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In Brief

Medical facilities close for training

Branch Medical Clinics (BMC) Barbers Point and Shipyard and Branch Medical Annex (BMA) Wahiawa will be closed for a medical training evolution designed to improve future services Feb. 15, 16. During this time frame services will be consolidated at BMC Makalapa, BMC Kaneohe Bay, and BMA Camp Smith.

Access to medical services at BMC Makalapa and BMC Kaneohe Bay will be allowed on these days.

Annual Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society fund drive golf tournament

The 2001 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society fund drive golf tournament is Feb. 16 at the Navy/Marine Golf Course. Cost is \$55 per person (includes green fees, cart, prizes, lunch/pupus).

Format is blind team scoring. Entry deadline is Feb. 14. Limited slots are available for the morning and afternoon shotgun starts.

All proceeds go to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. For more information, call the Navy League office at 422-9404 or fax 423-0749.

Temporary loan of furniture/appliances

Navy-owned family housing administered by the Navy Aloha Center is equipped with a washer, dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator and stove.

Temporary loan (up to 90 days or upon arrival of household goods, whichever comes first) of furniture and appliances for families living off base in private rental or owned property is available; however, there is no permanent issue of appliances or furniture.

When seeking a private market home, be sure to negotiate appliance support that you need.

Bake Sale

The NAVSTA Recreation Committee will be holding a Bake Sale at Bldg 150 on Feb. 15 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Mayor honors NAVMAG Sailors



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Honolulu Mayor Jeremy Harris presented environmental awards to 46 Sailors from Naval Magazine (NAVMAG) Pearl Harbor last Friday at a Volunteer Appreciation ceremony.

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Harris presented environmental awards to 46 Sailors from Naval Magazine (NAVMAG) Pearl Harbor last

Friday at a volunteer appreciation ceremony held in Waianae. The Sailors received the prestigious awards for adopting and clearing debris from a once trash-strewn beach called Luualaei Beach Park No. 1 in Waianae.

According to CWO2 Gary Liddell, Marine Corps Liaison Officer for NAVMAG Pearl Harbor, the Sailors adopted the park last July and have spent numerous hours preparing the park for new trees and ground cover by removing unsightly brush, tires, batteries, mattresses and drug paraphernalia.

"Our Sailors should be proud of what they have accomplished," said Liddell. "Today we have a beautiful park that the whole community can enjoy."

Liddell noted that the Sailors also trimmed and shaped many of the prickly Kiawe trees located throughout the one-half-mile park.

Ms. Katy Kok, Director for Nani O Waianae, the local chapter for Keep America Beautiful agreed with Liddell. "This place used to be a mess. People would dump everything from used dishwashers to automobiles in the area and drug dealers would practice their trade behind the dense bushes," said Kok. "Today you have a beautifully landscaped park that contributes significantly to the beauty of the Waianae coast," she added. "The Sailors from NAVMAG Pearl Harbor have again demonstrated that they are an integral part of the Waianae community. I'm

hopeful that their efforts will encourage others to undertake similar projects," said Kok.

Several hours before the Mayor arrived to present the awards, the Sailors were busy digging holes, moving mulch and planting plumeria trees that had recently been donated by Nani O' Waianae. According to Kok, in several years the trees will provide flowers that can be used for lei making and the sweet-scent of the plumerias will add to the tranquil setting of the park.

Students from Waianae High School were also busy prior to the awards ceremony planting native vegetation such as Pa'uohi Iaka that will minimize erosion and add to the beauty of the park. "We wanted to be part

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Sailors steal show at Pro Bowl 2001



JOC Gerard Sekerak photo

More than 125 Sailors unfurled the National Ensign during the singing of the Star Spangled Banner at the 2001 Pro Bowl Feb. 4. Pro Bowl story and photos on B-1.

Federal Fire Department offers improved service

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Military and civilian personnel and Navy housing residents in and around Pearl Harbor Naval Complex will now receive the benefit of advanced emergency medical services. The advanced life support paramedic ambulance service became a reality recently when the area's emergency service program was transferred from Naval Medical Clinic, Pearl Harbor, to the Federal Fire Department during a dedication ceremony Jan. 18.

Currently, the service is operating

out of the Makalapa Clinic while fire station two, located on Subase, is undergoing renovation. One ambulance, one fire company and six paramedics are assigned at that location. Within the next few months, the service will move over to the newly renovated Subase facility.

"This is the first time in Oahu's history that a fire department and emergency medical services have combined," said Victor Flint, an inspector with the Federal Fire Department. "People want it and like it," he added.

The Federal Fire Department of Hawaii is the second largest Federal Fire Department in the world. With the addition of the new station, the

department has 240 personnel, 13 fire stations, 34 pieces of fire fighting/rescue apparatus and 21 support vehicles with fire/rescue/prevention equipment.

It is also the only fire department in Hawaii that has the trained manpower and equipment to respond to every type of fire emergency, such as structure fires, vehicle fires, aircraft fires, ammunition/ordnance fires, hazardous material, rescue, brush fires, and shipboard and submarine fires.

The history-making operation is getting considerable attention from other military services as well as the civilian community, who are taking a

close look at how the Navy program is working and asking how they can provide the same service.

The new ambulance service will be staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by six nationally and state-certified paramedics with firefighter training, according to Dennis Yurong, Emergency Medical Services chief for the Federal Fire Department of Hawaii. With a combined total of more than 50 years of experience in emergency medical services, the paramedics have the knowledge and skill to provide the highest quality

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Volunteers clean up, prepare for new Teen Center

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Teens at Iroquois Point are looking forward to a new center to call their own this summer.

A recent clean-up project at Iroquois Point was the first step towards making a teen center at Iroquois Point a reality.

The project brought together

more than a dozen area teens and other volunteers from Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) in an effort to clean up a vacant building and the lot around it to make way for an MWR Teen Center.

The new teen center is scheduled to open the doors in July, just in time for summer, according to MWR Center Director, Mick McAndrews. "The plan is to put together

a nice location for the teens to congregate and have a place to hold activities," said McAndrews.

"The more important thing is that there was a number of teens that came out to help with the clean-up and better their community," said McAndrews.

Currently teenagers are sharing the area's only youth center with the Before and

After School Program which is geared toward children age 12 and younger.

Iroquois Point teenagers voiced their concern about wanting their own center and being able to hold their own activities, according to Genia Wessels, MWR's youth and leisure activities director.

"The new building will allow us to extend programs for teenagers," said Wessels.

"Currently the teenagers can not do anything at the center until 6 p.m. on the weekdays, because that is when the Before and After School Program is finished."

The Teen Program gives teens an opportunity to interact with their peers on a social level. A variety of activities such as dances, overnight

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