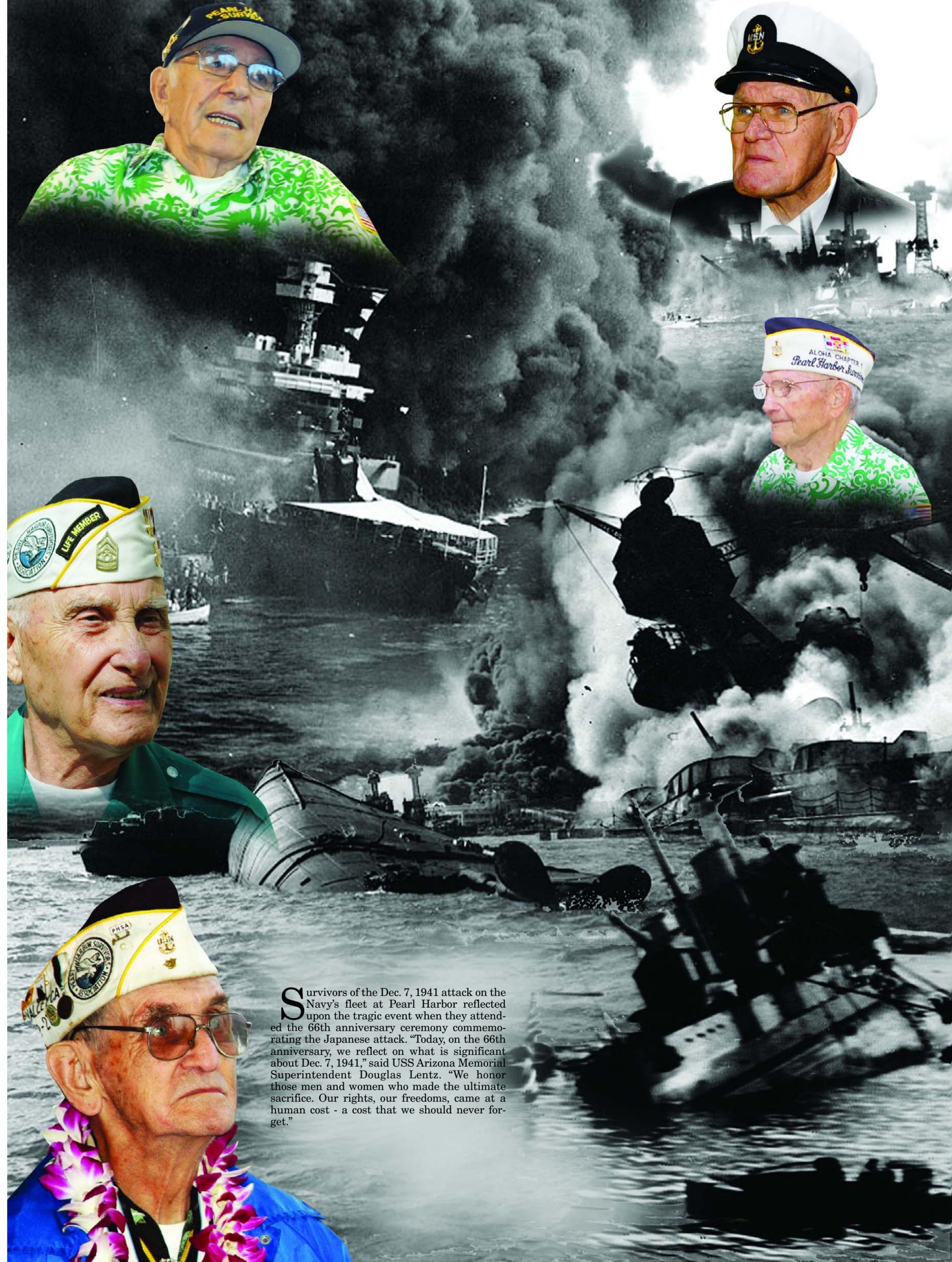


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Surviving the DEVASTATION



Survivors of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on the Navy's fleet at Pearl Harbor reflected upon the tragic event when they attended the 66th anniversary ceremony commemorating the Japanese attack. "Today, on the 66th anniversary, we reflect on what is significant about Dec. 7, 1941," said USS Arizona Memorial Superintendent Douglas Lentz. "We honor those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice. Our rights, our freedoms, came at a human cost - a cost that we should never forget."



Winterfest and boat lighting tonight

A tree lighting ceremony will open Winterfest '07 at 6 p.m. tonight at Paradise Lounge at Club Pearl. There will be holiday carols and special treats. In the spirit of giving, event goers are asked to bring a new unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots. Kids can also bring a homemade card to send to a deployed Sailor. In the arts and crafts area, keiki can choose one craft that they made to also give away. A highlight of the event will be a visit from Santa (don't forget your camera). Free harbor tours to view the Festival of Lights will depart from Merry Point from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The free event is open to all active duty, military-affiliated and Department of Defense personnel, family members and sponsored guests. For more information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com. Resident boats at Rainbow Bay Marina will illuminate the dock with their light decorations with a ceremony beginning at 6 p.m. tonight. All Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) patrons can vote for their favorite boat and enjoy free snacks and punch. Awards and door prizes will be given to the best boats. For more information, call 473-0279.

Make the Yuletide safe

Karen S. Spangler

Editor

It's the holiday season - time for Christmas tree trimming, holiday decorating and other Yuletide preparations. By taking some precautions, you can ensure that your holiday is a safe and happy one.

Christmas tree safety

Real Christmas trees are cut in November and shipped from the mainland in refrigerated containers by early December. When selecting a tree, make certain that it has a deep green color and sticky sap at the base. If a lot of needles are falling off, avoid it. After taking it home, cut about an inch off the trunk, preferably at a diagonal, and place the tree in a container of water in a cool place. A potted Norfolk Island pine grown here in Hawai'i is an alternative to a mainland-grown Christmas tree.

You may already have an artificial tree or decide to purchase one. Be sure to look for a label that says it has been tested for flammability. Read the safety instructions and heed all warnings.

Enjoy your beautifully decorated Christmas tree, but be sure to exercise common sense. Supervise children when they are around the Christmas tree and teach them basic safety rules. Prevent a disaster before it happens. By exercising good judgment and following safety guidelines, you will ensure that your Christmas remains merry.

(Additional Christmas tree safety tips are featured in the Federal Fire Department column on page A3.)

After holiday 'spirits', don't drive

It's the time of year for holiday cheer - a season filled with celebrations, parties and yule events. It's also the time of year when traffic fatalities traditionally increase.

According to the National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), about 41 percent of fatal crashes are attributed to alcohol-impaired drivers. The highest intoxication rate in fatal crashes, about 33 percent, is for drivers in the 21-24 age group. Drivers in the 25-34 age group are the second highest, comprising about 28 percent of fatal crashes involving impaired drivers.

The rules are simple: If you drink, don't drive. If you drive, don't drink.

When attending an event where you will be drinking alcohol beverages, either have a designated driver who is drinking only non-alcoholic beverages or take a bus or cab home. For those who are hosting an event where alcoholic beverages will be served, make certain that guests don't drive after drinking. Find them another ride home, call them a cab or offer them a spot on the sofa, but don't allow them to drive home under the influence of alcohol.

The Naval Safety Center offers some driver survival strategies for the holidays:

- Always wear your seatbelt and insist that your passengers do the same.

- Remember that traffic is worse during this season and people are in a hurry. Be patient and courteous.

- Watch out for the other guy because his mind might be elsewhere. He might not be watching for you so be sure to watch out for him.

- Allow extra time for driving and finding parking to reduce driver-related stress.

- Slow down at intersections and shopping centers. There is usually an increase in the number of people who run red lights during the holiday season - possibly because they are either in a hurry or have their minds on other things.

- Don't over extend yourself and decrease your safety-consciousness. Don't become a statistic.

- Don't drive if you are overly tired or have been drinking.

Have a merry and safe holiday season.

Forest City announces Christmas tree recycling program

Forest City Residential Management

Residents are encouraged to participate in Forest City's Christmas Tree Recovery program for on base housing communities located in base housing - Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Camp Stover, Manana,

Ford Island, Hale Ali'i, Hospital Point, Makalapa, Marine Barracks and Red Hill Terrace.

The KNG Group LLC will provide a Christmas tree collection. To become involved, all that is required is to leave your tree at curbside on the appointed days, keeping in mind to remove all tinsel and decorations in order for the green waste recy-

clers to perform their environmental service.

Residents who are located off-base may take advantage of the City and County of Honolulu's program. The City and County of Honolulu said that island residents can choose curbside collection, on your twice-per-month yard waste collection day, or drop-off at any city

refuse convenience centers at no cost. For most Forest City off-base residents, the closest location is Waipahu Convenience Center on Waipahu Depot Road. For more information, call 845-1162.

For those who choose curbside collection by the City and County of Honolulu, trees must be cut in manageable lengths up to three feet

before pick-up.

Please be aware that the state has discontinued the special "tree cycling" sites at parks and other locations around the island.

For more information on the City and County of Honolulu Christmas tree collection, visit http://envhonolulu.org/solid_waste/holiday_trash_tips.htm.

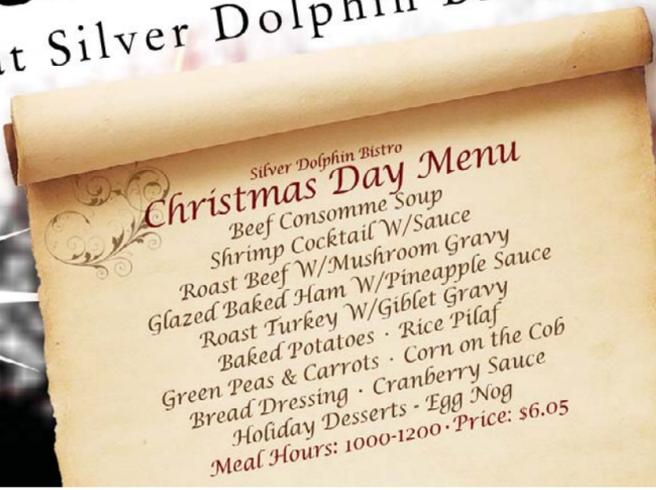


U.S. Navy photo by Blair Martin

Holiday decorations light up Pearl Harbor

Holiday lights twinkle from one of the historic residences at Naval Station Pearl Harbor that was featured on a historic holiday homes tour held Dec. 10.

Holiday Menus at Silver Dolphin Bistro



Hawai'i Navy News on holiday break

Hawai'i Navy News will take its annual holiday break beginning with the Dec. 21 issue. The Dec. 21, Dec. 28 and Jan. 4 editions will be a combined military issues. The next issue of Hawai'i Navy News will be published on Jan. 11, 2008. To all of our readers, Mele Kalikimaka and Hauoli Makahiki Hou!

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Hawai'i Navy News

Kapolei Middle School Student

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Ramil Mangubat's hard work has finally started to pay off. The seventh grader from Kapolei Middle School was named the first quarter winner of the Navy Exchange A-OK Student Reward Program and received a \$1,000 savings bond for his superior academic achievement.

The 12-year-old scholar devotes much of his time to his studies, particularly math, which is his favorite subject. "I'm not really involved in extra-curricular activities. I just do my homework and study a lot," said Ramil. His diligence can be attributed to his success not only in maintaining a 4.0 grade point average this past quarter, but also as a repeat honor roll student since his elementary school days.



The first quarter winners for the Navy Exchange A-OK Program is presented a \$1,000 savings bond.

Ramil, who aspires to become a doctor, continues to make his family more than proud of his academic success. His mother said, "He's a good kid. Academically, he's really good. He has made As since he was young. He's always been really good in school."

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



photo courtesy of Forest City Residential Management

Surfin' Santa visits with Navy families from Dec. 3-8. Forest City Residential Management hosted holiday programs.

Surfin' Santa visits Hawai'i

Forest City Residential Management

Forest City Hawai'i residents never have good chances for a "white" Christmas and that's just fine with Santa - he's more of a surfer than a snowboarder anyway.

Santa again made his annual surfing pilgrimage to Hawai'i before embarking on his late December globe trotting toy run. And just like last year, Surfin' Santa took a few breaks from North Shore sets to hear the holiday wishes of our deserving Navy families.

Forest City arranged for families and their pets to capture a truly one-of-a-kind holiday snapshot at area community centers from Dec. 3-8. After a brief wait - enjoying Christmas cookies, candy canes, coloring books, ukulele

Christmas songs, and "How the Grinch stole Christmas" on continuous loop in the staging area - residents prepared to meet the big man himself with props offered by Forest City.

Babies with antlers, dogs with grass skirts, and dads wearing coconuts were only a few of the sights offered that week.

Once dressed to impress, families were able to share a personal moment with Surfin' Santa as photographers captured the memories.

Images were then recorded on a compact disk and offered to families only moments after their encounter with Surfin' Santa, allowing residents to create special holiday cards to send back to the mainlander family and friends.

Surfin' Santa will return next year.



NORAD tracks Santa live on Christmas Eve

North American Aerospace Defense Command

North American Aerospace Defense Command's NORAD Tracks Santa Operations Center will be ready to kick into high gear beginning at 2 a.m. MST Dec. 24. During the 24 hours the center will operate, approximately 800 Santa tracking volunteers will cycle through answering telephone calls and e-mails from children around the world who wish to get a fix on Santa Claus' whereabouts.

The NORAD Tracks Santa Web site, www.noradsanta.org, went live Nov. 16 and has already garnered an amazing 330,000 unique visitors from 167 countries.

This year, the public and children can participate directly in the following ways:

- Children and parents can count down with the NORAD Tracks Santa Web site at www.noradsanta.org where there is a different activity occurring in the North Pole Village every day. On

Dec. 24, children will be able to closely follow Santa's progress around the world. Information will be available in English, French, German, Italian, Japanese and Spanish.

• Children can also receive updates on Santa's Christmas Eve journey by calling the traditional "NORAD Tracks Santa" telephone hotline at 1-877-HI NORAD, or by e-mailing NORAD at noradtrackssanta@gmail.com. The NORAD Tracks Santa Operations Center will be operational for 24 hours beginning at 2 a.m. MST on Dec. 24.

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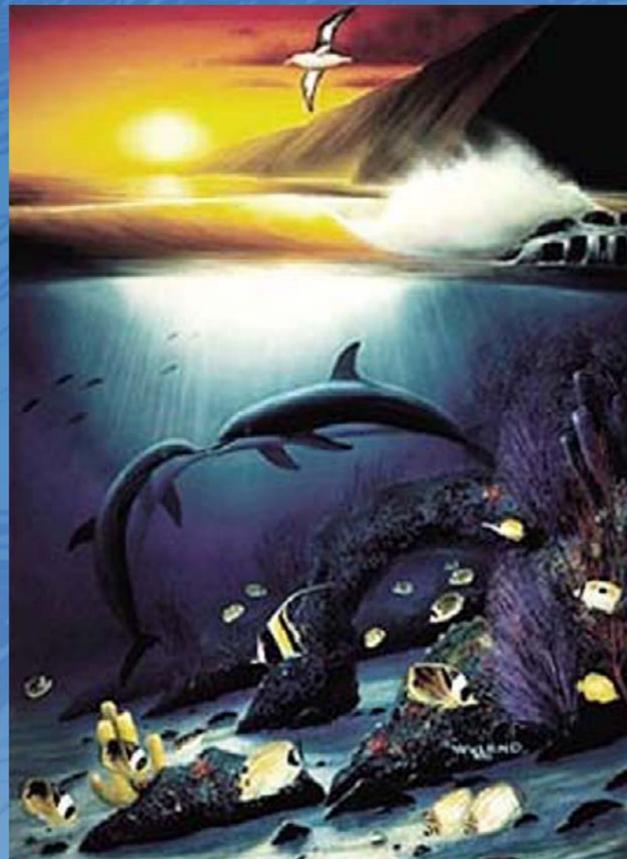
Morale Welfare & Recreation



Community Calendar

December

16 ~ Talented marine life artist, Wyland, will make an appearance at the Mall at Pearl Harbor from 1-2 p.m. at The Mall rotunda. FMI: 423-3330



FREE YOUTH SOCCER CLINIC

Youth can learn how to dribble, pass and shoot from some of the most elite soccer players known in the game. Players from the DC United Soccer Team will conduct a free youth soccer clinic beginning at 4 p.m. Dec. 18 at Quick Field, Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The clinic is open to all military-affiliated youth, ages six to 18 years old. Participants must wear sneakers and loose clothing. FMI:

ITT'S HONOLULU CITY LIGHTS TROLLEY TOUR

Tickets for the Honolulu City Lights Trolley Tour are now on sale at all Navy Information, Ticket and Travel (ITT) offices. Trolley tours will depart from Bloch Arena ITT from Dec. 14-23 at 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The route will go through Aloha Tower and downtown Honolulu, stop for 45 minutes at Honolulu Hale and return to Bloch Arena. The two-hour ride offers a relaxing and scenic tour of the festive city lights, sights and exhibits. The cost is \$12 per person (ages five years old and up). Children four years old and under will be considered a lap child. FMI: 473-0792 (ITT Bloch), 422-2757 (ITT NEX), 655-3128 (Kunia) or 682-2019 (Barbers Point).

LIBERTY HOLIDAY DINNER FOR SINGLE SAILORS

Single Sailors can enjoy a holiday feast beginning at 5 p.m. Dec. 25 at Liberty In Paradise. The event is free and open to all Single Sailors. FMI: 473-4279.

Sharkey Showtimes



Martian Child (PG)

A science-fiction writer, recently widowed, considers whether to adopt a hyper-imaginative six-year-old abandoned and socially rejected boy who says he's really from Mars.

TODAY

7:00 PM American Gangster (R)

SATURDAY

2:30 PM Bee Movie (PG)
4:45 PM Martian Child (PG)
7:00 PM 30 Days of Night

SUNDAY

2:30 PM Martian Child (PG)
4:45 PM Bee Movie (PG)
7:00 PM American Gangster (R)

THURSDAY

7:00 PM American Gangster (R)



TRICARE enrollment available online

Tiffany Anderson

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

Say goodbye to the old eight-page TRICARE Prime enrollment form and hello to paperless enrollment online.

TRICARE's new beneficiary Web enrollment <<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/ppj/bwe/>> (BWE) site allows TRICARE sponsors to simultaneously enroll in TRICARE Prime and update Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS <<http://www.tricare.mil/deers>>) information anytime, from any Internet connection. Eligible retirees re-enrolling in TRICARE Prime can elect to pay the enrollment fee by credit card, bank transfer or have it automatically deducted as an allotment from their Uniformed Services retired pay.

To access the new BWE site, beneficiaries will need one of the following:

- Sponsor's valid common access card (CAC):

www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/owa/home

- Defense Financial and Accounting Services (DFAS) myPay PIN:

<https://mypay.dfas.mil>

- Family member account:

<https://sso.dmdc.osd.mil/famAcctMgr>

Already Prime? There's still more in store.

The new site is not just for new Prime beneficiaries. Those already enrolled in TRICARE Prime may also:

- Transfer enrollment to a new location (portability)

- Request a new primary care manager (PCM)

- Convert an active duty enrollment to a retiree enrollment up to 90 days before your retirement

- View enrollment information

- Request a new program enrollment card

- Update personal information in DEERS to ensure smooth claims processing

Through www.triwest.com, TRICARE West Region beneficiaries have access to additional features to check claims, authorizations and referrals, eligibility and other health insurance information, as well as a new life-changing events section to help you keep DEERS information current to ensure seamless TRICARE coverage for your changing family needs. An interactive demo is available to walk visitors through the simple registration process.

Beneficiaries will still have the option to enroll in Prime at the TRICARE office, located in the base hospital or clinic, or through the mail when they submit a DD Form 2876 (TRICARE Prime Enrollment Application and PCM Change Form, available on the "find a form" page on www.triwest.com) to TriWest and sign and date the completed form in blue or black ink to:

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

P.O. Box 43590

Phoenix, Arizona 85080-3590

To log into the beneficiary Web enrollment site, go to <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/ppj/bwe/> today.

For more information about TriWest's online features, visit www.triwest.com or call TriWest at 1-888-TRIWEST (874-9378).

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