

## Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Store offers variety and value



# THRIFT SHOP

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Tucked away onboard Naval Station Pearl Harbor is a bargain hunter's dream.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Thrift Store, on Central Avenue in Bldg. 285 just behind Quick Field, offers everything from uniforms, clothing, household items, and much more.

According to Jo Hickok, NMCRS Thrift Store manager, there's something for everyone. "We have everything up to and including the kitchen sink. We have furniture, baby items, clothing, dishes, books, electronics, and a lot of uniforms," said Hickok.

One of the rooms has hundreds of uniforms, hats and shoes, and everything in between. "It's very cost effective. You can get an entire uniform set for around \$5,"

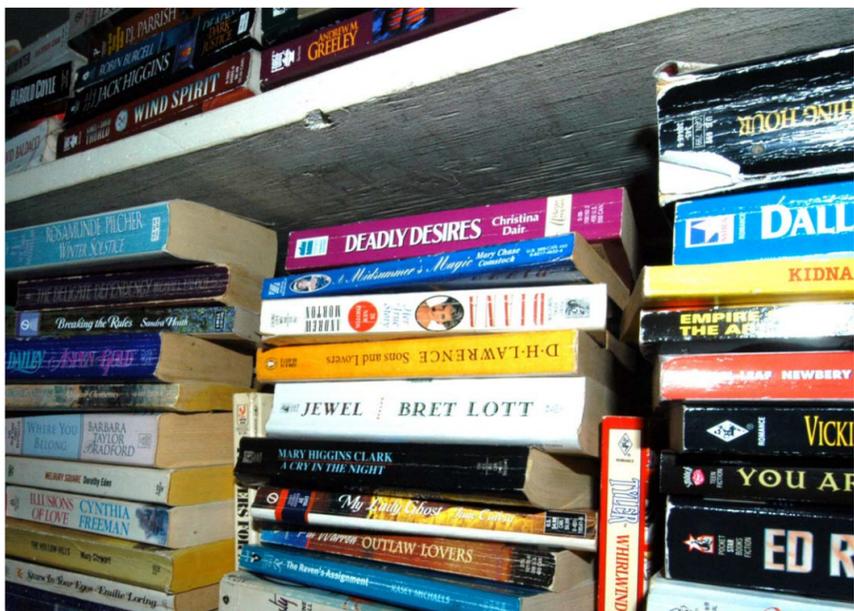
said Hickok.

"All of the money goes to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. It must go to help a Sailor, a Marine, or their family. We operate 100 percent on volunteers and donations," Hickok continued.

She added that the amount of donations has been very steady, and sales are good as well. "Last year we raised more than \$60,000, and it all went to help someone. We are ahead this year. It will be a big year."

According to Lorna Keaunui, NMCRS Thrift Store volunteer, "As soon as we get items we put them out for sale. We get a lot of things. There's a lot to choose from."

The thrift store is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information or to become a volunteer, visit the store during working hours or call 422-4691.





## TRICARE eases long-distance travel to specialists

Mark Jecker

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

When specialty care is not available close to home, TRICARE Prime beneficiaries who are not on active duty may be allowed travel expenses if the care they need is 100 miles or more away.

The Prime travel benefit allows TRICARE Prime beneficiaries to seek reimbursement for reasonable costs, such as mileage, lodging and meals when traveling to medical specialists more than 100 miles each way from their Primary Care Manager's (PCM) office.

To be eligible, the beneficiary must be referred to the specialist and receive prior authorization from TriWest Healthcare Alliance for any of the following reasons:

- A Military Treatment Facility (MTF), network or non-network provider in the required specialty is not available within 100 miles of the referring PCM.
- An appointment with a specialty provider, who is located within 100 miles of the referring PCM, is not available within TRICARE's 28-day waiting-time standard.
- The beneficiary agrees

in writing to travel to a health facility, other than an MTF, offering the specialty care that is farther than 100 miles from the referring PCM.

Save your receipts. Beneficiaries planning to file claims under the Prime travel benefit are advised to save all receipts for reimbursable expenses, such as rental cars, commercial travel tickets, lodging and meals.

Reimbursement may be authorized for the travel expenses of one non-medical attendant—an adult family member or guardian—deemed medically necessary by the PCM.

If referred to a distant specialty provider, the beneficiary will receive a letter from TriWest with instructions to visit or call a designated point of contact (POC) at the MTF or the TRICARE Regional Office to determine eligibility and apply for possible travel reimbursement.

Only the POC specified in the letter will determine the beneficiary's eligibility for reimbursement.

Visit [www.triwest.com](http://www.triwest.com) or [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil) or call 1-888-TRIWEST (1-888-874-9378) for more information about TRICARE's Prime travel benefit.

## Battleship Missouri Memorial Sept. 2 ceremony to mark anniversary of the end of World War II

### USS Missouri Memorial Foundation

The USS Missouri Memorial Association will salute all U.S. veterans at a ceremony commemorating the 61st anniversary of the end of World War II this Labor Day weekend.

Titled "A Legacy of Honor," the annual ceremony will be held on Saturday, Sept. 2, from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. at the Battleship Missouri Memorial, on the ship's fantail. It will be free and open to the public. The keynote speaker will be Lt. Gen. Daniel P. Leaf, Deputy Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii.

"Every year, it becomes more important to honor our veterans so that their legacy is passed on to future generations," said retired Vice Adm. Robert K.U. Kihune, chairman of the association, which operates the memorial. "The event will also emphasize the importance of remembering the heroism and sacrifices of all our veterans, whose legacy is continued by the courageous men and women of today's Armed Forces."

The program will coincide with the time of day that representatives from 10 nations signed the formal Instrument of Surrender 61 years ago on the USS



Missouri, bringing history's most devastating war to a close. The ceremony will also feature additional guest speakers including Vice Adm. Kihune, as well as patriotic music, color guard and a traditional military salute to honor those veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice. For those wishing to attend but do not have Department of Defense vehicle access to Ford Island, free trolley service to the Battleship Missouri Memorial will be available between 7:45 and 8:45 a.m. at the Missouri's trolley boarding station near the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park. The trolley will also provide return transportation.

For more information, please call 423-2263 and press 7 immediately following

the greeting.

The USS Missouri Memorial Association is a private Hawaii-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization designated by the U.S. Navy as caretaker of the battleship Missouri. The association operates the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

President George H. W. Bush is the memorial's honorary chairman of the board. The memorial is supported by admissions, retail and concession sales, donations, grants, and the work of volunteers. It is not supported by government funding. The association was formed in 1994 and includes a cross-section of leaders from Hawaii's business, civic, political, and retired military com-

## TRICARE makes allowable charges easy to find

### TRICARE Management Activity

In support of the health care initiatives in President Bush's management agenda, TRICARE Management Activity has posted its allowable charges on an easy-to-use Web site.

The cost of medical care varies widely across the country, and neither hospitals nor doctors' offices usually post their charges for various procedures. That makes it hard for patients to judge if they're being charged a reasonable amount for operations or examinations. By making its maximum allowable charges easily available to the public, TRICARE's intent is to level the playing field a little between medical service providers and users.

"We have a responsibility to help

educate the public on health care issues," said William Winkenwerder, Jr., assistant secretary of defense (health affairs.) "With medical costs continuing to spiral upward, the more the consumer knows the better. This information could be especially useful for people with no insurance, who may be able to negotiate pricing with their physicians."

The new Web site shows the TRICARE Maximum Allowable Charge tables, listing the most frequently used procedures, more than 300 of them, and the amount TRICARE is legally allowed to pay for them. These charges are tied to Medicare allowable charges, effectively making them a federal standard for health care costs.

TRICARE figures the allowable charge from all professional (non-insti-

tutional) providers' bills nationwide, with adjustments for specific localities, over the previous year. A claims processor can tell a provider the allowable charge amount for specific services or procedures and now, anyone can see the charges on the new Web site. Anyone can use the rate table's itemized format to determine the appropriate charge for professional services, based on the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS.) The charges in this table don't reflect discounts regional contractors may negotiate with TRICARE network providers, so they may differ from the amounts shown on TRICARE beneficiaries' explanation of benefits. The TRICARE allowable charges are listed online at [www.tricare.osd.mil/allowablecharges](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/allowablecharges).

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# Skylark Central

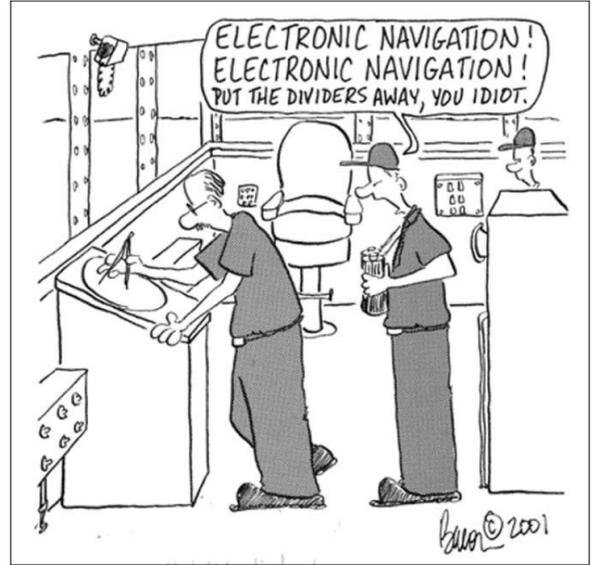
"Old habits die hard"

*"In that moment, Rosenthal's camera recorded the soul of a nation."*

...Editors of U.S. Camera Magazine.

**On Feb. 23, 1945** photographer Joe Rosenthal shot the most reproduced photograph in the history of photography as five Marines and one Navy corpsman raised a flag at the summit of Mt. Suribachi. The raising of that flag was the first time an invading country had raised a flag on Japanese territory. What was the name of the island where the photo was shot?

Editor's note: Joe Rosenthal died of natural causes Sunday, Aug. 20 at the age of 94.



## Know your Navy

Q. What four words accompany a picture of a rattlesnake on the Jack flag flown by U.S. Navy ships?

Last week's question...

In 1966 the first ship-to-shore satellite radio message was sent from a U.S. ship in the South China Sea to Pacific Fleet Headquarters at Pearl Harbor. What was the name of the ship?

Answer...

USS Annapolis



### Answers to last week's match-up puzzle

- 1800 - U.S. Marine Corps Band gave its first concert in Washington, D.C.
- 1812 - USS Constitution captures HMS Guerriere.
- 1814 - British invasion of Maryland and Washington, D.C.; Washington Navy Yard and ships burned to prevent capture by the British
- 1838 - Exploring Expedition under Lt. Charles Wilkes embarks on world cruise.
- 1883 - Installation of the first electric lighting on a U.S. Navy Ship completed on USS Trenton.
- 1912 - Birthday of Dental Corps
- 1920 - Radio station built by U.S. Navy and French government transmits first wireless message heard around the world.
- 1951 - First contract for nuclear-powered submarine awarded.
- 1965 - First major amphibious assault in Vietnam, Operation Starlight captures 2,000 Viet Cong
- 1981 - 2 VF-41 aircraft from USS Nimitz shoot down 2 Libyan aircraft which fired on them over international waters



Here's what's going on at Navy Region Hawai'i!

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. For more information (FMI): visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com)



**Outdoor Adventure Events**  
**August**

**Concert in the Park**

Special guests, The Marine Forces Pacific Band Wind Ensemble will perform TODAY at 6 p.m. on the grassy knoll behind the Banyans. Attire is casual Aloha wear. A pre-ordered boxed dinner can be ordered for \$5.50 from A Catered Experience at the Banyans by calling 473-1706. This free event is open to all military affiliated and DoD employees, families and sponsored guests. FMI, call 473-0606.

**Parent's Night Out**

MWR Families First presents Parent's Night Out, a program offering free childcare for parents or guardians looking to have a night off. Today from 6 - 11 p.m., Catlin Clubhouse (ages 6-12), Barbers Point Child Development Center (CDC) (ages 2-5), and Bougainville CDC (ages 2-5) will be open. Couples interested in using this service can call Catlin Clubhouse at 421-1556, Barbers Point CDC at 682-0013 or Bougainville CDC at 422-7133 to reserve their child's space. This is open to active duty sailors and their families who have been deployed from May 2005 through September 2007. Proof of deployment will be required. For more information, visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com)

**MWR Families First "Family Communication Seminar"**

Pam Chambers author of "Speak for Yourself, Stand & Deliver," and "Life is a Presentation," will present a seminar on interpersonal communication skills. Her talk will be held tonight from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. This seminar is open to active duty members' spouses or families who have or are currently going through deploy-

ment from May 2005 through September 2007. To register visit Catlin Clubhouse at 4655 Catlin Drive, Honolulu, Hawai'i. Please bring proof of deployment. Please call 421-1556 for location.

**Battle of the Bases Texas Hold 'em**

Today, in the Paradise Lounge at Club Pearl, play your hand and see if you will be the lucky one to represent Pearl Harbor. Registration begins at 5 p.m. and the first card will be dealt at 6 p.m. This is a no-limit Texas Hold 'em game, open to all authorized patrons, 21 and older (no guests please). Prizes will go to the top qualifiers. Cost is free! Final tournament with the other military bases is set for **Sept. 9**, at 6 p.m. at the old Marina Restaurant in building 604. Grand prize is a trip for two to Las Vegas. FMI, call 473-1743.

**MWR Families First Creative Memories Scrapbooking Classes**

On Saturday, **Aug. 26** from 9:30 am - noon, MWR Families First is offering free scrapbooking classes for those who want to create lasting memories. In this class you will learn the joy of putting together and designing photographs in a creative display. Class will be held at Catlin Clubhouse at 4655 Catlin Drive, Honolulu, Hawaii. This is open to Navy families who have or are currently going through deployment from May 2005 to September 2007. To register, visit Catlin Clubhouse no later than the Friday before the class. Proof of deployment is required. FMI, call 421-1556.

**Get Connected: Cyber Camp for Adults**

Learn how to connect with a loved one who is deployed overseas. MWR Families First is presenting a Cyber Camp for Adults, from **Aug. 28** through **Sept. 15**, at Richardson Pool classroom. The cost is \$75 per class or \$25 per person, per week. Three sessions will be offered: Computer Essentials (for beginners), Digital Photography & Web Design (for intermediate and advanced) and a Drop-In Computer Lab (for those

who seek practice or one-on-one assistance). Courses are open to spouses, parents and grandparents of Navy Active Duty sailors who have been or are currently deployed from May 2005 through September 2007. To register, visit Catlin Clubhouse at 4655 Catlin Dr, Honolulu, Hawaii. FMI, call 421-1556.

**2nd Annual All Military Halo and Paintball Tournament**

Sign up today to see if you have the skills to qualify for the final Halo tournament. On **Sept. 2**, at 6 p.m. Halo contenders will compete against each other at Instant Liberty in Club Pearl. Winners will represent the Navy in the finals on **Sept. 8**. Register today at any Liberty in Paradise office. This event is open to single Sailors only. FMI, call LIP at 423-4279.

**"Movin' Out" musical cancelled due to routing issues**

The Honolulu engagement of "Movin' Out," the Billy Joel-Twyla Tharp musical scheduled to play the Blaisdell Concert Hall September 8-17, has been cancelled due to issues relating to the routing of the touring production.

Please contact the MWR Ticket Office for more information at 422-2757.



**Tonight** Dave and Buster's Night, 6:00 p.m., Bring \$\$  
**26 Aug.** X-treme Parasailing TBA \$65  
**30 Aug.** Make Your Own Nachos at Beeman, 5:30 pm, **FREE**

**Weekly events:**

**Sunday:** Chess tournament, 6:30 p.m.  
**Monday:** 8-Ball tournament (Beeman Center)- 7 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](mailto:hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com) or fax 473-2876. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's issue. Items will run on a space available basis and must be resubmitted every four weeks.

**August**

**Through Sept. 29** - Construction continues on a stairway that will allow pedestrians to traverse the hillside between the S20 parking area and Kuahua Avenue near Fleet and Industrial Supply Center. Construction will be between the hours of 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. A total of eight parking stalls will be coned off near building 414. Signs will be posted showing the project area. Vehicles left in the designated area will be towed at owner's expense. The project will continue through Sept. 29. FMI: 471-0330.

**TODAY - FBI career seminar** - Learn about the requirements for applying to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) by attending an FBI career seminar from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at building 193, room 205, Naval Station Pearl Harbor. FMI: 473-4222 or 566-4488.

**29 - 3rd Annual International Women's Leadership Conference** - Join Gov. Linda Lingle and other women leaders at the conference from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Hawai'i Ballroom of the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel and Resort. Government/military rates are available. The event will also feature Rear Adm. Sally Brice-O'Hara, Commander, Coast Guard District 14; Karen P. Hughes, U.S. undersecretary of state for diplomacy and public affairs; Zainab Al-Suwaij, executive director, American Islamic Congress; Gov. Grace Padaca, Isabela Province, Philippines; and a special videotaped message from Oprah Winfrey. The event is open to all military active duty, Reserve, Guard and spouses. FMI or to register: [www.iwlchi.org](http://www.iwlchi.org) or call 586-0081.

**30 - A Navy Birthday Ball Golf Tournament will be held at Leilehua Golf Course.** The tournament will be a best ball format with shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$55 and includes green fees, cart, pupus and door prizes. Payment and signup deadline is Aug. 25. The tournament is open to officer, enlisted and Department of Defense civilian personnel. Teams and individual golfers are invited to register. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and last place teams, longest drive and closest to the pin. FMI: 257-3365, ext. 114, or 473-3971.

**September**

**13 - JEMS Job Fair 2006:** In sponsorship with the Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, JEMS will hold its 19th annual job fair on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006 at Club Pearl on Naval Station Pearl Harbor from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year we are expecting 100 companies/agencies to participate in this extraordinary event. The JEMS Job Fair is open to the supporting military services' family members, active duty personnel, military retirees, guard & reservists, and DoD/Coast Guard employees with base access. No children will be admitted so please plan accordingly. Parking will be allowed in the bachelor quarters parking lot adjacent to the club. This is a great opportunity to talk to recruiters, drop off resumes, pick up applications and research the job market. FMI visit: [www.JEMSjobs.com](http://www.JEMSjobs.com) or call Rita May at 473-0190.

**22-23 (and Oct. 1-2) - High Holy Days at Aloha Jewish Chapel** - Rabbi Maurice Kaprow, deputy fleet chaplain of U.S. Fleet Forces Command, will officiate. 7:30 p.m. Sept. 22 - Rosh Hashana  
9 a.m. Sept. 23 - Rosh Hashana  
5:45 p.m. Oct. 1 - Yom Kippur  
9 a.m. Oct. 2 - Yom Kippur

**At a Glance**

**Road closure** - As part of the reconstruction of Navy public-private venture housing in the Halsey Terrace phase three area, some roads in Halsey Terrace will be closed to both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. These closures will also affect Navy family housing residents living on Peterson Court in the Doris Miller neighborhood. Vehicular access for residents on Peterson Court will be via Peltier Avenue to Tapp Street to Gordon Street to Enger Street since access will not be possible from Camp Catlin Road. Children who walk to Aliamanu Elementary and Intermediate Schools will need to go around the construction site. Pedestrian access from Peterson Court to the Doris Miller Community Center and Navy Exchange area will remain open. Students should walk toward the community center, then use Nimitz Road to Camp Catlin Road. These traffic changes are expected to last 12 months or more.

**University of Phoenix Hawai'i campus adds hours of operation at Tripler/Fort Shafter education complex** - The University of Phoenix Hawai'i Campus has extended counseling hours at the Tripler/Fort Shafter Education Center Complex, building 102, room 109A, to two days a week. The office will now be open every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. as well as every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Counseling will no longer be offered on Mondays. The center provides information about the university's educational programs, as well as financial aid assistance, and can help guide prospective students through the enrollment process. The University of Phoenix Hawai'i Campus has four campuses on Oahu, which are close to most of Oahu's military bases: Mililani Learning Center, Windward Learning Center, Honolulu Main Campus and Kapolei Learning Center. FMI: Ivy Wong at 536-2686, ext. 35148 or [ivy.wong@phoenix.edu](mailto:ivy.wong@phoenix.edu).

**AT THE MOVIES**

**MOVIE CALL**

Sharkey Theater  
Naval Station Pearl Harbor  
(473-0726)

**TODAY**

7:00 p.m. The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13)

**SATURDAY**

2:30 p.m. You, Me and Dupree (PG 13)

5:00 p.m. Click (PG-13)

7:15 p.m. Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13)

**SUNDAY**

2:30 p.m. Monster House (PG)

4:30 p.m. My Super Ex-Girlfriend (PG-13)

7:00 p.m. Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13)

**THURSDAY**

7:00 p.m. The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13)



**Clerks II**

Ten years ago best friends Dante Hicks and Randal Graves were New Jersey mini-mall clerks slacking off together in their early 20s.

Now working in the fast-food universe, Dante and Randal have managed to maintain, and even hone, their in-your-face attitudes, agile skill with vulgarities and unbridled love of messing with the customers.



**The Devil Wears Prada**

In the dizzying world of New York fashion, where size zero is the new two, six is the new eight, and a bad hair day can end a career, Runaway Magazine is the Holy Grail.

Overseen with a finely manicured fist by Miranda Priestly—the most powerful woman in fashion—Runway is a fearsome gauntlet for anyone who wants to make it in the industry. A stint as Miranda's assistant could blast-

open the doors for recent college graduate Andy Sachs, who learns she is completely wrong for the job.



**Monster House**

Although no adults will believe them, three children realize a neighbor's house is really a monster. They must find a way to stop the house and save the neighborhood.



**My Super Ex-girlfriend**

Everyone's had a painful parting of the ways with a romantic partner. We pick up the pieces and move on. But for one New York guy, it's not going to be so easy. When he breaks up with his girlfriend, he discovers his ex is actually the reluctant superhero, G-Girl. A scorned woman, she unleashes her super powers to humiliate and torment him.

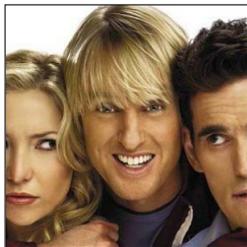
**Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest**

Once again thrown

into the world of the supernatural, Capt. Jack Sparrow finds out that



he owes a blood debt to the legendary Davey Jones, Capt. of the ghostly Flying Dutchman. With time running out, Jack must find a way out of his debt or else be doomed to eternal damnation in the afterlife.



**You, Me and Dupree**

Carl and Molly Peterson are just starting their new life together—complete with a cute house, boring neighbors, stable jobs and the routines of newlywed existence. There's just one unfortunate hitch in their perfectly constructed new world. And his name's Dupree. Randy Dupree, Carl's oldest friend and perpetual bachelor, has found himself with nowhere to go after being fired.

# Makin Island christened

MCSN Santos Huante

*Fleet Public Affairs Center  
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The U.S. Navy christened the amphibious assault ship Makin Island (LHD 8) in a ceremony Aug. 19 at Northrop Grumman Ship Systems in Pascagoula, Miss.

Silke Hagee, wife of Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Michael W. Hagee, served as the ship's sponsor.

This is the first christening to be held at the Pascagoula facility since the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina. Makin Island, like other ships under construction in the Gulf Coast last year, was significantly impacted by Katrina, which ravaged the area.

Through the efforts of the Post-Katrina Clean-up Team, removing debris and identifying damaged material, Makin Island returned to production four weeks following the storm.

"I'm proud of this ship, but more important, I'm proud of what this ship symbolizes," said Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi, the ceremony's keynote speaker. "During Hurricane Katrina, the people who stayed here in the shipyard put their lives at risk, just like Marines and Sailors do."

Makin Island, the eighth and final ship in the Wasp class, is named after the daring raid carried out by Marine Raider Companies Alpha and Bravo, Second Raider Battalion on Japanese-held Makin Island in the Gilbert Islands, Aug. 17-18, 1942.

"This is a wonderful tribute," said Kenneth Merrill, one of the original "Makin Raiders" who was 17 at the time of the raid and one of the veterans who attended the christening. "It makes a person humble."

One previous ship, a Casablanca-class escort air-



Photo courtesy of Northrop Grumman

Ship's sponsor Silke B. Hagee, wife of U.S. Marine Corps Commandant, Gen. Michael Hagee, smashes a champagne bottle against the hull of the Pre-Commissioning Unit Makin Island (LHD 8).

craft carrier, has borne the name Makin Island, and received five battle stars for World War II service.

The first amphibious assault ship designed from the ground up as an all electric ship, the power for Makin Island's propulsion is generated from either of its two gas turbine engines or its two 5,000 horsepower electric motors. The electric drive operating while the gas turbines are shut down is estimated to save millions of dollars in fuel costs over the life of the ship, according to the Department of Defense.

"Today's christening of this magnificent ship reminds us of the role the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps plays in today's world," said Dr. Donald C. Winter, Secretary of the Navy, during the ceremony. "As a freedom loving nation, America depends on military forces that are capable of

defending threats to freedom, wherever they may gather. Makin Island incorporates a number of enhanced capabilities to ensure that we can continue to guarantee maritime supremacy whenever and wherever required."

Makin Island is a multipurpose amphibious assault ship designed to transport and land a Marine Expeditionary Unit force of 1,900 Marines ashore by helicopter, landing craft and amphibious assault vehicles. Its secondary missions include maintaining sea control, command and control, and mission support.

Capt. Robert G. Kopas, born in Cleveland, Ohio, raised in Phoenix, and a graduate of Purdue University, is the ship's commanding officer. The ship has living areas for nearly 3,200 crew members and embarked forces. Makin Island will be homeported in San Diego.