



Welcome home Sailors!

USS Chafee • USS Crommelin • USS O'Kane • USS Reuben James

Family and friends greeted the Sailors of the Pearl Harbor-based ships USS O'Kane (DDG 77), USS Reuben James (FFG 57), USS Crommelin (FFG 37) and USS Chafee on June 7-8 from deployments to various areas of operations.

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Navy Sailors give special memories to MDA campers

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Sailors from commands at Pearl Harbor spent the week volunteering for Muscular Dystrophy Association's (MDA) annual summer camp at YMCA Camp Erdman in Waialua from June 6-13.

The Navy personnel as well as service members from other military branches comprised the 50 camp volunteers who were selected to serve at the week-long camp. Activities were geared for 50 children and adults with neuromuscular diseases.

"We want to thank all of our Navy volunteers not only for serving our nation, but also for helping here in Hawai'i on a local level and with local children," said Jennifer Li, MDA healthcare service coordinator. "It has been amazing to see their dedication and their commitment to making summer camp the best week of the year," Li continued.

Li said that the Sailor's presence was essential to the camp because many of the campers were either wheelchair-bound or had limited mobility.

"This summer camp depends on our volunteers," she said. "Without them, we wouldn't have the help we need for these children to enjoy all of the activities. The campers really do enjoy every single moment at camp and it cannot happen without the help of those service members," Li explained.

According to Li, MDA's camp offered a fun and safe outdoor experience to campers as well as an opportunity to develop important life skills such as confidence, independence and social skills.

"It has been amazing watching 100 different strangers coming together

for the first time," she said. "From the first day, I saw a lot of teamwork, enthusiasm and a lot of spirit and heart. Already, we can see they've become one big family."

During camp, volunteers and campers enjoyed a variety of recreational and leisure activities including horseback riding, swimming, craft projects and talent shows.

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class George Rodriguez from Naval Station Pearl Harbor security at West Loch said he enjoyed bonding with his assigned 12-year-old camper. "The whole experience has been really fun," said the Barstow, Calif. native. "It can get overwhelming or wear you out [at times], but when you see the smile on the [campers'] faces, it makes it all worth it. You realize how full of life they are."

Electrician's Mate 1st class (SS) Frank Danz of Naval Station Pearl Harbor, 1st Lieutenant Division was one of several volunteers paired with an adult camper, a 49-year-old from Maui.

"The week has definitely been a very rewarding one," said the Indianapolis, Ind. native. "It is so great knowing all of the friendships I will be taking back from all of the campers and volunteers. I really wish [camp] could last the whole summer and not just one week," he added.

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Casanova Love, a native of Alexandria, La. and also assigned to the 1st Lieutenant Division at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, described the past week of camp as the most fun he has had in the three years he has lived in Hawai'i. He said, "It's non-stop energy around here. It is like they have batteries in their back or something."

Love said that despite the campers' limitations, they remained positive and kept



A camper is greeted by Star War's troopers at the Muscular Dystrophy Association's annual summer camp, held June 6-13 at YMCA Camp Erdman in Waialua. The camp offers recreational activities geared to children and adults with neuromuscular diseases. Sailors from Navy Region Hawai'i served as camp volunteers along with other service members.

him "humbled."

"They are so full of life and outgoing and outspoken," he said. "This camp [experience] will open you up and help you see that besides the wheelchair, they are just like you and me. They don't ever want you to feel sorry for them."

Lt. Cmdr. Tim Moore, chaplain at Naval Submarine Support Center, said he hopes more Sailors in the future will take an active interest in the local community.

"This [camp] is a great way to get involved and help out the community," he said. "That is what the military is all about. I would highly encourage all Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Soldiers to get involved in

the same thing."

Religious Program Specialist 3rd Class Lonzie Medina from Naval Submarine Support Center said this year's MDA camp was his third time as a camp volunteer and he described the week as "priceless."

"I really don't think Sailors understand what it can do to you," said the Washington, D.C. native. "The [campers] bring such joy to your heart. It truly brings out the best in you."

Camp volunteers must be more than 18 years old and be of sufficient strength and size to assist with the needs of the campers. For more information on MDA's Hawai'i summer camp, visit www.mda.org or search volunteerhawaii.org.



Master-at-Arms 2nd Class George Rodriguez from Naval Station Pearl Harbor security at West Loch plays cards with his assigned 12-year-old camper. Rodriguez was one of several Sailors from Navy Region Hawai'i who served as a camp volunteer at the Muscular Dystrophy Association's summer camp at YMCA Camp Erdman in Waialua.

NEX Pearl Harbor named 2007 Bingham Award winner Navy Exchange Hawai'i to host emergency preparedness expo

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Navy Exchange Hawai'i Marketing

The Navy Exchange (NEX) at Pearl Harbor has been named the 2007 Bingham Award winner, receiving the highest honor among its competitors in the Navy Exchange System. Winners in the super-stores category exceed sales of approximately \$112 million. NEX Pearl Harbor surpassed its initial 2007 sales plan by 3.8 percent (\$10.5 million) and as of 2005, the Navy Exchange has exceeded its plan by 7.8 percent (\$20.6 million).

The NEX at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, Kauai was a first-time Bingham Award recipient. The PMRF store received the honor in the overseas sales category (\$3 to \$11 million).

Michael Cottrell, NEX district manager, said that he is more than proud of the teamwork exemplified by all of the Navy Exchange's counterparts in making this win possible. He said, "The Bingham Award recognizes the results of a lot of effort by a lot of people because people in the Navy Exchange work for this the entire year and it's very competitive. We always have to beat last year's performance and that's always hard to do because our performance has been very good, so each year we do better and better."

Cottrell believes that fortitude in fulfilling the NEX mission is the keystone to NEX Pearl Harbor's continued success. "Probably what's really important is that the patrons really benefit because if we pursue excellence and compete for the Bingham Award each year, it really enhances the value of the Navy Exchange. The criteria for winning is providing service to patrons and that's measured by the Customer Satisfaction Index and also meeting sales and profit goals. When we meet or



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exceed all those, then MWR benefits because they get more dividends," Cottrell explained.

"I do think it's a great honor and it does send the message that in the different critical factors, which are really all of the major metrics you judge a retail and service organization, we are the best. I think it's really important that we celebrate that," noted Beverly Hudgins, general manager. "One comment that we hear over and over, especially from visiting people that go to a lot of exchanges, is how friendly the people are here and how they speak to them when they walk through the store...that is an area that makes us a cut above."

Although NEX Pearl Harbor has won the Bingham Award six times, Hudgins said she intends to further exceed that

record and achieve what she calls a "three-peat" Bingham Award recipient before she retires. "We have won the Bingham two years in a row at different times, but we've never done it three years in a row. The one goal I'd like to make for us is to be a "three-peat" Bingham Award winner."

The Bingham Award program, named after the late

Capt. W. H. Bingham, SC, USNR, chief executive officer of the R. H. Macy's Company, was established to recognize excellence in customer service, operations and management at Navy Exchange activities, and to promote friendly competition among Navy Exchange activities striving to promote superior service to Sailors and their families.

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The Hawaiian Islands are subject to many potential dangers, such as landslides, earthquakes, tsunamis and at this time of year, hurricanes. In the event that a natural hazard poses a threat, are you prepared? Navy Exchange (NEX) Hawai'i can help.

The Navy Exchange Mall at Pearl Harbor will host an Emergency Preparedness Expo from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 14, located near the entrance adjacent to the commissary. The American Red Cross, Navy Region Hawai'i Safety Department, Navy Region Emergency Management, City and County of Honolulu Department of Emergency Management, National Weather Service and Hawai'i Department of Emergency Management will be available to discuss the importance and effectiveness of emergency preparation, supply families with helpful information, answer questions, and address concerns. Attendees can also inquire about volunteer and community outreach programs.

Michael Cottrell, NEX Hawai'i district manager, explained that the purpose of the expo is to build awareness and encourage families to be proactive in their preparation efforts. He said, "Our biggest

objective is to raise awareness to all of our families in the Navy, Army, Air Force, Marines, etc. We [NEX] want them to be aware of what they should have and what they can get at their Navy Exchange."

Also, the month of June marks the beginning of hurricane season and the season ends Nov. 30. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), it is anticipated that at least three tropical cyclones will develop in the Pacific basin this year.

Families should devise an emergency plan, one that includes a checklist of all essential provisions needed to sustain them for, at the very least, a 10-day period. The kit should include: Water, first aid kits/medications, non-perishable foods, can openers, matches/ liquid fluid, batteries, flashlights, generators, camping stoves.

Oahu residents make up about three-fourths of the state's overall population, all the more reason why emergency preparedness and education is crucial. Although the frequency and magnitude of reported natural disasters has significantly increased, injury and fatality rates have decreased due to better preparation, education and humanitarian efforts. Thus, making preparations and education is the key to maintaining the safety and welfare of our military families.

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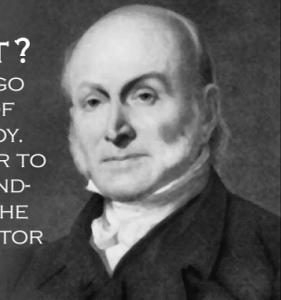
WHO SAID IT?

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."

LAST WEEK'S
WHO SAID IT?

"AMERICA DOES NOT GO ABROAD IN SEARCH OF MONSTERS TO DESTROY. SHE IS THE WELL-WISHER TO FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF ALL. SHE IS THE CHAMPION AND VINDICATOR ONLY OF HER OWN."

- John Quincy Adams



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This Week's Trivia

What is the only flag ever hoisted above the national ensign?



Last Week's Question:
On what date did the USS Indianapolis sink?

Answer:
On July 30, 1945, several minutes after midnight on a partially moonlit night, the Japanese submarine I-58 unleashed six torpedoes into the heavy cruiser USS Indianapolis as it made way from Guam to Leyte in the Philippines. Twelve minutes later, the burning ship sank sharply, bow-first and rudders still turning, to its grave in the Philippines Sea 10,000 feet below. Three hundred men went down with the ship. Nine hundred others slid into the warm tropical waters, infested with sharks and covered with fuel oil and flotsam, to await rescue on the heavily traveled route. The men who were cast into the water would stay there for four days before accidentally being discovered by an American bomber when approximately 300 men remained alive, thus resulting in the Navy's greatest sea disaster in history.

Navy Region Hawai'i Manawa Nanea

LEISURE

Morale Welfare & Recreation

SWIMMING LESSONS

Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) aquatics will offer swimming lessons at Scott Pool, Towers Pool and Arizona Pool from June to September. FMI: 473-0394.



FAMILY FUN AND MOVIE NIGHT AT NCTAMS

Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) will host a family fun and movie night on June 21 at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station in Wahiawa, featuring the movie "Alvin and the Chipmunks." The night will include games and bounce houses at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will start 7:30 p.m. Free cotton candy and popcorn will be available. Bring blankets and long chairs for viewing pleasure. FMI: 471-8658.

Community Calendar

June

Today- - Learn about the requirements for applying to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) by attending an FBI career seminar from 9 a.m.-noon at U.S. Marine Corps, Military Transition Job Fair 2008, Kahuna's Enlisted Club, Marine Corps Base Hawai'i – Kaneohe. FMI: 257-7790/7795.

Today- The Joint Employment Management System (JEMS), Marine and Family Services, Readiness Community Support Services will hold the Marine Corps Base Hawai'i – Kaneohe job fair from 9 a.m.-noon at the Kahuna's Enlisted Club Ballroom. The job fair is open to military family members, active duty personnel, military retirees, guard and reservists and federal employees with base access. Children are not admitted. FMI: Roberto Katekaru at 257-7795 or visit www.JEMSjobs.com.



14- The U.S. Vets Hawai'i chapter will host a 5K (3.1 mile) Patriot Walk/Run in Ewa Beach at 5 p.m. along the beach of Iroquois Point. All funds raised will go to U.S. Vets Hawai'i program that houses homeless veterans. Participants are encouraged to wear red, white or blue, bring flags and walk in honor of a veteran or loved one in the military. The registration fee is \$25 per person. The military fee is \$20. After June 6, the fee will be \$30. FMI: 682-6051 or visit www.usvetsinc.org.

Sharkey Showtimes



The Forbidden Kingdom (PG 13)

An American teenager who is obsessed with Hong Kong cinema and Kung-fu classics makes an extraordinary discovery in a Chinatown pawnshop: the legendary stick weapon of the Chinese sage and warriors from martial arts lore on a dangerous quest to free the imprisoned Monkey King. With the lost relic in hand, the teenager unexpectedly finds himself traveling back to ancient China to join a crew of warriors from martial arts lore on a dangerous quest to free the imprisoned Monkey King.

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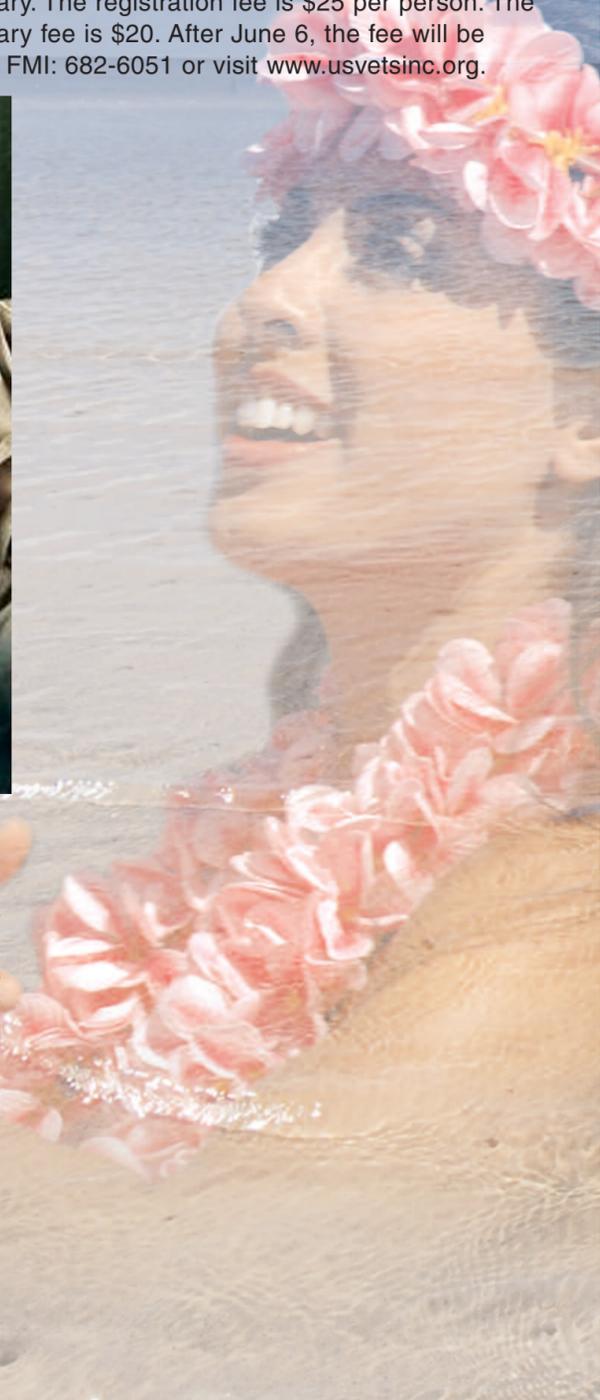
2:30 PM The Forbidden Kingdom (PG 13)

4:45 PM Shine A Light (PG 13)

7:15 PM Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R)

THURSDAY

7:00 PM 88 Minutes (R)



Forest City employees volunteer for "Community Day"

Story and photo by William Parrish

Forest City Residential Management, Communications Coordinator

More than 150 Forest City-Hawai'i employees swapped pens for paintbrushes, keyboards for cleaning supplies, and contributed hours of volunteer services to local public schools and the Oahu Veterans Center on Forest City's Fifth Annual Community Day on June 3.

Recent reports indicate that Hawai'i's maintenance and repair backlog for public schools is \$412 million and funds for school repairs have been restricted due to the slowing economy.

Forest City contributed 1,200 working hours on maintenance projects such as painting, landscaping, custodial work and servicing equipment and infrastructure at the Oahu Veterans Center and seven public schools, Alvah Scott Elementary School, Highlands Middle School, Kailua Intermediate School, Lehua Elementary School, Moanalua Middle School, Pearl City High School and Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School.

Employees from the residential management and



Ian Lange, senior project manager for Forest City-Hawai'i, paints curbs at Kailua Intermediate School during community day on June 3.

construction and development departments concentrated on painting, landscaping, mentoring activities and custodial requests. Employees from Forest City maintenance focused on servicing and installing air conditioning units and making upgrades to the schools' facilities.

Forest City hopes making schools more comfortable for students and faculty will help students in their pursuit of an education.

"It's a big, big help," said Robert Lapaga, supervising custodian at Pearl City High School, about Forest City's involvement. Forest City painted curbs red along the

band and stadium access road. Lapaga said this was a project in urgent need of attention due to the narrow road is which blocked with parked cars.

"We need to be able to have emergency vehicles travel on that road," he said. "With the curbs painted red, people will know not to park

there and block the road. It would take a (longer) period of time for my staff to accomplish what Forest City will do in one day. This will really help us out with the upcoming athletic season."

At Lehua Elementary, Forest City employees coordinated games with children at the school's annual field day, providing positive "peer relations" for the students, according to Lynne Ajifu, Lehua Elementary vice principal. Employees also tackled landscaping projects for the school.

"We are very appreciative of all that the Forest City volunteers did for us today," Ajifu said. "Look at our beautiful campus. They were all around our campus helping us maintain our landscaping and making updates for us."

Diana Townsend, Forest City resident services specialist, began contacting Hawai'i public schools in early May to recruit involvement for community day, recognizing the immediate need for maintenance services. Very quickly, she acquired an impressive roster of interested schools and began compiling maintenance wish lists. Together with Alvin Prentice, Forest City maintenance manager, and other maintenance supervisors, Forest City met with school officials to work

on the logistics of community day so that Forest City's efforts did not disrupt classrooms.

On the morning of community day, employees met at 8 a.m. at their appointed schools or the Oahu Veterans Center and ate breakfast while team leaders briefed them on the day's work. After the meeting, employees began painting curbs, pulling weeds, refurbishing basketball courts, servicing air conditioners, or a number of the other activities schools requested. Not counting a brief break for lunch, Forest City worked through the day until each task was completed.

"It was hot," Townsend said. "It doesn't get hot like that in the office. But seeing everybody come together, and everyone knowing that this work will really help the children of our residents, really helped keep us motivated throughout the day."

She added, "All of the schools were extremely happy with our performance today and they wanted to make sure we keep them in mind for next year."

Forest City-Hawai'i employees worked in concert with 1,300 Forest City employees across the country on various social and charitable services on the nationwide community day.

NEX gas lanes closing for upgrades

Navy Exchange Hawai'i Marketing

In an effort to better serve its customers, Navy Exchange Hawai'i will temporarily close its gas lanes at various locations to upgrade its pump systems.

The new systems will be more customer friendly, offering Americans with Disabilities Act compliance for disabled patrons. The pump upgrades will be done in stages in order to

cause as little inconvenience as possible for NEX customers.

The following NEX gas lane locations will be closed for upgrades during the designated periods:

- Halsey Terrace gas lanes, June 16-20
- Naval Station submarine base gas lanes, June 23-27
- NEX Mall gas lanes, July 7-11

For more information and updates, call 423-3315.

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