



HECO *Electron* Marathon



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The annual Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) Electron Marathon was held Saturday on Ford Island. The two-part event, co-sponsored by the U.S. Navy, consisted of a school's competition and an inter-service military race. "The primary focus [of this event] is the kids. It engages the kids in science and technology and allows them to develop and race an electric car," said Lt.j.g. Robert Kleinman, Naval Station Pearl Harbor 1st Lieutenant and Ford Island special events coordinator.

Seventeen different schools from Oahu and schools from the outer Hawaiian Islands designed electric motor, battery-powered cars to

enter in the competition. Putting their designs to the test, they endured a one-hour race in which they completed as many laps as possible with only one pit stop allowed.

"These kids are proud of their car," said Bill Schadt, a six-year veteran as the HECO car project administrator for Sacred Hearts Academy, an all girls' Catholic school.

According to Schadt, the girls learned how to weld, use the band saw, hand-tools and acquired the mechanical skills necessary to build and fix their cars.

"This year we made our entire car out of aluminum. We did all the metal work ourselves which took a really long time," said Rebecca Debo, senior student and driver for the Sacred Hearts Academy HECO car.

Overall winners for "best in show" were judged on project documentation; vehicle performance, design, construction and safety, and an oral presentation on a randomly drawn topic.

Sacred Hearts Academy entry was passed up only by the two-year reigning champs, Waialua High and Intermediate School.

The academy finished second overall for "best in show." The academy's The second part of the event was a military inter-service race where separate branches competed in a 10-lap race to the finish.

"It's for the bragging rights," joked Gas Turbine Systems Technician 2nd Class Mike Dooner, leading petty officer of Naval Station Pearl Harbor 1st Lieutenant and driver of the Navy "Stealth" HECO car. "The winner

gets a plaque with their unit name and the year won which they get to keep until the next race."

Despite best efforts put forward by the Navy, their three-year winning streak came to an end Saturday. The three Marine cars, two Navy cars and Air Force car were no match for the top-speed Army car which shot down the track like a bullet, leaving the other branches drowning in a wake of dust.

According to the Army's HECO "Cammy" car driver and winner of the 2006 military inter-service race, Army Sgt. Alexander Ramos, a flight operations specialist from the 125th Aviation Regiment at Wheeler Army Air Field, being a part of this event improves morale and allows a unique opportunity to show continued support to the children of our community.



Navy Exchange System to celebrate 60th anniversary

Navy Exchange

The Navy Exchange (NEX) System will celebrate its 60th anniversary on April 1. Over the past 60 years, the Navy Exchange has worked diligently to fulfill its mission to provide quality goods and services at a savings and to support quality of life activities to its authorized patrons.

"The Navy Exchange System has been an important non-pay benefit for our Sailors and their families for 60 years," said Capt. George Avram, vice commander, Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM). "We are part of the Navy and proudly serve alongside our service members wherever we're needed, just like we have been since the 1800s."

Navy Exchanges have come a long way since the days when bumboats sold their wares to Sailors aboard

naval vessels in the 1800s. Back then, Sailors had to depend on these unreliable boats to get their personal items while aboard ship. Unfortunately, goods sold by the bumboats were typically inferior and sold at very high prices.

As an alternate to bumboats, many Navy ships operated canteens so that the money spent by the crew members stayed on the boat to improve the quality of the food served by the general mess. The first canteen opened on board USS Indiana in 1896.

By 1909, the Naval Appropriations Act established the first official resale activity, the ships' stores and commissary stores. The act allowed the Navy to procure and sell merchandise to Navy and Marine Corps officer and enlisted men and to civilian employees at naval stations outside the conti-

mental United States and Alaska. In 1925, the Ships Service was created to provide Navy crew members nearly any legal article of merchandise without the profit restrictions placed on the ships' stores. However, these Ships Services had no foundation in law.

It became clear by 1942 that there was no need or space for two ships service type stores aboard Navy ships. A recommendation was made to the Chief of Naval Operations by the supply officer, U.S. Atlantic Fleet to merge the two stores into one official ships' store operation. The recommendation was accepted and by 1944, the Secretary of the Navy made the establishment of the merged stores mandatory on all ships that had a supply officer and permissive on all naval activities.

Ships Service stores

ashore also began steps toward centralization in 1945 when a committee was formed to study the resale activities. The recommendation of the committee, headed by Capt. Wheelock H. Bingham, SC, USNR, was that all resale activities be operated like a large chain of retail stores and that a central office be established to oversee the operation of the Navy Resale System. The new central office for the Navy Ships Store Office was established in Brooklyn, N.Y. on April 1, 1946. This office was later renamed NEXCOM and relocated to Virginia Beach, Va. in 1993.

Today, NEXCOM provides oversight for 109 Navy Exchange complexes with 433 stores, as well as 43 Navy Lodges, 155 ships' stores and the Uniform Program Management Office. It also manages postal operations, food serv-

ice - both ashore and afloat, disbursing/automated teller machines (ATMs)-at-sea and household goods/personal property.

"Times have changed, but this will always be true: The Navy Exchange is part of a network that supports Sailors and their loved ones," said CMDMCM (SW/AW) David James, NEXCOM's command master chief. "Your NEX is there - in boot camp, during deployment, at homecomings, in retirement - for life. When it comes to taking care of Sailors, the NEX does it like no other. Our mission is you."

As with any organization, it is the people who make it successful. The Navy Exchange System is no different. "I want to thank our more than 14,000 associates worldwide who provide outstanding service to our customers day in and day out,"

said Avram. "Without them, we wouldn't be here to celebrate 60 years of service. Their dedication to their jobs and to the people they serve is exemplary."

One associate has been working for the Navy Exchange System for 55 of the 60 years it has existed. Edgar McShane, a photographer at NEX Great Lakes, Ill., started his career with the system in March 1951. "A lot has changed since I started," said McShane. "Back then, we did everything by hand - printing, developing, enlarging and delivering the finished prints." McShane still enjoys his job and even came back from retirement 10 years ago to work part-time framing photos.

Throughout the year, Navy Exchanges worldwide will have special local celebrations and giveaways to commemorate the anniversary.

Navy Exchange hosts grand opening of Coach department

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NEX Marketing

Hundreds of Coach aficionados in the military community helped celebrate the grand opening of Coach in style at the Navy Exchange (NEX) Mall at Pearl Harbor on March 18. The classy event, accented by a harpist, offerings of cheese and fruit platters and cider, and a colorful array of Coach products, marked the completion of a month-long renovation of the Coach area.

Known simply as Coach, the new shop boasts 1,360 square feet of floor space, a huge improvement compared to its previous size of 400 square feet. Associates at the exchange realize that along with the bigger size comes bigger expectations from patrons, which they said they are prepared to meet and exceed.

"Our customers should now expect to have a first-rate Coach shop to go along with the great customer service they received in our previous shop," said Stephen Morales, NEX Pearl Harbor softlines divisional manager

"The new shop allows us to show the Coach products according to Coach's high standards. Additionally, our product assortment has been improved. Our new shop carries more of the high priced product our customers have requested as well



Photo by Beverly Borges

Professional harpist Pumehana Davis Wadsworth entertained hundreds of Coach enthusiasts during the Coach grand opening at the Navy Exchange at Pearl Harbor on March 18. After a month-long renovation that began in February, the new area spans 13,000 square feet, allowing for a bigger Coach merchandise selection.

as an improved selection in small leather goods. Lastly, our customers should expect to have dedicated associates they can rely on to have their questions

answered and their individual needs met," he remarked.

Besides having the most extensive selection, Pearl Harbor's new Coach is

unique in that there is no other military exchange in the world that carries the depth or breadth of assortment that the local NEX does and at such compelling

prices, added Morales.

The renovation of Coach is a true product of the Navy Exchange's campaign to listen to its dedicated patrons. Customers expressed their desire for a wider selection and that's exactly what the NEX gave them. Morales said that the sales volume within the previous space was huge. "In 2005, the Coach section produced \$2.3 million in sales which is comparable to sales at Macys' in New York City - enlarging the area to make room was necessary," he said.

Loyal NEX and Coach shoppers, like Daisy Stewart from Waipahu, were instantly pleased with the changes.

"I like the set-up and the prices," she said. "It's better than downtown. It's awesome!"

Conchita McDonald, who said she shops for Coach every day and owns every color imaginable, shared Stewart's opinion.

"I really like it," she said. "They have a lot now."

Coach at NEX at Pearl Harbor promises not only the durability and class loyal owners are accustomed to, but also a clean and inviting shop with friendly and knowledgeable associates to help them with their purchase. Morales said that shoppers should also expect a product assortment that is on par with a standalone Coach store.

Have a blast in the sand with MWR

Karen S. Spangler

Assistant Editor

Celebrate spring on White Plains Beach at the Sand Blast Beach Party, hosted by Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), from 10 a.m. to midnight March 25.

"The Sand Blast Beach Party is a springtime festival with a beach setting to offer fun for everyone - whether you're the young single Sailor, a married couple, or even an entire family - you can come out and compete against others or yourself, play, be challenged, or just kick back and listen to some great bands," explained Lara Katine, special events coordinator for Navy Region Hawai'i MWR.

The day's events will feature live entertainment with various bands, including the Pacific Fleet Rock Band, Kingpins and Paradise XS. The Kingpins will present classic rock and oldies. A selection of oldies, rock, progressive and contemporary Hawaiian tunes will be included in the Paradise XS repertoire.

There will be watermelon-eating contests to entice the younger keiki (ages five-12) as well as the older kids (ages 13 years and older).

Children will be entertained from 1-5 p.m. with a myriad of activities, such as bounce houses, rock wall climbing, joust, bungee run and other games, contests and activities.

There will also be plenty of fun events for the adults. The more ath-

letic types may opt to participate in sporting events such as the four-person beach volleyball tournament, horseshoe tournament, one-mile open water challenge, or the 500-yard open water ocean sprint. They will have ample opportunities to enjoy rock wall climbing, joust, bungee running and other games and activities.

For those who want something at a quieter pace, there will be a sand castle building contest with judging by the public. A king and queen of the Sand Blast competition, described by MWR as "a typical life-guard type competition to see who is the best on the beach."

The Shore Shack will host free karaoke throughout the evening until midnight.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged for the above events. Event day registration will be taken from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. as long as space is available.

A movie under the stars, "50 First Dates" (PG-13), starring Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore, will begin at 7 p.m. The romantic comedy was filmed here in Hawai'i.

"White Plains Beach is a great setting. The Shore Shack is one of our newest additions. They'll have Sand Blast specials all day and into the night - one not to miss," said Katine.

There is a \$5 registration fee and paid event participants will receive a "Sand Blast" tank top. Visit www.greatlifeohawaii.com for more details or call 473-0606.

Sand Blast Beach Party

- Entertainment on the main stage
- 11:30 a.m. main stage
 - 1:30 p.m. - Pacific Fleet Rock Band
 - 3:30 p.m. - Kingpins
 - Kids watermelon eating contest (ages 5-12)
 - 4:30 p.m. - Big kids watermelon eating contest (ages 13 and up)
 - 5:30 p.m. - Paradise XS
 - 7:00 p.m. - Movie under the stars: "50 First Dates" (PG-13)
- 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Keiki activities
- Various
- 10 a.m.- noon - Adult competitions
- noon - Sand castle building contest
 - 10 a.m. - 500-yard open water ocean sprint
 - 11 a.m. - 4-person beach volleyball tournament
 - 11 a.m. - Horseshoe tournament
 - Noon-2 p.m. - 1-Mile open water challenge
 - 1p.m.-5 p.m. - Rock wall climbing, joust, bungee run and other games/activities
 - 1:30 p.m. - King and queen of Sand Blast

Time to enjoy the flowers

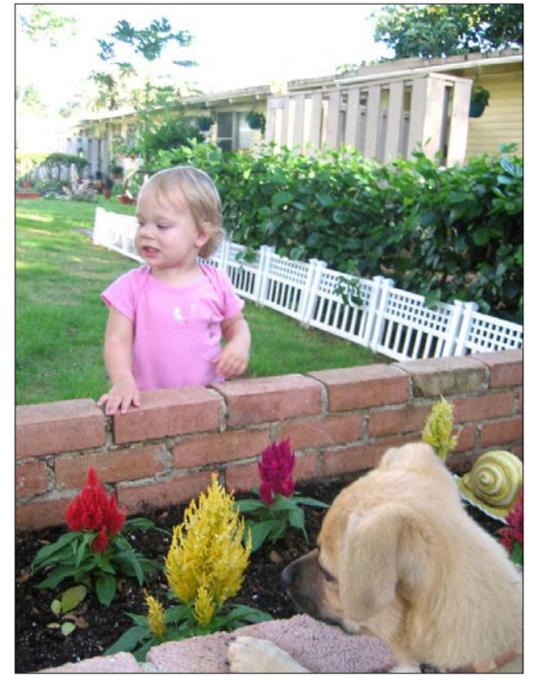


Photo courtesy of Forest City Residential Management

A family member and family pet from the Halsey Terrace community proudly show off some of the plants in their award-winning Yard of the Month (YOM) lawn. Dual service military, HTC (SW/AW) Ike Chandler and MA1 (SW/AW) Elisha Chandler and their family won the YOM honors for March. Other March winners were: Cmdr. James Lapointe and family, McGrew Point; ITC (SW) Thomas Magill and family, Moanalua Terrace; and SKCM (SS/SW) Jamie L. Goodman and family, Radford Terrace.

Skylark Central

Cryptogram

What famous woman said:

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CRYPTOGRAM

The cryptogram is a puzzle where each number stands for a letter. For example, the letter "G" is represented by the number "9." Unscramble the phrase to reveal the famous quote.



*St. Patrick's Day
Crossword Puzzle
Solution*

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Know your Navy

The hand salute was adopted by the U.S. Navy from which country's navy?

Last week's question...

What color of piping is used to identify a system containing steam?

Answer - white

MWR

Movie Call

Sharkey Theater Naval Station Pearl Harbor (473-0726)	
TODAY	
7:00 p.m.	Tristan and Isolde (PG 13)
SATURDAY	
2:30 p.m.	Nanny McPhee (PG)
4:30 p.m.	Tristan and Isolde (PG 13)
7:00 p.m.	Big Momma's House 2 (PG 13)
SUNDAY	
2:30 p.m.	Nanny McPhee (PG)
4:30 p.m.	Underworld: Evolution (R)
6:45 p.m.	Tristan & Isolde (PG-13)
Memorial Theater Hickam Air Force Base (449-2239)	
TODAY AND SATURDAY	
7:00 p.m.	When a Stranger Calls (PG 13)
SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY	
7:00 p.m.	Final Destination 3 (R)
THURSDAY	
7:00 p.m.	Something New (PG)
Sgt. Smith Theater Schofield Barracks (624-2585)	
TODAY	
7:00 p.m.	Nanny McPhee (PG)
SATURDAY	
7:00 p.m.	Annapolis (PG-13)
SUNDAY	
2:00 p.m.	Nanny McPhee (PG)
WEDNESDAY	
7:00 p.m.	Nanny McPhee (PG)
THURSDAY	
7:00 p.m.	Nanny McPhee (PG)

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

- **April 1:** Wa'a hila Ridge hike, 8:30 a.m., \$7. Register by March 29.
- **April 2:** Family fun – kids and kayaks, 9 a.m., free. Register by March 29.
- **April 8:** Kahana Valley hike, 8:30 a.m., \$7. Register by April 5.
- **April 9:** Boogie boarding, 9:30 a.m., \$10. Register by April 9.

CONCERT IN THE PARK

Concert in the Park, a series of free concerts at dusk, will be presented the fourth Friday of each month on the lawn behind The Banyans at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The concert series will feature the Pacific Fleet Band and guest ensembles, presenting a variety of musical selections. Hosted by Navy Region Hawai'i's Morale, Welfare and Recreation, concert goers are invited to roll out their blankets and enjoy a picnic under the stars. **Tonight's** concert begins at 6 p.m. and will feature the Wind Ensemble of the Pacific Fleet Band. The Big Band, an 18-member jazz ensemble, will perform at 6:30 p.m. **April 28.** Additional concerts are planned for **May 26,**

June 23 and July 28. For those who don't want to cook, a boxed dinner can be pre-ordered at a cost of \$5.50 per person from A Catered Experience at The Banyans. Orders will be taken up to the Tuesday prior to the concert event. Call 473-1706 to order. For more information about Concert in the Park, call 473-0606 or visit www.greatlife-hawaii.com.

PLAYSTATION 2 TOURNAMENT

The March Madness 2006 Playstation 2 Tournament will be held from noon-6 p.m. **March 25** at Instant Liberty, Club Pearl. The best teams in college hoops face off to determine who is king of the court. Register for free online at www.greatlife-hawaii.com or call 422-7167 for more information.

SAND BLAST BEACH PARTY

Celebrate spring on White Plains Beach at MWR's Sand Blast Beach Party from 10 a.m. to midnight **March 25.** The day's events will feature live entertainment including various bands, adult races and competitions, keiki and family games and activities, a movie under the stars, "50 First Dates," (PG 13) and giveaways and prizes. For challenges and competitions, sign up early. There is a \$5 registration fee and paid event participants will receive a "Sand Blast" tank top. Visit www.greatlife-hawaii.com for more details or call 473-0606.

BARBERS POINT GOLF COURSE CLOSURE

Barbers Point Golf Course will be closed on **March 28-29** for aeration. Regular hours will resume on **March 30.** For more information, call 682-1911.

9TH ANNUAL FORD ISLAND BRIDGE RUN

Sign up now for the 9th Annual Ford Island Bridge Run, the biggest 10k on Oahu, on **April 8.** Early registration (with T-shirt) is through **March 31.** Entry forms are available online at www.greatlife-hawaii.com or can be picked up at any military fitness center. For more information, call 473-2494.

YOUTH EL TORO REGATTA

Rainbow Bay Marina will host a youth sailboat regatta the first Saturday of every month. Races begin at 10 a.m. and the cost is \$5 per boat. The next regatta will be **April 1.** For more information, call Rainbow Bay Marina at 473-0279.

NAVY CHESS TEAM

Applications are now being accepted for the 2006 Navy Chess Team. Compete around the world and represent the U.S. Navy. The deadline is **April 1.** Visit www.mwr.navy.mil for an application. For more information, contact Julie at julie.k.smith@navy.mil.

FIRST PLAY FRIDAYS

Visit Beeman Center at 7 p.m.

every Friday and be among the first customers to watch newly received movies. The Navy Motion Picture Service provides the movies and continually rotates the movie library. Patrons can watch the movie on a 60-inch screen and enjoy free popcorn. Beeman Center is open only to active duty personnel and sponsored guests. For more information, call 473-2582.



- Today:** Hawaiian Railway Society, noon, \$10.
- March 26:** Surfing lessons and lunch, 9:30 a.m., \$7.
- March 27:** WWE wrestling and free food, 5 p.m. at LIP.
- March 27:** UH and Santa Barbara baseball game (tailgate party and game), 5 p.m., \$15.
- March 28:** UH and Santa Barbara baseball game (tailgate party and game), 5 p.m., \$15.
- March 29:** "There's Something Going on at Beeman," activities and games, 6:30 p.m., free.
- March 31:** Battle of the Bands, Beeman Center, 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.



Annapolis: A young man from the wrong side of the tracks has his dream come true when he is accepted at the Naval Academy. But once there, he is not sure he measures up against the best and the brightest.

Big Momma's House 2: The continuing adventures of master-of-disguise FBI special agent Malcolm Turner. This time he must go undercover as Big Momma to nail his ex-partner's murderer.

Casanova: When Giacomo Casanova discovered Francesca Bruni, he met his ultimate romantic match, succumbing to the only woman ever to refuse his charms—until he could prove himself to be the one man worthy of her romantic ideals.

Final Destination 3: When a high school student fails to stop the fated roller coaster ride that she predicted would cause the deaths of several of her friends, she teams with a schoolmate, in a race against time to prevent the Grim Reaper from revisiting the survivors of the first tragedy.

Nanny McPhee: A new nanny enters the household of the recently widowed Mr. Brown and attempts to tame his seven exceedingly ill-behaved children. The children, led by the oldest boy Simon, have managed to drive away 17 previous nannies and are certain that they will have no trouble with this one. But as Nanny McPhee takes con-

trol, they begin to notice that their vile behavior now leads swiftly and magically to rather startling consequences.

Something New: While 42.4 percent of African-Americans have never been married, Kenya, a professional African-American woman is determined to do something about it. She is shocked to discover, however, that she's falling in love with a white landscaper.

Tristan & Isolde: In the medieval legend of Tristan and Isolde, young lovers become doomed against the forces of royal politics. English knight Tristan wins the hand of the daughter of the Irish king, but the love threatens the truce between their two countries.

Underworld: Evolution: A war emerges between the aristocratic Death Dealers (vampires) and the barbaric Lycans (werewolves), stemming from an ancient feud between the two tribes. Selene, the beautiful vampire heroine, and Michael, the lycan hybrid, try to unlock the secrets of their bloodlines. Their forbidden love takes them into the battle to end all wars as the immortals must finally face their retribution.

When a Stranger Calls: While babysitting, a high school student is terrorized by a stranger who calls her, asking "have you checked the children lately?" The police eventually notify her the calls are coming from inside the house.

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.

Whale watching - Help the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary count whales **March 25.** Volunteers are needed to assist with the whale counting from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The count will be conducted at 65 different shore sites around Oahu, Kauai and the Big Island. The "gentle giants" return to Hawaiian waters during the winter months to reproduce and nurse their young.

Those who wish to register to help with the whale watching count should call the following numbers: Oahu, 397-2651, ext. 253; Big Island, 1-888-55-WHALE, ext. 253; Kauai, 246-2860. For more information about the whale sanctuary, visit <http://hawaii-humpbackwhale.noaa.gov>.

Nominations for Outstanding Community Service Awards - Nominations are now being accepted for the Outstanding Community Service Awards which will be presented at the Hawai'i Military Recognition Luncheon at noon **May 17** at Hilton Hawaiian Village. The luncheon, hosted by the Hawai'i Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with USPACOM and event sponsors, is an opportunity to recognize outstanding service members for their community volunteer work. Navy commands and organizations are encouraged to nominate men and women in uniform who, in addition to their military duties, also generously give back to the civilian community. Individuals may be nominated by their supervisor or the civilian organization of which the individual is a volunteer. Nominations must be submitted by **March 29** to Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs Office, Attn: Grace Hewlen. For more information, call 473-3958 or email grace.hewlen@navy.mil.

Housing town hall meetings - Town hall meetings have been scheduled to provide information to Navy housing residents about phase two of public-private venture (PPV). A meeting for residents of Hale Alii, Hospital Point, Makalapa and Marine Barracks housing areas will be held at 6:30 p.m. **March 29** in the Volcano Room of the Makalapa Bachelor Officers' Quarters. A meeting is planned for 6:30 p.m. **April 5** at the Ford Island Community Center for residents of Ford Island.

2006 Medical Department Officers' Ball - The 2006 Medical Department Officers' Ball will be held **April 8** at the Ko'olau Golf Club at Kaneohe. A cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The event is open to all Dental Corps, Medical Corps, Medical Service Corps and Nurse Corps officers and their civilian counterparts. Costs are \$30 per person for O-3 and below, \$35 for O-3/GS-9 and below, and \$40 for O-5 and above and GS-11 and above. The deadline for reservations is **March 31.** For more information or for tickets, call 473-0495, ext. 261, or 473-2444, ext. 558, at Makalapa Clinic; 471-2212, ext. 552, or 471-2158 at Shipyard Clinic; 473-0555 at NEPMU6; 257-5041, ext. 430, at Kaneohe Bay Clinic; and 477-8670 at MARFORPAC.

All Military Bowling Tournament - The All Military Bowling Tournament will be held **April 4-7** at military installations on Oahu. The tournaments will begin at 10 a.m. each day and run until approximately 3 p.m. The Hickam Bowling Center will host the first day of competition on **April 4** followed by Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH) - Kaneohe on **April 5**, Schofield Barracks Lanes on **April 6** and the Naval Station Bowling Center on **April 7.** For more information, call 473-2651.

Commissary closure for inventory - The Pearl Harbor Commissary will close early at 3 p.m. on **April 12** to conduct its annual inventory. The store will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on that day. The commissary will open again for its normal business hours on **April 13.** Pearl Harbor Commissary is open from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. seven days a week. For more information, call 471-8402, ext. 154.

Military spouse scholarships - The National Military Family Association (NMFA) is now accepting applications for NMFA's Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarships. Any uniformed service spouse - active duty, retired, National Guard, Reserve, or survivor - studying toward professional certification or attending post-secondary or graduate school is encouraged to apply. Scholarships may be used for tuition, books, fees and school room and board. The number of scholarships awarded each year varies. More information can be found at www.nmfa.org/scholarships2006. Applications will only be accepted online and must be submitted by midnight **April 15.**

Pouhala Marsh Clean-up - Pouhala Marsh work days have been scheduled for **April 29** and **May 20** for cleanup and removal of pickle weeds at the north end of Pearl Harbor's West Loch. The project will cover a Hawaiian fish pond and coastal marsh of about 70 acres. Volunteers are needed to help with the project from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Anyone who is interested in participating should call 473-1203 or email adeline.lopes@navy.mil or Pauline Kawamata at 955-0100, ext. 18.

NEX price matching - Through the Navy Exchange price matching policy, the NEX will match the price of any identical item sold in any local store. Customers may provide proof of the lower price and the NEX will match it. If the price difference is under \$5, the store will match it on the spot. Some restrictions apply to the policy. Please see a sales associate for more information.

Tax Center - The Pearl Harbor Tax Center, located in building 679, room 11, is open for walk-ins from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays and Fridays and from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturdays. Appointments can be made from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesdays. For more information, call 473-4112.

Red Cross Volunteers - The American Red Cross needs volunteer instructors for cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid classes. Free training is provided. Volunteers must make a commitment to teach eight classes a year and have at least one year left in the area. For more information, call 449-0166.

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