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Battleship Missouri ^{BB 63}

prepares for official re-opening on Jan. 30

- 1941 Keel laid at the Brooklyn Navy Yard for the USS Missouri (BB-63)
- 1944 Launched by Miss Margaret Truman, daughter of President Harry S. Truman, who was the Missouri's sponsor on January 29, 1944
- 1945 Site of Japan's official surrender to the United States and the end of World War II. Surrender signed on the 01 deck of the Missouri on September 2, 1945
- 1952 September 11: departed Norfolk, Virginia, for second Korean War deployment.
- 1955 February 26: Missouri decommissioned and placed in mothballs at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.
- 1971 Missouri named to the Register of Historic Places for its historic role in the unconditional surrender of Japan.
- 1984-86 Ship modernized and re-activated.
- 1986 May 10 Missouri re-commissioned.
- 1991 Deployed to the Persian Gulf during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm for the liberation of Kuwait.
- 1992 March 31 Decommissioned for the second and final time.
- 1995 Removed from the Navy's ship registry, clearing the way for the battleship to be donated by the U.S. Navy for preservation as a memorial museum.
- 1996 Navy selected the non-profit USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc. for donation of the historic, decommissioned battleship in August.
- 1998 Missouri arrived at Waikiki's shores on Father's Day, June 21, and then was towed on June 22 into Pearl Harbor, where she now serves as a floating memorial just one ship's length from the USS Arizona Memorial.

USS Missouri Memorial Association

Following the completion of a historic, multi-million dollar drydocking project, the Battleship Missouri, site of Japan's WWII surrender, returned to her home pier along Battleship Row on Ford Island, arguably in the best shape of any historic ship around the world.

Like her entry into dry dock on Oct. 14, the two-mile return journey was a day-long process, including the flooding of dry dock four, refloating the ship, careful extraction from dry dock, and towing to Pier Foxtrot-5 (near the USS Arizona Memorial). In addition, a joint re-enlistment ceremony was held for more than 100 military personnel while the ship was in tow. This provided an opportunity for military service members to re-enlist on a U.S. battleship while it was underway — a rare opportunity indeed for a member of any military service to become an honorary battleship Sailor.

Following a soft-opening in mid-January, the Battleship Missouri Memorial will officially re-open on Jan. 30, one day after the 66th anniversary of the battleship's launch from Brooklyn Navy Yard during World War II.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial, located at a mere ship's length from the USS Arizona Memorial, completes a historical visitor experience that begins with the day of infamy that saw the sinking of USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor and ends with Imperial Japan's unconditional surrender aboard USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

Following an astounding career that spans five decades and three wars, from World War II to the Korean conflict to the Liberation of Kuwait, the



Photo courtesy of McNeil Wilson Communications

"Mighty Mo" was decommissioned and donated to the USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which operates the battleship as a historic attraction and memorial. The association oversees her care and preservation with the support of visitors, memberships, grants and the generosity of donors.

Battleship Missouri Memorial is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For more information, call 1-877-MIGHTYMO.



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Girls' youth softball struggles to stay alive

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Contributing Writer

Last season, the U12 girls' softball squad of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Pearl Harbor Youth Sports (PHYS) punched its ticket to play in its very first Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Hawaii State Championship Tournament.

Only one year later, PHYS is not only searching for a new skipper to direct its girls' softball program, but is also in danger of losing the entire season due to rising fees and a lack of participation.

While Mikalynn Castellano said that the program, which was under her direction for the past two years, was ready to move on to the next level, she vacated her position after a change in her work schedule left little time for coaching.

She said that the girls made huge strides in improving their skills over the past two seasons, and felt that interest in the program would only get better.

However, David Shiota, recreational assistant at PHYS, said that with the



A member of the Pearl Harbor Youth Sports (PHYS) U12 girls' softball team delivers a pitch to a batter from Hickam Air Force Base during a game last season while PHYS officials, David Shiota and Joe Stanczyk, look on from the outfield fence. PHYS is trying to drum up more interest in the sport as low registration is putting the spring season in jeopardy.

cost to participate in ASA going up, families at Pearl Harbor have been slow to register their girls. After one week of signups, PHYS had only one girl commit to the spring season.

Registration fee for girls' softball is \$120, as compared to NFL Flag Football which is half the cost at \$60.

"We're still trying to go through with it, but we're not sure if we can get enough girls," said Shiota. "People aren't liking the fees, but to participate in the ASA is so expensive. Uniforms alone can cost from \$40 up to \$80."

Although it is costly, Shiota said that being a member of ASA is crucial to keeping girls' fast-pitch softball alive at this time because there just aren't enough teams at Pearl Harbor to go completely in-house.

Even with inter-league play between teams from Hickam Air Force Base and Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe, it's virtually impossible to maintain a full schedule - especially when the season runs from March until August.

Castillano added that the

intense competition offered by off-base squads within ASA is a good way for military youth to improve their skills.

Civilian fast-pitch programs often develop their players from a very young age with the notion of future payoffs for their players that include scholarship opportunities for college.

"Girls' fast-pitch softball is a big thing off base," said Castellano. "The biggest thing about playing in ASA is that it gives our girls an opportunity to compete outside of military recreational play. It's big exposure for our girls."

Even though the prospects for playing this spring may look bleak for girls' fast-pitch at PHYS, Shiota said that he isn't willing to give up hope just yet.

Shiota assured that the folks at PHYS are investigating every avenue to try and keep the program afloat and moving forward.

"We have until Feb. 5 (end of registration)," said Shiota. "If we can figure out a way to make things work, it's always our goal to keep a program running."

PACOM to initiate new study of military children and families

Special to Hawai'i Navy News by Robert Blum, MD, JPH, PhD

John Hopkins University

U.S. Pacific Command is working with Johns Hopkins University and the University of Hawaii on a study of

military children in Hawaii schools.

The study is intended for children 10 to 18 years old and will also include parents. It will include those who go to private, parochial, charter and home schooling as well as those in the public school system. The goal is to provide

military leadership as well as parents and educators with the information needed to improve the educational and other experiences for military children.

Parents who have children between the ages of 10 and 18 are encouraged to participate. Focus groups were held Jan 4

through Jan 8. The research team will also be holding focus groups for both parents and children the week of Jan. 18-22 at Catlin Park at Pearl Harbor, Schofield Barracks, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe and Fort Shafter.

It is necessary to RSVP in order to attend. If you would

like to participate, please contact Susan York at yorks@hawaii.edu.

The researchers hope to enroll at least half the eligible families in the larger study which will be launched in March and will involve a Web-based questionnaire that children and parents

will be able to do in their homes.

For more information on the overall study, contact Robert Blum MD PhD: rblum@jhsph.edu or Kathleen Berg PhD: kberg@hawaii.edu. The PACOM project officer is Dr. Jean Silvernail.

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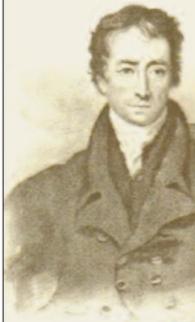
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WHO SAID IT?
"I WOULD RATHER HAVE PEACE IN THE WORLD THAN BE PRESIDENT"

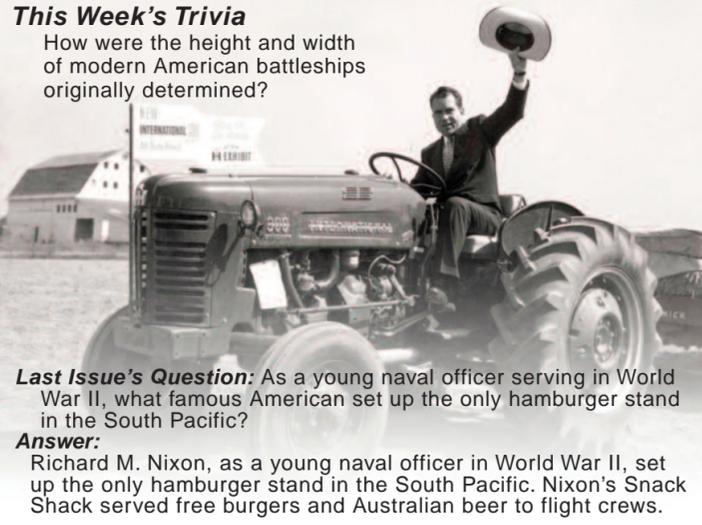


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-Charles Lamb, English poet

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This Week's Trivia
How were the height and width of modern American battleships originally determined?



Last Issue's Question: As a young naval officer serving in World War II, what famous American set up the only hamburger stand in the South Pacific?
Answer: Richard M. Nixon, as a young naval officer in World War II, set up the only hamburger stand in the South Pacific. Nixon's Snack Shack served free burgers and Australian beer to flight crews.
Photo courtesy of Wisconsin Historical Society

Navy Region Hawai'i Manawa Nanea

Morale Welfare & Recreation

CELEBRATE POST-SEASON FOOTBALL
Find out which teams will make it through the playoffs and to the Super Bowl. Come watch your picks on the big screen on Jan. 9, 10, 16, 17 and 24. Oceans CPO Club is for authorized patrons E7 to E9 and their guests. Brews and Cues is open to all military-affiliated patrons and their guests. FMI: 473-1743.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE
The intramural basketball league at Naval Station Pearl Harbor will be open from Jan. 16 to March 10 to active duty service members only from Pearl Harbor, Barbers Point, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, West Loch and Kunia commands. All games will be played at Bloch Arena. Registration and participation is free. FMI: 473-2494 or visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY AT SCOTT POOL
On Jan. 18, come to Scott Pool and test your knowledge and swimming skills in a Martin Luther King Jr. trivia swim relay. Gather your friends to form a team of four swimmers and read up on your MLK history. Be prepared for each swimmer to swim one length of the pool and be able to answer trivia before the next swimmer enters. This competition will test your mind and endurance. FMI: 473-0394.

Community Calendar

January

15, 16 ~ Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) will host a treadmill and elliptical demonstration from 4 to 7 p.m. today and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the sporting goods department. Certified personal trainers from the Navy Region Hawaii fitness program will be on hand to demonstrate the use of the equipment and assist customers in choosing the right exercise machines for their fitness needs. FMI: visit the NEX sporting goods department or 421-3478.

15 ~ Single Sailors are invited to see television legend Bill Cosby live in performance at the Neil S. Blaisdell Concert Hall. Transportation is provided and will depart from LIP at 4:30 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$25. FMI: 473-4279.

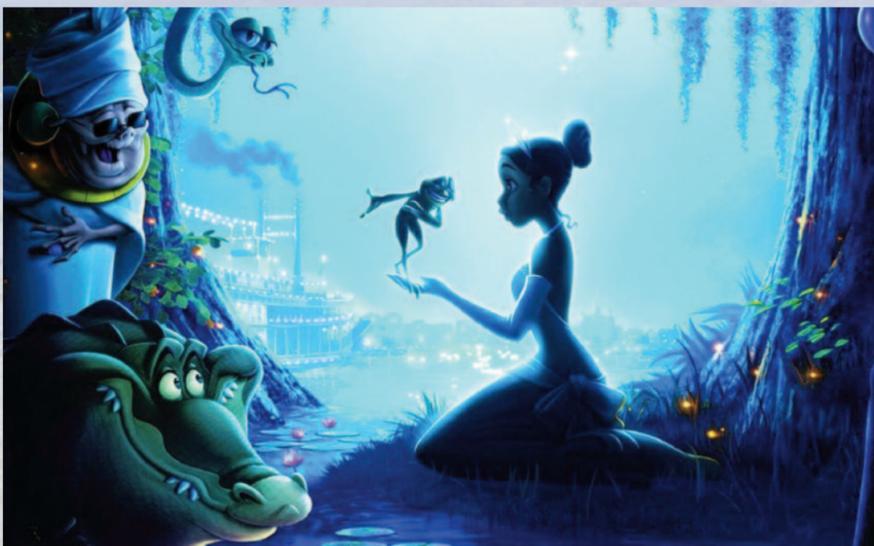
22 ~ Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet will present the Pacific Fleet Band in concert at 3 p.m. at the Hale Koa Hotel in downtown Waikiki. The concert is free and no tickets are necessary. FMI: 474-3693.

29, 30 ~ Actor Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band will perform a concert from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Pop Warner Football Field at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe and from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 30 at the Freedom Mall Tower located at Hickam Air Force Base. FMI: visit www.uso.org.

At a glance

Bring your child's most recent report card to the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange to register for the Project A-OK program. Your child could win \$5,000, \$3,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds. FMI: 423-3274.

Sharkey Showtimes



The Princess and the Frog (G)

Walt Disney Animation Studios presents a musical set in the greatest city of them all, New Orleans. "The Princess and the Frog" marks Disney's return to the warmth and grandeur of hand drawn animation. The film teams Ron Clements and John Musker, creators of "The Little Mermaid" and "Aladdin" with Oscar-winning composer Randy Newman. From the heart of Louisiana's mystical bayous and the banks of the mighty Mississippi comes an unforgettable tale of love, enchantment and discovery with a trumpet playing alligator, a love sick Cajun firefly, and a host of other charming characters at every turn.

TODAY

7:00 PM Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG 13)

SATURDAY

2:30 PM The Princess and the Frog (G)

4:45 PM Old Dogs (PG)

7:00 PM Ninja Assassin (R)

SUNDAY

2:30 PM The Princess and the Frog (G)

4:45 PM The Blind Side (PG 13)

7:15 PM Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG 13)

THURSDAY

7:15 PM Old Dogs (PG)

