

At sea at high speed



U.S. Navy photo

High Speed Vessel Two (HSV 2) Swift participated Nov. 4 in the West African Training Cruise (WATC) 2004, a regularly scheduled exercise conducted since 1978 consisting of a series of bilateral interactions between the United States and individual African nations. Host nation participants in this year's WATC included Cameroon, Ghana, Gambia, Morocco, Senegal, Sierra Leone and South Africa.

Pearl Harbor Sailors support Honolulu Marathon

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USS Crommelin

Setup began at 3 a.m. Dec. 14 on the Wailupe Beach Park for the Surface Navy Association (SNA) aid station in support of the 31st Honolulu Marathon. Nearly 150 service members, mainly Sailors stationed at Pearl Harbor, turned out to provide cold drinks and to cheer the runners on.



Photo by OS1 Daniel W. Roberts

A Sailor at the Surface Navy Association aid station by Wailupe Beach Park hands a runner a drink during the 31st Honolulu Marathon Dec. 14.

The main purpose of the aid stations were to dispense cool liquids and sponges soaked in cold water to the 25,283 runners in an effort to prevent dehydration and heat stroke. Medical personnel and restroom facilities were also on hand. The aid stations also helped to provide a psychological lift to the runners in the form of cheers from the volunteers. In comparison to other races, the Honolulu

Marathon had a low percentage of runners who suffer from overheating. The aid stations are given credit as the principal reason for this record.

"It's fun cheering the runners on," said Senior Chief Sonar Technician Lou Wills from USS Crommelin (FFG 37). Wills has headed up the aid station for the last four years. He went on to explain that the aid station did double duty. While most aid stations on the 26.2-mile course only have one-way traffic, this one was positioned at the 12.4-mile mark on the way out and the 20.4-mile mark on the way back. Volunteers worked continuously for more than 13 hours filling cups, soaking sponges and clearing trash from the runners' path.

"They are wonderful," said Lisa Cedeski, a runner from Kauai. "Without them, I wouldn't be able to finish the race."

Stig Samuelson, a runner from Nordkopen, Sweden, said, "I was very hot and tired and in much need of water. After going through the aid station, I got a boost."

"I was happy to see so many aid stations," added Hisaku Tsujita from Daibutsu, Japan.

Many military personnel also participated in the race. U.S. Army Capt. Bret Funk, stationed at Camp Smith, said, "The aid stations are nothing but beneficial."

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Army Capt. Steve Richter from Schofield Barracks added, "I look forward to every one of them."

Cmdr. Bruce Stewart from Commander Pacific Fleet (COM-PACFLT) simply said, "They're awesome."

Despite giving up a Sunday and the intense work involved, the volunteers were in very high spirits. When asked why he volunteered to participate in the marathon aid station, Electronics Technician Jonathan Stinekraus of the Crommelin replied, "I wanted to cheer them on. If I could run the marathon I would, so I'm getting as close to the action as I can."

A positive impact was made on both the volunteers and the race participants. Few scenes are as amazing as watching more than 25,000 people run through an area that is only two car lengths wide, and the Pearl Harbor Surface Navy Association members were able to see this sight up close and personal.

Pearl Harbor homeschoolers share holiday aloha

Deborah Wright
Special to Hawaii Navy News

The Pearl Harbor Christian Homeschoolers have been busy this holiday season. The group held fundraisers to make it possible for them to purchase food items for the homeless veterans during the holidays. The homeschoolers decorated 50 lunch bags and filled each one with a handmade card, a multi-vitamin drink, a can of spam, crackers and chicken salad spread, two fruit cups and a fruit grain bar. The food was dropped off and distributed from the Veteran's Affairs Hospital at Tripler Army Medical Clinic. The homeschoolers, many of which are Pearl Harbor family members, wanted the homeless veterans to know they are remembered and appreciated for their service to our country.

The homeschoolers are also taking time to remember the elderly this season by making special crafts that they will give at a nearby elderly daycare facility. The children also went Christmas caroling during their visit in hopes that their young voices will bring lots of cheer.

The Pearl Harbor Christian Homeschoolers meet regularly and have scheduled events for each age group. If you would like to know more about the Pearl Harbor Christian Homeschoolers, email StuardAloha@hawaii.rr.com.

Army leader lauds commitment of Soldiers in Afghanistan

Army News Service

Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee surprised Soldiers serving in Afghanistan with a holiday visit Dec. 21.

While in Afghanistan, Brownlee met with senior leaders, conducted sensing sessions with Soldiers and received operational updates, including an update from Lt. Gen. David Barno, U.S. commander in Afghanistan, regarding the recent opening of a major highway linking Kandahar to Kabul.

"This highway and other highways and infrastructure improvements being made throughout the country are very important," Barno said. "It will facilitate commerce and increased foreign investment for Afghanistan. The new highway should improve security and continue to unify the country by linking remote regions to the capitol."

Brownlee lauded the outstanding commitment of Soldiers serving in Afghanistan, reminding the troops that the American people are fully aware of their tremendous sacrifice and the sacrifices of their families as well.

"I want you to know that America is very grateful for your service and your sacrifice here in Afghanistan," Brownlee said. "The capture of Saddam Hussein is important, but the war on terror is not about one individual. We're defeating terrorists here in Afghanistan and in other places in the world who seek to harm the American people and are enemies of freedom."

Currently, major media focuses are on operations in Iraq as the main effort in the war on terrorism. But rogue elements in Afghanistan are waging attempts to disrupt progress made by coalition forces. Elements of the defeated, displaced Taliban regime, as well as a lingering Al Qaeda presence, continue to pose a threat to long-term security in Afghanistan.

According to Brig. Gen. Lloyd Austin, commander of Combined Joint Task Force 7, the remaining Taliban and Al Qaeda elements in Afghanistan are well financed and determined to thwart any progress made by the coalition or the established local governments.

"There is increasing evidence that suggests

terrorist tactics from Iraq are being applied here," said Col. William B. Garrett, Coalition Task Force Warrior commander. "But our Soldiers dominate every tactical engagement; we're evolving and adapting to enemy tactics."

"We faced a very opportunistic enemy here in Afghanistan that's becoming more sophisticated. Our Soldiers have been terrific, often working in treacherous terrain to destroy, disrupt and deny the enemy sanctuary," Austin said.

"The war on terrorism began here in Afghanistan, and what you're doing here is vitally important," Brownlee said.

"Coalition efforts here have dismantled a brutal regime that oppressed over 23 million people," Brownlee said. "Now, you're helping to train the Afghan National Army, rebuilding infrastructure, creating the stable and secure environment that will enable this region to achieve long deserved freedom and opportunity."

"The holidays are a time for giving. America's Soldiers - active, national guard and reserve - many deployed around the world in



US Army Photo

Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee poses with Soldiers in Afghanistan during a surprise holiday visit.

harm's way, are giving the most precious gift of all, themselves and their service," he said. "Thank you for what you're doing. The American people are truly grateful for your service."

FORCEnet takes Navy into the future

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Naval Network Warfare
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To be successful in information exchange and ensure both operational readiness and mission success, participants must learn to leverage technology in the most efficient and effective means possible. To this end, the naval services have engaged in a joint solution, an initiative known as FORCEnet.

FORCEnet was created to develop both the architecture by which Navy, joint and coalition force systems communicate, and the logistics to support such a network. By looking across warfare mission areas to identify and maximize current capabilities, while adapting network-enabled delivery of tactical data in a secure environment, the Navy expects to effectively deliver multiple sources of collected information in a collaborative, at sea environment. In layman's terms, this translates to a communications system employed and delivered to each participating platform within a combat scenario whether joint (U.S. forces), NATO or coalition.

"This is about integrating communications capabilities across warfare networks for streamlined operations," said Cmdr. Rick Simon, head of FORCEnet Innovation and Experimentation Branch. "It's more than just technology; it's being able to use knowledge to better engage the enemy."

This knowledge exists in three distinct forms: raw, unprocessed data; processed data or information; and archival data or actual knowledge. Similar

to the intelligence process, where information does not become intelligence until it is analyzed, knowledge also requires scrutiny beyond the processing phase. However, whereas only legitimate intelligence or knowledge was once available to combatants, an integrated, network-centric architecture such as FORCEnet makes actual, real-time battlespace knowledge available to the individual combatants concerned. This allows for on-the-spot updates to battle plans to compensate for unforeseen circumstances or changing battle conditions.

"The first goal of this initiative is a unified Intranet that transfers data seamlessly with the appropriate security," said Capt. Robert Whitkop, FORCEnet deputy director. "Think of it not so much as a funnel through which all information flows, but a mesh, with standards that allows data, information and knowledge to be immediately available and transferred."

Since its inception, FORCEnet has improved the coordination and consolidation of command, control, communications, computers and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) efforts throughout the naval services. By providing this single point focus for technology and systems development, FORCEnet is allowing designers and warfighters to work in a collaborative environment to affect both the level of connectivity for individual units and also the flow of information throughout the organization.

Furthermore, FORCEnet is

the backbone upon which the Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark's Sea Power 21 vision is built, providing the communication network through which Sea Strike, Sea Shield and Sea Basing engage the distributed battle space.

But FORCEnet is more than just putting bombs on target; it is the framework for the integration of weapons, sensors, systems, platforms, people and electronic knowledge management. Sailors will also see benefits in staying connected to their families, accessing training and education programs, and maintaining a broad picture view of their own career development - all online while forward deployed.

"What we are talking about here is real time access to information, data standardization, increased bandwidth availability, coalition crossbanding, improving the acquisition process and the quality of life of Sailors," said Whitkop.

To test the current capabilities of FORCEnet integration efforts, Naval Network Warfare Command (NETWARCOM) and Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) recently co-sponsored Trident Warrior '03 in conjunction with the USS Essex Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) pre-deployment exercise in the Pacific Fleet area of operation. The event marked the first large-scale effort in the FORCEnet development continuum and represented the first incremental delivery of FORCEnet capability to the fleet.

Specific goals of Trident Warrior '03 were bandwidth assessments and, more importantly, prioritizing bandwidth usage to

get the right technology and information to Sailors at the most appropriate times. Other points of focus were establishing an Internet protocol network quality of service, wireless line of sight and beyond line of sight IP networking, high bandwidth satellite communications, bandwidth management and control, and distributed, collaborative planning.

"Trident Warrior '03 was designed to show where we are now in the developmental continuum," said Rear Adm. Andy Singer, FORCEnet director and NETWARCOM deputy director. "By creating one warfighting system, employable anytime, anywhere, we will reduce the burden of analysis for commanders and distribute that burden among all participants. Furthermore, if the process of translation and analysis is made to be more intuitive, targeting and shooting times are decreased. Ultimately, everything we do here is to improve the potential of the human element."

FORCEnet maintains a continual state of evolution based on technology and the changing battle space, and, therefore, will have no "end." It is not a system, but rather a way of integrating the wide array of technological resources employed within the coalition realm into a distributed, networked combat force available in real time to all warriors, whether tactical commanders or team leaders. With the emerging challenges that face today's war fighter, FORCEnet - which is already delivering tomorrow's capabilities, today - is the advantage and the future.



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The U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Team, the "Blue Angels."

Applications for flight squadron being accepted

Lt. Robert Lyon

Chief of Naval Air Training
Public Affairs

The Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA), Rear Adm. George Mayer, announced that applications for the position of commanding officer (CO) of the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron (NAVFLIGHTDEMRON) are now being accepted and should be received no later than March 19.

Applicants must have 3,000 flight hours and be in command or have had command of a tactical jet squadron. Letter of application should include experience, qualifications, complete biography and a completed CNATRA form 1331/1, which can be obtained by calling CNATRA admin at DSN 861-3624 or can be obtained directly from the NAVFLIGHTDEMRON Web site at www.navy.com/blueangels, or by calling NAVFLIGHTDEMRON admin in El Centro, Calif., (Jan.-March) at DSN 658-2505/2502 or commercial (760) 339-2505/2502.

Officers interested in the position of commanding offi-

cer, NAVFLIGHTDEMRON must submit requests for consideration to their immediate reporting senior to Chief of Naval Air Training, 250 Lexington Blvd., Suite 102, Corpus Christi, Texas, 78419-5041, with info copies to the Commanding Officer, Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, 390 San Carlos Road, Suite A, Pensacola, Fla., 32508-5508, and the Chief of Naval Personnel (PERS 43).

Letters of endorsement or recommendation from persons other than reporting senior are encouraged and will be incorporated into the applicant's jacket. The selection process for finalists will include a personal interview by the Chief of Naval Air Training and a handpicked group of aviation leaders the week of April 20.

Questions may be directed to CO, NAVFLIGHTDEMRON at DSN 658-2506 or to the CNATRA Chief of Staff at DSN 861-2278/2671 or commercial (361) 961-2287/2671.

Tentative selection is made by CNATRA, with final approval of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Air Warfare N78) in the spring.

Navy launches newest communications satellite

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Naval Network and Space Operations
Command Public Affairs

The Naval Satellite Operations Center (NAVSOC) reached an important milestone when it launched the 11th ultra-high frequency follow-on (UHF F/O) F11 satellite from Cape Canaveral, Fla. on Dec. 17 at 9:30 p.m. EST.

The spacecraft was lofted into orbit by an Atlas III rocket.

The event marked the first time the Navy had the lead responsibility for launch, early orbit and on-orbit operations of a spacecraft in the UHF F/O satellite communications system. The 3rd Space Operations Squadron at Schriever Air Force Base, Colo. conducted previous UHF F/O launches and handed over the satellites to the Navy once operational.

Over the next month, NAVSOC will direct the satellite to its final position in a geosynchronous orbit around the earth

and conduct in-orbit-testing before declaring the satellite operational. Upon Navy acceptance of this new asset, satellite operations will be conducted from NAVSOC.

The UHF F/O F-11 satellite supports the DoD's narrowband military satellite communications requirements, serving mobile users including ships, submarines, aircraft and ground forces. F-11 features enhanced UHF communications, providing two additional UHF channels and greater flexibility in configuring communication services. Additionally, the satellite contains an extremely high frequency (EHF) package for encrypted, highly jam resistant and survivable communications primarily for Navy users.

The UHF F/O spacecraft measures more than 60 feet from the tip of one solar wing to the tip of the other. The spacecraft's three-panel solar array panel provides more than 2,800 watts of electrical power and weighs more than 3,000

pounds. UHF F/O F-11 will be the last addition to the UHF F/O constellation and will continue to provide UHF and enhanced EHF communications to the warfighter into the latter part of the next decade.

NAVSOC, based in Point Mugu, Calif., is a component of the Naval Network and Space Operations Command in Dahlgren, Va., which functions as the system operational manager for UHF satellite communications for the Navy. NAVSOC is responsible for providing satellite telemetry, tracking and commanding for a number of satellite systems, including UHF F/O, the fleet satellite communications (FLTSATCOM) and geodetic satellite follow-on spacecraft, in addition to the FLTSATCOM EHF package and polar payloads.

NAVSOC also maintains the health of the remaining transit satellites in support of ionospheric research and provides ephemeris data and TRANSEC information to EHF users.

Movie Call

Sharkey Theater, Pearl Harbor
(473-0726)

FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. Runaway Jury (PG 13)

SATURDAY

2:30 p.m. Brother Bear (G)
4:30 p.m. Love Actually (R)
7:00 p.m. Master & Commander: Far Side of the World (PG 13)

SUNDAY

2:30 p.m. Brother Bear (G)
4:30 p.m. Gothika (R)
7:00 p.m. The Matrix Revolutions (R)

TUESDAY

1:00 p.m. Brother Bear (G)

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Master & Commander: Far Side of the World (PG 13)

Memorial Theater, Hickam AFB
(449-2239)

FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. Master & Commander: Far Side of the World (PG 13)

SATURDAY

2:00 p.m. Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat (PG)
7:00 p.m. Master & Commander: Far Side of the World (PG 13)

SUNDAY

2:00 p.m. Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat (PG)
7:00 p.m. The Missing (R)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. The Missing (R)

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Master & Commander: Far Side of the World (PG 13)

Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks (624-2585)

FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. Radio (PG)

SATURDAY

2:00 p.m. Looney Toons: Back in Action (PG)
7:00 p.m. Radio (PG)

SUNDAY

2:00 p.m. Looney Toons: Back in Action (PG)
7:00 p.m. Love Actually (R)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Love Actually (R)

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Radio (PG)

All theaters: \$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)
*Special: \$2 adults; \$1 children (6-11)

Brother Bear: Kenia, a young Native American's older brother, is killed by a bear. During the young man's attempt to avenge his death by killing the bear, the Great Spirits transform the young man into the thing he detests most, a bear.

Dr. Seuss' The Cat In The Hat: Sally and brother Conrad are left home on a rainy day and are rowdily entertained by a mysterious man-size cat.

Gothika: A criminal psychologist awakens to find herself a patient in the very same mental institution in which she works, with no memory of the murder of her husband that she's accused of committing.

Looney Toons: Back in Action: In this mixture of live-action and animation, Bobby will team with Bugs Bunny, Daffy, Tweety, and Taz as they leave Hollywood for exotic locales such as Africa and Las Vegas, where they search for Bobby's father and the mythical Blue Diamond.

Love Actually: Everywhere you look love is causing chaos. Lives and loves collide, mingle and finally climax on Christmas Eve...again and again...with romantic, poignant and funny consequences for all.

Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World: During the Napoleonic Wars, Lucky Jack Aubrey captains the crew of the H.M.S. Surprise. When the ship is suddenly attacked by a superior enemy, it is badly damaged and much of his crew is injured. In a bold and dangerous move, Aubrey decides to set sail in a high stakes chase across two oceans to intercept and capture their foe.

The Matrix Revolutions: The rebels' long quest for freedom culminates in a final explosive battle. As the Machine Army wages devastation on Zion, its citizens amount an aggressive defense-but can they stave off the swarm of Sentinels long enough for Neo to harness the full extent of his powers and end the war?

The Missing: In the late 19th-century wilderness of the southwest, Maggie struggles to raise her two daughters on her own. When one of them, Lily, is kidnapped by a psychopath who has been murdering young teenage girls, Maggie must turn to her father, Samuel, with whom she had a falling-out long ago, for help in tracking her down before it's too late.

Radio: Based on a Sports Illustrated article, Radio tells the true story of a white football coach at a South Carolina school who befriends a mentally challenged African-American man. Through this friendship, both the school and team are changed.

Runaway Jury: The story of Nick Easter, who gets himself on the jury of a case against a gun manufacturer in an attempt to influence the other jury members to vote a certain way. Easter's girlfriend tries to swindle the attorneys to pay millions of dollars to have the jury return a verdict friendly to their clients.

MWR

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.

HIKES AND MORE:

MWR Outdoor Adventure Center is offering the following outings:

Jan. 10: Makapu'u night hike and lighthouse exploration, cost is \$5 per person. Depart from the OAC at 6:30 p.m. Register by Jan. 7.

Jan. 10: Waikiki outrigger canoeing, cost is \$15 per person. Please call for time. Register by Jan. 7.

Jan. 11: Skydiving, cost is \$135 per person. Get a birds' eye view of the North Shore. Depart from the OAC at 9 a.m. Register by Jan. 7.

All the above trips include transportation unless otherwise stated. All activities are weather-permitting and are subject to change. Payment of activities must be made at least three days in advance. For more information, call the Outdoor Adventure Center at 473-0899 or 473-1198.

SPRING LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Navy Hawaii will hold registration Jan. 5-30 for all boys and girls interested in playing coach pitch, T-ball and major/minor or junior baseball. Registration will be between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the youth sports office (bldg. 3456). Eligible participants must be born between August 1985 and July 1999. The activity is open to family members of active duty, retirees, reservists and DoD civilians. For more information on registration requirements and fee schedule, call 474-3501.

SWIM IN NEW YEAR

Bring in the New Year by swimming 2004 yards at any MWR pools between now and Jan. 10 and receive an MWR aquatics towel. There is a limit of one towel per participant while supplies last. For more information, call 473-0394.

WINTER HOCKEY LEAGUE

The winter hockey league for the adult (age 18 and over) division league starts Jan. 13. A player draft will be held. The fee is \$25 per player. The league ends April 6. Register by Jan. 7 at the skate shop. For more information, call 473-3295.

YOUTH FITNESS ORIENTATION

Free youth fitness orientations will be held at 10 a.m. Jan. 3 at Bloch Arena and at 9 a.m. Jan. 10 at Power Point Fitness. This orientation is designed for youth between the ages of 10-15 years old and includes a facility tour, safety guidelines, an equipment usage demo and a review of the rules and regulations. An adult must accompany program participants. Registration is required by the Thursday prior to each class. For more information or to reserve a space, call Bloch Arena at 4473-1037 or Power Point Fitness at 682-5243.

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

A weight management program will be offered Jan. 6 through Feb. 12 at Bloch Arena. The six-week program includes a full physical assessment, nutritional education and a motivational fitness specialist to assist patrons with cardiovascular workouts, resistance training and flexibility exercises, flexibility and strength conditioning. Class participants will also incorporate heart rate monitor training for a more efficient workout and learn behavior modification skills to keep the weight off for a longer, healthier lifestyle. The class will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The cost is \$75 and space is limited. For more information or to make reservations, call 473-0793/3488.

FIFTEEN MINUTES OF FAME

Open mic/open jam with the Notorious Northsiders will be featured beginning at 7 p.m. Jan. 7 at Mariners Lounge at the Banyans. Here's your opportunity to share your song with everyone. Join the Notorious Northsiders on stage for a song or bring your instrument and sit in and jam. For more information, call 473-1743.

CELEBRATE THE KING'S BIRTHDAY

Celebrate Elvis Presley's birthday on Jan. 8 at the Take Two Lounge in Club Pearl. Sing an Elvis song in the free karaoke contest for a chance to win a prize befitting a king. Sign up free from 8-8:30 p.m. For more information, call 473-1743.

DANCE INTO THE NEW YEAR

Dance the night away at the Pearl City Community Center dances. The fun starts Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m. and lasts until 11 p.m. There will be music, games and munchies. For more information, call 471-8914.

ADULT SAILING CLINICS

Adult sailing clinics are held every Sunday at Rainbow Bay Marina. Learn some tricks and tips or just come to play. The clinic schedule is as follows: Laser 14, Jan. 4; Club 420, Jan. 11. The clinics are from 9 a.m. to noon every Sunday and cost \$10 per clinic. For more information, call 473-0279.

CAMP ADVENTURE

Camp Adventure's day camp runs now until Jan. 9 at Catlin and Iroquois Point Clubhouses. Fees are based on total household income. This program is open to eligible children age five-12 (must be enrolled in kindergarten). To check eligibility or to register, call Catlin at 421-1556 or Iroquois Point at 499-2572.

COACHES NEEDED - BASKETBALL AND BASEBALL

Boys & Girls Clubs of Navy Hawai'i is looking for volunteer coaches. There are several children who are interested in participating, but there are not enough volunteer coaches. No experience is necessary. If you have a few hours to spare, call 474-3501.

OIF DEPLOYMENT CEREMONY

An Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. Jan. 9 on Sills Field, Schofield Barracks. About 4,800 Soldiers from the 25th ID (L) and USARHAW who are deploying to Iraq will be honored. The ceremony will allow family members, friends and well-wishers to send the Soldiers off, as they deploy for a 12-month rotation supporting the global war on terrorism. Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, commander, 25th ID (L) and USARHAW, will address the troops with other division officers and State of Hawaii officials and dignitaries. An OIF luau will follow at the Nehelani club (Soldiers in DCUs get their money refunded.) For more information, call 655-1983

RIGHT ARM NIGHT LUAU

There will be farewell to the troops, Hawaiian style, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 9 at the Nehelani on Schofield Barracks. Enjoy traditional luau style food, Hawaiian dancers, entertainment and prizes. Civilians and all ranks military are welcome. Cost is \$5 per person before Jan. 8 and \$7 per person on Jan. 9. This event is open to adults only (must be 18 years or older to attend). For more information, call 655-4466.

HAWAI'I PATRIOTS DAY

Hawaii will honor its service members with several activities Jan. 10. Festivities

will be at Kapiolani Park in Honolulu from noon to 5:30 p.m. There will be entertainment, food and activities for the entire family at the park's bandstand. While there, families may pick up coupons for a reduced admission (children get in free) to the Honolulu Zoo that are redeemable any time after noon. The festivities will continue at 5:30 p.m. at Sunset on the Beach at Waikiki Queen's Surf Beach. The film will be free of charge to the public. Parking will be available at various hotels at a discounted rate. For more information, call 586-8505.

DEPLOYMENT MASS

There will be a special mass for Soldiers deploying to Operation Iraqi Freedom and their families at 5 p.m. Jan. 4 at the Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel to offer a special blessing and ask for God's protection for those deploying. Following mass there will be a church-sponsored dinner for deploying Soldiers and their families in the chapel annex, Room 212.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. OBSERVANCE

The 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii will pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a commemoration from 10 to 11 a.m. Jan. 9 at the Sgt. Smith Theater on Schofield Barracks. Guest speaker will be attorney Daphne E. Barbee and there will be entertainment. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Tina Irvin at 655-6922.

MLK BREAKFAST

The African-American Heritage Association is hosting the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. commemoration breakfast at 8 a.m. Jan. 22 at the Hickam Air Force Base Officers' Club lanai. Guest speaker is Chaplain (Capt.) Nathaniel Milton, U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps. Tickets are \$9 for club members and \$10 for non-members. For more information, call Master Sgt. Quinton Perry at 449-3692.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH LUNCHEON

The African-American Heritage Association will host a Black History Month Luncheon at 11 a.m. Feb. 15 at the Hickam Air Force Base Officers' Club lanai. The guest speaker is Col. Dartanian "Doc" Warr, AFMC Inspector General. Tickets are \$14 per person. For more information, call Master Sgt. Jamison at 448-4358.

NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Schofield Barracks observance of the 2004 National Prayer Breakfast will be held at 6:30 a.m. Jan. 9 at the Nehelani. This National Prayer Breakfast is an opportunity to bless Soldiers before the upcoming deployments. This year's guest speaker will be Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle. The event is open to all Soldiers, family members and DoD civilians. Tickets are available through unit chaplain assistants or Staff Sgt. Bethany Matthews at 655-6754.

GREAT ALOHA RUN

The next Great Aloha Run will be held Feb. 16, 2004, in Honolulu. The 8.2-mile run begins at the Federal Building in downtown Honolulu and ends at Aloha Stadium. Those interested in running as a unit should see their unit representative. Anyone interested in running individually can pick up an application at any military fitness center. Price is \$19 per person. For more information, call the Great Aloha Run office at 528-7388 or call 655-8789.

BOUTIKI GIFT SHOP

Boutiki Gift Shop aboard Naval Station Pearl Harbor is now accepting donation request letters. Non-profit organizations that are directly involved in quality-of-life issues for military families

may send in a request letter. Include the name, address and telephone number of your organization. Include specific details of what the donation will be used for. Send requests in writing to: Boutiki Gift Shop, Attn: Donation Request, Box 10, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI 96860. Letters must be postmarked by Feb. 17. For more information, call the Boutiki at 422-6662 during store hours: Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesdays, 3 to 7 p.m. The Boutiki will be closed until Jan. 12.

ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS OF THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The Hawaii Association of Parents of the Visually Impaired is a local organization dedicated to providing support, awareness and information to parents with children who are blind and visually impaired. If you or someone you know is interested in joining HAPVI, attending a support group meeting, or would like more information, call Myles Tamashiro, HAPVI president, at 626-0535.

10 STEPS TO A FEDERAL JOB

Interested in obtaining federal employment? Learn about understanding job vacancy announcements, writing federal and electronic resumes, tracking applications, etc. This workshop will be held 9:30 to 11 a.m. Jan. 15 at the Schofield Barracks ACS, Bldg. 2091. For more information or to register, call 655-2400.

EMPLOYMENT IN HAWAI'I

This workshop is the first step in helping you find the job you want. Learn how to prepare for the job search process. Get employment information on federal, state, private sector and staffing agencies. See the reference materials, job listings, computers, etc. that are available for use at the Army Community Service employment area. Workshops will be held 9:30 to 11 a.m. Jan. 16, 23 and 30 at the Schofield Barracks ACS, Bldg. 2091. For more information or to register, call 655-2400.

FREE COMPUTER TRAINING

Army Community Service offers free word processing computer training for spouses seeking employment. Classes are scheduled to begin February 2004. Training is conducted 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on five consecutive Tuesdays. For information or to register, call 655-2400.

OFFER COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Aloha Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers is offering college scholarships to high school seniors. The Aloha Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers is a professional organization that serves the financial community in the Department of Defense and Coast Guard. The Aloha Chapter will award one scholarship for \$1,000 and two awards for \$500 to deserving high school candidates. Student must be entering a field of study related to financial and resource management (i.e. Business Administration, Economics, Public Administration, Computer Science, Finance, Accounting). For more information or for an application, email Shelby.Shigaki@dfas.mil or Ernest.Vidinha@dfas.mil or call them at 472-7971 or 472-7909.

OIF AND OEF INFORMATION UPDATES

Log on to the 25th ID (L) and USARHAW Web site www.25idl.army.mil for continuously updated information for Soldiers and family members regarding deployments.

FREEDOM WATCH

A link to Freedom Watch, the official publication for Operation Enduring Freedom - Afghanistan, is available on the 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii home page at www.25idl.army.mil/freedomwatch/dailynews.pdf.

Community Calendar

Here's a look at off-duty events happening on Oahu's military bases for service members and their families. To get your activity or event featured in the Community Calendar, e-mail your requests to the editor at hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com or fax submissions to Hawai'i Navy News at 473-2876. Deadline for submissions is Thursday for the following week's issue. Items will run for four consecutive weeks on a space available basis (see footnote numbers after each event). After four weeks, they should be updated and resubmitted to HNN.

MISCELLANEOUS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VGAL PROGRAM

Volunteers are needed to serve as volunteer guardian ad litem (VGALs) for Hawai'i's First Judicial family court. VGALs serve as advocates for abused and neglected children who are in the family court system. Free training is provided. Volunteers must enjoy working with children and be able to confront

difficult issues. The next training class is scheduled to begin in January 2004. For more information, call the VGAL program office at 538-5930. (3)

MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS DEGREE

The University of Oklahoma offers a master of arts in managerial economics and a master of public administration. The school's non-thesis programs can be completed in about 18 months and one-week classes are TDY/TAD friendly. For more information, contact the OU Hickam office at 449-6364 or aphickam@ou.edu or visit the website at www.goou.ou.edu. (3)

SHIP/SUBMARINE/OHANA

USS HOPPER OHANA

The USS Hopper Ohana will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 6, 2004 at the fellowship hall of the Pearl Harbor Base Chapel. There will be a massage therapist to demonstrate tech-

niques for stress relieving and relaxation. The ohana will also be holding an election for the position of president. Child care will be provided free of charge. For more information, email hopperohana70@yahoo.com or call Robin at 685-5223. (1)

SURFACE NAVAL OFFICERS' OHANA

The Surface Naval Officers' Ohana (SNO'O) will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 9 at Boutiki at Naval Station Pearl Harbor for a food prep and tasting demo. Please RSVP to Suzanne at snoohana@hotmail.com by Jan. 5. SNO'O is open to spouses of all officers of the surface naval community and those who support it. Annual dues are \$20. (1)

ARMED SERVICES YMCA

Aliamanu Location: The Aliamanu (AMR) branch of the Armed Services YMCA is located at 1875 Aliamanu Drive, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96818. The phone number is 833-1185, fax 834-3631, email is ASYMC.AMR@aol.com. Hours are 8 a.m.-

1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

T.O.P.S.

An awards ceremony will be held beginning at 6:15 p.m. at the Jan. 14, 2004 meeting of T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at the Armed Services YMCA at Aliamanu. Weigh-in begins at 5:30 p.m. The meeting is open to all who would like to learn more about losing weight. Monthly fees are low and the first meeting is free. For more information, call Delcie at 623-1403. (1)

CHILDREN'S WAITING ROOM

The Children's Waiting Room is a place where parents can drop off their children if they have a doctor's appointment. The Armed Services YMCA is in need of volunteers to keep this program running at Tripler Army Medical Center. The hours of the waiting room are from 8 a.m.-noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Those who are interested in volunteering or who wish to place an appointment should call 833-1185.



Photo by Spc. Ryan Smith

Capt. Caroline Pogge, a civil affairs officer with the 411th Civil Affairs Battalion, an Army Reserve Unit from Danbury, Conn., checks students' work at a workshop for Iraqi doctors and health care professionals at the Iraqi Forum in Baghdad.

Officer shares health care knowledge with Iraqi professionals

Spc. Ryan Smith
Army News Service

Iraqi doctors and other health care professionals learned about U.S. health care management at the Iraqi Forum in Baghdad from Dec. 3 through 11.

Capt. Caroline Pogge, a civil affairs officer with the 411th Civil Affairs Battalion, an Army Reserve unit from Danbury, Conn., led the workshop.

Attendees included doctors, pharmacists and representatives from the Iraqi Ministry of Health.

The workshop gave Iraqi physicians a basic course in health care management - a topic that has rarely been emphasized in the country's health care education, according to Pogge, a reservist who works as a civilian as a hospital administrator in Sayre, Pa.

Few of the Iraq's physicians - though they are adept at healing people - have much experience or knowledge about efficient management techniques, she said.

"We've found that, in many cases, physicians are in charge of the clinics or hospitals, but they have no basic management skills," Pogge said.

To counter this, civil affairs Soldiers and Army doctors have worked with local physicians in communities around Baghdad, she said.

Pogge had previously met with several of the doctors who attended the workshop. Many were from clinics and hospitals in east Baghdad, where the 411th works in the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment's area of operations. She and Lt. Col. Kelly Murray, regimental surgeon, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, assisted the doctors and clinics in the area with many of their problems and concerns.

The course was based on one that Pogge took at the University of Kentucky as part of her training in the United States. The workshop emphasized group work, case studies and hands-on learning.

The eight-day crash course in

health care management included leadership, decision making, finance, human resources, resource allocation and project management modules, she said.

"Management doesn't have to be autocratic," Pogge said. "It's often helpful to consult your staff and bring them into the process."

In her experiences as a student and hospital administrator, Pogge said she has taught a handful of classes, but has never taken on a workshop quite like this. She had a stroke of luck, however, when she began her research for the course.

She contacted her graduate program at the University of Kentucky and found that a workshop had already been developed, and handouts and slides were already prepared. The course she found was created by the U.S. Agency for International Development and the American International Health Alliance for use in former Soviet republics after the fall of communism there.

Ideally, Pogge said, this course would be used as a pilot for the Ministry of Health to use in the future with more physicians from Baghdad and throughout the rest of Iraq.

She has received good feedback from the workshop's students. Regardless of the language barrier or any cultural issues, the physicians have found the class helpful, she said. They asked questions and provided suggestions and became comfortable with the group process.

"I've worked with many of the health care professionals here," Pogge said. "As far as the administrative aspect goes, I've seen a gap in what they had to offer. It's exciting to go home with a sense of accomplishment by helping the medical community get on track - to have a smoother transition."

She added, "It's all part of the civil affairs philosophy. We bring the skills from our civilian job to the conflict."

(Editor's note: Spc. Ryan Smith is with the 372nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment.)

'Operation Santa Strike' helps Mosul homeless shelter

Pfc. Thomas Day
Army News Service

It started as a simple e-mail from the commander of the 2-44th Air Defense Artillery, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), to Army colleagues back in the United States.

"Operation Santa Strike" and "Operation Overcoat" brought more than 500 pounds of coats, clothes, shoes and toys from 35 different homes, churches and other community organizations to an internally displaced persons home in Mosul on Dec. 23.

Lt. Col. Donald Fryc of Odenton, Md. said he contacted everyone in his e-mail address book looking for Soldiers from all over the continental United States to help him with his new project.

"We had a cold spell for about two or three days and it really struck me that there was a great need out there in the coming winter months for the kids. That was the genesis of the idea for 'Operation Overcoat,'" Fryc said.

The response was overwhelming, he said. "I asked them to carry the messages to their churches and they all replied back and said, 'The boxes are on their way.'"

Fryc and his battalion chaplain, Capt. Jay West of Poca, W.Va., led the charge to get the goodies to an IDP home located within their Mosul compound, Camp Claiborne.

The 2-44th ADA Soldiers, too, were eager to help. "From a chaplain's perspective, I would hope those folks learned today that the American Soldiers have the biggest hearts in the world," West said.

The excitement on the faces of the kids was palpable. One child, about the age of five, actually climbed on the back of Fryc's vehicle - barefoot. Fryc immediately gave him the last pair of shoes he had in his limited supply. The shoes fit perfectly. "I'll tell you, he smiled a smile that I'll remember for a long time," said Fryc.

Fryc's mission came just in time for the roughly 200 Iraqis who received jackets, clothes and shoes from "Operation Santa Strike" and "Operation Overcoat." Temperatures in Mosul soon ranged in the forties with punishing winds and rain.

"It's a continuance of building trust," Fryc said. "These people, day in and day out, they're fighting for their survival."

The 2-44th ADA mission will go a long way in what Maj. Gen. David H. Petraeus, 101st Airborne Division commanding general, calls the division's "charm offensive."

"It's amazing what these folks don't have," Fryc said. "We're here to help."

(Editor's note: Pfc. Thomas Day is a journalist with the 40th Public Affairs Detachment.)



Photo by Pfc. Thomas Day

Lt. Col. Donald Fryc hands out coats, clothes, shoes and toys to a group of people at an internally displaced persons home in Mosul, Iraq.

Vincent Astor Memorial Leadership Essay Contest open to officers

Naval Institute Public Affairs

The annual Vincent Astor Memorial Leadership Contest is particularly well suited to challenge young officers (O-1 to O-3) to articulate their thoughts on the topic of leadership.

The deadline for the contest is Feb. 1, 2004. Essays must be original works of 3,500 words or less and must not have been previously published. As well as stimulating thought, the contest offers the added benefit of tangible recognition through cash prizes, membership in the Naval Institute and publication of the winning essays in Proceedings. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- First prize: \$1,500, a gold medal and a life membership in the Naval Institute.
- Second prize: \$1,000, a silver medal and a one-year membership in the Naval Institute.
- Third prize: \$500, a bronze medal and a one-year membership in the Naval Institute (two awards).

