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Change in meal charges for all naval galleys

Meal rates for all Galleys are issued by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense Comptroller and delivered by the Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command each Fiscal Year.

The FY01 meal rates have been issued and have changed to the following: Breakfast - \$1.60, Lunch - \$3.20, and Dinner - \$3.20.

These new meal rates are now in effect at the Silver Dolphin Bistro and Diosdado Rome at Pearl Harbor, Sampson Hall at NCTAMS PAC, and Ewa Palms Inn at NAVMAG Westlock.

Quality of Service survey

Active duty Sailors and officers have a chance to voice their "quality of service" issues in the region through an on-line survey located on the Commander, Navy Region Hawaii website (www.hawaii.navy.mil) through Oct. 20.

All Sailors in the region are strongly encouraged to participate in this survey.

Participants will be asked about satisfaction, importance and impacts of specific areas of their work life.

The survey results will allow the chain of command to be aware of what is going well and what needs to be improved.

The survey is anonymous. Sailors who do not have access to the Internet at home or at work should contact their unit's Command Master Chief (CMC) to make arrangements for access to the survey.

Mock PRT training

The following are two free programs offered at the Bloch Arena Fitness Center:

- A mock PRT is conducted on the first Monday of every month from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity to run the PRT to get an accurate measurement of your current fitness level.

- Personal trainers will be available to help assist service members develop an effective training program on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 6 - 7:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and 4:30 - 6 p.m.

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Ohana 2000 update:

'Military working conditions'

Region addresses tough issue; uses survey to narrow focus

By JOC Gerard Sekerak
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The Ohana 2000 survey and resulting conference held earlier this year highlighted the region's quality of life (QOL) priorities and recommended improvements.

In fact, since then, Navy Region Hawaii has experienced many quality of life

improvements as a result of Ohana: the reopening of the Rome galley, the relaxation of the off-base uniform policy and the ground-breaking for a new Navy Exchange minimart at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station (NCTAMS).

According to Machinist's

Mate Chief(SS/SW/AW) James P. Russell, Navy Region Hawaii Command Master Chief, the issues that remain the most difficult to resolve fall under the category "military working conditions."

"The issues range from the watchbill and physical conditions of a Sailor's workspace to manning levels, pay and entitlements," said Russell. "It's a broad cate-

gory that encompasses a lot of big-picture things," he added.

According to Russell, local commands and the Region can address things such as facility maintenance and the equal opportunity (EO) environment. But issues such as pay, entitlements or manning levels need to be addressed at a higher level. The Region can attempt to influence these issues using

leverage provided by input from local QOL surveys.

"For instance, our Ohana survey said that 'pay and entitlements' is the number one issue of our Sailors and their families in Hawaii," said Russell. "I take that, with the credibility that our survey has, and talk to the people that control those kinds of decisions and pre-

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Memorial fountain reopens



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Adm. Dennis Blair, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command, speaks at the fountain's lighting and renovation ceremony for the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fountain last Wednesday. Work began in April to make needed repairs and upgrades to the pump system. The fountain is located on the corner of Pearl Harbor Blvd. and North Rd. outside of the Navy Exchange Minimart.

Hurricane awareness: What to do after the storm

By Karen S. Spangler
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Although it is now October and Hawaii has so far been spared a visit from a hurricane this season, don't let your guard down yet. Hurricane season runs until November and there is still plenty of time for a storm to head in our direction.

By this time, you should be fully hurricane prepared. You should have an emergency plan, everyone in the family knows what to do and your disaster kit is complete and organized. If you have pets, you have made provisions for them in the

event that you have to evacuate your home. You're ready.

But after one of the big storms pays a visit, there are guidelines to follow.

- Stay tuned to local radio stations for information before, during and after the hurricane. Radio broadcasts will let you know when the all-clear is given and you may safely return home.

- After a storm, telephone traffic will be extremely heavy. Use the telephone only for emergency calls.

- Drive only if it is absolutely necessary and be sure to avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges. Don't sightsee.

- Provide assistance to injured or

trapped persons. Do not move seriously injured persons unless they are in immediate danger of further injury - call for help.

When you have been notified by authorities that it is safe to return to your home, you still need to take some basic precautions.

- Avoid loose or dangling power lines. Report them immediately to the power company, police or fire department.

- Enter your home with caution in the event of damaged utilities or structural damage.

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NAVMAG Pearl Harbor holds change of command

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Naval Magazine Pearl Harbor held its change of command ceremony Sept. 22. The ceremony took place in front of the command's headquarters building at West Loch overlooking the Pearl Harbor channel.

More than 300 spectators were present to witness Capt. John C. McLawhorn relieve outgoing Commanding Officer, Capt. Shawn B. Morrissey.

The guest speaker for the ceremony was Commander Navy Region Hawaii and Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, Rear Adm. Robert T. Conway.

The major focus of his speech was the important

role of forward presence and fleet support that the Navy plays in the state of Hawaii. Naval Magazine Pearl Harbor plays a crucial part in supporting not only the Navy, but all military branches of the United States, with respect to ordnance storage and handling.

Rear Adm. Conway further cited the numerous achievements Capt. Morrissey and the rest of the Sailors of Naval Magazine Pearl Harbor achieved over the years.

Numerous community organizations were represented at the ceremony. Such honored guests included members of the Navy League, American Cancer Society, Waianae Military-Civilian Advisory Council,



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Capt. John C. McLawhorn relieved Capt. Shawn B. Morrissey as commanding officer, Naval Magazine Pearl Harbor. The change of command ceremony took place in front of the command's headquarters building at West Loch on Sept. 22.

ASYMCA receives award for best singles programs

By JOC Gerard Sekerak
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The Armed Services Young Men's Christian Association (ASYMCA) Single Sailor Center - Pearl Harbor received the Best Single's Program award from Raytheon Corp. at a ceremony Monday.

The award was presented to ASYMCA of Honolulu Board of Management Chair, Brig. Gen. Frances I. Mossman, USAF (Ret) by Raytheon representative, Mr. Bob Gregory, at the Pearl Harbor Single Sailor Center.

The announcement was originally made at the ASYMCA annual recognition luncheon in Washington D.C. in May. Raytheon annually recognizes outstanding Armed Services YMCA programs, which benefit young enlisted men and women and military families.

In addition to the Raytheon Achievement Award plaque, Raytheon also donated \$2500 to the center, which was used to upgrade video games, movies and computers at the center.

ASYMCA National Executive Director, Rear Adm. Frank Gallo, USN (Ret.) and ASYMCA National Board Member, Gen. Don Jones, USA (Ret) were also present at the ceremony.

The Armed Services YMCA Single Sailor drop-in center has served single junior enlisted servicemembers at Pearl Harbor for more than 12 years. Known as "the next best place to home," the center offers internet access, videos, games, a pool table, full kitchen, laundry facilities, video games, and more. The comfortable environment is a welcome change for shipboard Sailors, and provides them with a place to relax, hang out, and make friends.

Upon receiving word of the award in May, ASYMCA Deputy National Executive Director, Mike Landers wrote in a letter to the center, "The singles center at Pearl Harbor is living up to its reputation as 'the next best place to home.' The comfortable environment, caring staff, and wonderful cadre of volunteers make an impression on everyone who visits. You and your staff have assembled a winning combination."

The hours at the ASYMCA are: Mon. - Thu. 4:30-9:30 p.m., Fri. 4:30-11 p.m., Sat. 2-11 p.m. and Sun. Noon to 9:30 p.m. To find out more about the ASYMCA visit their website at <http://www.asymca.org/>.