

## HONORING USS LAGARTO



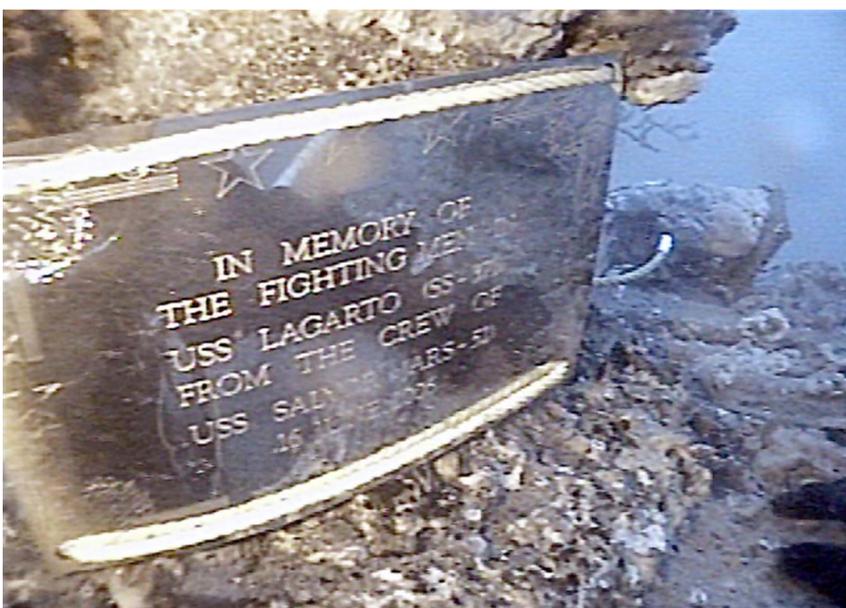
U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Cole

A wreath that will be placed in the ocean above the resting site of what is believed to be the World War II submarine USS Lagarto (SS 371) is displayed during a memorial at sea aboard the salvage ship USS Salvor (ARS 52).



Sailors stationed aboard the salvage ship USS Salvor (ARS 52) stand at parade rest during a memorial at sea honoring the 86 Sailors who were lost in the submarine USS Lagarto (SS 371) during World War II.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Cole



U.S. Navy image by Senior Chief Navy Diver Michael Moser

A plaque placed on the aft capstan of the wreckage in the Gulf of Thailand believed to be that of World War II submarine USS Lagarto (SS 371) is seen in this still video image.



U.S. Navy image by Chief Navy Diver Jon Sommers

A U.S. Navy diver assigned to the salvage ship USS Salvor (ARS 52) cleans marine growth from a hatch of what is believed to be the submarine USS Lagarto (SS 371).

### Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Navy divers completed six days of diving operations June 16 on wreckage in the Gulf of Thailand believed to be that of the lost World War II submarine USS Lagarto (SS 371).

Divers will send photographs and video of the submarine to the Naval Historical Center in Washington for further analysis.

The divers' observations appear to confirm the discovery made in May 2005 by British wreck diver Jamie MacLeod.

"Without a doubt, it's a U.S. submarine, a Balao-class," said U.S. 7th Fleet diving officer, Cmdr. Tony San Jose.

San Jose and his fellow divers reported identifying twin five-inch gun mounts both forward and aft, a feature believed to be unique to Lagarto. They also reported finding serial numbers and the word "Manitowoc" engraved on the submarine's propeller. Lagarto was one of 28 submarines built in Manitowoc, Wis.

The operations were conducted from the rescue and salvage ship USS Salvor (ARS 52) with embarked divers from Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1, based at Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i. The Japan-based mine countermeasures ship USS Patriot (MCM 7) assisted by first pinpointing the location of the wreckage with its SQQ-32 sonar and remotely-operated mine neutralization vehicle.

The mission to positively identify Lagarto was carried out as part of the Thailand phase of the exercise Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training, or CARAT. A Royal Thai navy

liaison officer was embarked aboard USS Salvor to assist during the mission.

San Jose said that the diving operations were very challenging because of short bottom times, strong currents and limited visibility. Due to the depths involved, the dives had to be conducted with mixed gas.

"We are deeply grateful to the divers of MDSU 1 and USS Salvor for their efforts to confirm this discovery and bring closure to the families of Lagarto's crew," said Rear Adm. Jeffrey Cassias, Pacific Submarine Force commander.

For 60 years, crew members' families did not know the exact circumstances surrounding the 86 submariners who perished. Lagarto was last heard from May 3, 1945, as it was preparing to attack a Japanese convoy under heavy escorts. Japanese war records later revealed that the minelayer Hatsutaka reported sinking a U.S. submarine at roughly the same time and location.

Cassias met May 6 with Lagarto family members at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc, where a memorial service was held to honor the lost crew. Last year, Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle signed a proclamation making May 3, the day the craft was presumed sunk, as USS Lagarto Remembrance Day in perpetuity.

"We owe a great debt to these men and to all of the World War II submariners," said Cassias. "In the world's darkest hour, they faced the greatest risks and demonstrated the most noble courage to preserve the freedom of our nation."

Lagarto was one of 52 submarines lost on patrol during World War II.



U.S. Navy photo by JOC(SW/AW) David Rush

The 86 men lost aboard USS Lagarto (SS 371) were among submarine veterans who were honored in a Veterans' Day ceremony held onboard Naval Station Pearl Harbor at the Parche Memorial on Nov. 11, 2005. The Lagarto was discovered in May 2005 off the coast of Thailand where it was sunk on May 3, 1945.

# 4th of July Block Party and Fireworks Spectacular planned at Pearl Harbor



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The Fourth of July is a day that is steeped in historical tradition and patriotism. Spanning the country, millions of people will celebrate this day of declared independence. Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) will honor this monumental occasion by hosting the 4th of July Block Party and Fireworks Spectacular from 2-9:30 p.m.

Streets fronting Bravo Pier at Naval Station Pearl Harbor will be open for foot traffic only, creating a hub for first-class entertainment as well as a wide variety of food booths and activities for everyone. All military-affiliated and DoD

personnel, family members and their sponsored guests are welcome. Admission is free.

This year's entertainment lineup will feature nationally-known comedians for the block party show. Jay Mohr, original host of Last Comic Standing; Alonzo Bodden, winner of the Last Comic Standing 3; and Bert Kreischer, host of Spike TV's Fresh Baked Video Games, will be taking the stage to perform their comedic acts.

Lara Katine, MWR special events director, said, "If people like comedy, this is the show to go to. Nowhere else can they get such a famous lineup. This will be the best comedy show on the island."

Every year, the 4th of July celebration at Pearl Harbor has proven to be a great family event. Free

pony rides, train rides and life-sized monster games for keiki will be offered. There will be a petting zoo, carnival games, fun inflatables such as bounce houses, and roaming entertainers on stilts. "You'll encounter unique things that you don't see on an everyday basis - from free remote control car racing, scuba introductions, a ship tour and a poker tournament in The Banyans," said Katine.

There will be wrestling performances by Hawai'i Championship Wrestling and well known local musicians will provide a wide variety of music. Son Caribe, a hot Latin band, and The Kingpins, a retro rock band, will keep the crowd dancing. Other activities will include JN Chevrolet's Exotic Car Display, Lex Brodie's Car Show and Shine, and the Crafter's Village. At the

sponsor booth, partygoers can register for random prizes and drawings.

To top off the revelry, Pearl Harbor will feature internationally acclaimed Fireworks by Grucci. The Grucci family has been the pyrotechnic master behind seven consecutive presidential inaugurations and the Salt Lake City Olympics. "Anyone who has ever been to the show has said it's the best that they've ever seen. The fireworks are so close that you literally feel the rumble in your belly. It goes directly overhead and the show is really wonderful," said Katine.

This year, the 4th of July Block Party and Fireworks Spectacular will have something for everyone. For more information on the events, call 473-0606 or visit [www.greatlife-hawaii.com](http://www.greatlife-hawaii.com).

Photo courtesy of MWR

Bounty Hunter Duane "Dog" Chapman and comedian Jay Mohr will be featured entertainers at the 4th of July Block Party and Fireworks Spectacular.

## Road closures, parking announced for 4th of July Block Party

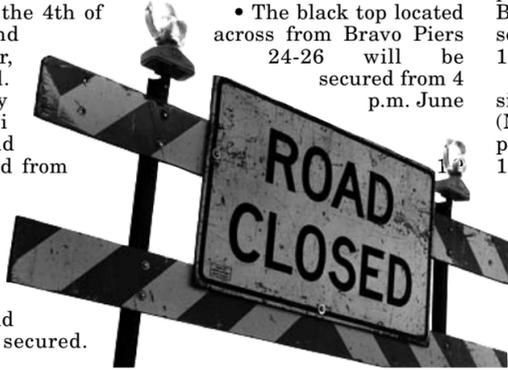
### Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

Information about road closures and parking for the 4th of July Block Party and Fireworks Spectacular, has been announced. The event, hosted by Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation, will be held from 2 to 9:30 p.m. July 4 across from Bravo Piers at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

To support this event, the following parking areas and streets will be secured.

All vehicles remaining in these areas during the secured times will be moved.

- The black top located across from Bravo Piers 24-26 will be secured from 4 p.m. June



19 to July 4. The parking lot adjacent to the black top areas will be secured from June 25 to 11:30 p.m. July 4. The parking lot at Bravo Piers 24 and 25 will be secured from 4 p.m. June 29 to 11:30 p.m. July 4.

- The parking lot on the north side of Navy Legal Service Office (NLSO) will be secured to the public from 4 p.m. June 30 to 11:30 p.m. July 4.
- The parking lot across from Bravo Piers 24-26 and in front of The Banyans will be open to vendors only and closed to the public from 5 p.m. July 2 to 11:30 p.m. July 4.

- Pearl Harbor Boulevard west of

Popeye's fast food restaurant to the west side of The Banyans parking lot will be secured from 8 a.m.-11:30 p.m. July 4.

- Willamette Street south of the Navy Legal Services Office (NLSO) will be secured from 8 a.m.-11:30 p.m. July 4.
- On July 4, parking will be available in the Paul Hamilton Avenue parking lot "d" for event guests and visitors.

Military-affiliated personnel (including family members and civil service employees), with appropriate Department of Defense (DoD) decals or temporary stickers, may enter through Makalapa Gate and park at Mike Pier or Club Pearl parking lot or

enter through Nimitz Gate and park at Paul Hamilton Avenue parking lot or Bloch Arena parking lot on July 4.

Personnel who require access to Scott Pool, The Banyans and the Willamette Street parking lot during the period of road closures should utilize Nimitz Gate, turn left onto South Avenue, right onto Paul Hamilton Avenue, right onto Safeguard Street and then right onto Pearl Harbor Boulevard.

All vendors and contractors will utilize Halawa Gate on July 4.

No pets, glass containers, barbecues or personal tents are allowed anywhere in the event area.

# Hawai'i Navy News Online

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# Skylark Central

## What ship am I?

- 19,800-ton Yorktown-class aircraft carrier built at Newport News, Va.
- Commissioned in May 1938
- Was ordered to the Pacific, where she was to play an unparalleled role in the great sea war that began with Japan's December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.
- Participated in the abortive Wake Island relief expedition
- Covered the Doolittle raid on Japan
- Decommissioned in February 1947



## Last Week

### What ship am I?

- Formerly Marine Beaver (MC Hull 747).
- Commissioned by U.S. Navy on May 26, 1945, Capt. W.O. Britten in command.
- Embarked 700 patients at Pearl Harbor on Aug. 7, 1945 for transport to San Francisco.
- Returned from first Korean War deployment, Feb. 11, 1952.
- Nicknamed "Angel of the Orient".
- Departed Vietnam on March 14, 1970.
- Received nine battle stars for Korean War service and nine for Vietnam service.
- Decommissioned and placed in reserve May 1970.



USNS Repose (AH-16)

## Know your Navy

Q. When did the Battle of Midway begin and end?

Last week's question...  
The first Secretary of the Navy took office on June 16, 1798.  
What was his name?

Answer...  
Benjamin Stoddert



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](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com)



Outdoor Adventure Events

June

- 24: Learn to surf, 9:30 a.m., \$15. Register by June 21.
- 25: Waimano Pools hike, 9 a.m., \$7. Register by June 21.

FITNESS ON FRIDAY

Free fitness classes, courtesy of MWR, will be offered today. The session will include Latin dance aerobics (4-5 p.m.) and ballroom dancing (5-6 p.m.) which will be given by Samir Hana. Partners are required for ballroom dancing. For those who want to build muscle, professional body building with Rey Ronquilio is offered every Friday from 6-8 p.m. FMI: 473-0793

CONCERT IN THE PARK

The Pacific Fleet Rock Band will present Concert in the Park at 6:45 p.m. tonight as it performs classic '60s rock and roll and popular progressive hits. The free concert will be held on the grassy knoll behind The Banyans at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Attire is casual aloha wear. The next concert will be presented at 6:30 p.m. July 28 by the Pacific Fleet Band Wind Ensemble. It will offer a salute to the ships and Sailors of all of the RIMPAC nations. Boxed dinners for the concerts can be pre-ordered for \$5.50 from "A Catered Experience" at The Banyans by calling 473-1706 by the Tuesday before the concert. FMI: 473-0606.

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).



4TH OF JULY BLOCK PARTY AND FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

Morale, Welfare and Recreation will present its 4th of July Block Party and Fireworks Spectacular from 2-9:30 p.m. July 4 at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Dog the Bounty Hunter and famous comedic entertainers, including Jay Mohr, Alonzo Bodden and Bert Kreischer, will headline the entertainment. There will also be local bands, food booths and a variety of family activities. Admission is free. FMI: 473-0606.

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

Watch the Harlem Globetrotters dribble, shoot, score and dazzle the crowd on July 14 at Bloch Arena gymnasium. Pick up your free tickets at the Bloch Arena ITT office. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for the event. After the show, get the Globetrotters' autographs. FMI: 473-0792.

OFFICIAL SOUVENIR RIMPAC 2006 COIN NOW ON SALE AT ITT

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

NAVY MARINE GOLF COURSE OPENS FRONT NINE

Although the golf course is still under renovation, the front nine at the Navy Marine Golf Course is now open for play. The back nine and range will continue to be closed

for a few more months. FMI: 471-0142.

SUMMER SWIM LESSONS

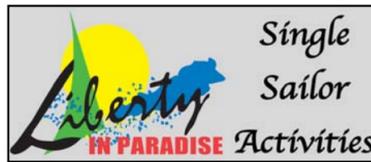
Registration for children's summer swimming lessons is now ongoing at MWR pools. Classes are available for children of all ages. Pick up a brochure at any Navy MWR swimming pool or visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) to see a detailed listing of all class schedules. FMI: 473-0394.

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.

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.



- Today: Jet ski trip, call for time, \$65.
- June 24: Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park, call for time, \$30.
- June 25: Surfing lessons and lunch, 10 a.m., \$7.
- June 26: WWE wrestling and free food, 5 p.m. at LIP, free.
- June 27: Circle Island Tour, leave LIP at 10 a.m., \$15.
- June 28: Wacky Wednesdays at Beeman, 6:30 p.m., free.
- June 29: Hawaiian Railway Society, leave LIP at noon, \$10.

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.

Community Calendar

To have your activity or event featured in the Community Calendar, e-mail your requests to [hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com](mailto: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.

June

24 - Cub Scout meeting - The Cub Scouts of pack 189 invite first through fifth grade boys to a special meeting on joining cub scouts from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Catlin-Halsey-Radford-Miller Community Center. FMI: Joe Bransfield, 778-6588 or email [pokino@pack189hawaii.org](mailto:pokino@pack189hawaii.org).

24 - Informal fashion show by Hawaiian Hula Girl - Check out the newest swimwear must-haves at the Hula Girl Swimwear fashion show at 1 p.m. in the women's department of the NEX. Attendees can enter to win a designer swimsuit of their choice from Hula-la Swimwear. Also, meet Erika Ireland and receive expert advice on choosing the most flattering swimsuit for your body. Sign up for a consultation or FMI: 423-3307.

30 - Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) - Space is still available for children who are interested in attending the DEFY summer camp which will be held from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. July 5-14 at Hickam Elementary School at Hickam Air Force Base. A mandatory parents' meeting for children who will be attending the camp will be held at 4 p.m. June 30 at The Banyans at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The camp is free and is open to all DoD family members ages 9-12 years old. The DEFY program was initiated in 1993 by the Secretary of the Navy. The program has been nationally recognized as a pre-emptive substance abuse preventive program that uses modern and effective methods to provide kids with the tools they need to resist drugs, gangs and alcohol. To register or FMI: 477-9498, 477-6378 or 473-0686.

At a Glance

USO needs volunteers - The USO at Hickam Air Force Base AMC terminal is seeking volunteers. Times and dates vary. FMI: email [adelina.lopes@navy.mil](mailto:adelina.lopes@navy.mil).

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](http://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 Boot Camp for New Dads. FMI: Chet Adessa at 473-4222, ext. 272 or email [chester.adessa@navy.mil](mailto: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.

The American Red Cross needs volunteer instructors -for cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid classes. Free training is provided. Volunteers must make a commitment to teach eight classes a year and have at least one year left in the area. FMI: 449-0166.

Shop and win - The 2006 Shop NEX bumper stickers are available at any Navy Exchange location. Place a bumper sticker on your car for your chance to win a \$25 gift certificate from your Navy Exchange; winners are selected weekly. Winners are then entered in a grand prize drawing for a \$2,000 shopping spree.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), a nonprofit, noncommercial weight-loss support group, meets every Wednesday at the Armed Services YMCA, Aliamanu location. Weigh-in begins at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6:15 p.m. Membership fees are low and includes the T.O.P.S. magazine. There are also incentive programs offered. The first meeting is free. T.O.P.S. in Hawai'i is a support group for helping members Take Off Pounds Sensibly. FMI: 623-1403.

AT THE MOVIES

MOVIE CALL

Sharkey Theater  
Naval Station Pearl Harbor  
(473-0726)

- TODAY  
7:00 p.m. RV (PG)
- SATURDAY  
2:30 p.m. Hoot (PG)
- 6:00 p.m. Advance screening free to the first 450 authorized patrons (PG 13)
- SUNDAY  
2:30 p.m. Hoot (PG)
- 2:30 p.m. American Dreamz (PG 13)
- 6:00 p.m. United 93 (R)

Memorial Theater  
Hickam Air Force Base  
(449-2239)

- TODAY  
7:00 p.m. RV (PG)
- SATURDAY  
7:00 p.m. Poseidon (PG 13)
- SUNDAY  
7:00 p.m. Goal: The Dream Begins (PG 13)
- WEDNESDAY  
7:00 p.m. Poseidon (PG 13)
- THURSDAY  
7:00 p.m. RV (PG)

Sgt. Smith Theater  
Schofield Barracks  
(624-2585)

- TODAY  
7:00 p.m. Stick It (PG 13)
- SATURDAY  
2:00 p.m. Hoot (PG)
- 7:00 p.m. United 93 (R)
- SUNDAY  
7:00 p.m. Stick It (PG 13)
- WEDNESDAY  
7:00 p.m. United 93 (R)
- THURSDAY  
7:00 p.m. Hoot (PG)



American Dreamz

On the morning of his re-election, the president decides to read the newspaper for the first time in four years. He begins reading obsessively, re-examining his black and white view of the world, holing up in his bedroom in his pajamas. Frightened by the president's apparent nervous breakdown, his chief of staff pushes him back into the spotlight, booking him as a guest judge on the television ratings juggernaut.



Goal: The Dream Begins

As an underprivileged Mexican-American immigrant growing up in the poor section of Los Angeles, Santiago Munez seemed destined to follow his father's path in life: laboring at menial jobs to earn just enough money to support his family. Naturally gifted, his amazing talent on the soccer field was wasted in recreation league games while he could only dream of playing on the world stage of professional soccer.



Hoot

When a Montana boy moves to Florida and unearths a disturbing threat to a local population of endangered owls, three middle-schoolers take on greedy land developers, corrupt politicians and clueless cops. Determined to protect his new environment, the boy and his friends fight to prevent the adults from making a big mistake.

Poseidon

When a rogue wave captures a luxury cruise ship in the middle of the North Atlantic Ocean, a small group of survivors find themselves unlikely allies in a battle for their lives. Preferring to test the odds alone, career gambler John Dylan ignores captain's orders to wait below for possible rescue and sets out to find his own way to safety.

RV



An overworked Bob Munro, his wife Jaime, their 15-year-old daughter Cassie and 12-year-old son Carl are in desperate need of some quality time together. After promising to take them on a family vacation in Hawai'i,

Bob abruptly changes plans without telling them. Instead of a week in a tropical paradise, they're going on a road trip to Colorado in a recreational vehicle. Dragging his wife and kids kicking and screaming into the RV, Bob's togetherness plan almost immediately hits a major speed bump. Everything that can go wrong, does. Bob's lame attempts to navigate the unwieldy, oversized vehicle are met with silence and scorn from his resentful



Stick It

A 17-year-old, ex-gymnastics star with big family problems finds herself on the wrong side of the law after one-too many arrests. Forced back into the regimented world of gymnastics to clean up her act, she rediscovers her love of the sport and gets the chance to make peace with her dysfunctional life.

United 93

The drama tells the story of the passengers and crew, their families on the ground and the flight controllers who watched in dawning horror as United Airlines Flight 93 became the fourth hijacked plane on the day of the worst terrorist attacks on American soil: Sept. 11, 2001.

# What's in your closet: Commissaries want to remind customers to be prepared

Capt. Audricia McKinney and Bonnie Powell

Defense Commissary Agency

With memories still lingering from Hurricane Katrina, the need to prepare for a disaster is on everyone's mind. Government agencies and the Red Cross recommend Americans to keep a supply of essentials on hand above and beyond what they normally have on their kitchen shelves.

Military families are being encouraged to "load up their pantries" as the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) launches an awareness campaign encouraging military families to keep nonperishable foods, water and other necessities on hand for emergencies.

DeCA is teaming up with the Armed Forces Emergency Services Branch of the American Red Cross to raise awareness of disaster preparedness throughout the military community. The "What's in Your Closet" campaign kicked off in June and is intended to get military families thinking about how prepared they are for a disaster. Customers will see posters and reminder buttons on employees.

"The storm season started June 1 and it's a fact that commissaries and military families have been affected by hurricanes and typhoons at home and abroad," said Patrick Nixon, chief executive officer and acting director of the Defense Commissary Agency. "We want to raise awareness of the need to keep emergency supplies on

**Are you ready for a disaster?**

**What's in YOUR closet?!**

**Supply Closet Suggestions**  
7 Day Supply Recommended

Canned meats, fruits and vegetables	Batteries
High-energy foods: nuts, raisins, granola	Matches in a waterproof container
Infant/baby food and supplies	Candles and charcoal
Pet food	Toilet paper, towelettes
Non-perishable food	Soap/detergent, disinfectant/bleach
Over-the-counter medications	Personal hygiene items
Garbage bags	Paper cups/plates, and plastic utensils
Water (at least a gallon per person daily)	First aid kit, hand sanitizer
Manual can opener	Plastic storage containers

*Other important items: flashlight, battery-operated radio, extra clothing, blankets, prescriptions, money (paper and coins), eyeglasses, and important documents.*

**Be Prepared....Save Money!**  
Pantry loading at your commissary is a GOOD idea!

This list of items may not be all you need. For more on disaster preparedness:  
[www.ready.gov/america](http://www.ready.gov/america) [www.pandemicflu.gov](http://www.pandemicflu.gov) [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

**www.commissaries.com**

hand – and that shoppers can realize savings of 30 percent or more by using their commissary benefit to supply their emergency closet."

The media has also heightened awareness of the possibility of a "pandemic," an outbreak of infectious disease that has the potential to spread worldwide. "Disasters can take on many forms," said Joseph Moffat, executive director, Armed Forces Emergency Services. "From blackouts to blizzards, to tornadoes and earthquakes,

everyone should be prepared with enough emergency supplies to last seven days."

"The commissary disaster preparedness posters have a list of basic items people might want to consider," said Nixon. "But there may be many more items, such as shelf-stable milk or favorite snacks, that people might want to include. This is simply intended to get people thinking and get them to take action – now." Red Cross representatives will have the opportunity to set up displays or tables in

commissaries to provide information and answer questions about disaster preparedness. The type of information and events offered will vary according to location and, in some cases, customers will also have the opportunity to sign up for volunteer services and classes, such as first aid or disaster preparedness.

Other government agencies such as the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency are working closely with local communities and relief organizations to make emergency preparations.

For more information on disaster preparedness, visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov), [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov), or [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a five percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of 30 percent or more on their purchases compared to commercial prices – savings worth about \$2,700 annually for a family of four. A core military family support element and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.

## Gardeners in training



Photo courtesy of Forest City Residential Management

Keiki learn some of the finer points of gardening and lawn work as they water plants in their award-winning yard. Lt. Cmdr. Jayson Kielar and his family captured Yard of the Month honors for the McGrew Point neighborhood for May.

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