

67TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECEMBER 7 ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR

HEROES OF THE “GREATEST GENERATION”

“We memorialize you here today for so many reasons, at this place, inspiring acts of courage took place as you sacrificed for one another in the midst of an unexpected nightmare.”

Also, it was people like you who rallied an entire nation and represent a generation of Americans who denied your attackers by resurrecting the fleet they destroyed and taking the Pacific back from them.”

- Adm. Robert F. Willard, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet



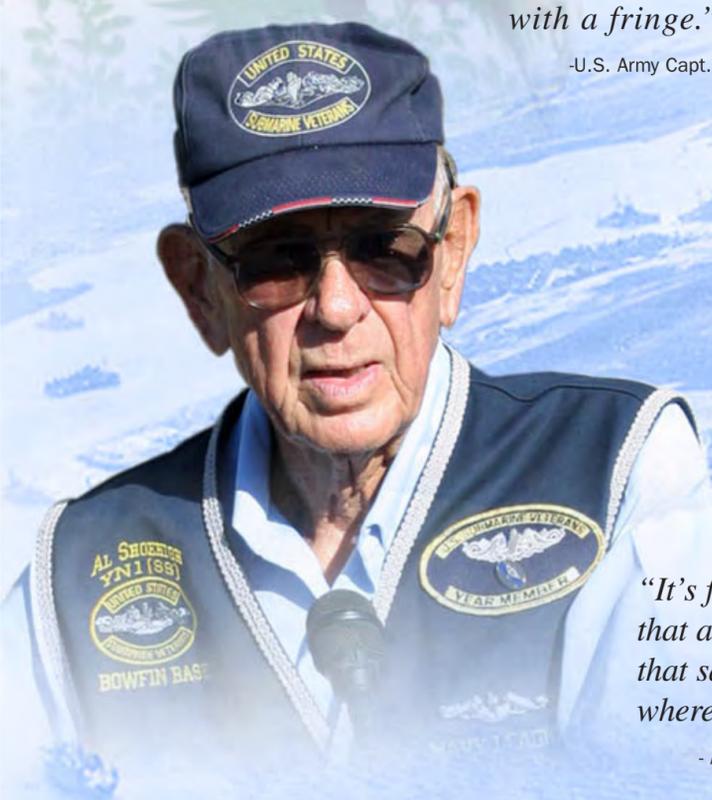
“I remember seeing a Japanese plane about 30 feet away, but I didn't recognize it because we didn't have no Japanese identification instructions. It was flying low and slow enough that I could see that the pilot was wearing a brown leather helmet with a fringe.”

-U.S. Army Capt. (Ret.) Robert Kinzler



“I remember around 16:30, I finally went outside [the ship] and looked down the harbor and saw the Arizona in flames. Then I remember saying, ‘somebody is gonna catch hell for this’ and they did!”

- U.S. Navy Storekeeper Chief (ret.)
Woody Derby



“It's for the unknown people that are never talked about that sacrificed, without them, where would we be?”

- Al Shoehigh, former president of the Barbers Point Navy League

“It's terribly important for all of us to remember these events. There are a lot of lessons that we can learn about those who went before us and exercised their duty with such bravery and commitment. It gives us inspiration today, in our own battles and challenges, as we serve to defend all of us.”

-Capt. Bret Muilenburg, commanding officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i

Surfin' Santa visits Forest City

Story and photo by Forest City Military Communities Hawai'i

After months of freezing temperatures, Hawai'i has a certain appeal to those in the northern latitudes. Only so many driveways can be shoveled before dreaming about palm trees.

Santa is no different.

And so for the fifth consecutive year, Forest City invited Santa to Hawai'i to surf and relax before embarking on his late December globetrotting toy run.

Between North Shore sets, Surfin' Santa paid tribute to military families by posing for truly unique holiday photos. Santa really knows how to fill out some board shorts and more than a couple of dads donned coconuts and grass skirts for their photograph.

Families, pets included, were invited to meet Santa at area community centers Dec. 1-5. After a brief wait, visiting with neighbors, listening to carols, and sneaking candy canes, families were offered leis, skirts, antlers, caps and coconuts to dress up their photo. Families then met with Santa, delivered their wish lists, and smiled for the camera.

Photographers recorded the images and then created a compact disc for each family to take home. Images on the compact discs will make thrilling material for one-of-a-kind holiday cards to send home to friends and family on the chilly mainland.

Forest City thanks Santa and its families for making it such a festive week, and a special thanks goes out to all those dads who braved the coconuts.



Beat the holiday blues

Diane Mayer

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

The holiday season can bring with it many feelings, ranging from excitement and wonder to sadness and disappointment. Anxiety about separations or losses can be intensified during the holidays. Uncertainty about the length of deployments and mission dangers can add to the stress of separation.

Here are some suggestions to help reduce holiday stress:

- Set realistic expectations. It is easy to focus on how things used to be. Sit down with family members and discuss what is important to each of you right now. Look for new activities that could become new family traditions.

- Make a calendar with specific holiday goals. Once a holiday goal like buying all the gifts or baking all the cookies is reached, reward yourself.

- Establish a realistic budget. Overspending can result in year-round stress and the



material aspects of the holidays can be overwhelming. Many times a homemade gift can be more meaningful. Coupons for services throughout the year can provide friends and family with happiness that outlasts the holiday season.

- Buy gifts from catalogues or online. This can be an amazing time saver. Many companies offer gift-wrapping and delivery directly to the recipient. It is a great way to avoid crowded stores

and long lines at the post office. Use the time you saved to spend time doing things you enjoy.

- Take care of yourself. In order to take care of others, you must first take care of yourself. Eat healthy meals at regular times. Get plenty of sleep and exercise. Even on your busiest days, schedule time for yourself. Think about activities in which you can participate and choose only those that will be enjoyable.

- Emphasize family ties.

Spend extra time with your children to make them feel safe and secure. Maintain established routines, including family dinners and bedtimes. Create an online photo scrapbook for a loved one who is deployed, to share holiday images with them during or after their deployment.

- Reach out to others. Share activities and help others in your community. Participate in community activities that bring you in contact with others.

Life is full of changes – some good, some bad – and it can be difficult to adjust. Identify what is important and good in your life right now and focus on the future. TriWest is here to help you make it through the holidays. Visit www.triwest.com > Beneficiary > Behavioral Health for tips and resources.

You can also save time during the busy holiday season by registering on www.triwest.com to manage your health care online, anytime from anywhere with an Internet connection.

Holiday services at Pearl Harbor Chapels

Holiday services will be conducted at Pearl Harbor Chapels during Dec. 21-27:

At Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel:

Catholic Masses

Normal Saturday and Sunday services

Dec. 24 – 5 p.m.

Dec. 25 – 9 a.m.

Protestant services

Normal Sunday services at 11 a.m.

Dec. 24, candlelight service – 7 p.m.

At Subase Chapel:

Dec. 24 – 6 p.m. candlelight service

Free classified advertising for military in Hawaii Navy News

Active duty and retired military, civil service and family members can advertise the sale of their personal property (including real estate) and services in HNN at no charge. The details are as follows:

Classified items and services must represent an incidental exchange between the aforementioned personnel and not business operations. Requests for three-line free classified advertisements can be submitted via email, if from a ".mil" address (submit to ikaneshi@honolulu.gannett.com), by phone at 521-9111 or by visiting www.honoluluadvertiser.com and clicking on "classified ads." More lines of advertising can be purchased at an additional fee. Requesters should include their military ID number and a call-back phone number.



Holiday Festival of Lights Pearl Harbor boat tours

Free holiday Festival of Lights Pearl Harbor evening boat tours will be offered to the public on Dec. 19, 20 and 21. There will also be boat tours for DoD card holders with base access Dec. 12, 13, and 14. Boats will depart from Merry Point every 15 minutes from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Offered as a community service of the U.S. Navy and National Park Service, the boat tours will depart from the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center each evening at 6:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. An additional 8:15 p.m. boat will be added to the Saturday and Sunday

schedule. Boat tours are free, but seats are limited and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis beginning at 6 p.m. the day of the tour.

The 30-minute harbor-side tours will feature Christmas music and harbor-side views of the many Pearl Harbor ships and submarines decked out with holiday decorations and lights. Due to enhanced security measures in effect at the visitor center, no camera bags, purses, handbags and/or other items that offer concealment are allowed in the center or aboard the boats.

Do not leave valuables in

your car. Please note that cameras and videos are allowed onboard for photos of the decorated ships; however, photographing security activities such as the patrol boats and shore or water security personnel is prohibited.

Since it can become chilly, a light jacket or sweater is recommended. Be sure to arrive early to allow time for parking and going through the security check. Boarding for the boats begins 15 minutes prior to each stated departure time.

For more information, call the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center at 422-2771, ext. 110.



WINTERFEST '08

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS



Enjoy Winterfest 2008

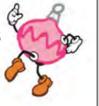


Enjoy Pearl Harbor's Winterfest 2008 tonight at Club Pearl Paradise Island Lounge. The fun begins at 6 p.m. with a tree-lighting ceremony, holiday carols and festive treats. Enjoy activities, games, crafts, bounce houses and a visit from Santa. Register to win prizes, including a "Guitar Hero" game.

Harbor tours to view the Festival of Lights

start from Merry Point at 7 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Winterfest 2008 is a fun-filled event for the entire family. Each child will receive a special gift for the season from USO Hawai'i. The celebration is free and open to all active duty, military-affiliated and Department of Defense (DoD) personnel, their families and sponsored guests.

For more information, visit www.greatlifeohawaii.com.



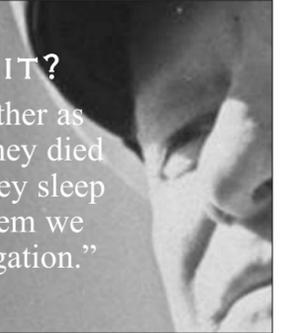
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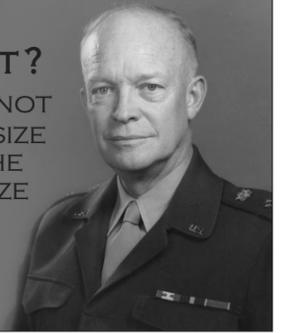
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WHO SAID IT?
“They fought together as brothers-in-arms. They died together and now they sleep side by side. To them we have a solemn obligation.”



LAST WEEK'S WHO SAID IT?
“WHAT COUNTS IS NOT NECESSARILY THE SIZE OF THE DOG IN THE FIGHT - IT'S THE SIZE OF THE FIGHT IN THE DOG.”
- Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890 - 1969)



WORD SEARCH SOLUTION
Find these 43 locales that make up THE CARIBBEAN

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This Week's Trivia
Who was the first American congressman to don a uniform following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941?

Last Week's Question:
Who was the highest ranking U.S. Navy officer killed in World War Two?

Answer: Adm. Isaac C. Kidd. He died manning a machine gun aboard his flagship, the USS Arizona, on Dec. 7, 1941. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor and Purple Heart.



Navy Region Hawai'i Manawa Nanea

LEISURE

Morale Welfare & Recreation

YOUTH BASEBALL CLINIC

Morale, Welfare and Recreation youth sports is partnering with the Hawai'i Military Youth Athletic Association (HMYAA) to host a baseball clinic from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Lynch Field. The clinic is free and open to all military youth ages seven to 14. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or 474-3501.

FREE ADVANCED SCREENING AT SHARKEY THEATER

Sharkey Theater will offer a free, advanced screening of a major motion picture at 6 p.m. on Saturday. The screening is free of charge for the first 450 eligible patrons seated. Due to motion picture policy, the name of the film cannot be announced. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

SINGLE SAILORS 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The celebration for Single Sailors will begin Sunday and end with a dinner on Christmas Day. Activities will include surfing with Santa, shopping trips, ice skating, bowling, movies and a trolley ride to Honolulu Hale Christmas Lights. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

BOAT DECORATING CONTEST AT RAINBOW BAY MARINA

The Rainbow Bay Marina will host a boat decorating contest and parade from 6-8 p.m. Dec. 19 at the marina. Enjoy decorated boats as patrons display their holiday lights. Participants will also be able to vote for their favorite boat and enjoy free refreshments and snacks. FMI: 73-0279.

HONOLULU CITY LIGHTS TROLLEY TOUR

Tickets are now on sale for the Honolulu City Lights Trolley Tour. Visit your nearest Information, Ticket and Travel office location to purchase tickets. Tour dates are Dec. 12-14 and Dec.18-23. Tickets are \$12 per person (ages five years and older). Seating is limited. FMI: 473-0792.

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

Community Calendar

December



13 ~ The Navy Exchange will host its annual Breakfast with Santa from 8-9 a.m. at the NEX Mall food court lanai. Breakfast includes hotcakes, sausage and other items. Breakfast is only available to the first 100 patrons. Purchase tickets at the Aloha Center in the Mall at Pearl Harbor rotunda. FMI: 423-3330

20 ~ World-renowned artist Kim Taylor Reece will be at the Mall at Pearl Harbor from noon-2 p.m. Patrons will be able to view his Hawaiian-inspired artwork and receive autographs. FMI: 423-3330

At a glance

Registration for Pee Wee Flag Football is through Dec.19. The cost is \$35 per participant and includes a T-shirt and medal. The 2009 season runs from January to March 2009. Pee Wee Flag Football is open to all military youth ages three to five years. FMI: 474-3501.

Sharkey Showtimes



Changeling (R)

Christine said goodbye to her son, Walter, and left for work. When she came home, she discovered he had vanished. A fruitless search ensues, and months later a boy claiming to be the nine-year-old is returned. Dazed by the swirl of cops, reporters, and her conflicted emotions, Christine allows him to stay overnight. But in her heart she knows he is not Walter. As she pushes authorities to keep looking, she learns that in Prohibition-era L.A. women don't challenge the system and live to tell their story. Slandered as delusional and unfit, Christine finds an ally in activist Rev. Briegleb, who helps her fight the city to look for her missing boy.

TODAY

7:00 PM The Secret Life of Bees (PG 13)

SATURDAY

2:30 PM High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G)

4:45 PM Advanced Screening (PG 13)

Free to the first 450 patrons

7:15 PM Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (PG)

SUNDAY

2:30 PM Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (PG)

4:45 PM Max Payne (PG 13)

7:15 PM Changeling (R)

THURSDAY

7:00 PM Role Models (R)

Battleship Missouri Memorial dedicates 'crew's room' to Mighty Mo veterans

USS Missouri Memorial Association

The Battleship Missouri Memorial unveiled a new, permanent exhibit called the "crew's room" on Dec. 7.

The exhibit is dedicated solely to former crew members of the USS Missouri (BB-63) and offers visitors a glimpse into the shared personal experiences of those who served aboard America's last battleship.

With the theme "We Remember," the exhibit documents the lives of young men who were witnesses to events that changed world history, such as Japan's formal World War II surrender and other memorable periods throughout the iconic ship's rich service history, from WWII through Operation Desert Storm.

Participants in the dedication ceremony included Michael A. Carr, the memorial's president and chief operating officer, and two USS Missouri veterans. These were Herb Fahr, a USS Missouri veteran from 1954 to 1955 and a former president and the current membership chairman of the USS Missouri (BB-63) Association (a group that consists of USS Missouri veterans from the battleship's five decades of service), and Ernest Thompson, a USS Missouri veteran from 1944 to 1945.



Photo courtesy of the Battleship Missouri Memorial

In the new crew's room, USS Missouri veteran Ernest Thompson, who served on the battleship from 1944 to 1945, describes his experiences of life at sea to Sarah Tenney, vice president of development for the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

"Ten years ago, when the Missouri arrived in Pearl Harbor, we envisioned the need for a crew's room," Fahr said. "Today, it's been brought to fruition."

The "crew's room" is

accessible from the mess deck and features personal treasures donated to the memorial over the past decade by former crew members, each selected to vividly reflect life aboard

the U.S. battleship.

Artifacts depict daily shipboard routines and convey feelings of being away from home. They include old snapshots, keepsakes, letters to and

from home, souvenirs of ports calls, ship's newspapers, division buttons, dog tags, menus, uniforms and other treasured items - each a reminder of a time when they called the Missouri home.

Last summer, the USS Missouri (BB-63) Association donated \$5,000 to the memorial to help with the creation of the crew's room. The gift was presented to the memorial's curator, Mike Weidenbach, at the USS Missouri (BB-63) Association's 35th annual reunion, held from Aug. 28 to Sept. 1, in San Antonio. Nearly 60 former crew members attended the reunion.

"We are honored and privileged to be entrusted with the care and preservation of the Mighty Mo and are grateful for the ongoing support of her former crew members," Weidenbach said. "We are committed to preserving this greatest of American battleships and the memories and experiences of those who served.

We are truly grateful to the members of the USS Missouri (BB-63) Association for their generosity as the memorial continues to refurbish their ship for future generations. Only through continued support can we share the legacy of the Missouri and her former crew for generations to

come."

On the final day of the veterans' reunion each year, an open memorial service is held, including the Ringing of the Bell ceremony to honor those shipmates who have passed away in the last year. Weidenbach said: "This year's reunion was significant for the absence of too many familiar faces. The crew members are the beating heart of the ship. Without the experiences and memories of each and every crew member, there would be no human experience to give the ship meaning and significance."

For those interested in supporting the Battleship Missouri Memorial, the Friends of the Mighty Mo membership program is designed to give individuals, families and organizations the opportunity to invest contributions in the mission-driven education, preservation, outreach and legacy building activities of the memorial.

For more information, visit www.MightyMoMembers.org. To contact the Battleship Missouri Memorial's development department, call 455-1600, ext. 244, or e-mail development@ussmissouri.org. For visitor information, call (toll-free) 1-877-MIGHTYMO (1-877-644-4896) or visit www.ussmissouri.org.

'Olelo Community Television to air U.S. Navy Band's holiday concert

'Olelo Community Television

'Olelo Community Television will include in this year's holiday programming its first-ever cablecast of the United States Navy Band's Washington, D.C. holiday concert.

'Olelo will be the only local television outlet, not affiliated with the military, to air the concert.

The performance, entitled "Season of Magic," features a mix of traditional and contemporary holiday music and will air on O'ahu on 'Olelo cable channel 49 on Dec. 28 at 4 p.m. and Dec. 30 at 3 p.m.

"We are honored to bring the always-popular Navy Band holiday concert to O'ahu cable viewers," said Keali'i Lopez, president

and CEO of 'Olelo. "The program will allow a brand new audience to delight in the magical performances of these talented musicians.

From choral and jazz selections to country music and concert band pieces, there will be something for everyone to enjoy during this holiday season."

The United States Navy Band,

recognized as "the world's finest," presents their holiday concerts twice each year at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. The performances will be recorded on Dec. 20 and 21. Representatives of the Navy Band invited 'olelo to air the event on O'ahu and expand coverage of the group's performance.

Throughout the year, the Navy

Band provides musical support to the president of the United States, the Department of the Navy and other senior military and government officials.

(Navy housing residents may also view the Navy Band concert on the Hawai'i Navy Channel 2, to be announced on channel 2 on a later date.)