

Commentary

Window on Pearl Harbor

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One of America's 'Greatest Generation'

As a journalist at Hawai'i Navy News, I especially look forward to interviewing Pearl Harbor survivors. This past Tuesday, I had the pleasure of meeting Bill Clayton and his family as Bill took a nostalgic trip back into time on a visit to Hawai'i. This was his first trip to the islands in almost 64 years - since he witnessed the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on that "day of infamy," Dec. 7, 1941.

On historic Ford Island, he gazed across the water to a point offshore where his former ship, the USS Whitney (AD-4), had been moored. With tears in his eyes and the remains of the USS Utah in the water behind him, he recounted some of the events of that long ago day. A seaman assigned to the engineering section of the Whitney, Bill had a "front row seat" as Japanese zeroes screamed overhead. He talked about how he and his shipmates witnessed the fatal attack on the Arizona and were helpless as the zeroes devastated the Navy fleet in the harbor.

We made another stop at the USS Missouri and Bill was welcomed aboard and had an opportunity to visit the battleship that played such an important role in the ending of World War II, the site of the formal surrender by the Japanese.

I thought it was really special that Bill's family had planned the trip not only to give the Pearl Harbor survivor a chance to revisit the past, but also an opportunity to stand in the place where it all happened and share his memories with his children, grandchildren and great-granddaughter. But it got even better.

As Sam, our tour guide, took us into the captain's dining room and talked more about the history of the Missouri, another small tour group joined us. Dressed in an orange print shirt and straw hat, Bill was quiet and seemed introspective, now and then offering some of his recollections of his time spent at Pearl Harbor. He seemed to be enjoying his tour and

certainly didn't expect to be in the limelight.

That all changed when Sam told the other tour group that Bill was a Pearl Harbor survivor. The elderly gentleman now became the center of attention and the group that had gathered was entranced with what he had to say.

When Sam finished his talk and that part of the tour had come to an end, the Missouri visitors crowded around Bill, shaking his hand, snapping his picture and expressing their appreciation. Bill stood in the center of the group, humbly taking it all in and, I suspect, was rather surprised at all of the attention he was getting. I think that all of us had tears in our eyes as we watched them pay tribute to Bill, one of the heroes of America's greatest generation. As the visitors left, a mother placed her arm around her young daughter's shoulder, saying, "Someday you will realize the importance of what you have just experienced."

In recent years, I have interviewed numerous Pearl Harbor survivors when they return to Hawai'i, some of them for the first time in more than 60 years, to visit the place where it all happened. But every time, I still get choked up as they stand on the Arizona Memorial or on Ford Island and remember the past. The stories they share are always poignant - reminders of human drama and what it was like on that tragic day.

I am saddened to think that the numbers of the veterans of Dec. 7, 1941 - our Pearl Harbor survivors - are diminishing at a tremendous rate. It won't be long before there are none of them left to share their stories with us.

Meanwhile, I value every opportunity that I have to meet these courageous heroes of another generation, to hear their stories, to write about their experiences as they remember that long ago day.

Have a fine Navy day here in paradise. *(We welcome comments from readers. If you have comments, please send them to: Karen.spangler@navy.mil.)*

Speakers announced for "End of World War II" ceremony

USS Missouri Memorial Association

The USS Missouri Memorial Association, caretaker of the battleship Missouri, has announced the keynote and guest speakers for its ceremony commemorating the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II.

Titled "The End of World War II," the event is being held to honor all WWII veterans beginning at 8:45 a.m. Sept. 2 at the Battleship Missouri Memorial at Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i. The ceremony is free and open to the public with priority seating being given to the WWII veterans. Advance reservations are recommended, but not required.

The keynote speaker will be Adm. Gary Roughead, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, who assumed command over the Navy's largest area of responsibility last July in a change-of-command ceremony held at the Missouri. Roughead, the 31st Pacific Fleet commander, formerly served as deputy commander of U.S. Pacific Command. Some of his other tours include commanding officer of the Hawai'i-based guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal, commandant of the U.S. Naval Academy, the Department of the Navy's chief of legislative affairs, and commander of the USS George Washington Carrier Battle Group.

Guest speakers will include a Bataan Death March survivor and two USS Missouri veterans, who witnessed Japan's formal surrender on Sept. 2, 1945, aboard the 'Mighty Mo.'

Retired Army Col. Ben Skardon is living proof of the impact college connections can have on your life. While a prisoner of war following the fall of Bataan to Japanese Army troops during WWII, Skardon was kept alive due to the personal sacrifice of fellow officers who were Clemson University graduates and by a bit of food secretly obtained in exchange for his Clemson ring. A survivor of the Bataan Death March and Japanese prisoner-of-war camps, Skardon also served later in Korea. His decorations include the Silver Star Medal with oak-leaf cluster, the Bronze Star Medal with three oak-leaf clusters, the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

As a lieutenant commander, James Starnes of Stone Mountain, Ga. was the navigator of the USS Missouri during the final days of WWII and the officer of the deck at the surrender ceremony. He is visible in photographs taken that day.

Starnes joined the U.S. Naval Reserve prior to the United States' entry into the war. In November 1940, he received a commission as ensign and was assigned to sea duty aboard the light cruiser USS Boise, spending a year in Pearl Harbor from 1940 to 1941. On Nov.



Official U.S. Navy photo

Adm. Gary Roughead, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet will be the keynote speaker.

18, 1941, his ship left Pearl Harbor leading a convoy of merchant ships to Asia. En route to China, the USS Boise arrived in Manila on Dec. 5 and was still in Philippine waters when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7. Following considerable military action in both the Pacific and European theatres, Starnes was assigned to the newly-launched USS Missouri in November 1944. The 'Mighty Mo' would serve as flagship for Adm. William F. "Bull" Halsey in the final months of WWII and eventually serve as the site of Japan's surrender.

Murray Yudelowitz of the Bronx, N.Y. served aboard the USS Missouri from 1944 to 1946 in the 8th Division, gunnery department, as a gunner's mate. Yudelowitz witnessed the Missouri's christening 61 years ago in his hometown on Jan. 29, 1944, served as the captain's driver at the time of Japan's surrender; and witnessed the formal surrender ceremonies from atop the battleship's massive turret two, directly above the proceedings.

Yudelowitz traveled to Hawai'i in 1999 for the grand opening of the Battleship Missouri Memorial. While outfitted in his Navy white 'cracker jack' uniform, which he intends to wear again this Sept. 2, he spoke at the grand opening ceremony and included in his remarks a salute to all those lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, particularly those still entombed in the USS Arizona located just one ship-length away from the Missouri today.

For more information or to request an invitation to the Missouri's ceremony, call (808) 455-1600, extension 244; e-mail 60th@uss-missouri.org; or visit www.ussmissouri.org.

Getting ready for school – what's fashion right?

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More than 70 youngsters strutted their stuff on the fashion runway as the Navy Exchange at Pearl Harbor presented a back-to-school fashion show Aug. 13.

With a wide variety of styles and colors, it looked like there was something to meet just about everybody's taste.

The back-to-school fashion show was a first for the NEX. Denise Tokunaga, ladies' department manager and fashion show coordinator, said, "Because we have so many new items, we wanted to make sure that customers know what is available." She added, "The junior department is turning around. It's trendy, there's so much newness."

For girls, there were skirts of all lengths - from mini to below the calf - and an assortment of pleated, peasant, ruffled trims and flirty, irregular hems.

"The bohemian or 'gypsy' look is in, very flowing skirts with embellishments, a lot of sequins and glitter," noted Tokunaga. "That will carry on through the spring season with neutrals and browns and not so much glitter," she continued.

But pants - again in a number of lengths such as long shorts, capris and jeans - were also the trend. Suede, satin, leather, khaki and, of course, denim were the fabrics of choice. There were plain jeans and rhinestone-studded jeans and everything in between.

"Another trend that is very hot is the 'preppie' look with layering - 'preppie' sweaters, polo shirts, and 'boyfriend' shorts that are knee-length," said Tokunaga. According to the NEX fashion show coordinator, "Denim is very hot for this season, especially status denim, and brand names like Baby Phat, DKNY and Lucky Jeans. Anything paired with jeans in those name brands is very important."

The tops this season offered many different looks with babydoll tops, peasant tops, button-up blouses, tanks and camisoles - topped, or not, with shrugs, cardigans, blazers, hoodies, and short jackets. Beading, embroidery and other bohemian touches trimmed some of the season's tops.

Adding accents to the ladies' attire were flower pins, scarves and sequin trims complemented with such hot accessories as bangle bracelets, colorful dangling earrings, necklaces in an array of designs, and noticeable belts to pull outfits together.

Footwear ranged from relaxed looking sneakers and moccasins to casual ballerina flats and Mary Janes and even dressier sandals and pumps.

Not to be outdone, the boys showed their own fashion savvy as they strolled down the runway in long shorts and pants designed with cargo pockets as well as the ever-popular denim jeans. The layered look, featuring button-up shirts over (or under) polo shirts and sport logo T-shirts, was a fre-

quently worn male fashion statement.

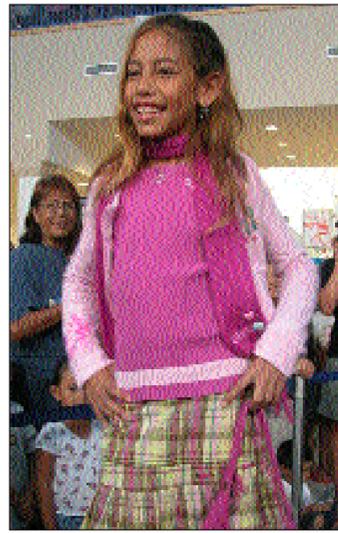
Nick Bupasiri, men's department visual merchandiser at the NEX, talked about the trends for the boys. "A really hot trend is mixing track jackets with denim jeans or cargo shorts. It's also really popular to wear a button-down shirt with a T-shirt under it or reverse layering with the T-shirt worn over the button-down," he said.

The black leather jacket, in the style of James Dean, has made a comeback this year and it was worn over a variety of ensembles. "Kids are taking ideas from James Dean, motorcycle-style black leather jackets," according to Bupasiri.

Sweater vests, denim jackets and hoodies, including denim jackets with hoodies, were worn by both boys and girls and the "layering" look also held appeal for both male and female fashions. Another back to school essential for both sexes was track jackets, worn with cargo shorts, jeans and khakis. Plaids were frequently seen on the runway along with striped patterns. Colorful florals appeared often in the skirts that the gals modeled.

As far as colors and patterns, this is what's in. "Plaid is very popular with kids this year," remarked Bupasiri. "Shades of green are really hot this season. The kids just love black, also yellows and browns," he added.

"Kids are wearing 'urban wear,' a style that once actually catered more to men, then teens and now younger kids," he said.



U.S. Navy photo by Karen Spangler

A model shows off one of the season's trendy new fashions as the NEX at Pearl Harbor presented its first back-to-school fashion show. More than 70 youth models showcased popular styles that kids are wearing back to school this fall.

The boys' footwear was also trendy and much in demand. "Air Jordans are really popular, with a strap that sort of wraps around the ankle or lower calf," explained the men's department merchandiser. "It's the hottest thing - every kid wants it."

Some of the models wore beanies

or newsboy caps, but "cowboy hats" seemed especially popular.

Denim has been the mainstay of the teen fashion world for many years and that is still the trend for this school year. A popular look again this season is the ripped and vintage style jeans, but nicer jeans and slacks weren't taking a back seat in the fashion arena.

Men's wear vests for both genders have also found a niche in this year's back-to-school fashions.

This year's fashion colors ranged from rich browns, purples and teals, to bright pinks and oranges, and a few pastel hues. Good old black is also back.

There are some fashion items that the NEX has difficulty keeping in stock. "Our surf wear goes out really fast, such as the printed T-shirts, especially anything with unique Hawaiian designs or designs from the '50s and '60s. Nostalgia is back in," noted Bupasiri. He added that "a lot of kids are into surfer wear, aloha wear and the beach boy look - even on the mainland."

Individuality is a key component in fashion for youth as they head back to school. "Kids are willing to experiment, wearing plaids on plaids, etc. and creating their own 'look' or 'style,'" said Bupasiri.

So it looks like there will be plenty of choices and many opportunities for youth to sport their own individual styles - and still be in fashion - as they head back to school.

Quiksilver Surfer Girls visit NEX

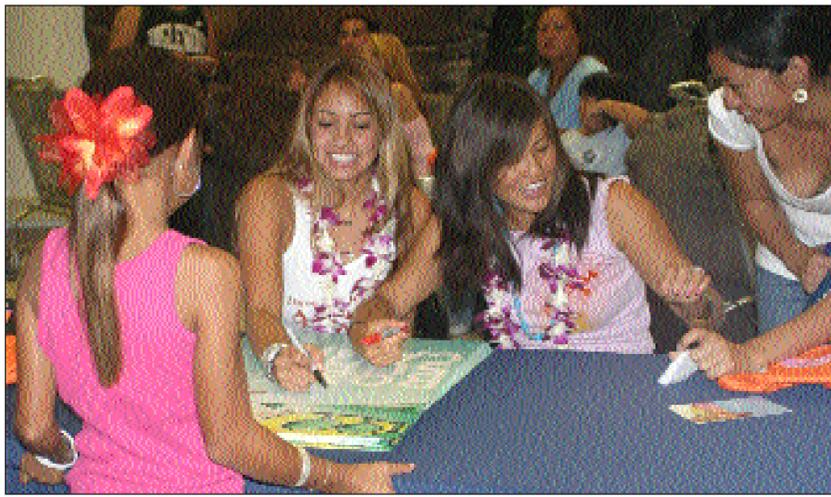


Photo by Laarni Gedo

Roxy Quiksilver surfers Aimee Vogelgesang (right) and Kula Barbieto, who both appeared on MTV's Surf Girls show, joined Quiksilver's Mark Healey at the NEX rotunda for a poster signing session Aug. 13.

Posing with their favorite 'Idol'

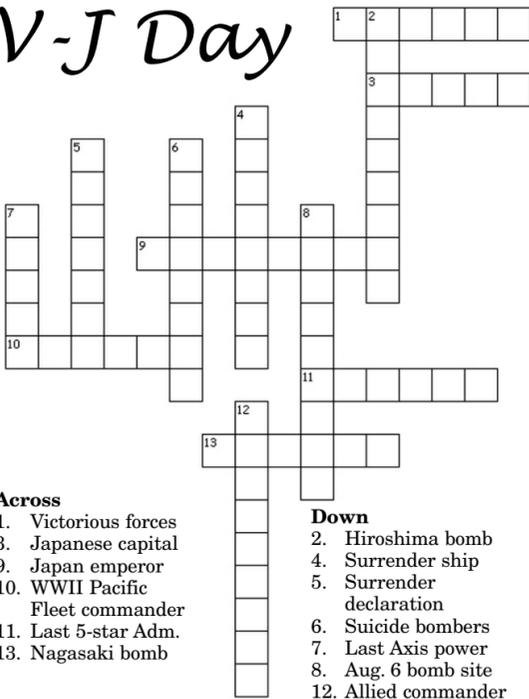


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NEX Hawai'i patrons pose for a photograph with Jasmine Trias at the store's audio department during an autograph session promoting Trias' self-titled debut album on Wednesday.

Skylark Central

V-J Day



Across

- 1. Victorious forces
- 3. Japanese capital
- 9. Japan emperor
- 10. WWII Pacific Fleet commander
- 11. Last 5-star Adm.
- 13. Nagasaki bomb

Down

- 2. Hiroshima bomb
- 4. Surrender ship
- 5. Surrender declaration
- 6. Suicide bombers
- 7. Last Axis power
- 8. Aug. 6 bomb site
- 12. Allied commander



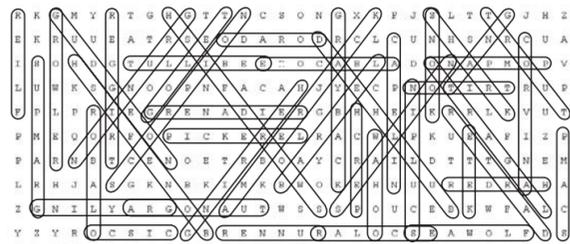
Where was this famous photograph taken?

One of the most famous photographs ever published by Life magazine was shot on V-J Day. Alfred Eisenstaedt was taking candid photos when he spotted a Sailor "running along the street grabbing any and every girl in sight," he later explained. "Whether she was a grandmother, stout, thin, old, didn't make any difference. I was running ahead of him with my Leica looking back over my shoulder...Then suddenly, in a flash, I saw something white being grabbed. I turned around and clicked the moment the Sailor kissed the nurse." Eisenstaedt was very gratified and pleased with this enduring image, saying, "People tell me that when I am in heaven they will remember this picture."

"Why AGs' Lock Up the Weather Ballons"



Last week's answers



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| SEALION | GRENADIER | CAPELIN | FLIER | SCAMP |
| SHARK | RUNNER | SCORPION | HARDER | SWORDFISH |
| PERCH | POMPANO | GRAYBACK | SEAWOLF | BARBEL |
| GRUNION | GRAYLING | TROUT | ESCOLAR | KETE |
| ARGONAUT | CISCO | TULLIBEE | DARTER | TRIGGER |
| AMBERJACK | WAHOO | HERRING | SHARK II | SNOOK |
| GRAMPUS | DORADO | GUDGEON) | TANG | LAGARTO |
| TRITON | CORVINA | GOLET | ALBACORE | BONEFISH |
| PICKEREL | SCULPIN | ROBALO | GROWLER | BULLHEAD |

Who said...

- NADW: DAMN
- HET: THE
- PSDEOTERO: TORPEDOES
- LUFL: FULL
- DESEP: SPEED
- DAAHE: AHEAD

ADM. DAVID G.

FARRAGUT



Are you a puzzle master?

HNN is accepting answers to this week's puzzle and "Know your Navy" question. Email answers to hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com. The first correct answer will have his/her name printed in next week's edition.

Know your Navy

The Naval Reserve Force was established Aug. 19 of what year?

Last week's question...

What U.S. submarine was the first to circumnavigate the globe while submerged?

Answer - USS Triton



MWR

Movie Call

Sharkey Theater
Naval Station Pearl Harbor
(473-0726)

FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. Fantastic Four (PG 13)

SATURDAY

2:30 p.m. Rebound (PG)

4:30 p.m. Herbie Fully Loaded (PG)

6:30 p.m. War of the Worlds (PG 13)

SUNDAY

2:30 p.m. Perfect Man (PG)

4:45 p.m. Fantastic Four (PG 13)

7:00 p.m. Dark Water (PG 13)

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Rebound (PG)

Memorial Theater
Hickam Air Force Base
(449-2239)

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

7:00 p.m. Fantastic Four (PG 13)

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. The Island (PG 13)

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. High Tension (R)

Sgt. Smith Theater
Schofield Barracks
(624-2585)

FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. Dark Water (PG 13)

SUNDAY AND THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Dark Water (PG 13)

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7:00 p.m. Rebound (PG)

WEDNESDAY

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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

• **Aug. 27:** Wa'ahila Ridge hike, \$5. Register by **Aug. 24.**

WIDEAWAKE PERFORMS TODAY AT BEEMAN CENTER

The band, Wideawake, will perform at 7 p.m. today at Beeman Center at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The band is described as a blend of modern rock and acoustic pop music. Admission is free to all authorized patrons; seating will be on a first come, first served basis. The concert is co-sponsored by MWR and Armed Forces Entertainment. For more information, call 473-2582.

FREE GOLF CLINICS

A free golf clinic will be offered from 1-2 p.m. **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.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND INTER-MURAL SPORTS

Softball and basketball intramural team tournaments will be held Labor Day weekend. Play dates will be **Sept. 2, 3 and 4.** The deadline for entry is **Aug. 26.** The tournament is open to active

duty, family members (18 and older) and DoD civilian employees of Pearl Harbor, Barbers Point, NCTAMS, West Loch and Kunia. The entry fee is \$175 per team (limited to the first paid 16 teams). Awards will be given to first and second place teams. Trophies will be awarded to first and second place individuals. For more information or to sign up, call 473-2494 or 473-2437.

MAGIC SHOW

Magician Bob Nixon will present a free magic show, filled with mystifying tricks, comedy and balloons beginning at 5 p.m. **Sept. 6** at Sharkey Theater at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The audience will also be entertained by Nicky's squeaky friends. The show is presented by Armed Forces Entertainment and Navy Region Hawai'i MWR. Tickets are not needed and there will be open seating. The show is open to all personnel with gate access to Naval Station Pearl Harbor. For more information, call 473-0606.

BARBERS POINT ANNUAL AMATEUR GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Barbers Point annual amateur golf tournament will be held at the Barbers Point Golf Course on **Sept. 23-25.** Participants should register by **Sept. 15** at the pro shop and clubhouse. The entry fees are \$90 for military and \$125 for civilians. Amateurs with computerized handicap no greater than 15 are eligible to play in the tournament. The field is limited to 192 golfers. The format is 54-hole stroke play; handicaps will be used to determine flight designations. All play will be scratch. There will be practice rounds for

authorized patrons Sept. 17-22 (call 6 days prior). All others: Space available board only Sept. 19-22. Lunch will be provided on Saturday after each round. For more information, call 682-2098.

BARBERS POINT SCRAMBLE

A scramble three-person blind draw golf tournament is held every Tuesday afternoon at Barbers Point Golf Course. The competition (nine holes) begins at 4 p.m. with check-in at 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 for authorized patrons. For more information, call 682-1911.

COACHES NEEDED

Boys & Girls Clubs of Navy Hawai'i is looking for volunteer coaches and officials for a variety of sports and cheerleading. If you have a few hours to spare for a good cause, call the youth sports office at 474-3501.

JUNIOR GROUP GOLF LESSONS

Junior Group Golf Lessons are offered at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and at 10 a.m. on Saturdays at Barbers Point Golf Course. Lessons concentrate on swing fundamentals, correct grip, stance, alignment and swing techniques. The cost is \$20 per participant, per month. For more information, call 682-1911.

W.O.W. (WOMEN ON WEIGHTS)

W.O.W. (Women on Weights) is offered from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays at Bloch Arena. Learn proper technique and form on how to correctly incorporate resistance training into your fitness program. The four-week class was designed by women for women. The cost is

\$40. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. For more information, call 473-0793.

YOUTH STRENGTH PROGRAM

MWR offers a Youth Strength Program for youth ages 10-13 from 3-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Bloch Arena. The cost for the program is \$25 per month. The 60-minute workout includes a cardiovascular warm-up, strength exercises, stretching techniques and nutritional tips. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. For more information, call 473-0793.



- **Aug. 19:** Insomniac movie night at LIP, 11 p.m., free.
- **Aug. 20:** Extreme jet skiing, 10 a.m., \$45.
- **Aug. 21:** Surfing lessons with Jodie, 10 a.m., \$7.
- **Aug. 24:** Comedy Night (Beeman Center), 6:30 p.m., free.
- **Aug. 27:** Horseback riding (mountain trail), 10 a.m., \$65.
- **Aug. 28:** Surfing lessons with Jodie, 10 a.m., \$7.
- **Aug. 29:** Honolulu Hidden Valley waterfalls, 8:30 a.m., \$37.

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.

In honor of Honolulu's centennial, hundreds of hula dancers of all ages, and levels of expertise are invited to participate in "Hula on the Beach" at 4:30 p.m. **Aug. 20.** Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hanneman will sing the hula song for the dance, "I Fell in Love with Honolulu." The objective of the hula event is to attempt to create the "longest ever, continuous hula line in history" as well as to share the aloha spirit for Honolulu. Event sponsors are hoping to have the event recognized as a world's record in the Guinness Book of World Records. Volunteers are also needed to assist with the event. For more information, call 473-2880.

The Armed Services YMCA at Pearl Harbor will distribute **free food** to junior and mid-level enlisted families from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. **Aug. 24-29** at building 89 on North Road. For more information, call 473-3398.

The **Navy Advancement Exam** is just around the corner. COMPACFLT is offering training to enlisted personnel for the September advancement exam. Professional Military Knowledge topics will be discussed from 9-10 a.m. every Monday **through Aug 29** at COMPACFLT, building 16, legal conference room. For more information, contact CTA1(SW) Alomar at 471-9733, ext. 216.

VP-4 Enlisted Family Support Group (EFSG) 1st Annual Golf Scramble will be **Nov. 2** at the Klipper Golf Course at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with shotgun start at noon. The deadline to register is **Aug. 31.** After Aug. 31, contact the golf committee for availability. Prizes will be awarded for the longest drive, closest to the pin and the overall team score. Ticket prices are as follows: E-5 and below \$50, E6-O3 \$57, O4 and above \$59, DoD/federal/civilian, \$65. The entrance fee for retired military applies to prior rate. Dependents pay the same rate as military spouses. The fee includes: greens fee, cart fee (two per team), awards dinner, one raffle ticket, snacks and beverages. There will be an awards dinner for family and friends at a cost of \$27 for adults, \$13.50 for children ages five-10 and no charge for children under four years old. For more information, log onto: <http://efsg.tripod.com/> For more information, call 677-2059 or email VP-4 EFSG president, Jhyllia Eagle, at alohaeeagle1@aol.com or VP-4 vice-president, Prairie Burt, at PBAdpi@aol.com.

Special Olympics Hawai'i is recruiting volunteers for the **2005 Cop On Top Law Enforcement Fundraiser** which will be held **Sept. 1-3.** Law enforcement officers from the military services, other Department of Defense agencies, Honolulu Police Department and state sheriffs will be on rooftops of Safeway stores around Oahu. The "cops on top" are committed to remain on the roofs for three consecutive days to raise money for Special Olympics Hawai'i. Volunteers are needed to create excitement and collect donations on the ground, while the cops are on top the roofs. For more information or to volunteer, contact Cindy at 943-8808, ext. 27 or email at volunteers@specialolympicshawaii.org. Visit the Special Olympics Hawai'i web site at www.specialolympicshawaii.org.

The **USS Hopper Ohana** will meet at 6:30 p.m. **Sept. 6** in the fellowship hall of the Pearl Harbor Main Chapel. Cmdr. Pete Driscoll, commanding officer of USS Hopper, will be a guest speaker. There will also be a guest speaker from the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS).

There will be a social with refreshments and a door prize will be given away. Babysitting will be provided in the chapel nursery with donations of \$2 per child or \$5 per family accepted. Those who need child care should RSVP with the number of children and their ages to hopperhana70@yahoo.com by **Sept. 1.** For more information, call 683-1134.

The next **Oceans Advisory Board meeting** will be held at the Oceans CPO Club at 2:30 p.m. **Sept. 1.** Commands are strongly encouraged to have a representative from their CPO Mess and/or CPOA attend the Oceans CPO Club Advisory Board meetings to voice their desires and concerns. Meetings are held every the first Thursday of the month. For more information, call JOC (SW) Joe Kane at 473-3788.

Joint Employment Management System (JEMS) will hold its 18th annual **JEMS Job Fair** from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. **Sept. 13** at Club Pearl at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The event is open to all military ID card holders including active duty personnel, military family members, retirees, reservists and Department of Defense and Coast Guard employees with base access. Because of the professional nature of this event, no children will be admitted. Representatives from Hawai'i businesses, mainland companies and government agencies will be recruiting for job openings. More than 100 companies participated in recent job fairs. Job Fair participants will have the opportunity to talk to recruiters about jobs, pick up applications and drop off resumes. For more information, call the JEMS office at 473-0190, Pearl Harbor Fleet and Family Support Center at 473-4222, ext. 1; MCCS Marine and Family Services at 257-7790, Hickam AFB Family Support Center at 449-0300, or Coast Guard Work-Life Center at 842-2085.

The Navy Exchange is currently **accepting applications** for a variety of positions. NEX employment applications are available at the application drop boxes located in the main rotunda and the second floor by the registers. Completed applications may be dropped off at those same drop boxes.

The **NEX Uniform Shop will relocate mid-September** to its bigger and newly-renovated home in building 1337 (formerly the NAVSTA Bowling Center next to Club Pearl).

The **University of Oklahoma** offers a master of arts in managerial economics and a master of public administration. Non-thesis programs can be completed in about 18 months. The university's one-week classes are TDY/TAD friendly. For more information, contact OU at 449-6364 or aphickam@ou.edu or visit www.gouou.ou.edu.

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.

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-TRI-WEST (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.



Dark Water: Dahlia is starting a new life. Her new apartment seems to take on a life of its own though. Mysterious noises, leaks of dark water and strange happenings cause her imagination to run wild.

Fantastic Four: See Review

Herbie: Fully Loaded: Maggie, the new owner of Number 53 - the free-wheelin' Volkswagen bug with a mind of its own, puts the car through its paces on the road to becoming a NASCAR® competitor.

High Tension: Two worlds collide disastrously -- a rusted delivery van barrels through cornfields; meanwhile, Alex has brought her friend Marie to spend the weekend at her parents' country farmhouse. At the end of the road lies an isolated house, caught in the van's headlights. As the girls close their eyes, an intruder is about to turn their innocent dreams into a relentless and bloody nightmare.

The Island: Lincoln is a resident of a seemingly utopian but contained facility in the mid 21st century. Like all of the inhabitants of this carefully controlled environment, Lincoln hopes to be chosen to go to the "The Island" - reportedly the last uncontaminated spot on the planet. But Lincoln soon discovers that everything about his existence is a lie.

The Perfect Man: Holly conceives the perfect plan - an imaginary secret admirer who will romance her mother Jean. When the virtual relationship takes off, Holly finds herself having to produce the suitor.

Rebound: Coach Roy once was college basketball's top mastermind. Roy's temper has run amuck, leading to his being banned from college ball. He takes a job as the coach of a junior high basketball squad.

War of the Worlds: Ray is a working class man living in New Jersey. The unthinkable and, ultimately, the unexpected happens to him in an extraordinary sense. His small town life is shaken violently by the arrival of destructive intruders: Martians which have come en masse to destroy Earth.

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Fantastic Four

There are great comic book adaptations and there are not so great ones. "Fantastic Four" fits into the latter category. The great ones hinge on story development and character study as a method by which to reveal the supernatural fairy-tale. The not so great ones rely on the supernatural elements to entertain its audience, hoping they'll forget about everything else.

"Fantastic Four" is about a group of astronauts who begin to develop supernatural powers after being exposed to a cosmic radiation field in space. Their powers vary, and director Tim Story exploits each one with an onslaught of gimmicks and cheap laughs. He does not use the powers of each character as a byproduct of theory and growth, but rather as an opportunity to satirize and manipulate for the shameful laugh.

After learning of their powers, the foursome simply isolate themselves for fear of shocking the outside world. By doing this Story also isolates any back-story of his characters. Except for the cheesy semi-love affair between Sue Storm and Reed Richards, the audience is almost oblivious to anything except what's going on right in front of our eyes.

We see the foursome embrace and learn about their powers, but never do we learn about them. Throw in a few thousand special effects and you have what some refer to as the perfect summer blockbuster. No story, no thinking, no emotion. Just all out comedy and explosions, which are never that funny or never really that impressive to begin with.

If you're looking for a comic book adaptation about a foursome of characters with special powers, I suggest renting "The Incredibles." The characters in that film contain basically the same super powers as those in "Fantastic Four," yet with the former film you're rewarded with story and actual comedy as opposed to mercy laughs and bad acting.

OVERALL RATING: ★★★★★

New director sets course for Naval Historical Center

Jack A. Green

Naval Historical Center Public Affairs

A new director of naval history assumed the helm of the Naval Historical Center (NHC) on July 25 with the immediate goal of bringing naval history closer to the fleet.

"I am delighted to have this position, because it is an important time for naval history," said retired Rear Adm. Paul E. Tobin to an audience gathered in the Navy Museum on July 27.

He congratulated NHC's previous acting director, Capt. Peter O. Wheeler, and the center's staff, for their superior performance during the 10-month long selection process for a new director.

Tobin said that one of his first

goals is to reaffirm the importance of naval history. "There is a lot more we can do with information technology to increase awareness of our rich array of services," he said.

Further, an ongoing major project for the center will be to determine if it has "enough people, the right people in the right places."

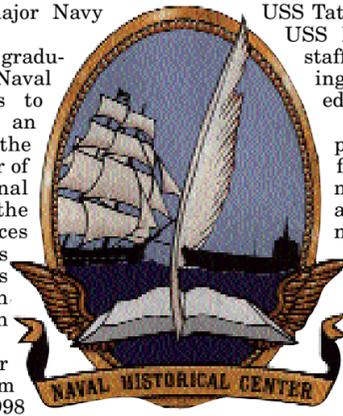
One of his major long-term goals is to "generate a view of where we want to be 25 years from now with a timetable and milestones. A major priority is the need to move toward using modern technology for the storage of valuable archives and artifacts. To do this, will the NHC be in the same buildings 20 years from now? Probably not," said Tobin.

In the meantime, his immediate goal is to visit the Navy's 12 museums and establish a working rela-

tionship with major Navy communities.

Tobin, a 1963 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, comes to the center from an assignment as the executive director of the Educational Foundation of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) in Fairfax, Va.

His 35-year Navy career from 1963 through 1998 included assignments afloat and ashore. His sea duty started off in destroyers, then included chief engineer on board USS Forrestal (CVA 59), command of destroyers



USS Tatnall (DDG 19) and USS Fox (CG 33), and staff positions managing surface warfare education.

It was as a participant that he had his first brush with naval history. While assigned as engineer officer aboard USS Davis (DD 937), he was awarded a Bronze Star for operations associated with the salvage of USS Liberty (AGTR 5) after

that ship sustained heavy combat damage in the 1967 Mideast War. A master of science degree in computer systems management gained at the U.S. Naval

Postgraduate School led to further high-level staff positions in communications and information technology.

In August 1990, he assumed command of Naval Surface Group, Western Pacific; Task Force 73 and Task Force 75. In this capacity, he oversaw the reorganization of naval surface forces in the Western Pacific. He then assumed the duties as assistant chief of naval personnel, Personnel Readiness and Community Support (Pers-6) in September 1992. In June 1994, he was appointed vice chief of naval education and training, and his final assignment was as oceanographer of the Navy.

For related news, visit the Naval Historical Center Navy NewsStand page at www.news.navy.mil/local/navhist/.

Afternoon delight



Photo courtesy of Forest City Residential Management

Chief Gas Turbine System Technician - Electrical Jose Elona and his family took Yard of the Month honors for July for the Radford Terrace family housing community.

DoD launches online deployment health, family readiness library

American Forces Press Service

Service members, their families and their health care providers have a new online Defense Department resource for deployment health issues.

The DoD Deployment Health Risk Communication Working Group and the Joint Task Force for Family Readiness Education on Deployments have joined together to create the deployment health and family readiness library.

Ellen P. Embrey, deputy assistant secretary of defense for force health protection and readiness, announced the new online library Aug. 9. It is intended to provide service members, families and health-care providers a quick and easy way to find the deployment health and family readiness information they value, she said.

"Information is a powerful

tool. We must remain proactive in providing deployment-related health information to better safeguard our service members," she said. "Most people fear the unknown. Through accurate, timely information, we are able to ensure that our service members are better equipped to prepare for, cope with, and recover from the myriad health risks faced during deployments."

The online library includes fact sheets, guides and other products on a wide variety of topics. The topic listing was based on feedback from service members, their families, and health care providers, Embrey said. New information will be added to the site as new topics and areas of concern emerge, she added.

In focus-group meetings, Embrey explained, service members and their families have said their need for information varies before, during

and after deployments. Leaders, in particular, look for accurate information before the deployment. While the service members are deployed, their families are especially interested in getting deployment health-related information, she noted, and following deployments, both service members and families look for this information.

Embrey said many information sources are available online, but noted that, too often, it's difficult to tell if the information source is accurate.

"We are absolutely committed to providing the best information found in sound science and based on medical evidence," Embrey said. "We want this site to be the authoritative source for deployment health and family readiness information. This is another step we are taking to ensure that those who protect our country and our freedoms are also protected."