

SAILORS COMPETE IN ANNUAL MILITARY PRO BOWL ★ CHALLENGE ★

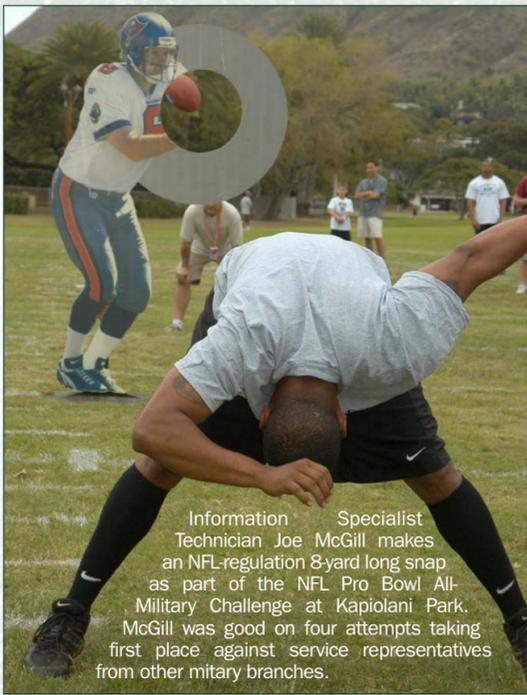
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Sailors from Navy Information Operations Command Hawai'i competed against Army, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard teams in the National Football League's (NFL) annual Military Pro Bowl Challenge on Feb. 8 at Kapiolani Park in Waikiki, Hawai'i.

The teams competed in five events, including a relay race, field goal kicking, punting, long-snapping and passing events. "My favorite part was just being with the rest of the services," said Information Systems Technician 3rd



Information Specialist Technician Joe McGill makes an NFL-regulation 8-yard long snap as part of the NFL Pro Bowl All-Military Challenge at Kapiolani Park. McGill was good on four attempts taking first place against service representatives from other military branches.

Class Joe McGill. "This is the only time we get to compete against them." Crowds of people showed up to enjoy the

day's festivities and to cheer on the members of the armed services. McGill said he liked the atmosphere and how people came to show their appreciation for the military service members.

"The NFL definitely does embrace us and welcome us here and give us all the support we need down here," said Fire Controlman 1st Class (SW) Chris Mays, the Navy's team captain.

Mays said he represented the team for the last three years and that it is hard to bring new players to the challenge each year to put a team together that is organized and competitive.

"We're like a band of brothers out here so we support each other and we're our hardest critics, but we had fun though," he said. "It was definitely worth the trip down here."

McGill completed an impressive four snaps out of

10 to take first place in the long-snap event for the Navy. "I've been looking forward to this for months now. I'm loving it," he said.

The Navy took fourth in the relay race, third in the punting and passing contests, and second in the field goal kicking event. "I think definitely everyone came away with smiles," said Mays.

The Air Force finished first in the competition, with the Marine Corps second and the Navy in a close third.

The Navy tied the Marines in total points, but lost second place overall in an events scoring tiebreaker.

"It's kind of hard to swallow being third, but we'll have to do better next time," said Mays.

The Army finished fourth and the Coast Guard fifth.

The Military Pro Bowl Challenge is one of many events the NFL sponsors in Hawai'i during the week leading up to the All-Star Pro Bowl game.

The NFL All-Star Pro Bowl was held at the Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, Hawai'i.



Fire Controlman 1st Class (SW) Chris Mays of the Navy Information Operations Center Hawai'i kicks a field goal from Cryptologic Technician (collection) (SW/AW) 1st Class Tim Becker's hold as part of the NFL Pro Bowl All-Military Challenge on Feb. 8 at Kapiolani Park. Mays was team captain for the Navy and led his team to a third-place finish. The event was held as part of fan appreciation events leading up to the 2007 NFL Pro Bowl in Hawai'i. The challenge pits teams representing all services against one another in skill sets of pass, punt, kick and long-snapping for accuracy.



Navy Information Operations Center Hawai'i's Justin Bailey hauls in a pass to round out the NFL's Pro Bowl All-Military Challenge at Kapiolani Park.



Sailors from Navy Information Operations Center Hawai'i pose with competitors from other service branches who participated in the NFL Pro Bowl All-Military Challenge at Kapiolani Park on Feb. 8 with Cincinnati Bengals mascot "Who Dey" and Indianapolis Colts mascot "Blue."

(Background) Fire Controlman 1st Class (SW) Chris Mays of the Navy Information Operations Center Hawai'i anchors his team during the 40-yard-dash relay as part of the NFL Pro Bowl All-Military Challenge at Kapiolani Park.



Information Systems Technician Joe McGill runs back a pass as part of the NFL Pro Bowl All-Military Challenge at Kapiolani Park. McGill was good on four attempts taking first place against service representatives from the Army, Air Force, Coast Guard and Marines.

A-OK Program awards \$2,000 savings bond to Moanalua High School senior

Story and photo by Beverly Borges

NEX Hawai'i Marketing

Kayla Gines' excellent grades in school have finally started to pay off - literally. The Moanalua High School senior was one of four quarterly winners of the A-OK Program sponsored by the Navy Exchange.

Emily, the daughter of Lt. Cmdr. Jane Darigo and Rizalino Daisac, maintains a 3.9 grade point average, which easily qualified her to enter the drawing and earned her the \$2,000 savings bond.

The A-OK Program rewards hardworking students with a chance to win \$11,000 in savings bonds each quarter, drawing four winners - one savings bonds each of \$5,000, \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 denominations at maturity.

The drawing is open only to children of active duty members, reservists and military retirees, including family members of NEX associates whose spouses are active duty members, reservists or military retirees.

The students must be enrolled in school full-time from first through 12th grade and have a "B" grade average or better.

To enter, stop by Navy

Exchange Hawai'i with a current report card and have an NEX associate verify the minimum grade average. Then fill out the entry card and obtain an A-OK ID, which entitles the student to discount coupons for purchases at the Navy Exchange. Family members without dependent ID cards must be accompanied by their sponsors to submit their entry.

The A-OK Program is a system-wide contest. An estimated 35-40 entries from Hawai'i make it to the headquarters each quarter.

Hall of Famer Willie Brown meets fans



U.S. Navy photo by MCI (AW/SW) James E. Foehl

Willie Brown, Hall of Fame cornerback for the Oakland Raiders, hands off an autographed football to a young patron during an autograph signing session at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange on Feb. 8. Brown was in Hawai'i for the 28th consecutive Pro Bowl at Aloha Stadium.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH OBSERVANCE PLANNED

A Black History Month Observance will be presented from 10 to 11 a.m. Feb. 21 at Sharkey Theater at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

Guest speakers will include Capt. Will L. Metts, commanding officer of NIOC Hawaii and Alphonso Braggs, presi-

dent of the Hawai'i NAACP and chairman of the Pacific Rim Conference NAACP.

This year's theme, "From Slavery to Freedom, Africans in the Americas," is dedicated to the struggles of people of African descent to achieve freedom and equality in the

Americas during the age of emancipation.

It honors celebrated historian John Hope Franklin who, over a half-century ago, identified the struggle for slavery and freedom as the central theme of African American history.

For more information, call 473-1468.

NEX launches 2007 bumper stickers

Story and photo by Beverly Borges

Navy Exchange Marketing

A simple yellow ribbon symbolizes the safe return of the vigilant men and women in far off places and the loved ones awaiting their return on the home front. The words 'Support our Military' is imprinted on the ribbon, a patriotic tribute from the Navy Exchange Pearl Harbor that graces the face of its new 2007 bumper sticker.

The Navy Exchange understands the sacrifices that are made every day by our military community and stands firm in its support. The new 2007 stickers and the NEX Bumper Sticker Program are scheduled to kick off at the end of February. Authorized patrons who place this bumper sticker on their vehicles in support of the military have a chance to win one of two \$25 gift card each week when they park and shop at the NEX. The program continues until the end of the year. Weekly winners will then be entered in a grand prize drawing for a \$2,000 shopping spree at the NEX.

Eliseo Atchazo of Ewa Beach was the winner of last year's Shop NEX bumper sticker program. "I've never won anything besides the \$25 gift card," he said. Atchazo explained that win-



Eliseo Atchazo and wife Lisa pose for a photo with Michael Cottrell, district manager of Navy Exchange Pearl Harbor, after winning a \$2,000 check in last year's Shop NEX bumper sticker program.

ning the \$25 gift card late last year came as a surprise because his wife Lisa had placed the bumper sticker on their vehicle. "I like displaying Navy-related items on my vehicle. I never thought I would win the grand prize," he said.

Atchazo said that he shops at the NEX about twice weekly because of its size and wide selection of merchandise. He has made a list of things he would like to purchase and says his wife will also share in his good fortune. "This bumper sticker program is great because anybody who's an authorized patron can win... you just never know," he said.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (AW/SW) James E. Foehl

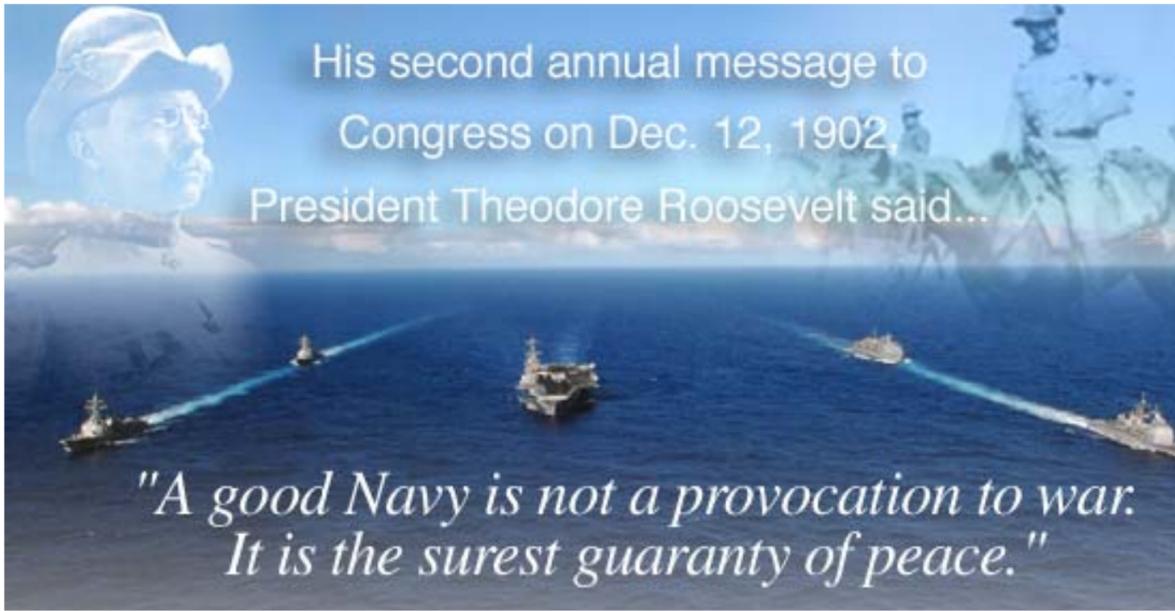
Uncle Joe, from Aloha Ice Cream, hands a free ice cream bar to a little girl during his route through Radford Terrace. The free ice cream was part of the Forest City Residential sponsored event, "Keeping It Cool with Forest City," as Uncle Joe's ice cream truck circled through military public private venture housing and delivered free ice cream to the residents.

Skylark Central

Find these Hawai'i related words in this week's word search puzzle.

- Answer next week's issue

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| Aiea | Hahuku |
| Kahoolawe | Leis |
| Oahu | Vacation |
| Akaka | Hilo |
| Kauai | Lihue Waikiki |
| Ocean | Honolulu |
| Aloha | Luau |
| Koko | Wailua |
| Palm | Hula |
| Beach | Maui |
| Koloa | Wailuku |
| Pineapple | Ilikai Molokai |
| Coral | Waterfall |
| Kona Scuba | Islands |
| Crater | Nene |
| Lanai Surf | Waves |



Know your Navy

Q. Women were able to enter regular military service for the first time under the Armed Services Integration Act on June 12 of what year?

Last week's question...
Who was the first American to go into space in 1961?

Answer...
Cmdr. Alan B. Shepard



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



Outdoor Adventure Events

For more information, call 473-1198.

February

- 21 – Family fun, Ko'olina beach day, 2 p.m., \$5. Register by Feb. 17.
- 24 – Learn to surf, 9:30 a.m., \$15. Register by Feb. 21.
- 25 – Kau Crater hike, 8:30 a.m., \$7. Register by Feb. 21.
- 28 – Family fun, explore Ho'omaluhia hike, 2 p.m., \$5. Register by Feb. 24.

SOCIAL WITH BUCCANEERS' CHEERLEADERS

Single Sailors will be able to meet and greet the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' cheerleaders during a free barbecue at 5 p.m. **Saturday** at Liberty in Paradise. Sailors can bring their camera for photo opportunities and get the cheerleaders' autographs before the Tampa Bay Cheerleaders Belated Valentine's Day Dating Game. The free event is open to Single Sailors only. FMI: 473-4279.

DATING GAME WITH CHEERLEADERS

Single Sailors, are you looking for a post Valentine's Day date? Register for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' cheerleaders Belated Valentine's Day Dating Game at Liberty in Paradise. The NFL Tampa Bay Buccaneers' cheerleaders will take the stage and play the "Dating Game" with Sailors on **Saturday** at Beeman Center. Winners of the game will escort their "date" to Club Pearl after the show for snacks, billiards and drinks. The game will begin at 7 p.m. Military-affiliated and Department of Defense (DoD) personnel, 18 years and older, can come and watch as the game unfolds. Tickets are not needed and admission is free. FMI: 473-4279.

FREE ADVANCED SCREENING AT SHARKEY THEATER

Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) at Naval Station Pearl Harbor will offer a free advance screening of a major picture at 6 p.m. **Saturday** at Sharkey Theater, Pearl Harbor. Only the first 450 eligible

patrons will be seated, so come early. FMI: 473-0726.

CAMP ADVENTURE REGISTRATION

Enroll your child in a day camp full of activities, crafts, games and field trips. Camps will be held at Catlin Clubhouse and Pearl City Community Center from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. **Monday through Friday, March 19-30**. The camp is open to all active duty and other military-affiliated and DoD family members, ages five to 12. Camp fees are based on total household income. Registration for all single active duty and dual active duty parents will be **Feb. 20-23**. All other eligible families can register their children **Feb. 26-March 8**. FMI: 421-1556 or 421-1557.

SAM SNEAD'S TAVERN RENOVATIONS

Sam Snead's Tavern will be undergoing renovation from **Feb. 20-March 7**. Lunch and "all you can eat" dinner buffets will be served at the open-air cafe patio located next to the golf course's ninth hole. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner buffets will be served from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Live entertainment will be provided nightly. FMI: 421-SAMS (7267) or www.greatlifehawaii.com.

NAVY BOWLING TRYOUTS

Bring your best game and sign up for the Navy Bowling tryouts from **Feb. 20-22** at the Naval Station Bowling Center. The top 10 qualifiers will advance to the Military Bowling Tournament and represent the Navy. To take part in the tryouts, pick up your application today at any Navy bowling center. FMI: 473-2651.

INTRAMURAL SAILING REGATTA

All Pearl Harbor, Barbers Point, NCTAMS, West Loch and Naval Security Group Activity Hawai'i active duty commands can challenge and test their sailing skills by entering the MWR Intramural Sailing Regatta. Deadline to register a two- to three-member team is **Feb. 22**. Practices and clinics will be held **March 1, 8 and 15** from 4 to 6 p.m. at Rainbow Bay Marina. The race will be **March 22**. Race and practices will be on a 19-foot Rhodes sailboat. FMI or sign-up: 473-2494 or 473-2437.

CONCERT IN THE PARK

The Pacific Fleet Wind Ensemble will perform a belated Valentine's Day concert at 6 p.m. **Feb. 23** on the lawn behind The Banyans, Pearl Harbor. Bring your own chairs and mats. 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. by Feb. 20. FMI: 473-0606.



KING KONG OF PING PONG CHAMPIONSHIPS

Single Sailors can see where they rank in the King Kong of Ping Pong Championship match beginning at 6 p.m. **Feb. 21** at Beeman Center, Naval Station Pearl Harbor. This is the first of four ping pong tournaments scheduled for 2007. Games will be played in singles and doubles divisions with double elimination. Prizes go to the top three challengers. Registration will close at 5:30 p.m. Sign up in advance at any Liberty center. The event is free. FMI: 473-4279.

Single Sailor Activities

February

(All trips depart from Liberty in Paradise at the indicated time unless otherwise stated.)

16 – Dart Tournament, free.

16 – Mountain biking, 10 a.m., \$5.

17 – Shark's Cove snorkel trip, 10 a.m., \$5.

21 – King Kong of Ping Pong, 6 p.m., Beeman Center, free.

Weekly events:

Sundays – Surfing lessons and barbecue, 10 a.m., \$7.

Mondays – Monday Night sports and feast, free food, all centers, 5 p.m., free.

Thursdays – Root beer and ice cream float night, 6 p.m.

Every third Wednesday – Poor boy barbecue, 5 p.m.

AT THE MOVIES

MOVIE CALL	
Sharkey Theater Naval Station Pearl Harbor (473-0726)	
TODAY	7:00 p.m. Children of Men
SATURDAY	2:30 p.m. Arthur and the Invisibles Free advanced screening to the first 450 authorized patrons
SUNDAY	2:30 p.m. Night at the Museum 4:45 p.m. Happily N' Ever After 7:15 p.m. Codename: The Cleaner
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m. Primeval
Memorial Theater Hickam Air Force Base (449-2239)	
TODAY	7:00 p.m. Happily N' Ever After
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m. Happily N' Ever After
SUNDAY	7:00 p.m. Alpha Dog
WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m. Alpha Dog
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m. Primeval
Sgt. Smith Theater Schofield Barracks (624-2585)	
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Alpha Dog (R)

Johnny is a Los Angeles drug dealer. He comes from a good family, owns his home, several cars and enjoys partying with his friends. Johnny is 19. When his friend Jake welves on a debt, Johnny and his boys kidnap Jake's 15-year-old brother Butch and hold him as a marker. Even though Butch has numerous chances to escape, he doesn't. He's enjoying partying with them, losing his virginity and having a good time - until something goes horribly wrong.



Arthur and the Invisibles (PG)

Ten-year-old Arthur's grandfather disappeared four years ago. All he left behind are his notebooks full of stories about an invisible people - less than half an inch tall. Arthur uncovers a hidden message that catapults him on an adventure wilder than he ever imagined waiting for him in his own backyard.



Charlotte's Web (G)

Fern is one of only two living beings who sees that Wilbur is a special animal as she raises him, the runt of the litter, into a terrific and radiant pig. As Wilbur moves into a new barn, he begins a second profound

friendship with the most unlikely of creatures-a spider named Charlotte-and their bond inspires the animals around them to come together as a family.

Children of Men (R)

A futuristic society faces extinction when no children are born and the human race has lost the ability to reproduce. England has descended into chaos, until an iron-handed warden is brought in to institute martial law. The warden's ability to keep order is threatened when a woman finds that she is pregnant with what would be the first child born in 27 years.



Codename: The Cleaner (PG 13)

An amnesiac janitor, who is duped into thinking he is an undercover agent, is subconsciously carrying a secret that can link the FBI with an arms scandal.



Happily N' Ever After (PG)

Once upon a time in Fairy Tale Land, the age-old balance between good and evil has been thrown out of whack. Frieda, Cinderella's power-mad stepmother, has formed an unholy alliance of evil to take on the good guys. With her own fairy tale spinning wildly out of control, Cinderella is forced

to shed her damsel-in-distress trappings in order to seize control of her own destiny and lead the resistance without her Prince Charming. In a world of happy endings gone wrong, the race for control of the kingdom is on, with the fate of the venerable storyline 'Happily N'Ever After' hanging in the balance.



Night at the Museum (PG)

Good-hearted dreamer Larry Daley accepts what appears to be a menial job as a graveyard-shift security guard at a museum of natural history. During Larry's watch, extraordinary things begin to occur: Mayans, Roman gladiators and cowboys emerge from their diorama to wage epic battles.

Primeval (R)

In one of the most remote places on earth, a blood-thirsty crocodile has claimed over 300 victims and is still at large to this day. An American news crew is determined to capture this terrifying murderer alive. The danger begins as producer Tim Freeman, cameraman Steven Johnson and their rag-tag team set out on a journey up-river in search of their subject. But the deeper they probe into the mystery of this elusive assassin, the deadlier their trip becomes. Inspired by the true story of the world's most prolific killer.

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 and must be resubmitted every four weeks.

February

Today – Inaugural National Naval Officers' Association (NNOA) Black History Month Golf outing will be held at the Kaneohe Klipper Military Golf Course at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with tee-off at noon. The cost is \$50 and includes 18 holes of golf, riding cart, heavy hors d'oeuvres and various awards. There will be an awards presentation and banquet directly following golf at the Klipper Lanai. Collared shirts are required. This is a fundraising event and all proceeds go toward college scholarships for Oahu High School JROTC students. Register online by going to http://www.freewebs.com/nnoa_hi and clicking on the Black History Month Golf Tournament link.

16 – The Surface Naval Officers' Ohana will host **Death by Chocolate and Game Night** from 7-9 pm at Boutiki at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Those attending should bring a favorite chocolate dish/dessert. Friends and guests are invited to attend. Boutiki will be open for shopping. Contribution of non-perishable food items for the Armed Services YMCA is also requested. An opportunity ticket will be given for each item donated. FMI: 833-2528.

17 – **Volunteers needed to help with Pearl Harbor Wetlands Restoration Project at Pouhala Marsh.** The Hawai'i Nature Center will lead volunteers for three hours of physical work removing pickleweed and mangroves. The group will gather at 8:30 a.m. and finish at 11:30 a.m. Expect to get wet, muddy and sweaty. Bring work gloves, water, hat, sunscreen, covered shoes/boots; and a towel and change of clothes to dry off afterward. FMI: Pauline Kawamata at 955-0100, ext. 18.

21 – A **Black History Month observance** will be presented from 10 to 11 a.m. at Sharkey Theater at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Guest speakers will include Capt. Will L. Metts, commanding officer of NIOC Hawai'i and Alphonso Braggs, president of the Hawai'i NAACP and chairman of the Pacific Rim Conference NAACP. FMI: 473-1468.

20-23 (and Feb. 26-March 2) - **The GSA Customer Supply Center** at Schofield Barracks will be closed for inventory Feb. 20-23 and reopen for normal business on Feb. 26. Customers can shop at the Hickam GSA store in the interim. The Hickam GSA Customer Supply Center will be closed for inventory Feb. 26-March 2 and will reopen on March 5. Customers can shop at the GSA Schofield Barracks store during this time. FMI: Teresa DeMello at 448-8937 or Mike Martin at 655-0280.

24 – **Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH) - Kaneohe** will host its **13th annual Swamp Romp**. The obstacle-laden mud run is open to the public and begins at Boondocker Field adjacent to the Marine Corps Exchange Annex parking lot. FMI: 254-7590 or www.mccshawaii.com/cgfit.html.

At a Glance

Now - Tax preparation service is now available at the Navy Exchange (NEX) Mall at Pearl Harbor. Services include e-filing, federal and state income tax preparation. No appointment is necessary. Hours of operation are from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. FMI: 422-1082.

The NEX Autoport provides a free auto safety inspection to families of deployed Sailors. This service is available one week prior, after and during deployment periods. The autoport is located on base, sub side. FMI: 423-3226.

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. FMI: 449-0166.

How to contact TriWest/TRICARE services - Beneficiaries can contact TriWest with enrollment; primary care manager and address changes; program benefits questions; claims status; fee payments and locating network providers in the area by calling 1-888-TRIWEST (1-888-874-9378), visiting their Web site at www.triwest.com, or TRICARE Service Centers located at Makalapa Medical Clinic and Kaneohe Bay Medical Clinic.

Looking for a few good dads – The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) at Naval Station Pearl Harbor is looking for volunteers to help with Boot Camp for New Dads. FMI: Chet Adessa chester.adessa@navy.mil.

NEX price matching - Through the Navy Exchange (NEX) price matching policy, the NEX will match the price of any identical item sold in any local store. Please see a sales associate for more information.

Football great visits Pearl Harbor NEX



U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Paul D. Honnick

Former NFL quarterback Warren Moon signs autographs for hundreds of fans on Feb. 7 at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange during Pro Bowl week. Moon played 17 seasons in the NFL from 1984 to 2000 for the Houston Oilers, the Minnesota Vikings, the Seattle Seahawks and the Kansas City Chiefs. He was inducted into the Football Hall of Fame in 2006.

Help count 'gentle giants'



Terri Kojima

Navy Region Hawai'i Environmental Public Affairs

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary is seeking volunteers to count the number of humpback whales which can be seen around the island. Volunteers will count the 'gentle giants' over a four-hour period and record their behavior.

This year, the Sanctuary Ocean Count will be conducted at 65 different shore sites including around Oahu and Kauai from 8 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on Feb. 24 and March 31. Select the date(s) and time(s) you would like to take part in and register by calling 397-2651, ext. 253 (Oahu) or 246-2860 (Kauai).

It's an opportunity to get involved in this fun volunteer event and learn more about these creatures of the ocean.