

# 2007

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A myriad of leisure events, sports activities and visits by celebrities highlighted a full year in 2007 – all covered in the pages of Hawai'i Navy News.

Major events at Naval Station Pearl Harbor were hosted in conjunction with Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR). Seasonal events, fittingly dubbed Boofest, Springfest and Winterfest, brought Navy families closer together with food, fun and games as they celebrated the spirit of each season.

The grandest of the seasonal celebrations for Naval Station Pearl Harbor culminated with the 2007 July 4th Block Party and Fireworks Spectacular. The all-day event was filled with local entertainers, fun activities and games as well as an impressive 20-minute grand finale of fireworks lighting up the Pearl Harbor sky. Throughout the year, we paid tribute to America's heroes with other patriotic events observing Memorial Day, the Battle of Midway, Flag Day and Veteran's Day, to name a few.

Fireworks were not the only thing that lit up Pearl Harbor's sky this past year.  
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October brought one of the most popular aviation acts in the world, the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels, who performed at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe Bay. The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds aviation team also visited the islands with a special flyover above the USS Arizona Memorial during a flight demonstration in September.

The year proved memorable for sports enthusiasts in Hawai'i. Last February, the 2007 Pro Bowl all-star game brought some of the greatest players of the National Football League to the island to mark its 28th consecutive year of playing the bowl game at Aloha Stadium.

Another memorable sports event was Pearl Harbor's 10th annual Ford Island 10K Bridge Run. More than 1,800 service members, their families and civilians participated in a 6.2 mile run across the Adm. Bernard "Chick" Clarey Bridge and around historic Ford Island.

During 2007, we welcomed a number of celebrities who visited the island not only to take advantage of the Hawaiian tropical sights, but also to reach out to several island military bases, treating service men and their families to autographs and performances. Actor Gary Sinise, best known for his Lt. Dan role in the Tom Hanks blockbuster "Forrest Gump," brought his "Lt. Dan Band"

to MCBH for a free night of tunes and entertainment for military and their families. The year also brought country music artist Alan Jackson and CBS Sportscaster Jim Nantz to tour Naval Station Pearl Harbor and meet with Sailors.

For some celebrities, Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) was a chosen site on their 2007 book tour. The NEX welcomed former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Newt Gingrich, and local bounty hunter and television personality, Dog Duane Chapman, who greeted visitors and signed autographs while promoting their new books.

In a special ceremony, actor Jim Nabors, star of the hit 1960s television show "Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C." was honored for his years of contribution to the military community worldwide. Nabors was promoted to honorary corporal by the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific on the 43rd anniversary of the show's premiere.

We paid tribute to one of Hawai'i's beloved entertainers, entertainer and icon, Don Ho, who passed away April 14 at the age of 76 due to heart failure.

With the end of 2007, we look forward to 2008 and all of the events that the new year will bring to Naval Station Pearl Harbor.



# COMPASS: A course for Navy life

## Pearl Harbor COMPASS

Are you new to the Navy and lost in letters ...LES ...COLA...JAG...SSN...FFG ...PSD...MWR...ITT?

Did you just move to Hawai'i and can't tell the difference between Kaahumanu and Kalaniana'ole...let alone know how to say them to ask for directions?

Does a fast cruise mean they come home early?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then COMPASS is the place for you.

COMPASS is a spouse-mentoring program designed to give new spouses the tools and knowledge to get the most out of Navy life. COMPASS mentors share their tried and true

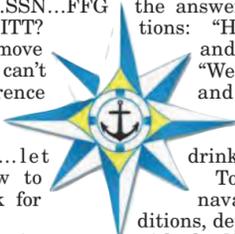
tips on how to thrive, not just survive Navy life.

Come meet new friends and learn how to deal with the answers to those questions: "He's leaving when and for how long?" "We're moving where and when?", and learn that cola isn't just a drink.

Topics include naval history and traditions, deployment, moving with the Navy, benefits and services of the Navy, finances and the LES, and living in Hawai'i.

COMPASS is a 12-hour program that meets over three days. The next session will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Jan. 22-24.

For more information or to register, call 473.1627 or email [CompassHawaii@yahoo.com](mailto:CompassHawaii@yahoo.com)



# Safety comes first at Navy Exchange Hawai'i

## Scheherezade Roundtree

Navy Exchange Hawai'i Marketing Department

Navy Exchange (NEX) Hawai'i is always making strides to exceed customer's expectations and provide the best shopping experience that is second to none. In continuing to be one of the 'best places to work and shop' in Hawai'i, the Navy Exchange at Pearl Harbor has instituted the NEX safety committee consisting of NEX associates who are committed to facilitating safety standards and advocating the importance of safety awareness among patrons and employees.

Spearheading the committee is Jack Terry, NEX loss prevention/safety supervisor. He explained that the role of the safety committee is to ensure that the NEX is in compliance with the Navy and other governmental safety and occupational health programs so that it continues to be a safe place to work and shop for everyone.

"Our basic functions are to create and maintain in our associates an active interest in safety and to serve as a means to assist in meeting the safety program's guidelines and objectives," said Terry. Although the safety committee does not actually create new safety policies, they do help influence the safety standards by providing insight of the day-to-day activities that occur in and around the Mall.

In accordance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, safety committees and health programs were established to inform and protect Navy personnel and property. Under the act, employers are obligated to ensure "safe and healthful working conditions for working men and women by authorizing enforcement of the standards developed under the act, by assisting and encouraging the states in their efforts to assure safe and healthful working conditions, by providing for research, information, education and training in the field of occupational safety

and health; and for other purposes." (Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; 84 STAT. 1590).

Interestingly, the Navy Exchange's comment card system has played an integral role in shedding light on those areas in which patrons and associates have raised concerns. In fact, many comment card suggestions have led to the development of safety policies that have been mandated at the Navy Exchange, such as furnishing the exterior of the Mall complex with cigarette disposal units.

Terry noted, "We received a lot of safety and health suggestions from comment cards. One we are working on is to provide 'SaniCart wipes' which our customers can use to disinfect shopping cart handles and baby seats. Another customer safety suggestion is to restrict the use of 'Heelys' (skate shoes) within the exchange."

Terry believes safety is everyone's responsibility and suggested how patrons can also get involved. He said, "One of the best roles a

patron can play is to be an additional set of eyes. If they see an unsafe situation like a slip or trip hazard, bring it to the attention of the nearest associate so we can take immediate action. In addition, parents with small children need to remember that the type of behavior their child exhibits at the park may not be safe inside the NEX."

To further educate patrons and associates about safety awareness, the NEX safety committee will partner with various federal and state agencies throughout the year to promote the many facets of safety. The committee also plans to participate with the American Red Cross, Department of Defense and State Civil Defense in disaster training and preparedness in the future. "The safety and health of all associates and customers is a matter of great importance to everyone at NEX Hawai'i. We are all committed to making the exchange the safest and best place to work and shop," remarked Terry.

## Chapel Calendar

### Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel

Wednesday 6 p.m. Dinner  
7 p.m. Teen group, chapel choir, nursery, kids and adult programs  
8 p.m. Instrument rehearsal

Thursday 5:30 p.m. Catholic Children's Choir  
6:30 p.m. Catholic Adult Choir

Saturday 5 p.m. Roman Catholic Mass

Sunday 9 a.m. Roman Catholic Mass  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Protestant Worship Service  
12:30 p.m. Buddhist Service (second Sunday of every month in the fellowship hall)

### Aloha Jewish Chapel

Monday 6:30 p.m. Jewish Bible Study  
Friday 7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat  
Saturday 8:15 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

### NCTAMS PAC Chapel

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Roman Catholic Mass  
9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday school  
10:30 a.m. Protestant Worship Service

# Help National Marine Sanctuary count whales

## National Marine Sanctuary Foundation

Get involved in the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary 2008 Sanctuary Ocean Count and help count the whales.

The Sanctuary Ocean Count will be conducted at over 60 different shore sites around O'ahu, Kaua'i and the Big Island. Counts will be conducted the

last Saturday of January, February and March.

It's a great way to watch whales, learn about the sanctuary, and make some new friends.

Site leaders are still needed for a few locations. If you're looking for a way to get

more involved this year, call now to find out more about site leader responsibilities.

To register, call:  
Oahu: 397-2651, ext. 253  
Big Island: 1-888-55-WHALE, ext. 253  
Kauai: (808) 246-2860  
For more information, visit [hawaii.humpbackwhale.noaa.gov](http://hawaii.humpbackwhale.noaa.gov).



# Skylark CENTRAL

## WORD SEARCH

Find the names of these 34 Clippers

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| SIR LANCELOT          | CHALLENGER           | CITY OF ADELAIDE  | NORMAN COURT | WITCH OF THE WAVE |
| BLACKADDER            | LAMMERMUIR           | LOTHAIR           | THERMOPYLAE  | HALLOWE'EN        |
| JAMES BAINES          | STAD AMSTERDAM       | TAITSING          | FLYING CLOUD | SEA WITCH         |
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## WHO SAID IT?

*"I would rather have peace in the world than be president"*

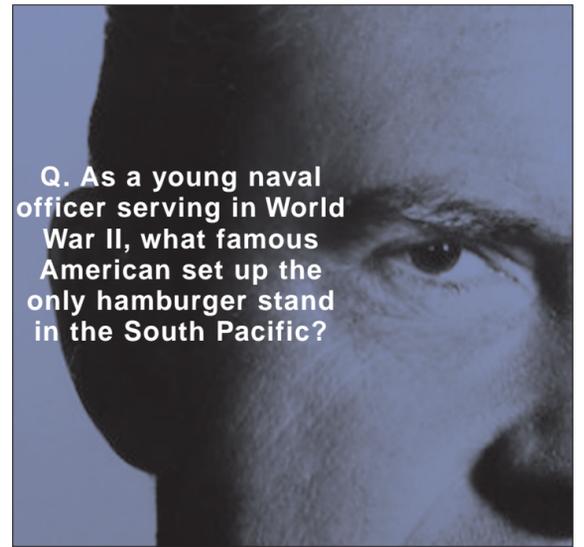
## ANSWER WHO SAID IT?

**"MEN MEAN MORE THAN GUNS IN THE RATING OF A SHIP."**

-JOHN PAUL JONES



**Q. As a young naval officer serving in World War II, what famous American set up the only hamburger stand in the South Pacific?**



# Navy Region Hawai'i Manawa Nanea

LEISURE

## Morale Welfare & Recreation



**CAPTAIN'S CUP BOWLING LEAGUE**  
Represent your command in the Captain's Cup Bowling League three-person team and earn points in the eight-week league. The league begins at 11 a.m. Jan. 15. The cost is \$6 per person each week. FMI: 473-2574.

**FREE COMICS ON DUTY WORLD TOUR**  
Comedians Drake Withem, Danny Villalpando, James P. Connolly and Steve Bills will star at the Free Comics on Duty World Tour, beginning at 9 a.m. Jan. 18 at Beemans Center. The show is free and open to all military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests. FMI: 473-0606 or visit [www.comicsonduty.com](http://www.comicsonduty.com).

**DATING GAME WITH DENVER BRONCO CHEERLEADERS**  
Join the Denver Bronco Cheerleaders from the NFL at the Dating Game on Jan. 19 at Beemans After Dark. The single Sailor social hour will start at 5 p.m. and the Dating Game will begin at 7 p.m. Participants must be 19 and older; this is an adult-themed event. Winners will experience a group date later that evening at Club Pearl. FMI: 473-4279.

For more information on Navy Region Hawai'i MWR events, visit [www.greatlife-hawaii.com](http://www.greatlife-hawaii.com)

## Community Calendar

January

**16** ~ 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



### Hitman (R)

The "Hitman" is a genetically-engineered, elite assassin known only as Agent 47. His hallmarks are lethal grace, unwavering precision, and resolute pride in his work. But even 47 couldn't anticipate a "random equation" in his life exactitude: the unexpected stirrings of his conscience and the unfamiliar emotions aroused in him by a mysterious Russian woman.

#### TODAY

7:00 PM August Rush (PG 13)

#### SATURDAY

2:30 PM Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG)

4:45 PM Enchanted (PG)

7:00 PM The Golden Compass (PG 13)

#### SUNDAY

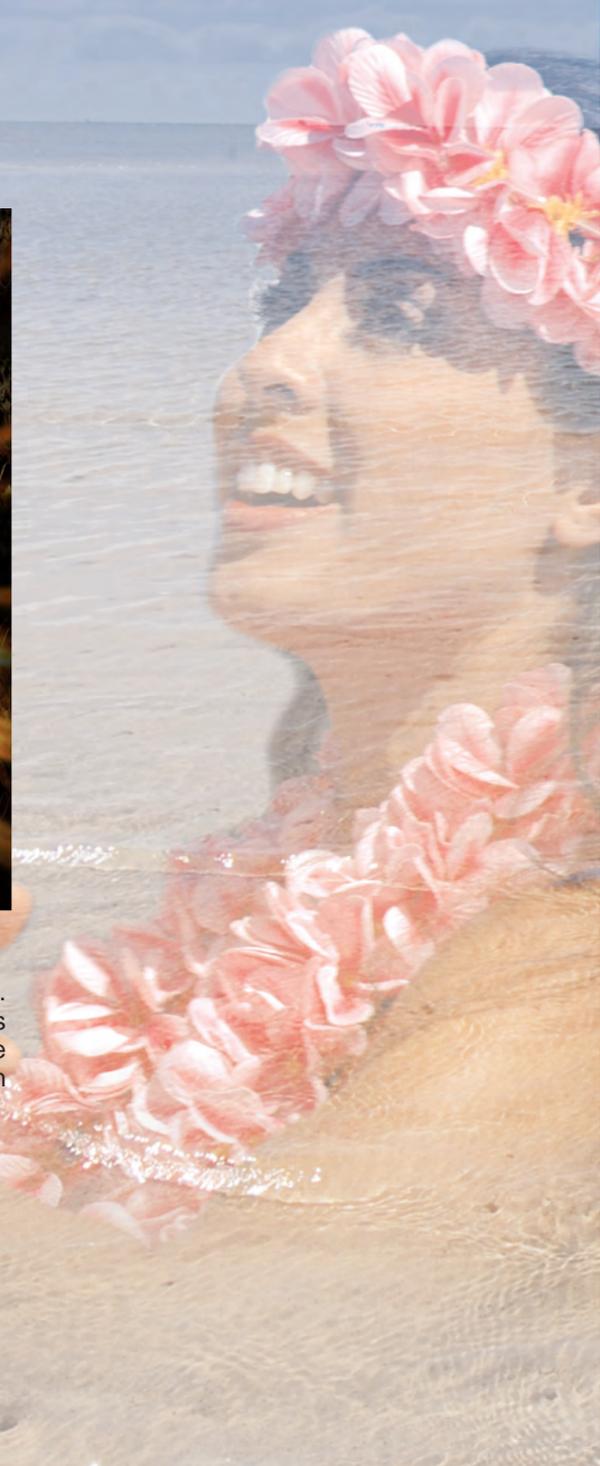
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#### THURSDAY

7:00 PM The Mist (R)



# Beneficiary feedback inspires TriWest.com

**Tiffany Anderson**

*TriWest Healthcare Alliance*

TRICARE's West Region beneficiaries get the gift of a redesigned [www.TriWest.com](http://www.TriWest.com) this season. The result is a faster, more user-friendly site to help beneficiaries manage their health care online, from anywhere in the world with an Internet connection.

Site improvements were made based on significant market research, including feedback directly from beneficiaries and providers.

Registered beneficiaries can check the status of claims, authorizations and referrals online or set up an automatic payment option to take the hassle out of monthly payments.

To register, visit [www.TriWest.com](http://www.TriWest.com), select "beneficiary" from the home page, and click on "create an account" from the left navigation bar. Registered users can also update their other health insurance, make changes to personal information, download explanation of benefits (EOBs) and much more, including:

- Claims – Learn how to file a claim, check claim status and update other health insurance.

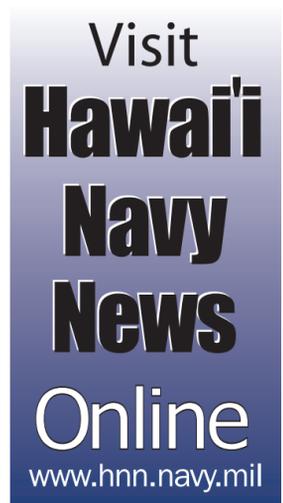
- Authorizations and referrals – Registered users receive a QuickAlert e-mail once an authorization/referral is processed.

- Enrollment – Enroll in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Prime Remote, change primary care managers and download appropriate forms.

- Life-changing events – Ensure TRICARE coverage during life events such as retirement, marriage or having a baby.

- Healthy living – Find tips to maintain a healthy lifestyle, review a schedule of recommended immunizations for adults and children and much more.

Visit [www.TriWest.com](http://www.TriWest.com) to find answers and save time with most frequently asked questions about TRICARE benefits for West Region beneficiaries.





## Tripler offers new out-of-area phone number

### **Tripler Army Medical Center**

**What's the number?**  
1-800-322-8262

**When should I call?**  
If you develop an urgent medical need while traveling out-of-area (off the island of Oahu), simply call the toll free number for assistance.

**Can anyone use this number?**  
No. It's Tripler and Schofield Barracks Health Clinic TriCare Prime enrollees only. (All active duty and family members are classified as "prime enrollees")

**What if I have questions?**  
No problem. Just call TriCare information at 1-888-874-9378 and they will point you in the right direction.

**Are there any exceptions?**  
Yes! If you're traveling and require emergency care, then go to the nearest ER or call 911.

## STORY IDEAS?

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