



Ohana Survey

What did program managers have to say? See pages A-4, A-5.



Natural Oahu

Learn about Wahiawa Botanical Garden. See story on page B-1.

Kaho'olawe operations done

Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

The Navy completed its operations on the island of Kaho'olawe through a contract with Parsons/UXB Joint Venture April 9.

The Navy contracted Parsons/UXB in 1997 to clear and remove unexploded ordnance from areas of the island according to a priority list developed by the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

Rear Adm. Barry McCullough, Commander Navy Region Hawai'i, visited the island, Friday to meet with contractors and KIRC staff, and to view the final demobilization efforts.

"I am very pleased with the quality of the work done here," said McCullough. "The efforts of all the workers and this team will allow the State of Hawaii to provide safe, meaningful access to the island for

what the state has in mind."

Of the 26,158 accessible acres on Kaho'olawe, 22,114 acres (84.5 percent) were cleared of surface ordnance. Of that, 2,650 acres were further cleared to a depth of four feet.

More than 100,000 ordnance items were collected, identified and destroyed. More than 10 million pounds of ordnance items, fragments, and scrap metal were collected, handled and removed from the island. More than 14,000 tires were collected and removed from the island to be recycled.

Over 800 archaeological sites containing nearly 3,000 features were professionally located and documented. More than 8,000 posts were installed, marking the boundaries of the cleared areas.

To aid in future management of Kaho'olawe, the Navy is providing the state with an extensive library of data and information.

This includes a geographic

information system and data management system with information on unexploded ordnance, natural resources, historic preservation and environmental conditions.

There are 11,473 files on each individual 100 meter-by-100 meter square of the island, containing detailed information about what was found and what work was performed.

Additionally, studies relating to unexploded ordnance, historic preservation, natural resources and environmental cleanup actions are being turned over to KIRC.

KIRC has received \$44 million in federal funds to date to manage Kaho'olawe in the future. The Navy worked closely with KIRC to allow it to retain as much federal government property used during the cleanup as possible.

This includes trucks, computers, office furniture, galley, communication equipment, sheds and toilets. KIRC is re-



Photo by Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Davis

Two workers relax April 9 on Kaho'olawe. The Navy completed its operations on the island of Kaho'olawe through a contract with Parsons/UXB Joint Venture. More than 100,000 ordnance items were collected, identified and destroyed.

ceiving about \$4 million in equipment, \$4.9 in facilities, as well as a 9.6-mile road that cost \$8.8 million.

The Navy has established

procedures to return to the island as needed in the future to respond to newly-discovered, previously undetected ordnance.

Family, friends honor Charlotte

Karen S. Spangler
Assistant Editor

Family, neighbors and friends of 5-year-old Charlotte "Sharkey" Schaefer held a memorial ceremony in her honor April 9 in the Pearl City neighborhood where she once played. The little girl drowned Feb. 28 in the muddy waters of a rainwater runoff basin near her home during an apparent attempt to save a friend.

Once again, the community gathered together to support the grieving family and to offer their help. It's a community that has been close-knit since becoming neighbors, a community that became even closer after the Feb. 28 tragedy.

A permanent memorial to Sharkey was partially in place - a border of stones encircled the tree which once shaded a temporary memorial of flowers, leis, cards and stuffed animals. At Friday's ceremony, children and adults gathered to plant a variety of flowers and plants - all donated to the community by Takano Nakamura Landscaping located near the Pearl City housing neighborhood. A plaque at the base of the tree was inscribed:



Photo by JOC Joe Kane

Allison Schaefer, mother of Charlotte Schaefer, plants flowers at her daughter's memorial in the Pearl City housing area.

"Friends are angels who lift us up when we believe our wings have forgotten to fly. Charlotte Paige Schaefer, Jan. 18, 1999-Feb. 28, 2004."

Within a few feet of the tree stands a stone birdbath adorned with cherubs with a small stone bench nearby.

"It's a very precious and living reminder that along with sunshine, you need the rain to grow," said Allison Schaefer, Charlotte's mother, who explained that she can see the memorial garden and birdbath from her bedroom window. "Even though it might be raining, the memories of

Charlotte and the help of the community will make this garden grow. I look forward to watching it thrive," she said.

As strains of the Celine Dion song "Fly" floated through the air, neighborhood children released approximately 80 pink balloons and watched as they soared high into the blue sky. The words of the song were a reminder - of the tiny little blonde girl with the big blue eyes and an even bigger smile whose last action had been a selfless sacrifice.

"Fly beyond imagining. The softest cloud, the

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Saying farewell to a father and a friend



Photo by J01 Daniel J. Calderon

Richard E. Fiske eulogizes his father, Richard I. Fiske, at a funeral service at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl). The elder Fiske was a Marine Corps bugler who was assigned to USS West Virginia on Dec. 7, 1941. He survived the attack and 50 years later, struck up a friendship with a former Japanese pilot who was part of the 1941 attack. Nearly 100 mourners attended the funeral service for Fiske.

Local high school students learn about D.O.P.E.

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Staff Writer

The Naval Security Group Activity Kunia Chief Petty Officers Association has started a Doing Our Part Every Day, or D.O.P.E., program to help educate Hawai'i's youth about the dangers of illegal drugs. Volunteers from the group visit schools throughout Hawai'i and talk about the consequences of getting involved with drugs and drug users.

One of the drugs the group discusses is methamphetamine "Ice."

"We have a huge 'Ice' problem among youth on the island," said Cryptologic Technician-Collection Chief (SW/AW) Saadiq Pettyjohn, D.O.P.E. coordinator and co-founder. "Ice" is the new and hot drug of choice spreading rapidly across the nation, especially on O'ahu. This epidemic is causing many socio-economic consequences like

increasing crime and violence in the local community."

"We want to encourage students to succeed by building their self-esteem and decision-making skills, ignoring peer pressure, and focusing on education," said Pettyjohn. "Our presentations cover the origin of 'Ice,' Navy core values, job opportunities in the Navy, legal consequences of drug use in the Navy, and sharing of personal experiences."

For co-founder and co-chairperson of the program, CTRCS Senior Chief (SW/AW) Anthony Perez, drug use among local youth was something that needed to be addressed.

"Once we (he and Pettyjohn) became aware of the 'Ice' problem on the island, we had no choice but to try and do something about it," said Perez. "We both have kids and I believe we share the same commitment to helping out the community."

As a service member, Perez said he feels a sense

of duty to be part of the program.

"The Navy is a big part of the community on O'ahu and we are obligated to present a positive image to the civilian population," said Perez. "Our core values tell us that we are Sailors 24 hours a day and to treat all military and non-military with dignity and decency."

"Hawai'i has a big drug problem and we need to do something about it," Perez declared. "Education is important and teaching these kids they have options is equally important."

One stop on the D.O.P.E. program's agenda was Radford High School. The presentation offered students a chance to learn more on the dangers of drugs outside the traditional classroom setting.

"We have drug awareness programs on base where kids can learn about the dangers of drug abuse," said Radford High School's first vice principal, Robert Frey. "But the D.O.P.E. program offers students the chance to hear from people they

admire and respect (service members). They were attentive because they were learning life lessons from people who really remember the challenges and temptations of being young," said Frey. "We are no different from any other high school. We have students that experiment with drugs."

"After the chief's presentation, I truly believe those students will think hard about their decision to use or not to use drugs," said Frey.

Perez believes being a role model is part of being in the military.

"Wearing a uniform is a lot more than just showing up for work every day and collecting a paycheck," Perez said.

Perez said the program will continue as long as it has a positive effect.

"We hope to continue this program as long as we can," said Perez. "Ultimately, we would like to revisit some of the schools we have been to, to see if our message is being heard."

World War II Navy Cross recipient visits Pacific Fleet submariners

JOC(SW/AW) David Rush
COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

Retired Captain Charles W. Rush, Jr. spent four consecutive days speaking to and meeting submariners aboard Naval Station Pearl Harbor, culminating in a Naval Submarine League awards ceremony at Lockwood Hall, the dedication of the Chief Electrician's Mate Rendernick DC wet trainer at Ford Island, and attendance at the Navy Submarine Birthday Ball.

In November 1943, Rush, now 85 years old, of Port Saint Lucie, Fla. and his fellow crewmembers aboard USS Billfish (SS 286) were inundated with depth charges by the Japanese. The constant barrage was threatening to tear the submarine apart and sink her.

Rush, then a lieutenant, is credited with saving USS Billfish and all hands on board. He directed damage control efforts after the severe depth charge attack incapacitated the ship's captain and all officers senior to Rush.

Keeping calm, Rush was able to submerge 170 feet below test depth for 12 hours with a ruptured aft pressure hull and while the submarine was riddled with major leaks through the stern tubes and various hull fittings.

After another officer relieved him, Rush discovered the helm was unmanned and that no action had been taken to counter the relentless depth charge attacks. He assumed command, obtained a helmsman and proceeded to direct evasive actions by innovative maneuvers that retraced their path under the submarine's oil slick left by an explosion near the fuel ballast tanks. Rush eluded the enemy above and surfaced four hours later.

"There were three (Japanese) destroyers up there. We had a 412-foot test depth. I took the boat down to 650 feet. That was the only way to keep them from getting a depth charge under-



Photo by JOC(SW/AW) David Rush

World War II submarine veteran and Navy Cross recipient Capt. (Ret) Charles W. Rush Jr., 85, of Port Saint Lucie, Fla., speaks to USS Honolulu's (SSN 718) engineering department's master chief, EMCM Sean Mullaney, whose grandfather served in the Navy during World War II aboard Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

neath us. A depth charge underneath you would kill you for sure. Up above it's a lot less dangerous."

According to Rush, he wasn't the only one who saved the submarine. "It was three chiefs and a first class who were the key people in this whole thing. I couldn't have done it without the chiefs. They kept the crew going and saved the ship," Rush added.

As for the leaders of today's submariners, Rush had some advice for their role as chiefs and junior officers. "Without courage, you might as well not be in it. You've got to have courage - moral courage, physical courage and honor. Honor means telling the truth even when it might not be to your advantage," Rush said.

Cmdr. Chuck Harris, USS Honolulu's (SSN 718) commanding officer, was glad to meet Rush and have him onboard for a tour and lunch with the crew. "Having somebody describing firsthand the experiences they went through in the war is far more phenomenal than anything you can ever read," said Harris.

As for comparing the submarine force then and now, certain things remain constant. "The tactics and the equipment are

different, but what he said about moral courage - when to press the attack and when to cut your losses - those things are the same. It doesn't change," said Harris.

"This is my first time to sit down with a World War II submarine veteran. His experiences are incredible, they're enriching and very motivating," Harris added.

Engineering department's master chief, Electrician's Mate Master Chief Sean Mullaney whose grandfather served in the Navy during World War II, was delighted to have the opportunity to meet Rush. "I think the thing that I enjoyed the most about talking to him was asking where they got the courage to continue to go out, patrol after patrol. He said the guys got it from each other. They helped each other get through it."

Rush was awarded the Navy Cross almost 60 years after his courageous efforts during World War II. The Navy Cross is the Navy's second highest award and is awarded to a person who distinguishes himself or herself by extraordinary heroism in the presence of great danger or great personal risk.

Virginia orchestra plays for "Mighty Mo" crowd



Photo by JO1 Daniel J. Calderon

Students from the Kempsville High School Orchestra of Virginia Beach, Va., perform on the pier next to the Battleship Missouri on Wednesday. The students also performed at the Hale Koa and at the Polynesian Cultural Center during their visit to Oahu. Many of the orchestra members are military family members and every student performed a variety of fund-raising activities throughout the school year to pay for the trip to Hawai'i.

Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

Hawai'i Navy News proudly presents your newest page

JO1 Daniel J. Calderón
News Editor

Welcome to your inaugural editorial page. As you can see, there is a new layout to your Hawai'i Navy News. This week's column and "Hawai'i Navy News Asks..." question are here.

There is also a little something new – the Ohana Line. This is a forum where you can ask us something and we'll do our level best to go out and find the answer.

As you can see, the question does not have to be strictly military. It can be something simple or it can be complicated. Naturally, the more complicated a question, the longer it may take us to find an answer and we may not be able to answer every question.

The Ohana Line is meant to

be pretty light-hearted. We're not trying to find the meaning of life or tackle human cloning. We're trying to keep the focus a little closer to home.

So, if you have a question about why McDonald's stops breakfast at 10:30 a.m. or about why the commissary charges a surcharge, let us know. Send an e-mail to hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com and put "Ohana Line" in the subject line.

Another thing we plan on putting on this page is letters to the editor. If you have something you'd like to air, this is the forum for it. It doesn't have to be a gripe. It can be a job that someone did particularly well.

Letters to the Editor can be positive. If you do have a legitimate concern, please let us know. If it's not an Ohana Line issue and is a true Letter to the Editor, we'll put it out for folks

to read. Naturally, not every letter is going to make it to the page. If you have foul language, this isn't the forum for it. We do have to hold to standards of decorum.

If, on the other hand, you have something you see that needs to be addressed, please feel free to let us know about it. We will try to keep any edits to a minimum. We don't plan on omitting things if they are negative or might be considered unpopular.

You must include your name and a phone contact in your e-mail to us. This goes for both Letters to the Editor and letters for Ohana Line. One of our staff will contact you to verify that the sender and writer of the e-mail did indeed send us the letter. If we can't verify the origin of a letter, we will not be able to print it.

Why the callback procedure? Because we won't print a letter written from Chief Bumble's e-mail address if Petty Officer Gripehound wrote it just to get the chief in trouble.

Verification will keep all of us honest. No one can write something in someone else's name.

Let us know what you think. This is your newspaper. Let us know what is on your mind. Let us know what you see and what you think. Send us your letters, your suggestions and your contributions to the Ohana Line.

The editorial staff here will contribute their thoughts and opinions here. We appreciate each and every one of you who read the paper and value your opinions.

Drop us a line here at Hawai'i Navy News some time and let us know what you think. We'll be watching for them.

Commentary

Ohana Line

What is the Navy franchise fee?

One reader wrote us and asked what the "Navy franchise fee" is on their Oceanic Time Warner cable bill.

It's a franchise fee roughly equivalent to what you would pay to City and County of Honolulu if you lived off base (actually it's a few cents less). The fees are used to negotiate franchise agreements with cable TV providers, ensure compliance and quality of service, process contracts and orders for official service, monitor requests, and coordinate installations and repair.

What's left over goes to cover the costs of the TV-2 community access channel. The fee is compulsory for on-base Oceanic subscribers, and cannot be waived.

Decal dilemma

Another reader had a question about the proper placement of vehicle decal stickers.

Security personnel threatened to scrape his sticker because they said it was in the wrong place.

Our reader said he had pass and I.D. personnel watch him mount his sticker on the bottom of his windshield on the driver's

side so he figured it was in the right spot.

He knows the proper placement is on the top in the center of the windshield. However, his windshield wipers would scrape on the sticker and wear it out.

So, the question: Where is the sticker supposed to be?

We spoke with a pass and I.D. supervisor. He told us that the proper placement of a sticker from Naval Station Pearl Harbor is at the top of the windshield in the center.

If the windshield wipers will be scraping the sticker there, then the next spot would be on the driver's side, but still at the top of the windshield. If the wipers will still scrape the sticker there, then the sticker can be placed on the passenger's side, but it still must be placed at the top of the windshield.

There is an official instruction out there for official placement of stickers just in case anyone is wondering.

Bottom line: Stickers from Naval Station Pearl Harbor's pass and I.D. office must be at the top of your windshield.

Keep those questions coming in. Send them to hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com and put "Ohana Line" in the subject line.

Saying a final farewell to a friend

Commentary

JO1 Daniel J. Calderón
News Editor



Richard Fiske was a friend. I met him in 2001 during our feverish preparations for the 60th anniversary commemoration of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. He made an immediate impression on me.

I thought he was brash. I thought he could probably be very grating if you got on his bad side. But I also felt he had something to say and I knew it was something important.

During that 60th anniversary week, I saw him meet with Zenji Abe, the former Japanese pilot who had been one of the attackers in 1941. I saw the two former enemies embrace in a big bear hug at a reception for Japanese and American Pearl Harbor survivors at a downtown hotel. I realized then that there was something special about Richard Fiske.

I was able to sit with him and listen to his stories. There were times over the past two years that I have had to be somewhere else, but I was held spell-bound by Richard's stories. He told me about the attack and how he felt during those harrowing hours.

He told me about his time in Pearl Harbor before the attack and all the fun he had with his shipmates. He shared the kind of stories that bind generations of seafarers. After a time, the stories bound us as well.

It was always a special treat whenever Richard was at the Arizona Memorial Visitors Center and I would take family or friends. He would tell my family and friends the same stories about the attack I had heard before, but they always sounded new to me. Richard had that quality about him. He never made anything sound dull.

He and I got together again for a special story. Retired Boatswain's Mate 1st Class (SW) Jim Anthony contacted me at Richard's request to see if I would be interested in covering something a little off the beaten path. Richard wanted to play Taps at the "John Wayne house" on Ford Island to try and lay the spirits of the Sailors who had died on Dec. 7 to rest.

Residents there had spoken about odd happenings and some had reported seeing the shades of Sailors so Richard thought he could help. We went out to the house one night in August 2002. He spoke briefly about his shipmates and then spoke briefly to them and then played Taps on his bugle for them.

I thought it was a grand and glorious

tribute to fallen shipmates. It was another way of saying goodbye. It was simple. It was tender. It was heartfelt.

Richard Fiske lived to help people. It was one of his defining characteristics. In being a part of the USS Arizona Visitors Center, he helped hundreds of thousands of people in the almost two decades of his volunteer service come to understand what happened here over 60 years ago. He was not spewing bitter bile against a nation. He proposed peaceful co-existence and a spirit of family among all nations.

He made friends with one who was formerly his enemy. He laid flowers at the Arizona Memorial once a month for Zenji Abe. Someone told me that Richard embodied the spirit of the Arizona Memorial in a way no one else could have. He was strong in his youth, had a down period when he was angry at a lot of people, but ended up strong again at the end.

I attended his funeral Tuesday along with almost 100 other mourners. I will miss Richard Fiske, but I know his life was well spent. He was a source of strength and inspiration for a lot of people. He never forced or coerced. Instead, he had a gentle way of sculpting souls and bringing out the best in everyone who took the time to know him.

Did you know...

Pearl Harbor, once known to the ancient Hawaiians as Pu'uloa, was an important source of food before Westerners arrived in Hawai'i. Pearl Harbor acquired its modern name from the pearl oysters found there until the late 19th century. Pearl Harbor was also the legendary home of the shark goddess Ka'ahupahau. In 1909, construction of a drydock began. In 1913, the concrete foundation of the drydock collapsed. On the advice of Hawaiian workers, a kahuna, or Hawaiian priest, was brought in to appease the shark goddess. The drydock was completed without further incident in 1919.

Commentary

Chapel Pennant

You don't have to use 'big words' when you talk to God

Lt. Tiffany Y. Combs
Naval Station Pearl Harbor

Often times we hear men and women of the cloth pray prayers that would intimidate the most educated person we may know.

However, don't you know you don't have to use "big words" to talk to God.

When you pray to God, it is a time to repent. Tell God you are sorry for doing wrong. It is a time to praise and worship him.

Tell God you love him and you adore him and how good he has been to you in your life.

It is a time to thank him. Tell him thank you for waking you up this morning. Thank him for the activity of your limbs, thank him for being there for all you needs.

Sure, it's always time to ask God to keep you safe.

Ask him to protect you

from any hurt, harm or danger that may impact your life greatly. But, it is also a time to pray not just for yourself, but for others.

Pray for our president of the United States and other spiritual and secular leaders.

Pray for your parents, friends, other loved ones, your church family, your community, people on your job, people in the hospital sick, the shut-ins, police department, etc.

It does not really matter how you pray as long as you approach the throne of grace where God sits with humility and respect for the authority He has over this whole universe.

Remember, you don't have to use "big words" when you talk to God; just use your "big heart" to speak to God.

I am very confident our Father in Heaven will listen.

Navy News asks: What do you do to stay in shape?

 <p>MM3 (SS) Tim Krienke USS Chicago</p> <p>I live in Aiea and have a huge hill that I usually run.</p>	 <p>Cmdr. Steve Bennet U.S. Pacific Command</p> <p>I play racquetball about five times a week and play golf on the week-ends.</p>	 <p>Kerrona Birch Navy family member</p> <p>I use the MWR facilities at Bloch Arena. I love going there to do kick boxing, Pilates and yoga on a daily basis.</p>	 <p>Tech. Sgt. Tulafono Sili Air Force</p> <p>I go to the gym about four times a week, two times a day.</p>	 <p>ENC (SW) Eduardo Romero ATG MIDPAC</p> <p>I do 'PT' and swim. I suggest you do it every J8 day to build up your resistance.</p>
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Ohana: Navy Region Hawai'i looks at

In August 2003, Navy Region Hawai'i conducted the Hawai'i Navy Ohana Quality of Life survey. 2,429 people responded and provided over 8,000 comments in various quality of life areas. In

December 2003, program managers were provided these comments and asked to identify areas where improvements can be made. Read about these areas that have been identified as a result

QOL AREA ISSUE

Bachelor Housing	Lack of air conditioning in some bachelor housing facilities.
Bachelor Housing	Size of and number of personnel assigned to permanent party rooms.
Base Facilities	Facilities condition/base appearance.
Base Facilities	Condition of the NCTAMS front gate.
Chaplain Services	Chaplains' visibility and presence in the various workplaces and ships.
Child Care	Availability and waiting list - Increase the number of child care spaces available to decrease the waiting list.
Child Care	Hours of operation - expand hours available for care.
Civilian Working Conditions	Lack of communication between managers and employees during the 2003 RIF process.
Civilian Working Conditions	Equal treatment among civilians, military personnel and contractors.
Commissary	Unavailability of products.
Commissary	Cost savings are questionable and patrons believe prices at one commissary are lower than another.
Dental	Lack of orthodontic care at Naval Dental Center Pearl Harbor (ND-CPH) for active duty (AD) members.
Dental	Inability to provide dental care to family members.
Family Housing	Inadequate Housing.
Family Housing	Poor Customer Service.
Family Member Education	DoD Schools in Hawaii - Parents continue to wonder why there is no DoD School in Hawaii.
Family Member Education	Lack of textbooks, playground equipment, supplies, and acceptable facilities.

RESOLUTION

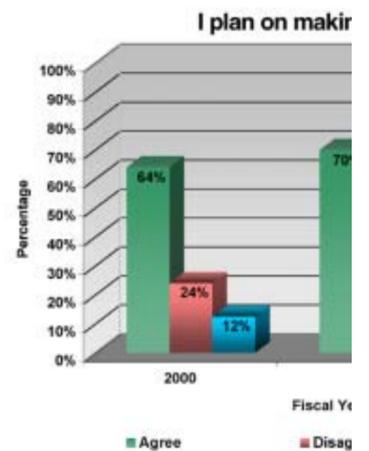
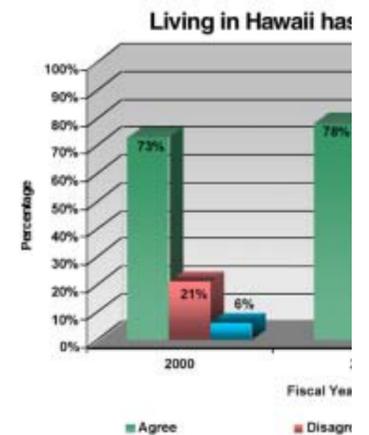
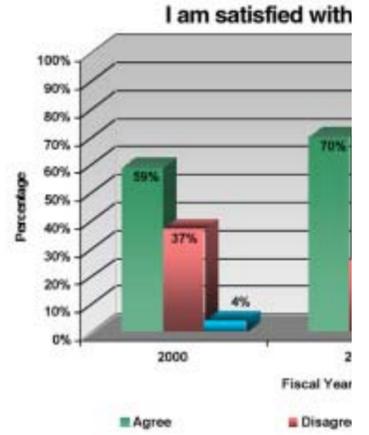
There are currently eight buildings that do not have air conditioning. Three of these buildings are scheduled for demolition in the long term and, therefore, it would not be prudent to air condition the facilities. Proposed solution: Facility plan includes the installation of air conditioning at the remaining five facilities upon renovation of the facility, or when funds become available if a renovation is not necessary.
The minimum room size is set by DoD standard. For the one + one room, the construction standard was increased from 118 square feet per sleeping room to 155 square feet per sleeping room. The number of personnel that are assigned to a room is dictated by three elements: room size, pay grade, and available rooms. As existing facilities are renovated and new facilities are built, the number of Sailors per room will be decreased. The long-term goal is to provide each Sailor with their own sleeping room of 155 square feet.
Tremendous strides have been taken over the past three years to improve base appearance at each installation. Regional Facilities, 1st Lieutenant, Region Self Help, and area coordinators have executed a wide variety of base appearance projects. Including landscaping, moss rock decorative walls, installation of sidewalks and curbing, and planting of various trees/shrubs. Long term plans to improve base appearance include integration of sustainment, restoration and modernization projects with an effective demolition program to eliminate excess, outdated, and costly facilities.
The much-anticipated NCTAMS gate renovation was completed in January 2004.
Two programs have recently been initiated: (1) A "walk-in chaplain" is available every day, Monday-Friday, throughout the workday at the chapel to immediately see anyone who walks in and wishes to speak to a chaplain. (2) Chaplains have been assigned to visit each department and tenant command at Pearl Harbor. This way, one specific chaplain would be personally known at every workplace. Presently, this program covers 48 departments and tenant commands.
Promote the availability of child care space currently available in the Child Development Homes (CDH) Program. Current waiting list is second tier; preferred care.
Promote the availability of child care space currently available during evenings, weekends, and holidays in the CDH program.
The Human Resources Office (HRO) will assess the current means of sharing information on the RIF process to employees of affected commands. HRO will also look at improving the communication of RIF information to employees.
The HRO director will establish a small working group of Region civilian and military leaders to address military and civilian integration issues. HRO will also issue guidance and recommendations to COs on conducting climate surveys.
The commissary is implementing a new shelf replenishment system which will forecast product quantities to meet patron demand which will forecast stock replenishment based on space allocation and sales history.
All grocery items in the commissaries are received at the same invoice price and sold with the same prices. Price differences may occur between stores for the following reasons: (1) A store may have sold through the product sooner than another store, creating an actual price difference, or the sales representative decides to reduce the price of a particular item preventing excessive stock and allowing product rotation. (2) Prices could also be reduced if the item has a short shelf-life or is close to its expiration date. The meat and produce within each store will vary slightly due to processing and packaging. Additionally, the commissary conducts a quarterly price survey on major sellers to ensure it is providing patrons a 30 percent or better savings from local grocery stores.
In the unlikely event that full mouth orthodontic care is required to meet Operational dental readiness needs, care will be provided and paid for by the Navy's Military Medical Support Office. Some limited or minor tooth movement treatment is available from the dental service at Tripler Hospital, but active duty members must meet criteria established by that teaching institution.
ND-CPH provides emergency care to all eligible beneficiaries but, by regulation, can only provide routine care to family members and retired personnel on a space-available basis. Family members and retired personnel are encouraged to utilize the TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan and the TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan, respectively.
Although there are no substandard homes in the Region, a sizable inventory of less desirable homes still exist. Since 1994, Oahu Navy Housing has spent approximately \$473M on revitalization and replacement of 2,344 old and inadequate homes and need approximately \$812M more to complete remaining military construction requirements. At the current funding levels, it would take approximately 15 years. The FY96 Defense Authorization Act established the Public/Private Venture (PPV) Initiative to allow the Department of the Navy to partner with the private sector to build new housing, revitalize existing housing, and manage existing government-owned housing. The strategic plan for Navy Housing is to privatize the existing inventory in three phases during the period FY03 - FY06. The end-state is to privatize 5,000 homes.
To improve customer service, family housing implemented the Customer Advocacy Program in April 2002. This program allows residents the opportunity to provide feedback in a manner that supports its customers. Residents provide feedback by completing the Navy Family Housing Customer Survey Card during the initial visit to housing, when a customer accepts a home, and at the pre-termination/final inspection. Through this method, family housing is able to provide answers to resident concerns in a timely manner. Residents may also call the customer advocate at 474-1804. Each call is answered or referred to the appropriate point of contact for prompt response. Additionally, family housing continues to provide in-house customer service training to housing personnel. Family housing also ensures that the Hawaii Navy Region web site [www.hawaii.navy.mil] is up-to-date for incoming and existing residents.
A study commissioned by the Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) in 2002-2003 found that a DoD School in Hawaii was not warranted due to the considerations of cost, responsiveness of the Hawaii School System, and logistics. It was estimated that the initial cost of establishing a DoD system in Hawaii would be around \$100M. Additionally, it would take at least three - five years to establish a new school system. Finally, the study concluded that the Hawaii public school system has sought to work with the military to learn more about and address the issues that impact the quality of education provided to students of military families. Additionally, the present trend is toward reducing the number of DoD schools in CONUS. Therefore, there are presently no plans for a DoD School System for Hawaii.
The Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF), a partnership of the Hawaii Military Community through USMACOM and the Hawaii State Department of Education, has spent \$20M over the last three years to address these concerns. While this amount has made a difference, it is clear that the need is great and the JVEF is continuing to work to create ways to improve the Hawaii Public Schools for all military children. Navy Region has hired a school liaison officer to increase the Navy's active participation in the activities of the JVEF and to encourage commands to partner with the public schools to address both academic needs (through reading/tutoring programs, etc.) and self-help programs (to address infrastructure needs).



U.S. Navy Photo
A Sailor works out at Bloch Arena on Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Bloch is just one facility Sailors and their families can use to maintain their physical fitness.



U.S. Navy Photo
A Sailor walks down the path next to Oklahoma Hall on Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The hall is the newest BEQ on Pearl Harbor and is part of the Navy Region Hawai'i bachelor housing. Nearly all shipboard Sailors on Pearl Harbor are housed in barracks while the ship is not on deployment.



Family Advocacy Program (FAP)	Concerns about FAP procedures - Survey participants thought individuals who are serviced by FAP are guilty until proven innocent, that program is biased toward females and that FAP staff go overboard.	Pearl Harbor change ties in how vision. child at tory re
Fleet & Family Support Center (FFSC)	Lack of use or unaware of FFSC services - Despite multiple and extensive marketing efforts, many Sailors and family members don't know what services the FFSC can offer them.	An imp SC. A link far hotline viding mation retiree
Fleet & Family Support Center (FFSC)	Improve customer service at FFSC front desk - Staff at front desk, particularly military staff, are sometimes rude, have an unprofessional attitude or give inaccurate information.	Proced courtes fresher
Galley	Current galley hours do not allow sufficient time to eat and make it to work on time.	The ga lize the ver Do ing the
Galley	NCTAMS PAC only serves breakfast and lunch and is closed on the weekends.	In the TAMS consid ing.
JEMS	Difficulty in finding employment and need for enhanced employment assistance in Hawaii.	Joint www.J Hawaii militar added.

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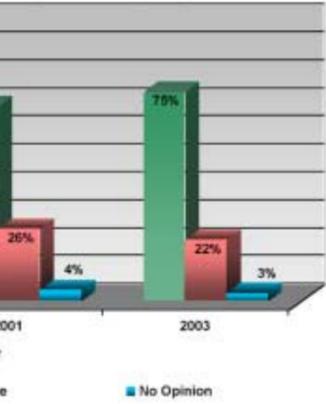
of your input to the Ohana Survey. Throughout the coming months, program managers will be working to resolve these concerns for you -- the Navy Ohana.



Your voice makes a difference!

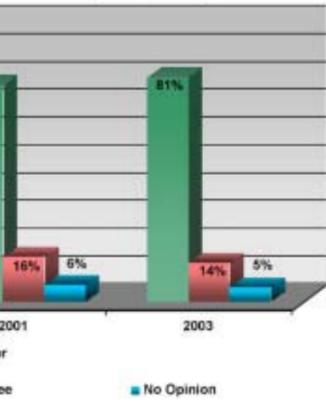
For a complete version of Ohana Survey results, log on to www.greatlifehawaii.com

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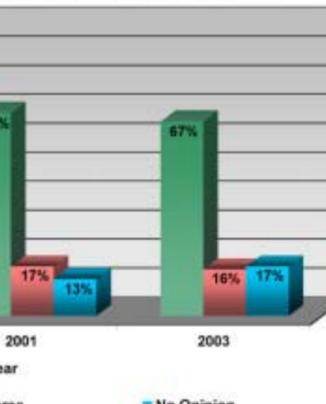
U.S. Navy Photo
Families gather in the rotunda of The Mall at Pearl Harbor. The mall is home to the largest Navy Exchange facility in the Pacific and also houses the newest Navy Commissary.

has been a positive experience



U.S. Navy Photo
A Sailor and his family shop at the Navy Commissary at The Mall at Pearl Harbor. The commissary houses a deli, a fresh seafood section and its own bakery.

ing the military a career



Harbor FAP, Navy Personnel Command and DoD FAP recognize that policy are needed. Specific information about allegations is now given to both par- involved in cases of abuse and neglect. Procedures have now been changed on ctims, offenders and/or COs may appeal a Case Review Committee (CRC) de- All FAP training briefs now give specific information on Hawaii definitions of use, child neglect, spouse abuse and abuse of a household member, and manda- reporting requirements.

proved marketing strategy has been developed to inform families about the FF- new information and referral service, Navy One-Source, was initiated to better milities with FFSC and community services. Navy One-Source is a toll-free, 24/7, with an interactive web-based support system and e-mail connectivity pro- individualized "concierge" service. The telephone and website provides infor- on a variety of subjects, such as parenting, child care, military life, education, ment, finances, legal issues, work stress, elder care and health.

ures for customer service desk staff were reviewed and revised. Training on sy, customer service and procedures was provided to all front desk staff and re- training is being held quarterly.

alley hours were modified in mid-2003 to allow more time for patrons to uti- e galley. Hours were staggered at Naval Station's Diosdado Rome and Sil- olphin Bistro galleys. Unfortunately, patrons did not utilize the galleys dur- ese staggered hours so the original hours were brought back.

past, the galley had low patronage in the evenings and weekends; thus the NC- PAC galley is closed during these timeframes. However, senior leadership is ering opening the galley during the evenings and weekends so this issue is pend-

Employment Management System (JEMS) produces and maintains EMSHawaii.com, a job bank with an average of 2,250 job opportunities in i and sponsors an annual job fair, both of which are for the exclusive use of the y community. Since this survey, JEMS has increased the number of new jobs monthly and has enhanced its on-line links to employment related resources.

Thank you, Navy Ohana in Hawai'i

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JEMS	Survey participants not knowing about JEMS or being unaware of the existence of the JEMS program.	To increase program awareness, JEMS has produced three new advertisements and is being promoted on the DoD's relocation program, SITES, and the Region's QOL web site www.greatlifehawaii.com . Additionally, JEMS staff will be staging an information table at the NEX and various Navy community centers, displaying banners, and working with QOL Marketing to increase future advertising efforts.
Medical	TRICARE operations/access to care.	Naval Medical Clinic Pearl Harbor (NMCLPH) plans to optimize appointment availability by continually evaluating appointment templates, provider availability, and providing clinic management tools to the departments. NMCLPH will also take health-care to the deckplate level to educate the Sailors on health risks associated with obesity, diabetes, breast cancer, and other health issues.
Medical	Waiting time at Makalapa Clinic Pharmacy.	Construction of a new, larger pharmacy window has begun. This window will double the number of work stations and will allow greater access to pharmacy personnel. In addition, this new window will include the Q-Matic system, which will prioritize patients by active duty status and predict approximate wait time.
Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR)	Fitness - condition of facility (improve Bloch Arena).	Continue to maintain the facility, make incremental improvements in facility condition and solicit support for physical readiness military construction project.
Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR)	Marketing - Eligibility for MWR Services. Direct advertising and publicity efforts towards DOD civilians.	Target DoD civilians as an authorized patron group and distribute MWR information and materials to civilian work centers.
Navy Exchange (NEX)	Customers are concerned with prices of NEX merchandise and savings.	The Navy Exchange Service Command hired an independent research firm to conduct a survey on how much customers save when they shop at their Navy Exchange. In August 2003, the research firm shopped for 350 products in various departments. The results showed that customers save an average of 20.4 percent in Hawaii not including the savings from not having to pay sales tax. Major island retailers shopped included Home Depot, Macy's, Office Depot, Sears, and Walmart. The NEX also has a price matching policy where they will match the price of any identical item sold in any local store (must be same brand, manufacture, size, and model number. Two types of "price challenges" are accepted: (1) Advertised item. Simply bring in a current, local competitor's ad for the identical item and the NEX will match the price. (2) Verbal challenge. Just tell the NEX that you saw an identical item at a lower price in a local competitor's store and they will match a difference up to \$5 on the spot.



U.S. Navy Photo
Sailors enjoy a meal at the Silver Dolphin Bistro on Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Sailors can enjoy meals at dining facilities like this across Oahu. Meal facilities, in addition to numerous other benefits, have earned Naval Station Pearl Harbor this year's top Quality of Life Award from Navy Times.

Navy College Office (NCO)

Sailors stationed at Kauai, Wahiawa, Kunia and Kaneohe want a Navy College Office at their respective commands.

Several actions were initiated in October 2002 to address some of these comments. Other initiatives were discussed with commands at the beginning of FY04 with a timeline commencing mid-FY04 for implementation. The following items are strategic steps to immediately address this trend:

- Kauai.** The far/middle eastern regional director and the PMRF CO coordinated with NCO Pearl Harbor the presence of two NCO counselors as early as November 2002. These counselors have provided on-the-spot counseling, DANTES, CLEP, SAT, ACT, Excelsior exams at PMRF on a bi-monthly rotational basis. This has proven quite effective for the military community there. This agreement with PMRF will continue indefinitely.
- Wahiawa.** The NCO director has coordinated with NCTAMSPAC that an NCO counselor would frequent there once a week during the five-week registration period prior to each of the four on-base terms. This service will allow NCO to counsel students and process TAs on the spot. This service will start during the registration period for the fourth term, June 1 - July 9 2004. NSGA Kunia Sailors can also utilize this service.
- Kunia.** Two NCO counselors will visit NSGA Kunia for specialized services after May 1, specifically providing counseling services, DANTES and CLEP exams monthly. This command has been exceptionally supportive of this proposal and equally supportive by allowing their students easy access to NCO Pearl Harbor. This service will continue through the end of FY04 when 14 computers are installed at Pearl Harbor in support of the computer based testing for eCLEPs (CBT).
- Kaneohe.** One NCO counselor is provided in support of Sailors at MCBH Kaneohe. This counselor is there two days per week -- this schedule has been quite effective since May 2002. The Navy College PACE coordinator is dispatched in support of deploying units. Additional items that we will initiate to further expedite services are:
 - Encourage Sailors to fax their TAs to NCO Pearl Harbor on days that service is not available at Kaneohe;
 - NCO will fax TA authorizations back to Sailors;
 - Command approved TAs can be scanned (JPEG, PDF) and emailed to NCO Pearl Harbor. Funded authorizations will be scanned and emailed back to the students. This procedure has worked well in several isolated cases.
 - NCPACE. Continuous additional support for deploying units will be provided as required.

Personnel Support Detachment (PSD)

Customers prefer to personally visit PSD for processing pay and personnel transactions vice utilizing command PASS Liaison Representatives (PLR).

Per OPNAVINST 1000.23, the Navy-wide PLR program was established to allow the Command PLR to be the direct link between the service member and PSD, on policy changes that impact pay, personnel, and transportation entitlements. This liaison between PSD and the Command PLR increases the quality of customer service. PLR training, monthly meetings, and newsletters keep the PLRs current on pay and personnel issues. In an era of "rightsizing", highly effective PLRs make a big difference by saving time and effort for Sailors and their families.

Personnel Support Detachment (PSD)

Customer service and staff attitude is perceived to be below standards.

PSD Pearl Harbor recognizes that customer service is an important aspect. In spite of their manpower and budget challenges, PSD continuous to effectively and efficiently service the 12,000 military customers and their family members in Hawaii. Customer service is routinely addressed during weekly training sessions. PSD staff attended a one-day customer service workshop in October 2003, where basic customer skills and telephone etiquette were covered. Also, customers are encouraged to complete Customer comment sheets that are strategically located throughout PSD. These comments are reviewed and actions are taken to correct the issue/complaint.

Personnel Support Detachment (PSD)

Walk-in customers are dissatisfied with excessive waiting time.

Thanks to previous Ohana Surveys, the appointment system was established to alleviate excess waiting time. As a result, the appointment system has dramatically reduced waiting times in the ID card, receipts, transfer and separations sections. PSD will continue to be proactive in advertising their appointment system to via PLRs, newsletters, web site and word of mouth. Customers who walk in (without an appointment) will be provided service on a first-come first-served basis, following personnel with appointments or in an emergency situation.

Children from the Pearl City Navy housing community gather to lay flowers and pay their respects to Charlotte Schaefer. Five-year-old Charlotte drowned Feb. 28 in the muddy waters of a rainwater runoff basin near her home in an apparent attempt to save a friend. A special fund has been set up at City Bank to help the family with expenses. Check donations may be sent to: Friends of Allison Schaefer, c/o City Bank, P.O. Box 3709, Honolulu, HI 96811. Donations can be mailed or dropped off at any City Bank location.

Photo by JOC Joe Kane



Charlotte: Child remembered as 'angel'



Photo by JOC Joe Kane

Two members of the Pearl City Navy housing community watch as balloons are released at the memorial ceremony for Charlotte Schaefer.

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whitest dove
Upon the wind of heaven's love
Past the planets and the stars
Leave this lonely world of ours
Escape the sorrow and the pain
And fly again."
"What gets me through this is I see her as an angel. I think of Charlotte as an angel watching over us," Allison Schaefer told those who attended the event. Neighbors and friends shared their remembrances of Charlotte. Children ran and played in the expanse of green grass, laughing and shouting to each other as they enjoyed the late afternoon sun. High above, the pink balloons shrank to tiny dots.

A short distance away on the grassy area, yet more memories of Charlotte – a tribute to the little girl so loved by the community. A large photo of Sharkey in her soccer uniform, taken just a week before she drowned, rested near a pair

of small soccer shoes and a soccer trophy. In addition to family photos and pictures of the little girl, there were mementoes of Sharkey's short life. A pair of pink cowgirl boots, Barbie dolls, a little girl's kitchen set and an assortment of stuffed animals – all favorites of the 5-year-old – were gentle reminders of the little girl who was memorialized at the ceremony.

"I hope her death brings a message for people. Life is very fleeting and very precious – every minute," said Allison Schaefer.

The family has established a special scholarship fund at Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Pearl City to which friends may donate. A special fund has also been set up at City Bank to help the family with expenses. Donations by check may be sent to: Friends of Allison Schaefer, c/o City Bank, P.O. Box 3709, Honolulu, HI 96811. Donations can be mailed or dropped off at any City Bank location.

NJROTC teaches training and fun

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Staff Writer

Chugiak High School's Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps came to the Pearl Harbor area last week to learn about life in the Navy and tour historic locations around the area. Chugiak, located in Eagle River, Alaska, has been sending students to Pearl Harbor for 18 years, providing them a small sample of what it might be like to be a Sailor.

"This is both educational and rewarding for the kids," said retired Cryptologic Technician-Administration 1st Class Lorie Florick, instructor for the NJROTC course. "The goal is to give [an] idea of what Navy life is about so they have another career choice."

Florick said several of the students have already decided to join the Navy while others are still evaluating their options. One student wants to become a SEAL and one student has already received a scholarship in rifle proficiency.

While on Pearl Harbor, 16 students lived in barracks and ate at the galleys, said Florick. They also visited the Battleship Missouri and other memorials to learn about the history of Pearl Harbor.

The JROTC class teaches students naval history, customs and courtesies, rates and ranks and many other basic concepts, said Florick. One function of the trip is to incorporate skills learned in the classroom in a real environment.

Students received damage control training at Afloat Training Group, Middle Pacific. Interior Communications Electrician 1st Class (SW) Michael Zullo gave the students a class on material conditions, investigations and equipment used on a ship.

"The purpose is to give them an



U.S. Navy photo

A senior at Chugiak High School in Eagle River, Alaska attempts to plug a hole in Afloat Training Group, Middle Pacific's wet trainer. The Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps students learned material conditions, equipment and shoring while visiting Pearl Harbor.

idea of what happens on a ship," said Zullo. "They get exposed to the Navy and what the Navy's ... about."

The students then experienced first-hand what an emergency at sea feels like by trying to plug a hole in the wet trainer. The wet trainer is a complex that fills with water as instructors teach the students shoring, which is placing supports against a structure to prevent bulging and pipe-patching. Zullo said they try to incorporate fun into the exercise while teaching the students in a hands-on environment with supervision.

The school also presented ATG

MIDPAC with a token of appreciation for hosting a training session for the students for the second year in a row.

"They seem to really appreciate the fact that we come and we really appreciate the fact that they let us come," said Juva Griffith, a senior at Chugiak.

Florick said the students await this trip every year and work hard raising the money to come to Pearl Harbor.

"They (the kids) think it's great [and] look forward to it," said Florick. "(JROTC) is just something new for them to experience to get [an] idea of what they want to do."

Keeping Sailors smiling

Mobile dental unit supports submariners

Raymund Flores
COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

Two Pearl Harbor Naval Dental Center (NAVDENCEN) mobile units provided support services for submariners on the Pearl Harbor Station piers recently to ensure their readiness for deployment.

Under the command of Lt. Cmdr. K. Lee, Dental Technician 2nd Class Kyle Bailey and Dental Technician 3rd Class Woody Eaton performed check-ins and x-rays in the first truck.

Chief Hospital Corpsman Mike Peck, leading chief petty officer of USS Honolulu Medical Department, coordi-

nated the event with NAVDENCEN.

"What makes the dental trucks work is we have smaller divisions onboard the submarine compared to surface ships," he said. "A second mobile truck provides additional services, such as cleanings, fillings and other minor dental work. Major dental and lab work, however, are referred to the Makalapa Clinic," said Peck.

Bailey explained the dental team's goal is to have everyone up-to-date.

"We expect to service about 36 submariners a day. Three patients are seen every 30 minutes. That makes it efficient for both the crew and

us because it saves the crew time from having to go over to the Makalapa Clinic," said Bailey.

Cmdr. Chuck Harris, commanding officer of USS Honolulu, was very satisfied with the dental service.

"This is incredible. For the second time this year, the mobile dental team has come to the pier to conduct annual dental exams for our submariners and no work time was wasted," said Harris.

Machinist Mate 2nd Class William Swaim of Shreveport, La. had his teeth x-rayed and felt the mobile dental truck was convenient.

"This is a great service. It worked out pretty good because they found a cavity and now it can be fixed before deployment. It also saves a lot of time than having to go to the main clinic and waiting in line," Swaim concluded.



Photo by JOC David Rush

DT3 Class Woody Eaton prepares MM2 Class William Swaim, USS Honolulu (SSN 718), for a dental x-ray. Eaton works in one of two Naval Dental Center mobile units conducting annual dental exams for submariners.

Druid Hills NJROTC cadets visit USS Los Angeles

JO3 Corwin Colbert
COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

USS Los Angeles (SSN 688) hosted a tour for the Druid Hills High School Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) April 8.

Retired Lt. Cmdr. Charlie Andrews, the senior naval science instructor of the NJROTC 27-member group from Druid Hills, Atlanta, Ga., coordinated the event.

"One day I was teaching astronomy and I was talking about the observatory lab in Hawai'i," said Andrews. "One of my students said 'Let's go to Hawai'i' so I started calling around and we were able to get help from the commands here in Pearl Harbor."

The tour was conducted by USS Los Angeles' weapons officer, Lt. Joshua King.

"This tour is beneficial. I see them as my future relief and the future of the Navy and maybe even the sub-

marine force. It is important to show these high school kids what we do. We want them to get a real idea of what we really do compared to the movies," said King.

Guided by three submariners, the group toured various spaces aboard the nuclear-powered submarine.

"We took them to most of the spaces onboard except for the power plant and the engine room. We showed them the dry deck shelter and the control room where they learned how the fire control systems worked. We showed them berthing spaces, the sonar room and the mess decks. We also took them into the auxiliary room where we talked about the diesel generators and the atmosphere control equipment," said King.

After going to the Bowfin museum the day before, cadets made comparisons of the two submarines.

"We went to the Bowfin yesterday. I wanted to compare a new boat to Bowfin. I am pretty excited. This boat has more stuff; it's cool," said Cadet Jay Beslic, 1st Platoon chief.

Operations Officer Cadet William Yearwood is shipping out in July to the Marine Corps. He

learned a lot about life aboard a U.S. Navy submarine.

"I thought it was interesting how the submarine operated. They live in very cramped spaces and I do not know how they live like that. It is impressive. Also, when they are underwater it is interesting how they work their shifts. Compared to the Bowfin, this boat is bigger, but there is less room to move around because there is so much equipment in it," said Yearwood.

As the group returned topside to end the tour, Beslic and Andrews said they enjoyed their visit.

"It was pretty exciting," said Beslic.

"It's been a fascinating orientation trip for our cadets," Andrews concluded.

The NJROTC program was established by public law in 1964. The program is conducted at qualified high schools throughout the nation by instructors who are retired Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard officers and enlisted personnel. The curriculum stresses citizenship and leadership development, maritime heritage, the significance of sea power, and naval topics such as the fundamentals of naval operations, seamanship and navigation.



Photo by JO3 Corwin Colbert

Lt. Joshua King, weapons officer of USS Los Angeles (SSN 688), gives the Druid Hills Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) a summary of the operations of the submarine. The NJROTC group toured the submarine April 8.

Hawai'i Navy News Sports



Photo by JOC Joe Kane
AE2 Joel Davidson gets advice from AT1 Jerry Uhrich during the Commodore's Cup athletic challenge at Marine Corps Base, Hawai'i in Kaneohe.

Skinny Dragons burn the competition

Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Forces, Wing 2 at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i at Kaneohe hosted a Commodore's Cup competition April 9-10.

AW1 Mark Pelchat and AW1 Horace May came up with the idea for the event as a way of fostering healthy competition within the air wing and to encourage esprit d' corps.

More than 300 Sailors took part in the two-day competition in a series of 10 events, including a golf tournament, surfing, softball and more.

At the end of the day, the "Skinny Dragons" of VP-4 took first place overall.

Here are the final results of the 2004 CPRF W-2 Commodore's Cup:

1st	VP-4 with 525 points
2nd	VPU-2 with 292 points
3rd	WING-2 with 177 points
4th	VP-9 with 137 points
5th	DPRGP with 24 points

Play ball! Little League season opens

J03 Devin Wright
Staff Writer

The youth sports program for Pearl Harbor kicked off the Little League Baseball season April 10 at Lynch Field.

The ceremony started with a display of banners the teams made to show their spirit followed by the opening pitch by Capt. Mike Donch, commanding officer of Naval Magazine Hawai'i.

Donch said the spirit that Little League Baseball brings to parents and baseball fans in general is an American tradition.

"It's the beginning of spring," said Donch. "People are ready to get outdoors and enjoy watching a game of little league baseball. Spring, baseball and hot dogs - it's an American way of life."

Little League Baseball is a way for military families to help each other through deployments.

"As much as we move around, we need programs like Little League to help kids and their parents make new friends," said Lisa McKivergan, assistant director of Pearl Harbor Youth Sports. "This gives parents an opportunity to come together and get their minds off their significant other's deployment, and the kids have fun and develop skills."

Those skills, according to Donch, are lifelong and go far beyond hitting and fielding a baseball.

"Little League gives kids a sense of community," said Donch. "It also builds teamwork, discipline and respect. These



Photo by J03 Devin Wright
Players from the Pearl Harbor Diamondbacks get psyched before the opening game of the little league baseball season April 10 at Lynch Field.

are characteristics that will stay with them through life."

William Davies, co-head coach for the Pearl Harbor Cubs, said he loves being part of an American institution.

"Little League is part of an America tradition and to be a part of that and keep it going is gratifying," said Davies. "I played Little League Baseball and I want them to have the same experiences I had. It also is an opportunity for me to relieve a special part of my childhood."

As a coach, Davies realizes the importance he plays in the players' lives.

"I know that we, as coaches, can help these kids by helping open communication, team work and building each others' self-esteem," said Davies.

For Austin Sharp, Pearl Harbor Cubs second baseman and "sometimes pitcher," little league is the first step to greatness.

"When I grow up, I could get a scholarship and get in school free," said

Sharp, "then be a pro."

Austin, who is nine years old, began playing baseball when he was six.

"I love it," said Sharp. "I still get nervous though."

The Pearl Harbor youth sports program is still looking for anyone interested in volunteering as a coach or umpire during the little league season.

Aspiring coaches or umpires can call the Pearl Harbor Youth Sports office at 474-3501.

Ford Island Bridge Run results

Results from www.timersplus.com

The top 20 runners from the April 10 Ford Island Bridge Run are:

Name	Time
Christian Friis	33:27
James Davis	35:12
Tim Noonan	36:45
Cheyenne Diaz	36:51
David Eagar	36:55
Jay Kauwalei	37:10
Joe Laturneau	37:27
Val Umphress	37:34
Russell Kutzman	37:50
Kristi Markowicz	37:58

Louis Tomsic	38:14
Jeffrey Greene	38:18
Joey Becera	38:23
Michael Maixner	38:31
Gumaro Mata	38:33
Carrie Wojcik	38:44
Geoff Morrison	38:56
Tom Metz	39:01
Teresa Allman	39:13
Frank Norcross	39:29

Anyone who would like more detailed results can go to the official TimersPlus Website at http://www.timersplus.com/RESULTS_RUNS.htm. Scroll down and click on Ford Island Bridge Run "overall" or "age group."

Navy Surgeon General: 'Get Moving Navy'

Office of Navy Surgeon General

The "Get Moving Navy" program is designed to improve health and fitness of active duty personnel and reservists, family members, civilian employees, retirees and high risk beneficiary groups by encouraging increased participation in moderate physical activity.

"Our goal is to create and maintain a fit and healthy force," said Vice Adm. Michael Cowan, Navy Surgeon General. "Encouraging healthy lifestyle choices and avoiding obesity, in particular, are among the most important factors in achieving this goal."

For more information, visit the Navy fitness website at www.mwr.navy.mil/mwr-prgms/physred.htm