

HALSEY TERRACE....

Admiral's heritage honored as community evolves

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With its neatly manicured lawns fronting its 1960s-era homes, Halsey Terrace has seen little change in more than 40 years.

The families who live in the community spend leisurely evening and weekend afternoons barbecuing, doing lawn work and relaxing while children ride their bicycles along the sidewalks that perimeter the neighborhood or frolic on tot lots.

Just up the road, the Navy's children attend the public schools that serve the area: Aliamanu Elementary, Moanalua Intermediate and Moanalua High School.

The Halsey Terrace homes are reminiscent of a bygone era, retaining the character of that period – wooden dwellings with single wall construction and vinyl siding. They are "home sweet home" to 405 Navy Sailors and their families – a mix of field grade and company grade officers and senior non-commissioned officers – and offer a respite from busy workdays and hectic schedules.

Although the homey atmosphere of Halsey will remain the same, the neighborhood will soon take on a new look. It is one of five Navy housing neighborhoods which is part of the first phase of public-private venture (PPV) and is currently undergoing a phased demolition and replacement which promises to give the community a brand new image, ensuring the quality of life for the Navy families who live there is even better.

Arranged in single-family configurations, the homes will be three- to five-bedrooms with square footages of living space ranging from 1,700 to 2,400 square feet. They will have central air conditioning and state-of-the-art energy-efficient appliances, abundant storage and larger bedrooms, a "flex" room that will accommodate various family lifestyles, oversized two-car garages and privately fenced yards.

The floor plan of many of the homes will offer a traditional front porch with garages located at the rear. When the project is completed, there will be 477 homes for Navy families.

The neighborhood will provide centralized community centers with such features as swimming pools, exercise facilities and meeting rooms; tot lots and play areas; and an abundance of common areas and grassy, lighted pathways connecting homes to larger, shared spaces.

The Halsey Terrace neighborhood was named in honor of Fleet Admiral William Frederick "Bull" Halsey Jr., one of the nation's most famous military leaders during World War II.

Known for his brilliant and creative tactical mind, Halsey was a living example of his famous motto, "Hit hard, hit fast, hit often."

Vice Admiral Halsey was at sea in his flagship, USS Enterprise, when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. His carrier task force took part in raids on enemy-held islands and in the Doolittle raid on Japan.

As commander of the Third Fleet, Halsey gained the Presidential Unit Citation for his flagship Enterprise and the Distinguished Service Medal for himself for his "auda-



Mandy Petry (left), Navy spouse, chats with Rebecca Strocko, Navy spouse, outside their Navy houses at Halsey Terrace.

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U.S. Navy photo

USS Halsey (DLG 23), a guided missile frigate, launched Jan. 15, 1962 at San Francisco Naval Shipyard; sponsored by Mrs. Margaret Denham and Miss Jane Halsey, granddaughters of the late Fleet Admiral Halsey; commissioned July 20, 1963, Capt. H. H. Anderson, USN, in command.

cious attack against the Marshall and Gilbert Islands on 31 January 1942."

With his flag aboard New Jersey and later Missouri, Halsey forced the Japanese Fleet back into their inner defenses and subsequently destroyed the major air and sea installations in the Japanese home islands. By using this strategy, he prevented any major ensuing offensive and hastened the cessation of hostilities in the Pacific theatre.

From September 1944-January 1945, he led the Third Fleet during campaigns to take the Palaus, Leyte and Luzon on many raids on Japanese bases and during the Battle of Leyte Gulf. Halsey was in command of the Third Fleet through the end of the Pacific War and was present when Japan formally surrendered on the deck of his flagship, USS Missouri, on Sept. 2, 1945.

Fleet Admiral Halsey died Aug. 16, 1959 at Fishers Island Country Club off the Connecticut shore and was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on Aug. 20, 1959.

USS Halsey (CG 23, formerly DLG-23), the eighth ship in the Leahy-class of guided missile cruisers, was also named after Fleet Admiral Halsey.

The ship was launched

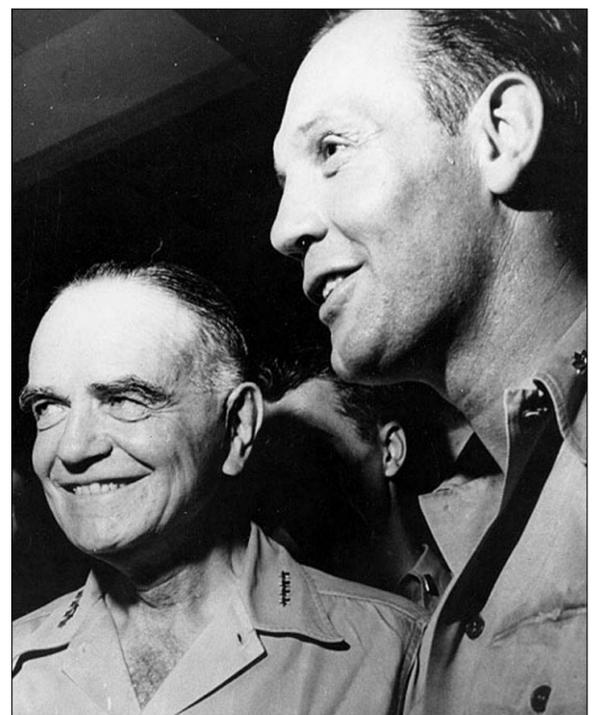
Jan. 15, 1962 at San Francisco Naval Shipyard and commissioned July 20, 1963. During the ceremony, Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz included a eulogy on Fleet Admiral Halsey's illustrious career.

USS Halsey was decommissioned and stricken from the Navy Register on Jan. 28, 1994 at San Diego. She was transferred to the Maritime Administration on March 7 that same year and

was laid up at the Suisun Bay, Calif. Reserve to await final disposal.

The future of the Halsey Terrace neighborhood will provide Navy families with modern, quality, spacious homes in which to live – centered around nicely-landscaped spaces and recreational activities.

But its very name will ever bring to mind one of the most revered of America's great Navy admirals.



U.S. Navy photo

Adm. William F. Halsey, Jr. (left) enjoys a joke with Cmdr. Joseph C. Clifton, (right), commander of the USS Saratoga (CV 3) fighter group at a party given for Saratoga officers.

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This is an artist rendering of the new Halsey Terrace homes. The future of the Halsey Terrace neighborhood will provide Navy families with modern, quality, spacious homes in which to live – centered around nicely-landscaped spaces and recreational activities. Arranged in single-family configurations, the new homes will be three- to five-bedrooms with square footages of living space ranging from 1,700 to 2,400 square feet.

Commentary

Focus on Fun

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Water aerobics is a definite workout

Yeah. I can see some of you are turning away immediately because you read the headline. Those of you who are laughing are probably the macho type who think the only real workout is done sweating in a gym while under tons of metal or running on the side of the road and pounding away at your knees. I grant you those are great workouts. But, I also know water aerobics is a definite viable alternative.

I got the challenge from someone in my office that men don't generally go through the water aerobics class because they can't handle it. So, I went to Scott Pool Monday for the 9 a.m. class there. Monday was leg day. Sue, the instructor, focuses on different parts of the body. There's leg day, arm day and abs day. Of course, all three major areas get a workout at each class. There's just more focus on one specific area on that area's day.

After the initial stretch, Sue led us through a series of maneuvers in the pool. They included flutter kicks, butterfly kicks and breaststroke kicks on a kickboard back and forth.

We were wearing flat belts so we could perform maneuvers and maintain balance. We also did something called "rock climbing." As the name implies, we performed a motion similar to that on the exer-climber machine at the gym. We alternated a kick and a grab in the water to propel us across the pool. We also performed things called duck walks. That's a bit more interesting. We have to sit back in the water and kick from the knees down while holding our arms up and out. The elbows are bent and the hands are in the air with the tops of the arms extended out.

The hardest part was the eggbeaters. That involved sitting in the water with my arms straight out to the side in a straight line out from my shoulders. I had to circle kick my legs just from the knees down and keep myself steady. To make it harder, Sue had us all raise our hands straight up. Then, we had to reverse the kick. After all the kicking and exercises moving us back and forth, there were some exercises with the

water dumbbells. They were pretty cool because they helped us work out our arms with the resistance of the water. Finally, Sue had us go through a series of stretches.

Many moons ago, I was in the swim team. We had our exercise regimen. The one Sue put me through was not nearly as difficult, but I do think it was much more thorough. The water aerobics program doesn't seem to be designed to build anyone up into aquatic Arnold Schwarzenegger clones. Instead, what I saw was a class and a teacher dedicated to reaching and maintaining a comfortable level of fitness. Sue told me there are individuals who come to the class who are in their 70s. She said moms-to-be come in and exercise right along with everyone else. I can believe it.

She encouraged us to do as much as we could without overtaxing ourselves. The point of the class is to work out as hard as we want to. I pushed myself to my current limits, but I know I could do more if I continued with the class. However, I also know the pace of the class won't change because there will always be new people. Sue seems to take all of this into account. The class is run for individuals in varying degrees of fitness and it was never pushy.

If you are looking for an alternative to sweating in the gym or on the run course, try the water aerobics class. During the cardio portion, you'll probably still sweat, but it'll at least be in a cooler environment. Classes are held at Scott Pool on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, classes are held at the Kona Breeze Pool. The first class is free and subsequent classes are \$2; however, you can purchase a book of 16 class tickets for \$20.

For more information, you can contact Scott Pool at 473-0394 and Kona Breeze Pool at 474-5133. You can also check out other classes available at www.greatlife-hawaii.com. Next time, I'll tell you about the time I took up a low-impact bungee tai-bo and yoga class, but that's another story...

Mardi Gras Follies to present 50th anniversary production

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The curtain will fall on 50 years of tradition at Naval Station Pearl Harbor when the cast of the Mardi Gras Follies takes its final bows during its 50th anniversary production. The show will be staged Feb. 18 through March 19 at The Banyans.

The Las Vegas-style song and dance revue is the main fundraiser for the Pearl Harbor Performing Arts Association (PHPAA) at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

With the help of the contributions from PHPAA over the past 49 years, local organizations have been able to provide more services to the military community and to recognize the efforts of their volunteers. Those funds offer a big helping hand to organizations in need.

Featuring a cast of over 40 talented performers, the musical extravaganza offers a bit of something for everyone. It's a labor of love for those involved with the Follies - veteran director Jack Cione, costume designer extraordinaire Bill Doherty, and all of the volunteers who devote hours of time to make the lavish production what it is.

Over half of the cast and crew are military-affiliated, either active duty, veterans or retired. The cast of the Follies includes long-time performers with the show as well as newcomers who dream of performing on stage.

Follies stars include entertainers of all ages - in addition to active duty and retired military, military family members, DoD civilians and residents from the local community prepare for the annual show.

This year's production will pay tribute to America's military forces with a salute to the red, white and blue per-



Photo courtesy of the Pearl Harbor Performing Arts Association
Performers from the annual Mardi Gras Follies.

formed by a cast of singers, dancers and specialty acts. The unique cabaret is the only show of its kind in Hawai'i and offers a glitzy, musical extravaganza for the entire family.

Jack Cione, veteran Honolulu showman, returns for his 20th year as artistic director for the production. "This year's production has more talented cast members than ever before," said Cione. "For our performers, it is truly a labor of love," he said, noting that the cast dedicates numerous hours in rehearsals for the musical revue.

Bill Doherty, who designs and creates the glamorous showgirl costumes and headpieces used in the revue, again lends his creative genius to costuming the Follies cast for the show. With bushels of feathers, yards of dazzling fabrics, thousands of sequins and a sewing machine, Doherty fashions the colorful costumes that give the show its Vegas-y, cabaret-like glitz.

The production will feature stage sets and special lighting effects by Leo Arista.

Put it all together and you have a stupendous extravaganza of song, dance and sequin-studded costumes -

thanks to the hard work and dedicated hours of the Follies cast and crew of volunteers.

Patti Chrzanowski, one of PHPAA's founding members and the association's current president, said that this will be the final production of the Follies at Pearl Harbor. According to Chrzanowski, mounting costs and a work crew ready to retire have made it necessary to bring the Follies tradition to a close.

Audiences will have one last opportunity to enjoy the lavish, musical cabaret show without ever leaving the islands. Performances will be held every weekend through March 19.

Tickets are available at a cost of \$35, \$45 and \$50 per person and offer an evening of entertainment - including a buffet dinner, the Mardi Gras Follies show, tax, tip and free parking. A portion of the cost is also tax deductible. For tickets, call 473-1703 on weekdays between the hours of 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Mardi Gras Follies T-shirts are also for sale at a cost of \$20 each or two for \$36.

The Mardi Gras Follies Web site is available at www.mardigrasfollies.com for more information.

NEXCOM's customer satisfaction index score continues its upward trajectory

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For the sixth year in a row, the Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) surveyed its customers to determine how satisfied they were in a variety of areas, including pricing, merchandise availability, savings, and store policies and procedures.

For 2004, the customer satisfaction index (CSI) scores increased one percentage point to 77.

According to the American

Customer Satisfaction Index, the retail industry satisfaction average is 76.

"The results of the 2004 CSI score reflect a continuing upward trend," said Rear Adm. Robert E. Cowley III, commander, NEXCOM. "We have seen a 25 percent increase in overall customer satisfaction since we started surveying customers on an annual basis. This places the Navy Exchange in the top tier of retailers in the United States - a remarkable achievement in just six years."

As in the past, the survey indicates that the majority of customers shop at the Navy Exchange for sav-

ings over other retailers and for the tax savings.

Other reasons they shop the Navy Exchange is because it's a benefit of being in the military, loyalty, convenience to the commissary, distance to other retailers and its value-priced merchandise.

Overall, four of the five Navy Exchange key performance indicators, including satisfaction, purchase intentions, likelihood to recommend and loyalty all showed an increase.

Survey questions regarding merchandise components, such as merchandise selection and availability, pricing, sales flyers and convenience

also showed an increase over last year.

Areas that saw the highest increase in score include associates, checkout and problem resolution. No areas decreased as compared to 2003.

Based on the survey results, NEXCOM's top priorities for the upcoming year will be pricing, problem resolution, merchandise selection and convenience.

"Stores that have increased their CSI scores are seeing a much higher increase in revenue than those stores that maintained or decreased their scores," said Cowley. "So, it is in

the best interest of the Navy Exchange System to focus on those items that are a priority to our customers. When our profits increase, we contribute more to Navy quality of life programs, such as day care centers, gyms and libraries. It's a win-win for everyone."

Similarly, NEXCOM's associate satisfaction index has seen significant improvement.

The high level of associate satisfaction and customer satisfaction has been reflected in NEXCOM's sales growth, which has consistently exceeded that of many commercial retailers.

Terror war veterans step out in style at ball in their honor

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American Forces Press Service

With a glamour far removed from the battlefields of Afghanistan and Iraq, members from every military service stepped out in style at a ball created just for them by their commander in chief.

For 2,000 veterans of the war on terror and their spouses and dates, the first Commander in Chief's Ball on Jan. 20 was a major highlight of an inaugural President Bush dedicated to the service and sacrifice of America's armed forces, especially those who served in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"I am truly honored to have the opportunity to come here tonight," said Army Capt. Dexter Davis, who served with the 3rd Infantry Division in Iraq and was part of the initial invasion force. "I was so surprised to get tickets and I'm so happy to be here." His evident excitement at being selected to attend one of the nine official presidential inaugural balls was echoed by all who arrived, greeted as the

heroes they are and ushered down a red carpet, and attended by media who clamored for their attention. Unlike the other balls with high-priced tickets, this one was free for those who attended. Once inside, the war veterans and their guests were treated to Texas barbecue with all the trimmings and Texas-style hor d'oeuvres served by waiters in 10-gallon hats.

They took the honor seriously, arrayed in their best dress uniforms and ball gowns that rivaled those elsewhere in town.

Unlike the 2001 inaugural, where elegant black dresses seemed to be the favorite formal wear for women, the gowns at the Commander in Chief's Ball were as glittery as any at the Oscars. Red was a favorite color, followed by shimmering whites that echoed the first lady's. One splattered silver stars across yards and yards of flag-blue material.

Also unlike other balls, whose guests alighted from limousines, most servicemembers and their dates arrived by Metro, the city's subway system – which detracted not a whit from their dignity and, in fact, only seemed to highlight their selfless service to the nation.

Army Maj. Richard Pratt, who served in Iraq for four months, spoke of his pride at having been part of the country's liberation. "I'm proud of what we are doing over there. I think it makes a big difference for the security of our nation and for the security of the world."

"The losses are tragic," he said, noting that his best friend died in combat. But defending America from terrorism and bringing freedom to other lands, he said, "is an important mission, and the Middle East is an important place to start." Pratt also attended the 55th Inauguration's kick-off salute to the military at the MCI Center events arena here Jan. 18.

For the president, the inaugural festivities also began with the star-studded gala, "Saluting Those Who Serve," at the MCI Center and ended at the



DoD photo by Tech. Sgt. Kevin J. Gruenwald

Party-goers enjoy the Commander In Chief Presidential Ball located at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20. The ball was one of the many 55th presidential inaugural events highlighting the military. More than 5,000 men and women in uniform provided military ceremonial events during the inaugural period.

Commander in Chief's Ball, where he took his turn on the dance floor.

Rather than the traditional dance with each other, however, the president and first lady Laura Bush separated to twirl around the floor with a military partner.

One lucky servicemember the president was paired with was Capt. Misty Jena Posey, a Marine combat engineer from Camp Pendleton, Calif., who deployed to Kuwait, Jordan and East Timor in 2002, and was in Iraq at the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Posey is currently a student at the Expeditionary Warfare School.

"I guess (I was selected) because I don't have a date," she said. "The director of the school knows I like to dance and that I'm a big fan of the president, so he put my name in." Posey said she was "flattered" and "excited" to be chosen.



DoD photo by Tech. Sgt. Kevin J. Gruenwald (Released)

President George Bush and first lady Laura Bush wave to party-goers at the Commander In Chief Presidential Ball in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20. The ball was designed to highlight the military, with men and women throughout the Armed Forces invited to attend.



U.S. Navy photo by J02 (SW) Brandon W. Schulze

A Sailor lining the street cordon down Pennsylvania Avenue salutes the American flag as it passes by during the Inauguration Day parade in Washington, D.C.

History Channel to premiere 'Mighty Mo' documentary today

USS Missouri Memorial Association

The crew who first served aboard the USS Missouri could have been the grandfathers of the men who served on her last voyage. This is just one part of the story of America's last battleship that captivated producer Lou Reda and fueled his desire to record her esteemed career in a new hour-long documentary, "The Three Wars of the Battleship Missouri," will air in Hawai'i tonight at 6 and 10 p.m. on The History Channel. The documentary will premiere nationwide on the same day.

"You would have to go back to 'Old Ironsides,' the USS Constitution, to find an icon warship as firmly rooted in the American imagination as BB-63, the battleship Missouri," said Lou Reda, president of Lou Reda Productions. "Her incredible 51-year career put her into pitched battles for America from her first year to her last."

Reda enlisted the help of the Missouri's crew to help tell her story, including men who served during World War II, the Korean War and Operation Desert Storm. The documentary features a wide range of interviews, from Sailors who witnessed Japan's unconditional World War II surrender on the USS Missouri nearly 60 years ago, to an interview with her last captain, retired Capt. Albert Lee Kaiss, who now lives in California.

About the battleship he commanded, Kaiss said: "Beginning in the summer of 1944 and ending in the spring of 1992, the USS Missouri BB-63 stood for everything that is great in this wonderful nation today.

Her crew came from all 50 states and represented every ethnic group in America, and they all had one common purpose - Freedom for all. These men and their ship were always ready to fight to the end to preserve this freedom, and all of America needs to know and understand what this proud ship did to reach this objective and how she served our country.

"Having command of this fine ship and superb crew is one of my fondest memories. No one will ever have the opportunity to experience this thrill ever again. Missouri was the last of this proud group (of battleships) and I am proud to say I was the last battleship commanding officer."

Launched on Jan. 29, 1944, the Missouri was the last U.S. battleship ever to be completed. She entered World War II in time to join the Third Fleet in the battles for the Pacific, including those at Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

On Sept. 2, 1945, the war ended on the deck of USS Missouri, anchored in Tokyo Bay, when representatives of 10 nations assembled on her deck to participate in Japan's formal surrender to Allied Powers. Reda added: "That should have been the end of a warship whose mission to fight enemy battleships no longer existed and whose offensive role now seemed assigned to aircraft carriers. But seven years later, the Missouri was savaging the enemy again in a desperate battle to check a communist invasion of South Korea. With air power sparse and night and weather a severe problem, the only battleship on station was relentlessly up and down the coasts denying the key shore highways, roads, airfields and railways to the North



U.S. Navy photo by PH1 (AW) William R. Goodwin

The decommissioned battleship ex-USS Missouri (BB 63) is illuminated by the setting sun.

Koreans.

"By the time the war called 'Desert Storm' arrived, Missouri's big guns were as ready and deadly as ever. Massive upgrading had turned her into modern high-tech juggernaut. She overflowed with sophisticated electronics and her decks now housed radar and infrared directed harpoon and tomahawk missiles.

Her presence was as decisive as her sting, with the enemy diverting forces to where she was firing, unable to believe that such a weapon

was delivering a feint. The enemy forces she drew off saved lives."

Today, a plaque marks the exact location of the World War II surrender. Copies of the original documents are displayed on the ship's "Surrender Deck" for visitors from around the world to see when they visit the Battleship Missouri Memorial, located a ship-length away from the sunken USS Arizona Memorial on Battleship Row in Pearl Harbor.

Together, the two U.S. battleships

serve as symbolic "bookends" to America's role in World War II.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial has launched a year-long commemoration of the end of World War II that culminates with the 60th anniversary of Japan's surrender on Sept. 2.

A public ceremony being held in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Defense will mark the anniversary. For additional information about the Battleship Missouri Memorial, call (808) 423-2263 or visit www.usmissouri.org.

Military Officers' Association announces scholarship program

Special to Hawai'i Navy News

The aloha chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) has announced its scholarship program for students entering or enrolled in an institution of higher learning for the 2005-2006 academic year. Up to four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to selected applications during the spring of 2005.

Completed application forms must be received postmarked no later than March 31.

The scholarship program is open to any member (active, reserve/guard or retired) of any uniformed service (Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, NOAA Corps and public health) or any service member's child or spouse. Members of JROTC and ROTC units are eligi-

ble to apply. The program is also open to any local MOAA member, spouse, child or grandchild.

Winning applicants will be selected on the basis of financial need, scholastic ability or potential, and apparent excellent character and personal qualities.

Application forms may be obtained by calling 488-7013 or by email at Takyosh@aol.com.

Completed forms should be addressed to:

Aloha Chapter MOAA
Scholarship Fund
Attn: T. Yoshihara
98-1039 Kaonohi St.
Aiea, HI 96701

The aloha chapter of the Military Officers Association of America is a non-profit organization of active, reserve and retired military officers of all services dedicated to the well-being of service members and their families as they serve our nation.

'Agent' authorization allows benefits to continue

Bonnie Powell and Rob Hansgen

Defense Commissary Agency

Having both parents deployed can be very troubling for the children left behind. But thanks to a little-known DoD directive, military children can continue to enter any commissary. Agent authorization benefits any authorized commissary shopper who needs assistance shopping or who cannot shop because of disability, illness or infr-

mity, as well as the children of service members who may not be available due to deployment, remote assignment or casualty.

Agent authorization is not granted by the Defense Commissary Agency. It is administered and managed by the installation commander through the local pass and identification office.

"We want to provide a touch of home for children whose parents are deployed and often family finances are stretched to the limit," said Patrick B. Nixon, acting

director and chief executive officer for DeCA. "Whether they're buying for a toddler or a teen, we can help the agents get the best value on groceries and personal care items by providing savings of 30 percent or more."

The agent does not have to be an authorized commissary shopper. The military member may request an agent authorization to allow the individual who is the primary caregiver for the children of deployed parents to enter the installation. Non-military primary caregivers should contact the

identification card section on the installation to determine what legal documents may also be needed to establish proof of caregiver status.

"Every situation is unique so contact the identification card section on your installation to determine what proof is needed to have an agent shop in the commissary on your installation," Nixon said. "In most cases, you can also get in touch with the commissary's store director to put you in touch with the appropriate officials."

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Movie Call

Sharkey Theater Naval Station Pearl Harbor (473-0726)	
FRIDAY	7:00 p.m. Spanglish (PG 13)
SATURDAY	2:30 p.m. Fat Albert (PG)
	4:30 p.m. Lemony Snicket's... Unfortunate Events (PG)
	7:00 p.m. Meet The Fockers (PG 13)
SUNDAY	2:30 p.m. Fat Albert (PG)
	4:30 p.m. Meet The Fockers (PG 13)
	6:45 p.m. Ocean's Twelve (PG 13)
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m. Blade: Trinity (R) \$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)
Memorial Theater Hickam Air Force Base (449-2239)	
FRIDAY	7:00 p.m. Lemony Snicket's... Unfortunate Events (PG)
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY	7:00 p.m. Lemony Snicket's... Unfortunate Events (PG)
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY	7:00 p.m. Spanglish (PG 13) \$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)
Sgt. Smith Theater Schofield Barracks (624-2585)	
FRIDAY	7:00 p.m. Closer (R)
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m. Flight of the Phoenix (PG-13)
SUNDAY	7:00 p.m. Closer (R) \$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

- **Feb. 5:** Kaau Crater trail hike, \$5. Register by **Feb. 2.**
- **Feb. 5:** North Shore Shark Adventure, \$90. Register by **Feb. 2.**
- **Feb. 6:** Surf kayaking workshop, \$15. Register by **Feb. 2.**
- **Feb. 12:** Waianae Kaala trail hike, \$5. Register by **Feb. 9.**

TGIF AT OCEANS CPO CLUB

Oceans CPO Club will host TGIF from 4-8 p.m. **today**. All authorized patrons (E7 - E9) and their guests are invited for free pupus and music. For more information, call 473-1743.

SPRING LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Navy Hawai'i are holding registration for all boys and girls interested in playing coach pitch, T-ball, major/minor or junior baseball. Registration will be held through **today** at the youth sports office (building 3456) between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Eligible participants must be born between August 1990 and July 2000. The activity is open to family members of active duty, retirees, reservists and DoD civilians. For more information on registration requirements and fee schedule, call 474-3501.

KING OF THE BEACH SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

A King of the Beach Doubles-only Sand Volleyball Tournament will be held **Feb. 4-5** at Wentworth volleyball courts. The tournament is open to all adult MWR patrons. The tournament is free to enter, but the registration deadline is **Feb. 2**. To register or for more information, visit the Wentworth tennis shop or call 473-0610.

YOUTH FITNESS ORIENTATION

A Youth Fitness Orientation will be offered **Feb. 5** at Bloch Arena and **Feb. 12** at Power Point. The program is designed for youth between the ages of 10-15 years old; youth must be accompanied by an adult. The orientation includes a facility tour, safety guidelines, an equipment usage demo and a review of the rules and regulations. Registration is required by the Thursday prior to each class. For more information or to reserve a space, call 473-0793 (Bloch) or 682-5243 (Power Point).

3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

MWR will host a 3-on-3 basketball tournament **Feb. 5-6**. The tournament is open to all MWR patrons age 18 and older and DoD employees of Navy Region Hawai'i. The cost is \$50 per team. Teams should register at the athletics office. For more information, call 473-2437.

SUPER BOWL PARTIES WITH MWR

Super Bowl parties with MWR are planned **Feb. 6** at various venues at Pearl Harbor. Enjoy food and

drink specials, prizes and drawings at the following locations:

- Pool & Pizza - 11 a.m.
- Oceans CPO - time to be announced.
- Liberty in Paradise - 11 a.m. (Single Sailors only, please).
- Sam Snead's Tavern - 11 a.m.
- For more information, call 473-1743.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Soccer and softball seasons begin soon. Coaches' meetings will be held in February for each sport. The soccer meeting is **Feb. 9** and the softball meeting is **Feb. 16**. Both meetings will be held at 1 p.m. at the Bloch Arena main basketball court. For more information, call 473-2437.

RED PIN WEDNESDAYS

Bowling patrons will be treated to red pin games from 5-10 p.m. every Wednesday at NCTAMS Rainbow Lanes Bowling Center. Bowlers who roll a strike when the head pin is red will win a free game coupon. For more information, call 653-5576.

LEARN TO DIVE

Learn to dive at classes forming now at Ocean Concepts at Rainbow Bay Marina. They will provide scuba equipment rentals, repairs, air fills and classes. Boat dives are available daily. Hours of operation are: 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

- Classes include:
- PADI Open Water Diver Course (one-week program)
 - PADI Advanced Open Water Course (weekend program)

- PADI Rescue Diver Course, Emergency First Responder (EFR) and PADI/DAN Oxygen

Provider Course (one-week program)
PADI Dive Master
Pearl Harbor pick-up and drop off is available. For more information, call 422-5990.

BELLY DANCING

Learn authentic Arabic and Egyptian belly dance moves while tightening and toning your body. Classes are held from 7:30-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Bloch Arena. The cost is \$25 per month. Class participants are invited to perform at special events throughout the year. For more information, call 473-0793.



- **Feb. 2:** Water balloon fight, free, 5 p.m.
- **Feb. 4:** Starlet Dinner Cruise, \$31.50, 5 p.m.
- **Feb. 5:** Hawaiian Parasail, \$31+, 10 a.m.
- **Feb. 6:** Liberty annual Super Bowl party (steak, potatoes, corn and soft drink), \$5, LIP.
- **Feb. 9:** Scavenger hunt, free, 4:30 p.m., Beeman Center.

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.

Blood Drive:

Friends are asking the Navy community to participate in a blood drive for Lisa-Ann Burnett, a military spouse. She and her family are currently stationed at Pearl Harbor and she is an active member of the community. She works with children at Lehua Elementary School in Pearl City. Lisa-Ann is in desperate need of blood donations as she is suffering from lupus, which is taking its toll on her health. Blood donations are desperately needed and would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help by donating blood or would like more information, call the blood drive center at Tripler Army Medical Center at 433-6148 or 433-6195.

An FBI career seminar will be held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. **Feb. 4** at Pearl Harbor Fleet and Family Support Center, building 193, room 205. Learn about the requirements for applying to the FBI. For reservations, contact FFSC at 473-4222. For more information and/or to learn about additional monthly seminars, call Special Agent Kal Wong at 566-4488.

A CPR/first aid instructor course will be offered **Feb. 5, 11, 12 and 19** by the Hickam and Pearl Harbor chapter of the American Red Cross. The cost is \$188 for the course and books. The class fee can be waived for those who agree to be a volunteer instructor for the American Red Cross. Class size is limited and early registration is encouraged. For more information, call the ARC office at 449-0166.

Register for the Project A-OK program at the NEX. Parents should bring their child's most recent report card to register. Children could win \$5,000, \$3,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds. For more information, visit the NEX customer service department at The Mall rotunda.

A VP-4 All Hands Reunion is planned for **Aug. 4-7** in Portsmouth, Va. For more information, call Steve Andruszkewicz at (818) 652-9942 or email VP4Reunion2005@aol.com

The **American Red Cross**, Hickam Service Center is seeking volunteers to fill the following positions: chairman of volunteers, records chairman and publicity chairman. For more information, call the Red Cross office at 449-0166. The office is located at 655 Vickers Ave., building 1105 and is open from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.

In accordance with NEX guest policy, the NEX welcomes **guests of authorized patrons**. To protect your NEX privileges, they ask that only the primary cardholder (active duty or retired member) and spouse sponsor guests and those guests are limited to two per authorized cardholder.

The **University of Oklahoma** offers a master of arts in managerial economics and a master of public administration. The university's non-thesis pro-

grams can be completed in about 18 months. It also offers one-week classes that are TDY/TAD friendly. For more information, call 449-6364, email aphickam@ou.edu or visit their Web site at www.goou.ou.edu.

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.

How to contact TriWest/TRICARE services - Beneficiaries can contact TriWest with enrollment; Primary Care Manager and address changes; program benefits questions; claims status; fee payments and locating network providers in the area by calling 1-888-TRIWEST (1-888-874-9378), visiting their web site at www.triwest.com, or visiting TRICARE Service Centers located at Makalapa Medical Clinic and Kaneohe Bay Medical Clinic.

The TRICARE Service Center located at the Pearl Harbor Makalapa Clinic is open from 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. The TRICARE Service Center located at the Kaneohe Clinic is open from 7-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m.

The Children's Waiting Room is a place where parents can drop off their children if they have a doctor's appointment. The Armed Services YMCA is in need of volunteers to keep this program running at Tripler Army Medical Center. The hours of the waiting room are from 8 a.m.-noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Those who are interested in volunteering or who wish to make an appointment should call 833-1185.

The Pearl Harbor Aquatics Tsunami is a competitive swim team that practices daily at Richardson Pool. It is open to both military and civilian swimmers ages six years and up. The team is a USA swimming affiliate.

For more information, visit the team's Web site at www.tsunamis.homestead.com or contact at 471-9181 or email: phsc@inix.com.

As part of its **price matching policy**, the Navy Exchange will match the price of any identical item sold in any local store. NEX customers should 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. Store patrons should see a sales associate for more information.



Blade: Trinity: Realizing they may never be able to defeat Blade, the vampires set him up to appear like a killer and awaken Dracula. To take on the threat, Blade accepts the help of a team of human vampire hunters.

Closer: Closer is the story of four strangers and their chance meetings, instant attractions, and betrayals. The couples find out that love can disappoint when one of them experiences an affair. The characters later ponder, is there such a thing as instant passion?

Fat Albert: Fat Albert and the rest of the Cosby Kids are living in their animated world when one day, a young teen cries on her remote control because she doesn't have any friends. Fat Albert then magically comes out of her TV and enters the real world to help the teen make friends.

Flight of the Phoenix: The film revolves around a pilot whose cargo plane full of oil workers could not withstand the winds of a desert sandstorm. Facing a brutal environment and dwindling resources, they realize their only hope is to do the "impossible:" build a new plane from the wreckage.

Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events: Three children receive news that their parents have died in a fire and left them an enormous fortune. They are taken in by a series of odd relatives including Count Olaf who is plotting to kill them and snatch their inheritance.

Meet the Fockers: Now that Greg Focker is "in" with his soon-to-be in-laws, it looks like smooth sailing for him. But that's before Pam's parents meet his parents. The hyper-relaxed Fockers and the tightly-wound Byrneses are woefully mismatched and there's just no bringing them together.

Ocean's Twelve: See Review

Spanglish: When a native Mexican woman becomes the housekeeper for a Los Angeles family, cultures collide. Of all the horrifying pitfalls she worried about in this new culture, she had never fathomed the peril of being truly embraced by an upscale American family.

JO3 Ryan C. McGinley Ocean's Twelve

"Ocean's Eleven" was a juxtaposition of big name stars having a delightful time in a feel-good caper movie. Working off a simple yet multi-layered script, director Steven Soderbergh managed to provide audiences with an engaging remake of the 1960 original.

"Ocean's Twelve," the sequel to the remake, is hardly delightful, engaging or feel-good. The film is a dry continuation of the remake of the original, but there was no reason to continue the remake of the original to a sequel. After the characters robbed the unrobable casino for \$160 million in the remake of the original, how could they possibly top that in the sequel?

"Ocean's Twelve" picks up with our 11 characters being coerced into pulling another job because Terry Benedict, the casino owner they stole from in the remake of the original, has found out they took the money, and wants it back. So the characters happily oblige and come together for another job. Add a sexy detective in Isabel, who had previous relations with Brad Pitt's character, and a rival thief and the story ensues.

First off, 11 characters plus a detective, Benedict and a rival thief is way too many to develop in one story. The remake of the original did so because the story was not so much about each character, but the collection as a whole. The sequel to the remake of the original wants to develop not only Danny Ocean's character but Rusty's as well. Love stories get too much in the way of the script, which isn't as engaging or spectacular as the remake of the original.

"Ocean's Twelve," the sequel to the remake of the original, is not as good as the remake or the original, and plays off clichéd stereotypes of every other sequel that tries to top the success of the original, or in this case, the remake of the original.

OVERALL RATING:

Statement on passing of U.S. Navy veteran Johnny Carson

Special message from Secretary of the Navy Gordon England

Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England issued the following statement Jan. 24 on the passing of U.S. Navy veteran and long-time host of NBC television's "Tonight Show" Johnny

Carson. Carson passed away Jan. 23 at the age of 79. "The United States Navy joins the rest of America in mourning the passing of Johnny Carson. A great entertainer and a shipmate, serving as a naval officer in World War II, he is a part of America's 'greatest generation' that will never be forgotten."

Housing inspectors by housing area

The Navy family housing office has announced the following changes for housing inspectors and the areas to which they are assigned:

- Catlin Park, Doris Miller and Marine Barracks: Erlinda Concepcion, 474-1940
- Makalapa, Pearl City, Ford Island: Judy Shaw, 474-1941
- NCTAMS, Camp Stover, Pearl City (diamond head): Kris Castillo, 474-1932
- Halawa, Manana, Maloelap, Red Hill, Hospital Point, Hale Alii, Hale Moku and Little Makalapa: Glennes Menses, 474-1942

Other housing contacts include:

- Housing area manager: 474-1930
- Housing division manager: 474-1902
- Housing command master chief: 474-1804
- Housing maintenance and repair (DZB): 486-4200
- Appliance repair (SWR): 832-9801/02

Sailors take the plunge into scuba diving



Photo by Amiee Huepenbecker

An Ocean Concepts instructor (left) teaches a Sailor how to properly use scuba equipment. The refurbished facility now offers scuba equipment rentals, air fills and classes, which includes water diver, open water diver and rescue diver courses. Ocean Concepts is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Homework help: Hints and tips to make homework time smoother

Kelli Kirwan

LIFELines

School is more demanding than it used to be. The homework load is heavier and there's more focus on state assessment tests. Throw in two parents who work outside the home, soccer practice and the usual family chores, and you begin to wonder how you're going to cope. If you are finding that the word "homework" fills you with dread, try these tips to make homework time smoother.

Regular place

Some kids like to work alone in a quiet room and some like the kitchen table, where other siblings and parents are near. Find a place with few distractions and good lighting. Discover what works best for your student and then designate it the homework area.

Well stocked

Keep school supplies on hand. Don't rely on your kids to bring what they need from school. In addition to pen and paper, younger children usually need crayons, map pencils, scissors, glue and colored paper. A dictionary is vital and, in today's computer age, extra ink and computer paper should be added to your shopping list so there is no excuse not to get that report done.

Regular time

Every family should find their perfect homework time. After considering schedules, activities and when your child works best, set aside a time for homework and stick to it. Some children need a break after school, along with an after-school snack. Others like to get right down to business and get it out of the way to free their evening up for other

activities. Have the rest of the family that is at home use this time for quiet activities, such as reading, drawing or napping.

Is no noise good noise?

Turn off the TV during homework time. Keep in mind, however, that silence could be just as distracting as the afternoon lineup of cartoons. If you need background or "white noise," try classical or other soft music played at a low volume.

They just won't do their homework?

Homework is supposed to reinforce what has been taught at school, but sometimes it feels as if you're trying to teach a whole new subject. Trying to do this with a child who is not cooperating or interested, or who is even annoyed with you, is not conducive to a good learning environment.

Kids get burned out and frustrated. It can be difficult at times like these to get your children to do their homework without you doing most of it for them. If you're experiencing a homework strike, there are several steps you can take:

- Visit the school and volunteer in the classroom when you can. Show an active interest in their world. If you can't volunteer in the school, make arrangements for regular parent-teacher conferences and perhaps take home projects that help reinforce lessons.

- Restrict fun time until homework is complete, checked and in the backpack. Allow bathroom breaks, small snacks, etc., but help your student keep on task.

- Make sure you do your part: Check homework every day, so your kids will learn that they can't sneak

by with completing only part of their work.

- Don't forget to allow fun time when they have earned it.

Be prepared

Finally, teach your children to prepare for the next school day the evening before. That helps eliminate the last-minute frantic search for spelling words or having you sign papers as they exit the car. Starting the school day on a positive and prepared note can translate into smoother afternoons and better attitudes toward school.

Helping your child develop positive work habits and strong study skills now will help them have a successful academic career. You will gain piece of mind, knowing that you helped teach your children valuable study habits that will fit into any classroom or curriculum.