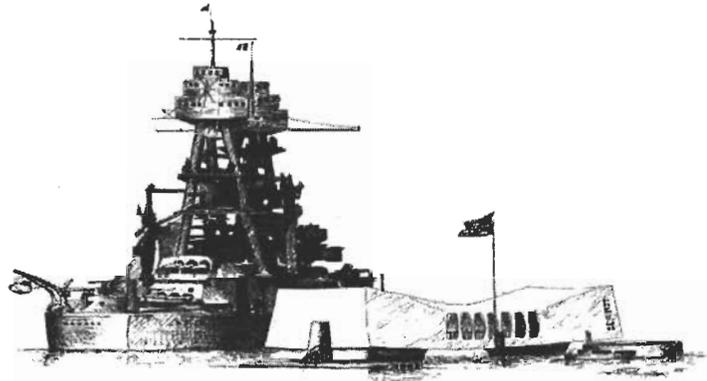


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## April Marks Observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month

PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII -- April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to focus on the protection and care of our most vulnerable and trusting our children. This year marks the 21st anniversary of the Presidential Proclamation declaring April 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 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. By ensuring that all parents in our Navy community have access to quality childcare, good quality of life programs and parenting education resources, we make progress toward what the month stands for: April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the Military Child

“We need to raise the public's awareness of the free prevention programs and services available at the Fleet and Family Support Center.” said Chet Adessa, Family Advocacy Prevention Education Specialist, Pearl Harbor Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC), “and to encourage people to become involved in the prevention of child abuse and neglect by helping parents at-risk, becoming involved in local community child abuse prevention activities, being a good friend, shipmate and neighbor and stopping child abuse in a public place. “Protecting Children is Everyone's Mission.”

The Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and the Pearl Harbor Fleet and Family Support Center are sponsoring a Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation Signing Ceremony, April 10, 2006, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at which Senator Brian Kanno and Representative Dennis Arakaki will present the Commander Navy Region Hawaii a Certificate of Commendation. Local titleholders, local community organizations and several children from the naval base child development centers and area public schools, will witness RADM Michael C. Vitale, Commander, Navy

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Region Hawaii, issue the proclamation. The Shaken Baby Alliance Memorial quilts will be on display at this ceremony also.

Among the other events are: Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii Teddy Bear Drive, April 1, 2006, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Ward Warehouse; Parenting Classes at FFSC: “Loving Discipline of Young Children,” April 13, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; Navy MWR Spring Fest, April 14, 2006, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Ford Island, Pearl Harbor; April 12, 2006 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. “Children’s Fair” at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange which will feature a display of the Shaken Baby Syndrome Memorial Quilts, Infant Massage demonstration, various information and display tables. For more information about activities relating to Child Abuse Prevention Month, contact Mr. Chet Adessa, 473-4222, X272.