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## IN BRIEF

### Barbers Point Commissary sidewalk sale

The Barbers Point Commissary will have a sidewalk sale Saturday, June 17 to salute reservists. The commissary is also hosting a "Farmers Market" July 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and July 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The commissary will be open July 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On July 1, the commissary will have various farm animals for kids to pet and fire truck will be on display.

### Ship Tours

The flag ship to Commander, Third Fleet, USS Coronado (AGF 11), will be available for tours June 16 and 17.

Tour times are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Visitors may enter through Pearl Harbor's Main Gate (Nimitz Gate)

Ship schedules are subject to change. For more information contact the RIMPAC Command Information Bureau Ship Tour Information Hot Line at 471-2169.

### New Graduate Program

Representatives from the University of San Diego School of Business Administration will be at the Navy College Office, Bldg. 679 June 20 at 2 p.m. to discuss the Master of Science in Global Leadership program at Pearl Harbor. The 15-month program takes full advantage of the latest distance learning technologies. For further information, please call Ann Choi at 473-5754.

## CNP holds all-hands call at Pearl Harbor



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Chief of Naval Personnel, Vice Adm. Norb Ryan, met with officers and Sailors during his recent visit to Pearl Harbor. Above from left to right, Commander Navy Region Hawaii, Rear Adm. John W. Townes, III, Lt. Bridgette Brandhuber, Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron 37, Lt. Jake Jacobs, VP-47, Vice Adm. Ryan, Lt. Derreck Armstrong, USS O'Kane (DDG 77), Lt. j. g. Brian Huntley, USS Pasadena (SSN 752), Lt. j. g. Sharron Boyde, USS Frederick (LST 1184) and Lt. j. g. Ken Monfore, USS Santa Fe (SSNB 763).

By J03 Brenda Diggs  
NAVY REGION HAWAII

Vice Adm. Norb Ryan, visited Naval Station on June 9 and conducted an all-hands call with officers and local Sailors at Sharkey Theater.

Hundreds of Sailors gathered in the theater to listen to Vice Adm. Ryan on issues such as retention, selection boards, sea/shore duty rota-

tions and manning.

"I was delighted to have the number of Sailors come and take time out of their busy schedule and come talk with me," said Vice Adm. Ryan. "I was delighted with turn-outs, delighted with the professional questions and I got some good ideas to take back with me to Washington," he said.

Recruiting and retention are two key areas that present challenges to the Navy. Vice Adm. Ryan explained some of the key initiatives put into place to help the Navy meet those challenges.

Increasing the number of recruiters, increasing pay, and increasing incentives to special duty assignments all will improve the Navy's ability to retain quality Sailors," he said.

"I think letting E-4's go to recruiting duty is a terrific thing," said Ryan. "Our young Sailors are very enthused about what they are doing. These men and women are coming off deployment and, because of their closeness in age, they go back and really relate well to the young men and women who we are trying to bring in," he said.

"The Secretary of the Navy and Chief of Naval Operations have put millions in recruiting commercials. Cell phones, personal computers and the right to use a government vehicle to

go to and from recruiting related work are a few incentives offered to recruiters," Ryan said.

"We are looking to make sure that when Sailors go on recruiting duty, they don't lose money. In fact we want to them make more money, because of the increased responsibility they take on," he added.

Vice Adm. Ryan also talked about the new physical readiness program and how the Navy is trying to implement increased fitness into its culture.

"What we are trying to do is get a fitness culture in the Navy," he said. "We've never had that. It always has been 'let's get over this hurdle (test) every six months and get on with our careers'.

"We need our folks to think fitness and be fit, and for their families to be fit as well. We need them to be around for the Navy; we want them to be around for their families and loved ones. They won't be able to do that and they won't be able to contribute as much if they are not healthy and fit," Ryan added.

During his meeting with Sailors, Ryan said he didn't have all the answers, but he emphasized that meeting challenges through leadership and teamwork will ultimately help the entire Navy.

## Morale, Welfare, Recreation meeting QOL goals

By Mary Young  
REGIONAL QUALITY OF LIFE (QOL)

Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) continues to improve leisure and recreational opportunities for active duty personnel and their families.

New and renovated facilities, price breaks on many recreational activities, and an exciting line-up of major entertainers are just a few of the latest quality of life initiatives for Navy Region Hawaii.

"We're constantly trying to provide for a very diverse market - the Sailor and their family," says Mick McAndrews, MWR Director for Navy Region Hawaii. "And the services we provide on a daily basis run the entire gamut, from youth activities to

local entertainment to sports and fitness."

McAndrews says, "How the Navy takes care of that active duty person and his or her family has a direct bearing on whether the person reenlists or hits the bricks. In this day and age, where the Navy is competing with high tech companies and a bustling and booming economy, it's important for us to provide as many of the things that contribute to their well being. Being responsive to customer needs is what it all comes down to, and we know that our customers want low-cost quality programs in modern, up-to-date facilities."

MWR's most noticeable current projects are newly constructed and renovated buildings.

Here's an update:

Liberty in Paradise, a new liberty recreation center geared to young single adults who are serving in the Navy, is nearing completion. Located at Building 584, corner of North Road and Nimitz Street, Liberty in Paradise is expected to open later this summer.

A new clubhouse for the Navy-Marine Golf Course is now under construction. The new facility will include a pro shop, bar/lounge, and meeting and banquet rooms. Estimated completion date for the clubhouse is spring 2001. New golf cart paths are also being constructed this summer at Navy-Marine Golf Course.

A new self-service car wash is being built next to the Pearl Harbor

Auto Hobby Shop at the corner of Bougainville and Valkenburgh. The car wash is expected to begin operations in October.

A new Youth Activity Center is planned for Pearl Harbor, with groundbreaking anticipated by the end of 2000.

In addition, Rainbow Bay Marina will add 80 new boat slips during the coming weeks; the nearby Marina Restaurant and the beach cottages at Barbers Point are undergoing renovations this summer; and Pearl Harbor's Paniolo Cafe, the Country Bar, will soon begin an expansion project.

In recent months, the Surfer Cafe was opened on White Plains Beach

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## MWR breaks ground on new carwash facility



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Morale Welfare and Recreation's Pearl Harbor Auto Hobby Shop hosted a groundbreaking ceremony June 9 to celebrate construction of a new self-service car wash. Turning shovels at the groundbreaking were (from left to right) Rogers Patrick, Quality of Life Director, Capt. Hank Sanford, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Pearl Harbor; Ralph Terry, Automotive Services Manager; and Ray Okuhara, representative of the building contractor, Quality General. The facility will be centrally located next to the Auto Hobby Shop, at the corner of Bougainville Drive and Valkenburgh Street. The estimated completion date is mid-October.

## Navy completes Pacific Blitz exercise, missile defense test

By Program Executive Office, Theater Surface Combatants

The U. S. Navy's Program Executive Officer for Theater Surface Combatants (PEO TSC), in conjunction with the Commander, Third Fleet, concluded a major exercise Thursday to evaluate the Navy's progress and accomplishments in developing a Navy Theater Ballistic Missile Defense (TBMD) capability.

Exercise Pacific Blitz took place off the west coast of Kauai, Hawaii, at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF). The exercise, held in conjunction with RIMPAC 2000, followed two days of target tracking and joint services interoperability testing.

During these events, Navy, Marine Corps, Army, and Air Force systems successfully tracked and shared data on multiple targets simultaneously via the Joint Tactical Information Distribution System (JTIDS) and other

common data links.

This exercise is a major step toward achieving joint service interoperability for Theater Ballistic Missile Defense and battle force management. Leaders of the Pacific Command and the Pacific Fleet witnessed this missile tracking test.

"This was a complex exercise coordinating many assets", said Adm. Thomas Fargo, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet (CINCPACFLT).

"We got precisely what we needed," he added in reference to the data collected to support Navy TBMD Programs.

This series of tests, along with the Pacific Blitz exercise, is considered to be a ma-

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