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IN BRIEF

Naval Medical Clinic Pearl Harbor Announces Health Fair

Naval Medical Clinic Pearl Harbor presents "The Force Health Protection Fair" June 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Pollock Theatre at Camp Smith.

Have your cholesterol measured or your blood pressure taken. Get information for your troops, your family, yourself on nutrition, tobacco cessation (classes offering oral medication now available), physical fitness, coping skills, injury prevention, health risk behaviors, liberty programs, the Family Service Center, TRICARE, self care, immunizations, anthrax shots, environmental and medical surveillance, food and water inspection, and more!

For more information, contact Health Promotions at 472-8555.

TRICARE Healthcare website
Active duty, families and retirees can find information on TRICARE benefits and local health care providers on the web at:
<http://tricare-pactamc>.

New submission requirements for HNN Community Calendar
Due to the large number of requests for event announcements in Hawaii Navy News, Community Calendar events will run for four consecutive weeks only, unless specifically requested otherwise.

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RIMPAC 2000 begins

By J01 Gerard Sekerak
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More than 50 ships, 200 aircraft and 22,000 Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Soldiers and Coastguardsmen from seven nations are participating in exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2000, a major maritime exercise in the vicinity of Hawaii.

The regularly scheduled exercise brings together forces of Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom and the United States for training operations from May 30 through July 6.

As the 17th in a series of Pacific naval exercises conducted periodically since 1971, RIMPAC is designed to enhance the tactical capabilities of participating units in major aspects of maritime operations at sea. RIMPAC 2000 is designed to exercise an array of realistic theater-level warfighting operations within the exercise area to improve the readiness, efficiency and interoperability of each of the participating units.

Planning for this year's exercise has been ongoing for two years. This year's exercise involves a wide variety of surface combatants, an aircraft carrier, submarines, amphibious forces and tactical aircraft.

Live gunnery and target missile firings will be conducted at various pre-



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scribed locations specifically designated and suited for that activity.

Following the tactical

phase of the exercise off Hawaii, units will transit to Pearl Harbor for port visits and exercise debriefs.

RIMPAC 2000 is under

the overall coordination of the U.S. Third Fleet commanded by Navy Vice Adm. Dennis V. McGinn.

More information about

RIMPAC events can be found on the RIMPAC 2000 homepage link at <http://www.hawaii.navy.mil>.

Battle of Midway: The history behind the celebration

Naval Historical Center

The Battle of Midway, fought near the central Pacific island of Midway, is considered the decisive battle of the war in the Pacific. Before this battle the Japanese were on the offensive, capturing territory throughout Asia and the Pacific. By their attack, the Japanese had planned to capture Midway to use as an advance base, as well as to entrap and destroy the U.S.

Pacific Fleet. Because of communication intelligence successes, the U.S. Pacific Fleet surprised the Japanese forces, sinking the four Japanese carriers, that had attacked Pearl Harbor only six months before, while only losing one carrier. After Midway, the Americans and their Allies took the offensive in the Pacific.

The Battle Just after midnight June 4, 1942 Adm. Nimitz, based on patrol plane

reports, advised Task Forces 16 and 17 of the course and speed of the Japanese "main body," also noting their distance of 574 miles from Midway. Shortly after dawn, a patrol plane spotted two Japanese carriers and their escorts, reporting "Many planes heading Midway from 320 degrees distant 150 miles!"

The first attack on June 4, however, took place when the four night-flying PBYS attacked the Japanese

transports northwest of Midway with one PBYP torpedoing fleet tanker

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Navy-Marine Golf Course celebrates groundbreaking for new clubhouse

By Mary Young
MWR

A groundbreaking ceremony was held at the Navy-Marine Golf Course on Tuesday to mark the start of construction of a new clubhouse. The new facility, to be built by M.A. Mortenson Construction Company, will be located next to the current pro shop. Construction is expected to be completed in spring 2001.

Turning ceremonial shovels at the festivities were Rear Adm. John W. Townes, III, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii; Capt. Hank Sanford, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Pearl Harbor; Capt. Jennifer Mustain, Commanding Officer, Public Works Center, Pearl Harbor; Murray Bawden, Vice President, M.A. Mortenson Construction Company; Todd Nicely, Golf Director, Pearl Harbor; David Chin,

Manager and Head Pro, Navy-Marine Golf Course; Leonora Olson, Food and Beverage Manager, Navy-Marine Golf Course; and Greg Gustine, MWR Recreation Director.

About 50 people attended the event. Capt. Sanford gave welcoming remarks, followed by a traditional Hawaiian blessing conducted by Reverend Kaleo Patterson, Pastor of Kaunakapili Church.

The future clubhouse will be a two-level, plantation style building with a wall of windows on the makai side providing a panoramic view of the fairways and greens. It will also boast a spacious lobby with vaulted ceilings and an upper level lanai on the Diamond Head end of the building. Facilities will include a pro shop, bar/lounge with a stage and dance floor, and meeting and banquet

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Memorial Day honored aboard Missouri Battleship



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More than 600 people attended a Memorial Day sunset ceremony aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial in honor of all veterans who died in battle. Jim Jones (left), a Battleship Missouri volunteer salutes the American Flag as the Marine Forces Pacific Band plays the national anthem. Adm. Thomas Fargo, Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet, was the guest speaker. Adm. Fargo commented on the history of Memorial Day and emphasized the theme of the ceremony "in honor of fallen veterans". Adm. Fargo recognized all veterans in attendance and praised them for dedication to their country.