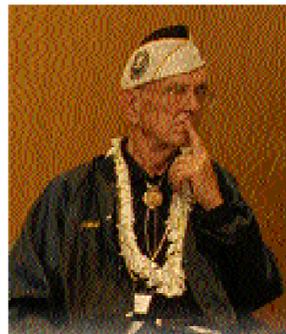
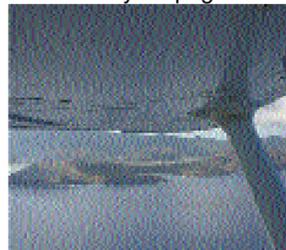


Day of infamy remembered



Long distance

Survivors share Pearl Harbor memories with Texas high schoolers. See story on page A-3.



Up, up and away

Submariner enjoys the freedom of Hawaii skies. See story on page B-1.



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Wreaths lay in the shrine room of the USS Arizona Memorial on the eve of the 63rd commemoration of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

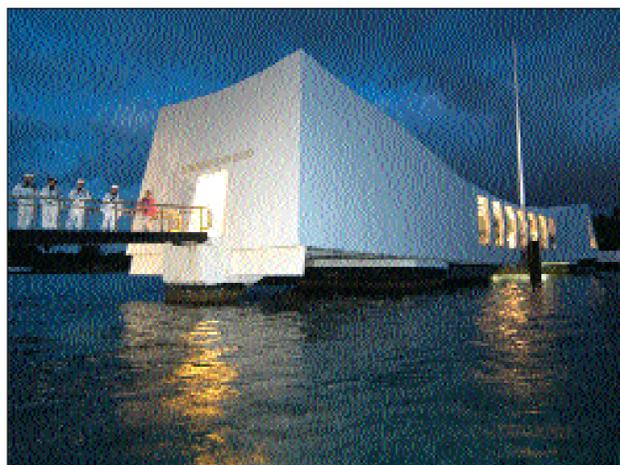
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On Dec. 7, 1941 more than 2,300 men and women lost their lives after Japanese aircraft launched a surprise attack on the island of Oahu.

On Dec. 7, 2004, 33 Pearl Harbor survivors returned to the USS Arizona Memorial, joined by 200 invited guests, to commemorate the 63rd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"This morning we are gathered to remember and pay tribute to those who died in that infamous attack 63 years ago today," said Rear Adm. Michael C. Vitale, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

The ceremony featured a 21-gun salute by the U.S. Marine Corps Marine Aircraft Group Twenty-Four (MAG 24), an F-15 missing man flyover by the Hawaii Air National Guard and morning colors and National Anthem performed by a Naval Station ceremonial guard and the U.S. Pacific



U.S. Navy photo by Ryan C. McGinley

Members of the Naval Station Pearl Harbor ceremonial guard practice in the early morning before the 63rd commemoration of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

Fleet Band.

The keynote speaker for the event was Vice Adm. Gary Roughead, deputy commander, U.S. Pacific Command, who emphasized the similarities between the battle in 1941 and

the fighting today.

"It was a conflict that required the brave and even the righteous to defeat the enemy," he said. "[They] engaged in a colossal battle

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Harbor lights tours this weekend

Naval Station Pearl Harbor will host free holiday lights boat tours today, Dec. 11 and Dec. 12.

Boat tours will leave from Merry Point landing beginning at 7 p.m. and every 20 minutes thereafter. The last boat will depart at 8:10 p.m. The boat tours provide an opportunity to cruise past Pearl Harbor's holiday lights and ships while enjoying holiday music.

No reservations are necessary and people of all ages are welcome. The event is also open to DoD employees and their families.

No backpacks, fanny packs, luggage, diaper bags, camera bags, purses, large cameras/tripods are permitted. For more information, call 472-7150.

Training for training officers to be held

Training Support Department Hawaii (TSD HI) will host its first training officer Seminar Dec. 15 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Sharkey Theater.

Rear Adm. Michael C. Vitale, Commander Navy Region Hawaii and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, will open this venue for fleet and ashore training officers and schools coordinators who desire to:

- Hear the latest on the Training Revolution,
- Meet the staff of the TSD Hawaii training support department (N7) and learning site OICs responsible for formal Navy training and,
- Learn about the TSD Hawaii business practices and available training management tools, for the purpose of simplifying the training process.

Interested training officers should RSVP to Myra Yamada at 472-0384 or through e-mail at myra.yamada@navy.mil to ensure attendees are provided with printed materials. Parking is available in the unreserved parking stalls surrounding Building 679.

Security applies technology to force protection

JO3 Ryan C. McGinley
Staff Writer

Naval Station Pearl Harbor security has acquired and implemented the military's first fixed commercial vehicle inspection station x-ray apparatus, designed to detect contraband and anomalies in vehicles entering the base.

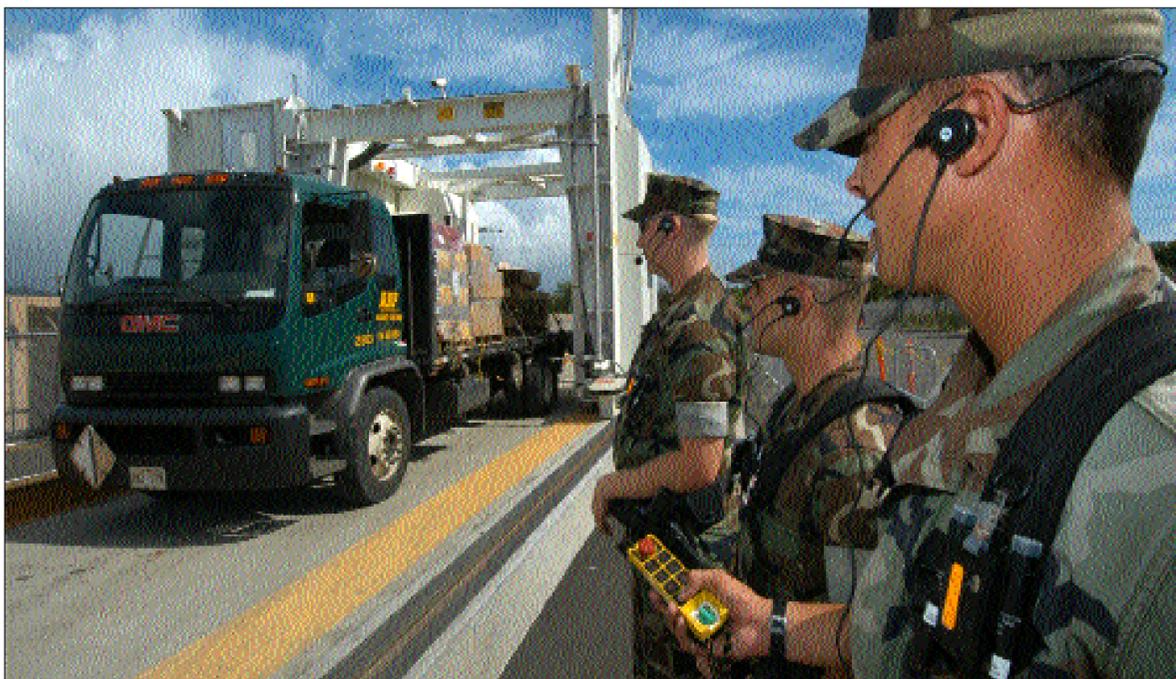
Security implemented the state-of-the-art device in September at Halawa Gate.

"This is cutting edge technology and will enable us to x-ray any vehicles that are coming onto Naval Station Pearl Harbor with a tremendous degree of clarity, which is not available with other conventional types of inspections," said Lt. Cmdr. Allen Balabis, security and anti-terrorism officer for Naval Station Pearl Harbor. "This goes a long way in maintaining force protection and anti-terrorism measures."

The vehicles coming onto base are scanned similar to a CAT scan in a hospital where a rail or "gantry" is run over the vehicles parked on a pad. Once the vehicle is scanned, the images are analyzed.

"We are the first installation in the U.S. military to get this type of cutting-edge technology apparatus," said Balabis. "What we continue to do is seek new technology to make our job better, more efficient and much more accurate."

A team of 30 Sailors went through a four-week training



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(right to left) MA2 Gino Graul, MA3 Matt Streiff and MA3 Michael Littlefield, assigned to Naval Station Pearl Harbor Security prepare to "clear the tunnel," making sure no residual radiation is present, after scanning a truck with the military's first fixed commercial vehicle inspection station x-ray apparatus.

course to be certified to operate the device. The course, which included classroom and hands-on training with the manufacturer, certified the Sailors in a variety of positions including console operators, scan coordinators, safety personnel and image analysts. All 30 Sailors are cross-trained to fill any position at any time.

Master-at-Arms 3rd Class

Michael Littlefield, who was trained on the device, said the team trained hard, putting in many overtime hours to learn the intricacies of the device to better protect Sailors and family members.

"It's a great threat deterrent and makes people feel safer," said Littlefield. "The machine can pick up any type of contraband."

Both Balabis and

Littlefield agreed the changing world requires security at Pearl Harbor to re-evaluate its approach to anti-terrorism and force protection.

"We're not fighting wars like we used to," said Littlefield. "We're not only worried about the person with the biggest army, we're also worried about the people with the smallest army, the ones that can sneak in

undetected." "The apparatus is absolutely invaluable to the greater mission," said Balabis. "The world isn't the same as it was prior to Sept. 11. We are now keenly aware of vulnerabilities, so by keeping up with technology, especially in the realm of detection, we're able to at least try to keep the threat at a distance."

Hopper returns home

USS Hopper Public Affairs

After five and a half months away from its homeport of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, USS Hopper (DDG 70) moored port side to berth B22 yesterday.

She arrived with a crew of Sailors who said they are ready to be reunited with family and friends after traveling more than 42,000 nautical miles on Hopper's fourth deployment.

USS Hopper embarked on her deployment on June 28 as a member of the Belleau Wood Expeditionary Strike Group. She made two Seventh Fleet port visits to Hong Kong, China and

Singapore before transiting to the Fifth Fleet area of responsibility.

While on station in Fifth Fleet, Hopper served as the surface action group Commander for Coalition Task Force 150, controlling as many as five ships and their associated aircraft. She spent the majority of her time in the Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aden and Red Sea conducting anti-smuggling, anti-piracy, and anti-terrorism operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Hopper's visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) teams were active during her deployment. Conducting more than 60

boardings in less than three months, the teams became familiar with fishing and cargo dhows as the Sailors represented the U.S. and coalition forces in their united front against terrorism.

During the month of September, Hopper participated in Exercise Inspired Siren with USS Preble (DDG 88) and the Pakistan Navy. Conducting gunnery, antisubmarine warfare, surface warfare, air warfare, and search and rescue exercises.

Inspired Siren culminated in two war-at-sea exercises in which Hopper assumed the control of two Pakistani ships. Hopper's VBSS teams also conducted train-



U.S. Navy photo by JO3 Ryan C. McGinley

Santa Claus waves an American flag as USS Hopper (DDG 70) and her crew of more than 325 Sailors returns to Pearl Harbor from a six-month deployment yesterday.

ing with the Pakistani VBSS teams, increasing proficiency and reaffirming coalition support for one another.

Hopper also made history as the first U.S. ship to pull into the country of Eritrea

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New CREDO office now open

JO2 Devin Wright
Staff Writer

Navy Region Hawai'i held a ribbon cutting ceremony Dec. 2 for the grand opening of the Chaplains Religious Enrichment Operation (CREDO) office in building 679.

CREDO is sponsored by the Chief of Naval Operations through the Navy Chief of Chaplains.

According to officials, the idea behind CREDO is to educate sea service personnel and their family members to the inherent personal and social strength available by living healthy spiritual lives through the personal and spiritual growth training, marriage enrichment training, team building workshops, and other functions and training.

The programs offered by CREDO include overnight retreats for single Sailors and Marines and warrior transition programs to help returning combat veterans reintegrate back into home life.

"We've found that this type of training helps people in transition periods," said Religious Program Specialist 1st Class (FMF) Susan Pinner of Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i. "As servicemembers we are sometimes asked to deploy for extended periods of

time. The training we offer can help people reconnect when they come home. We've also seen a decrease in family violence and stress brought on by work through these trainings."

The services provided by CREDO are for everyone regardless of religious beliefs.

"We have members with a self acknowledged faith as well as those who don't," said Chaplin Lt. Cmdr. Jeffery Han of Navy Region Hawai'i and CREDO Hawai'i director. "The issues we deal with are really universal problems. We deal with the problems of not understanding or appreciating one another. These things transcend all of humanity regardless of religious beliefs."

CREDO was established in 1970 and made its way to Hawai'i in 1996. The office has, until now, been at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe.

"We are really focusing on the sea services," said Han. "There is an expression in real estate 'location, location, location.' The fact that we are only a five-minute drive or 10 minute walk makes the availability of programs much easier."

Anyone with a valid military ID can attend training, including active duty, retired, reservist, and family members. For more information, call CREDO at 257-1919.

Inouye honored with Pinnacle Award

MM3 Greg Bookout
Staff Writer

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) presented Hawai'i Senator Daniel K. Inouye with the association's prestigious Pinnacle Award in recognition for his outstanding leadership and continuous support of funding for health care improvements, pay and other benefits for active duty, reserve and retired sea service personnel at the Honolulu branch Dec. 7.

George Kaye, the FRA national president, presented Inouye with the award noting some of the senator's accomplishments in the advancement in military benefits.

"FRA selected Senator Inouye to receive its 2004 award in recognition of his unwavering support of our nation's men and women in uniform," said Kaye. "His strong commitment to military personnel and dedication to advancing their interests in Congress is reflected in his legislative record. As the ranking Democratic member of the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, Senator Inouye helped advance a number of FRA-supported initiatives such as fully funding the Defense Health Program and supporting increases in active duty pay."

Jerry Sweeny, FRA member commented on the location of the award presentation and the appropriation of the site.

"This award is normally given out in Washington, so usually all the winner does is step out of their office on Capital Hill to come to the presentation," said Sweeny. "This is the first time the award



U.S. Navy photo by MM3 Greg Bookout

Hawai'i Senator, Daniel K. Inouye was presented the Fleet Reserve Association's annual Pinnacle Award in Honolulu Dec. 7.

has been given away from the Washington, D.C. area. It seems more fitting for Senator Inouye to receive the award here and on Dec. 7 given the historical significance of the date."

Senator Inouye noted that receiving the prominent award from an organization dedicated to the sea services was a great reward given the fact that he was in the Army during his military service. "I am a Soldier," said Inouye. "To be honored by members of the Fleet is an extraordinary honor."

Senator Inouye noted that things were changing in the military across all branches. He noted that more and more Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen have dependents then in past generations and therefore, changes must be made in the way military healthcare is provided.

"In my generation, which is World War II, very few of us in the military had dependents," said Inouye. "In today's military, about 75 percent have dependents. With this increase, we have to pro-

vide more care for wives and children. In my time, if you went into a military hospital, it was filled with Soldiers and Sailors. Today hospitals must treat a wider range of patients, a different balance and must have more specialized personnel."

The FRA Pinnacle Award has been given since 1996 and the list of past recipients includes a distinguished group of individuals. Past awardees include Strom Thurmond, John McCain, John Warner and many other prominent senators and congressmen.

Kaye also commented on the senator's efforts to construct a new Pearl Harbor memorial in place of the sinking Arizona memorial.

"Senator Inouye is also an honorary chairman of the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund, which seeks to construct a new Pearl Harbor Memorial Museum and visitor center here in Honolulu," said Kaye. "Due to severe deterioration, the current USS Arizona Memorial is sinking, and unless we work to preserve it now, will be lost in the next decade."

Kaye noted the group's strong working relationship with the senator and his wishes for this to continue into the future.

"Senator Inouye has been a champion for military personnel and the benefits they receive throughout his years in the United States Senate," said Kaye. "The association has been proud to work closely with him and looks forward to continuing this relationship for many years to come. He is a strong ally, and especially appreciates the important enlisted perspective on issues being addressed on Capitol Hill."

Hopper: Sailors set for holiday stand-down

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in seven years. Spending just more than 48 hours pier-side in Massawa, Eritrea, Hopper hosted a luncheon for the U.S. Ambassador to Eritrea, Commander, Joint Task Force Horn of Africa, the Eritrean chief of naval operations, and the Eritrean minister of defense.

In total, Hopper visited eight different countries during her deployment: China, Singapore, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Eritrea, Seychelles, Papua New Guinea and Australia.

Hopper brought 3,570,970 gallons of fuel onboard without mishap during 24 refueling evolutions, qualified seven officers as surface warfare officers and 66 enlisted personnel as enlisted surface warfare specialists, earned the "Self Sufficient Ship of the Quarter" award for DESRON 31 for the months of August, September and October.

Hopper will conduct a post deployment standdown for her crew. After the holidays, the crew will commence training in preparation for the next deployment.

Pearl Harbor survivors conduct teleconference with Texas students

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Editor

A group of four Pearl Harbor survivors who were stationed aboard USS Oklahoma during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack had the chance to talk to students from 18 Texas high schools on the 63rd anniversary of the attack.

"We are very lucky to have these survivors here with us," said Bob Arnold, who was coordinating the "Texas Connects: Pearl Harbor Remembered" effort. "This is just a tremendous opportunity for the students."

The survivors - Paul Goodyear, George A. Smith, Ed Vezey and Jerry Tessaro - each told stories about what it was like for them during their time in the Navy. They also spoke about the importance of education. Smith discussed how he had just earned his high school diploma last year.

"I had to quit high school to join the Navy," Smith said. "When I finally graduated, my daughter got me a 'witch' hat. She wrote 1943 at the bottom and had years scratched out all the way to the top with 2003 written on top."

The survivors discussed where they were during the attack.

"I had the four to eight watch," Smith began. "I had just got relieved and went to take a shower. On the way, a guy told me I was supposed to be on liberty and gave me my liberty card. So, I took my shower and got ready. Then, the call came over the speaker for all hands to get to battle stations. I didn't feel like doing a drill. Then, the announcement came over, 'This is no shit. Move it.' I knew it was serious," he recorded.

Smith talked about how he raced to his battle station in one of the guns aboard Oklahoma.

"I watched the Japanese drop the torpedoes on us," he said. "He waved at



U.S. Navy photo by PH2(AW) John Looney

(Left to right) Ed Vezey, Jerry Tessaro, Bob Arnold, Paul Goodyear and George A. Smith talk to students at 18 Texas high schools during Dec. 7. Arnold moderated the conference for the four Pearl Harbor survivors who had the chance to talk about their experiences while stationed aboard USS Oklahoma the day of the attack.

us as he passed."

"I was on watch on the bridge," said Goodyear, who was a signalman aboard Oklahoma. "I turned to my left and saw the first torpedo in the water. We took nine fish [torpedoes] and lost 429 men in 11 and a half minutes."

Although he said it went well, Arnold felt the conference would have been better if the students had been able to ask the survivors questions directly.

"It would have been nice to have more interaction with the kids," he said. "It's my hope that what they saw made an impact that they couldn't get from books."

Texas Governor Rick Perry pro-

claimed Dec. 7 as "Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day" in support of the distance learning event in which students form the schools prepared and offered presentations about Dec. 7, 1941.

After the teleconference, the survivors talked about their passion for remembering the Sailors killed aboard Oklahoma that day.

"I don't understand why it's just called the USS Arizona Memorial," Goodyear exclaimed. "Weren't there others who died that day? It should be changed to the Pacific Theatre or maybe the Pearl Harbor Memorial. That would include individuals from all ships and stations."

USS O'Kane supply department honored

FC3(SW) Rich Neuer
USS O'Kane Public Affairs

Capt. Robert C. Bronson, commanding officer of Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Pearl Harbor, was greeted by the USS O'Kane (DDG 77) Supply Officer, Disbursing Officer and quarterdeck Watchstanders Dec. 1.

O'Kane Sailors invited Bronson onboard to present O'Kane's Supply Department with several awards and share his wisdom gathered from the 22 years of his Naval Service.

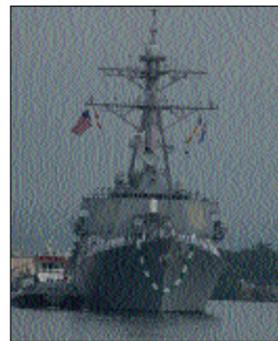
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FISC supports 30 homeported vessels, 35 shore commands, the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, as well as other DOD customers on island.

Senior Chief Storekeeper Rey Katigbak had a few opening remarks for the Captain's arrival to the ship for the awards ceremony held on the messdecks.

The two sailors had crossed paths a few times during their careers, and Katigbak described how Bronson's mentorship had helped define his career, support his family, and gave him the strong work ethic he continues today.

Bronson Presented six awards to O'Kane's Supply



U.S. Navy photo

USS O'Kane (DDG 77) pulls in to Pearl Harbor after its 2003 deployment.

Department.

Storekeeper Second Class Angela Bradfield was presented with a Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medal, for her achievement as Depot Level Repairable achieving 100 percent accountability to 2200 Repairables valued at \$15.3 million and zero carcass charges for fiscal year 2004.

Storekeeper 3rd Class Boniface Nganga was frocked to Petty Officer Second Class. Culinary Specialist Second Class Shana Brown received Culinary Specialist of the Quarter.

Cryptologic Technician Tactical 3rd Class Toni Mitchell and Fireman Laashlee Edwards received Food Service Attendant of the Quarter.

Electronics Technician 3rd Class Joshua Buerk received Food Service Attendant of the Month.

Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

Don't take the money and run

Commentary

Fireside Chat

Navy Region Federal Fire Dept.

Christmas tree or Christmas torch?

Victor Flint

Federal Fire Department

Install the tree in a stable holder and keep the holder filled with water as well.

- Placement of your tree is also important. Do not block exits and/or paths of egress with your tree. Do not have any flame or heat producing appliances or light fixtures near your tree. Be careful of curtains and open windows. You don't want your tree to be blown down.

- Be careful using electric lights. No more than three sets (depending on the size and length of the lights) should be on an extension cord. Check the box for the manufacturers installation instructions to be sure. Always use UL listed lights and cords. And keep the wires and plug ends away from the water in the tree stand.

- Use only fire resistant ornaments and decorations.

- Do not leave the lights on all the time. Turn off the tree lights when you go to bed at night or when you leave the house, shop or office.

- Never use real, burning candles on or near your tree.

On behalf of everyone in the Federal Fire Department, have a happy and safe holiday season.

For more information about holiday fire safety, Christmas trees and other fire related questions, call 474-7785.

Opinion

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U.S. Fleet Forces

Command Command

Master Chief



If I gave you \$5 as a gift, how would you spend it? Let's say I gave you \$40 — would you still spend it or would you save it?

If \$40 was added to your paycheck every payday, then what would you do with that extra money?

I hope you've given this some serious thought because starting January 1 every Sailor, regardless of rank, will see their pay increase 3.5 percent. For a lot of you, that works out to roughly \$20-\$40 each payday. That's right, an extra \$20-\$40 every other week.

So what's that extra money worth to you? By itself, it may not seem like much. Some of you may see it as "extra money," something you don't mind frittering away. But add it up every payday and the amount isn't so small. Over the course of a year that "little extra" can turn into \$450 to \$950. What's that 3.5 percent pay raise worth to you now?

Normally, a Sailor's income goes up and their spending increases by the same amount. Before they know it, spending eats away at that pay raise, and soon they're living paycheck to paycheck again.

How much did you earn last payday? I'm sure most of you can recall the exact amount. But can you honestly say you know how much of that money was budgeted correctly? Better yet, do you know how much is left to spend before the next pay period?

Most of you probably have no idea. Because you don't know, you may be spending upwards of 10 percent more

than you make each month...which is close to the national average. Do you do this? Do you spend more than you make?

Shipmates, here's an excellent opportunity to break the "earn and spend" cycle. Start letting your money work for you instead of against you. I have a couple of recommendations about how to use your pay raise to your financial advantage:

First, hide the raise! You're already used to living on a certain amount - keep it that way.

Years ago, my wife and I decided that I would have an "allowance" — money that I draw every two weeks for me to put in my pocket. Now five years later, I still get the same allowance amount. Every pay increase I've received since then was used for one of three things—saving money, earning money, or paying off debt (more about this last one later). Because that extra money was never part of my spendable income, I never missed it. I doubt you will either.

Second, create or balance your budget. Some people mistakenly believe that because their bills are paid on time they have a budget. This isn't a budget shipmates, it's a recipe for living paycheck to paycheck.

A real budget shows how much is spent for essentials each month, tracks how much debt is owed, and what funds are available for emergencies. A good budget also allots money toward savings and investments. If your budget is lacking any of these necessary items, ask for assistance. Your command's financial specialist, the Fleet and Family Support Center, or your local bank or credit union can help you get started.

Third, start paying down your debt. After you've created a budget, you should be able to determine how much can be applied to your bills on a monthly basis. If you're using charge accounts instead of

cash, stop now.

By continuing to use charge accounts, you're only contributing to your debt problem. Use your pay raise to pay off the charge accounts with highest interest rates first. Don't try to "spread" the extra money to several bills at the same time; apply the amount to one bill until it is paid off, then use the extra money toward the next highest interest account, and so on.

Fourth, start a nest egg. Retirement, children's college fund, individual savings account — each are important for fiscal fitness. There are numerous investment plans that can help you plan for your future. Do a little research and choose a plan that's right for you. The Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) is a very good option worth looking into.

Finally, if you claim zero on your W-4 form, change your withholdings status. If you are single, you should claim one. If you are married and/or have children, you may want to claim two or even three. If you claim zero on your withholdings, in essence you're giving the government an interest-free loan on your money for a full year.

Did you know that if your refund was \$1,000, you could have increased your take-home pay by more than \$80 a month? If a 25-year old put that \$80 in a low-risk investment or savings account earning a conservative figure, say 6.9 percent, by age 63 that individual would have earned well over \$150,000 (before taxes).

When it comes to federal taxes, don't withhold more than necessary. Your goal shouldn't be to get a tax refund; it should be to break even.

Shipmates, your financial health is just as important as your physical and mental well being. Neglect the first and I would argue that the other two are bound to suffer; that's a tip you can take to the bank.

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Ceremonies honor survivors' last wishes



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Jeff Chapman receives an American flag from a member of the Navy Region Hawai'i honor guard at the interment of Chapman's father, Noel B. Chapman. The elder Chapman was a Storekeeper 2nd Class aboard Arizona when it was sunk Dec. 7, 1941.

USS Arizona Survivor laid to rest

JO2 Devin Wright
Staff Writer

The National Park Service held a memorial ceremony and interment for USS Arizona (BB-39) survivor Storekeeper 2nd Class Noel B. Chapman Dec. 7.

Chapman enlisted in the Navy March 20, 1941 and was assigned to the Arizona after basic training. He joined his older brother, Store Keeper 1st Class Naaman Chapman, who was already assigned to the ship. The Chapman's were among 37 sets of brothers assigned to the Arizona Dec. 7, 1941. Noel Chapman was among the few men who survived the explosion on the sinking ship. Naaman Chapman was killed and never recovered.

"My dad would have been honored by the ceremony," said Jeffery Chapman, son of Noel Chapman. "He had been here to visit the memorial and felt it would be a great honor to be entombed in the ship. He really wanted to be re-united with his brother and now he is."

Douglas Lentz, of the USS Arizona Memorial, National Park Service superintendent spoke of Chapman's sense of duty during the closing remarks.

"Noel served his country," said Lentz. "He defended his country and was willing to die for his country. He is a true American hero."

Lentz believes granting the last wish of a Pearl Harbor survivor is an honor.

"A ceremony like this is incredibly important because it is people like Noel that defended our freedoms," said Lentz. "If his dying wish is to be entombed in the ship with his brother, then we are going to make that happen. These people are heroes and we respect and admire them."

On Aug. 15, 1946, Chapman, a Nebraska native was honorably discharged from the Navy. Just before being discharged, Noel married Illene Turpin.

They moved back to Nebraska and Noel began working in the dry bean business. Illene passed away in 1991. In 1993, Noel married Beatrice Strauch. Chapman passed away Feb. 29 2004. He is survived by his widow and two children, Beth and Jeff.

Utah survivor interred with shipmates

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On Dec. 7, 1941, Thomas C. Molay was a member of the crew aboard USS Utah trying to survive the surprise Japanese attack. More than 60 years after the attack, Molay's ashes were interred in the sunken wreck of the ship to rest with shipmates who died that December day and others who have returned to the waters of Pearl Harbor.

"It was one of his final wishes to be interred with his shipmates," said Jim Taylor, Navy Region Hawaii's casualty assistant calls officer and funeral and honors support coordinator, at Monday's ceremony. "I'm glad we could all be here to help fulfill that wish"

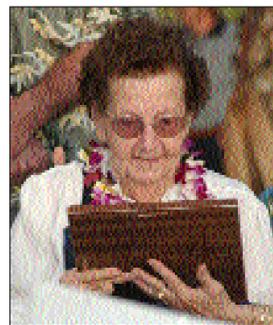
Molay was born Aug. 18, 1923 and served as a photographer's mate throughout his naval career. While he was on active duty, Molay earned the American Defense Medal with one bronze star, the Asiatic Pacific Medal with four bronze stars, the American Theater medal, the Pearl Harbor Medal, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal. Capt. Ronald Cox, Naval Station Pearl Harbor's commanding officer and Chief of staff for Commander Navy Region Hawai'i, said Molay's courage is an inspiration to today's Sailors.

"It gives me great honor to be here today honoring one of our own," Cox said. "Men like Thomas were here when the call was made so long ago to defend our nation. Today, a new generation of Americans has stepped forward to answer that call. As they answer, they look back to men like Thomas who



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Jim Taylor, Navy Region Hawaii's casualty assistant calls officer and funeral and honors support coordinator, speaks to the family of Thomas C. Molay, whose remains were interred in the wreck of USS Utah at a ceremony Monday.



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Thomas Molay's widow, Dorothy, reads a plaque from the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

answered it in World War II and who fought their way against great adversity in the cause of freedom."

Cox finished by expressing how emotionally involved he was in the ceremony.

"It humbles me to wear the same uniform as that generation who did so much for our nation," Cox concluded.

National Park Service and Navy divers placed Molay's ashes on the third deck of the sunken Utah. Utah was one of the ships struck by

Japanese bombs and torpedoes during the attack. Although they had been ordered not to strike the ship, Japanese pilots were perhaps overeager and fired on the wood-covered ship that, at the time, was being used primarily as a training ship for U.S. Navy aviators. During the attack, 57 members of the Utah crew went to the bottom of Pearl Harbor with the ship. Molay had been on the third deck when the attack began.

"We talked about [his Navy career] a little," said Robert Molay, Thomas' youngest son "but I found out a lot about his career afterwards. I didn't know he was a photographer doing aviation photography."

Members of the Fleet Reserve Association performed a two-bell ceremony and the Navy Region Hawai'i ceremonial guard folded and presented an American flag to Molay's wife Dorothy.

"I feel relieved now," Robert Molay said. "This is what he wanted. He's where he wanted to be."

Dec. 7: Sailors honored for sacrifices

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that mobilized an entire nation to sacrifice their privileges, comforts, labors and in so many cases, their sons and daughters. That great fight for liberty's sake has continued for more than six decades, and the battle is still on."

Pearl Harbor's newest and most advanced Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer, USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), passed through the Adm. Bernard Clarey Bridge and rendered honors to the memorial as Sailors stationed aboard the ship "manned the rails."

"It is a great honor for USS Chung-Hoon to participate in Pearl Harbor's remembrance day," said Cmdr. Kenneth L. Williams Jr., Chung Hoon's commanding officer. "With Rear Adm. Chung Hoon's personal connection to USS Arizona and Hawai'i, we are proud to show the world his ship on this special day."

The ship is named in honor of Rear Adm. Gordon Paie'a Chung-Hoon, who was born and raised in Hawai'i and assigned to USS Arizona during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. He was also awarded the Navy Cross and Silver Star for gallantry as commanding officer of USS Sigsbee during the Battle of Okinawa.

Representatives of each of the five branches of the military, the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, the state of Hawai'i and various other veterans and patriotic organizations made more than 40 wreath presentations into the well on the USS Arizona Memorial.

Two Navy Region Hawai'i Sailors of the Quarter presented the wreath flowers to the representatives. Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Robert Greene, assigned to Naval Medical Clinic Pearl Harbor, said being a part of the ceremony was an opportunity for himself to help pay tribute to those service members who gave their lives.

"It's an honor to be a part of the ceremony," he said. "Being stationed in Pearl Harbor is amazing. When you go to work and look off and see the USS Arizona Memorial, it reminds you always why you are here."

Capt. Gene P. Theriot, Navy Region Hawai'i chaplain, gave the invocation at the ceremony. Theriot praised the bravery of the men and women who fought against the enemy that day.

"Help us never forget the heroism, leadership, camaraderie and



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A Pearl Harbor survivor salutes the national ensign during morning colors at the 63rd commemoration of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

selflessness displayed by those American patriots," he said. "For it was their actions that inspired a nation and transformed apparent defeat into the first steps of victory."

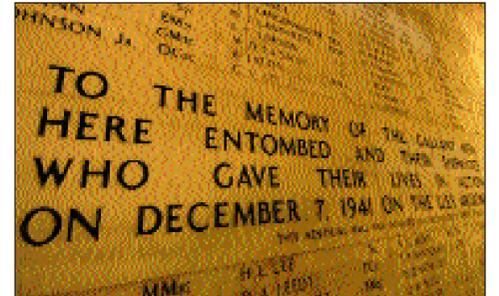
Capt. Ronald R. Cox, commanding officer, Naval Station Pearl Harbor read a proclamation by Janet Napolitano, governor of Arizona, whereby she declared Dec. 7, 2004 as "USS Arizona Memorial Day."

"The USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor serves as a constant reminder to our armed forces and citizens that we must be alert and ready to respond to any potential threat," the proclamation read. "The people of Arizona can keep the spirit of the USS Arizona alive through recognition of the [1,177] Sailors and Marines who rest with their ship."



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Vice Adm. Gary Roughead, deputy commander, U.S. Pacific Command and keynote speaker, addresses guests at the 63rd commemoration of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.



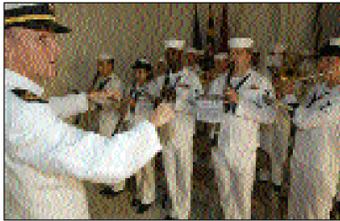
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The names of service members who died aboard USS Arizona are bathed in light in shrine room of the USS Arizona Memorial.



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Rear Adm. Michael C. Vitale, Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, departs the USS Arizona Memorial.



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The Pacific Fleet Band plays Ruffles and Flourishes during the entrance of the official party.



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A wreath is displayed in the shrine room of the USS Arizona Memorial.



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MU1 Guy Gregg, assigned to the Pacific Fleet Band, practices as the primary bugler before the 63rd commemoration of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.



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A Navy Lieutenant Commander pushes Ben Boosinger, a Pearl Harbor survivor, back to his seat after he put a flower in the well at the 63rd commemoration of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

CFC raises \$5,000,000

Local, global charities to receive funds

JO2 Devin Wright
Staff Writer

Navy Region Hawai'i held a Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) awards luncheon Dec. 2 at the Hale Koa Hotel.

The luncheon was to recognize the accomplishment of the annual CFC fund drive.

This year's Hawai'i area CFC raised \$5,000,000 for various charitable organizations here in Hawai'i and around the world. During the luncheon, Rear Adm. Michael Vitale Commander, Navy Region, Hawai'i, Commander, Naval Surface Group and the, 2004 CFC chairman said this year's donations are significant because of a decrease of available contributors.

"Ten weeks ago we knew we would have a challenge due to 14,000 service members being deployed," said Vitale. "I've been impressed by the participation and enthusiasm everyone in this year's campaign has shown."

Although this year's campaign fell short of last year's contributions, due to deployments, contributors donated \$14 more per person than last year.

Organizations were recognized for the number of people from that organization that donated to this year's CFC.

Eagle winners had 100 percent participation. Gold had 80 percent; silver



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Rear Adm. Michael Vitale, Commander Navy Region Hawai'i and Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, presents awards to representatives from the Federal Post Office at a ceremony honoring participants in the 2004 Combined Federal Campaign fund drive.

had 60 percent and bronze had 50 percent.

"This luncheon is important because we need to recognize those who really make an effort to give back to humanity," said Lt. j.g. Jon Langley from Navy Region Hawai'i and CFC deputy project officer. "I think it makes people feel good to be acknowledged by the community and their peers."

The Navy Exchange (NEX) was one of the organizations acknowledged for its contributions. The retail department was awarded the Eagle award. Administration earned the silver and distribution earned the bronze.

"Our focus was to get everyone interested in a charity to contribute," said Gaylene Vedder, NEX retail operation support manager. "It turns out there are a lot of supporters of charities at the NEX. Getting everyone involved was obviously what made us a success. It's difficult for one person to make a big impact, but when you have an organization come together to help the great good, I think it makes more of an impact."

Of the \$5,000,000 dollars raised for this year's CFC, \$1.75 million will go back into the local Hawaiian community.

New PEM fuel cell set to generate electricity, hot water

Denise Emsley
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One of the first, stationary Plug Power five kilowatt (kW) Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) Fuel Cells to become operational on a military base in Hawai'i was officially recognized as an online power source at a ribbon cutting ceremony Dec. 3.

Fueled by propane gas, this cutting-edge technology represents the wave of the future in near-emissionless, quiet power production.

It comes to the Navy Public Works Center, Pearl Harbor (PWC PEARL) courtesy of a nation-wide, Congressionally funded, demonstration program administered by of Navy Facilities Engineering Service Center (NFESC). Twenty fuel cells are part of this project and are dispersed throughout the country.

Two others will be placed online in Hawai'i in the near future, one at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i Kaneohe Bay and the other at Army's Schofield Barracks. For PWC Pearl, the project's prime contractor is LoganEnergy and the local sub-contractor is Pacific Energy Services. They installed the fuel cell next to building 166 on Pearl Harbor and will oversee its operations.

"This is a great opportunity to help the Navy test and evaluate this type of system in Hawai'i's environment," said Kevin Saito, Hawai'i Navy energy team energy manager. "This particular fuel cell has been set up as a combined heat and power (CHP) machine which means we'll get the maximum benefit from every dollar that is spent."

The fuel cell uses a chemical process to convert propane gas into electrical energy, heat, and

a harmless byproduct — water. The generated electricity is fed into the Navy's electrical system. The heat is collected from the fuel cell by using a water jacket and the heated water is piped into a building's hot water tank. The water byproduct is either evaporated or used for irrigation purposes. In this case, the water byproduct will be irrigating a nearby breadfruit tree.

"Our fuel cell will actually produce 2.5 kW of power, though it is rated for 5 kW," said Saito, "which will heat building 166's water tank, thereby reducing energy consumed for the building's showers and clothes washers. It will also feed energy to critical circuits powering PWC Pearl's utilities control and communication station in the same building."

Operational testing of the fuel cell, propane tank and piping and connections has been underway since Nov. 22. In addition, a special phone line was installed to transmit data from the fuel cell to a remote site, Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M., via Plug Power (the fuel cell manufacturer), for analysis. The data collected will not only give the manufacturer critical research information, but will also provide the regional energy team with practical field data on what to expect from future fuel cell projects that may arise.

Capt. Richard Roth, Navy Region Hawai'i's facilities engineer and commanding officer PWC Pearl, participated in the ribbon cutting to officially start up the fuel cell.

For more information on this fuel cell or any other energy topic, contact the COMNAVREG Hawai'i energy Team at 474-7666.

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Hawai'i Navy News



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Submariners reveal their chili creations to judges at the Nov. 29 chili cook-off at the Lockwood Hall galley on Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The undersea cooks had the chance to create their own version of chili and present it to four judges who based their findings on the taste, originality and presentation of the concoction.

Submariners compete in chili cook-off

JO2 Corwin Colbert
COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

The Navy is evolving the culinary specialist rating to equal its civilian counterpart. As a result, Navy cooks said the rate has taken on a completely new philosophy, new taste and a renewal of pride.

In the midst of these growing changes, eight Pearl Harbor submarine teams and a Naval Submarine Support Command (NSSC) team competed in a chili cook-off in the new culinary training facility Nov. 29 at the Lockwood Hall galley on Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

Senior Chief Culinary Specialist Scott Jennings and CSC Juan Hernandez of the NSSC Supply Division were among those participating.

"This is our first cook-off," Jennings explained. "We wanted to do this to inspire our young cooks to bring a little enthusiasm to what they do. Since we opened this galley, we have been coming up with ideas on things to do. Chief Hernandez and I came up with the idea of chili. I mean, who doesn't love chili," asked Jennings.

The aroma of 10 different chili entrees on display filled the room. The four judges included Ernesto Limcaco, Y. Hata Food Distributor corporate executive chef; 'Bruddah Sam' Langi, co-host of a local TV show named, 'Local Grindz'; Master Chief Ricardo Cumba, enlisted aide of Commander; U.S. Pacific Fleet, and Master Chief Mitch Erhardt, command master chief of NSSC.

The judges graded the subjects on taste, originality and presentation. Judges said Team La Jolla's duck chili, Team Santa Fe's seafood chili and Team Tucson's venison chili were the most unusual.

"I made a seafood chili," said CS3 Mario Hernandez of USS Santa Fe. "I thought it would be a little different from all the typical red sauce chili. It has a cream-cheese based sauce with fresh lobster, crab and shrimp."

"I enjoy this type of interaction with the other boats. It's not really about competition, but more about pride," he said.

After 30 minutes of taste testing by the judges and spectators, the results were tallied. The first place winner was USS La Jolla's 'Green Duck Chili.' The runner up was USS Olympia's 'Oly Inn Ultimate Chili' and the people's choice award went to USS Greenville's 'Hooyah Chili.'

The judges said they had to make a tough decision, but thought everyone did a great job.

"There was no bad chili," said Langi. "These guys put their hearts into making the chili and they did a great job. The most interesting was the La Jolla's Green Duck Chili; however, I liked the Greenville's chili the best."

The winners received a cutting board and pairing knife from Y. Hata Food Distributor, as well as a plaque and the most important prize to the cooks - bragging rights.

CS3 Gregory Wilson of USS La Jolla said he enjoyed the competition.

"This was fun," Wilson began. "For our Green Duck Chili, we added Masa Harina flour, three different types of peppers, Corona beer, pureed tortilla chips, chicken stock, ground pork and a whole duck that we cubed," he said.

"I love these competitions. I believe it brings the best out of people because you try your best and see what everyone else has done and learn from your experience," Wilson concluded.

Hawai'i Navy News Sports



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Navy players cheer after the Navy team scores a goal.



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Daniel J. Calderón
Navy players attack the Army's goalie during the annual Army-Navy ice hockey game.

Army ices Navy

JO1 Daniel J. Calderón

Editor

The Army team broke the Navy's four-year winning streak by skating past them 6-4 in the annual Army-Navy Hockey Challenge held Dec. 2 at the Ice Palace.

The game was close up through the third period with the Army maintaining a two-goal lead. The Navy drew to within one and kept fighting. With less than 45 seconds of play left in the game, the Army delivered a crushing blow by scoring its sixth point and securing their victory.

The teams were integrated along service lines. The Army team consisted of active duty and former Soldiers and Airmen while the Navy team lineup boasted current and former Sailors and Marines.

"I thought it was a good game," said spectator Cpl. Brandon Ritter. "It was pretty evenly matched. The best team usually wins so the Army was the best team this year. All we can do is practice up for next year."

While not a sold-out house, there were more than 100 spectators to witness the latest annual meeting of friendly rivals. The proceeds from ticket sales benefit the Hawaiian Youth Ice Hockey League. Since its inception in 1994, more than 400 players

have skated through the program.

"It's great to know the game is being played for a good cause," said Philadelphia native Tony Rissi, the Navy's team captain. "This is a great opportunity for the youth hockey league and we're all here to have fun."

Gregory Donohoe, who scored two goals and chimed in with one assist for the Navy team, agreed with his team captain.

"The game is really about inter-service cooperation, like between the Navy and Marine Corps team," Donohoe said. "As far as scoring two goals, the team did the work in setting them up for me. I just happened to be there. I just have one more thing to say - Semper Fidelis."

Roger Graham, the game's most valuable player with three assists, said the game was a lot of fun for everyone.

"It got a little rough at times," he laughed, "but it happens at any hockey game."

He said the rivalry between teams is healthy and keeps the competition spirited.

"It's good to have this rivalry, but sometimes it gets out of hand," he explained. "I feel great that we took the trophy this year. It's like bragging rights. I hope we can keep it next year."



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Daniel J. Calderón
Anthony Larson (#77) skates over to help his teammate during the annual Army-Navy ice hockey game at the Ice Palace on Oahu. Proceeds from ticket sales for the game went to the Hawaiian Youth Ice Hockey League.

Adventure Race Hawaii launches race #2 Sunday Special to Hawai'i Navy News

Adventure Race Hawai'i (ARH) is hosting the Sprint Adventure Race #2 Dec. 19 at Kualoa Ranch.

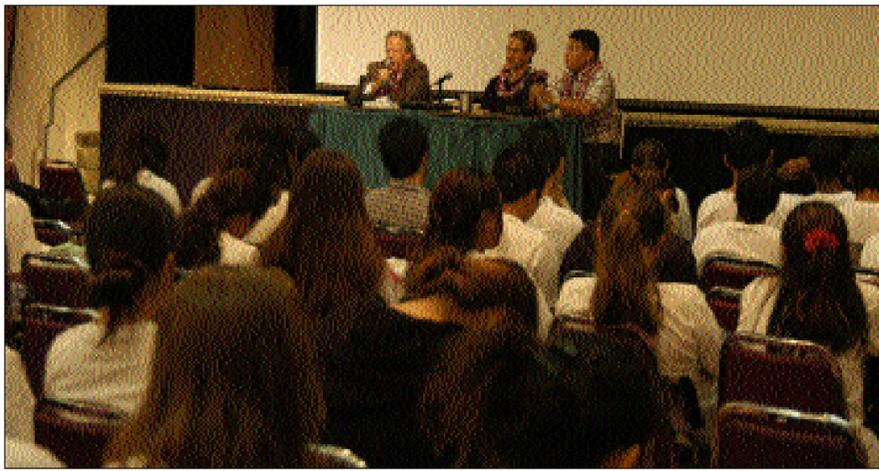
The four - six hour race consists of hiking, mountain biking, kayaking or one-person canoeing, ropes, rapeling, a mystery team builder, and an environmental project. Teams of two or four people will be provided with a map and coordinates. Using their navigation skills, each team will be required to find these locations in a prescribed order.

Adventure Race Hawai'i was established to provide safe, fun, challenging and affordable adventure racing opportunities in Hawai'i while elevating environmental sensitivity awareness, health and well-being, personal achievement and adventure racing experience.

Because adventure racing is growing so quickly, and is relatively new to Hawai'i, ARH is committed to spreading the word and generating interest to bring more than just the current active multi-sport community to Kualoa Ranch. ARH provides an event that individuals can finish and re-energize themselves about life and goal accomplishments they never thought possible.

To encourage military participation in the race, Adventure Race Hawai'i offered to fully sponsor a two-person military team from each military installation on Oahu, including waiving race entry and clinic fees.

For more information and clinic dates, check out www.adventureacehawaii.com. Or contact John O'Malley after duty hours at 234-1197.



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Daniel J. Calderón

Hawai'i Senator Gordon Trimble addresses students from Hawai'i high schools at the 2004 Hawai'i Secondary Student Conference. The conference was held from Dec. 1-3. Students had the opportunity to draft proposed legislation to lobby before the state Board of Education.

Military family members help convene education conference

JO1 Daniel J. Calderón
Editor

Approximately 150 Hawai'i public and private school students from grades 7-12 convened Dec. 1-3 for the annual Secondary Student Conference.

The conference is a chance for students to learn about government from the inside out. Students participating in the conference had the chance to write and vote on their own resolutions.

"I wanted to make a difference in our student society," said Melissa Woolley, a Radford High School senior and delegate to the conference, whose father is stationed at Hickam Air Force Base. "I think it's not fair to make complaints about a system and not try to improve it. My parents are both very excited about me participating in the conference."

Radford's population of students is primarily military family members from surrounding installations like Hickam and Naval Station Pearl Harbor. According to Cliff Fukuda, student activities coordinator for Radford,

more than 60 percent of the student body is made up of military family members. He said students believe participating in the conference is important.

"The way I look at it, the more you involve a student in these kinds of programs, the less chance the students have of getting into alcohol or drugs or something negative," Fukuda said. "The students here are concerned with creating a positive environment for students across Hawai'i."

This year, students passed five resolutions they plan to take before the state Board of Education. Among the resolutions is one requesting a public speaking semester be added to the curriculum as a graduation requirement. Woolley said she feels a sense of responsibility for military students to apply their unique perspective to local issues like the submitted resolutions.

"All military kids should get involved in something like this," she said. "We have kind of a head start on other kids because of all the things we've seen and all the paces we've been."

The conference is not just

for high school students. Secondary students encompass high school and middle school students.

"It makes me feel like part of the group," said eighth grade student delegate Heidi Hoelscher, whose father is stationed at Camp Smith. "Moanalua [Middle School] is the fifth school I've attended. I figure if I learn how to change things here, then I might be able to make a positive difference somewhere else."

The conference has grown since beginning in the mid-1970s. It has evolved from a group of students meeting on a campus to having use of a full conference room at the state capitol building for a day. The state board of education has a student representative to speak for Hawai'i learners. Fukuda said the military students' motives for participating in the annual conference are truly altruistic in nature.

"They're not in it for themselves," he explained. "They know they'll probably leave when their parents leave Hawai'i but they want to serve the community while they are here."

Pacific Fleet partners with local elementary school

PacFleet representative, Kalihi Elementary School sign partnership contract

JO1(SW) Alyssa Batarla
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Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet became a partner in education with Kalihi Elementary School during a contract-signing ceremony at the school Dec. 8.

"We're so blessed today to be here to witness several things," said Kalihi Elementary Principal Natalie Mun-Takata. "In the interest of education, which is what we're all here for, our partners in education, the United States Navy has agreed to be our partners and help us all be better people. And part of that is improving our school achievement."

With the school's more than 200 students in attendance, Cmdr. Shannon Brown, who represented the Pacific Fleet staff, and Mun-Takata signed the contract to bring members of the staff into the school to help with tutoring and other projects.

"We're really pleased and honored to be in this contract with Kalihi Elementary School," said Ginny Doran, who attended the ceremony to represent her husband, Adm. Walter F. Doran, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, "and we look forward to

having a closer bond with the children and the teachers and the parents."

With funding from the Joint Venture Education Forum, an organization comprised of public school educators and leaders from military commands, government and community organization, who work together to bolster educational support for Hawaii's public schools, the Pacific Fleet staff is taking an active involvement in lending a hand to the staff of Kalihi.

Volunteers will help with Homework Club, an after-school program to help with homework and tutor reading skills, building bulletin boards for the school, and helping complete maintenance around the school grounds. Volunteers are also needed to participate in some student recognition.

"We're part of the community," said Senior Chief Navy Counselor John Wood, the coordinator for the project. "We're citizens of our local community, and with that understood, we have to give to the welfare of our community because we live in it and no matter where we move, we want to make it a better place for all kids."

Wood examined several schools in the area, but decided Kalihi Elementary School would best benefit from the command's involvement. Sailors are still needed, and Pacific Fleet Sailors who would like to volunteer their time can contact the command career counselor's office at 474-1408.

Tax Center seeking volunteers

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Editor

The Naval Station Pearl Harbor Tax Center is looking for volunteers to begin training for next year's tax season.

The training will be held Jan 10-14 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Sharkey Theater. Volunteers will learn about preparing basic tax returns and how to help Sailors denote items like unclaimed moving expenses and other expenditures associated with military life on their taxes. Volunteers will also become familiar with tax preparation software during their training.

"No accounting background is needed," said Lt. Amy L. Sanders of the Navy Legal Service Office Pacific and volunteer coordinator for the tax center. "After they take the course, they will have a certification so they can prepare tax returns."

Sanders said volunteers don't have to come from the active duty ranks. She said spouses, retirees and other civilians are welcome to attend the training and volunteer to help the tax center. She is hoping volunteers can serve at least eight hours a week, but said there will be arrangements for individuals who can only work one four-hour shift each week.

"Ideally, we'd like people to work at least eight hours a week and we're really looking for people who can come in full time [40 hours a week]," Sanders explained. "Basically, though, if they want to help, we'll try to find a time for them to work."

Last year, the center hosted 70 volunteers



U.S. Navy photo by JO3 Ryan C. McGinley

Lt. William Smith, tax officer for Naval Legal Service Office Detachment, Pearl Harbor and Rosana Lara, a volunteer, aid a family member with her tax returns at the 2004 tax center. The new center is scheduled to open Jan. 20.

throughout its operational life. The Tax Center is expected to open Jan. 20 and will be in operation through April 15. This year, the center will operate out of the Naval Education Training Center in building 679 in classroom 11. In addition to volunteers, Sanders said the center is seeking donations of office supplies since the center relies on them for its operations. Sanders said the experience of volunteering is a rewarding one.

"It's a great educational experience," she said. "It's a great way to help fellow Sailors and it's a great way to get recognition for volunteer work."

For more information on the program, contact Sanders at 473-5982, ext. 323.