

Taking tourists to the past



SN Guillermo Colon of Naval Station Pearl Harbor USS Arizona Memorial Detachment enjoys a ride to the USS Arizona Memorial. The detachment makes 30 runs a day to the Memorial.

Arizona Detachment Sailors take visitors back to 'day of infamy'



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On any given day throughout the year, 150 people at a time board white ferry boats at the Arizona Memorial Visitors Center to one of America's most treasured memorials.

For many visitors of the USS Arizona Memorial, the boat crew comprised of two U.S. Navy Sailors, represents the faces of the 1,177 Sailors and Marines who are entombed in the sunken ship.

"Seeing the young men and women of the boat crew hits home as to how young some of the men might have been who perished here," said Gary Baciuska, on vacation from Florida. "These kids are really professional and courteous. This is my second time to the memorial and it is a very moving experience, and seeing actual Sailors adds a lot to the whole experience," he added.

Sailors attached to Naval Station Pearl Harbor USS Arizona Memorial Detachment transport visitors to and from the Arizona Memorial as well as participate in ceremonies commemorating Dec. 7, 1941, the West Loch disaster and events recognizing distinguished visitors.

The opportunity for visitors to visit the memorial to interact with Sailors is a vital tool in relationship building.

"It lets visitors see Sailors much like the ones who died dur-

ing the attack on Pearl Harbor," said Chief Warrant Officer Rodger Griffin, USS Arizona Detachment division officer. "It gives a lot of the visitors someone to talk to and share their stories with. It's a great relationship," he added.

"This is the first duty assignment for a lot of our Sailors at the detachment, so I make it very clear to them every chance I get just how important their jobs are and how many lives they touch each year," said Griffin. "When I was a young Sailor, I would've loved duty like this. I hope they feel as honored as I do," he said.

For Boatswain Mate Seaman Christopher Martin of USS Arizona Memorial Detachment and a Jersey City, N.J. native, this first duty assignment is something he tries not to take for granted.

"I don't really have anything else to compare this job in the Navy to," said Martin. "However, I don't feel you need to have been out to sea to appreciate what an honor it is to work at the Arizona Detachment."

"To be able to come to work and talk with survivors of the attack, both American and Japanese, is an education that is rare. Learning history from the horses' mouth is far more interesting than reading someone's interpretation of events," said Martin.

Although Martin enjoys his job, he sometimes feels uncomfortable about receiving accolades from visitors when there are many service members whose lives are

in danger everyday.

"We get a lot of 'thank you for serving our country' and 'thank you for our freedom,'" Martin said. "When there are service members in Iraq getting shot at and killed, it makes me feel bad because the most stressful part of my day is trying to remember all the history on tours," Martin confessed. "It sounds corny, but I accept their thanks on behalf of those service members in harm's way."

BM2 Joshua Reynolds of USS Arizona Memorial Detachment from Chillicothe, Ohio said his favorite part of the job is working with survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

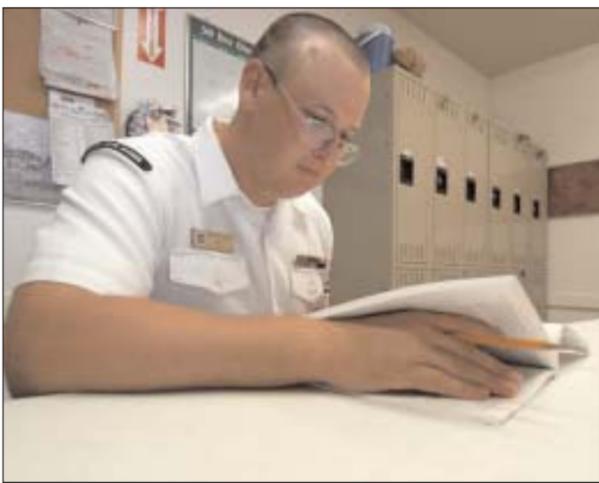
"I really enjoy being around the survivors," Reynolds said. "I like the fact that by keeping the memory of Pearl Harbor alive, we are giving something back to those who sacrificed so much and that's the survivors."

"I also get a tremendous amount of satisfaction by seeing the faces of the visitors when they really realize the price of freedom. That's rewarding because before I got here, I didn't realize myself what freedom really means," Reynolds confessed. "Now when I look at all the names on the wall of the memorial, I truly understand that freedom really isn't free at all."

The detachment is located on Ford Island.

Sailors interested in being a part of Naval Station Pearl Harbor USS Arizona Memorial Detachment team is asked to contact their detailer.

BMSN Christopher Martin of Naval Station Pearl Harbor USS Arizona Memorial Detachment departs the Arizona Memorial Visitor Center with 150 passengers en route to the Arizona Memorial. The detachment transports 3,500 visitors a day to the memorial which is the final resting place of 1,177 Sailors and Marines.



Left: BM2 James Hughes of Naval Station Pearl Harbor USS Arizona Memorial Detachment studies for his first class exam at The Arizona Memorial Visitor Center.
Right: BM2 Joshua Reynolds of Naval Station Pearl Harbor USS Arizona Memorial Detachment takes visitors back to the visitor center.



Commentary

Focus on Fun



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See Waikiki from 600 feet up

If I was a smart man, I would find and focus on activities that keep me off little boats in the ocean. After all, normal people try and avoid killer headaches. Me? I'll brave them in the name of finding new and exciting ways to have fun just for you. That being said, let's jump on in.

After going up on the North Shore and jumping out of a perfectly good aircraft for no better reason other than "it was fun," I wanted to try something similar a little closer to home. First, I stopped off in my friendly neighborhood ITT office to check out their assortment of fun activities. Then, I went down to the docks near the Ward Center and went over to the Extreme Parasail kiosk.

According to their advertisement, they let you go higher than any other parasailers on the island. So, knowing how much I like the air, I jumped into the boat.

There were five other couples in the boat besides me and my wife. Each of them was pretty pumped up about seeing Waikiki from a new angle. Since we had arrived on the boat last, my wife and I were first up.

The Extreme Parasail worker gave us our harnesses and talked us through the instructions on how to safely parasail. After a couple of minutes in the boat, we were strapped to a cable and a parachute hovering over the Pacific Ocean.

The driver gunned the engine and we were airborne. It was a fairly slow ascent to our cruising altitude. I think it may have been better if we had been just let go and taken up quickly, but the leisurely rise to the top was fun.

We were able to converse and enjoy the scenery together. It was the first time I'd gone on adventure like this with my wife. I think she enjoyed it because it was exciting, but not threatening.

We could see other parasailers above the water. They were actually lower than we were so I figure Extreme's claim of going higher is well-founded.

I won't talk about the Diamond Head view or any of that. One of the really cool things was when they slowed the boat down and let us drift down to the water. After dunking, they kicked in the engine again and lifted us back up to cruising height. They did this for us twice. It was nice because the day was pretty warm and the water was welcomingly cool.

Then, going back up into the air and

letting the winds dry us in the afternoon heat made us feel like the only two people in the world. For a few minutes, we were the lords of creation as we wafted over the waters and surveyed the island from up high.

Unfortunately, the moment ended and we came back in for a landing.

Before I went aboard the boat for the parasail, I figured we landed off the boat in the water and then had to swim over. I had no problem with that idea. However, they reeled us in like fish and we landed directly on the boat. They were able to keep enough speed to keep the parachute in the air as we unhooked and went back to a seat while the next couple strapped in to the parachute's bar.

Then came the hard part — riding the boat. I guess this is a good thing-bad thing. My wife gets motion sickness like I do, but more severely. She hasn't quite gotten the art of shutting down and riding out the headache. The sickness was the bad thing.

The good thing was that we had the chance to share even that. You can learn a lot about a person by the way he or she handles being ill. Instead of whining and moaning, my wife simply put her head on my shoulder and rested until all the other couples had their turn in the air.

Me? I had a monster headache from all the rocking on the waves, but I was able to get some enjoyment as the speedboat rocketed along the water and we were at the front of the boat. When the couples came, we all had to slide over so they could get back into the boat easier. It was kind of fun playing musical chairs at sea.

So, what did we learn? I learned that if I am ever going to go out on another at-sea adventure, make sure and take some motion sickness medication before I go out. Second, I learned that Extreme Parasail does seem to go higher than other parasailers that were out on the water the same day I was. Third, I learned a parasailing adventure is the kind of adventure you want to share with someone else. I don't think I would have had as much fun if I'd gone up alone.

So, head on over to ITT either at Bloch Arena or over at the NEX and grab up a couple of tickets to Extreme Parasail to take your own adventure over Oahu. Next time, I'll tell you about the time I went windsurfing in a hurricane, but that's another story...

Pearl Harbor Sailors can take notes from local musician

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During the day, Roy Hamada works inconspicuously behind the front desk of Naval Station Pearl Harbor's Liberty in Paradise (LIP), taking Sailor's IDs, signing out equipment and waiting for his students.

Hamada spends his nights a little differently, however, playing keyboard and piano at solo gigs and group bookings with his band "Pineapple Squeeze."

The local musician is now offering ukulele and keyboard lessons as part of the Single Sailor Program at LIP.

Walk-ins can come in from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday through Friday and schedule weekly lessons with Hamada.

The classes are for those who have a few previous lessons and some minimal musical knowledge.

"If they at least know notes or real basic stuff, it helps," said Hamada.

Although lessons are free, Hamada has one requirement. His students must be willing to practice and be able to dedicate at least a half hour to practicing on their own each day.

"Practice is the hardest



Photo by Lacy Lynn

Roy Hamada demonstrates his keyboarding skills.

thing for anybody to do," said Hamada, but he added that it is a necessity for musicians to improve, otherwise they are wasting their time.

Roy Hamada was working at a music store when Marc Milles, director of LIP, came in to buy some music and sound equipment. Milles asked Hamada's advice on his purchases and the musician volunteered to look at LIP's existing equipment.

Milles later hired Hamada, who has been working at LIP since January.

Hamada currently has

about five students who take ukulele and keyboard lessons.

He has been playing music professionally since 1989 and has been a producer, arranger, musician, engineer and soundman during his varied career in the local music scene.

Hamada's skills in recording and producing are the background for his "Basics of Sound Recording" class at Beeman Center, another option for those who are interested in learning about recording and sound equipment, including mixing boards, tape recorders and some computer software.

With "Pineapple Squeeze," Hamada performs at Planet Hollywood, Monterey Bay Cannery and Waianae Army Rest Camp. Their musical style includes Hawaiian, adult contemporary, country, reggae and many genres in between.

Hamada also plays piano single engagements at the Oahu Country Club and the Hilton Hawaiian Village, and Tuesday evenings he can be found entertaining passengers on the "Star of Honolulu's" dinner cruise.

For more information on walk-in music lessons and sound recording classes, call 473-4279.

Maluna and Namur road closure extended until Aug. 28

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The closure of Maluna Street and Namur Road, previously slated to open Aug. 20, has been extended. The roads are now slated to open Aug. 28.

Navy housing residents who live in the vicinity of Salt Lake Boulevard and others who regularly use the road should be aware of the road closures of Maluna Street and Namur Road at the intersection of Salt Lake Boulevard.

The closures are in conjunction with the road-widening/beautification project which began June 2002.

Motorists should use alternate routes through Pakini Street and Wanaka Street to access Salt Lake Boulevard. Drivers should observe all construction signs and use

extreme caution when passing through the Salt Lake Boulevard construction area.

To access the Navy housing areas, motorists are advised to use alternate routes through Bougainville Drive or Radford Drive. Pedestrian access through the work zone on Maluna Street and Namur Road from Salt Lake Boulevard will be permitted.

The road is being widened from the existing two lanes to four lanes. As part of the road project, 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.

For more information, call 523-4733.

Traditional Chinese Dragon Boat Festival held at Ala Moana Beach Park

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International, local community businesses and military teams participated in a traditional Chinese dragon boat race at Ala Moana Beach Park Aug. 14 and 15.

The traditional Chinese dragon boat race celebration serves as a representation of their culture and history.

The races started over 2,000 years ago as a superstitious ceremony meant to drive off evil spirits and pestilence, and find peace in one's own life.

The ceremony now has become an international sporting event.

According to some who participated in the military division, the event provided a full day of entertainment.

"It's like a big family picnic where you get to enjoy watching the boat races," said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Roger C. Howard of the Joint Intelligence Center, Pacific (JICPAC) team. "You just have to jump in and race for a couple of minutes in between."

The event is adorned by the colorful dragon boat races, in which competing teams row their decorative boats across the water to the rhythm of a drummer to help teams keep cadence.

International groups included teams from Australia, China, New Zealand, the Philippines and Canada.

The competition played host to 11 military and 39 local community and international teams.

The number of military teams coming out to row to the drumbeat in the races has increased since the festivals earlier years.

"JICPAC has been involved in this race for eight years. When we first



Photo by Tri Nguyen

Traditional Chinese dragon boats struggle side by side for position during the Hawai'i Dragon Boat Festival.

came out, there weren't many military teams at all," said JICPAC team member, Sharon Czech.

"There was a JICPAC only category as late as 2001," Howard added.

The results in the military category, which was held on Saturday, saw the Army Tropic Lightning team winning with a time of 1:39.2. Placing second and third in the military category was the Air Force 26th Air Space Intelligence Squadron and the Navy Seabees team with times of 1:53.3 and 2:12.

The Navy Seabees team from Construction Battalion Unit 413 fared the best among Pearl Harbor teams.

"We really put forth a good effort," said Construction Electrician 1st Class Russell Green. "I think this is a great way to promote team work, camaraderie and community involvement. I would recommend that any command that wants to develop a more positive, close knit, work environment participate in this type of event," Green said. "This is a great chance to hang out, get to know each other and find what motivates us. This really brings out the competitive attitude in people,"

he added.

In the civilian section, first place went to the Mufi Hanneman team with a time of 1:39.2. Second and third places went to the Hawai'i Medical Services Association and Dragon Max with times of 1:50.34 and 1:50.50.

Although the paddling only lasts for a couple of minutes, the contestants must exert a great deal of energy to maintain rhythm and complete the race.

"Call the fire department because my biceps are on fire," said Army Lt. Col. Karen Doyle of the JICPAC team. "It was fun though, I had a great time."

A Navy civilian JICPAC team member provided therapeutic massage for fellow team members as well as other community team members.

"This is a great opportunity to hang out with friends and enjoy Hawai'i," said Rick Burke, Navy civilian and massage therapist. "I have been involved with racing for four years and will continue to come out in years to come."

The event was a good opportunity for inter-service and community relations.

Local television personality Braddah Sam of the Local Kine Grindz show had the chance to hang out with one of the military teams for a team picture.

While changing quite a bit from its origins as a superstitious Chinese ritual, to a mass community picnic and celebration, the Hawai'i Dragon Boat Festival and international sport of dragon boat racing have adapted to serve as entertainment and tradition for a new generation of dragon boat enthusiasts.



Photo by Tri Nguyen

Teams get ready to race at the Hawai'i Dragon Boat Festival held this last weekend at Ala Moana Beach Park.

Third annual school and sports physicals successful

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Fast, efficient and professional were some of the words used by appreciative parents to describe the third annual pediatric school and sports physical examinations given to their children July 24 at Branch Medical Clinic (BMC) Makalapa by members of Naval Medical Clinic, Pearl Harbor who gladly volunteered their time and energy to provide this service to busy beneficiaries.

"The event was streamlined and efficient, thereby providing excellence in patient care," said Lt. Felecia E. Smith, clinic nurse manager for pediatrics at BMC Makalapa. One parent of two children who had recently transferred to the Hawai'i Friday before the event, called back on Monday stating that they were able to get their children into school on Monday because of the school and sports physicals exam day.

More than 100 children between the

ages of four to 18 received their school and sports physicals at the clinic. The special event provided a quick and easy way to do it all — vital signs, height and weight, eye exam, medical record review, provider exam and immunizations.

"The event went smoothly just like a regular clinic day due to excellent coordination and efficient staff," said Capt. Noline Khaw, department head, pediatrics, BMC Makalapa.

"We were mainly focused on making the event successful and considering all factors," she continued. "I think this is the best school physical day held in the past three years."

The children were also given the opportunity to receive information at an age-appropriate health display provided by NMCLPH Health Promotion that addressed nutritional needs.

Later in the week, PPD (TB skin test) readings were done at the BMC Makalapa and BMC Kaneohe Bay immunizations clinics in separate offices that provided an easy and quick way to complete the school physicals.

Health benefits for military families aren't 'automatic'

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Department of Defense TRICARE officials are working to inform military families that non-active duty beneficiaries must enroll in the health care system before they see a doctor.

Active-duty service members are automatically registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

However, this isn't the case with family members, who must personally ensure they are properly enrolled in DEERS to be eligible for TRICARE benefits.

This is a step many families forget each time they transfer or travel. Not keeping DEERS information current, though, can create extra time in the waiting room or costly out-of-pocket expenses.

"It is extremely important to keep DEERS records up-to-date, because that is the key to receiving timely, effective TRICARE benefits.

Prior to rendering services to beneficiaries, network providers and pharmacies will verify DEERS eligibility," said Floyd (Skip) Katon, Navy DEERS medical project officer.

There are several instances where a military family must update their DEERS enrollment information.

These times include marriage, the birth or adoption of a child, divorce and retirement. Children over 21 years old who have a student status must also be registered in DEERS.

Active-duty servicemembers can make these changes by completing a DD Form 1172 (Application for Uniformed Services



Identification Card and DEERS Enrollment).

While completing the DD Form 1172, the service member will be required to have certain important pieces of documentation, such as a marriage, birth or death certificate, divorce decree and family members Social Security numbers.

Sponsors and their families should contact the nearest uniformed services identification card facility to learn what documents are needed to register or update DEERS information.

To find the closest facility, search by zip code at www.dmdc.osd.mil.

For family members who do not reside with their sponsors, the sponsors must get the DD 1172 notarized.

Beneficiaries may update information on DEERS in one of the following ways: visit a local uniformed services ID card facility; call the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office at 1-800-538-9552; fax changes to DEERS at 1-831-655-8317; mail the address change to the Defense Manpower Data Center Office, Attn: COA, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955-6771; or update addresses electronically at www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERS.

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Sharkey Theater, Pearl Harbor
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FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. Spider-Man 2
(PG-13)

SATURDAY

2:30 p.m. Sleepover (PG)
4:30 p.m. Two Brothers (PG)
6:45 p.m. Anchorman
(PG 13)

SUNDAY

2:30 p.m. Spider-Man 2
(PG-13)

5:00 p.m. White Chicks
(PG 13)

7:00 p.m. The Notebook
(PG-13)

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. King Arthur
(PG-13)

\$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)

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

Memorial Theater, Hickam AFB
(449-2239)

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

7:00 p.m. Sleepover (PG)

SUNDAY

7:00 p.m. Anchorman
(PG 13)

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Anchorman
(PG 13)

\$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)

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Sgt. Smith Theater,
Schofield Barracks
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OUTDOOR ADVENTURE EVENTS

- **Aug. 25:** Rappelling and ropework workshop, 5:30 p.m., \$10. Register by **Aug. 23.**
- **Aug. 28:** Kahuku Point beach hike, 9 a.m., \$5. Register by **Aug. 25.**
- **Aug. 28:** Three Ledges snorkeling, 9:30 a.m., \$12. Register by **Aug. 25.**

LIFEGUARD INSTRUCTOR COURSE

Registration is now ongoing for the upcoming lifeguard instructor course scheduled for **today** through **Aug. 27**. The lifeguard instructor course includes first aid, CPR and lifeguard training, and books. For more information, call Richardson Pool at 471-9181.

WALLYBALL TOURNAMENT

A wallyball tournament will be held **Aug 25-27** at Bloch Arena. Participants should register by **today**. The entry fee is \$5 per team; triples only. There will be men's and women's A, B and C divisions. For more information, call Wentworth Pro Shop at 473-0610.

PEARL HARBOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Pearl Harbor Tennis Tournament will be held **Aug. 20-22** at Wentworth tennis courts. Tournament divisions will

include men's and women's, singles and doubles, open, A, B, C, 40 and older, 50 and older. Trophies and prizes will be awarded to top finishers. For more information, call 473-0610.

LAVA FLOW TRIP

Single Sailors are invited on a lava flow trip to Kilauea - the home of Pele, the fire goddess. The trip includes airfare, ground transportation, lodging and island tours. The registration deadline is **today**. For more information, call Liberty in Paradise at 473-4279.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SKATEBOARD CONTEST

A back to school skateboard contest will be held **Aug. 21** at Boards & Blades Skate Park. Participants can "drop in" and register for this annual contest. Divisions will include open military (active duty), ages 18 and over, 14-17, 13 and under. Trophies and prizes will be awarded to top finishers. The cost is \$7 when registering before the day of the event (day of contest - \$10). For more information, call the skate shop at 473-3295.

H2O NO-TAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT

An H2O no-tap bowling tournament will be held **Aug. 22** at Barbers Point Bowling Center. Sign-ups begin at 5 p.m. For more information, call 682-5146.

RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

A racquetball tournament will be held **Aug. 27-28** at Bloch Arena. Participants should register by **Aug. 23**. The entry fee is \$5 per player. There will be men's and women's singles (open, A, B

and C) divisions. Trophies and prizes will be awarded. For more information, call MWR intramural sports/athletics at 473-2437.

MASSAGES BY "THE LOTUS TOUCH"

Want to improve circulation, increase flexibility, release muscle tension and receive a greater sense of well-being? Try "The Lotus Touch." Patrons can enjoy a hot and cold stone massage which includes face, neck and shoulders. A 75-minute treatment costs \$90. Other treatments are available for as low as \$15. Appointments are available at Bloch Arena and Power Point Fitness Centers. For more information, call Ruby at 386-4812.

FFSC

All classes are free and located at the Fleet and Family Support Center, building 193, unless otherwise indicated. To register for classes or for more information, call 473-4222.

An **Adults Molested as Children** support group meets from 1-3 p.m. every **Tuesday**. This group offers a safe place to learn to deal with your feelings, talk with other survivors and heal through support.

A class in **Anger Management** will be offered from 8-9:30 a.m. **Aug. 25**. The class examines the causes of anger, the choices made while angry and how your anger can work for you.

FFSC will host an **Aloha Tour** from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. **Aug. 26**. Learn about the culture and the people as you take an orientation tour of Oahu. The tour is an

absolute must for the newcomer to Hawai'i. Children age eight and older are welcome.

A class in **Savings and Investment Basics** will be offered from 8-10 a.m. **Aug. 27** at NCTAMSPAC. Learn the basic skills of managing and budgeting your money.



- **Aug. 20:** Waikiki Beach, 11 a.m., \$5.
- **Aug. 21:** Game Show Night, 6:30 p.m., \$2.
- **Aug. 22:** X-Box Halo Tourney, 5 p.m., \$3.
- **Aug. 24:** Dave & Buster's, Cold Stone Creamery, 5 p.m., \$3.
- **Aug. 26:** Ukelele lessons, 7:30 p.m., \$25.
- **Aug. 27:** Card game night, 6:30 p.m., \$5.
- **Aug. 28:** Waimea Falls Park tour, 10 a.m., \$20.
- **Aug. 29:** Make your own luggage tag, 6 p.m., \$2.
- **Aug. 31:** Sunset dinner cruise, 3 p.m., \$35.
- **Sept. 3-6:** Lava Flow Trip to Kilauea. Register by **Aug. 20**.

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.

Community Calendar

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

Blood drives:

- **Today:** 9 a.m.-noon, U.S. Navy, NCTAMS Wahiaua.
- **Aug. 26** from 9 a.m.-noon at U.S. Air Force, Hickam Community Center. For more information, call 433-6148.

USS Hopper Ohana will host its monthly breakfast club at 9 a.m. **Aug. 21** at the Eagle Cafe on Nimitz. Breakfast is Dutch treat.

The ohana will host a Labor Day picnic and barbecue from 3-7 p.m. **Sept. 5** at Grenfell Pool on Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Those attending should bring a dish to share and their own beverages.

The ohana will host its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. **Sept. 7** at the fellowship hall of the Pearl Harbor Base Chapel. Ohana officer elections will be held and there will also be discussion about the shoe box auction, halfway parties and ohana T-shirts. Childcare will be provided at a cost of \$1 per child.

The ohana will host its Kid's Halfway Party at Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. **Sept. 18**. Tickets are \$15 per person; children under the age of four will be admitted free. Those who plan to attend should RSVP by **Sept. 7**. For more information about any of the events, email hopperohana70@yahoo.com or call Sabrina at 625-5438.

The Pearl Harbor First Class Petty Officer Association invites all U.S. Navy first class petty officers island-wide to its next meeting scheduled for 11 a.m. **Aug. 26** at the Pool and Pizza located behind Club Pearl at Pearl Harbor. Those interested in joining should attend a meeting and bring their thoughts and ideas and meet new shipmates. For more information, contact YN1 Danette Mills at 474-6963/542-9103 or MA1 Ritchetta Sanders at 474-6193.

The Honolulu Council of the Navy League will host a benefit golf tournament **Aug. 27** at the leilehua Golf Course. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to support the Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs for the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and maritime services. The tournament format will be a four-person scramble with check in at 10 a.m., noon shotgun start and dinner at 5:30. Cost is \$150 per player or 500 for a team of four and includes green fees, cart, prizes, lunch, on-course refreshments and a buffet dinner.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with tournament registration and serve as course marshals and contest monitors. For registration or more information, call the Navy league office at 422-9404 or visit the Web site at www.navyleaguehawaii.org.

Meet the author, James D. Hornfischer, author of "The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors," from noon-1 p.m. **Aug. 29** at the Navy Exchange book department. The book is a stirring account of the U.S. Navy's impossible victory during the Battle off Samar, October 1944.

The Kaneohe Officers' Spouses' Club (KOSC) will host an aloha coffee for members beginning at 7 p.m. **Aug. 31** at the officers' club at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe. Businesses from the local community will be featured. For more information,

call 254-2491.

Irish country folk music will be performed by singer, songwriter and accordionist Eddie Coffey and his four-member band from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. **Sept. 1-10** at the Navy Exchange.

COMPACFLT Officers Spouses' Club will host its annual Aloha Welcome Coffee from 10 a.m.-noon **Sept. 2** at the Nimitz House on Makalapa. Membership is open to any spouse of an officer or spouse of a civilian GS-7 or above, active duty, retired or deceased. For more information, call 423-0068.

Boating Skills and Seamanship classes will be taught by Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 18 in two sections at McDonalds at Pearlridge Uptown. Classes will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. on Monday and Thursday evenings beginning **Sept. 13**. Section one, Boating Skills and Safety, costs \$35 and includes seven lessons, a manual and exams.

The course meets U.S. Coast Guard, state and national boating education requirements. Section two, Seamanship, consists of five lessons for a fee of \$35 and includes a manual, exams and a certificate. Combined courses are offered for a \$60 fee and students completing section one may sign up for the second for the reduced fee. These courses are designed to make the boater more safety conscious and safer operators. For more information, call Kawika Warren at 595-4934.

JEMS Job Fair 2004, the 17th annual JEMS job fair, will be held from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. **Sept. 15** at The Banyans at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The job fair is open to military family members, active duty personnel, military retirees and reservists, and DoD/Coast Guard employees with base access.

No children will be admitted; attendees are asked to please plan accordingly. The job fair provides an opportunity to talk to recruiters, drop off resumes, pick up applications and research the job market. For more information, visit the JEMS website at <http://www.JEMSHawaii.com> and click on job fair/events. For more information, call Rita May at 473-0190.

The Hawai'i Nature Center is seeking volunteers to help with clean-up and restoration from 8:30-11:30 a.m. **Sept. 25** at Pouhala Marsh in Waipahu. The marsh, which is the largest wetland habitat in Pearl Harbor, will be the new field site for the center's third grade wetland program that teaches children about the wetlands and the endangered Hawaiian birds that live there. The work will involve removal of trash and pickleweed so volunteers should be prepared to get dirty, wet and hot. Volunteers should provide their own work gloves and water and wear long pants and covered shoes. Pickleweed removal will involve getting wet up to the waist. For more information or to sign up for this special project, contact Pauline Kawamata, volunteer coordinator, at 955-0100, ext. 18.

Volunteers are needed to serve as volunteer guardian ad litem (VGALs) for Hawai'i's First Judicial family court. VGALs serve as advocates for abused and neglected children who are in the family court system. Free training is provided. Volunteers must enjoy working with children and be able to confront difficult issues. The next training class is scheduled to begin **Oct. 9**. Those interested in attending the next class should contact the VGAL program staff as soon as possible. For more information, call the VGAL program office at 538-5930.



Anchorman: See review

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Anchorman

There seems to be a rat pack of comics in Hollywood lately that churns out film after film with little regard for a script and guaranteed cameos by the other actors. "Anchorman" is Will Ferrell's movie, but that doesn't stop notables such as Ben Stiller, Vince Vaughn, Luke Wilson and Jack Black from showing up in this sometimes funny and sometimes dull take on 1970s news television.

Ferrell plays Ron Burgundy, San Diego's top anchorman and legend among the "San Diegians." He's the top dog in a man's world, along with his all male team creatively named Champ Kind, Brick Tamland and Brian Fantana. Their boss Ed Harken shakes things up though when he hires a woman journalist (Christina Applegate). Feminism is the underlying story in the film, circling around the stereotypical times in a mostly satirical fashion. The team must now cope with a woman journalist, who inevitably will threaten their careers.

"Anchorman" flails around, jumping from hysterical to funny to mind numbing with little sustainability. There are points such as when the rival news teams decide to start a fight with our hero team, that audiences will just want to turn away and check their watches. The scene serves no discernable point, seemingly thrown into to offer cameo opportunities.

Other times Ferrell brings out his subtle charm such as when he talks to his dog or plays the jazz flute, redefining a generation of banality among his other circle of friends.

Overall, "Anchorman" works at entertaining just enough to sustain the audience for the duration of the 90-minute film. It provides more entertainment than any Ben Stiller film this year, but it does not come close to the hilarity of Ferrell's most recent successes "The Elf" or "Old School."

OVERALL RATING:

King Arthur: Arthur and his knights have only one mission to fulfill before being granted their freedom. As the Saxons attack Britain, they must head north to rescue the last Roman officials left in a village. Once there, the Knights of the Round Table team set free Guinevere so they can face the Saxons in battle.

The Notebook: A man reads a faded notebook to the woman he regularly visits. His words bring to life the story of a couple who are separated by World War II, then passionately reunited seven years later, after they have taken different paths.

Sleepover: Before their freshman year in high school, Julie has a slumber party with her best friends and they end up having the adventure of their lives. In attempt to cast off their less-than-cool reputations, they enter into an all-night scavenger hunt against their "popular girl" rivals.

Spider-Man 2: Peter faces new challenges as he struggles with "the gift and the curse", desperately trying to balance his dual identities as the web-slinging superhero Spider-Man and his life as a college student. His life-long yearning for M.J. becomes even stronger as he fights the impulse to reveal his secret life and declare his love. Peter's life is about to become even more complicated as he encounters a formidable new foe, Dr. Octavius.

Two Brothers: Twin tigers are born in French Indochina and are soon captured. They then find themselves reunited--but as forced enemies, pitted against each other in a fighting match.

White Chicks: Two FBI agents try to get back into their boss's good graces by taking on a job guarding two New York City hotel heiresses from a kidnapper. They go undercover, dressing up as the titular "white chicks" to solve the crime and rescue the victims.

Pearl Harbor survivors visit USS Reagan

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More than 80 Pearl Harbor survivors, their family members and friends were given a guided tour of USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) on Aug. 11.

The ship's newly appointed chief petty officer selectees welcomed the veterans and conducted the tour.

Shortly after arriving aboard, the honored guests were seated in Hangar Bay 2 for a short video presentation and welcome speeches from Capt. Andrés Brugal, Ronald Reagan executive officer, and Command Master Chief Kathy Hansen.

"It was an honor for Ronald Reagan to host these great Americans who gave so much during one of the largest times of crisis for the United States of America," said Brugal. "I felt especially privileged and their visit renewed my dedication to serving in this great Navy."

A look of awe appeared to pass across the faces of the honored guests as they walked across the brow. While greeting Sailors and asking questions, they appeared surprised at the modern technology of today's Navy.

"I'm really impressed by the size of the ship, its efficiency and the youth of its crew," said Bill Craddock, Pearl Harbor survivor. "Ronald Reagan's stamp of 'peace through strength' stands true; our nation's strength makes us

the world's policeman. Although we may not like it, it's up to us to keep freedom's threats in check."

"It's such an overwhelming moment...I can't think of what to say to these young Sailors," said John Morrill Jr., a 24-year Navy veteran and Pearl Harbor survivor. "This ship outclasses every Navy vessel I've ever been on - it's a magnificent giant!"

The chief petty officer selectees were honored by the Navy veterans' visit and gladly shared their experiences.

"As a Sailor, it's a humble feeling to share your stories with these heroes," said Chief Storekeeper (sel.) Derrick Martin, supply department.

According to Martin, chief petty officer selectees will give a special presentation to Pearl Harbor survivors Aug. 26. The presentation will portray the events of USS Arizona (BB 39), USS Oklahoma (BB 37) and actions of John Flynn, Medal of Honor recipient, during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"It's our duty to remember these veterans and their tribute to our country," said Martin.

"I'm your past and you are my future," said 103-year-old Ray Ereneta, one of the oldest known living Pearl Harbor survivors.

Having these heroes aboard and telling them the stories of today's Navy was something participating crew members said they could be proud of.

Signing off on education



Photo by Tricia Conaty

Jill Suzuki Haworth signed copies of her children's book, "Bon Dance in Manoa: Dance with the Wind Spirits," at the Navy Exchange during a meet and greet session Saturday. Suzuki Haworth was inspired to write the book for her own children, to teach them about their Japanese heritage and the Bon Dance tradition in Hawai'i.

Military athletes carry on history of Olympic participation

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As 21 servicemembers report to Athens to participate in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games, they carry on a proud tradition.

While few records of the Army's participation in Olympic games exist from before 1948, there is a record of a 2nd Lt. George S. Patton participating in the modern pentathlon in the 1912 games. He placed fifth.

Since 1948, more than 400 servicemembers have participated in summer and winter Olympic games. The Army can claim 102 total medals for its efforts.

Since the Air Force's inception in 1947, that service's athletes have won 24 Olympic medals, according to Steve Brown, chief of Air Force Sports. The Navy boasts at least 30 medals in the Games from 1948. Marines have participated in at least 15 Olympics and have won 14 medals since 1948.

The earliest records place the first Olympic games at Olympia, in Western Pelloponnese, in 776 B.C. It is believed, however, Olympic games had been held for several centuries before that.

Consisting mostly of foot races, the games gradually grew in scope. First, wrestling and the pentathlon were added. Today about 312 total events - 165 for men, 135 for women and 12 mixed events - are featured in the Summer Games.

In ancient Greece, the games were understood as a time of truce between sometimes not-so-cordial cities, and all Greeks were allowed to participate. For the most part, this agreement was honored and is a tradition observed in modern times.

While other games took place in other cities, it was the Olympic festival in honor of the Olympian Zeus that gained considerable importance.

One of the most popular Pan Hellenic festivals of the fifth century, the games eventually became a symbol of political and cultural unity among the Greeks.

The Olympic Festival, held every four years - and always during the hottest days of the summer - included sacrifices to the gods and, of

course, athletic contests. By the early first century, victors were being crowned with wreaths of wild olive in several events, including wrestling, boxing, equestrian and the obligatory track-and-field events.

All continued smoothly until the year 394, when Roman Emperor Theodosius I abolished the time-honored tradition as part of reforms against pagan practices. While attempts were made to revive the Olympic games, none were successful until 1894, when the International Olympic Committee was founded.

At the urging of French Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the committee was formed and an oath developed. The IOC decided the games would be held at periodic intervals, as had the originals. Also, the games would include representatives of all countries and all sports.

"To do this was to revive the Olympic games. The name imposed itself; it was not even possible to find another," Coubertin said.

Thus the groundwork was laid for the first

International Olympic Games to be held in Athens in 1896. Fourteen countries sent about 245 representatives to compete in 43 events. The first modern Olympics were not open to women, however, as Coubertin decided their participation would be "impractical, uninteresting, unaesthetic, and incorrect." Women first competed in swimming events in the 1912 games.

In 1924, "International Winter Sports Week" was held in Chamonix, France. Two years later it was retroactively named the first Winter Olympics.

Time, politics and world events have altered the face of Olympic competition. The spirit of the competition, however, remains unchanged. Twenty-one service members and countless Americans will participate in events or coach "for the glory of the sport and the honor of our teams."

(Information obtained from: www.infolplease.com, www4.army.mil/Olympics/history, www.fhw.gr/olympics/ancient/index.html, and *Achieving Excellence: The Story of American Military Athletes in the Olympic Games, 1992.*)



