

NCTAMS

Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific

Offering **BIG** fun in a **little** place

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Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific may be a small base, but its MWR department offers big fun for the single Sailors and families who live there. Rivaling larger bases on Oahu, NCTAMS has entertainment venues that cover a large range of interests - from miniature golf to scuba diving. NCTAMS MWR ensures there is something for everyone. "Our goal is to make NCTAMS as equally exciting as every other base, regardless of its size," said Marc Milles, the MWR Liberty Express director. "Our MWR program has so much to give our Sailors. I want the Sailors to have the chance to get involved in all of the activities we offer," he added.

The swimming pool is one of the most used resources on the base, especially during the hotter summer months. The pool offers swimming lessons taught by American Red Cross-certified instructors. Water aerobics are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For the kids and the kids at heart, belly flop contests are an opportunity for some super splashing fun. Always monitored by lifeguards, the pool is a place to cool off with family and friends.

For those who want to venture into the deep blue ocean, scuba lessons are given on the second Monday of each month. Classes must consist of six people, so grab five friends and bring them with you to learn the ways of deep ocean diving.

If you would rather cool off inside, Liberty Express offers many entertainment options for those looking for something to do. The center boasts a state-of-the-art movie room, complete with

wide screen televisions, surround sound and reclining chairs. The game room houses a Playstation™ and a variety of games from which to choose. The Liberty Express also has a huge TV room filled with comfortable sofas for those who want to "veg out" for a while or catch the game on TV. There are pool tables and computers that can be used free of charge.

The full kitchen in the back of the center is available for those who want to satisfy their appetites. If you can't cook, you now have the opportunity to learn. Every Friday, the kitchen is host to a cook with the expertise to guide you through making a variety of dishes and desserts. The Liberty Express also invites Sailors to "Sunday sundaes," a weekly event where participants can make their own frozen creations with the ice cream and toppings provided at the center.

At the fitness center, a staff of trained professionals is available to assist patrons in reaching their physical fitness goals. It also features an outside racquetball court, indoor basketball court, a gym and a locker room complete with a sauna.

The exercise schedule includes everything from cardio-kickboxing to salsa lessons. Return to readiness and the indoor cycling class are fitness programs that focus on cardiovascular training and endurance. Yoga is available for those who prefer a low-impact option and focuses on controlled fluid movement and breathing techniques to create flexible strength.

Outdoor gear issue is also located at the center and has coolers, snorkel gear and other equipment for any outdoor adventure you plan. They also offer surfboards, which are frequently borrowed by those



U.S. Navy photo by CTM2 Selena Current

Information Systems Technician Seaman Apprentice Glen Gilmore lifts weights at the NCTAMS Fitness Center.

attending the surf workshops offered by MWR.

"We have a surfing program every Sunday out at White Plains beach. It's a great place to learn how to surf. For seven dollars, you get all-day surfing and lunch is included. You can't beat that price anywhere on the island," said Milles.

Rainbow Lanes Bowling provides fun for all ages. The bowling center offers bumper bowling, a snack bar and new automatic scoring machines. The center hosts command functions and also weekly bowling specials and party packages.

Located just outside the center is a free, miniature golf course where you can work on your putting technique. The 18-hole course has obstacles, twists and turns to guide your ball through. The light-hearted atmosphere is ideal for a family fun night.

For Sailors who need to get out and about, the Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) Office provides great deals for military members. Whether you

want to attend a luau or experience a dinner cruise, the ITT office will make sure you get the experience for the best price. The ITT office also offers discounts for airline tickets, cruises and vacation spots such as Disney World.

NCTAMS now offers a free shuttle service between the NCTAMS bus stop and the Pearl Harbor ITT office where you can inquire about the discounts available. If you want to become more familiar with the island, the Liberty Express center provides round-island tours upon request.

"The round-island liberty tours are our most utilized feature," said Milles. "We just had a tour last Friday and it was great. NCTAMS is such a remote location and the tours give the Sailors a chance to get out. It's a day packed with sight-seeing and adventure."

For more information regarding the various MWR programs offered at NCTAMS, visit the MWR Web site www.greatlife-hawaii.com and click on "NCTAMS," located in the left hand column.



Photo by Amiee Huepenbecker

A Sailor takes time for some cardio conditioning as she pedals a stationary cycle at the NCTAMS Fitness Center.



U.S. Navy photo by CTM2 Selena Current

The miniature golf course is just outside the bowling alley at NCTAMS and has many fun obstacles, such as a treasure trunk and pyramid, that putters must conquer to win.



U.S. Navy photo by CTM2 Selena Current

Playing in the pool at NCTAMS is a good way to cool off on a hot summer day. A family enjoys a game of water basketball.

USS Indianapolis remembered

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Sixty years ago this month, a group of 317 Navy men rested on Guam recovering from wounds and exposure. They were perhaps the lucky ones - the rescued survivors from the 1,197 officers and crew of the USS Indianapolis, torpedoed by a Japanese submarine on July 30, 1945 while transiting from Guam to the Philippines.

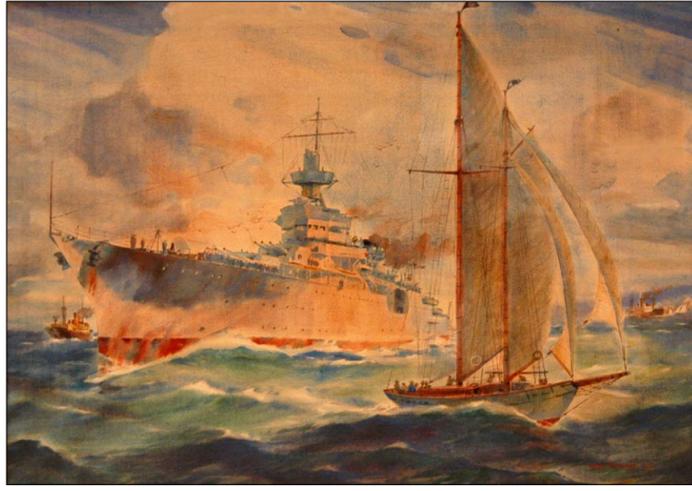
It has been estimated that as many as 900 men may have survived the initial attack. The men were adrift at sea for more than four days until a Navy aircraft crew, out on patrol from Peleliu searching for Japanese submarines, inadvertently spotted them. Doug Stanton's book "In Harm's Way" tells in painful detail this amazingly sad and memorable story. Indianapolis was the last U.S. capital ship lost in World War II.

Just prior to its tragic sinking, the Indianapolis had set a record for its 74 and one-half hour transit from San Francisco to Pearl Harbor. With no liberty granted in Pearl Harbor, Indianapolis - in just an additional seven days - arrived at her destina-

tion, the island of Tinian, carrying highly secret cargo. Many aboard did not know they carried from the Golden Gate to Tinian the components of "Little Boy," the atomic bomb that would, on Aug. 6, 1945, be dropped on Hiroshima in an effort to end four years of horrific war.

Those that know the history of the Indianapolis probably reflect on this sequence of events each time they have the opportunity to visit Naval Station Pearl Harbor. A watercolor by the noted Navy artist, Arthur Beaumont, is proudly displayed in the official reception offices of the Naval Station, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and Navy Region Hawai'i. Entitled "Amberjack II passes USS Indianapolis," the painting depicts the Indianapolis during its days of glory.

On June 29, 1933 shortly after his first inauguration, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, on his last summer vacation cruise from Marion, Mass. to Campobello Island, Maine, sailed the schooner Amberjack II past USS Indianapolis as the ship rested at anchor in Passamoquoddy Bay.



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

The watercolor "Amberjack II passes USS Indianapolis" by distinguished Navy artist Arthur Beaumont is displayed at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

Aboard the Indianapolis was then Naval Reserve Lt. Arthur Beaumont who documented the event.

A year later on May 31, 1934, President Roosevelt conducted a

Presidential Review of the Fleet while aboard USS Indianapolis. The ship's commanding officer, Capt. Smeallie, presented the watercolor to the president. USS Indianapolis went on to serve as the president's

ship of state, the 1930's predecessor to today's Air Force One.

Arthur Beaumont served as the official artist for the Navy from 1932 to 1977. During World War II, Beaumont created a widely known eight-painting series of various Navy ships for National Geographic Magazine. He also documented the Bikini Atoll nuclear experiments and the Navy's work at the South Pole in the 1960s. Various Web sites indicate that his works are on display at the White House, the Pentagon, the Naval Academy, the National Museum of Art, numerous embassies and naval bases and in a collection at Irvine University.

This watercolor of Amberjack II and USS Indianapolis reportedly was displayed in President Roosevelt's private quarters. How the painting came to Pearl Harbor is not known, but its presence is treasured. The subject of the painting and the men who served - some who gave their lives and the few hundred who survived to tell their story - are daily given honor and respect by all those who note the artist's work, especially at this time each year.

Sailors help build new boxcar track in Kunia

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Sailors from the Transient Personnel Unit (TPU) at Naval Station Pearl Harbor volunteered their services helping American Box Car Racing International (ABCRI) build a new boxcar track in Kunia on Aug. 24.

The Sailors from TPU revitalized the poles and supports for the tents and pavilions and did some electrical work. "We took down some rust and painted," said Construction Electrician 2nd Class Chance Agnew. "We have people in transit who want to stay occupied. This is a great chance for them to do

something different from the normal Navy work."

According to B.C. Cowling, ABCRI executive director, the old track in Pearl City was on city-owned property that was sold to Wal-Mart™. So, the organization was prepared to find a new site.

"We knew Pearl City was temporary," said Cowling. "We opened the new site last year and these Sailors helped us put a dust screen around the site."

Cowling said the new site will open in late September or early October and will have two, three-lane tracks, a three-lane combination championship and competition track.

ABCRI is a non-profit organization that teaches cognitive skills, career development skills, driving skills, and safety and responsibility.

"We find that if we teach kids early the rules of the road and driving safety, they will respect them more when they are of age to drive," said Cowling.

Cowling said he appreciates the hard work from the Sailors. "These guys are great," said Cowling. "They have been a big help."

The volunteers were catered by Rich Luster of Mr. Pizza. Luster said the franchise was in partnership with ABCRI and felt it was appropriate to feed the

Sailors who worked so hard.

"This is what we do, support our military," said Luster, explaining Mr. Pizza's volunteer and fundraising activities for the service members.

The volunteers seemed to enjoy both the work and the pizza. "This is a great opportunity to be ambassadors for the Navy," said Fire Controlman Seaman Edward Schultz.

"The pizza is great, but I am glad to help out the community," said Quartermaster 2nd Class Ricky Dickey. "Now the children will have something to do. When I was a kid, I didn't have much to do."



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Corwin Colbert

Sailors assigned to the Transient Personnel Unit test a new boxcar track in Kunia.

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Joint Spouses Conference scheduled for Sept. 30-Oct. 1

Special to Hawai'i Navy News

Registration is now ongoing for the 11th Annual Joint Spouses' Conference (JSC), a forum for military spouses from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. The conference will be held Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at the Nehelani Banquet and Conference Center at Schofield Barracks. The conference begins at 8:15 a.m. on Sept. 30 and at 8 a.m. on Oct. 1.

Kaye Goldthorpe, 2005 Joint Spouses' Conference co-director, said, "It is a crucial time, now more than ever, to find ways to enrich, empower, uplift and motivate our spouses in their challenging roles as wives, husbands, parents, professionals and community leaders.

This year's conference is our time to come together and grow."

The 2005 JSC keynote speakers will be Brig. Gen. Coral Pietsch and Dr. Kent Keith, author of "Anyway - the Paradoxical Commandments."

On Sept. 30, Keith's presentation will focus on leadership and finding personal meaning at home and at work. He grew up in a Marine family and current-

ly lives in Honolulu.

Brig. Gen. Pietsch will address conferees on Oct. 1. She is the first woman general in the 229-year history of the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps and the first Asian-American woman to hold the rank of brigadier general in the Army. She is also the spouse of a retired military member. The Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Oahu recently honored Pietsch as one of Hawai'i's extraordinary women leaders in her field and for her community outreach and volunteer efforts.

The Joint Spouses' Conference is anchored with popular workshops from its own publication "Armed for Entertainment 'At Ease' A Creative Guide." Registrants may choose from over 65 workshops with an array of interests, including cultural arts, cooking, health and fitness, parenting, career enhancement, military benefits and more.

The JSC is also selling opportunity tickets for a

chance to win a quilt featuring Hawaiian and joint military themes. The quilt was locally created and quilted by Army spouse, Laura Kardos, and pieced by military spouses.

The cost to attend the conference is \$25 for both days or \$15 for Friday or Saturday only. The fee includes workshops, two continental breakfasts, two lunches and a conference tote bag. Seating is limited to 400 attendees. All forms must be postmarked by Sept. 16.

Children are not permitted to attend. Childcare is not available and must be prearranged.

Registration forms may be picked up at military exchanges, commissaries, support centers, thrift shops and chapels. Register online or download the registration form at www.jointspousesconference.com.

For more information and to preview some of the workshops, visit www.jointspousesconference.com or call the Navy liaison for the JSC, Cory Sievers, at 455-2921.



Programs aim to reduce military divorce rates

American Forces Press Service

Recognizing the stresses military life and multiple deployments put on families, the services are stepping up their efforts to help their members strengthen their family relationships and avoid the divorce courts.

A full range of outreach programs - from support groups for spouses of deployed troops to weekend retreats for military couples - aims to help military families endure the hardships that military life often imposes.

Specific service-by-service statistics about divorce rates within the military weren't available, but the rates for the Army give a snapshot of what are believed to be a military-wide trend.

Army officials reported 10,477 divorces among the active-duty force in fiscal 2004, a number that's climbed steadily over the past five years. In fiscal 2003, the Army reported fewer than 7,500 divorces; in 2002, just over 7,000, and in 2001, about 5,600.

During the past two years, the divorce rate has been higher among Army officers than their enlisted counterparts, reversing the previous trend, officials said. In fiscal 2003, the Army reported almost 1,900 divorces among its 56,000 married officers. The following year, that number jumped to more than 3,300 - an increase of almost 1,500.

These statistics reflect a general trend in American society, Army Chaplain (Col.) Glen Bloomstrom, director of ministry initiatives for the Army's Office of the Chief of Chaplains, pointed out. Forty-five to 50 percent of all first marriages end in divorce nationwide, he said, and the failure rate is even higher for second marriages: a whopping 60 to 70 percent.

Divorce rates run even higher in specific occupations,

particularly those that expose people to traumatic events and danger, as well as heavy responsibilities and public scrutiny, Army officials noted. Police officers, for example, face a divorce rate averaging between 66 and 75 percent, they said.

Despite the nationwide trends, Bloomstrom was quick to point out that the numbers represent far more than just statistics. "These are people we're talking about," he said. "When a marriage ends, it's the end of a dream."

To help reverse the statistics, the services have introduced new programs and pumped up existing ones, offered through their family support, chaplain and mental-health counseling networks.

For example, the Army's offerings include:

- The new Deployment Cycle Support Program, which includes briefings for Soldiers on how their absence and return may affect their family relationships and how they can cope with the inevitable changes.
- A family support group system that provides both practical and emotional support for spouses of deployed Soldiers.

- The Building Strong and Ready Families Program, a two-day program that helps couples develop better communication skills, reinforced by a weekend retreat.

- The Strong Bonds marriage education program that focuses specifically on issues that affect Reserve and National Guard couples.

- The Pick a Partner program that helps single Soldiers make wise decisions when they choose mates.

The Army is not alone in offering programs to help its families survive the rigors of deployments and strengthen their relationships in the process.

The Marine Corps' Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program is a

two-day workshop that teaches couples how to manage conflict, solve problems, communicate effectively and preserve and enhance their commitment and friendship, Marine officials said.

Participants begin the program by taking a marriage survey, developed by a retired Navy chaplain, to help them evaluate their relationship and identify problems before they become serious. The four top problems generally involve communication, children and parenting, money and sexual intimacy, according to a Navy chaplain involved in the program.

The Navy has a similar program in its Marriage Enrichment Retreat.

This weekend getaway is designed to give Navy couples the tools they need to help strengthen their marriages, according to Rachele Logan, public affairs director for Navy Installations Command.

Participants begin the weekend session by getting a profile of their personalities, then attending sessions on marital communication, personality and family dynamics and problems associated with military separation, Logan said.

Bloomstrom said he's optimistic about the emphasis the military services are putting on programs for married service members.

The goal, he said, is to help couples recognize and address danger signs before they escalate.

Another objective is to help military couples get more satisfaction out of their marriages by injecting a healthy dose of "fun and friendship" that he said builds up their "emotional bank account."

"We're talking about investing in the relationship in the good times," he said. "That way, when you have to make a withdrawal - as you do during a deployment - you still have enough left in the bank to cover it."

It doesn't come easy



Photo courtesy of Forest City Residential Management

A Navy family member puts hard work and effort into turning her yard into a showplace. Information Systems Technician 2nd Class (SW) Hussam Elkhatib and his family were Yard of the Month winners for July 2005 for the Hokulani neighborhood.

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. Herbie Fully Loaded (PG)
4:30 p.m. Bewitched (PG 13)
6:45 p.m. War of the Worlds (PG 13)
SUNDAY
2:30 p.m. Rebound (PG)
4:30 p.m. Dark Water (PG 13)
7:00 p.m. Fantastic Four (PG 13)
THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. The Island (PG 13)

Memorial Theater
Hickam Air Force Base
(449-2239)

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
7:00 p.m. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG)
SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY
7:00 p.m. Bad News Bears (PG 13)
THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. The Devil's Reject (R)

Sgt. Smith Theater
Schofield Barracks
(624-2585)

FRIDAY AND WEDNESDAY
7:00 p.m. Fantastic Four (PG 13)
SATURDAY AND THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. The Island (PG 13)
SUNDAY
7:00 p.m. High Tension (R)

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

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.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND INTRAMURAL 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 **today**. 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 show is present-

ed 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.

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.



- **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.

Blood drives will be held at the following locations. For more information or to schedule a blood drive, call 433-6148 or 433-6195.

- **Sept. 1:** 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 25th ID Replacement Det, building 691, Schofield Barracks.
- **Sept. 7:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Fleet Industrial Supply Center, Pearl Harbor.
- **Sept 8:** 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 25th ID Replacement Det, building 691, Schofield Barracks.
- **Sept. 13:** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., U. S. Coast Guard, Club 14, Sand Island.
- **Sept. 14:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Helemano Community Center, Helemano Military Reservation.
- **Sept. 15:** 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 25th ID Replacement Det, building 691, Schofield Barracks.
- **Sept. 22:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center, Hickam Air Force Base.
- **Sept. 28:** IPAC (Installation Personnel Administration Center), Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe, time to be announced.
- **Sept. 29:** 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 25th ID Replacement Det, building 691, Schofield Barracks.

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. through **Aug. 29** at building 89 on North Road. For more information, call 473-3398.

The **Navy Advancement Exams** are 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. **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 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, Jhylia Eagle, at alohaegle1@aol.com or VP-4 vice-president, Prairie Burt, at PBApdi@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 dona-

tions 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. 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 hopperohana70@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 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.

Registration is now ongoing for the 11th annual **Joint Spouses' Conference (JSC)**, a forum for military spouses from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, which will be held **Sept. 30** and **Oct. 1** at the Nehelani Banquet and Conference Center at Schofield Barracks. Registrants may choose from over 65 workshops with an array of interests, including cultural arts, cooking, health and fitness, parenting, career enhancement, military benefits and more. The 2005 JSC keynote speakers will be Brig. Gen. Coral Pietsch and Dr. Kent Keith, author of "Anyway - the Paradoxical Commandments." The cost is \$25 for both days or \$15 for Friday or Saturday only. The fee includes workshops, two continental breakfasts, two lunches and a conference tote bag. Seating is limited to 400 attendees. All forms must be postmarked by **Sept. 16**. Children are not permitted to attend. Childcare is not available and must be prearranged. Registration forms may be picked up at military exchanges, commissaries, support centers, thrift shops and chapels. Register online or download the registration form at www.jointspousesconference.com. For more information and to preview some of the workshops, visit www.jointspousesconference.com or call the Navy liaison for the JSC, Cory Sievers, at 455-2921.

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.



Bad News Bears: Morris, a former pro baseball player, was ejected from the game for attacking an umpire. He is lured back into the game to coach little league.

Bewitched: See Review

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory: Charlie, a boy from an impoverished family, wins a candy bar contest and is given a tour, along with four other children, of the chocolate factory run by Willy Wonka.

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

The Devil's Reject: The unthinkable horror continues a few weeks after the events depicted in "House of 1000 Corpses," as the murderous Firefly family is forced on the lam after a bloody showdown.

Fantastic Four: When an experimental space voyage goes awry, four people are changed by cosmic rays. They use their unique powers to foil the evil plans of Doctor Doom.

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: Alex brings her friend Marie to spend the weekend at her farmhouse. As they close their eyes, an intruder is about to turn their dreams into a bloody nightmare.

The Island: Lincoln is a resident of a seemingly utopian but contained facility. But Lincoln soon discovers that everything about his existence is a lie.

Rebound: Coach Roy once was 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. His small town life is shaken violently by the arrival of destructive intruders: Martians.

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Bewitched

The transformation from classic television shows to the big screen has yielded both positive and negative repercussions. "Bewitched," though clever in its reinterpretation, surrenders a negative overall effect simply because Nora Ephron just can't keep remaking "Sleepless in Seattle" over and over again.

The film has a clever idea for reinventing the show, as a down and out Hollywood actor (Will Ferrell) accepts the position of Darren in the remake of the television show (within the movie). In true Hollywood form, Ferrell's character Jack Wyatt wants to hog the spotlight and casts an unknown as Samantha. Funny thing is, the unknown he casts for the television show, is actually a witch.

What the picture lacks is an original charm inherent in "Sleepless in Seattle." The jokes are lightweight and the romance is unbelievable as Isabel, the real witch, falls for Jack. Jack doesn't know Isabel is really a witch though. Ephron spends so much time developing the complex script, that once the true conflict arises, she wisps through it. Isabel confronts Jack about her true nature, and before the audience can soak in the drama, it's solved and their kissing again.

Ephron's cheap tricks dominate the film as Jack deals with the apparent loss of Isabel with Michael Stipe wailing about everybody hurting in the background. The one true and wholesome goodness in the film is Nicole Kidman, who outshines Ferrell, Michael Caine and Shirley MacLaine combined. Kidman could portray a mute, introverted sewing fanatic whose sole purpose in life is to make flamboyant cardigans, and I'd be lining up a week in advance for tickets. Her wholesome charisma and flexibility make even the worst of films seem bearable.

In essence, this is not a quality remake. Ephron made one good film more than 12 years ago and she's still trying to capitalize on the formula of the great love story, by masking all others in its place.

OVERALL RATING: