



Navy programs bring holiday cheer to single Sailors for the holidays

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Single Sailors may be away from their families and loved ones during the holidays, but they are certainly not forgotten. That is the message that Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) and other participating programs at Pearl Harbor want to send to Sailors who are planning to celebrate Christmas away from family this year.

"We want Sailors to have the Christmas experience of a home-cooked meal and a gift under the tree," said Greg Gaustine, regional fleet services program director for Liberty in Paradise (LIP) at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Gaustine and other participating Liberty Single Sailor centers plan to host a variety of activities on Christmas Day that are geared for single Sailors, including making and sending Christmas cards to the families and a five-course holiday meal, complete with a special wrapped gift under the tree for each Sailor.

According to Gaustine, other participating liberty centers such as Instant Liberty and Liberty Express will also host similar events on Christmas for single Sailors, including a holiday meal. (Beeman Center will be closed on Christmas Day) For many Sailors, these charitable gestures are not unnoticed.

"I think it is a positive thing," said Machinist's Mate Fireman Matthew Munniks regarding the many holiday activities offered at the liberty centers. Munniks said he enjoyed the Thanksgiving meals offered by LIP and encourages other Sailors to take advantage of the opportunity.

"Like many other people, I would rather be at home with my family for Christmas, but we have to take what we can get and it is better than staying in the dorm and sleeping through the holiday without anything," he said. "It's not home, but it's turkey," he added.

Gaustine admitted that a source of pride to him and his MWR and liberty center colleagues is the ability to provide such valuable resources and activities which he believes each Sailor deserves, especially during the holidays.

he said. "We are proud to be able to provide the staff, facilities, equipment and programs necessary to support our men, especially on a holiday," said Gaustine.

In addition to the holiday meal, Sailors will be able to send Christmas cards to their families, free of charge, at any Liberty Single Sailor Center. There will also be a camera available for them to take pictures of themselves to include with their Christmas cards to send back home.

Navy Chaplain Lt. Demetric Felton of Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) Chapel in Wahiawa said his chapel also offers a holiday meal to single Sailors and some time in a family-like environment. Felton explained that each year he tries to pair up a single Sailor with a family (including his own) so that they may have a quality Christmas experience during the holidays.

"We've done this for a couple years now during Thanksgiving and Christmas," he said regarding the chapel's holiday meals. "We just think it's nice to let the Sailors have this experience and show them that someone cares."

Felton acknowledged that not only can the holi-



days bring a time of reflection to many Sailors who are away from their families, but can also lead to holiday depression. Felton said the key for Sailors to avoid depression during the holidays is to give to others less fortunate.

"It's hard to be away from your home or family during the holidays," he offered. "But I always encourage the Sailors to take this time to look outside themselves, get out of their comfort zone, and maybe help another person in need."

The Navy chaplain suggested that Sailors should volunteer, whether they are giving food to the homeless or helping others who are less fortunate. "Because you are giving to someone less fortunate, this is a way your life can be impacted and you will be surprised how your attitude can change," he said.

program director, said that she and the staff at ASYMCA are proud to be able to offer holiday baskets to Sailors and families this Christmas.

The holiday baskets will include traditional side items for a holiday meal, such as corn, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, etc. and a store gift certificate that can be applied toward the purchase of a turkey or ham. Recipients of the holiday baskets are Navy families in need who are referred by their commanding officers and chaplains.

Families who plan to host single Sailors or family members of deployed Sailors for Christmas may also be eligible for a holiday basket, Price said.

Price said that the ASYMCA plans to prepare approximately 170 to 200 baskets to give away this Christmas. Pickup dates for the baskets will be Dec. 20-21. According to Price, the ASYMCA welcomes either canned food or monetary donations and plans to host a food drive at the Pearl Harbor Commissary on Dec. 10 to collect donations for the holiday baskets. For more information on the ASYMCA Holiday Basket Program or for donation inquiries, contact Price at 473-3398.



Silver Dolphin Bistro
Christmas Day Menu
Beef Consomme Soup
Shrimp Cocktail W/Sauce
Roast Beef W/Mushroom Gravy
Glazed Baked Ham W/Pineapple Sauce
Roast Turkey W/Giblet Gravy
Baked Potatoes · Rice Pilaf
Green Peas & Carrots · Corn on the Cob
Bread Dressing · Cranberry Sauce
Holiday Desserts · Egg Nog
Meal Hours: 1000-1200 · Price: \$6.05

Silver Dolphin Bistro
New Year's Menu
Knickerbockers Soup
Steamship Round of Beef W/Au Jus
Shrimp Cocktail W/Sauce
Baked Potato
Steamed Rice
Steamed Corn
Peas W/Mushroom
Hot Dinner Rolls
Garden Fresh Salad
Holiday Desserts
Meal Hours: 1000-1200 · Price: \$3.65



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Navy Hale Keiki School holds Operation Candy Drop

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Navy Hale Keiki is a school in Honolulu, Hawai'i whose student body is made up of predominantly military family members.

The Parent Teacher Organization-sponsored event was aimed at providing students an opportunity to show support for the deployed troops since many have firsthand experience with their own

parent deployments.

During Operation Candy Drop, NHKS students were able to share and discuss what deployment meant to them. The USS Lake Erie Honor Guard helped kick off the project at the morning flag ceremony. In addition, service members read children's books about coping with separation of loved ones.

The students helped by putting the candy into the sea bag for collection and designing cards to help brighten the day of a deployed love one. This project was student driven to allow them to show how they could support the troops.

The students have started to receive messages from the recipients of their care pack-

ages. One mom from Baghdad wrote, "I would like to thank the class for the candies and cards they sent me. It just made my day, it was so thoughtful. I appreciate them taking the time to send me some sweets, well, lots of sweets to be exact, and also taking the time to make me those cards. Mahalo."

Another recipient wrote, "Thank you so much for the box. We love candy...I even handed some to a few Iraqi kids when I was out on patrol."

Operation Candy Drop was a huge success for the students in helping others and letting deployed loved ones know that they are supported. In the end, everyone's day was "sweetened."



Tripler announces flu shot schedule

Tripler Army Medical Center

The Oahu Joint Public Health Working Group has scheduled flu shots for military beneficiaries from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on the following dates and locations:
Dec. 7 – Navy Exchange Pearl Harbor

Dec. 8 - Schofield Barracks Exchange

Dec. 14 - Hickam Air Force Base Exchange

Dec. 15 - Marine Corps Base Hawai'i – Kaneohe Exchange

For more information, call Tripler Preventive Medicine at 433-6693.

Navy Hale Keiki School announces GolfFore Children tournament and dinner

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Navy Hale Keiki School has announced plans for its GolfFore Children golf tournament and dinner on Dec. 14.

The event will be held at the Navy Marine Corps Golf Course and Sam Snead's Tavern. Tee-off for the golf tournament is at noon with the dinner and auction to follow.

Tickets are available for

immediate purchase. There are two ticket options: One ticket for both golf and dinner or a ticket can be purchased for just the auction/dinner that evening. Items available during the live and silent auction have been donated by businesses and residents of the local community.

All proceeds raised will go toward Navy Hale Keiki School's endowment fund. One specific goal for this endowment fund is to reach a particular level in order to

be able to offer tuition assistance to both military and civilian families within the community who wish to attend school at Navy Hale Keiki School.

Ticket prices for the Golf Fore Children Tournament, dinner and auction are \$75. Dinner and auction tickets are \$30.

Tournament and event spaces are limited.

Tickets are available at the Navy Hale Keiki School administrative office at 423-1727 or visit www.nhks.org.

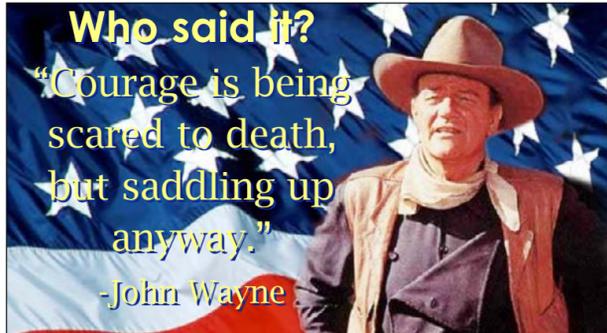
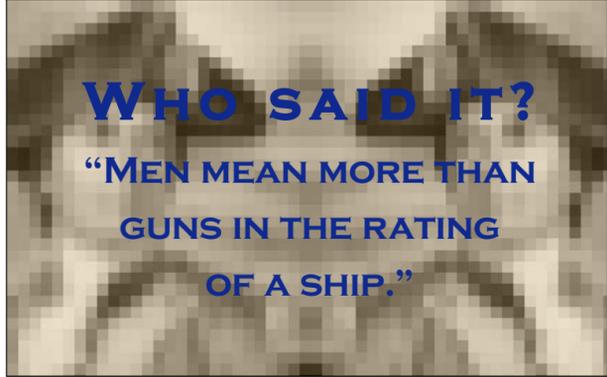
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Q. Who was the first woman recognized as wounded in action during the attack on Pearl Harbor?

Last week's question... Who was the first U.S. naval officer?

Answer... On Sept. 2, 1775, General George Washington commissioned Nicholson Broughton captain "in the Army of the United Colonies of North America." Broughton had a novel assignment: The Marblehead man was to be master of the Hannah, the first vessel in what has come to be known as "George Washington's Navy." The general sent eight Massachusetts schooners to intercept vessels supplying British troops in Boston. This little fleet helped persuade the Continental Congress that the new nation needed a proper navy. On Oct. 13, Congress ordered that two large vessels be fitted out with guns. This is the date that the United States Navy considers its birthday. The Massachusetts schooners that captured 55 enemy ships in 26 months of service belonged to the Continental Army.

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Morale Welfare & Recreation



WINTERFEST '07

A tree lighting ceremony will open Winterfest '07 at 6 p.m. Dec. 14 at Paradise Lounge at Club Pearl. There will be holiday carols and special treats. In the spirit of giving, event goers are asked to bring a new unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots. Kids can also bring a homemade card to send to a deployed Sailor. In the arts and crafts area, keiki can choose one craft that they made to also give away. A highlight of the event will be a visit from Santa (don't forget your camera). Free harbor tours to view the Festival of Lights will depart from Merry Point at 7 to 8:30 p.m. The free event is open to all active duty, military-affiliated and Department of Defense personnel, family members and sponsored guests. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

BOAT DECORATING CONTEST AT RAINBOW BAY MARINA

Resident boats at Rainbow Bay Marina will illuminate the dock with their light decorations and a ceremony beginning at 6 p.m. Dec. 14. All Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) patrons can vote for their favorite boat and enjoy free snacks and punch. Awards and door prizes will be given to the best boats. FMI: 473-0279.

For more information on Navy Region Hawai'i MWR events, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com

Community Calendar

December

8 ~ The Mall at Pearl Harbor will host its annual Breakfast with Santa from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the food court lanai located on the second floor. Children can enjoy a breakfast of hotcakes, sausage and other items with jolly old Santa Claus. FMI: 423-3330



16 ~ Talented marine life artist, Wyland, will make an appearance at the Mall at Pearl Harbor from 1-2 p.m. at The Mall rotunda. FMI: 423-3330

Sharkey Showtimes



Bee Movie (PG)

Barry B. Benson is a graduate bee fresh out of college who is disillusioned at his lone career choice: making honey. On a rare trip outside the hive, Barry's life is saved by Vanessa, a florist in New York City. As their relationship blossoms, he discovers humans are mass consumers of honey and decides to sue the human race for stealing bees' honey.

TODAY

7:00 PM 30 Days of Night (R)

SATURDAY

2:30 PM Bee Movie (PG)

4:45 PM Dan in Real Life (PG 13)

7:00 PM Tyler Perry's

Why Did I Get Married (PG 13)

SUNDAY

2:30 PM Martian Child (PG)

4:45 PM Bee Movie (PG)

7:00 PM Tyler Perry's

Why Did I Get Married (PG 13)

THURSDAY

7:00 PM Michael Clayton (R)

