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IN BRIEF

Tripler offers Halloween candy X-ray

Trick or treaters can stop by Tripler Army Medical Center's radiology department on Halloween and Nov. 1 to have their treats X-rayed. The service is available to eligible military beneficiaries.

The radiology department on the third floor of the medical center will be open Oct. 31 from 8 - 10 p.m. and Nov. 1 from 8 - 10 a.m. An adult must accompany children. The radiology department may be reached at 433-5313 for more information.

Parents are reminded that X-rays will primarily show metallic objects within the candy or the treats. X-rays cannot detect whether other potential harmful substances, such as fine glass, drugs or harmful fluids have been added to the treats. Parents are urged to check treats their children receive to guard against tampering.

Boy Scout "Haunted Bunker"

Boy Scout Troop 121 at Iroquois Point housing will host the "Haunted Bunker" Oct. 27-31 from 6-9 p.m. The Bunker is located across from the Iroquois Point Community Center. There will also be many booths to visit and activities for small children. The cost for the Haunted Bunker is \$3 for Adults \$2 for children.

Quality of service survey

The Quality of Service Survey has been extended to Nov. 10 to provide a maximum opportunity for active duty Sailors and officers to voice their "quality of service" issues in the region. The survey is anonymous and is located on the Commander, Navy Region Hawaii webpage (www.hawaii.navy.mil).

This is your opportunity to make your concerns known concerning job satisfaction, importance and the impact specific working conditions have in your work life. Survey results will allow your chain of command to find out what is going well and what needs to be improved. Your concerns do matter.

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.

Columbus: Home again

By J02 Cori Rhea
SUBPAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

USS Columbus (SSN 726) returned recently from a six month deployment to the Western Pacific (WESTPAC) recently.

Commanded by Cmdr. Norman Moore, USS Columbus deployed in March. During the deployment, the Sailors visited various ports in Saipan, Guam, Thailand, Sasebo, and Okinawa.

The crew's families and friends awaited their homecoming overwhelmed with excitement. A band played and hula dancers danced as the submarine docked to the pier.

Yeoman Chief (SS) Rodney Norwood was very happy to be home with his family again.

"It's hard to be away for so long, but it really makes me appreciate what I have. I'm ready to take some time and have fun with my family," he said.

Norwood's wife, Hope, and their children were among the crowd. "I have steak and lobster at home ready to eat over a candlelit dinner... and the kids made some desert," she said.

USS Columbus, named after Columbus, Ohio, is the Navy's 12th improved version of the Los Angeles Class submarine, which are among the most advanced in the world. It is armed with the MK-48 advanced capability torpedo and Tomahawk and Harpoon cruise missiles.



J02 Cori Rhea photo

Hula dancers perform for USS Columbus (SSN 726) Sailors as they return to Pearl Harbor from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific recently. During the deployment, the crew visited various ports in Saipan, Guam, Thailand, Sasebo, and Okinawa. USS Columbus is the Navy's 12th improved version of the Los Angeles class submarine, which are among the most advanced in the world.

MWR breaks ground for new pier at marina



J03 Brenda M. Diggs photo

Rick Heltzel, president of Healy Tibbits Builders, Greg Gustine, recreation director of MWR, Capt. Douglas Hughes, chief of staff for Commander Navy Region Hawaii and Capt. Karin Lynn, business manager for Commander Navy Region Hawaii break first ground breaking for on new pier at Rainbow Bay Marina.

By JOSN Tim Walsh
NAVY REGION HAWAII

Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) broke ground on a \$2.4 million construction project at the Rainbow Bay Marina Oct. 20. The construction consists of building two new piers, demolishing another pier, and upgrading an existing pier.

"The first (Charlie pier) is a rigid pier and is going to be difficult to take down," explained Gerald Hamilton, Rainbow Bay Marina manager. "A rigid pier is connected directly to the ocean floor. The new piers will be floating piers. Floating piers handle waves better than rigid," said Hamilton.

The marina's Charlie pier will be demolished to make room for the two new piers. The new piers, Bravo pier and the new Charlie pier, will house a combined 84 boats, allowing for 59 new openings. The construction will be broken into phases in hopes of easing the potential inconvenience to those already using the docks. Completion of the new Bravo pier is scheduled before the demolition of the original

Charlie pier.

"We have 16 boats at Charlie pier. They're going to move over to Bravo pier during construction," said Hamilton of the phase construction and how it effects boat owners already at the marina.

The construction project, which is expected to be completed by Feb. 2001, will also upgrade facilities at the marina's Delta pier and eliminate the lengthy wait for marina patrons needing a slip.

According to Gregory Gustine, MWR recreational director, some Sailors don't bother even putting their name on our waiting list because they know that they will have moved onto their next duty assignment before a spot on the pier opens.

"We have to send away a couple boat owners a week," said Hamilton. "But this should give everybody on the waiting list a spot."

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Hatch Act: Do's and don'ts

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AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Are there legal restrictions placed upon Department of Defense (DoD) military and civilian employees' political activities because of their unique roles as public servants?

Yes, there are. The "Dos and Don'ts" are listed under the federal Hatch Act, originally legislated in 1939 and updated seven years ago. The Hatch Act restricts the political activity of executive branch employees, including DoD civilian employees, and the employees of the District of Columbia government and certain state and local agencies. Members of the armed forces are also subject to Hatch Act provisions.

Allowable activities include running for nonpartisan public office; registering and voting as one chooses; assisting in voter registration drives;

attending political fundraisers, rallies and meetings; and holding office in political clubs or parties.

As examples of prohibitions, federal employees generally may not solicit or receive political contributions, and they may not engage in political activity while on duty, in a government office or while wearing an official uniform.

In 1993, congressional legislation substantially amended the Hatch Act, enabling most federal and district employees to engage in many types of political activity outside the workplace that were previously forbidden. Provisions applying to state and local government employees were not changed.

For more information how the Hatch Act affects military personnel and federal civilian employees, access the U.S. Office of Special Counsel's Federal Hatch Act web site at http://www.osc.gov/hatch_a.htm.

Surface Line Week



PH2 Chad McNealey photo

SN Ruben Abrew from the USS Lake Erie (CG 70) competes in the heaving line toss competition, during the 18th Annual Commander, Naval Surface Group Surface Line Week competition. The event consists of three attempts at throwing a line with scores coming from a bullseye scoring method. Surface Line Week activities consists of 37 surface ship/staff athletic and shipboard skills events between COMNAVSURFGRU MIDPAC commands and builds camaraderie and spirit through friendly competition.

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