longed to be able to send a sentimental card, drop by with an arrangement of flowers or enjoy a nice dinner with mom at one of her favorite restaurants. I desperately wanted to be able to pick up the telephone and hear the sound of her voice - to share my latest triumphs and disappointments. And my heart ached for my children who would never again see their grandmother or be able to share in baking cookies and all of the wonderful moments that grandmas and grandchildren enjoy. Most of all, I wanted to be able to wrap my arms around the wonderful lady who had not only been my mom, but my dearest friend, and squeeze her as tightly as I could. But she was gone - and I could never do that again.

As a child growing up in a poor family, I had very little - and yet, I had an abundance. There were many happy memories of past Christmases. Presents under the tree were scarce and most were hand-me-down clothes which Mom had cleaned and pressed until they looked new. Then she lovingly wrapped them and placed them under the tree.

There were the countless times when she held me and rocked me when I was sick, read me bedtime stories, and told me funny stories about growing up with her siblings. To me, she seemed like an angel. She never got angry, never complained, always understood and supported us, and had the biggest, most generous heart of

anyone I knew. She could also be funny and at times, mischievous. She always had a smile and a hug for us - and despite the difficult struggles, displayed a lot of courage. The sacrifices that she made for us were many - although I wasn't aware of it at the time.

As with most mothers and daughters, there was a special bond between us - a closeness that could never be disputed or discounted and one which, despite the distances that frequently separated us after I grew up and had my own family, never lessened.

I treasure all of my memories - and even though many years have passed since my loss, I still miss her very much - but especially on Mother's Day.

If you are still lucky enough to have your mom, I encourage you - no, I implore you - to appreciate her and show her how much you love her...while you can. Even if you are a distance away...as many of our Sailors at Pearl Harbor are...send your mom a card or a bouquet of flowers, something to show your love and appreciation. Or just pick up the phone and give your mom a call to let her know that you care.

Moms truly appreciate all of those little gestures - just to know that you love them and are thinking of them is worth more than all of the riches in the world.

But you don't have to wait until Mothers' Day to make your mom feel special - mothers are special every single day of the year.

Happy Mothers' Day - to moms everywhere!

And have a fine Navy day!

Halsey Terrace hoedown



Photos courtesy of Forest City Residential Management

(Top) A Navy family member visits the petting zoo at the Halsey Terrace "hoedown" which was held May 6 at Halsey Terrace Park. The event featured a variety of family activities and was sponsored by Forest City Residential Management (FCRM) for Navy families in the Halsey Terrace community.

(Bottom) Toddlers prepare to embark upon a new adventure as they enter the bounce house, just one of the activities for children at the Halsey Terrace "hoedown" which was held May 6 at Halsey Terrace Park.

MWR offers unique summer camps for Navy children

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Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Summer Camps are open for registration. School will end soon, leaving children and teens' with hours of leisure time. The wide array of summer camps offers unique opportunities for children, ages 6-12 and teens, ages 13-17, during the months of June and July. Programs are open to all family members of military active duty and to Department of Defense (DoD) civilians, unless specified otherwise.

One of the unique camps offered is Operation Purple. Created by National Military Family Association (NMFA), this camp is geared specifically for children and teens of all military branches whose active duty parents have been or will be deployed between May 2005 and September 2007. At the camp, they will be able to form their own supportive network and be with peers who know what they are going through. This special camp is free for all participants.

For the younger kids, Operation Purple will be held at White Plains Beach from July 17-21. In this overnight camp, kids will



Photos courtesy of MWR Marketing

Kids climb the Alpine Tower at Barbers Point for their outdoor adventure camp. Activities such as this will be offered at MWR's summer camps.

be able to express themselves creatively through military life arts and crafts and learn self-reliance and coping skills.

Teens will have the chance to fly for free to the Big Island for Operation Purple at Kilauea Military Camp. From July 24-28, they will experience a part of the islands that most cannot imagine as they witness the world's most active volcano, walk through lava tubes and see steam vents. Registration forms for both children and



Photos courtesy of MWR Marketing

Teens take a horseback ride at Kualoa Ranch as one of the activities for trips and tours. MWR will offer many activities during its summer camp sessions.

teen camps are available at www.nmfa.org.

The different camps offer appeal to children and teens' interests and are

designed to fit the parents' needs as well, coinciding with their working schedule. Day camps are run during the daylight hours.

Camp Adventure and Adventure Plus run from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. June 12 through July 28, Monday through Friday. Children

will participate in activities, sports and field trips that center around weekly themes.

Overnighter camps are shorter in time, but possess an intensive objective. Through Marimed Foundations, teenagers will sail on a three-day adventure to Kauai aboard a three-masted topsail schooner, learning teamwork and ocean stewardship. Teen Sail Training and Leadership Adventures will be held on July 10-12 or July 13-15.

There are camps that are focused on building skills and knowledge. In Sports Camps, teens and children will be able to focus and develop their physical talent on a specific sport. For those who prefer indoor activities, Cyber Camp will be the place for kids to learn game design, digital photography and robotics. Each camp runs during different dates and prices vary.

Navy Region Hawai'i MWR Summer Camps offer a variety of programs, but space is limited. Programs are expected to fill fast, so early registration is encouraged. For more information or to register, call 421-1556 (Catlin Clubhouse), 499-2572 (Iroquois Point Clubhouse) or visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.



Here's what's going on at Navy Region Hawai'i!

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. For more information (FMI): visit www.greatlifehawaii.com



May

- 20:** Palikea Hike, 7:30 a.m., \$10. Register by May 17.
- 21:** Alpine Tower, 9 a.m., \$20. Register by May 17.
- 27:** Hauula family hike, 9 a.m., free. Register by May 24.
- 28:** Surf kayaking, 9 a.m., \$15. Register by May 24.

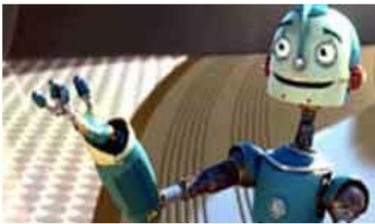
YOUTH, TEEN SUMMER CAMPS

Registration is **now ongoing** for youth and teen summer camps, sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) at Pearl Harbor. Children can learn how to bowl, play tennis, sail or surf at a sports camp or be a part of the Outdoor Rangers where they create their own experiences. In Teen Sail Training and Leadership Adventure, the ocean becomes the setting as teens embark on a three-day sail to the island of Kauai. At Operation Purple camp, teens will fly to the Kilauea Volcano on the Big Island to explore lava tubes and volcanic terrain. FMI or to register: 421-1556 (Catlin Clubhouse) or 499-2572 (Iroquois Point Clubhouse).



SUPER GARAGE SALE/ CRAFT FAIR

The Pearl Harbor Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Super Garage Sale and Craft Fair will be held from 8 a.m.-noon **tomorrow** at Richardson Field. Admission is free and open to the general public. Upcoming craft fair dates are **Aug. 5** and **Nov. 4**. FMI: 473-0606.



FAMILY FUN AND MOVIE NIGHT

Free family fun and movie nights, courtesy of Pear Harbor MWR, are planned throughout the summer at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific, Pearl City and Ford Island. "Robots" (rated PG) will be shown **tomorrow** at Pearl City Community Center. The family fun is from 4-7 p.m. and will include games, bounce houses, free cotton candy and popcorn. are served. The movie will begin at 7 p.m. FMI: 471-8658.

SAIL AWAY ON MOTHER'S DAY

Treat mom to a cruise on a skippered 22-foot Catalina sailboat on Sunday at Rainbow Bay Marina. Along with the ride, she will receive a free bouquet of flowers. The cost is \$15 per hour and advance reservations are required. FMI: 473-0279.

OFFICIAL SOUVENIR RIMPAC 2006 COIN NOW ON SALE AT ITT

Visit any Information, Tickets and Travel office to pick up your official Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) coin for \$5. The heavy brass coin displays the official RIMPAC logo and the Hawai'i State Seal.

FAMILY FITNESS FRIDAY

Family Fitness Friday Happy Hour will be offered from 5-6 p.m. on **Fridays** at Bloch Arena. The activity is free and provides an opportunity for families to work together on fitness goals. Participants learn how to stay fit with their children, under the guidance of a certified specialist. Workouts include a variety of equipment, appropriate skill level and partner exercises. The family fitness hour is open to parents and their children ages 10 and up (no more than two children per adult). Reservations recommended. FMI: 473-0793.



SUMMER SWIM LESSONS

Registration for children's summer swimming lessons is now ongoing at MWR pools. Classes are available for kids of all ages. Pick up a brochure at any Navy MWR swimming pool or visit www.greatlifehawaii.com to see a detailed listing of all class schedules. FMI: 473-0394.

WHALE WATCHING SPECIALS

Enjoy whale watching on a Pacific Splash Whale Watching cruise. Navy ITT offices have an assortment of cruise options to fit patrons schedules and budgets. FMI: 473-1190.

DEEP-SEA FISHING

Go deep-sea fishing and catch the big one aboard the "Coreene C," a 47-foot sport fishing boat that holds the I.G.F.A. World Record for Unlimited Class: 1805-pound blue marlin. Full and half charters are offered. The cost includes bait, tackle and equipment. FMI: call the Rainbow Bay Marina at 473-0279 or Capt. Joe Irvin at 386-9024.



- May 12:** Movie night, free popcorn and ice cream, 6 p.m., free.
- May 13:** Kailua Beach Adventures, 10 a.m., bring money.
- May 14:** Surfing lessons and lunch, 10 a.m., \$7.
- May 15:** WWE wrestling and free food, 5 p.m. at LIP.
- May 16:** Hawaiian Duck tours, 9 a.m., \$27.
- May 17:** Wacky Wednesdays at Beeman, 6:30 p.m., free.
- May 18:** Boston Whaler spear fishing, 9 a.m., \$15.

Weekly events:

- Sunday:** Chess tournament, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday:** 8-Ball tournament (Beeman Center)- 7 p.m.
- Tuesday:** 8-Ball tournament - 7 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Game show - 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday:** 9-Ball Pool tournament - 7 p.m.

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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 and must be resubmitted every four weeks.

May

Through June 15 - Youth soccer registration/camp

Pre-registration for the fall youth soccer season for American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Region 188 (Pearl Harbor and Hickam AFB) will be held through June 15. Practice will begin in August. The season will run from September through November. The cost is \$55 per person. Walk-in registration will be July 8, 14 and 22 and Aug. 5; locations will be announced. FMI: www.soccer.org and log on to e-AYSO. AYSO summer camp will be held July 10-14. The cost for the camp is \$69, \$79 and \$99. AYSO is looking for host families to house visiting coaches. AYSO also needs volunteers to serve as coaches, assistant coaches, referees and board members. FMI: www.aysoregion188.org or call 834-5439.

13 - Triathlete Timothy O'Donnell appearance - Meet Navy triathlete, Timothy O'Donnell, at the shoe department of the Navy Exchange (NEX) at Pearl Harbor from 10 a.m. to noon. O'Donnell is a three-time Armed Forces Triathlon gold medallist.

13 - Kim Taylor Reece launches new lamp collection - Meet local artist/photographer Kim Taylor Reece as he features his new collection of handcrafted lamps in the image of his striking art of Hawai'i's ancient dance from 11a.m.-2 p.m. at the NEX.

12 - First Military Spouse Appreciation Day - The Naval Station Pearl Harbor First Class Association will sponsor the First Military Spouse Appreciation Day beginning at 4:30 p.m. at Ward Field. There will be live entertainment, activities for children, gifts and prizes, free popcorn and shave ice, and a movie. FMI: 473-0065.

20 - Pineapple Run - The Chief Petty Officers' Association is sponsoring the Pineapple Run, beginning at 7 a.m. at Kaala Elementary School, 130 California Ave., Wahiawa. The 6.75-mile course will begin at the school and go through Wahiawa and the adjacent pineapple fields. Runners should sign in by 6:30 a.m. to receive a timing chip. The entry fee is \$20 per person. Packet pickup will be from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. May 18-19 at the Running Room in Honolulu. Online registration closes at 11:59 p.m. May 17. FMI: 653-0192 or 653-0823.

20 - Hawaiian Souvenirs relocated - The Hawaiian Souvenirs department at the NEX will relocate to the second floor, adjacent to the giftware department.

20-21 - Tennis anyone? - Learn what the "racquet" is all about and meet a Prince Tennis representative in the sporting goods department of the NEX from 11a.m.-2 p.m. Customers will also receive a 10 percent discount on all Prince Tennis racquets during the clinic.

At a Glance

CLEP testing centers - Hawai'i Pacific University, in partnership with military education centers on Oahu, has established three National Test Centers (NTC) which are located at Pearl Harbor Naval Station (PHNS), Hickam Air Force Base (HAFB) and Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH) at Kaneohe. Testing is free to all military personnel (active and reserve). There is a \$75 fee for active and reserve military adult family members (17 years of age), retired military personnel and DOD civilians. Examinations are conducted daily at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the following schedule: HAFB (Mondays and Wednesdays); PHNS (Tuesdays and Thursdays); MCBH (Fridays). FMI or reservations for testing: HAFB - 422-1032; PHNS - 422-0079; MCBH - 254-4133.

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.

Looking for a few good dads - The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) at Naval Station Pearl Harbor is looking for volunteers to help with the All Pro Dad's Day and Boot Camp for New Dads. FMI: Chet Adessa at 473-4222, ext. 272 or email chester.adessa@navy.mil.

NEX price matching - Through the Navy Exchange price matching policy, the NEX will match the price of any identical item sold in any local store. Customers may provide proof of the lower price and the NEX will match it. If the price difference is under \$5, the store will match it on the spot. Some restrictions apply to the policy. Please see a sales associate for more information.

AT THE MOVIES

MOVIE CALL

Sharkey Theater
Naval Station Pearl Harbor
(473-0726)

TODAY

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

SATURDAY

2:30 p.m. Ice Age 2 The Meltdown (PG)

4:30 p.m. ATL (PG 13)

6:45 p.m. V for Vendetta (R)

SUNDAY

2:30 p.m. Ice Age 2 The Meltdown (PG)

4:30 p.m. The Shaggy Dog (PG)

6:30 p.m. Basic Instinct 2 (R)

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Stay Alive (PG 13)

Memorial Theater
Hickam Air Force Base
(449-2239)

TODAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Slither (R)

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Basic Instinct 2 (R)

Sgt. Smith Theater
Schofield Barracks
(624-2585)

TODAY

7:00 p.m. Inside Man (R)

SATURDAY

2:00 p.m. Stay Alive (PG 13)

SUNDAY

7:00 p.m. Larry the Cable Guy (PG 13)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Inside Man (R)

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Stay Alive (PG 13)



ATL

ATL tells the story of four teens coming of age in a working class Atlanta neighborhood where hip-hop music and roller skating rule. As the group prepares for life after high school, challenges on and off the rink bring about turning points in each of their lives. The film is loosely based on Dallas Austin and Tionne Watkins' experiences growing up in Atlanta and hanging out at a local skating rink called Jellybeans.

Basic Instinct 2

After relocating from San Francisco to London, best-selling crime novelist Catherine Trammell once again finds herself on the wrong side of the law. Dr. Michael Glass, a respected London criminal psychiatrist, is brought in by Scotland Yard detective Roy Washburn to perform a psychiatrist profile and evaluation of Trammell following the mysterious death of a top sports star.



Ice Age 2: The Meltdown

The Ice Age is coming to an end, and the animals are delighting in the melt-

ing paradise that is their new world. Manny, Sid and Diego quickly learn that the warming climate has one major drawback: a huge glacial dam is about to break, threatening the entire valley. The only chance of survival lies at the other end of the valley.

Inside Man

Tough cop, Detective Frazier matches wits with clever bank robber Dalton as a dangerous cat-and-mouse game unfolds. Unexpectedly, Madaline, a power broker with a hidden agenda, emerges to inject even more instability into an already volatile situation.

Larry the Cable Guy

Larry is a big city health inspector who is happy with his usual beat of greasy spoon diners and low-rent ethnic restaurants. But his easygoing life is turned upside-down when he's saddled with a straight-arrow rookie partner and assigned the biggest case of his career: investigating an outbreak of mysterious food poisonings at the city's swankiest restaurants.



The Shaggy Dog

Dave learns a valuable lesson about truth and appearances when quite unexpectedly, he finds himself changed into a sheepdog.

Slither

A small town in America-somewhat quaint and gen-

tle, peopled with friendly folks who mind their own business. But just beneath the surface charm, something unnamed and evil has arrived and is growing. No one seems to notice as telephone poles become clogged with missing pet flyers, or when one of the town's richest citizens, Grant Grant, begins to act strangely.



Stay Alive

After the mysterious brutal death of an old friend, a group of teenagers find themselves in possession of "Stay Alive," a next generation horror survival videogame based on the true story of a 17th-century noblewoman known as "The Blood Countess." The gamers don't know anything about the game other than the fact that they're not supposed to have it--and they're dying to play it.

V for Vendetta

Set against the futuristic landscape of totalitarian Britain, the story of a mild-mannered young woman named Evey who is rescued from a life-and-death situation by a masked vigilante known only as "V." Incomparably charismatic and ferociously skilled in the art of combat and deception, V urges his fellow citizens to rise up against tyranny and oppression.