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## IN BRIEF

### Pearl Harbor Filming

Big Ship Productions (a Disney company) continues to film the movie "Pearl Harbor," in and around Pearl Harbor, which may disrupt some daily work routines.

Additionally, residents of Naval Station in and around Ford Island may experience occasional loud explosions and flight operations involving vintage WWII era aircraft.

The following is a general schedule of dates and locations where filming will occur through May 3. Please plan accordingly.

#### April 29

Pokemoke Street and Ferry Terminal (Parking will be secured on Pokemoke Street, near bldg. 43, at the Ferry Terminal, possibly the BEQ mauka of bldg. 43, and the area between 218 and 87.)

2nd Unit - Makai of Hangar 54 (see restrictions given for same area above).

#### April 30

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#### May 1

Main unit will be at Shafter. 2nd Unit - TBD, possibly Makai of Hangar 54.

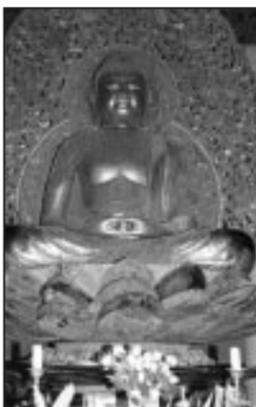
#### May 2

Main unit will be at Shafter. 2nd Unit - TBD, possibly Makai of Hangar 54.

#### May 3

Hospital Point, bldgs. 316 and 317. Hospital Point scene will be considered a "weather set," meaning if the weather is bad during some production day prior to May 3, the film company may film at Hospital Point early.

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# MCPON visits Pearl Harbor Sailors

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**T**HE specific topics may change, but the overall issue remains the same - How can the Navy improve the quality of life for its Sailors? That was the theme of Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON), Machinist's Mate Master Chief (SS/SW/AW) Jim Herdt, who visited Pearl Harbor April 21-24.

Herdt visited Hawaii to attend the Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Submarine Centennial Ball April 22. Before leaving Hawaii, he visited Sailors at Naval Station Pearl Harbor and Marine Corps Base Kaneohe, Hawaii April 24 to give them a hint of some of the changes the Navy is making to reduce their workload.

"Everybody in the chain of command wants to do the right thing for Sailors," Herdt said to hundreds of Pearl Harbor Sailors. "My big job right now is trying to manage these changes so that we're not changing everything all of a sudden. We need to make changes with caution, and make sure we are changing in a way that will cause no harm."

According to Herdt, the Navy is looking into investing in non-stick cookware, longer lasting paint for ships, and contracted food service workers to more efficiently make use of manpower so Sailors perform the jobs they volunteered to do.

Herdt also addressed how the Navy is improving the advancement program for Sailors. He said that after eliminating the requirement for Personal Advancement Requirements (PARS), the Navy is focusing on ways to provide quicker exam

results, tests that focus more on military knowledge rather than technical knowledge, and developing career paths for ratings to help guide Sailors through their Navy careers.

The MCPON encouraged Sailors to get at least a bachelor's degree before leaving the Navy and to stay fit. He added that the new Physical Readiness Training (PRT) instruction is expected to be released shortly after he returns to D.C.

He also hinted that the Thrift Savings Plan could be a reality, and that researchers are still searching for a way to make it work. In the meantime, Sailors should start some type of investment plan and make regular contributions to it.

Herdt fielded questions from Sailors who wanted to know if they would join the ranks of a growing number of rating-specific Sailors being offered Selective Reenlistment Bonuses (SRBs), and if the gap between frocking and receiving pay for advancements would shrink.

Herdt said, "both will remain the way they are now, until the Navy can find more funding to improve them."

The MCPON stressed the importance of including every Sailor's spouse in the detailing and reenlistment process. "You need to bring the spouse in and sit them both down and explain it to both of them, so when they go home they can talk from the same sheet of paper," he said.

In closing, Herdt offered thanks to the Sailors in Hawaii. "We can say that the home of the submarine force is in Groton, Conn., or we could say that the home of the surface force is in San Diego or Norfolk," he said. "But we can also say that the front line is right out here in Hawaii."

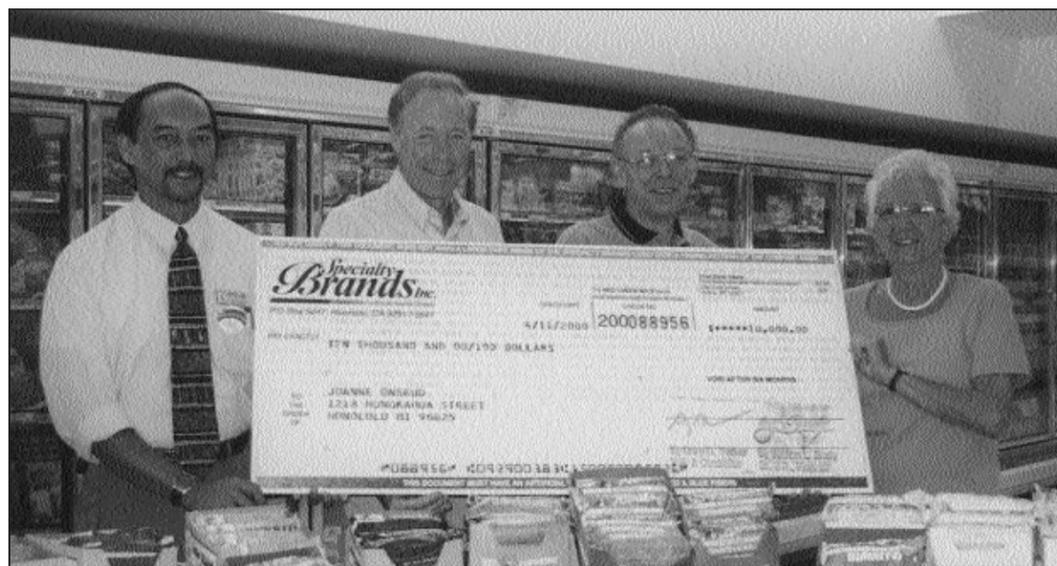
"You are the front line... you are what makes everything work," he concluded.



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Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Machinist's Mate Master Chief (SS/SW/AW) Jim Herdt, visited Sailors at the Banyans Club on Pearl Harbor Naval Station April 24. MCPON discussed the recent changes in QOL and the state of the Navy with over 100 local Sailors.

## Commissary Customer Wins "Dough"



(Left to Right) Alan Esperas, Pearl Harbor Store Director; Dick Cook, DeCA Hawaii Zone Manager; Gary Schaeffer, Sarvis District Manager present a check for \$10,000 to Joanne Onsrud who won the "Little Juan Million Burrito" contest over 5 other names drawn from DeCA's around the world.

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One lucky commissary customer might have been on her way to Australia in the very near future. Instead, she took the \$10,000 cash.

"This prize will certainly come in handy at this point in our lives," said Joanne Onsrud. Her husband Don, a medically retired Air Force Staff Sgt., is a resident at Tripler VA Center for Aging. Up until a few months ago, Joanne was the full-time caregiver.

The trip, or \$10,000 cash prize, was part of a "Little Juan Million Burrito" promotion for Specialty Brands and its broker Sarvis, Inc. Six names were drawn at each Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) store worldwide and one name from each store went forward for

the grand prize drawing. Five lucky customers at store level won shopping sprees.

Onsrud says she didn't believe it at first, but after calls from both Specialty Brands and Sarvis company officials, she was convinced and overjoyed with the news.

A shopper at Pearl Harbor Commissary for many years, Onsrud moved to Hawaii from Wisconsin in 1972 and never went back.

The prize check was officially presented at the commissary and then again at the VA Center so Don Onsrud could share in the fun.

"This was a major success and we hope to do it again next year," said LaRue Smith, a category buyer for DeCA's Marketing Business Unit. He manages certain frozen food categories for com-

missaries worldwide. "In addition to the bonus of contest prizes, our customers were offered great prices on the products. In addition, each store that participated by having a special display received a \$100 shopping spree for customers."

"Sarvis is happy to represent Specialty Brands and Little Juan Burritos and to participate in a contest that benefits commissary customers," said Sarvis District Manager Gary Schaeffer.

"These contests are a fun part of the job and bring additional excitement to the everyday shopping experience."

This is the second time in the last few years that a Pearl Harbor shopper has won a major cash prize from a manufacturer-sponsored promotion at the commissary.

In 1998 a worldwide Heinz promotion resulted in a \$40,000 prize, the largest a

## Veterans dedicate memorial plaque at Punchbowl

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The Hawaii Chapter U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II dedicated a memorial plaque honoring the more than 4,000 men who sacrificed their lives while on submarine duty, in a ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific and the Honolulu Memorial, Puowaina Crater (Punchbowl).

Guest speaker at the ceremony was Admiral Thomas B. Fargo, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Fargo chronicled the history and development of the submarine force from the launching of the Turtle in 1776 to modern-day fast-attack submarines like the USS Tucson (SSN 770). He pointed out that the submarine force has a long history of sacrifice and success. "These submariners were ordinary men who displayed valor and courage in extraordinary circumstances," Fargo said.

More than 200 submarine veterans and active duty personnel attended to honor the submariners

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