

'Eyes in the Sky'

Signal control tower keeps Pearl Harbor moving

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For 69 years, the Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor Signal Control Tower has literally stood tall among other buildings around the harbor at a height of 202 feet.

The main office of the tower, which red and white-checkerboard colors are used as a navigation aid and approach sign for incoming and departing vessels, sits at 150 feet above ground and can be reached through either a single elevator or climbing the mountain-like 194-step spiraling staircase.

Once in the office, a team of 10 Sailors have a 360-degree bird's-eye view of the surrounding area for approximately 15 miles in all directions.

"To work here, you need to know the harbor inside and out. [Among other things,] you need to know areas where ships can pass each other and where divers are in the water," said Quartermaster 1st Class (SW) Gene Schultz. "Using our emergency harbor security system, we can see what's going on and help keep the harbor safe."

Most people probably don't realize it, but the Sailors assigned to the tower are a key part of the day-to-day operations onboard NAVSTA Pearl Harbor and in the harbor waters itself.

"We control who can come in and out of the harbor and who gets underway for U.S. and foreign ships, security boats, USS Arizona Memorial tour barges and pretty much anything else that moves in the water," said Schultz. "We are



The signal control tower during the attack of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941

also responsible for the morning and evening colors throughout the base every day."

The Sailors who work in the tower are also key communicators with the ships in the harbor.

"We are the equivalent of petty officer of the watch onboard a ship," said Schultz. "Any information we need to send to a ship about the harbor goes to their bridge or ship's radioman through the emergency broadcast radio system."

Although the job can be difficult at times, those who work in the tower only need to look outside to find their relief.

"The scenery is amazing," said Quartermaster 3rd Class (SW) Karlo Broussard. "Up here, we also get to see the different type of aircraft from Hickam Air Force Base, the ships that come in and out of here and the fireworks on the fourth of July. This place is extremely different than what I've been used to in the Navy."

Previously, the tower was also

used for water storage, but due to its age, the water has been removed. While still in proper working condition, the height of the tower combined with its age provides a few scary moments for those working at the high altitude.

"The tower does shake a little during high winds, but it's not scary once you're settled down and used to it," said Schultz.

During the Dec. 7, 1941 attack, the tower was used as an emergency crisis center and from its vantage point gave a clear view of the destruction both on land and the waterfront. Those who work there now, nearly 67 years after the attack, are proud to work in a building with historical significance.

"Being able to work in a place that was here during the attack and walking the same area that people from the past walked is a pretty cool feeling. I feel honored to have the opportunity to work here," said Broussard.

Quartermaster 2nd Class (SW) Shakira Williams uses binoculars to watch a USS Arizona Memorial tour boat from the catwalk of the NAVSTA Pearl Harbor Signal Control Tower. The tower is 202 feet high and has a 360-degree view of the surrounding area for approximately 15 miles in all directions.



Quartermaster 3rd Class (SW) Karlo Broussard checks the safety of Pearl Harbor using the emergency harbor security system in the Naval Station Pearl Harbor Signal Control Tower. Sailors in the tower are responsible for knowing all harbor activities, including where ships can pass each other and where divers are in the water.



Commentary

Window on Pearl Harbor

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America elects history-making new president

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Editor

The air almost seemed to sizzle with excitement as record numbers of Americans turned out to vote for the next president of the United States. After long months of campaigning and debates, it was time for America to choose the one who would lead the nation through the challenges of the coming years.

I had

become a passionate "political addict" over the past several months, eagerly digesting news of the political race from a variety of news programs, tuning in to all of the debates, and reading stories, commentaries and analyses about the candidates.

One way or the other, the election marked history-making changes in the political arena. Either we would elect the first African-American man as president or the first woman as vice-president.

When the votes were counted on Tuesday, Senator Barack Obama won both the electoral college and popular vote by a wide margin. And history was made.

Across the

brate the history-making event. For the first time in the history of our country, a man of African-American heritage had aspired to - and won - the highest office in the land.

People danced joyously in the streets as car horns honked. They hugged each other and cheered and waved American flags. And they cried - many of them remembering the long years of civil rights struggles over the years past.

As I watched all of this unfold on the television in the quiet of my living room and listened to President-elect Obama give his acceptance speech, I was riveted to the screen and moved by the significance of it.

I was so touched as I watched African Americans - tears streaming down their faces - now living a moment in their lives that had long been part of their dreams.

It was a proud and poignant moment for me - seeing Americans united, sharing the same dream, the same hopes - and still rather awed that I was witnessing one of the most significant events in the histo-

ry of our country and one that would be recorded in future history books.

It was with a deep sense of pride that I reveled in the election of a native son of Hawai'i as the next president and a native son of Pennsylvania as the next vice-president. As one born and raised in Pennsylvania and who has called Hawai'i home for several years, it made the whole experience a little more personal for me.

I was impressed by Senator McCain's concession speech - humble words spoken from a man who sacrificed so much as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War era and who has faithfully served our country for decades.

And now...it's a time for change in America and President-elect Obama has many challenges ahead of him. Throughout his campaign, his message has united the country and called upon each of us to be a part of moving the country forward.

As he guides our country through the coming years, we will rely on his strength, his wisdom and his vision to make the best decisions for our country.

May God bless our newly-elected president and vice-president and may God bless the United States of America.

Military Family Appreciation Celebration planned for Nov. 14

Fleet and Family Readiness, Marketing

November is Military Family Appreciation Month. To recognize the military families of Navy Region Hawai'i, Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host a free event Nov. 14 on Ford Island. The fun begins at 4 p.m. and includes activities and games for all ages.

The theme for the day is "Building, Constructing and Creating a Strong Family." Families will have the opportunity to see how things are "built" at a hands-on construction site.

Other activities will include a climbing wall, bounce houses, prize drawings and free ice cream courtesy of Forest City Military Communities.

Children and parents can also work together in building a fun craft at the Home Depot Kids' Clinic. The evening will conclude with a viewing of the Disney Pixar film, "Wall-E" (rated G) and free popcorn.

The celebration is free and open to all active duty, military-affiliated and Department of Defense personnel, their families and sponsored guests.

For more information, visit www.greatlife-hawaii.com.

'Biggest Losers' weigh in

Fleet and Family Readiness, Marketing

After nine weeks of hard work, three teams of four won well-earned prizes and are on their way to a healthier lifestyle.

The top team male team, losing a total of 52 pounds, was "Team America" with team members William Bond, Sean Hagood, Nathan Pyeritz and Lucas Root, who are all from USS Lake Erie (CG 70).

The top female team, losing a

total of 36 pounds, was "Blubber Be Gone" with team members Karen Kasperek, Christine Sam, Jenn Bezze and Alison Blair.

The top co-ed team, losing a total of 46 pounds, was "Black-Eyed Peas" with team members Kindra Stevens, Joey Putman, Becky Putman and Lisa Brunner. Congratulations to all the winning teams and all who participated. Keep up the hard work and we hope even more people enter the next contest beginning on Jan. 7, 2009.

Ultimate Athlete Command Challenge scheduled for Nov. 20 at Ward Field

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The Ultimate Athlete Command Challenge is a fun and competitive alternative to the normal physical training workout. The challenge takes place on Nov. 20 at Ward Field and is open to all active duty Sailors.

Teams of six will compete in a series of sports-based challenges and have their skills tested in strength and endurance. All team members must be from the same com-

mand. The team with the most points at the end of the event will win well-earned bragging rights and the title of "ultimate athlete."

Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. The challenge is limited to eight teams so sign up soon. Registration and participation are free, but each team member must bring at least one non-perishable food item to donate to the Hawai'i Food Bank.

For more information, call 473-0793 or visit www.greatlife-hawaii.com.



nation, huge crowds of people massed in cities and towns to cele-



Battleship Missouri Memorial to host 'Friends and Film on the Fantail'

USS Missouri Memorial Association

The Battleship Missouri Memorial invites visitors and kama'aina (local residents) to an otherwise members-only event, "Friends and Films on the Fantail," from 5-9 p.m. on Nov. 15 on the historic battleship's fantail.

The evening will begin with members of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association displaying their bikes on the pier. All guests will have the opportunity to vote for the "best bike."

The featured film will be "The World's Fastest Indian" (rated PG-13) starring Anthony Hopkins in the true story of Burt Munro, a New Zealand man who spent

decades perfecting his 1920 Indian Scout motorcycle and dreams of setting a new land speed record at Utah's Bonneville Salt Flats. Diagnosed with serious heart problems at the age of 68 and told that his racing days are over, Munro sets out for the United States and against all odds, rides his modified classic bike into the history books.

"Film on the Fantail" is one of several special events that we hold as benefits to our members. Our last two events were so successful that we are planning to hold four in 2009," said Sarah Tenney, vice president of development for the memorial. "We invite everyone who is interested in spending a great evening aboard America's last battleship to

join in the fun as we celebrate fast bikes and watch this inspirational movie over popcorn and refreshments on the deck."

The event is free for members of the "Friends of the Mighty Mo" program. Non-members can attend for \$40 per person and \$75 for a family of four. As an added benefit, the admission price will also include a free one-year membership to the "Friends of the Mighty Mo" program. Space is limited.

For more information, call

455-1600, ext. 244.

"Friends and Film on the Fantail" is a benefit for members and invited guests of the Friends of the Mighty Mo program, which is designed to give individuals, families and organizations a means to contribute to the preservation of the Battleship Missouri. For more information or to join, call 455-1600, ext. 244, e-mail development@ussmissouri.org or visit MightyMoMembers.org.



The schedule for services at chapels at Naval Station Pearl Harbor are as follows. Unless otherwise stated, all events happen at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

Catholic

Daily Mass: 11:35 a.m. Monday-Friday
 Confession: 4 p.m. Saturday
 Catholic Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday
 Catholic Mass: 9 a.m. Sunday

Protestant

•Contemporary Protestant Service: 9:35 a.m. Sunday at the Sub Base Memorial Chapel
 •Protestant Service: 11 a.m. Sunday, Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel

Buddhist

1 p.m., second Sunday of every month

Jewish

•Friday Shabbat Service: 7:35 p.m. at the Aloha Jewish Chapel
 •Saturday Shabbat Service: 8 a.m. at the Aloha Jewish Chapel
 •Monday Shabbat Service: 6 p.m. at the Aloha Jewish Chapel

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WORD SEARCH
Find these 48 PLURALS THAT DON'T END IN ANS

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MOOSE	SHEEP	A C E T N T C O R P O R A U A I E
AIRCRAFT	CATTLE	L T I M I N U T I A E R N Z T L A
FEET	LARVAE	U I T M R Z U C E K C G V E A R D
NUCLEI	STIMULI	M A U E P O Z S C R I T E R I A N
ALGAE	CHERUBIM	N L O D S E M A I C I T V N L T E
FIREMEN	LICE	I C R I F L M A R I H A A U E A D
OFFSPRING	STRATA	C L T A F P A L G A E E C G G R D
ALUMNI	CHILDREN	W U I M O O S E N T P I R N L T A
FISH	MACKEREL	R O Z E V E R T E B R A E U S S F
OXEN	TEETH	I G M T T P E M S R F R P C B I A
ANTENNAE	CORPORA	G T E E E N F C U F D C L L R I E
FORMULAE	MAXIMA	C F A E N B A C I L L I D E C O M
PAPARAZZI	TROUT	E I H A S T L T I L A A M I X A M
BACILLI	CRITERIA	P S E X T E I H A M O E C E C E T
FUNGI	MEDIA	D H S L I F C C A D N P N X R E U
PEOPLE	VERTEBRAE	P H E N O M E N A O T R O A U A M
BACTERIA	CURRICULA	
GEESE	MICE	
PHENOMENA	VIRTUOSI	
BEAUX	DATA	
GENERA	MINUTIAE	
POLICE	WOMEN	

WHO SAID IT?
 [HALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE NEVER READ A NEWSPAPER. HALF NEVER VOTED FOR PRESIDENT. ONE HOPES IT IS THE SAME HALF.]

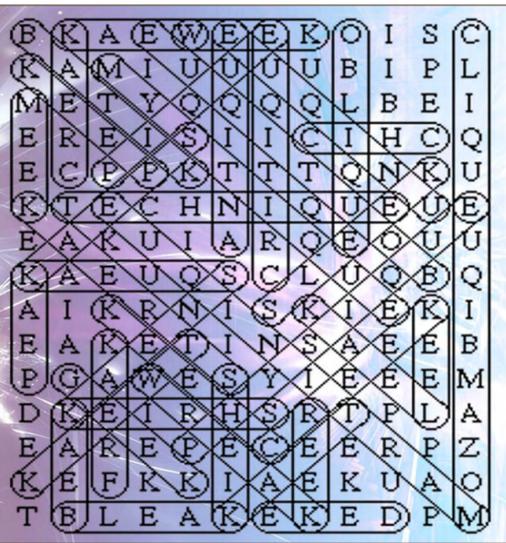


LAST WEEK'S
WHO SAID IT?
 Risk! Risk anything! Care no more for the opinions of others, for those voices. Do the hardest thing on earth for you. Act for yourself. Face the truth.



- Katherine Mansfield (1888 - 1923)

WORD SEARCH SOLUTION
 Find 40 words that rhyme with Seek

ANTIQUE	TEAK	
LEAK	CLIQUE	
SHRIEK	PEAK	
BATIK	TECHNIQUE	
LEEK	CREAK	
SLEEK	PEEK	
BEAK	TWEAK	
MARTINIQUE	CREEK	
SNEAK	PHYSIQUE	
BLEAK	UNIQUE	
MEEK	CRITIQUE	
SPEAK	PIQUE	
BOUTIQUE	WEAK	
MOZAMBIQUE	DEKE	
SQUEAK	REEK	
CHEEK	WEEK	
MYSTIQUE	FREAK	
STREAK	SHEIK	
CHIC	WREAK	
OBLIQUE	GEEK	



This Week's Trivia
 In which Pacific naval battle were the commanders of the opposing fleets able to transfer their flags from a badly damaged carrier to a cruiser?

Last Week's Question: Which flag raiser at Iwo Jima was not a member of the Marine Corps?
Answer: John "Doc" Bradley.
 Bradley joined the Navy, reasoning that a sailor would always get to sleep in a bed with a roof over his head every night. He didn't know he'd be assigned as a Navy medical corpsman and would have to follow the Marines into open air combat.

Navy Region Hawai'i Manawa Nanea

Morale Welfare & Recreation

❖ SUPER GARAGE SALE AND CRAFT FAIR
The Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Super Garage Sale and Craft Fair will be held Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at Richardson Field on Kamehameha Highway (across from Aloha Stadium). For free parking, turn at the Arizona Memorial or pay a minimal fee and park across the street in the Aloha Stadium parking lot. FMI: 473-0606

❖ VETERANS DAY AT SCOTT POOL
A Veterans Day celebration will be held at Scott Pool on Nov. 11 to honor veterans and service members for their service. The celebration will include fun prizes, treats and a patriotic goody bag.

❖ FREE MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION CELEBRATION
Navy Region Hawai'i will sponsor Military Family Appreciation Celebration on Nov. 14 from 4 - 9 p.m. at Ford Island, across from the Navy Lodge. Entertainment will include various performances from local youth dance and twirling groups. Other activities will include arts, crafts and a 6:30 p.m. showing of the movie "WALL-E" on a 25-foot inflatable big screen. The event is free and open to all active duty, military affiliated and Department of Defense (DoD) personnel and their sponsored guests. In case of rain, the event will be moved into the Ford Island Navy Lodge.

❖ WINTER CAMPS FOR YOUTH
Navy Region Hawai'i MWR winter youth camp adventures will be offered this winter at Catlin Clubhouse, Rainbow Bay Marina, Bloch Arena and others. The camps are open to family members of all active duty and DoD civilians. Online registration begins Nov. 17 for single parent active duty and dual active duty parents and Nov. 24 for all other active duty and DoD civilians. FMI: visit www.greatlifehawaii.com to register or call 421-1556.

❖ FREE TURKEY DRAWINGS
Stop by any MWR swimming pool or the Rainbow Bay Marina office through Nov. 20 to fill out an entry slip to win a turkey. The drawing will be Nov. 21.

For more information on Navy Region Hawai'i MWR events, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com

Community Calendar

November

❖ 8 ~ A kama'aina days celebration will be held at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) featuring a gyotaku demonstration by artist Shane Hamamoto from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet the author of Eddie Wen' Go, Marion Lyman-Mersereau, from 2-3 p.m. and Dale Hope, designer of Kahala Sportswear and author of Aloha Spirit Book, from 2-4 p.m. FMI: 423-3330.

❖ 8 ~ Meet author and photographer Jim Wageman from 6 -7 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor NEX book department. Visitors will be able to get an autographed copy of his latest book, "Hawai'i's Trees."

❖ 10 ~ The Leadership Continuum for CO/XO Spouses will host its first of four workshops for the upcoming season at the Ford Island Conference Center. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. The topic will be "Reaching Out to Family Members - IA/GSA, FRG, Wardroom & Spouses Clubs." The workshop is open to all past, current and prospective Navy and Coast Guard CO/XO spouses. To get on the Leadership Continuum mailing list, email Verdi Fujimori at Leadership4U@hotmail.com or call 474-1999, ext. 6100.

At a glance

❖ Hawai'i Superferry is offering one free military passenger round trip fare with the purchase of another military passenger round trip fare traveling at the same time. Free fare does not include taxes and fees. Some restrictions apply. The offer is not good on Internet booking. The offer is good for travel booked and traveled by Dec. 15. Hawai'i Superferry is also offering \$39 fare each way for visitors traveling between Oahu and Maui. FMI: contact your nearest Morale, Welfare and Recreation Information, Ticket and Travel (MWR/ITT) desk or visit hawaiisuperferry.com or call 877-HI-FERRY.

Sharkey Showtimes



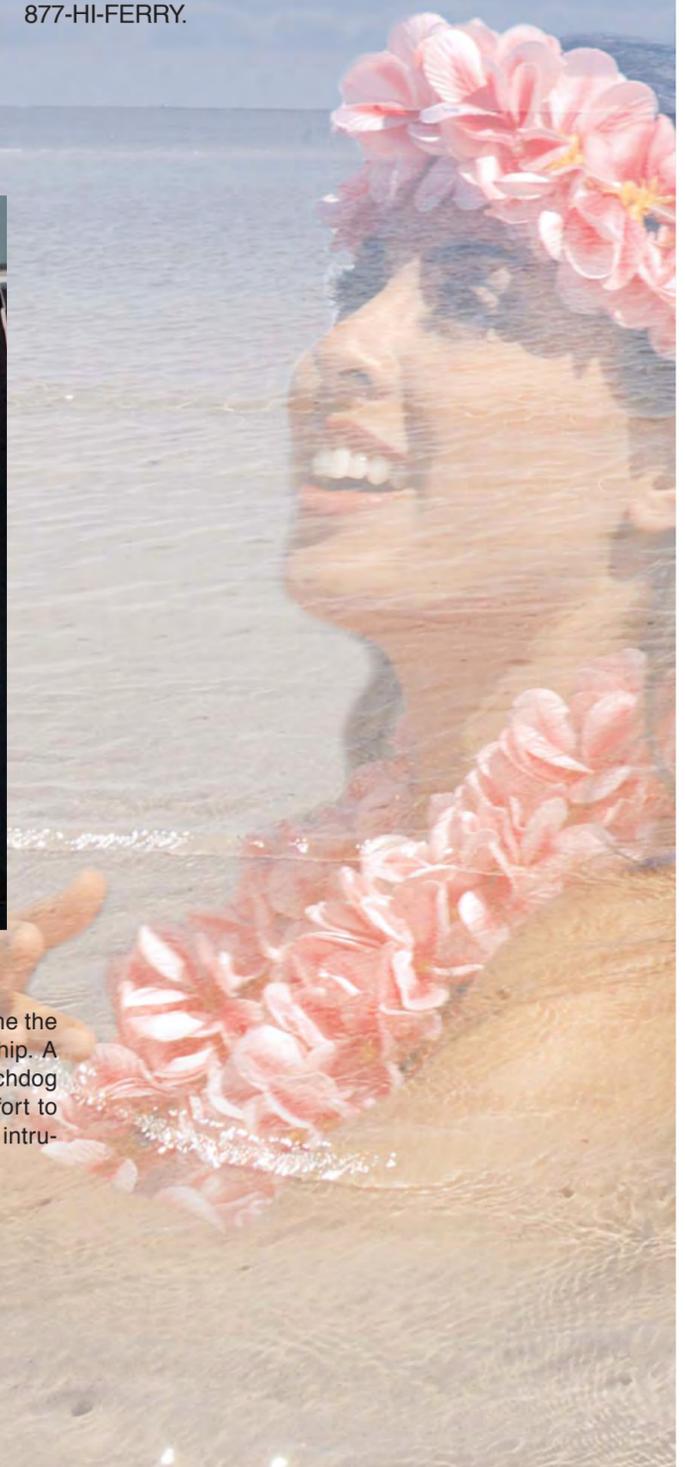
Lakeview Terrace (PG 13)

A young couple has just moved into their California dream home when they become the target of their next-door neighbor, who disapproves of their interracial relationship. A stern, single father, this tightly wound LAPD officer has appointed himself the watchdog of the neighborhood. His nightly foot patrols and overly watchful eyes bring comfort to some, but he becomes increasingly harassing to the newlyweds. These persistent intrusions into their lives ultimately turn tragic when the couple decides to fight back.

TODAY
7:00 PM Burn After Reading (R)

SATURDAY
2:30 PM Igor (PG)
4:30 PM The Family That Preys (PG 13)
7:15 PM Lakeview Terrace (PG 13)

SUNDAY
2:30 PM Igor (PG)
4:30 PM Ghost Town (PG 13)
7:15 PM Righteous Kill (R)



ASYMCA invites children of U.S. service members to participate in annual art and essay contest

Armed Services YMCA

The Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA), the nation's leading non-profit organization supporting the families of junior enlisted military personnel, launched its annual art and essay contest by inviting all eligible children of U.S. active duty, National Guard or Reserves to enter by writing an essay about their military hero or illustrating their military family in a drawing.

The ASYMCA art and essay contest is officially launched every November as part of Military Family Month.

Military Family Month, established by the Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) in 1993, is a time for Americans to thank our nation's service men and

women and to show our gratitude to their



families who sacrifice so much for our country.

Winners of both the art and essay contests will have their artwork and essays displayed throughout the country and are recognized at an annual luncheon on Capitol Hill.

Entries from the 2007 essay contests were compiled to create "My Hero," which is the first book dedicated to

telling the stories of military children and how they are impacted by their parents' deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Our annual art and essay contest gives children the opportunity to express their appreciation, love and admiration for their military heroes, while reminding us all of the sacrifices our men and women in uniform, and their families, make on

behalf of our country," said Retired Navy Rear Adm. Frank Gallo, national executive director of ASYMCA.

ASYMCA will award six U.S. Savings bonds of \$500 for first-place entries and \$100 bonds for second place in the art contest. For the essay contest, one \$500 first place and one \$100 second place bond will be awarded in each grade category 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8. Students in two high school categories, 9/10 and 11/12, will be awarded \$1,000 bonds for first place and \$200 bonds for second place. In addition, there are two \$100 bonds for essays of honorable mention.

Entries for the art contest must depict "My Military Family." The deadline for entries in ASYMCA's 2009 art contest is Feb. 20, 2009. The top entries will be used on the 2009 Military Family Month poster sponsored by GEICO.

All entries for the ASYMCA essay contest must be post-marked no later than March 20, 2009. The essays should tell a story about "My Military Hero." Official entry forms for both contests are available at www.asymca.org.

"Military Family Month (November) is a good time for all Americans to say thank you to our nation's service men and women, their children and families," said Gallo. "There are a number of ways that you can show your support for military families, especially during the holiday season, with donations of toys, clothing or holiday food baskets. These simple gestures of support will put a big smile on the faces of thousands of children whose parents will be deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan during the holiday season."

In a letter acknowledging

his support for Military Family Month, President George Bush said, "During this historic time, we continue to look to those in uniform as examples of patriotism and selfless dedication. I am proud to be their commander in chief."

The ASYMCA operates more than 150 program centers around the globe. The ASYMCA has consistently provided educational, recreational, social and spiritual programs to military members and their families since the Civil War. It earned a four-star rating from Charity Navigator for the second consecutive year and an A-rating from the American Institute of Philanthropy.

The ASYMCA, an affiliate of the YMCA of the USA, is headquartered in Alexandria, Va. Visit www.asymca.org for more information about its programs.

NEX's A-OK Student Reward Program makes paying for college easier

Kristine M. Sturkie

Navy Exchange Service Command

Paying for a child's education can be a daunting task. Let your Navy Exchange (NEX) make it easier for you through its A-OK Student Reward Program.

Four times per school year, four students will win a drawing for a \$5,000, \$3,000 \$2,000 or \$1,000 U.S. savings bond, denomination at maturity. The next drawing will be held at the end of November.

Any eligible full-time student who has a B-grade point average equivalent or better, as determined by their school system, may enter the drawing. Eligible students include dependent children of active duty military members, reservists

and military retirees enrolled in first through 12th grade.

Dependent children without an individual dependent identification card must be accompanied by their sponsor to submit their entry. Each student may enter only once each grading period and must re-enter with each qualifying report card.

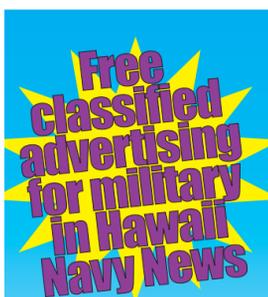
To enter the drawings, stop by your Navy Exchange with your current report card and have a Navy Exchange associate verify your minimum grade average. Then fill out your entry card and obtain your A-OK ID, which entitles you to discount coupons for Navy Exchange products and services.

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEX-COM) is headquarters for the worldwide Navy Exchange System that over-

sees 105 Navy Exchange facilities and its 305 stores worldwide, 43 Navy Lodges, Ship's Stores, Uniform Program Management Office and Navy Family Support Programs.

NEXCOM's mission is to provide authorized customers quality goods and services at a savings and to support quality of life programs for active duty military, retirees, reservists and their families. The Navy Exchange enterprise operates primarily as a non-appropriated fund (NAF) business instrumentality. Revenues generated are used to support Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) programs.

In Fiscal Year '07, \$2.5 billion in sales were generated with nearly \$34 million in profits provided to Navy MWR programs.



Active duty and retired military, civil service and family members can advertise the sale of their personal property (including real estate) and services in HNN at no charge. The details are as follows:

Classified items and services must represent an incidental exchange between the aforementioned personnel and not business operations. Requests for three-line free classified advertisements can be submitted via email, if from a ".mil" address (submit to lkaneshi@honolulu.gannett.com), by phone at 521-9111 or by visiting www.honoluluadvertiser.com and clicking on "classified ads." More lines of advertising can be purchased at an additional fee. Requesters should include their military ID number and a call-back phone number.

That Guy.com

