

## Up to the Challenge



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Service members from Navy Information Operations Command Hawai'i competed in the annual Pro Bowl Military Skills Challenge at Kapiolani Park on Feb. 10.

The National Football League, the Air Force, the Army, the Coast Guard, the Marine Corps and the Navy sponsored the event. The Air Force team, made up of Hickam Air Force Base Ballers, took top honors, using overtime to capture the trophy.

The six-man Navy team competed against teams from the Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Army and Air Force in a

punt, shuttle run, relay run, long snap, field goal kick and pass competition.

It was a sunny and clear day, perfect for football. With Diamond Head in the backdrop, the Pro Bowl committee were set to referee some serious good old fashioned military football.

Normally, the winning team of the Hawai'i Navy Intramural Flag Football League is the representative for the Navy. However, on this occasion the runner-up and last year's flag football champions were representing.

"Yeah, VP-4 couldn't make it this year but we deserve to be here anyway," said Cryptological Technician Collection 2nd Class Tim Becker with a mischievous grin on his face.

"We lost to those guys 13-12 in the championship," said Fire Controlman 2nd Class Chris Mays. "It was close, unlike our other games. Our first playoff game we won 28 to 0. In the second game, we won 20-13."

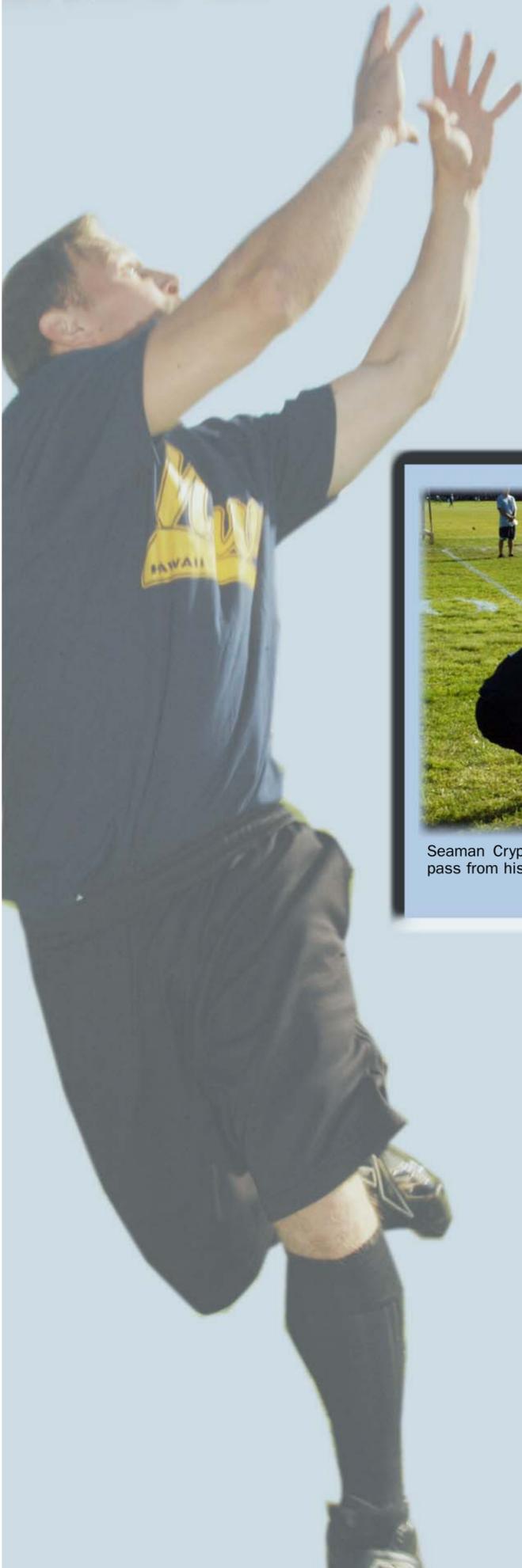
The challenge was a tight one and who would have known that the Air Force would be dishing out some serious competition. Mentally, however, the Navy team didn't understand the word "lose."

Sadly, Becker and his team came up short-placing fourth, beating only the Coast Guard. Air Force won the event with the Marines and Army in a close second and third place finish.

Regardless, Navy still believes they are winners.

"We didn't start the day to lose. We came here to win," said Becker.

"We were organized, but we did not execute. But if I could do this again, I would pick the same teammates," he said.



Seaman Cryptological Technician Maintenance Chris Landry catches a pass from his teammate during the 2006 Pro Bowl Military Challenge.



From left to right: Fire Controlman 1st Class Chad McQueen, Cryptological Technician Collection 2nd Class Tim Becker, Fire Controlman 2nd Class Chris Mays, Cryptological Technician Communications 3rd Class Joe McGill and Seaman Cryptological Technician Maintenance Chris Landry were the Navy representatives at the 2006 Pro Bowl Military Challenge.

# February is National Children's Dental Health Month

Cmdr. A. F. Hamamura

Naval Health Clinic, Hawai'i

The annual observance of children's dental health began as a one-day event in Cleveland, Ohio on Feb. 3, 1941. In 1981, the program was extended to the full month of February, which has been designated as National Children's Dental Health Month.

This year's slogan is, "A Healthy Smile is Something To Cheer!" Dental health professionals across the country will be working with America's children, their parents and educators to promote good oral health-care.

"Here at Pearl Harbor, teams from Naval Health Clinic Hawai'i's dental and health promotion departments will visit local schools to promote public awareness about the importance of good dental health and nutrition," said HM1 Contrillus D. Carter, coordinator for the school events. The teams are planning to visit Lehua Elementary, Barbers Point Elementary, Navy Hale Keiki, Pearl Harbor Family Child Care, Bougainville Child Development Center (CDC) and Rainbow Hale.

Lt. Zoe Peek from the health promotion department stressed the importance of promoting good nutritional education from the very beginning and working together with the dental team to enhance the total well being of each child.

As every busy parent knows, getting your children to take care of their teeth is an ongoing challenge. To help them be a part of the cavity-free generation, the American Dental Association (ADA) recommends the following:



Lt. Garin Liu, a dentist at Makalapa Dental Clinic, shows a child basic oral hygiene at the clinic. February has been designated as National Children's Dental Health Month. This year's slogan is, "A Healthy Smile is Something To Cheer." Dental health professionals in the military across the country will be working with America's children, their parents and educators to promote good oral healthcare.

Navy photo by JO2 Devin Wright

- Brush twice a day with a soft toothbrush to remove food and plaque, the sticky film on the teeth that is the main cause of tooth decay. Brushing thoroughly should take at least three minutes. Use an egg timer to show kids how long they should brush.

- Use an ADA-accepted fluoride toothpaste to make teeth stronger. Only a pea-sized dab of toothpaste is needed when brushing. Parents should watch their children brush to make sure they don't eat or swallow the toothpaste.

- Floss daily to remove plaque from between the

teeth and under the gumline, before it hardens into calculus. Once calculus has formed, it can only be removed by a professional cleaning. Parents can help their children floss once they reach three or four years old, but they likely won't be able to floss on their own until they are eight to 10 years old.

- Provide a balanced diet, limiting the frequency of sugary snacks, which produce plaque acids. Serve nutritious snacks instead and save "fun foods" for special times. If your child chews on gum or sips soda, choose those without sugar.

- Drinking water that is fluoridated helps protect the teeth. When applied to the teeth, fluoride combines with enamel (outside layer) to make teeth more resistant to decay. If your water supply does not contain fluoride, your dentist or pediatrician may subscribe daily fluoride supplements.

- Take your child to a dentist around his or her first birthday. Your dentist will recommend checkups at intervals that suit your child's needs. Children usually need more frequent dental visits than adults. This is because baby teeth are smaller and have thinner

enamel, so decay can spread very quickly. Frequent checkups will help your dentist identify and treat decay early, before the development of more advanced dental problems.

"An important tip for preparing your child for a lifetime of oral health is to acquaint them with the dentist and the dental office early in life," said Cmdr. Robert Mitton, DDS, MPH, deputy director of dental care division, TRICARE Management Activity. "Having a positive dental experience at a young age will allow your child to feel more at ease in the dental office environment and more importantly, begin the process of early diagnosis and disease prevention."

The TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) provides the spouses and children of active duty members with basic dental health care at a minimal cost. The program supports diagnostic and preventive dental care such as exams, cleanings, fluoride treatments and radiographs. All eligible beneficiaries should contact their individual command pass liaison representative for the guidelines on enrollment. Basic information on the TDP benefits offered through United Concordia can be obtained through the health benefits advisor, Naval Health Clinic Hawai'i, or by logging on to United Concordia's new Web site at [www.tricare-dental-program.com](http://www.tricare-dental-program.com).

Through public awareness of "A Healthy Smile is Something To Cheer!", Naval Health Clinic Hawai'i hopes to motivate all children in keeping their teeth and smile for a lifetime.

African American History Month:

## 'Smokestack' Hardy and his contribution to the preservation of firefighting history

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Arthur P. "Smokestack" Hardy was a black American who had a passion for fire history. His story began in Maryland about a hundred years ago when he happened to witness the destruction wrought by the 1903 Great Fire of Baltimore. He became widely known as "Smokestack" Hardy, being named after the old smoking steam engines common to that period. Hardy died on Dec. 3, 1995.

"Smokestack" dedicated his life to collecting historical information about black firefighters. He accomplished his collection and research utilizing only a manual typewriter and the U.S. Postal Service without having the benefit of computers and the Internet.

His collection of fire-related historical material grew daily through correspondence with firefighters all over the world. He encouraged many other fire buffs desiring information or collection of fire items and formed a group of like-minded hobbyists. He also admonished those people receiving requests for information to freely donate their time, data and resources and not begrudge any request for information. His diligence in replying to all correspondence was an invaluable tool in keeping open the flow of information. His contribution was invaluable to other fire buffs having an interest in all aspects of the fire service.

If you have the opportunity to visit a museum displaying his "stuff," don't pass up the chance to drop in and witness a bit of history concerning the accomplishments of black firefighters within the great traditions of the fire service industry. Smokestack was on top of every event in the fire service including trends, education and life safety. He depended on his fire correspondents to "ring in," keeping him posted on significant improvements. He personalized replies to every letter by referencing each author's "ring in" of (month-day-year).

His reputation was widespread and eventually received attention of the media. Ebony Magazine published stories about him on two occasions and local media produced several feature articles. Photos of his living quarters displayed his knack for col-



Arthur P. "Smokestack" Hardy

lecting anything fire related. Reporters noted that they had a hard time finding a place to sit since Smokestack's collection took up all available space within his apartment.

Smokestack was an auxiliary firefighter with Baltimore's Engine 13 and was appointed as the department's fire photographer. This assignment became one of the high points in his life as it allowed him to enter any emergency scene to take photos and record events as they unfolded. He held access cards from fire departments far and wide, allowing him to pass through the fire lines to compile and validate evidence found at the scene as well as producing photos of firefighters in action. Smokestack Hardy's exceptional interest and contributions in finding, organizing and collating fire memorabilia has made him America's number one fire buff.

## Football legend visits the Navy Exchange



Photo by Brian Lopes

Bill Romanowski, former National Football League (NFL) linebacker, signs autographs and personalizes copies of his book, "Romo: My Life on the Edge," for fans at the Navy Exchange Mall, Pearl Harbor on Feb. 9. Romanowski's book accounts for his 16-year career with the NFL as a ferocious and hard-hitting linebacker for the San Francisco 49ers, Philadelphia Eagles, Denver Broncos, and Oakland Raiders.



# MWR

## Movie Call

Sharkey Theater  
Naval Station Pearl Harbor  
(473-0726)

**TODAY**  
7:00 p.m. Rumor Has It (PG)  
**SATURDAY**  
2:30 p.m. Cheaper By The Dozen 2 (PG)  
4:30 p.m. The Family Stone (PG 13)  
6:30 p.m. The Ringer (PG 13)  
**SUNDAY**  
2:30 p.m. Cheaper By The Dozen 2 (PG)  
4:30 p.m. Fun With Dick And Jane (PG 13)  
6:30 p.m. Memoirs Of A Geisha (PG 13)  
**THURSDAY**  
7:00 p.m. King Kong (PG 13)

Memorial Theater  
Hickam Air Force Base  
(449-2239)

**TODAY AND SATURDAY**  
7:00 p.m. Hoodwinked (PG)  
**SUNDAY**  
7:00 p.m. Grandma's Boy (R)  
**WEDNESDAY**  
7:00 p.m. Casanova (R)

Sgt. Smith Theater  
Schofield Barracks  
(624-2585)

**TODAY**  
7:00 p.m. Munich (R)  
**SATURDAY**  
7:00 p.m. Fun with Dick and Jane (PG-13)  
**SUNDAY**  
7:00 p.m. The Ringer (PG 13)  
**WEDNESDAY**  
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**THURSDAY**  
7:00 p.m. The Ringer (PG 13)

*Editor's note: Every effort has been made to provide the most up-to-date information at the time of publication. However, scheduling of these events is subject to change. It is recommended that you call the contact numbers for the individual events to determine whether or not the activity will be held.*

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE EVENTS

- **Feb. 25:** Alpine Tower, 9 a.m., \$20. Register by **Feb. 22.**
- **Feb. 26:** Mountain horse-back riding, 1 p.m., \$60. Register by **Feb. 22.**

## FAMILY FITNESS FRIDAY

Family Fitness Friday Happy Hour will be offered from 5-6 p.m. on **Fridays** at Bloch Arena.

The activity is free and provides an opportunity for families to work together on fitness goals, courtesy of MWR. Participants can learn how to incorporate fitness together with their children, under the guidance of a certified fitness specialist. Workouts include a variety of equipment, appropriate skill level and partner exercises. The family fitness hour is open to parents and their children ages 10 and up (limited to no more than two children per adult). Reservations are recommended. For more information, call 473-0793.

## WHALE WATCHING SPECIALS

Enjoy whale watching on a Pacific Splash Whale Watching cruise. Navy ITT offices have an assortment of cruise options to fit

patrons schedules and budgets. For more information, call 473-1190.

## "THE LOTUS TOUCH"

Want to improve circulation, increase flexibility, release muscle tension and receive a greater sense of well-being? Try "The Lotus Touch." Patrons can enjoy a hot and cold stone massage which includes face, neck and shoulders. A 75-minute treatment costs \$90. Appointments are available at Bloch Arena and Power Point Fitness Centers. For more information, call Ruby at 386-4812.

## ALL-NAVY BOWLING TEAM

The Hawai'i All-Navy Bowling Team will represent the Navy at the All-Military Tournament to be held **April 4-7**. For more information, call 473-2651.

## FREE SCUBA LESSONS

Ocean Concepts will offer a free scuba lesson **Feb. 18, 19 and 20** at The Mall at Pearl Harbor. Patrons can come by either Saturday, Sunday or Monday for on-the-spot registration. Registration is on a first come-first served basis. The classes will be held from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. All ages are welcome. For more information, call 422-5990.

## GOVERNMENT VEHICLE AUCTION

Several government vehicles will be sold "as-is" to the highest bidder at Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation's (MWR) government vehicle auction from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. **Feb. 18**. The event is open to the general public. Those who plan to attend

are advised to get there early. Visit [www.greatlifeohawaii.com](http://www.greatlifeohawaii.com) for an inventory listing and event details. Children under 16 will not be allowed on the sale lot. (\*Note: This is the not the MWR seized/abandoned vehicle auction.) For more information, call the Auto Skills Center at 422-2975.

## POLYNESIAN LUAU

The Shore Shack at White Plains Beach will host a Polynesian luau dinner and show from 5-9 p.m. **Feb. 19**. Dinner will include teriyaki beef, kalua pig, barbecue chicken, lomi lomi salmon, potato-mac salad, rice and dessert. Live dinner music will be played through the evening. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 for ages 10 and under. For more information or tickets, call 682-8280.

## BEEMAN CENTER OPEN ONLY TO ACTIVE DUTY

Effective **Feb. 20**, MWR's Beeman Center at Pearl Harbor will be open to active duty patrons only. For more information, call 473-2583

## CELEBRATE PRESIDENTS' DAY

In honor of Presidents' Day, all open MWR pools will serve cake and punch on **Feb. 20**. For more information, call 473-0394.

## SPRING BREAK CAMP ADVENTURE

Camp Adventure is back with activities and trips especially for kids (ages five - 12). Camp fees are based on total household income. Registration is open to military and DoD family members. It begins **Feb. 21** and will contin-

ue until all slots are filled. Camp dates are **March 20-31**. For more information, call 421-1556 or 499-2572.

## SUPER GARAGE SALE AND CRAFT FAIR

The Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Super Garage Sale and Craft Fair will be held from 8 a.m.-noon **March 4** at Richardson Field. Sign up at any Navy ITT office or get a registration form at [www.greatlifeohawaii.com](http://www.greatlifeohawaii.com). For more information, call 473-0606.



- **Today:** All Night Movie Marathon, 11 p.m. at LIP, free.
- **Feb. 18:** Paintball, leave LIP at 9 a.m., \$25.
- **Feb. 19:** Surfing lessons and lunch, 10 a.m., \$7.
- **Feb. 20:** WWE wrestling and free food, 6:30 p.m. at LIP.
- **Feb. 22:** "There's Something Going on at Beeman," activities and games, 6:30 p.m., free.

## Weekly events:

- Sunday:** Chess tournament, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday:** WWE wrestling, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday:** 8-Ball tournament - 7 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Game show - 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday:** 9-Ball Pool tournament - 7 p.m.



**Casanova:** When Giacomo Casanova discovered Francesca Bruni, he met his ultimate romantic match, succumbing to the only woman ever to refuse his charms--until he could prove himself to be the one man worthy of her romantic ideals

**Cheaper by the Dozen 2:** Tom and Kate take their 12 offspring to Lake Winnetka. But their retreat soon becomes cutthroat when they enter a competition with another family.

**The Family Stone:** The Stones have their annual holiday gathering. The eldest son brings his girlfriend home to meet his family. The Stones greet their visitor with a mix of awkwardness and hostility.

**Fun with Dick and Jane:** A wealthy couple loses their main source of income, causing both to turn to a life of crime--as they organize various heists on their rich friends' accounts.

**Grandma's Boy:** 35-year-old Alex is the world's oldest video game tester, but by night, he is privately developing the next big game. Alex gets kicked out of his apartment, and finds himself forced to live with his grandmother and her friends Grace and Bea.

**Hoodwinked:** Furry and feathered cops from the animal world, Chief Grizzly and Detective Bill Stork, investigate a domestic disturbance at Granny's cottage, involving a girl, a wolf and an axe.

**King Kong:** While filming on location at Skull Island, a group of filmmakers discover a giant gorilla living in a massive jungle.

**Memoirs of a Geisha:** A penniless Japanese child is torn from her family to work as a maid in a geisha house. Despite a treacherous rival who nearly breaks her spirit, the girl blossoms into the legendary geisha Sayuri.

**Munich:** Set in the aftermath of the massacre of the 1972 Munich Olympics, the story follows an Israeli squad assigned to track down and kill the 11 Palestinians suspected to have planned the attack.

**The Ringer:** When Steve finds himself running last in the corporate rat race, he attempts to rig the Special Olympics by pretending to be intellectually challenged.

**Rumor Has It:** Sarah's life is in a tailspin. She's finally agreed to marry her boyfriend, but isn't at all sure that marriage is what she really wants.

# Community Calendar

To have your activity or event featured in the Community Calendar, e-mail your requests to [hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com](mailto:hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com) or fax 473-2876. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's issue. Items will run on a space available basis.

**NEX** - Through the Navy Exchange price matching policy, the NEX will match the price of any identical item sold in any local store. Customers may provide proof of the lower price and the NEX will match it. If the price difference is under \$5, the store will match it on the spot. Some restrictions apply to the policy. Please see a sales associate for more information.

**Tax Center** - The Pearl Harbor Tax Center, located in building 679, room 11, is open for walk-ins from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays and Fridays and from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturdays. Appointments can be made from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesdays. For more information, call 473-4112.

**Volunteers** - The American Red Cross needs volunteer instructors for cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid classes. Free training is provided. Volunteers must make a commitment to teach eight classes a year and have at least one year left in the area. For more information, call 449-0166.

**Car Wash** - The First Lieutenant Department of Naval Station Pearl Harbor will host a car wash from 9 a.m.-noon **today** and **March 3** at building 1754 (located behind the TPU Barracks on South Ave within two blocks of Nimitz Gate). There will be sign holders on South Ave. The proceeds from the fund raisers will support the Navy's electric car entry into the inter-service competition which will be held on March 18 on Ford Island and hosted by Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO). For more information, call Lt. j.g. Rob Kleinman at 472-0338.

**NLSO** - The Naval Legal Service Office Pacific, Detachment Pearl Harbor, will be closed on **Feb. 22** to participate in the Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps "2020 Strategic Standown." Regular hours/services will resume on Feb. 23. Those persons requiring emergency services should page the command duty officer at 577-2772.

**Town hall meetings** - Town hall meetings have been scheduled to provide information to Navy housing residents about phases two and three of public-private venture (PPV). A meeting for residents of Manana and Pearl City housing areas will be held at 6:30 p.m. **Feb. 22** at the Pearl City Community Center.

**Magic Johnson** - Meet Magic Johnson for an autograph session at the Navy Exchange (NEX) Mall from 3-4 p.m. **Feb. 25**, while he presents his new collection of footwear. Starting Feb. 15, the first 350 customers to purchase Magic32 footwear will receive a VIP lanyard and be guaranteed an autograph by Magic Johnson on Feb. 25 at the Navy Exchange.

- Please follow rules and regulations:
- One lanyard per person.
  - One autograph per person.
  - Must be in line one hour prior to signing.

- Must have lanyard with you to receive autograph, no exceptions.

**Puhala Marsh Clean-up** - Puhala Marsh work days have been scheduled for **Feb. 25, March 18, April 29** and **May 20** for cleanup and removal of pickle weeds at the north end of Pearl Harbor's West Loch.

The project will cover a Hawaiian fish pond and coastal marsh of about 70 acres. Volunteers are needed to help with the project from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Anyone who is interested in participating should call 473-1203 or email [adeleine.lopes@navy.mil](mailto:adeleine.lopes@navy.mil) or Pauline Kawamata at 955-0100, ext. 18.

**Whale watching** - Help the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary count whales **Feb. 25** and **March 25**. Volunteers are needed to assist with the whale counting from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The count will be conducted at 65 different shore sites around Oahu, Kauai and the Big Island. The "gentle giants" return to Hawaiian waters during the winter months to reproduce and nurse their young.

Those who wish to register to help with the whale watching count should call the following numbers: Oahu, 397-2651, ext. 253; Big Island, 1-888-55-WHALE, ext. 253; Kauai, 246-2860. For more information about the whale sanctuary, visit <http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov>.

**Learn from the Leaders** - The third in a series of Learn from the Leaders events will be held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. **March 8** at The Banyans at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Constance Lau, president and CEO of American Savings Bank, will be the featured speaker at the event which is hosted by Commander Navy Region Hawaii's Workforce Development Office. For more information, call 471-0225.

**Boutiki** - Applications are currently being accepted at The Boutiki at Naval Station Pearl Harbor for donation disbursements. Applicants may pick up a form at the shop during hours of operation or may email [Felicia@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:Felicia@hawaii.rr.com). The shop is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Friday and Saturday and from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday. The return application deadline is **March 15**. For more information, call 422-6662. The following positions are also available: bookkeeper (paid position), vice chairman, secretary, publicity coordinator, receiver and buyers.

**Sea Enterprise Essay Contest** - The deadline for the U. S. Naval Institute-sponsored Sea Enterprise Essay Contest has been extended to **March 31**. The contest offers a \$15,000 first prize, \$10,000 second prize and \$5,000 third prize. Contest rules and additional information may be found at the following link: <http://www.usni.org/contests/seaenterprisesessay.htm>.

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