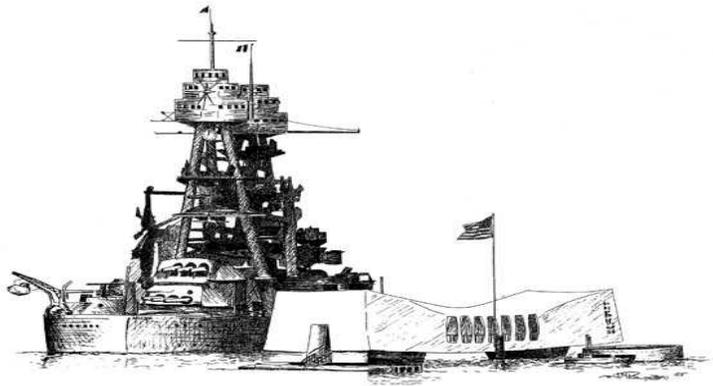


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Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation Signing at Pearl Harbor

(PEARL HARBOR) -- Commander, Navy Region Hawaii's Fleet and Family Support Center will sponsor a Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation Signing Ceremony, at 10 a.m., March 29, at the Moanalua Navy Services Center.

Senator Norman Sakamoto and Representative Della Au Belatti will present the Navy with a certificate of commendation. Local community organizations and several children from Navy child development centers, and Boys and Girls Club Navy Hawaii, will witness Rear Adm. T. G Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, issue the proclamation.

This year marks the 22nd anniversary of the Presidential Proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. April is the month in which military and civilian organizations join together to raise the public's awareness of the prevention of child abuse.

The month of April is also devoted to celebrating what we can do to reinforce the Navy's commitment to help transform our community into a place that cares about -- and actively supports — families and children, and by ensuring that all parents in our community have access to quality childcare, good quality of life programs and parenting education resources.

Media interested in attending the ceremony must contact Petty Officer Foehl, of Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs, at 473-2888 by 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 28. Media will be met at the Moanalua Shopping Center parking lot adjacent to Ruby Tuesday's at 9:30 am on Thursday, March 29.

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