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Information Technology Expo 2000

The Pearl Harbor Information Technology Expo will be held on April 11 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the The Banyans.

This is a one-day showing of advanced information/computing technology. Exhibitors will be on hand displaying the latest in data storage including network security, audio/visual communication, wireless solutions, internet and intranet services, printers, workstation portable computers and much more.

All personnel at Pearl Harbor are encouraged to attend. For more information or to pre-register, call 1-800-247-6353 or visit www.fed-page.com.

Occupational Safety, Health Inspection of COMNAVREG to be held

An Occupational Safety and Health Oversight Inspection of COMNAVREG Hawaii will be conducted March 22 through April 5.

Personnel wishing to speak to or meet with a member of the inspection team may call 474-3953, ext. 350 or 338, to make an appointment. Personnel should bring copies of any supporting documentary information.

The inspection team, headed by Mr. James Craft, will be located in Building A-12, Regional Safety Department (PWC Compound).

For more information on the inspection, contact Lyrita E. Gochenouer, Regional Safety Director, at 474-3953, ext. 350.

New email for submissions to Hawaii Navy News

Hawaii Navy News has a new email for submissions to the paper. Submission deadlines are Fridays for the following Fridays paper. Send requests to www.hnneditor.navy.mil.

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Advancement system changes announced

By Lynette Williams and J01 Gerard Sekerak

Changes have been made to the Navy Enlisted Advancement System (NEAS) that will further enhance the Navy's future by streamlining the advancement and promotion process of Sailors.

In announcing these changes, Vice Adm. Norb Ryan Jr., Chief of Naval Personnel, stated his commitment to continue supporting all efforts to improve Sailors' opportunities for advancement. "These changes will insure that the Advancement System continues to properly prepare Sailors for advancement and help to promote the best qualified candidates while reducing unnecessary administrative requirements," said Ryan.

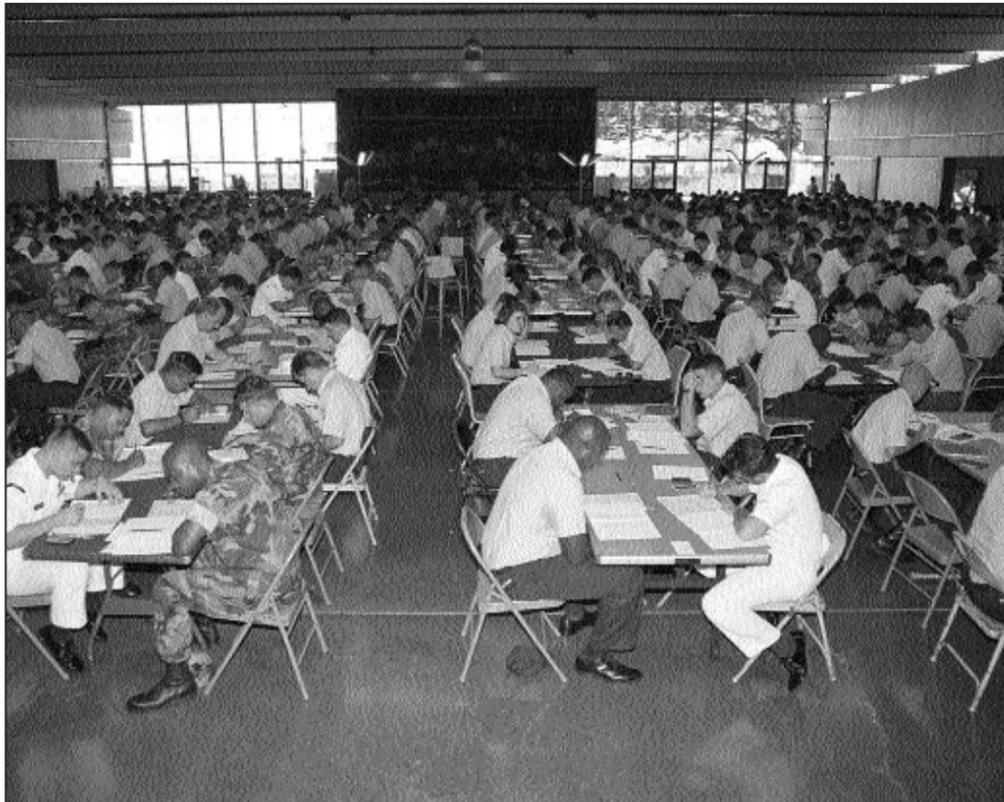
As noted in NAVADMIN 42/00, several time saving changes are now effective.

With the advent of watch station Personal Qualification Standards and improved shipboard training programs, Personal Advancement Requirements (PARS) are considered outdated and redundant and have been eliminated for advancement exam eligibility.

Eliminating PARS will save significant man hours for Sailors preparing for the exam and will eliminate the effort spent to update and verify PARS completion in the Sailor's service record. In addition to PARS, Training Manuals (TRAMANs) and Non Resident Training Courses (NRTC)s are no longer required for advancement exam eligibility. TRAMANs or NRTC)s will still be available, and their completion is essential to support advancement opportunities for Sailors.

Elimination of this requirement will also save time for Sailors and reduce the time spent by educational service officers to verify course completion when ordering exams.

"It's true, they (the changes) will save time in future exam cycles, but it has actually made us work a lot



U.S. Navy photo

Pearl Harbor 2nd Class Sailors pack into Club Pearl early Tuesday morning to take the 1st Class advancement test. Changes have been made to the Navy Enlisted Advancement System that will further enhance the Navy's future by streamlining the advancement and promotion process of Sailors.

harder to prepare for the March exams," said Nestor Hernandez, Education Services Officer at the Personnel Support Detachment Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. "Since the Navy has dropped the requirements for PARS, TRAMANs and NRTC)s, there were a lot more Sailors eligible

for advancement, therefore we had to order and arrange for a lot more exams this cycle," explained Hernandez.

Another change to NEAS allows chief petty officers and above to serve on local examining boards to administer, handle, destroy and for-

ward advancement exam returns to the Naval Education and Training Professional Development and Technology Center.

This change expedites and improves accuracy of exam returns

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DFAS adds self-service tool for routine pay changes

Navy Retention Office

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) has recently completed development of Employee/Member Self-Service (E/MSS). E/MSS is a self-service tool that will allow personnel to make routine changes to their official pay account using either an interactive voice response telephone system or the internet.

Personnel will be able to change their federal income tax withholding; start, stop, or change allotments; change their correspondence/home address; and update information for their financial institution electronic

funds transfer. More information and frequently asked questions about E/MSS are available on the DFAS web site at www.dfas.mil/emss.

Current implementation plans are for E/MSS to be made available during March 2000 to DoN civilians paid through the defense civilian pay system, active/reserve Marines and Marine Corps total force system, retirees, and annuitants. Availability of E/MSS for Navy service members is scheduled for July 2000.

E/MSS is voluntary. Personnel may enter the changes outlined above using E/MSS or may continue to submit hardcopy forms to their

customer service representatives or military pay office to effect the necessary changes. E/MSS transactions submitted through the internet will be encrypted using 128-bit encryption and secure socket

layer technology. This will prevent personal information from being read by others while being transmitted from the user's personal computer to the E/MSS web site. As a further security measure, the E/MSS system will not provide immediate printable confirmation that the requested changes have been made. However, personnel may verify requested changes by re-accessing E/MSS. Changes will also be anno-

tated on the users' subsequent Leave and Earning Statement (LES), which personnel should review to ensure requested changes have been made. The LES will serve as the official pay record.

Beginning March 10 DFAS began distributing notification of E/MSS to DoN civilian employees via U.S. mail. This notification provided information about E/MSS and a temporary personnel identification number (pin). Personnel can customize their pin the first time they use the system. Distribution of E/MSS notification and pin letters to active/reserve Marines is scheduled to begin on Monday.

COMNAVREGHI signs child abuse prevention proclamation



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Rear Admiral John W. Townes III, Commander Navy Region Hawaii, signs the Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation as local children look on. April has been proclaimed Month of the Military Child. The event is marked as a focus on military children and their lives with events and seminars for quality of life improvement.

Submarine Squadron Seven changes command

By J03 McClain Shewman
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CAPT. Fred Byus will relieve Capt. Mark Kenny as

Commander, Submarine Squadron 7 (COMSUBRON Seven) March 17, at 10 a.m. in a change-of-command ceremony aboard USS Cheyenne (SSN 773). Rear Adm. Al Konetzni,

Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) will be the guest speaker.

Kenny, squadron commander from September 1998 to March 2000, will report to Submarine Warfare Division, Washington D.C. for his next tour.

Capt. Byus takes over COMSUBRON Seven having previously served as commanding officer of USS Tautog (SSN 639).