

Honoring America's veterans



U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Dennis Cantrell

The Pearl Harbor color guard rendered a 21-gun salute honoring veterans at the sunset ceremony on the Battleship Missouri in 2003. The same event will be held this year.

Compiled by Karen Spangler

On Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, America will honor its veterans of many wars at ceremonies and parades held in Hawai'i and throughout the nation.

Nov. 11 is the anniversary of the armistice which was signed in the Forest of Compiègne by the Allies and the Germans in 1918, ending World War I after four years of conflict.

In November 1919, President Woodrow Wilson issued his Armistice Day proclamation. The last paragraph set the tone for future observances: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."

Congress issued a resolution in 1927 requesting President Calvin Coolidge to issue a proclamation calling upon officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on Nov. 11 and inviting the people to observe the day in schools

and churches.

However, it wasn't until 1938 that Congress passed a bill declaring that each Nov. 11 "shall be dedicated to the cause of world peace and ...hereafter celebrated and known as Armistice Day."

President Franklin D. Roosevelt also signed a bill in 1938 that made the day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia.

The United States formally observed Armistice Day for 16 years with ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. But after World War II, there were many new veterans who had little or no association with World War I.

Veterans' groups decided to try to correct this and make Nov. 11 the time to honor all who had fought in various American wars, not just in World War I.

On Nov. 11, 1953 in Emporia, Kansas, a Veterans' Day observance was held instead of an Armistice Day program. A bill was introduced into the House to change the name to Veterans' Day.

The name was officially changed to Veterans' Day by an act of Congress on May 24, 1954. In October of that year, President Eisenhower called on all citizens to observe the day by remembering the sacrifices of all those who fought so gallantly and to honor the servicemen of all America's wars.



Photo by Christa Black Thomas

The memorial pathway leads to the overlook area and is lined with 39 granite or marble memorials that honor America's veterans, including those killed at Pearl Harbor.

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National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) offers Sailors and family members an opportunity and environment in which they can reflect upon those who came before them.

True to its name, Punchbowl, as it is commonly known, is an almost perfectly round crater of an extinct volcano. Punchbowl's Hawaiian name, "Puowaina," translated is "hill of sacrifice," which relates to the crater's history as an altar where human sacrifices were offered to pagan gods and violators of certain taboos were killed.

Later, during the reign of Kamehameha the Great, two cannons were mounted at the rim of the crater to salute arriving ali'i (royalty) and signify important occasions. Early in the 1880s, leasehold land on the slopes of the Punchbowl opened for settlement and in the 1930s, the crater was used as a rifle range for the Hawai'i National Guard.

By the end of World War II, several hundred temporary cemeteries for servicemen were established in the central and south Pacific

areas. By the 1940s, Congress and veteran organizations pressed the military to find a permanent burial site in Hawai'i for the remains of World War II servicemen awaiting permanent burial. Construction began in August 1948 and the first interment was in January 1949.

In 1991, the cemetery was declared "full," for first time in-ground burials. Now, only cremated remains are accepted for placement in the columbarium. Today, with over 45,000 burials and 29,000 memorializations, Punchbowl is the final resting place that honors nearly 75,000 United States veterans.

The ITT offices offer packages with several tour companies that include a stop at Punchbowl. The cemetery is free and open daily, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (5:30 p.m. in the winter, Sept. 30-March 1). On the weekends, well-informed volunteers of the 100th Battalion Veterans Club chat with visitors at the lookout and on the Memorial, sharing experiences and pointing out key landmarks. Punchbowl is located at 12177 Puowaina Drive, Honolulu. For more information, call 532-3720.

VETERANS DAY EVENTS

The Navy will participate in the following Veterans Day events on Nov. 11:

- 9 a.m. - Wahiawa Community Parade.
- 11 a.m. - WWII Subvets ceremony at Submarine Memorial Park, Pearl Harbor.
- 11 a.m. - DAV Massing of the Colors.
- 1 p.m. - Veterans Day ceremony at the Hawai'i State Veterans Cemetery.
- 4:45 p.m. - Veterans Day Sunset ceremony on Battleship Missouri Memorial.



Photo by PH1(SW) Evelyn P. Haywood

A joint services color guard posts the colors for the 2003 Governor's Veterans Day ceremony.



U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Dennis Cantrell

Marines from "C" Battery, 1st Bn, 12th Marines render a 21-gun salute for the 53rd Annual Massing of the Color's Ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

Along with the 58 (to date) Medal of Honor recipients memorialized or interred here, other notable people interred at Punchbowl include:

- John A. Burns, former governor of Hawai'i.
- Spark Masayuki Matsunaga, lieutenant colonel, U.S. Army, former U.S. senator.
- Clara H. Nelson, known throughout the islands as "Hilo Hattie."
- Ellison S. Onizuka, lieutenant colonel, U.S. Air Force, Challenger astronaut.
- Ernest Taylor Pyle, seaman third class, U.S. Navy, World War II correspondent.
- Patsy Mink, United States congresswoman and state representative.

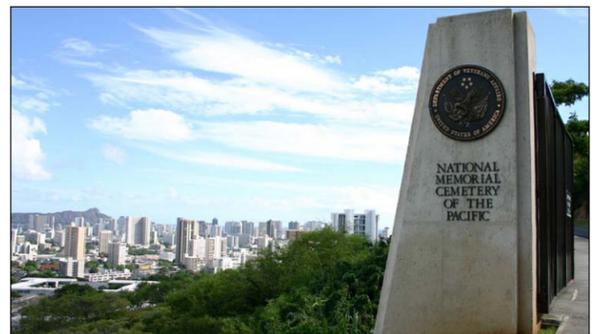


Photo by Christa Black Thomas

The sweeping view from Punchbowl above the city encompasses the leeward coast of Oahu from Honolulu and Waikiki.

Commentary

Window on Pearl Harbor

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Honoring and thanking

As thousands of our service men and women have been sent to Iraq, Afghanistan and other faraway places – to fight terrorism and protect America's freedoms – I have been appreciative for their efforts, worried for their well-being and praying for their safe return.

They know it is their military duty – and they do whatever they are asked to do without complaint. Their families wait for their return, ever supportive of their loved ones and anxiously waiting for them to come home.

For these service members and their families, I have the greatest respect and understand just what devotion to duty entails.

But I have to admit that when Chief Joe Kane, the LCPO for our office and our managing editor, recently volunteered to serve the military amidst the perils in Iraq, I was somewhat taken aback.

It was one thing to do one's duty when called upon, it was one thing to willingly go there when ordered, but why would someone volunteer to go to such a place, having to face danger on a daily basis? Why would someone volunteer to leave their loved ones and travel to a war-torn country so far away if they didn't have to?

And, probably not as important, but certainly a consideration – why would someone want to leave the beauty and wonderful weather in the paradise that we call Hawai'i to live in a land where temperature extremes of hot and cold are typical, where menacing dust storms are a frequent occurrence?

For chief Kane, it was a matter of a job that needed to be done and he was proud to step up to the plate and do whatever he

could on behalf of the Navy and his country. For his wife, who would have to endure the hardship of being separated from her husband, there was enormous pride along with the concern.

Since he has been in Iraq, chief Kane has shared stories with us, telling us about the heroes in Iraq – Iraqi soldiers who have continued to fight although wounded as well as the heroic actions of our own military.

It comes as no surprise that the chief modestly downplays his own role there – he simply says that it is a job that somebody needed to do and he volunteered to do it. But no doubt about it – he is a hero.

I think that it takes a special kind of people – or a special kind of heroes – to voluntarily put their lives on the line, to step forward and say "I'll do it" even knowing that it puts them at extra risk, and to not just accept the responsibility and make the many sacrifices inherent with serving their country in a dangerous and far away place, but to proactively seek such responsibility.

Kudos to chief Kane – and others like him – who step forward and volunteer to do whatever it takes to make the world a better place.

It seems especially appropriate, as we prepare to observe Veterans' Day, to honor and express our thanks to chief Kane – and the thousands of military heroes who serve America every day.

And I won't make the mistake of asking the question again, "Why would you volunteer to put your life in jeopardy, to be separated from your loved ones, if you don't have to?" The answer is very clear. Have a fine Navy day!

PMRF commanding officer joins science show to reach kids

Tom Clements
PMRF Public Affairs

Minutes before the Kaua'i War Memorial Convention Hall theater lit up with plasma lights and high voltage electricity Oct. 27, curious students walked to an area near the front of the stage to visit the tall man in the bright white Navy uniform.

Capt. Jeff Connelly, commander of the Pacific Missile Range Facility at Barking Sands, smiled and answered questions – and even signed a few autographs.

He was truly happy to be there and to meet the students, as he and PMRF are partners with Team Tech Kaua'i and Kaua'i in STEP (Science & Technology Education Partnership) to encourage young people to pursue excellence in math

and science.

For Connelly and the people of Kaua'i, this is seen as an investment. Creating a high-tech workforce that is likely to stay on the island is beneficial to the man responsible for the largest high-tech workforce on Kaua'i.

Recruiting engineers is an ongoing quest, but retaining those brought in from the mainland in this high cost and remote area presents another challenge. Long-time Kaua'i residents and those with strong local ties have a tendency to stay longer.

Along with Kaua'i County Mayor Brian Baptiste, the captain spoke to the audience to introduce the show.

"What you will see tonight will be fun, but it also represents a part of what we do at PMRF. We

do very important work, but you know our engineers think it's fun also," he said.

Hearing that the evening's events would be fun, the crowd roared with applause and shortly after, two scientists from General Atomics in San Diego began the show with a bang – literally – as eight plastic bottles with a "highly volatile" liquid and connected to long plastic tubes filled with confetti were touched off by a high-voltage device.

From that point on, all eyes were on the stage and Kaua'i's future scientists and engineers were blinded with science. With nearly half of the PMRF workforce reaching retirement eligibility over the next three to four years, Connelly hopes that enthusiasm will last.



Photo courtesy of Forest City Residential Management

A dog wins honorable mention at Forest City's first pet parade and costume contest Oct. 29.

Forest City Management hosts 'dogs on parade'

Karen S. Spangler
Assistant Editor

Forest City Residential Management hosted its first annual pet parade and costume contest for residents of Navy housing PPV neighborhoods and their pets on Oct. 29.

Approximately 200 neighbors, friends and four-legged friends gathered at the field bordering Moanalua Terrace housing to participate in the "dogs on parade" and costume contest.

One housing resident remarked, "Thank you so much for doing this. It is really the highlight of our weekend since so many people are deployed."

Winners were named in the following categories:

- Most festive: Hunter Scoggins (pumpkin)
- Most creative: Hagen and Christopher Foster (airplane, missile and airman)
- Most scary: Simba Chandler (vampire)
- Honorable mentions: Jax Cohrs (sheriff and the outlaw) and Lani Jackson (spray painted dog)

Special treats, discount coupons and free pet services were donated by local retailers.



Photo courtesy of Forest City Residential Management

A four-legged friend wins an award for the most festive costume at the parade.

Shipboard phone calls cost 50 percent less

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Command Public Affairs

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) has negotiated a lower rate on its AT&T Direct Ocean Service to 50 cents per minute, rather than \$1 per minute. The new rate will go into effect Nov. 15.

This 50 percent price reduction was made possible through the coopera-

tive efforts of NEXCOM, AT&T Direct Ocean Service, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command and Navy Installations Command.

"We identified five cost reduction initiatives that allowed us to reduce the overall program's expenses," said Rear Adm. Robert E. Cowley III, NEXCOM commander. "This 50 percent cost reduction will represent a \$5.1 million savings to our Sailors and

Marines in 2005. As good stewards of their money, we are always looking for ways to provide value and savings."

AT&T Global Prepaid Ship-To-Shore phone cards can be purchased in any ship's store and are available in \$20 and \$40 denominations.

Just like Navy Exchanges, profits from the sale of merchandise in a ship's store stay aboard ship to support shipboard quality of life programs.

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Pearl Harbor celebrates Halloween



Sailors pose for a photograph at Club Pearl Saturday night. Club Pearl held a Halloween costume contest for Sailors.



CTTSN Chris Westbrook, assigned to USS Chosin (CG 65).



GSMFN Jeff Vallario, assigned to USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60).

IT1 (AW) Jason Cantrall, assigned to NCTAMS PAC DET Makalapa.



MA3 John Lewis, assigned to Naval Station Pearl Harbor Security.



Todd Cathey, friend of a Sailor stationed on Pearl Harbor.



History of Ford Island pivotal to the area

Holly Shalders
14th Naval District
(Part 2 of 2)

During World War II, Ford Island was utilized extensively in the allied campaign in the Pacific and served as the epicenter of offensive operations. It also housed the commander of the carrier fleet.

The island's strategic import rested on its carrier plane hangars, support and communication facilities, supply warehouses, ordnance magazines and assembly and repair shops.

Skip Wheeler, National Park Service ranger, stated 'Ideas generated about aviation repair on the island set the stage for future developments and were utilized throughout the allied campaign in the Pacific.'

Ford Island was also the headquarters of the vital transport link between the United States and its most important Pacific ally -Australia.

According to the official history of Naval Air Station Pearl Harbor published in 1945, these

attributes prompted the following commendation: 'Naval Air Station Pearl Harbor became one of utmost importance to the Navy in the Pacific area.'

Another chapter in Ford Island's history is the role it played in the massive salvage operation which followed the attack on Pearl Harbor first that of the USS Oklahoma.

She had been struck by five torpedoes in rapid succession and capsized immediately blocking the channel; thus it was vital that she be moved.

On March 8, 1943, the single largest salvage operation in United States naval history began.

Twenty-one electric winches were placed on Ford Island and used to roll the ship upright. This enormous effort culminated on Dec. 28, 1943.

On a smaller scale, the USS Utah was also moved using steel cables. She was moved out of the way of the carrier berths, but her salvage operation was disbanded on March 9, 1944.

After World War II, activity on



Photo courtesy of Naval District Historic Photograph Collection

Aerial view of Ford Island from directly overhead at 12,000 feet. (Sept. 11, 1936)

Ford Island settled down due to the development of larger aircraft which needed longer runways.

This prompted the majority of naval aviation activities to be moved to Naval Air Station Barbers Point.

In March 1962, the Air Station was decommissioned and Ford Island was placed under the jurisdiction of Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

Following this move, many buildings on the island were demolished.

Ford Island's historical standing was guaranteed in 1964 when the area, and most of Pearl Harbor; was designated a National Historic Landmark.

Since 2001, it has been lauded by the president of the National Trust for Historic Places, Richard Moe, as 'one of the 11 most endangered historic places in the United States'

Ford Island today is very remi-

niscient of the 1940s and, despite a small amount of development, the feel of the area is unchanged.

According to the ComNavReg report of 2001, the role of the abandoned control tower is linked to this: 'Lack of development on Ford Island reinforces the importance of the tower to the character of Ford Island and Pearl Harbor as a whole.'

The Admiral Clarey Bridge opened in 1998 and greatly enhanced access to the island. In 1999 the ex-USS Missouri was moored alongside the island and opened as a museum signifying the end of World War II.

Wheeler said these positive changes will occur and the history of Ford Island will continue to evolve.

Although the debate continues, the immense amount of history here may be reason enough for it to be preserved as a living memorial to the United States military presence at Pearl Harbor.



Photo courtesy of Naval District Historic Photograph Collection

Workers raise USS Oklahoma (BB 37) after it was decided she was blocking part of the channel. (March 19, 1943)



Photo courtesy of Naval District Historic Collection
Rear view of operations building showing water standpipe nearing completion. (Dec. 2, 1941)

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Sharkey Theater
Naval Station Pearl Harbor
(473-0726)

FRIDAY
7:00 p.m. Ladder 49 (PG 13)
SATURDAY
2:30 p.m. Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow (PG)
6:00 p.m. Polar Express* (PG)
SUNDAY
2:30 p.m. Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow (PG)
4:45 p.m. Wicker Park (PG 13)
7:00 p.m. Ladder 49 (PG 13)
THURSDAY
2:30 p.m. Mr 3000 (PG 13)
4:45 p.m. Wimbledon (PG 13)
6:45 p.m. Ladder 49 (PG 13)
\$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)
*Special: \$2 adults; \$1 children (6-11)

Memorial Theater
Hickam Air Force Base
(449-2239)

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
7:00 p.m. Resident Evil: Apocalypse (R)
SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY
7:00 p.m. The Forgiven (PG-13)
THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. Mr. 3000 (PG-13)
\$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)

Sgt. Smith Theater
Schofield Barracks
(624-2585)

FRIDAY
7:00 p.m. Hero (PG-13)
SATURDAY
7:00 p.m. Sky Captain And The World Of Tomorrow (PG)
SUNDAY
7:00 p.m. Wimbledon (PG-13)
\$3 adults; \$1.50 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 ADVENTURE EVENTS

- **Nov. 12:** Boogie boarding at Bellows, 9 a.m., \$8. Register by **Nov. 9.**
- **Nov. 13:** Deep sea fishing, 5:45 a.m., \$100. Register by **Nov. 10.**
- **Nov. 13:** Mount Olomana Ridge hike, 8:30 a.m., \$5. Register by **Nov. 10.**
- **Nov. 14:** Basic kayak instruction class, 9:30 a.m., \$15. Register by **Nov. 11.**

SUPER GARAGE SALE AND CRAFT FAIR

The MWR Super Garage Sale and Craft Fair will be held from 8 a.m.-noon **Nov. 6** at Richardson Field, across from Aloha Stadium. The event is free and open to the public. Crafters will be on hand with one-of-a-kind items. Other available items might include fitness equipment, appliances, furniture, toys, books and clothing. For more information, call 473-0606.

FREE TENNIS CLINIC

Learn the basics of tennis from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. **Nov. 10** at a free tennis clinic at the Wentworth tennis courts. The clinic is open to active duty service members and their spouses. Racquets and balls will be provided. Register by **Nov.**

8 at Wentworth Pro Shop. For more information, call 473-0610.

TWO FOR ONE RENTALS

Rainbow Bay Marina will offer two for one rentals for all active duty and veterans as a Veterans Day special on **Nov. 11**. Rent a sailboat, kayak or paddleboat. Renters must have an RBM blue card. For more information, call 473-0279.

YOUTH FITNESS ORIENTATION PROGRAM

A Youth Fitness Orientation Program will be held at 9 am **Nov 13** at Power Point Fitness. This free program is designed for youth between the ages of 10-15 years old and must be accompanied by an adult.

The orientation includes a tour of the facility, equipment use, safety techniques, and a review of the rules & regulations. Registration is required by the **Thursday** prior to each class. Call either Pearl Harbor 473-0793 or Barbers Point 6825243 to register.

MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION MONTH WITH MWR

Celebrate Military Family Appreciation Month with MWR and enjoy a dinner buffet at The Banyans from 5:30-9:30 p.m. **Nov. 12**. The cost is \$14 for adults and children 10 and older; \$7 for children age 10 and under. Seating is limited and reservations are required. For more information, call 473-1706.

TEEN DANCE

A teen dance for youth ages 13-18 will be held from 7:30-10 p.m. **Nov. 12** at Catlin Clubhouse. The cost is \$2 per person with a canned food donation (\$3 without). For more information, call Pearl City Teen Center at 454-0758 or Catlin Clubhouse at 421-1556.

HYSL BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING

HYSL Basketball and Cheerleading registration will be held through **Nov. 12** for ages 5-12. Fee is \$60 and includes uniform. To register for youth sports programs. Bring a current physical (date no more than a year ago and birth certificate to registration). Call 474-3501 for information.

FREE ADULT RACQUETBALL CLINIC

Learn the basics of racquetball including grips, strokes and strategy at a free adult racquetball clinic at 5:30 p.m. **Nov. 15** at the Bloch Arena racquetball courts. Goggles, racquets and balls will be provided. Register by **Nov. 12** at the Wentworth Pro Shop. For more information, call 473-0610.

FREE SQUASH NIGHT

Join squash enthusiasts for a free squash playing night at 5:30 p.m. **Nov. 16**. Register by **Nov. 12** by visiting or calling the Wentworth Pro Shop. For more information, call 473-0610.

PRE-TEEN TRIP TO HAWAIIAN WATERS ADVENTURE PARK

Registration is now ongoing at

Catlin and Iroquois Point clubhouses for a day trip for pre-teens to Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park on **Nov. 13**. The event is open to youth ages 10-12. Space is limited. The cost is \$17 for transportation and admission. Attendees should bring extra money for lunch and/or snacks. For more information, call 421-1556.

FREE TURKEY GIVEAWAY

Visit Any Navy ITT office and enter to win a holiday turkey, ham or hindquarter. Turkey drawing deadline is **Nov. 22**. Ham drawing deadline is **Dec. 20**. Hindquarter deadline is **Dec. 27**. For more information, call 473-1190.



- **Nov. 5:** Dave & Busters, \$3, 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 6:** Go karting, \$30, 4 p.m.
- **Nov. 7:** Makapu'u Lighthouse hike, \$2, 10 a.m.
- **Nov. 9:** Computer Class for Dummies, Beeman Center, 6 p.m.
- **Nov. 10:** Gong Show, Beeman Center, 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 11:** Ice cream social at Cold Stone Creamery, Pearlridge, \$1, 7 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.

Community Calendar

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

USS Lake Erie Ohana Support Group will host a night out at 7:30 p.m. **today** at Naval Station Bowling Center. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information or to RSVP, email cg70ombudsman@aol.com. The support group will hold its monthly meeting at 6:15 p.m. **Nov. 11** at Pearl Harbor main chapel. For more information, call 392-8487.

Leap Frog demos will be held from noon-3 p.m. **Nov. 6** and **Nov. 13** at the NEX. Patrons can enter to win a Leap Pad; the winner (authorized patron 18 years or older) will be selected on **Nov. 14** and need not be present to win.

Meet the author of "**Volcano Creation in Motion**" from noon-1 p.m. **Nov. 7** at the NEX. Enter the realm of Pele, goddess of fire, when you read Jim Kauahikaua's book.

Hear the story of "Aloha 'Oe" and meet **Leslie Ann Hayashi** from 10-11 a.m. **Nov. 7** at the Mall at Pearl Harbor. Hayashi is the author of the book "Aloha 'Oe, The Song Heard Around the World" which is about the famous Hawaiian song "Aloha 'Oe" and the inspiration that sparked Queen Lili'uokalani to write and sing it.

The JICPAC Ohana Support Group will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. **Nov. 11** at Lockwood Hall at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The meeting is open to all spouses of JICPAC personnel. The November meeting will focus on holiday crafts and preparing holiday stockings for deployed single servicemen and women. Children are welcome. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at Lockwood Hall. Contact Mona Darwich-Gatto, club president, at 497-4297 or email at m_darwich@yahoo.com.

Laurie Ide, local author, will be available for book signings from noon-1 p.m. **Nov. 14** in the the Hawai'i book department at the NEX. Ide is the author of the new book "Super Puffy" about a Puffer fish starting its first day in preschool.

The Naval Station Pearl Harbor Multicultural Committee will be holding an American Indian Heritage Month Celebration **Nov. 24** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Paradise Lounge at Club Pearl. Come learn about American Indian heritage and culture while sampling native fare. For more information email JO1 Calderon at daniel.j.calderon.

Tickets are now available for the 2nd Annual **Holiday Tour of Homes** hosted by the Boutiki Gift Shop from 4-9 p.m. **Dec. 1**. There will be pupus and shopping at Boutiki from 4-6 p.m. and maps will be provided for touring the historic Pearl Harbor homes at Hali Ali'i and Makalapa. The tours will last from 6-9 p.m. and shopping at Boutiki will be available throughout the evening. The tickets are currently being sold at Boutiki for \$12 each. Participants must have base access and no children under 12 will be

allowed on the tours. Carpooling is recommended due to limited parking. Boutiki is located in building 210 at 640 Club Road, Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Extended hours of operation for November are from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 422-6662.

The Hawai'i Special Olympics Holiday Classic is just around the corner. Forty volunteers are needed to serve as lane escorts for the Unified Team bowling tournament on **Dec. 5** from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 at Hickam Lanes. As lane escorts, duties include keeping score, ensuring athletes bowl in proper order and cheering on the athletes as they bowl. Special Olympics T-shirts and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call FC1(SW/AW) James A. Graham at (808) 342-7155 or via email at james.a.graham@pacom.mil or firehawk0212@hotmail.com.

All Navy Spouses are welcome to attend a free **COMPASS Session**. COMPASS is a program run by volunteer Navy spouses. This is a spouse-to-spouse mentoring program geared to help Navy spouses find their way through the maze of Navy life.

It helps to educate spouses on how to move with the Navy, how to deal with deployments, how to read the service members LES, and gives history on the Hawaiian Islands. COMPASS is a three-day course with free on-site qualified childcare. The Web site is at www.geocities.com/compassh to see the current schedule. Anyone interested can also call 473-1627 to reserve a spot at the next session.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), a nonprofit, noncommercial weight-loss support group, meets every Wednesday at the Armed Services YMCA, Aliamanu location. Weigh-in begins at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6:15 p.m. Membership fees are low and includes the T.O.P.S. magazine. There are also incentive programs offered. The first meeting is free. T.O.P.S. in Hawai'i is a support group for helping members Take Off Pounds Sensibly. The group recently held its state convention and crowned the state queen. She had lost all her weight by the end of December 2003 and lost 163 pounds. The first meeting of T.O.P.S. is free. If you need support in your weight loss efforts, the group offers low monthly fees and a low joining fee. Call Delcie at 623-1403 for information on the several chapters and meeting places on the island. For more information, call Delcie at 623-1403.

Shop and win with **2004 Shop NEX bumper stickers**, available at any Navy Exchange location. Placing a bumper sticker on your car gives you a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate from the NEX; winners are selected weekly. Winners are then entered in a grand prize drawing for a \$2,000 shopping spree at the NEX.

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



The Forgotten: Telly is tormented by the memory of her eight-year-old son's death 14 months ago. She is informed by her psychiatrist, that she is suffering from delusions, that her son never existed and she is fabricating his memories.

Hero: The king of the northern province of China is under permanent threat of assassination attempts. One day one of the magistrates of his kingdom enters the palace and claims that he defeated all three of his adversaries.

Ladder 49: See Review

Mr. 3000: Stan Ross retired after making what he thought was his 3,000th base hit. Complications arise when they discover that three of his hits had been disqualified. He returns to the game intending to stay only as long as it takes to get the hits.

Polar Express: Santa Claus does not exist. Or does he? Late on Christmas Eve night, a boy lies in bed hoping to hear the sound of reindeer bells from Santa's sleigh, when to his surprise, a steam engine's roar and whistle can be heard outside his window. The conductor invites him on board to take an extraordinary journey to the North Pole.

Resident Evil: Apocalypse: Alice, the only surviving member of the elite military force that attempted to keep the zombies confined to the underground facility, finds herself trying to stop the zombies from spreading outside of Raccoon City.

Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow: Reporter Polly Perkins has noted the disappearances of many of the world's scientists. She teams up with her old flame to fly around the world in search of Dr. Totenkopf, whose plan is to create a "world of tomorrow."

Wicker Park: A young investment banker believes a woman he sees in a cafe is his long-lost love. His conviction leads to obsession, as he puts his life on hold to trail her.

Wimbledon: An aging male tennis star has one last shot, and two weeks, to win the greatest tennis tournament and the heart of an upcoming women's tennis star.

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Ladder 49

Jay Russell set out to make a film real firefighters would be proud of, and, in doing so, sacrificed everything good about "Ladder 49."

It starts out with the mother of all fires and our hero Jack Morrison (Joaquin Phoenix) getting trapped inside the building while rescuing a fair citizen. The film then jumps to flashback mode, telling the story of our hero while interjecting long dramatic reaction shots of Jack stuck in the big fire.

In flashback mode, Russell examines Jack from probationary periods to his first fire to earnest attempts at sentiment with his wife and children. What the film set out to do is not dramatize firefighting, but fails. The audience gets a glimpse of the small fires and then Jack starts repelling down buildings to save citizens and the movie gets out of hand.

The problem with Ladder 49 is it does not know what it is. Is this an action movie? Is this a reality drama? Russell attempts to keep the reality and fulfill the audience's expectations at the same time. By trying to keep both parties happy, Russell fails to define his film, thereby losing both audiences. Throw in cheesy foreshadowing shots and sub par performances (i.e., John Travolta) and "Ladder 49" slowly burns away.

Its lone predecessor "Backdraft" (which was criticized for fictionalizing firefighting) knew where its audience was and fulfilled expectations. Action, huge fires, bam! Simple.

"Ladder 49" tried to use firefighting as a backdrop for a character study, but only succeeded in dabbling into the real life of a firefighter and left the audience wanting to know more.

The film works when it starts to examine Jack and those surrounding him, but fails when it then jumps to a fire or surreal event without fully letting the audience learn about its characters.

OVERALL RATING: 4/5

Free anti-virus software available to DoD employees

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To add an extra layer of defense against unauthorized intrusion, DoD Web sites offer free anti-virus software intended for use on members' home computers.

The software is licensed for DoD employees, both military and civilian, courtesy of the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA). Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center (SPAWAR) provides the software in association with Naval Network Warfare Command's Navy Computer Incident Response Team (NAV-CIRT). Free software has been available to DoD employees since 2001.

According to Air Force 2nd Lt. William Genda, anti-virus team chief for DoD's computer emergency response team at DISA, the use of anti-virus software at home can stop viruses before they can be transferred to DoD systems.

"These days, computers can catch viruses from Microsoft Outlook, Web access or even home computer access," said Genda. "With everyone exchanging files between home and work, the potential is there that someone could inadvertently bring an

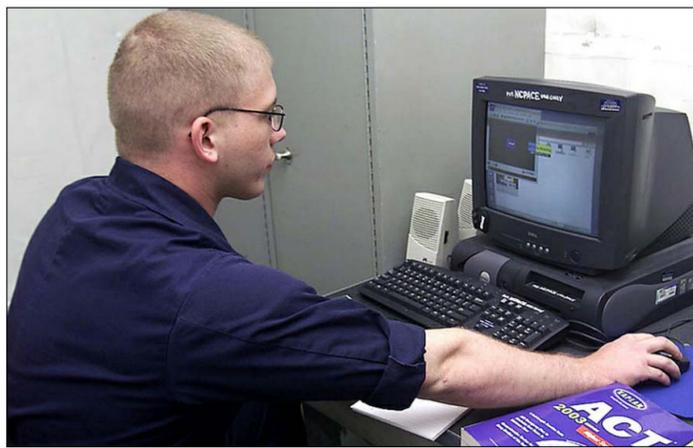
infected file to a government network. It's essential to protect home computers with the same anti-virus software used by government systems so there's no weak link in the chain."

Members must be at a .mil workstation to access any DoD-related sites offering free anti-virus software. They can either download via file transfer protocol (fast connection) or go to the INFOSEC FAQ page for slower downloads, then choose the software. Software McAfee is available, in addition to Symantec and TrendMicro, plus regular signature updates to keep PC workstations current.

Mac users can download McAfee Virex software and signatures for OS X, as well as earlier Mac operating systems. The sites even offer VirusScan for UNIX and DOS users.

The size of the file could be an issue since most are much larger than what the old floppy drive can store.

"Members should check which version of the software they're trying to download since there might be a zipped version available that is less than 10mb," Capt. Chris Christopher, deputy director for future operations, communications and business initiatives for NMCI, offered. "Members should



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PN3 Timothy Gentry logs into a computer terminal. DoD Web sites offer free anti-virus software intended for use on members' home computers.

also consider a flash or thumb drive, which works with the machine's USB (universal serial bus) port. As a last resort, members should call their local help desk for a waiver of NETWARCOM's (Naval Network Warfare Command) 10mb restriction on e-mail attachments to be able to send their software home."

NAV-CIRT, based at Little Creek Amphibious Base in Norfolk, Va., keeps watch for virus attacks over naval networks worldwide, as well

as other types of intrusions or disruptions of service. They understand the impact of viruses on Navy networks and analyze how any intrusions happened and how to keep them from coming back.

One of the assistant watch officers there, Cryptologic Technician (communications) 1st Class (SW) Matthew Conger, said that Sailors typically introduce viruses to naval networks by accident, which is one of the more common methods.

"What we see a lot of are viruses spreading from laptops brought in from home. Sailors bring them to work and hook them up," Conger said. "We'd see a big decrease in the spread of viruses if people simply download anti-virus software and install it on their home computers."

Installation of anti-virus software from these sites is not recommended for users, as the network administrator normally controls the software and updates automatically. DoD employees should check with their administrator for questions about anti-virus protection for a DoD workstation.

Downloading and installing anti-virus software at home benefits both Navy and its members. Navy networks have an additional checkpoint in the war against viruses and members get software, which they can retain for personal use, for free.

To obtain software, go to the SPAWAR Web site at www.infosec.navy.mil, and click on "anti-virus information." The same software is also available at www.navcirt.navy.mil or DoD Web site at www.cert.mil/antivirus/av_info.htm.

The other branches of service have similar sites with anti-virus software.

Department of Defense stresses troop support mail policy

Special release from the DoD

The Department of Defense announced the continued suspension of the "Any Servicemember" mail program Nov. 2. Accordingly, the general public is urged not to send unsolicited mail, care packages or donations to service members during the holiday season.

During this time of the year, the number of donation programs increases and causes mail from families and friends to be mixed with mail from unknown sources, resulting in delays.

DoD continues to emphasize that names and addresses of military service members must not be distributed by the media, Web sites, companies, non-profit organizations, schools and individuals for the purpose of collecting letters of support or donations for service members.

Service members should receive mail only from those friends and family members to whom they personally give their address.

Military addresses should not be passed around by family members for use by donation programs. Unknown mailers could then obtain those addresses and mail harmful items to service members.

For these reasons, DoD continues to indefinitely suspend general donation programs from unknown mailers. Americans, who don't have loved ones deployed overseas, can still show support during the holidays by other means. A list of these programs is available at www.defendamerica.mil.

To guarantee mail arrives in time for end of year holidays, view the mailing guidelines at www.usps.com/cpim/ftp/bulletin/2004/pb22138.pdf.



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A Sailor from the now decommissioned USS Fletcher (DD 992) prepares to on-load mail shortly after arriving in Pearl Harbor.

