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IN BRIEF

New Graduate program at Pearl Harbor Navy college Office

The University of San Diego will begin its Master of Science in Global Leadership (MSGL) program at Bldg 679 on Oct. 29.

Developed with the guidance of the Navy, the program makes full use of the newest Distance Learning technologies.

Students may qualify for the Navy's Graduate Education Voucher Program (see www.nps.navy.mil/code031a), or special scholarships for the MSGL program.

For further information, contact Dr. Bob Martin at pmartin@acusd.edu, or call 473-4077.

Joint Women's Conference

All wives of active duty enlisted and officers are invited to join in on the 6th annual Joint Women's Conference Oct. 13 and 14. Registration begins Sept. 1. More than 70 classes to choose from including Space A travel, parenting, cooking, Hawaiiana, crafts and more.

Registration forms will be available by 1 p.m. Sept. 1 at exchanges, commissaries, support centers, thrift shops, chapels and at the Boutiki. Cost is \$10 for one day and \$15 for both days. No children allowed.

For more information check out www.geocities.com/jwc_honolulu or call Charlotte Mason at 834-1480.

Take part in 'Day of Caring' 2000

Come make a difference in the community by taking part in the 9th annual "Day of Caring", Sept. 12 from 7:45 a.m. - noon at the former sugar mill town in Waipahu. This day kicks-off Aloha United Way's 81st general campaign and "Weed & Seed" program.

Participants will have an opportunity to work side-by-side with law enforcement, social service agencies and others to help rebuild troubled neighborhoods.

For more information, call Misty Wheeler at 543-2214. The deadline to volunteer is Aug. 29.

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Playmorning offers social interaction, sharing of parent ideas and a variety of other activities for children ages infants to five-years-old...B-1

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Navy Exchange turns Ohana QOL feedback into action

By Laura McDonald
NAVY EXCHANGE

Feedback is very important to the Navy Exchange.

"Our vision is to be a meaningful benefit and value in the eyes of Sailors and their families," said Navy Exchange Director Mike Cottrell. "The only way to achieve this is through feedback."

Cottrell saw the Ohana online survey, held earlier this year preceding Ohana Conference 2000, as a vital part of serving the Sailors. "The Ohana Survey usually affirms what we have learned from our sales figures, focus groups, comment cards, and Customer Satisfaction Index Survey," he explained. "It also serves as a gauge, telling us whether or not we have improved from last year."

Most of the Ohana online survey participants said that NEX was very important to them and that the NEX was doing a good job. Many of the Ohana survey participants praised NEX for their merchandise availability, low prices and customer service.

Many of the customers made comments similar to one participant who said, "The Navy Exchange offers quality consumer goods at affordable prices and meets the needs of service members and their families." Additionally, many others said that the NEX has a "great selection of merchandise..." and one participant noted that "the Navy Exchange in Pearl Harbor is one of the best [he or she has] seen."

Since the Ohana survey and conference, Cottrell and his



Karen Spangler photo

Doris Lewis and daughter Ciera shop for back to school items at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange. Since the Ohana online survey that was held earlier this year the NEX made extraordinary efforts to solve challenges raised by Ohana survey participants. A NEX Super Store is scheduled to be built and completed in 2002.

associates have made extraordinary efforts to solve challenges raised by Ohana survey participants. Cottrell feels confident that the new NEX Super Store, which is scheduled to be completed in 2002, will solve many issues while offering NEX customers a

thrilling shopping experience! Cottrell said that both this year's Ohana conference and also last year's "confirmed the need for our new store." Conrad Spence, NEX Facilities Manager, said, "Many of the comments on the Ohana Survey weren't sur-

prising at all. We agreed with them and that's why construction of our new store is so important," he said.

The new two-story NEX store will be approximately the size of 2 football fields. It will have elevators and escalators, a food court, and al-

most 700 new parking spaces. Customers will be greeted at the main entrance by a giant waterfall surrounded by lush tropical plants and flowers.

Cottrell was very satisfied

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Japanese ships visit Pearl Harbor



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Rear Adm. Eiji Yoshikawa, Commander, Japan Training Squadron, and Capt. Douglas Hughes, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, pose with plaques presented to them at the arrival ceremony of two Japanese ships Monday. The participating ships include Kashima (TV 3508), a Kashima-class training ship, and Yuugiri (DD 153), an Asagiri-class destroyer. The purpose of the training cruise is to develop Japan's forthcoming leaders' seamanship and leadership skills as well as to broaden the mutual understanding and friendship between the United States and Japan.

By JO3 Erin Carlson
NAVY REGION HAWAII

TWO ships from the Japan Training Squadron arrived for their annual port visit to Pearl Harbor Aug. 21. The participating ships include Kashima (TV 3508), a Kashima-class training ship, and Yuugiri (DD 153), an Asagiri-class destroyer.

Rear Adm. Eiji Yoshikawa, Commander, Japan Training Squadron, is the senior representative of the Japan Maritime Self-

Defense Force. Yoshikawa arrived accompanied by 190 newly commissioned officers of Kashima.

The purpose of the training cruise is to develop Japan's forthcoming leaders' seamanship and leadership skills as well as to broaden the mutual understanding and friendship between the United States and Japan.

"Japan and the United States have an important and continuing shared interest in peace and stability in the Pacific. We are proud that your Maritime Self Defense

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Appropriation Act signed, pay to raise 3.7 percent

By Jim Garamone
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

President Bill Clinton signed the fiscal 2001 Defense Appropriations Act, paving the way for a 3.7 percent pay raise for service members Jan. 1.

The budget of \$288 billion is an increase of \$18 billion over fiscal 2000 and about \$3.5 billion more than the president requested.

The act provides \$75.8 billion to pay a total of 1,382 million active duty personnel and 866,934 members of the reserve components.

The act also provides money for DoD to begin eliminating out-of-pocket housing costs. Currently, the Basic Allowance for Housing covers only about 81 percent of service members' housing costs if they live off base. DoD seeks to cut this 19 percent out-of-pocket expense to 15 percent in fiscal 2001 and to zero by 2005.

The Defense Health Program is funded at \$12.1 billion. That share includes money Congress added to support changes to the military pharmacy benefit. Members of Congress said the legislation also would provide a blueprint for implementing permanent health care for retirees.

Congress matched the administration in funding operations and maintenance. O&M funding is set at \$96.9 billion in fiscal 2001. This is up from \$92.2 billion in fiscal 2000. The funding covers contingencies in Southwest Asia and in Bosnia and Kosovo.

Military modernization also got a boost from the act. Procurement for fiscal 2001 is set at \$59.2 billion. Major Army projects funded include \$729 million for Apache Longbow modifications, \$637 million for medium armored vehicle family and \$294 million for Abrams tank upgrades.

In addition, the Army will receive \$1.6 billion to transform itself. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki called for the creation of 4,000-member quick strike brigades that can be deployed anywhere in the world in 96 hours. The appropriations act fully funds one such brigade and will equip a second brigade in 2001. The Army also received money to develop a lightweight "future combat system" vehicle.

Navy and Marine Corps procurement actions include \$4.2 billion for 42 F/A-18E/F fighters, \$1.1 billion for V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft, \$4 billion for the CVN-77 aircraft carrier and \$2.7 billion for three DDG-51 destroyers.

Air Force procurement includes \$2.1 billion for 10 F-22 fighters, \$400 million for five F-15 fighters, \$2.8 billion for C-17 airlifters and \$380 million for C-135 modifications.

The Fiscal 2001 Defense Authorization Bill is still being worked on. The authorization bill allows DoD to spend money. The appropriation act actually provides the funds. DoD officials said they expect work to finish on this bill when Congress meets in September.