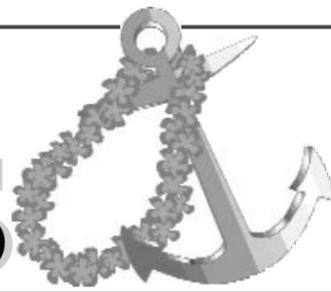


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IN BRIEF

NEX to offer computer classes

Navy Exchange Pearl Harbor will offer free computer classes to customers. The following is a schedule of classes being offered:

Learning Computer Basics - Feb. 26, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m./3:00p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Safeguarding Your Computer - March 11, 1:00 p.m.-2:00/3:00p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Maintaining Your Computer - April 22, 1:00 p.m.-2:00/ 3:00p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Due to limited seating, reservations are required. To reserve a seat, call 423-3275 or sign up in person at the Pearl Harbor NEX computer department.

Personal Excellence Partnership (PEP) Meeting

A Personal Excellence Partnership (PEP) meeting will be held Feb. 29 at 9 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Training Complex (Building 679), Room 15, for all PEP coordinators and those interested in participating in community service activities.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide a brief synopsis on items discussed at the recently held Community Service Coordinators Conference, to discuss upcoming community activities and more importantly, to share the good ideas, programs and projects that are taking place among various schools' partnerships.

For more information, please contact Lt Adonis Mason at 474-7252 or Verdi Fujimori at 473-4222, extension 271.

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. 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.

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Nimitz Gate to Close March 11-12



JPCS (SW) Philip Eggman photo

SK2 Jesus Castaneda of Naval Station Pearl Harbor Security checks ID cards at the Nimitz Gate. Access through the Nimitz Gate will be closed March 11 at 7 a.m. and will reopen March 13 at 5 a.m. to allow Navy Public Works Center to work on an existing sewer line.

By JPCS (SW) Philip Eggman

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The Pearl Harbor Naval Station Nimitz Gate will be closed to incoming and outgoing traffic on March 11-12. The closure is necessary while a Navy Public Works Center, Pearl Harbor contractor performs maintenance, called "sliplining", on an existing sewer line that runs along South Avenue.

Work will begin on Saturday, March 11 at 7 a.m. and is will be complete by Monday, March 13 at 5 a.m.

Personnel requiring access to Naval Station will need to use the Makalapa Gate off of Radford Drive and Kamehameha Highway during the closure.

According to David Gray of J. A. Jones Management Services, the contractor performing the maintenance, sliplining is a process of placing a new pipe through an existing line without major excavation and disruption. Slip lining began in 1997 up and down South

Avenue.

Gray said the procedure on South Avenue involves joining a high-density polyethylene pipe, long enough to span between two sewer manholes.

An insertion pit is excavated at one manhole where the pipe is inserted, and a winch is set up at the other manhole to drag the new pipe down the existing sewer line. The sewer line is blocked while the new pipe is being placed so no sewage can flow.

"This means we have to by-pass the sewage on the upstream side of the pipe being sliplined around the work to the downstream side," Gray said.

Since the sewer manhole is located in the middle of the road at Nimitz Gate, traffic will be unable to enter or exit Pearl Harbor via the Nimitz Gate during the entire procedure.

"The winch truck will block all outgoing traffic lanes," Gray said. "The by-pass line (located upstream in a manhole at the Pass and ID parking lot) will block the incoming lanes at Nimitz Gate."

Fifth annual Ohana Conference to be held March 1-2

By JPCS(SW) Phil Eggman

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The fifth annual Ohana conference is scheduled March 1-2 at the Shipyard Training Center (Bldg. 2). The two-day conference provides a means of identifying and resolving quality of life concerns in the Navy region.

"The Ohana Conference is important because it allows quality of life issues to be brought out into the open so that Navy leadership has the opportunity to improve quality of life for the Navy Ohana in Hawaii," said Sharleen Proctor, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii Ohana project coordinator. "Positive change is the focus of the Ohana Conference. The fewer things Sailors have to worry about at home, the more they can concentrate on their missions."

The Hawaii Navy Ohana Quality of Life program was established in 1995 to demonstrate Navy leadership's commitment to improving the quality of life for the Hawaii Navy Ohana. The program is a process that involves identifying quality of life issues to senior Navy leadership to raise awareness and to take action for improving the quality of life for the Navy's Ohana in Hawaii.

Ohana means "family" in Hawaiian. The Hawaii Navy Ohana includes the active duty Sailor, and family mem-

bers, reservists, civilian employees and retirees.

Prior successes from past conferences include improved Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) customer service, improved Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) communication, installation of traffic lights and water fountains, improved family housing communication, revised housing inspection standards and increased military involvement in Hawaii's public school education.

In years past, quality of life issues were written anonymously on a sheet of paper that people would fill out related to their quality of life. In 1998, only 700 people provided comments. This year, a record 3,000 people participated in the survey, with hard copy versions of the survey still coming in from some ships and submarines.

The increased participation was due to a web-based survey made available to the Navy Ohana on the Navy Region website, which was completed Feb. 21. "The web-based survey was created to make it easier for the Sailor and other members of the Navy Ohana to participate," Proctor said. "The survey was extremely successful because people could take it from any computer with internet access, such as their work station or from home and at their convenience."

It was computerized and captured the customer's views on ALL the services the Navy offers in Hawaii; not just in those areas where people have complaints," she added.

The survey collected quality of life issues and information, which will be compiled and presented at the two-day Ohana conference next week.

Delegates from commands in the Navy region will then review and prioritize the issues identified by the survey and come up with recommendations. These issues and recommendations will then be forwarded to Navy command-

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Hollywood Has Landed!

By PACFLT Public Affairs

The first of over 200 film industry professionals arrived last week to begin preparation for what could become a classic remake of America's entry into World War II.

Crews for Big Ship Productions, the company producing the Disney-backed film "Pearl Harbor," moved into buildings on Ford Island to prepare for the filming of the historical-fiction film.

Director Michael Bay and dozens of others also conducted a technical scout of Ford Island and other military sites around Oahu as they prepare for the start of filming in early April. Work is to be complete by mid-May.

In a letter to Producer Jerry Bruckheimer, the Department of Defense indicated its approval of military assistance for the film and designated the Navy as the lead service in the Hollywood project.

The movie's stars are still being identified, but the role of Dorie Miller, the African American Sailor who shot down several Japanese airplanes during the attack on Pearl Harbor, will be filled by Cuba Gooding, Jr. Miller was a cook aboard USS West Virginia (BB 48) when Japanese Zeros swarmed the skies over Pearl Harbor; dropping bombs and torpedoes that ultimately sunk USS Arizona on December 7, 1941.

The Navy expects "Pearl Harbor" will make the events of that day a lasting memory to those who died during the air raid. Local Navy leaders see the movie as a great opportunity to ed-



J01 Frank Mowery photo

Director Michael Bay arrived in Hawaii to begin the shooting of the Disney movie "Pearl Harbor" in early April. The production will be taking place on and around the Ford Island area, and is scheduled to last until mid-May.

ucate a whole new generation of Americans about an important period in their nation's history.

Pre-production and film work in and around Pearl Harbor may disrupt some daily work routines, but the film crew is dedicated to minimizing many of the inconveniences associated with shooting a major motion picture.

"We'll have to occasionally

re-route some traffic or have some areas off limits, but we'll maintain good communications with the region leadership to minimize that impact. I think it'll be worth it," said Commander Bruce Cole the Navy's lead coordinator in Hawaii for the film. Cole encouraged area commanding officers and officers-in-charge to contact

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