

The National Korean War Museum



Keeping history alive for future generations

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Some people feel there were only three major conflicts before the first Gulf War. If you ask, they would say World War I, World War II and Vietnam. Those people forget about the war that began June 25, 1950 when North Korea invaded South Korea with 135,000 men. This action began the Korean War.

Today, in Wahiawa, there is a museum to honor all the sacrifices made during that war.

"It's a mix between a temple and a museum," said Kyle Kopitke, president of the National Korean War Museum board. "The National Korean War Museum tells the story of the Korean War through 38 galleries that are filled with statues, paintings, historic vehicles, murals and riveting black and white photos blown up into poster size on museum-quality canvas."

The museum is housed inside a blue quonset hut at 235 Kellogg Street. Inside, visitors can peruse galleries dedicated to the men and women from around the world who fought in the Korean War.

The museum draws visitors from around the world. It has even drawn the attention



An American bald eagle soars over the National Korean War Museum floor. The eagle is painted on the ceiling of the rotunda at the museum. Flags from the 31 nations involved in the war surround the rotunda.

of individuals connected with the war, but who were not able to make the trip to see the museum.

Before her death in 2000, Jean MacArthur, widow of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, called and expressed her support for the work Kopitke and other members of the museum board put into the memorial.

"She said, 'I know Douglas would be so proud of your efforts,'" said Kopitke.

Kopitke credits much of the restoration to the hard work of volunteers who devot-

ed time and energy to fixing up and painting the quonset hut.

The work was done to make the once-ordinary building into a place worthy of housing the memorabilia and memories of those individuals who sacrificed so much during the Korean War, Kopitke said.

"This is a very sacred place," said Kopitke.

Kopitke said the place is so sacred, the spirits of the men and women from the war may have taken up watch at the museum. He and the volunteers refer to them as sentinels of the museum.

"The presence of the spirits of Korean War veterans here in their national museum, visiting from heaven, is so thick at times, you can almost cut it with a knife," he said. "One widow of a Korean War veteran told me, 'I felt my late husband walking by my side as I walked through the different galleries.' When volunteers leave in a hurry after seeing something or somebody, they call a few days later and say they were not scared. They say they were more startled or unsure how to act."

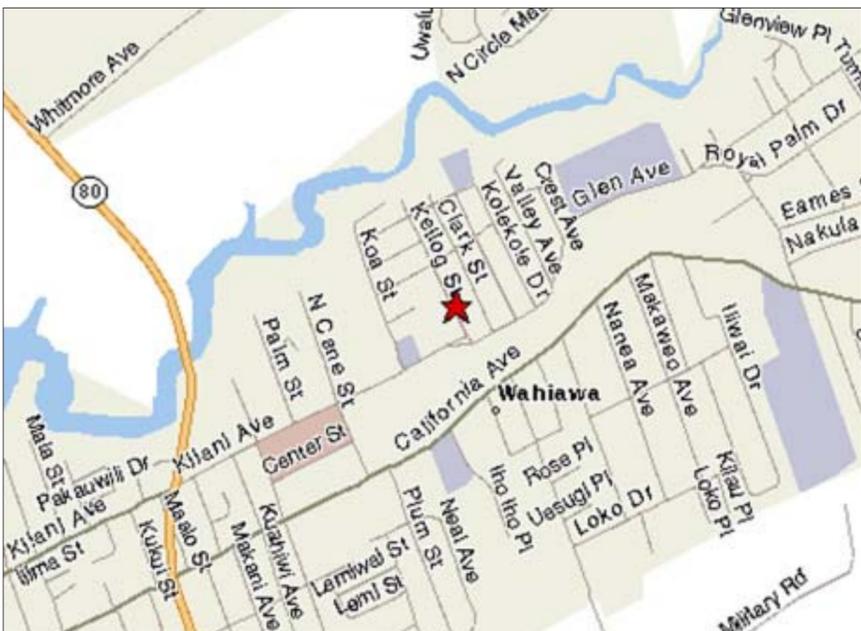
Spirits or not, Kopitke feels the museum, with its mementoes, is a fitting tribute to the men and women who fought overseas. He said the museum is open to anyone who would like to come and learn more about what some refer to as "The Forgotten War."

"We are the only military museum in the nation that teaches, in fact, proclaims, that the Korean War was a victory – which I call the frozen victory – not the 'forgotten war,' or the 'first war America lost,'" Kopitke said. "The emotions of that concept are powerful and eternal in nature."

The 58-foot long mural by Andy Pak of South Korea entitled "Frozen Victory" includes scenes representing every branch of the United States military and their efforts during the Korean War.



The eight-foot-tall statue of Crown Princess Masako of Japan holding her daughter Princess Aiko at the National Korean War Museum symbolizes American gratitude to Japanese nurses who cared for wounded American soldiers during the Korean War.



Korean War Museum facts and figures

- The museum is located at 235 Kellogg Street in Wahiawa. Use the map located to the left to find the museum.
- It is housed in a blue quonset hut.
- The website for the museum is www.nkwm.org
- Individuals who would like to donate vehicles to the museum can visit the "car donation program" section of the website or e-mail Kyle Kopitke, museum board president, at kkopitke@hotmail.com or call him at 622-5100.
- The museum puts out a weekly e-mail called "The Cause" to present the latest developments. Anyone interested in receiving the updates should send an e-mail to kkopitke@hotmail.com to be added to the mailing list.

Commentary

Window on Pearl Harbor

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To all moms ... Happy Mother's Day

The memories are still poignant and clear – as though it were only yesterday or last month instead of 14 years ago. On a spring day in Pennsylvania, the air was balmy, but still carried a bit of a chill. Trees whose branches had been bare through the winter months were now beginning to bud with the rebirth of spring. The sky was overcast - with intermittent patches of blue - and a light drizzle fell from the gray clouds above. There in a small, rural cemetery, I stood quietly with my children and other members of our family – saying my last goodbyes to my mother. My tears flowed down my face as the minister delivered a brief eulogy. Sprays of roses covered the top of the coffin which sat beside the open grave - dug into the muddy ground which was soon to be my mother's final earthly resting place. It was all so unreal to me – that my beloved mother was gone from my life. Part of me refused to believe it, though another part of me knew that it was true - and I had no idea how I would ever deal with such a great loss.

On a day that other families were planning Mother's Day celebrations with their mothers, I was burying my mom. While newspaper ads and radio and television announcements offered reminders to do something nice for moms on their special day, I cried for my loss.

As weeks and months passed, I envied those who still had their mothers. I longed to be able to send a sentimental card, drop by with an arrangement of flowers or enjoy a nice dinner with mom at one of her favorite restaurants. I desperately wanted to be able to pick up the telephone and hear the sound of her voice – to share my latest triumphs and disappointments. And my heart ached for my children who would never again see their grandmother or be able to share in baking cookies and all of the wonderful moments that grandmas and grandchildren enjoy. Most of all, I wanted to be able to wrap my arms around the wonderful lady who had not only been my mom, but my dearest friend, and squeeze her as tightly as I could. But she was gone – and I could never do that again.

As a child growing up in a poor family, I had very

little – and yet, I had an abundance. There were many happy memories of past Christmases. Presents under the tree were scarce and most were hand-me-down clothes which Mom had cleaned and pressed until they looked new. Then she lovingly wrapped them and placed them under the tree.

There were the countless times when she held me and rocked me when I was sick, read me bedtime stories, and told me funny stories about growing up with her siblings. To me, she seemed like an angel. She never got angry, never complained, always understood and supported us, and had the biggest, most generous heart of anyone I knew. She could also be funny and at times, mischievous. She always had a smile and a hug for us – and despite the difficult struggles, displayed a lot of courage. The sacrifices that she made for us were many – although I wasn't aware of it at the time.

As with most mothers and daughters, there was a special bond between us – a closeness that could never be disputed or discounted and one which, despite the distances that frequently separated us after I grew up and had my own family, never lessened.

I treasure all of my memories – and even though many years have passed since my loss, I still miss her very much – but especially on Mother's Day.

If you are still lucky enough to have your mom, I encourage you – no, I implore you – to appreciate her and show her how much you love her...while you can. Even if you are a distance away...as many of our Sailors at Pearl Harbor are...send your mom a card or a bouquet of flowers, something to show your love and appreciation. Or just pick up the phone and give your mom a call to let her know that you care.

Moms truly appreciate all of those little gestures – just to know that you love them and are thinking of them is worth more than all of the riches in the world.

But you don't have to wait until Mothers' Day to make your mom feel special – mothers are special every single day of the year.

Happy Mothers' Day – to moms everywhere!

Study does not recommend changing commissary pricing

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DeCA Public Affairs

The long-awaited independent variable pricing study recommends the Defense Commissary Agency not implement the practice of variable pricing.

The primary objective of the study was to provide an assessment of the feasibility of using variable pricing within DeCA to reduce appropriated fund costs while sustaining a 30 percent customer savings rate.

"We have been studying variable pricing as a means to deliver the highest quality benefit as efficiently as possible. It is one of many tools examined as part of our agency's re-engineering process," said DeCA Director Maj. Gen. Mike Wiedemer. Study results confirm that variable pricing is not a feasible means to reduce taxpayers' cost while maintaining a high savings rate.

"I am satisfied that this was a thorough and impartial review of the concept of variable pricing. It provides sufficient evidence to rule out variable pricing as a method of operation for DeCA. DeCA and DoD leadership will continue to seek other ways we can improve effectiveness and efficiency in providing the commissary benefit, and ensure that we contin-

ue to deliver a sound return on taxpayer investment," stated Charles Abell, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness.

In the commercial grocery industry, variable pricing means that retailers set prices to meet their profit margins based on factors such as local market conditions, competition, or how much customers can be expected to pay for an item. Since commissaries sell at cost, DeCA's pricing practices do not rely on meeting a profit margin and discounts are passed directly to the customers. Under DeCA's current pricing model, commissary customers pay shelf price plus a five percent surcharge.

DeCA's current business model delivers an average savings of 30 percent or more for military families. Those savings can amount to about \$2,700 annually for a family of four with regular commissary shopping.

"As we continue to study ways to obtain cost efficiencies, we don't want to lose sight of the fact that commissaries are a benefit," said Wiedemer. "DeCA's 'reason for being' is to deliver that benefit to military members and their families. Our Number one concern has to be delivering value, savings and customer service to those families."

Great Life Hawai'i photo of the week



QM1 (SW) Terry Snyder visits the U.S.S. Bowfin Memorial, located beside the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial. The U.S.S. Arizona Memorial is offering the "Great Life Hawai'i Photo Contest," so pick a photo of yourselves that best represents what makes being stationed in Hawai'i so memorable. Submit unpublished photographs (no smaller than five by seven inches at 200 DPI) to "hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com." All photographs submitted will become the property of the paper and MWR, which reserves the right to edit, copyright and publish submissions. There is no entry fee, but there is a limit of one entry per family. Weekly photo winners will be showcased both in Hawai'i Navy News and on the MWR website "www.greatlifehawaii.com." Every quarter, a winner will be selected from the weekly winners to receive a special gift package from MWR. This contest is open to amateur photographers only, who must be at least 18 years of age.

In Brief

Salt Lake Boulevard road widening project

As the Salt Lake Boulevard road-widening project continues, Navy housing residents who live in the vicinity of Salt Lake Boulevard and others who regularly use the road should be aware of road construction delays. The delays are in conjunction with the road-widening/beautification project which began June 2002.

Salt Lake Boulevard between Wanaka Street and Maluna Street is closed to north (stadium) bound traffic. North (stadium) bound traffic along Salt Lake Boulevard between Wanaka Street and Maluna Street will be detoured to Likini Street. North (stadium) bound traffic through Salt Lake Boulevard is scheduled to reopen on June 26.

Motorists are advised to use alternate routes. Pedestrian access through the work zone on Salt Lake Boulevard will be allowed.

The City and County of Honolulu construction project will be on the mauka side of Salt Lake Boulevard from Maluna Street to Lawehana Road. There will be no street parking allowed along this stretch starting May 10. Once the roadway is paved, the area will be a "no parking" zone as the mauka lane will be a thoroughfare.

The road will be widened from the existing two lanes to four lanes. As part of the plan, all utilities will be placed underground and a beautification project will enhance areas adjacent to the boulevard.

The plan also calls for the installation of a center median and eight-foot wide sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides of the road. It is estimated that the project will be completed in August. Residents who have questions or concerns or who desire more information about the project may call 479-7952.

Local celebrity chef visits Pearl Harbor ship

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Once upon a time, Sailors didn't get to choose what their entrée would be - it was always the same tasteless 'grub.' Even just a few decades ago, Sailors at sea would commonly get the same bland 'chow' day after day. Now, things are different. Even in the midst of long deployments, Sailors can usually look forward to a well-balanced, good meal.

So for celebrity chef Roy Yamaguchi to take time to pay a visit to the kitchen of the Pearl Harbor-based USS Crommelin (FFG 37) April 30, it was just another sign that standards in the Navy kitchen have indeed risen.

"This has been a real honor for me to be invited on board - to be able to spend this time with the people who are protecting our country," said the chef, who spent most of his childhood eating military 'chow' on an Army base in Japan. "I really appreciate this opportunity."

The chef's robust appetite for using and storing better quality ingredients was just one facet of the discussions between himself and the ship's culinary specialists. Sea and kitchen stories from both the Sailors and the chef filled the morning, with questions and comments mirroring each other's excitement for all things culinary.

And it's no surprise, according to one of the ship's kitchen staff members, since the Crommelin's kitchen proved how food-conscious they are by win-



Photo by JO1 Jim Williams
Celebrity chef Roy Yamaguchi (left) observes Culinary Specialist Seaman Dustin Carr cooking the crew's lunch. The chef visited with the Ney award-winning culinary specialists on board the Pearl Harbor-based USS Crommelin (FFG 37) April 30.

ning one of this year's Ney awards, a Navy-wide award given annually to the base or ship with the best dining facilities.

"It's a really good feeling to know that you are the best in the Navy," said Culinary Specialist 1st Class (SW) Peter Grabarits. "You really just can't top that."

Yamaguchi added that he was very

impressed with the small crew of cooks.

"For them to win the Ney Awards is great," he said. "They should be really proud."

Yamaguchi started his culinary career when he was the same age as many of the younger Sailors, but really made a name for himself in the 1980s when he began to blend Euro-

pean cooking techniques with the fresh local ingredients found in Asia and the Pacific, creating a new style of cooking which he calls Hawaiian fusion cuisine.

After graduating from the Culinary Institute of America in New York at the age of 19, and moving to California where he cooked with some of the world's leading chefs of the time, the desire to get back to his roots led Yamaguchi to move to Hawai'i in 1988 and open "Roy's." Soon after the original Roy's opened in Honolulu, Food & Wine Magazine dubbed it the "crown jewel of Honolulu's East-West eateries," and the New York Times described him as "the Wolfgang Puck of the Pacific." Yamaguchi, now regarded as a culinary pioneer, has since opened 31 Roy's restaurants scattered throughout the United States, Japan and Guam. He has also hosted six seasons of the PBS-TV show, "Hawai'i Cooks with Roy Yamaguchi" seen in all 50 states, as well as over 60 countries.

"It's such a real privilege to have such a successful chef give up his time for us and come on board," said CSC (SW) Daniel Ayars Jr. "I think it's been a real inspiration to the junior 'CS's' to see him come here and give us a few pointers on how to make our food a little better."

"The opportunity to have a famous chef like Roy Yamaguchi to talk to our culinary specialists is just an awesome opportunity," echoed Cmdr. Don Hodge, the Crommelin's commanding

officer. "This is wonderful training for our guys."

During his time on board, Yamaguchi also discussed tips on sauce making, long-term storage and the possibility of even growing an herb garden on the deck of the Navy ship.

"Roy really is a great chef and he taught us a lot of useful stuff," said CS2 (SW) Davidson Cervantes. "I know I've learned some new things about serving and preparation techniques."

The chef's enthusiasm for food became even more contagious as he spread the message that the secret to good cooking is more than just following a direction card.

"It's great that he could come down and point out some things we can do with our Navy recipes," said the ship's leading culinary specialist CSC (SW) Juanito Liwanag. "But he really hit the mark when he said that you really have got to cook from the heart and be proud about what you do, if you want your food to shine. And we are very proud of our food."

When the chef eventually had to depart the ship, after enjoying a good meal, both he and the team of culinary specialists agreed the morning had been a success and very informative to both sides.

"I really enjoyed my time here and the chance to be a part of the crew for this couple of hours," concluded Yamaguchi. "And I really feel many of these cooks can and will go far in the food industry."

Support troops with phone card donations

Special release from the U.S. Department of Defense

The Department of Defense announced last week that any American can now help troops in contingency operations call home.

The Defense Department has authorized the Armed Services Exchanges to sell prepaid calling cards to any individual or organization that wishes to purchase cards for troops who are deployed. The "Help Our Troops Call Home" program is designed to help servicemembers call home from Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Those wishing to donate a prepaid calling card to a military member may log on to any of the three Armed Services Exchange Web sites: the Army and Air Force Exchange Service at www.aafes.com, the Navy Exchange Service Command at www.navy-nex.com, and the Marine Corps Exchange at www.usmc-mccs.org. Click the "Help Our Troops Call Home" link. From there, a prepaid calling card may be purchased for an individual at his or her deployed address or to "any service member" deployed or hospitalized. The Armed Services Exchanges will distribute cards donated to "any service member" through the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society and the Fisher House Foundation.

The Armed Services Exchanges operate telephone call centers in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan and other countries and aboard ships - anywhere service members are deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The cards available through the "Help Our Troops Call Home" program offer the best value for calls made from the call centers, never expire, and there are no added charges or connection fees.

Individuals and organizations also can show their support to deployed troops and their families with gift certificates. The "Gift of Groceries" program allows anyone to purchase commissary gift certificates at www.commissaries.com or by calling toll free 1-877-770-GIFT. The Armed Services Exchanges offer the "Gift From the Homefront" gift certificate for merchandise at these exchange Web sites: www.aafes.com, www.navy-nex.com or by calling toll free 1-877-770-GIFT. Gift certificates may be purchased to be mailed to service members and family members, or will be distributed to "any service member."

Thrift Savings Plan: A way to increase wealth

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Defense Department officials want thousands more service members to invest in their future through the Thrift Savings Plan, or TSP.

And now is a good time for service members to start paying themselves. The current TSP open season started April 15 and runs until June 30. This is the time service members can start or change their contributions to their TSP account.

Service members can contribute up to nine percent of their basic pay each month, and up to 100 percent of incentive pay and special pay, including bonus and combat pay. But their total contributions from taxable pay may not exceed the Internal Revenue Service limit of \$13,000 for 2004.

"You're never too young or too old to start a savings account in TSP," said Gary A. Amelio, executive director of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board and chief executive and managing fiduciary of TSP for federal employees. "The tax deferral benefits are excellent and compounded earnings are simply a phenomenal way to increase your wealth."

TSP assets total more than \$110 billion. The plan maintains retirement savings accounts for more than three million participants. This includes federal civilian employees in all branches of government, U.S. Postal Service employees and members of the seven uniformed services.

Created by the Federal Employees' Retirement System Act of 1986, TSP is a tax-deferred savings option and lowers the taxable income for participants in the 2004 tax year. The savings plan is similar to 401k plans offered by many private employers. It's separate from and in addition to the military retirement system, which is based on years of service and rank.

Administered by the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, TSP was available only to civilian employees until October 2001, when the program was extended to active and



reserve component service members, including the Coast Guard. The program also was extended to members of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Members of the National Guard and Reserve who are also federal civilians are allowed to have both a military and civilian TSP. "If you're part of both work forces, you can have two different accounts," Amelio noted. "And you can combine the accounts after you separate from either service."

But Amelio said if TSP participants with military and civilian accounts exceed the IRS limit of \$13,000 before the end of the calendar year, the plan will return the excess contributions. "It's called an excess deferral," Amelio noted.

The government gives matching funds to Federal Employees' Retirement System TSP participants. Uniformed services and Civil Service Retirement System participants normally don't receive matching funds, but the service secretaries can authorize matching funds for service members in critical military occupational specialties.

"FERS employees have a less lucrative defined benefit plan than does CSRS and the uniformed services," Amelio explained. "So the TSP is intended to make up the difference for FERS participants."

He also pointed out that CSRS and military participants are limited to contributing up to nine percent of their base pay, while FERS

members are allowed to contribute up to 14 percent of their base pay.

When service members leave active duty, they have several options. They can leave their money in TSP, allowing it to continue to grow, take a partial or full withdrawal, roll the money into another plan or an individual retirement account, or purchase an annuity. They also could choose to make periodic distributions to themselves, Amelio said.

More than 220,000 uniformed service members signed up for TSP in 2002, the first year they were eligible. By December 2003, more than 390,000 people were investing in TSP.

"Participation numbers have been rising steadily since the plan was made available," Amelio noted. "Today, we have about 410,000 members of the armed services participating. We've been putting a special focus with DoD on getting more and more armed service members to participate. So we're very pleased that the numbers continue to go up, and DoD is helping us get the word out to the members."

Amelio attributes the increase in participation to knowledge, familiarity and comfort.

"As members of the armed services become more familiar with TSP, the more they like it," he said. "They find that it's a wonderful saving program, easy to participate in, and doesn't cost them anything. The more they talk to their colleagues in the armed forces about it, they become more comfortable about the plan, and they like it more and more. That's why the participation is going up."

TSP has investment funds, which vary in risk and investment mixture: government securities investment (G fund); fixed-income investment (F fund); common stock index investment (C fund); small capitalization stock index investment (S fund); and international stock index investment (I fund).

TSP enrollment can be done online through the MyPay Web site, or by completing a TSP enrollment form (TSP-U-1) and turning it in at the local pay or personnel office. Enrollment forms are available online at the TSP Web site.

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Movie Call

Sharkey Theater, Pearl Harbor
(473-0726)

FRIDAY
7:00 p.m. The Ladykillers (R)
SATURDAY
2:30 p.m. The Prince and Me (PG)
6:30 p.m. Free Screening
Troy (R)
SUNDAY
2:30 p.m. Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG)
4:30 p.m. Starsky & Hutch (PG)*
6:30 p.m. The Passion of the Christ (R)
THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. Taking Lives (R)

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

Memorial Theater, Hickam AFB
(449-2239)

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
7:00 p.m. The Passion of the Christ (R)
WEDNESDAY
7:00 p.m. Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R)
THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R)

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

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

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
7:00 p.m. Dawn of the Dead (R)
SUNDAY
2:00 p.m. Taking Lives (R)
THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. Never Die Alone (R)

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

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

OUTDOOR RECREATION EVENTS:

- May 12: Open deck kayak outfitting workshop, 6 p.m. The cost is \$5. Deadline to register is May 10.
 - May 15: Goat Island exploration, 8 a.m. The cost is \$8. Deadline to register is May 12.
 - May 15: Hanauma Bay night snorkeling, 6 p.m. The cost is \$8. Deadline to register is May 12.
 - May 16: Hawaiian sailing canoe cruise, 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$33. Deadline to register is May 12.
- For more information, call 473-1198.

HYSL SOCCER REGISTRATION

Hawai'i Youth Soccer League (HYSL) registration will be held now until May 14 at the youth sports office. Practice begins in June and games start in July. The season ends in August. The cost is \$60 (includes uniform and trophy). Volunteer coaches are needed. For more information, call 474-3501.

SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The summer basketball league begins May 8 and is open to active duty, family members 18 years and older, and DoD employees assigned to Pearl Harbor, Barber's Point, NCTAMS, West Loch and Kunia. The entry fee is \$250 per team. Games will be held at Bloch Arena. For more information, call 473-2494 or 473-2437.

FREE SURF LESSONS FOR TEENS

Free surf lessons will be offered for

youth ages 13-17 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 8 at Barbers Point. Teens can learn to surf with qualified instructors. Transportation will be provided from Catlin and Pearl City teen centers. For more information, call 471-8914.

AUTO AUCTION

MWR will host its next auto auction from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. May 8. Vehicles will be sold "as is" to the highest bidders. Participants can bid on a single or group of vehicles. Visit the MWR website for a complete listing of available vehicles, location and auction details. For more information, call 422-2975.

MOTHER'S DAY EVENTS

- Sail away on Mother's Day: You can treat mom to a cruise on a skippered 22-foot Columbia for Mother's Day. Bring lunch and favorite beverages. The cost is \$15 per hour. Advance reservations are required. There will be roses for moms. A maximum of five people can participate. For more information, call 473-0279.
- At MWR pools: Every mother will receive a rose at all MWR pools, while supplies last. For more information call, 473-0394.
- Bowling special: Mom can enjoy three free games of bowling from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Each mom must be accompanied by a paying family member. For more information, call 473-2574.
- Dinner at Sam Snead's: Sam Snead's will offer a special Mother's Day meal, available all day. Mothers will also receive a free rose. For more information or to make reservations, call 421-SAMS.
- Moms can enjoy a hot and cold stone massage throughout the month of May. The special massage includes face, neck and shoulders. The 75-minute treatment costs \$90. Appointments are available at Barbers

Point and Bloch Arena Fitness Centers. To make reservations or for more information, call Ruby at 386-4812.

LIFEGUARD INSTRUCTOR COURSE

A lifeguard instructor course starts May 10 at Richardson Pool. For more information, call 471-9181.

BOWLING FOR TEENS

A teen bowling activity for youth ages 13-17 will be held from 4-8 p.m. May 10 at the Naval Station Bowling Center. The games and shoe rentals are free. For more information or to register, call 471-8914.

SQUASH TOURNAMENT

A free squash tournament is planned for May 12-14 at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Divisions include men's and women's open, A, B and C. Participants should register by May 10 by visiting or calling the Wentworth Pro Shop at 473-0610.

SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

A sand volleyball tournament will be held May 14-15 at Wentworth courts. Divisions include doubles and fours, open and novice. The cost is \$10 for doubles and \$20 for fours. Participants should register by May 10 by visiting Wentworth Pro Shop. For more information, call 473-0610.

SUPER GARAGE SALE & CRAFT FAIR

The next Super Garage Sale and Craft Fair will be held from 8 a.m.-noon May 15 at Richardson Field. The cost for each 10-foot-by-10-foot spot ranges from \$5-\$8 for garage sellers and \$15-\$20 for crafters/businesses. Visit the great life Hawai'i Website at www.greatlifehawaii.com for entry forms or call 473-0606 for more information.

PRE-TEEN CAMP OUT

A pre-teen campout for youth ages 10-12 will be offered May 15-16 at Barbers Point. Departure for the outdoor adventure will be at 8 a.m. May 15 from Catlin and Iroquois Point teen clubhouses and return at approximately noon on May 16. Space is limited. Register at either clubhouse; today May 7 is the last day to register. For more information, call 421-1556.



MAY

- May 7:** Poi pounding, free, time to be announced, at LIP.
- May 8:** Hilo Hattie's, \$2. Leave from LIP at 1 p.m.
- May 9:** Waikiki Aquarium, \$10. Leave from LIP, time to be announced.
- May 14:** Card house building contest, free, 1 p.m. at LIP.
- May 16:** Foosball tournament, free, 3 p.m. at LIP.
- May 18:** Eggs & Things in Waikiki, bring money. Leave from LIP, time to be announced.
- May 19:** Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens, \$5. Leave from LIP at 1 p.m.

Weekly events:

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



Dawn of the Dead: A mysterious plague causes the newly dead to rise from their graves and begin to eat the living. Desperate survivors seek refuge in an indoor mall, where they must learn not only to protect themselves from the ever-increasing zombie horde, but also to co-exist with each other.

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind: Joel discovers that his girlfriend Clementine has had her memories of their tumultuous relationship erased. He contacts the inventor of the process to have Clementine removed from his own memory. But as his memories disappear, Joel recalls the good times they had together and tries to mentally overcome the procedure while he sleeps.

The Ladykillers: A gentleman organizes a gang of thieves to rob a riverboat casino. They set up shop by renting a room in the house of an unsuspecting, church-going little old lady. When she figures out what they're up to, the robbers decide she must be eliminated.

Never Die Alone: Half preacher, half Satan, and all street smarts, King David recorded the story of his exploits on audiotape, leaving behind sermons on villainy and its consequences.

The Passion of the Christ: (With English subtitles) See review

The Prince and Me: Paige is on the fast track toward her lifelong goal of becoming a doctor. Edward, the crown prince of Denmark trying to escape from his royal life, poses as a college student. Now, Edward is in line to become king. Paige has to choose between two dreams...becoming a princess or a doctor.

Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed: A masked villain wreaks mayhem on the city of Coolsville with a monster machine that recreates classic Mystery Inc. foes. Under pressure, the gang launches an investigation into the mysterious monster outbreak that leaves Shaggy and Scooby questioning their roles in Mystery Inc.

Starsky & Hutch: Based on the popular 1970s cop show of the same name. Ken "Hutch" Hutchinson and Dave Starsky are a tough pair of plain-clothes cops who drive a Ford Torino and solve cases.

Taking Lives: FBI Agent Scott doesn't rely on traditional crime-solving techniques to unravel the mysteries of a murderous mind. When Montreal detectives ask for help to get inside the head of a cunning serial killer, she joins the case. She suddenly finds herself on a twisted and terrifying journey.

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The Passion of Christ

As a film, and not a religious debate surrounding accuracy or anti-Semitism, "The Passion of Christ" is a technically sound and deeply moving film. Never has a film invoked such emotion as Mel Gibson's obsession, which was shot entirely in Aramaic and street Latin (with some subtitles).

The most powerful aspect of a film is its ability to make us laugh, cry or jump when that monster pops out of the shadows. As a director once said, "The screen is a magic medium. It has such power that it can retain interest as it conveys emotions and moods that no other art form can hope to tackle." This film made the audience members around me weep, cringe and even walk out on this portrayal of the last 12 hours of Christ's life.

The violence and persecution Jesus endured is shown in horrific close-ups as he is whipped, beaten and crucified. Gibson's version has left nothing to the imagination, but did so with astounding creativity. Blood flows through Caleb Deschanel's artistically painted cinematography; however, the faces of Jesus (James Caviezel) and Mary (Maia Morgenstern) leave a more lasting impression of this bleak and disturbing film.

Gibson assumes the audience knows the story and leaves out most dialogue in favor of absorbing and riveting non-verbal acting. The face of Mary kneeling with Jesus stayed with me longer than any gruesome torture scene.

Gibson also interjects flashbacks of the life of Jesus poignantly, allowing intervals away from the violence and more toward inspiring anecdotes. With John Debney's subtle yet complementally engaging score, the conclusion allows for resurrection from this bloody story with a few seconds of hope.

Controversy has surrounded this film for many months, but however you feel about its politics, the powerful impression leaves no debate about this film's greatness.

OVERALL RATING: ★★★★★

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.

MISCELLANEOUS

BLOOD DRIVES

• **May 8:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., U.S. Navy, Catlin-Halsey-Radford-Miller Community Center.
For more information, call 433-6148.

MCBH JOB FAIR

The annual Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH) Job Fair will be held today from 9 a.m.-noon at the Enlisted Club, MCBH Kaneohe. The job fair is open to active duty personnel, retirees and reserves, and their spouses and family members. DoD identification cardholders and USCG Department of Transportation personnel with base access are also welcome. The job fair offers an opportunity for those seeking local or federal employment to network with employers and other jobseekers. Attendees should bring their resumes and should dress accordingly in professional attire. Due to the nature of the event, children will not be admitted. For more information, call the Family Member Employment Assistance Program manager at 257-7790. The event is sponsored by the Family Member Employment Assistance Program, MCBH, and

the Joint Employment Management System (JEMS), Pearl Harbor. Visit www.jemshawaii.com for information about the job fair or the JEMS Job Bank.

RUMBLE ON THE ROCK

Rumble on the Rock will honor the men and women of the military from 7:30-10 p.m. tonight at Neal Blaisdell Arena. Special seating and a discount ticket price will be given to all military personnel and their family members. Rumble on the Rock is proud to give special recognition to the military for their dedication and support to our country and to the state of Hawai'i. Rumble on the Rock is a world class mixed martial arts event that matches the best martial artists in the world against each other in a 30-foot octagon cage. Fighters from all over the world will include pro boxers, kickboxing champions, Olympic wrestlers, Brazilian jiu-jitsu champions, and more. The main event will pit Wesley Corriera "Cabbage" (Hilo) versus Vladimir Matyushenko (Russia). Also on the fight card will be Ronald "Machine Gun" Jhun (Oahu) versus Drew Fickett (Canada). Tickets can be purchased either at Military Information Ticket & Tour (ITT) offices or Neal Blaisdell box office. For more information, visit www.rumbleontherock.com.

SHIP/SUBMARINE OHANA

SURFACE NAVAL OFFICER'S OHANA
The Surface Naval Officer's Ohana (SNO'O) will hold its second annual Margarita Madness with a belated Cinco de Mayo beginning at 7 p.m. tonight

at the home of Capt. and Mrs. Patrick Allen. The ohana welcomes all spouses of surface naval officers and those interested in supporting the surface naval officer community. Those planning to attend should contact Suzanne via email at snoohana@hotmail.com or by phone at 422-8863.

USS O'KANE OHANA

The USS O'Kane Ohana will meet at 5:30 p.m. May 12 at the Banyans. Guest speakers will include the commanding officer and command master chief from the O'Kane. There also will be election and introduction of new board members and new ombudsman. A buffet will be available and childcare will be provided. For more information, call 626-8087.

USS LAKE ERIE OHANA

The USS Lake Erie Ohana Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. May 13 at Catlin-Halsey-Radford-Miller Community Center. The group will discuss plans for activities during upcoming deployments. Childcare will be provided. For more information, email gregoryr002@hawaii.rr.com or call 422-1330.

• The USS Lake Erie Ohana will hold a bake sale beginning at 9 a.m. May 22 outside the Pearl Harbor commissary. The sale will last until all goods are sold. Donations are welcome; the ohana also appreciates support of those who stop by to purchase their favorite treats. For more information, call 422-1330 or email gregoryr002@hawaii.rr.com.

USS CHOSIN FSN MEETING

The USS Chosin Family Support Network (FSN)

meeting will be held at 7 p.m. May 18 at the Pearl Harbor Base Chapel. Babysitting will be provided at a cost of \$2 per child. For more information, contact the FSN board at FSNCHOSIN@yahoo.com or call Amy at 456-0280.

JUNIOR OFFICERS SPOUSES' SEMINAR

Spouses of junior officers are invited to attend the next Junior Officers' Spouses' Seminar, "Receiving Lines, Hem Lines and Laugh Lines - Etiquette and Protocol for Junior Officers' Spouses" which will be held May 18 at The Banyans. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the seminar will start promptly at 7 p.m. Those planning to attend should RSVP to Fleet and Family Support at 473-4222.

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MAY IS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

The Navy Exchange will offer special thank-yous to members of the military community throughout the month of May. Receive a free gift with any Sunny Hawai'i purchase of \$40 or more, while supplies last. Pamper yourself with tropical island scents. Receive 15 percent off all Forever Florals fragrances and enter to win a gift basket from the Forever Florals fragrance collection.

KIDS' SEED-PLANTING CLINIC

Kids can earn their green thumbs at a free seed-planting clinic from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. May 8 at the Navy Exchange outdoor living center. Children will be able to learn about plant life, from seed to flower. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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