



PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR *Returns to Sea*

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A scattering of ashes ceremony was held for 94-year-old Pearl Harbor survivor Morris Nelson on Aug. 5 at USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island. During the 1941 Pearl Harbor attacks, 28-year-old Nelson was a second class radioman aboard USS California (BB 44).

Nelson's only child, Melody Zuidervaart, her two children and Nelson's great-granddaughter attended the ceremony, along with members from the Fleet Reserve Association, who presented a two-bell presentation during the ceremony, honoring their departed shipmate.

The ceremony included a short religious service provided by Chaplain Bernard Pecaro, U.S. Naval Reserves, a three-volley rifle salute and a Navy bugler sounding Taps.

Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivor liaison, said Nelson's ceremony was a fitting tribute for an



Lt. Cmdr. (Ret.) USNR
Morris K. Nelson

American hero.

"He was among the [Pearl Harbor] survivors that defended our country during a great time of need," Taylor said. "They defended the freedom we are now able to enjoy. They are all heroes and they deserve to be honored just as heroes are [honored]."

Originally born June 26, 1913 in Albert City, Iowa, Nelson grew up in Turlock, Calif. where his family moved when he was a child. He enlisted in the United States Naval

Communications Reserve (USNR) in 1934 and was called to active duty on Dec. 26, 1940. Soon after, he was assigned to the USS California (BB 44) which was deployed to Hawaii in May 1940 and moored at Battleship Row. During the surprise attacks on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, the torpedoes and bombs dropped by Japanese carrier planes badly damaged the ship and ultimately claimed 100 lives of her crew members onboard.

Zuidervaart said her father was in the radio room, below the ship's deck, during the first round of attacks. "He really didn't know what was going on until he realized that the 'condensation' running down the wall was actually fuel," she recounted. "Dad said that if it weren't for the five inches of steel above him, he wouldn't have made it because the bomb exploded directly above him."

Zuidervaart said once her father realized the Japanese were attacking Pearl Harbor, he and other crew members jumped off the ship and



swam to Ford Island for cover.

"One of his main memories from that time was onshore with his crew and noticing a Sailor writing the date [of the attacks] on his hand," she said. "After dad asked what he was doing, the Sailor told him he was writing the date down because he didn't want to forget it...I don't think any of them ever did," she added.

Zuidervaart said after the war, her father returned to Turlock where he started up a privately-owned business, selling and servicing radios and televisions. He later became active in politics, serving as Turlock city councilman in the 1960s.

Before his death in January, Zuidervaart said her father rarely spoke of his time in the Navy but on occasion, would men-

tion how much he appreciated the structure and skills he learned from his time in the service.

"He was a man of great integrity," she said at the ceremony. "He was very proud of his accomplishments and what he was able to do for our country while he was in the service. He would have been very touched and honored by this ceremony," she added.



Treasures available online through GSAXcess program

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The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) is offering an online program, called GSAXcess, which will allow no longer needed federal property to be re-distributed among other federal agencies.

"This is an invaluable tool for departments, stations and commands to use in support of their mission goals," said Mari Lynn Di Lullo, GSA area property officer. "It can save tens of thousands of dollars [for gaining agencies], plus a lot of the items are either new or relatively new."

Di Lullo said about 36,000 items can be found nationwide at any given time and are listed online for federal agencies to secure at no cost (unless shipping fees apply). Approximately 825 items can be found currently in Hawai'i.

Items that are not picked up through the GSAXcess program can subsequently be sold at public auction, through the GSAAuctions Web site.

"The main emphasis [of this program] is the reutilization of federal assets within the federal community," she explained. "What happens is when a non-DoD [Department of Defense] agency has items they no longer need, they report them into the GSAXcess Web site, making the items available at no cost to another federal agency, whether it be a DoD agency or a non-DoD agency. Additionally, after initial DRMO [Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office] exclusive screening periods have elapsed, DRMO items are viewable on the GSAXcess Web site," she added.

Di Lullo said the only cost a



Transportation Supervisor William Soares from the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Pearl Harbor stands with the two vehicles he received through the GSAXcess program. The GSAXcess program re-distributes no longer needed federal property to other federal agencies, normally at no cost to the gaining agency.

gaining agency may have would be shipping or transportation fees. "Shipping costs may apply when a DoD agency is obtaining an item from a non-DoD agency and the item is physically located off island or when a non-DoD agency is obtaining an item that is physically located off island," she said.

Items up for grabs include tools, equipment, furniture and vehicles. According to Di Lullo, GSA does not permit any broken or damaged items

into the program.

"The beautiful thing about this program is that oftentimes these items are in excellent condition and, in some cases, have never been used," she said. "Plus, we are reutilizing property so there are cost savings all around. Department budgets are not impacted as items are obtained without cost and tax dollars are being saved as duplicate purchases of items are not being made."

Thanks to the program, William Soares, transportation

supervisor at transportation department, code 524, for Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC), Pearl Harbor, said his department was able to receive two pick-up trucks to support their daily shop operations.

"I had never heard about this program before I got an e-mail from GSA," he said. "When I heard they had vehicles and other items at no cost to the gaining agency, I thought it was perfect [for us]."

The two 1994 Ford trucks that

his shop received, formerly owned by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), had low-mileage and were in good condition, Soares said.

He plans to use one vehicle as a "service truck for answering trouble calls" and the other as an "escort vehicle."

"What this [program] does is cut my costs down by taking away two of my payments for [other] rental [vehicles]," he explained. "Now I will have two in-house vehicles. With us trying to cut our costs down, this sure helps out a lot."

Di Lullo said the GSAXcess Web site is a nationwide program for government use only, in support of agency missions, and cannot be used for personal use or gain. To utilize the Web site, she must create an account for "department screeners" using their .mil or .gov e-mail address. An unlimited number of screeners are permitted per department to view and request items on behalf of their department, but only one approving official (such as a supervisor or credit card holder) is permitted per department. The approving signature is required to finalize the transfer of property.

Di Lullo also noted that the www.gsaauctions.gov Web site can be accessed nationwide and is open to active duty, civilian federal employees and to the general public. Interested bidders must first check with their employers and review agency policies to ensure they are eligible to place bids on items.

For more information about the GSAXcess and GSAAuctions programs, visit www.gsaxcess.gov and www.gsaauctions.gov or contact Di Lullo at marilynn.dilullo@gsa.gov.

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'Pets for Patriots' provides temporary homes to pets

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The Hawaiian Humane Society (HHS) is currently looking for volunteers for their "Pets for Patriots" program, a fostering program that provides temporary homes to pets of military service members tasked for deployment.

According to Outreach Programs Coordinator for HHS, Dmitri Welch, the program is in dire need of volunteers willing to support the military community. "There are a lot of our Soldiers over [in the desert] fighting for us so I feel the least we can do is to take care of their animals," she said. "Rather than have them worry about their pets while overseas or be forced to surrender them to a shelter [because they are leaving], we want to make sure that they know their animal will be perfectly safe and fine."

Welch said the program calls for "long-term" volunteers, willing to open their homes to the pets for a minimum of one year, while their owner is deployed. All of the financial needs of the animal, such as food, toys and veterinarian bills, will be at the expense of the pet owner outlined in a contract drafted prior to the deployment, she added.

While fostering more than 60 animals in the past six years for multiple HHS programs, Dick Carlson said he and his wife were able to comfortably incor-



Wanda and Dick Carlson play with cats inside Hawaiian Humane Society's "Cat Room," a building that houses numerous kittens, juveniles and adult felines, available for adoption. The Carlsons are active volunteers for the Pets for Patriots Program, a program that provides temporary homes for the pets of deployed military service members.

porate the "Pets for Patriots" program into their retired lifestyle. "We don't have any animals of our own because we travel a lot," he explained. "So this [program] was great for us because we cared for the animals knowing we were doing something good for another person."

The Carlsons are currently fostering a cat of an Army service member set to return to Hawai'i in December. "You feel so rewarded by this [program] because you not only nurture the animal, you are helping the Soldier," said Carlson's wife, Wanda. "It is a small thing we can

do for them."

For the Carlsons, the "Pets for Patriots" program is different from other foster programs because animals always return safely to a loving home and rightful owner. "One of the reasons this program works so well for us is that we keep the animals for a while, but

then they go back to their owners," he said. "This is what is best for the animal."

Given the limited number of volunteers, Welch said that although she doesn't prefer to separate multiple pets from a family, she sometimes has no choice. "The hard part

about this program is finding foster families that will take all of the animals from a single home," she said. "Sometimes we have to split them up because you may get a case where a volunteer can only take dogs, but not the cats and we have to find another volunteer to take the cats. Basically, the more volunteers we have, the more people we can help," she added.

Welch said there are currently four pet owners on the program's waiting list, one owner expected to leave as soon as Aug. 30. Dick Carlson said he thinks the military community may be the best place to find volunteers willing to help one of their own in need. "Military dependents may be the perfect candidates for volunteers because they are [stationed] here for a certain amount of time before having to leave," he said. "If they want a pet but are always moving around, this program allows them to not only care for an animal but also help out one of their own."

The "Pets for Patriots" program is available to all active-duty military pet owners who are in need of temporary pet care assistance. All volunteers must complete an application or register online as well as attend general and foster orientations at the Hawaiian Humane Society.

Interested volunteers can visit www.hawaiianhumane.org or contact Dmitri Welch at 356-2217 or e-mail at dwelch@hawaiianhumane.org.

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WHO SAID IT?
"It takes a great deal of courage to stand up to your enemies, but even more to stand up to your friends."

LAST WEEK'S
WHO SAID IT?
"WE MUST LEARN TO LIVE TOGETHER AS BROTHERS OR PERISH TOGETHER AS FOOLS."
 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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This Week's Trivia
 How many days was the battle of Iwo Jima?

Last Week's Question:
 The Battle of the Coral Sea, fought from May 4 – May 8, 1942, with most of the action occurring on May 7 and May 8, was a major naval battle in the Pacific Theater of World War II between the Imperial Japanese Navy and the United States and Australia. What was unique about it?

Answer:
 It was the first fleet action in which aircraft carriers engaged each other. It was also the first naval battle in history in which neither side's ships sighted or fired directly upon the other.

Navy Region Hawai'i Manawa Nanea

Morale Welfare & Recreation

USTA JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS
MWR youth sports is currently registering military youth (ages 7-18) for the fall season. The cost is \$60 per child and includes two team shirts and an award. The season will run from September to November. Registration ends Aug. 15. guests. FMI: 473-1743.

FAMILY FUN AND MOVIE NIGHT
Navy Region Hawaii Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host Family Fun and Movie Night on Aug.16 at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station. The featured film will be "The Water Horse." Fun begins at 6:30 p.m. with games, bounce houses and free cotton candy. The movie starts at 7:30 p.m. (with free popcorn available just before start time). Bring blankets or lawn chairs for a cozy viewing experience. Children under 10 must be accompanied by someone 16 years or older. FMI: 471-8658.



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LIBERTY IN PARADISE GOES TO MAUI
Liberty In Paradise (LIP) will offer single Sailors a getaway trip to Maui on Aug. 22-23. The trip includes transportation by Hawai'i Superferry to Maui with an overnight stay at the Maui Sand & Sea Hotel. The cost is \$160 per person. Register at the LIP by Aug. 15. FMI: 473-4279.

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

Community Calendar

August

8, 14 ~ Learn about the requirements for applying to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) by attending an FBI career symposium beginning at 9 a.m. Aug. 8 at the Navy at Fleet and Family Support Center, 4827 Bougainville Drive (Moanalua Shopping Center). FMI: 474-1999. The U.S. Army will host another presentation at 10 a.m. Aug. 14 at 10 a.m. at the Directorate of Human Services, Soldiers Support Center, building 750, Schofield Barracks. FMI: 655-1028.

20 ~ Navy Region Hawai'i's workforce development office will sponsor a "Learn From the Leaders" event from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Aug. 20 at building 89 at the Ford Island Conference Center at Pearl Harbor. The guest speaker will be noted community leader Rosa Say, founder and head of Say Leadership Coaching and author of "Managing With Aloha, Bringing Hawaii's Universal Values to the Art of Business." Capt. Donald Hodge, chief of staff for Navy Region Hawai'i and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, will introduce the speaker and give a brief update on the region's leadership development program. FMI: www.cnrh.cnicportal.cnic.navy.mil.

At a glance

Registration is now ongoing for the 5th Annual International Women's Leadership Conference to be held Sept. 24 at the Sheraton Hotel in Waikiki. Hosted by Hawai'i Governor Linda Lingle, the 2008 conference will include a group of renowned women speakers representing 10 different nations. FMI: www.iwlchi.org.

Sharkey Showtimes



Wall-E (G)

What if mankind had to leave Earth, and somebody forgot to turn the last robot off? Wall-E, spends every day doing what he was made for. But soon he will discover what he was meant for, as he adventures across the galaxy chasing his dream

TODAY

7:00 PM Get Smart (PG 13)

SATURDAY

2:45 PM Wall E (G)

4:45 PM The Incredible Hulk (PG 13)

7:15 PM The Love Guru (PG 13)

SUNDAY

2:30 PM Advanced Screening free to the first 450 authorized patrons (PG 13)

4:45 PM Wall E (G)

7:00 PM Get Smart (PG 13)



Natural disasters can lead to medical emergencies

Kristen Ward

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

The recent floods in the Midwest, wildfires in northern California and earthquake in southern California are reminders that Mother Nature's fury can strike at anytime. TriWest Healthcare Alliance assures TRICARE beneficiaries and families affected by any natural disasters, such as fire, earthquake, hurricane or flooding, that their health care benefits will be maintained, and that service and support will continue during those critical times.

Prepare a disaster readiness kit

TRICARE advises its beneficiaries to prepare emergency safety kits that include health care information if you have to evacuate your home. Having this information and other items organized in emergency safety kits prior to inclement weather will help alleviate stress and ease the burden on family and loved ones.

Supplies to include in the kits are non-perishable foods, flashlights with extra batteries, a battery-powered radio, extra eyeglasses and first-aid supplies.

TRICARE recommends including these additional health-related items:

- Copies of each family member's TRICARE and military ID cards, medical records or other health insurance cards
- List of doctors' names and contact information
- List of emergency contacts and phone numbers



U.S. Navy photo

U.S. Navy Sailors carry an injured New Orleans citizen through the open well deck aboard the dock landing ship USS Tortuga (LSD 46). Tortuga transported Hurricane Katrina victims to the ship where they were given hot meals, showers and beds to sleep in. The Navy's involvement in the humanitarian assistance operations was led by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in conjunction with the Department of Defense.

- List of family members' allergies
- A 30-day supply of any prescription medications or over-the-counter medications such as anti-pain, antacids, etc.
- A 30-day supply of insulin, if

applicable

- List of model and serial numbers for medical devices such as pacemakers

All paper items should be kept in plastic bags and placed inside waterproof backpacks or duffle bags

placed in easy-to-find locations so they can be grabbed quickly. Prescriptions should be stored in proper containers.

To learn more about how to prepare for disasters, visit <http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/Pr>

ofileFilter.do?purI=%2Fhome%2FLifeEvents%2FPreparingForADisaster.

Know your benefits information

Your benefits will travel with you if you are displaced or evacuated outside of TriWest's 21-state region during a disaster. If you need medical care:

- Contact your TRICARE Service Center (TSC) or TriWest at 1-888-TRIWEST (874-9378) to verify that it is still open.

• Contact TriWest immediately at 1-888-TRIWEST (874-9378) if you are displaced or evacuated to a state outside of TriWest's 21-state region to ensure coverage at the new location. Beneficiaries enrolled in TRICARE Standard, a fee-for-service option, may seek care from any TRICARE-authorized provider.

• In case of an emergency, call 911 or seek treatment at the nearest emergency room for treatment. For TRICARE Prime/TRICARE Prime Remote enrollees, emergency care does not require a referral or authorization. However, beneficiaries or a family member should notify TriWest at 1-888-TRIWEST (874-9378) within 24 hours or as soon as possible after receiving emergency care.

If a disaster hits your area, you can manage your health care 24/7 from any location with an Internet connection by visiting www.triwest.com. You may also find general updates and disaster-related resources at TriWest's newly-launched "Crisis Connection" site at www.triwest.com/crisisconnection.

Hurricane condition readiness

When a hurricane is headed for the Hawaiian Islands, you should take the following precautions in Condition Readiness I:

Condition Readiness I

- Fill your tub and bottles with water.
- Secure and brace external doors.
- Move as many valuables off the floor as possible.
- Continue to listen to the radio or television for weather advisories.
- Stay inside and off the roads.

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Civilian Employee Assistance Program can help employees

Fleet and Family Support Center, Pearl Harbor

Joe began working for the federal government with hopes of making good money, developing a marketable skill, and building a future.

What he didn't anticipate was the unsettling feelings he began to have at work. He felt like an outsider. He wasn't catching on fast enough. He didn't feel comfortable with his co-workers. He didn't feel part of his work group. Problems at home and the breakup of his relationship added to his feeling out of sorts.

Joe became irritable, couldn't sleep, and began to withdraw. One day he exploded at a co-worker. The next day he stayed home without calling to arrange for leave. The more he thought about his life, the more anxious he became. He felt like a victim as he was unable to release his hurts and they accumulated.

His supervisor thought Joe had potential and wanted to keep him; he suggested Joe call the Civilian Employee Assistance Program (CEAP). Although Joe was a "private person," CEAP's confidentiality policy especially appealed to him. Joe found it helped him greatly to talk about his problems with an objective professional who could help him explore feelings, options and develop a strategy to increase his coping.

We can all feel like a "victim" at times. We can all build a case against someone who "catches our projection" or reminds us of

some part of ourselves we don't like or of someone from our past who hurt us. Sometimes it seems there is an injustice and we are not sure the best approach to take.

When you start to feel overwhelmed or think that you are not "dealing with things" as well as you could or you just need someone to listen and really hear what you mean, call your CEAP counselor. The sooner you call the better; it is never too late. CEAP is here for you. Whether you need a referral, a safe place to talk, or refreshing of skills, CEAP can help.

Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) classes are free to Department of Defense civilian employees, military personnel and their family members. FFSC course offerings may be found on the Quality of Life Navy Hawai'i Web site at <http://www.greatlife-hawaii.com>.

Some FFSC classes scheduled in August are:

- Stress Management, 8-11 a.m., Aug. 12.

- Savings and Investment Basics, noon-2 p.m. Aug. 14.

- Anger Management, 8-11 a.m. Aug. 26.

Call the customer service desk at 474-1999 to register for any class.

CEAP provides confidential, professional assessment, short-term counseling and referral services at no cost to civilians. Call 474-1999, ext. 6204 or 6206 between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for CEAP information and to inquire about no cost at-your-site training.

Sailors, make your vote count

Commander, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. — The general election on Nov. 4 is quickly approaching and Sailors and their families are reminded that Navy voting assistance officers are available to help them with the process of absentee voting during the election season.

"The Navy Voting Assistance Program is here to assist every Sailor and family member who is eligible to vote," said Lt. Jason Watkins, Navy Voting Assistance Program manager, Commander, Navy Installations Command, Millington Detachment.

"It's very important for voters to register as an absentee voter with their local election offices early and to receive their absentee ballot in time to vote in the November election," said Watkins.

Specific information regarding registration and absentee ballot request form deadlines is located in the 2008-2009 Voting Assistance Guide, as well as online at the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site www.fvap.gov, under "state by state instructions."

"Sailors should contact their local election offices or command voting assistance officer immediately when they do not receive their ballots in a timely manner,"



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael A. Lantron

Religious Program Specialist 1st Class Rubert Cleridor, assigned to Naval Submarine Support Center Pearl Harbor, reads the 2008-09 voting assistance guide during a Federal Voting Assistance Program workshop at the Navy legal office at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. More than 40 active-duty service members from Oahu-region commands participated in the workshop become voting assistance officers for their commands during the November elections.

emphasized Watkins.

Generally, all U.S. citizens 18 years or older who are or will be residing outside the United States during an election period are eligible to vote absentee in any election for federal office. In addition, all members of the uniformed services and their family members who are U.S. citizens may vote absentee in federal, state and local elections.

Once filled out and mailed to the applicant's local voting official in their state of residence, the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) acts as a request for absentee ballots for any elections to be held that year. The FPCA is available to all U.S. citizens from local voting assistance offi-

cers and the FVAP Web site. "The FPCA should be completed and submitted every year," added Watkins. "Not only does it act as an absentee ballot request form, but it also informs the local voting election official of the Sailor's current mailing address and confirms voter registration."

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