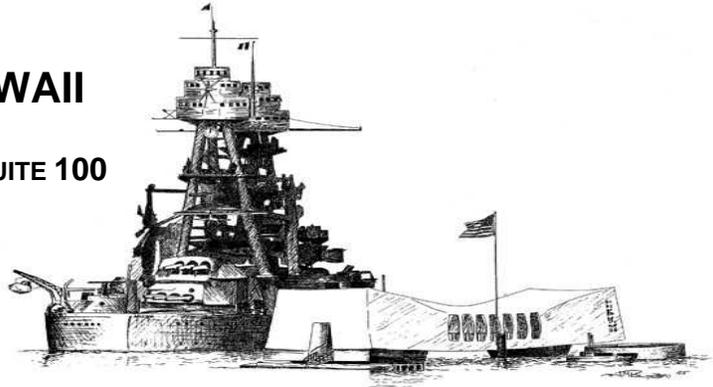


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New 'wayside exhibits' to be unveiled June 17 highlighting Pearl Harbor's history

(Pearl Harbor, HI) – Nine new wayside exhibits that showcase the rich history of the Navy in Pearl Harbor will be unveiled this Thursday by Commander, Navy Region Hawaii. A ceremony marking the event will be held at 9 a.m. at Pearl Harbor's historic Hospital Point.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Commander Capt. Richard Kitchens will deliver dedication remarks, and Navy Region Hawaii historian Jim Neuman will be on hand to answer questions about the exhibits.

The Naval Station at Pearl Harbor, now part of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is one of the nation's most historically significant installations. Since its establishment at the turn of the 20th Century, Pearl Harbor has been at the forefront of United States naval operations in the Pacific.

The nine individual wayside exhibits have been installed at various locations on Pearl Harbor and are similar to the ones used by the Park Service in national parks around the country, including those currently installed at the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center. Wayside exhibits are designed with powerful visuals and concise text to be "captions on the landscape."

The exhibit at the site of the unveiling ceremony highlights the naval hospital that once occupied the area now known as Hospital Point. The unveiling will coincide with the 112th anniversary of the date that President William McKinley authorized the establishment of the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps.

Media interested in covering the event are requested to contact Chief Bauer, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office, by 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at 473-3788 or 590-8363. Media will be met at the Pass and ID parking lot adjacent to the Nimitz Gate at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2010, to be escorted to Hospital Point.

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