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IN BRIEF

Kolekole Pass Gate update

In last week's "In Brief," HNN published a notice submitted by Naval Magazine Pearl Harbor stating that access through the Kole Kole pass gate onto the Naval Magazine Lualualei branch property was going to be reduced.

However, officials at the Naval Magazine have re-considered this decision and determined that access to Kole Kole pass will remain open for limited access by DoD personnel, as in the past, 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., daily.

Holiday safety briefings

Naval Station Pearl Harbor will sponsor Holiday Safety Standdown briefs for all military and civilian employees.

The Federal Fire Department, Security Department and the Safety Department will offer four briefings concerning holiday safety. All Naval Station and COMNAVREG personnel should attend one of these sessions.

The briefs will take place in Sharkey Theater, Oct. 3 and 5 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. each day. Tenant activities are welcome but are advised to call the Training Office at 473-1779 for seating availability.

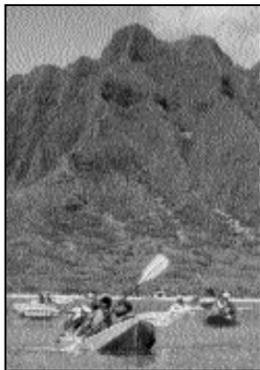
Fire prevention briefings

The Federal Fire Department (FFD) has arranged with Navy housing to visit all the schools in the Navy housing areas. All area commands are invited to join the FFD at Sharkey Theater on Oct. 2.

At 9 a.m., one of the inspectors will talk about home fire safety and at 10 a.m. another inspector will talk about workplace fire safety. The briefings will be repeated at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

These briefings are in conjunction with the Navy Region Hawaii/Naval Station Holiday Safety standdown scheduled for Oct. 3 and Oct. 5. All commands are invited to attend both presentations. The point of contact is Mr. McDavitt at the Naval Station Training complex - 473-1779.

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Region to survey quality of service

Frederick helps bid Aloha at festival



J03 Erin Carlson photo

Local Hawaiian musicians and hula dancers welcome USS Frederick (LST 1184) to Aloha Tower Marketplace pier Sept. 22. Onlookers enjoyed a display of water cannons, Hawaiian music, hula dancing, and bursting paper streamer cannons as the ship slowly made its way into the harbor. The port visit was in celebration of the Aloha festival, Hawaii's largest and only statewide multi-cultural celebration in the nation. Since 1946, Hawaii has honored and shared its "spirit of aloha" with the world through the Aloha festivals. See page A-4 for related story and photos.

Active duty Sailors will have chance to voice quality of service concerns via online survey in October

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Active duty Sailors will have an opportunity to raise their "quality of service" issues in the region through an on-line survey that will be offered through the Commander, Navy Region Hawaii webpage (<http://hawaii.navy.mil>) Oct. 2-20.

The on-line survey will afford active duty personnel - enlisted and officer - the chance to express their concerns anonymously.

This Navy Region Hawaii initiative fits in well with Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark's emphasis to improve "quality of service" in the fleet.

"I believe this quality of service, the combination of quality of work and quality of life, is a key factor of mission readiness," Clark said in a six-minute video address recently released to the fleet. "My intent is to lead a Navy that holds quality of service as a top priority in mission and combat readiness."

"Quality of service is important," said Master Chief Russell, Command Master Chief for Navy Region Hawaii. "We never lose sight of the importance of creating incentives to improve readiness, reduce infrastructure costs, and foster an environment that enhances quality of life and service."

Russell said that quality of service is how active duty Sailors perceive job satisfaction - both daily and from long-term career point of view - in regard to training, leadership, advancement opportunities, workplace communication, and schedules. The survey will address what the

Gulf War Illness team to visit Hawaii

By the Office of the Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense for Gulf War Illnesses

WASHINGTON, (GulfLINK) - An outreach team from the Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses (OSAGWI) will arrive in Hawaii Oct. 2 to begin a four-day briefing schedule for active duty service members, Gulf War veterans and family members.

The outreach is part of an ambitious program of informative visits to military installations across the United States initiated in 1998 by Bernard

Rostker, OSAGWI special assistant. It provides Rostker and his team with the opportunity to listen to the concerns of veterans, service members and their families and to communicate how the Department of Defense is applying lessons learned from the Gulf War. Since the program began nearly two years ago, the team has met with more than 60,000 Gulf War veterans, service members, family members and the public.

"Our organization tries to keep an open mind," said Dr. Michael Kilpatrick, director of medical outreach and issues for OSAGWI. "We're not here to do propaganda and say,

'everything is all fine. We're from Washington, believe us.' Our organization is saying, 'Hey we're really on your side. Tell us what went on. Tell us why you think something bad happened to you,'" said Kilpatrick.

For the past three years, OSAGWI has been conducting its outreach program at military installations across the nation and at forward-deployed facilities. The purpose is to collect information and experiences from Gulf War vets and their family members to get the complete picture of what hap-

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United Kingdom Naval Task Group to visit Pearl Harbor

By Agnes Tauyan
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As part of the United Kingdom's global Naval Task Group 2000, five British ships and a French ship will visit Hawaii for "rest and relaxation" from Sept. 28 to Oct. 3.

The anti-submarine frigate HMS Cornwall, the anti-air warfare destroyer HMS Newcastle, the general purpose frigate FS Aconit, and the tanker RFA Fort Victoria arrived Sept. 28. The anti-submarine frigate HMS Sutherland, and tanker RFA Bayleaf arrived today.

The public is invited to tour HMS Newcastle and FS Aconit at Bravo Pier 26 on Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 from 2 to 5 p.m. Visitors may enter through the Nimitz Gate and follow the signs directly to Bravo Piers 23 and 26. Reservations are not required and for safety pur-

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Cmdr. 'Buffalo' Bob Hennegan earns top Navy leadership award

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Cmdr. "Buffalo" Bob Hennegan, until recently the commanding officer of USS Buffalo (SSN 715) and a native of New London, Conn., was selected this week as the Navy's Pacific 2000 Vice Adm. James Bond Stockdale Leadership Award for inspirational leadership during his tenure as commanding officer of USS Buffalo. Cmdr. Michael D. Davis, former commanding officer, USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG 58), was the Navy's Atlantic recipient of the award.

"I am proud, honored and humbled to win this award named after such an inspirational leader. Honestly, I'm even prouder of every member of the Buffalo crew whose sweat and hard work and dedication formed the backbone of the submarine's success," he said.

"These are the guys - and their peers that serve on the deck plates throughout the fleet who really deserve the recognition," Hennegan added.

He now serves on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations for submarine maintenance and acquisition.

While in command of USS Buffalo, the submarine successfully completed eastern and western Pacific deployments and was awarded the Coast Guard Special Operations Service ribbon.



J03 McClain Shewman photo

Cmdr. "Buffalo" Bob Hennegan presents an award to a former USS Buffalo Sailor of the Quarter during his tenure as Buffalo's commanding officer. Under Hennegan's leadership, 25 first-term Sailors re-enlisted, and 100 percent of the officers were retained. Hennegan now serves on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations for submarine maintenance and acquisition.

The submarine was selected as Commander, Submarine Squadron One's Battle Efficiency winner for 1999.

"I think (Hennegan) demonstrated remarkable leadership

and growth during his command tour. He has always been a 'go-getter,' but it was his focused attention on his people that led to the ship's success and ultimately his own. He is

without a doubt a deserving commanding officer," said Rear Adm. Al Konetzni, Commander, Submarine

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