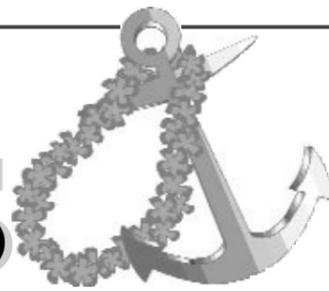


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Naval Station galley closure

The Diosdado Rome Galley will close March 1 until further notice due to budgetary constraints. The Silver Dolphin Bistro will remain open during the following hours:

Weekdays:
Breakfast 0615-0730
Lunch 1030-1230
Dinner 1630-1800
 Weekends:
Breakfast 0630-0730
Lunch 1030-1230
Dinner 1630-1730

Town Hall Meeting

A town hall meeting for the Barbers Point, Iroquois Point and Puuloa Navy Family Housing residents will be held on Thursday, February 24 at 6:00p.m. at the Iroquois Point Elementary School. This meeting will provide information about future plans to consolidate some of the Navy community support services at Barbers Point. A letter providing more information about this plan was mailed this week to Navy family housing residents living in these communities. Housing residents who have not received this letter by Feb. 22 should contact the Navy Family Housing office at 474-1800 for a copy. For those residents unable to attend the town hall meeting, Hawaii Navy News will provide full coverage of the event in an upcoming issue.

Spring arrives at Boutiki

Boutiki buyers have just returned from the mainland with the latest spring merchandise at terrific prices. Pastels, gardens flowers and butterflies are the craze this season. Come shop at the Boutiki as new merchandise arrives daily.

Boutiki is a not-for-profit gift shop. Net proceeds are donated to local charities, benefiting military families. Does your not-for-profit organization need additional funding? Contact Boutiki by Feb. 28 for a donation application.

Boutiki is located on Pearl Harbor, 640 Club Road (just past Scott Pool on the left coming from the main and Makalapa gates).

Store hours are every Monday and Friday, as well as Saturday, Feb. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This month we will feature 15 percent off all silk flowers.

Great Aloha Run

The annual Great Aloha Run will be held on President's Day, Feb. 21. The 8.15 mile course begins at the Aloha Tower on Ala Moana Blvd., proceeds down Nimitz Highway, past the Makalapa Complex and ends at the Aloha Stadium. The following Pearl Harbor areas will be along Nimitz and Kamehameha Hwy. from 5-10:30 a.m.: Peliter Ave., Catlin Rd., Catlin Dr., Valkenburgh, Center Dr. and Radford Dr. Outbound lanes of Makalapa Gate will be secured. Halawa and Brochers Gates will be secured to all traffic. The back gate to the Makalapa Complex, Luapele Gate, will be open. Please plan to take alternate routes.

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Ohana Quality of Life Survey ends Feb. 21

By JOCS(SW) Phil Eggman

HAWAII NAVY NEWS

It's not too late to make a difference by participating in the on-line Hawaii Navy Ohana Quality of Life (QOL) Survey which allows you to voice your concerns (anonymously) through Monday, Feb. 21.

The survey can only be found at the Commander, Navy Region Hawaii web page at <http://www.hawaii.navy.mil>.

Active duty personnel, family members, reservists, Department of the Navy civilian employees and retirees can participate.

Sharleen Proctor, Navy Region Hawaii Ohana Program Coordinator, said the survey participation has been extremely successful.

"The survey that was created this year is the smartest thing we've done," she said.

"We've more than tripled the response rate, because of the mere fact that it can be taken from a computer. The issues are automatically categorized because of the survey is crafted, each answer stands alone. We don't have to guess what the customer is trying to say," Proctor said.

The survey is part of the Ohana program, which was established in 1995 to demonstrate Navy leadership's commitment to improving the quality of life for the Hawaii Navy Ohana.

The program identifies quality of life issues so that improvements can be made. The survey can be used to make a suggestion, submit an idea, identify an area of concern, or express satisfaction with current programs.

In years past, quality of life issues were written anonymously on a sheet of paper that people would fill out related to their complaints concerning quality of life.

In 1998, only 700 people provided comments. To date, more than 2,300 people have provided information towards improving the quality of life for the Navy Ohana in Hawaii.

The increased participation is due to the web-based survey easy access from work or home computers.

The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete.

The issues that come out of this survey will be reviewed and prioritized at the next Ohana Conference on March 1-2.

"This year's conference should be the best yet," Proctor said. "The delegates will be able to review, discuss and identify clear, concise issues which will make their job of coming up with recommendations easier."

Prior successes which directly resulted from past conferences include improved Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) customer service and improved Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) communication.

Other advances include installation of traffic lights and water fountains, improved family housing communication, revised housing inspection standards and increases military involvement in Hawaii's public school education.

Ohana means family in Hawaiian. The Hawaii Navy Ohana includes the active duty Sailor, family members, reservists, civilian employees and retirees.

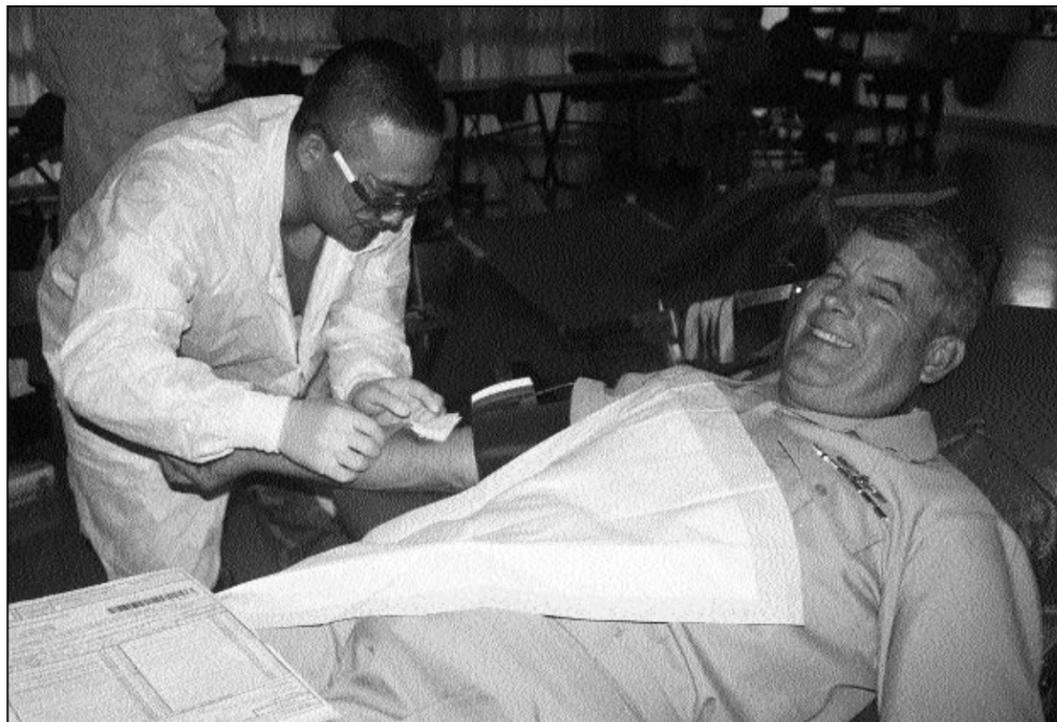
For more information contact Sharleen Proctor, at 474-4752.

2000 Ohana Conference Online Survey

Making life better
for Navy Families



Navy leaders give blood for Valentines Day



JO2 Greg Cleghorne photo

Rear Admiral John W. Townes III, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, gets his blood drawn by Tripler Army Medical Center lab technician, Spc. Anthony Pansoy. Tripler technicians participate in daily, weekly and monthly blood drives throughout the military community on Oahu and encourage servicemembers, their family members and Department of Defense civilians to donate. Due to the needs of patients undergoing cancer treatment, the many surgeries in the area and other emergent needs, there is always a need for a steady blood infusion. Tripler representatives say one of their goals is to receive 30 to 50 donations per week. Cookies and refreshments are provided.

NEX offers \$2,000 shopping spree

By Lenny Gonzaga

PEARL HARBOR NAVY EXCHANGE

Have you ever wanted to enter a contest but thought, "what are my chances?"

If you ask Jeannie Shaw, she'll probably suggest that your chances are good if you enter the 2000 "Park, Shop and Win" contest.

Jeannie was the grand prizewinner of the "1999 \$2,000 Park, Shop and Win" shopping spree from the Navy Exchange.

Rear Adm. John W. Townes, III, Commander,

Navy Region Hawaii and Mike F. Cottrell, Director, Hawaii District Navy Exchange, presented Shaw with her award Feb. 11 at a Navy Exchange awards ceremony.

"Since I shop at the NEX three to four times a week, I decided to give it a try," Shaw stated about her decision to enter the contest.

Shaw was a customer at the NEX Beauty Salon the day her car license plate was selected. Her spouse, Capt. Claude Shaw, ordnance officer for Commander-In-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, accompanied her to the awards cere-

mony. The contest was implemented as a customer appreciation program that ran Sept. 13 through Dec. 31, 1999. In order to participate, customers had to place the "shop NEX" bumper sticker on their vehicle.

An NEX representative who walked through the parking lots of the Pearl Harbor and Barbers Point Exchanges chose a daily winner.

The license plate numbers of the winners were posted at the exits of both exchanges and were listed in the Hawaii Navy News. Daily win-

ners, who picked up their \$25 gift certificate qualified for a chance to win the \$1,000 shopping spree, held Jan. 10.

Due to the overwhelming success of the contest, the NEX is promoting a new contest to celebrate the year 2000. "Shop NEX 2000" will begin this month with a weekly winner receiving a \$25 gift certificate.

The Shop NEX 2000 will run until the end of the year. Weekly winners must pick up their \$25 gift certificate to qualify for the grand prize drawing to be held on Jan.

Navy Voting Assistance Program helps make your vote count

By John Hillis

NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND
VOTING PROGRAM MANAGER

While many Sailors and their families will be far from home on Election Day this year, they will still be able to cast their votes — thanks to absentee ballots and the Navy's Voting Assistance Program.

The Voting Assistance Guide and your command Voting Assistance Officer can assist you in registering and requesting a ballot using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) Standard Form 76. Completing the FPCA and sending it to your local voting jurisdiction is all that it takes.

The best time to apply for an absentee ballot is 30-45 days before an election. In most states, ballots are mailed to voters 20 days before an election.

For more information, see your command voting assistance officer, or visit the Navy's new voting assistance web site at <http://www.persnet.navy.mil/pers66/nvap/>.

For questions that can't be answered locally, contact the Navy Voting Action Officer, Navy Personnel Command at DSN 882-4369, (901) 874-4369 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Central Standard Time.

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