

HAWAII INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL



Artie Shaw, jazz legend and clarinetist, performed in Hawai'i while stationed here during World War II. A tribute to Shaw and other late greats, Ray Charles and Martin Denny, will highlight the July 30 performance of the 12th Annual Hawai'i International Jazz Festival at Hawai'i Theatre.

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(All photos courtesy of Hawai'i International Jazz Festival)

With mellow overtones of another era mixed with the smooth sounds of today's jazz, featuring world-renowned and locally popular jazz artists, the 12th Annual Hawai'i International Jazz Festival will offer jazz aficionados a unique opportunity – to sit back, relax and just enjoy jazz at its best.

The two-day jazz festival will take center stage at Hawai'i Theatre beginning at 7 p.m. July 29 and July 30. Military members and their guests will receive a \$5 discount off jazz festival ticket prices.

Abe Weinstein, founder and executive director of the jazz festival, touted this year's festival, "Our festival this year is very unique because it combines elements of pop and jazz music, some of which originated during the war years. Artie Shaw was stationed in Honolulu with his big band and the great sounds of this music blended in with Hawaiian music to create a unique sound called, "Hawaiian Swing." This is our own indigenous music."

Residents in the paradise of Hawai'i are in love with jazz. He explained, "We have experienced very large growth in our jazz festival over the last 12 years.

This year we have expanded to three jazz festivals and are pleased that our population loves jazz so much. We will continue to produce these festivals as long as people want to come to them."

He offered his mahalo to Hawai'i's military troops as he discussed the discounted military prices for jazz festival tickets. "We have a special \$5 military discount and hope the Soldiers [and Sailors] and families will take advantage of this bargain. We very much appreciate the presence of the military here in Hawai'i and want to support their efforts, as they support ours!" Weinstein said.

On July 29, the audience will be treated to Piano Titans and Hawaiian Strings led by the guitar magic of Larry Coryell, Grammy nominee pianist Don Grusin and Hoku-winning slack key guitarist Owana Salazar.

Tributes to late greats Ray Charles, Artie Shaw and Martin Denny, on July 30, will transport concert goers through the years as they listen to the timeless song stylings of the honorees. That evening's festival fare will also present a melange of Latin soul featuring Grammy winner saxophonist Scott Martin and guitar legend Larry Coryell along with guest artists Keahi Conjugacion, Kelly Covington, clarinet soloist Gabe Baltazar, and the Exotica sounds of Waitiki and the Hawai'i International Jazz Festival All Star Big Band. Another segment will include steel guitar, slack key guitar

and ukulele. Numerous local artists and guest artists will be part of the talent lineup for the two-night event.

A singer, pianist and composer, Ray Charles broke racial and musical conventions when he blended rhythm and blues with gospel music, blues and country, gospel and rock. Known as the "Father of Soul Music," Charles was completely blind at the age of seven, but earned 12 Grammy Awards as well as accolades and fame that continued for more than five decades.

Martin Denny was a long-time resident of Hawai'i who earned fame when he blended exotic elements – bird calls, croaking frogs, jazz rhythms, chimes and gongs – to create an international sound called "exotica." Well-known in Waikiki, he began playing at the old Shell Bar at the Kaiser Hawaiian Village Hotel and subsequently performed at such venues as Don the Beachcomber's (later Duke Kahanamoku's) at the International Marketplace, the Kahala Hilton and the Hawaiian Regent.

Weinstein, well-known local clarinetist who has played with such orchestras as the Cleveland Symphony, Honolulu Symphony and the Lucerne Switzerland Symphony, talked about the other honoree, one of the icons of the jazz field. "Artie Shaw was a personal beacon to me because I have been a clarinetist my whole life. I learned his Concerto for Clarinet when I was 16 and have been following his life ever since," he explained.

Shaw, a pop icon of the '30s and '40s, was stationed in Waikiki during the war, according to Weinstein. "He was a popular figure over here in the media and was seen quite often performing with his big band," he remarked.

He talked about the life of Shaw. "He was married to Lana Turner and Ava Gardner and many other beautiful women. He was a teen idol and earning \$10,000 a week in the '30s," noted Weinstein.

Accounts of Shaw tell how he quit playing at the height of his career "because he had trouble combining his intellectual attitude about life with the super success of commercialism."

"Artie's musicians loved to work with him and loved to tell stories about the glory days of gig band music. Artie's silky tone and technique still hold him as one of the greatest clarinetists of all time," said Weinstein.

A famed clarinetist and jazz artist in his own right, Weisman noted that there were 40 big bands performing in Honolulu during the war years. "Many of them were military and some of the finest jazz musicians were Navy Sailors."

According to historical accounts of the appeal of jazz in the islands, Honolulu's romance with jazz began with the introduction of "Sweet Leilani" by Harry Owens, the bandleader at the Royal Hawaiian. As the massive influx of servicemen during World War II created a demand for live music, every street had live music and dance clubs. One local club, the Black Cat, became world-famous.

Artie Shaw was not the only musician who donned a military uniform and wound up in Hawai'i. There were others, such as Ray Anthony, Sam Donahue and Claude Thornhill.

Johnny Best, who played with such greats as Artie Shaw, Glenn Miller and Benny Goodman during the Swing Era, entered the Navy in 1942 and was again reunited with Shaw who had also enlisted and was leading the Navy Ranger Band. The band spent about a year in the Pacific theater, playing in airplane hangars, on the decks of ships and in outdoor areas that were camouflaged for protection from enemy attack.

Last but not least is the legacy of the Navy's USS Arizona Big Band. On Dec. 6, 1941, bands from battleships moored at Pearl Harbor competed in a "Battle of Music" at Bloch Arena. According to Dan Martinez, historian at the USS Arizona Memorial, the Arizona band didn't perform that night, but was there to cheer on the other bands. The band from the Arizona had won second

place in a competition on Nov. 22, 1941 and was scheduled to compete in the finals on Dec. 20. The band from the USS Pennsylvania won the competition that night.

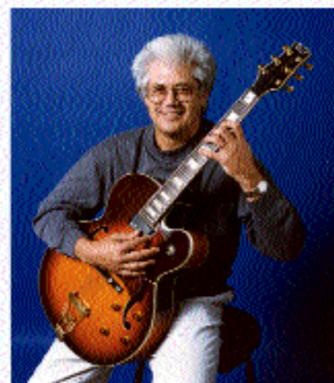
At 8:02 a.m. on Dec. 7, 1941 – the morning after the "Battle of Music" at Bloch - all of the members of the USS Arizona band lost their lives when the USS Arizona was sunk during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

"The legacy which the military big bands left in Hawai'i has been maintained and has helped to create a lasting memory for all big band lovers who still enjoy these great sounds," explained Weinstein. "The music has kept dancers happy all these years and has kept jazz lovers thrilled with the live sounds of these groups," he added.

That tradition will continue as the mellow strains of jazz music again entertain Hawai'i's jazz lovers at the 12th Annual Hawai'i International Jazz Festival.

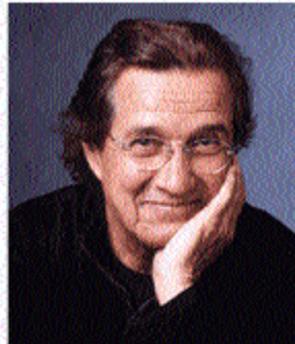


The musical talents of Grammy-nominated saxophonist Scott Martin will be showcased at the jazz festival at Hawai'i Theatre on July 29-30.



The guitar magic of Larry Coryell will be featured as the festival takes center stage July 29-30 at Hawai'i Theatre.

(Below) Don Grusin, Grammy-nominated pianist, will headline Piano Titans and Hawaiian Strings at the festival on July 29.



What: 12th Annual Hawai'i International Jazz Festival
When: 7 p.m., July 29-30
Where: Hawai'i Theatre Center, downtown Honolulu
Ticket prices: \$25, \$40 and \$50 - \$5 military discount for military and family members; \$5 discount for seniors
Call Hawai'i Theatre box office at 528-0506 or
www.hawaiitheatre.com to purchase tickets.



Outrigger canoeing dates back to early Hawaiians

Amiee Huepenbecker

MWR Quality of Life Marketing

Unofficially, some consider outrigger canoe racing the national sport of the Hawaiian Islands. This sport dates back to the days of the early Hawaiians. Outrigger canoes were heavily relied on for transportation, which led to recreational racing of the canoes. Racing helped the people perfect skills that were necessary for ocean survival.

Today's paddling community continues to embrace the customs associated with the traditional outrigger canoe. Paddling clubs across Oahu take part in these rituals, such as having their canoe blessed annually at the beginning of regatta season. "The kahuna shows how the canoe is connected to us. The kahuna explains the Hawaiian culture while blessing the club members, canoe and paddles. It brings Hawaiian culture and spirit. Every club in Hawai'i has the blessing," said Bob Baudrau, president of the Honolulu Pearl Canoe Club (HPCC).

Another respected custom that has followed the sport through time is the structure of the canoe. Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA) sanctioned regattas require clubs to race a canoe made from the native koa tree. Although fiberglass or plastic canoes aren't uncommon, traditional outrigger canoes are made from koa, which is expensive and time-consuming to build. "Harvesting of koa is rare. The log for our canoe was cut in 1952 and blessed with the name Honaunau," said Baudrau.

There are two regatta seasons in Hawai'i, sprints and distance paddling. The sprint regatta season begins in June and runs through August, leading into the distance season in August. Local canoe clubs, like HPCC, provide training and conditioning to help prepare novice and experienced paddlers for the regatta season. As regatta season approaches, six-person paddling crews are assigned for competition.

"I think getting involved [with paddling] allows people to take a bit more with them when they leave their tour in Hawai'i. Paddling gives you a sense of connectivity to the islands. Hawaiian culture has a lot of investment in spiritual sports out there. It's very family-oriented at the regattas, sharing local foods and such," commented Baudrau in regard to paddlers in the military community.



Photo courtesy of Honolulu Pearl Canoe Club

Paddling clubs across Oahu have their canoes blessed annually at the beginning of regatta season. At a ceremony at the Canoe Hale at Rainbow Bay Marina, Pearl Harbor, a kahuna blesses the Honolulu Pearl Canoe Club's (HPCC) Honaunau canoe.

The HPCC is recruiting new members for their club based at Rainbow Bay Marina, Pearl Harbor. The club practices at Pearl Harbor and races at different venues throughout the year, such as Waimanalo, Keehi Lagoon and Kailua. Besides racing, HPCC is involved with escorting submarines and surface ships returning from deployment, supporting a ladies' paddling program and maintaining the canoes at Rainbow Bay Marina.

Paddling is a great endurance sport for individuals or families. Youth and adults are welcome to join the club, with family memberships available at a discounted membership fee. If you're interested in paddling with HPCC, call Baudrau at 391-3394.

Disposal of car batteries, other hazardous waste

Karen S. Spangler

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Items such as car batteries and other hazardous waste should not be left for trash collection in Navy housing neighborhoods and PPV housing communities.

International Resource Recovery, Inc., the refuse collector for Navy housing, and City and County of Honolulu, which handles refuse collector for PPV neighborhoods, will not pick up hazardous items.

Car batteries can be disposed of by returning to the retailer where the new battery was purchased.

It is a state law that dealers must accept the old car battery from customers when they purchase a new one. Tires and propane tanks should also be returned to the retailer for recycling.

The City and County of Honolulu offers guidelines on disposal of hazardous materials through its waste disposal and recycling Web

site at www.opala.org.

The information advises residents to do the following:

- The best way to handle household hazardous waste is to prevent it in the first place. By learning more about which types of products are hazardous and about ways to use less, use it up and use nonhazardous alternatives, you can significantly reduce the generation of this type of waste right at the source.

- Buy only what you need and use it all up. Be conservative in selecting the product container size. A large container is not a bargain if you don't use it all.

- Give away unwanted leftover products. Ask friends, neighbors or non-profit groups if they can use the products. Call HIMEX, the Hawai'i Materials Exchange, at 586-8143 to list usable products on a statewide database and broaden the possibilities for finding a taker for your product.

- Look for nonhazardous alternatives. Safer substitutes, like vinegar, lemon juice, baking soda, salt, borax, olive oil and cedar chips, used alone or in various combinations can get the job done as well as their more hazardous counterparts.

For more information regarding proper disposal of household hazardous waste and bulk items, housing residents can consult their housing resident handbook or call the housing operator at 474-1800.

Residents in both PPV and non-PPV communities can also call the City and County of Honolulu hazardous wasteline at 692-541 or visit their Web site at www.opala.org.

The site includes information on recycling and/or disposal of a wide variety of items.

For more information, residents can call the housing operator at 474-1800 and ask for the housing manager for their area.

Snoop Dogg to perform at "Bodog Salutes the Troops" charity event in Hawai'i

Special to Hawai'i Navy News

Musical performances by Snoop Dogg and Bif Naked will headline the "Bodog Salutes the Troops" charity event for military members and their families at 7 p.m. July 23 at the Waikiki Shell. Admission to the show is free for military and family members.

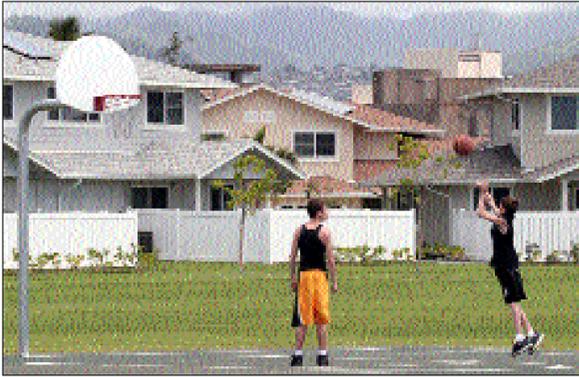
The program will also star the comic relief of celebrity comedians Colin Quinn ("Tough Crown with Colin Quinn," "SNL"), Paul Rodriguez ("The Original Latin Kings of Comedy"); and Wanda Sykes ("Monster-in-Law," "Wanda Does It"), along with Carson Daly ("Last Call with Carson Daly," "TRL").

The two-day charity event will be staged to thank the men and women of the United States military services and to benefit the military charity Fisher House Foundation. A prize-filled poker tournament attended by celebrities and military will begin at 2 p.m. July 22 at the Kahala Mandarin Oriental Hotel.

There will be additional celebrity appearances by Rob Mariano and Amber Brkich ("Survivor," "The Amazing Race 7"), Jorge Garcia ("Lost"), Dulè Hill and Joshua Malina ("The West Wing"), Ben Roethlisberger (Pittsburgh Steelers), Estella Warren ("The Cooler," "Planet of the Apes"), Shannon Elizabeth ("American Pie"), Matt Savage (poker tournament director), Josh Arieh and David Williams (professional poker players). More celebrities will be announced at a later time.

Bodog.net is a play-for-free educational website that provides novice poker players with strategies and tips on how to play poker. Located at www.bodog.net, the site allows users to practice and fine-tune their poker skills with people from all over the world.

Free tickets are available for the Waikiki Shell event for military and their family members who show a valid military ID card. For more information, call 473-2880.



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

Family members play basketball on a court outside Navy housing on Ford Island.

New BAH guidelines won't result in pay cut

Army Sgt. Sara Wood
American Forces Press Service

Defense officials are eliminating the "geographic rate protection" clause that ensures service members moving to a new area receive the same housing allowance as those already living there.

Geographic rate protection is expiring in January because basic allowance for housing (BAH) rates have reached a level where service members no longer have to pay out-of-pocket expenses for housing, said Air Force Col. Virginia Penrod, DoD director of military compensation.

Any rate cut from year to year will not negatively affect service members who are remaining in the area where they already receive BAH, she noted.

Penrod stressed that the BAH rate is set at the average housing cost for the area. Rates are further set based on military rank, with each pay grade level having a set acceptable standard of housing. Service members may still have to pay some out-of-pocket expenses if they choose to live above that level. Conversely, if service members choose to live below the average level, they will still receive the same BAH rate.

Troops still have "individual rate protection" as long as they stay within the same geographic area. If average housing costs in a given geographic area go down, troops already living in that area

continue to receive the higher amount. However, troops moving into that area receive the lower amount. Geographic rate protection was a temporary protection put into effect to prevent troops of the same pay grade living in the same area from getting different amounts of housing allowance.

Rate protection was instituted in 2000 to ensure troops' BAH rates were the same among like-pay grade individuals living in the same area while troops were still paying part of their own housing expenses, Penrod explained. Now that BAH rates are high enough to cover servicemembers' entire housing expenses, geographic rate protection isn't necessary, she said.

"It was a short-term program," she said. "We always had in our minds that we would eliminate the protection once the out-of-pocket (expenses) went to zero."

Under the new BAH guidelines, a service member moving to a new area will receive the appropriate BAH rate for that area, regardless of whether troops already living there are receiving a higher rate, she said.

This change makes financial sense, Penrod said. "We're adjusting rates to where they should be," she said.

Each year, BAH rates are adjusted with input from military housing offices in the area, Penrod said. If it is determined the rate needs to be increased, all servicemembers living in that area will receive the increase.

Soaking up the success

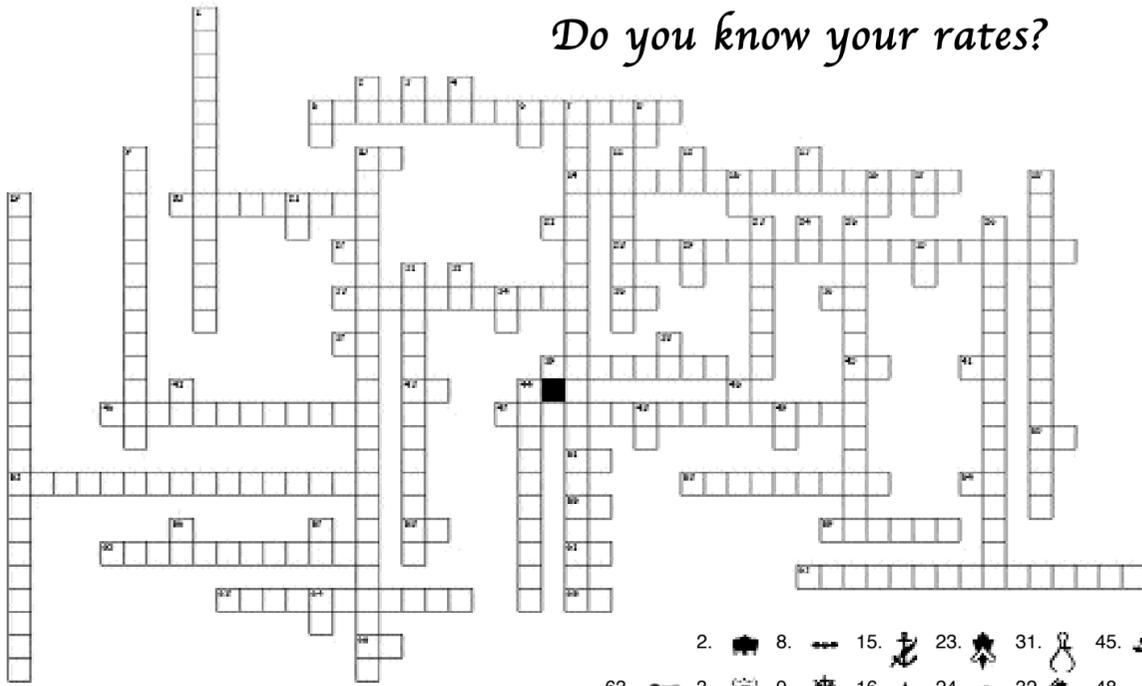


Photo courtesy of Forest City Residential Management

The right amount of watering can make grass green and flowers bloom. Operations Specialist 1st Class Tony Rigdon and his family were named the Yard of the Month winners for the Radford Terrace community for June.

Skylark Central

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Answer to last week's word scramble

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Courage	Flag	Fourth
Franklin	Freedom	Hancock
Henry	Honor	Integrity
Jefferson	July	Justice
Liberty	Locke	Paine
Patriots	Pride	Reason
Resolve	Revolution	Rights
States	United	Washington

Know your Navy

Who was the first former Navy pilot to set foot on the moon?

Last week's question...

Who said, "Give me liberty or give me death?"

Answer - Patrick Henry

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Movie Call

Sharkey Theater
Naval Station Pearl Harbor
(473-0726)

FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. Star Wars III (PG 13)
SATURDAY
2:30 p.m. Madagascar (PG)
4:30 p.m. Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (PG)
7:00 p.m. Star Wars III (PG 13)
SUNDAY
2:30 p.m. The Longest Yard (PG 13)
4:45 p.m. Kicking and Screaming (PG)
6:45 p.m. Cinderella Man (PG 13)

THURSDAY

1:30 p.m. Lords of Dogtown (PG 13)

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

Memorial Theater
Hickam Air Force Base
(449-2239)

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

7:00 p.m. Cinderella Man (PG 13)
SUNDAY
2:00 p.m. Madagascar (PG)
7:00 p.m. Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (PG)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (PG)
THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. Madagascar (PG)

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

Sgt. Smith Theater
Schofield Barracks
(624-2585)

FRIDAY AND THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. The Longest Yard (PG 13)
SATURDAY AND WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Kicking and Screaming (PG)

SUNDAY

2:00 p.m. Crash (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

- **July 23:** Chinaman's Hat, \$15. Register by **July 20**.
- **July 24:** Extreme parasailing, \$40. Register by **July 20**.
- **July 31:** Surfing lessons, \$15. Register by **July 27**.

T.G.I.F. - OCEAN'S CPO CLUB

Get together to enjoy pupus and entertainment at T.G.I.F. today at Ocean's CPO Club. There will be free pupus starting at 4 p.m. and a DJ will spin from 5-8 p.m. The club is open to enlisted personnel E-7 -E-9. For more information, call 473-1743.

ADVENTURE PLUS SCHEDULE

MWR will host Adventure Plus through **July 29**. All activities except for the camping weeks will be held at Rainbow Bay Marina. The program is open to youth ages 10-12 and is held from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Fees are based on total family income. Transportation is provided from Iroquois Point and NCTAMS. Camping week activities are held **July 18-22** at Barbers Point, but campers will meet at Rainbow Bay Marina. For more information or to register, call 421-1556.

MWR YOUTH CAMPS

MWR will host youth camps for children ages 5-12 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Oasis on

Ford Island. The cost is \$50 per child per session.

The specialty camps will offer the following themes:

- Music Camp, **July 25-29**
 - Dance Camp, **Aug. 1-5**
- For more information, call 421-1556, 499-2572 or 454-0758.

POKER TOURNAMENT

The JN Chevrolet Navy All-Nighter Poker Tournament is in full swing and is open to all active duty Sailors. Participants can sit in on any round they choose; there is no fee to participate. There is one preliminary round remaining (**July 22**), lasting 6 p.m.-6 a.m. Every night, a prize package featuring a complete personal computer system will be given away. Other prizes, including gift certificates, T-shirts and promotional items, will be given away at random. For more information, call 473-0606 or visit www.greatlifeahawaii.com.

FREE GOLF CLINICS

Free golf clinics will be offered from 1-2 p.m. **July 16 and Aug. 20** at Navy Marine Golf Course. Learn the basics or refine your game. The free clinics are open to the first 16 active duty Navy or their eligible family members. For more information or to register, call 471-0142 or visit the pro shop.

HALO 2 FINAL TOURNAMENT

MWR will host a Halo 2 Tournament, pitting the top four winners from each branch tournament (Navy, Marines, Army, Air Force and Coast Guard) against each other, from 6-11 p.m. **July 22 and July 23** at Liberty in Paradise, Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The game will be played in Slayer mode. Points will be kept to determine highest opponents/service personnel killed. An Xbox will be awarded to

each member of the winning team. For more information, call 473-4279.

MWR SUPER GARAGE SALE/CRAFT FAIR

The next MWR Super Garage Sale and Craft Fair is planned for 8 a.m.-noon **Aug. 13** at Richardson Field. Richardson Field is located on Kamehameha Highway across from Aloha Stadium. For free parking, turn at the Arizona Memorial or pay a minimal fee and park across the street in the Aloha Stadium parking lot. Common items available at the sale include fitness and outdoor recreation equipment, furniture, toys, books and clothing (especially for children). The cost for each 10-foot-by-10-foot spot ranges from \$8-\$10 for garage sellers and \$17-\$22 for crafters/businesses. Registration began July 11. The event is free and open to the public. The next garage sale is scheduled for **Nov. 5**. For more information, call 473-0606.

BOWL FOR FITNESS

Bowl for Fitness from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. every **Friday** at Naval Station Bowling Center. Have lunch and exercise at the same time. For \$5, bowling patrons can purchase either a cheese pizza and diet Coke or a salad and diet Coke. One game of bowling (shoes included) is included in the price. For more information, call 473-2651.

SALSA DANCE CLASSES

Salsa dance classes are offered on Thursdays and Fridays at Bloch Arena Fitness Center. Samir Hana, instructor, teaches the latest dance styles, including merengue, cha-cha and cumbia. There is no partner and no experience necessary. Level I and II classes are available:

- Salsa (Level I): Thursday, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.; Saturday, 5 - 6:15 p.m.
- Salsa (Level II): Friday, 7:30 -

8:45 p.m.; Saturday, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Merengue/cha-cha/cumbia: Friday, 6 - 7:15 p.m. For more information, call 473-0793.

MASSAGES BY "THE LOTUS TOUCH"

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



- **July 15:** Polynesian Cultural Center, call for time, \$32.
- **July 16:** Kualoa Ranch ATV/horseback riding, 9 a.m., \$52-\$92.
- **July 17:** Surfing lessons with Jodie, 10 a.m., \$7.
- **July 20:** Game Show Night (Beeman Center), 6:30 p.m., free.
- **July 21:** Halo Tournament at all centers, 7 p.m., free.

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 drives will be held at the following times/locations:

- **July 19:** Time to be announced, Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe Bay, 3rd Marine Regiment.
 - **July 21:** 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., 25th ID Replacement, building 691, Schofield Barracks.
 - **July 27:** 8 a.m.-noon, Navy Branch Annex Clinic Wahiawa.
 - **July 28:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Hickam Community Center, Hickam Air Force Base.
- For more information, call Hawai'i's Military Blood Program at 433-6148 or 433-6195.

The **28th annual Prince Lot Hula Festival** is scheduled for July 16, featuring a special collaboration between two of Oahu's most popular halaus - Halau Mohala'Ilima and Oua Ali'i Ilima. The festival will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of Moanalua Gardens. Admission is free, but a \$3 donation is requested to help defray the cost of the festival. Parking is available at Tripler Army Medical Center. A free shuttle will provide transportation to and from Moanalua Gardens. Additional parking is available at Moanalua Gardens, Moanalua Elementary and Middle Schools and on area streets. For more information, contact Pauline Worsham at 839-5334.

American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Hickam/Pearl Harbor Region 188 will sponsor a **summer soccer camp** from **July 18-22** at Hickam AFB. Boys and girls ages four-18 are invited to participate. No experience is necessary. For more information and on-line registration, visit the AYSO web site @ www.aysoregion188.org, call 834-6629 or email Camps@aysoregion188.org.

The **NAVSTA Open Golf Tournament** will be held beginning at 11:15 a.m. **July 22** at Navy Marine Golf Course. There will be 10 four-person team spots in a scramble format. Prizes will be awarded to: first, second and third place, two nearest the pin prizes and two longest drive prizes. The \$20 entry fee includes entry into the raffle. Raffle prizes include such items as rounds of golf and dinner gift certificates. Green and cart fees are players' responsibility. Walking is okay. Register by **July 19** by calling 473-1574 or email gaetano.critelli@navy.mil.

The **GSA Training and Vendor Mini Expo** will be held from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. **July 20** at The Banyans at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. This is a free event and local GSA vendors are invited to display their latest products and services. In addition, GSA customer service directors will conduct free certified training on the GSA Advantage Web tool and newest research tool, E-Buy, an innovative request for quotes resource. The GSA Advantage session will be from 10-11 a.m.; the E-Buy session will be from 1-2 p.m. Attendees will earn continuing education units for each of the sessions. Refreshments will be served from 7:30-9:30 a.m. and from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Attendees will be able to register at the event. Access to the Pearl Harbor Naval Base is required in order to attend the event. Please contact the GSA customer service office at 541-1776 as soon as possible if you do not have access or if you have questions.

The Navy Ball Committee will sponsor **Bowling Fun Day** on **July 29** at the Naval Station Bowling Center. The cost is \$10 per person if paid in advance or \$12 at the door. The event is open to all active duty and their families. Proceeds will be used to support the Navy Ball. Sign up with your command's Navy Ball representative or contact

YN2 Kieona Allen at 257-2100, ext. 225, or at kieona.allen@navy.mil.

Military service members will be offered a \$5 discount on tickets to the **12th Annual Hawai'i International Jazz Festival** which will be held at 7 p.m. **July 29-30** at Hawai'i Theatre in Honolulu. Piano Titans and Hawaiian Strings will be featured on **July 29**. Tributes to late greats Ray Charles, Artie Shaw and Martin Denny with a full big band will highlight the **July 30** performance. A Latin soul segment will also be featured on Saturday evening. For tickets and information, call the Hawai'i Theatre box office at 528-0506 or visit www.hawaiiitheatre.com. For more information about the festival activities, visit www.hawaii jazz.com.

The **Navy Region Hawai'i First Class Petty Officer Association** invites all first class petty officers island-wide to attend its association meetings. For more information, call YN1 LaHaunn Moore at 471-8769 or email at lahaunn.moore@navy.mil, or CTA1 Kiffanie Walker at kiffanie.walker@navy.mil or NC1 Johnathon Young at johnathon.young@navy.mil.

Customers can bring their child's most recent report card to the Navy Exchange to register for the **Project A-OK program**. Kids 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 in The Mall rotunda.

For the protection of NEX shoppers, **security measures** mandate that bags, purses or personal bags larger than 12 inches by 12 inches will not be allowed in the Navy Exchange. The NEX thanks patrons in advance for their cooperation.

The 2005 Shop NEX "**shop and win**" bumper stickers are available at any Navy Exchange location. NEX patrons can place a bumper sticker on their car for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate from the Navy Exchange; winners are selected weekly. Winners are then entered in a grand prize drawing for a \$2,000 shopping spree at the NEX.

The NEX Autoport offers **free brake inspections** from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The **American Red Cross**, Hickam Service Center is seeking volunteers. 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.

The **USS Chafee Ohana** meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at Moanalua Community Center. Child care is provided at a cost of \$2 for the first child and \$1 for each additional child. For more information, call 422-5619 or email usschafeefsg@yahoo.com.

For information about upcoming meetings for the **USS Lake Erie Family Support Group**, call Liz at 454-2440 or plumeria04@verizon.net.

The **USS Paul Hamilton Ohana** meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Pearl Harbor Main Chapel. Child care is provided at a cost of \$1 per child. For more information, call 683-1086 or e-mail at Paulhamiltonfsg@yahoo.com.

The **Navy Exchange at Pearl Harbor seeks donations of Navy uniforms or artifacts** which date between the 1920s and 1970s. Donations will be displayed in the NEX Uniform Center at its newly renovated location in building 1337 (formerly the NAVSTA Bowling Center next to Club Pearl) opening in mid-September. Displays will include a biographical history of the item and the donor's name. For more information, contact Kevin Chambers, NEX visual merchandising manager, at 728-2521.



Cinderella Man: In the middle of the Great Depression, there came along a most unlikely hero, James J. Braddock who had crowds cheering on their feet-as he proved just how hard a man would fight to win a second chance for his family.

Crash: A housewife and her DA husband. A Persian storeowner. A black television director and his wife. A Mexican locksmith. Two car-jackers. A rookie cop. A middle-aged Korean couple. They all live in Los Angeles and, in the next 36 hours, they will all collide.

Kicking and Screaming: Family man Phil Weston, a life-long victim of his father's competitive nature, takes on the coaching duties of a kids' soccer team, and soon finds that he's also taking on his father's dysfunctional way of relating.

Lords of Dogtown: A fictionalized take on the group of young skateboarders raised in the mean streets of Dogtown in Santa Monica, California. The Z-Boys, as they come to be known, perfect their craft in empty swimming pools, pioneering a new sport and eventually moving into legend.

The Longest Yard: Paul Crewe was a revered football superstar, but that time has since faded. But when a messy drunk driving incident lands him in jail, Paul finds he was specifically requested with the task of assembling a team of convicts, to square off in a football game against the guards.

Madagascar: Four residents of the Central Park Zoo: Alex the lion, Marty the zebra, Melman the giraffe, and Gloria the hippo have spent their whole lives living happily in a zoo. Then Marty falls in with a crowd of devious penguins, who bring him along in their escape attempt.

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants: See Review

Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith: Three years after the Battle of Geonosis, the Clone Wars are coming to a close. As Anakin ultimately becomes the evil we know as Darth Vader, and, at the end of one war, another conflict we know all too well is about to begin.

JO3 Ryan C. McGinley Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants

"The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" is a movie about teenage girls, starring teenage girls and for teenage girls. It's a film developed with a specific core audience in mind, and it completely alienates pretty much every other demographic. If you're not a mother or daughter, chances are you won't like this film. That said, "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" is a solid, not too cheesy look at a foursome of teenage girls growing up. It dabbles and walks a fine line between a real film and an after school special, but generally stays clear of the latter.

The film centers on four 16-year-old girls who all grew up together as best friends. In the wake of their first summer apart from one another, they all try on a pair of jeans, which miraculously fit all of them, despite their differing figures. They take this as a sign, and agree to send the pants to each other throughout the summer, each having a week to wear them.

Director Ken Kwapis (I don't know who he is either) uses the jeans as a catalyst by which to tell four separate stories as one girl stays home, one girl goes to Greece, one to South Carolina and one to Mexico. Each girl deals with different issues over the summer such as death, divorce, love and family. The film is fairly predictable and sappy at points, but a foursome of strong actresses keep what could be a terrible movie from reaching that point.

Teenage girls and mothers will adore this film, aimed specifically at them. At times it's heartwarming and funny, and at other times it's poignant and adult like. It will reach teenagers at a point in their lives when they must make the transition from child to young adult.

OVERALL RATING:

Survey seeks employee input in shaping civilian personnel system

Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

Civil service employees who will soon come under the new National Security Personnel System have another opportunity to help shape the program.

The new National Security Personnel System Factor Survey gives general schedule employees the chance to register their views about several performance factors identified for inclusion in the new personnel system.

"Now we need your assistance to ensure that these performance factors are relevant and reflect work that you personally perform on your job," Acting Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England wrote in a memo to DoD civilian employees.

England emphasized the importance of the survey in his memo. While stressing that participation is voluntary, he urged civil service employees to participate. "I thank you for your feedback and participation in the NSPS design process thus far," he wrote. "We still need your help."

The survey period began July 6 and continues through July 20.

Charles Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, urged employees to take the 15 or 20 minutes required to complete the online survey to ensure

that their views are known.

Views expressed in the survey will have long-term implications, Abell said during an interview July 6 with the Pentagon Channel. The results will help program implementers determine what factors will be used to evaluate employees' job performance for the next 15 or 20 years, he said.

"It's an opportunity for [employees] to have a voice in the system that they are going to be living under and to make sure that we get it right," said Mary Lacey, program executive officer for the National Security Personnel System.

"And we want to get it right," Lacey said. "We want to hear what employees have to say and we want them to be a part of our design process."

Lacey said system designers are particularly interested in hearing from civil service employees who have been part of DoD personnel demonstration programs. "They bring to the table real experience in a system that has National Security Personnel System-like features," she said. "So we think their input will be incredibly valuable."

Meanwhile, progress continues in putting the new personnel system in place. The current goal is to publish the final regulations in the Federal Register by summer's end and begin

bringing the first employees into the system by the end of the fiscal year, Lacey said.

However, she stressed, the implementation schedule will be "event-driven," and "we are not going to take certain steps until we are ready."

Once in place, the new personnel system is expected to benefit the Defense Department and its civilian employees alike by doing away with outdated, bureaucratic policies.

"DoD is a dynamic institution," Abell said. "Our mission has changed, our focus has changed, and this will allow the civilian-employee workplace to change with that changing mission and changing focus of our leadership."

One of the system's key features is a pay-for-performance plan that rewards and recognizes individual performance and contributions.

The new system also will enable employees to get more involved in their individual career development, with broad pay bands and occupational groupings giving them more flexibility to shape their careers, Lacey said.

The result, Abell said, will be a workplace that's "more productive [and more] efficient, with our jobs aligned with our mission." Once the system is implemented, DoD "ought to be a happier place to live and work," he said.

Catching the big one!



Photo by Aimee Huepenbecker

(Left to right) Richard Rudnick, Stanley Kalalau, Capt. Joe Irvin and Coast Guardsman Jeff Steen pose with a 64-pound saifish they caught on a half-day charter from Rainbow Bay Marina. They also caught a 120-pound ahi on their trip.

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