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## In Brief

### Tax Center 2001

The Pearl Harbor Tax Center is located at the Naval Legal Service Office Pacific Detachment Pearl Harbor, Bldg. 1746, 850 Willamette Street, Pearl Harbor Naval Complex (directly across from the Fleet and Family Support Center).

The Tax Center provides free tax preparation for active duty military, their dependents, and retirees. Days and hours of operation for the Tax Center until Apr. 16 are: Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (walk-ins and appointments up to 5 p.m.), and Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon (by appointment only). To schedule an appointment, call 473-5982, ext 235.

For further information, contact the tax officer, Lt. Matthew B. Kurek, JAGC, USNR, at 473-5982 (x321), or LN1 William K. Hickok at 473-5982, ext 318.

### FBI Recruiting Briefing

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) will be conducting a recruiting briefing at the Pearl Harbor Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC).

The presentation will focus on career opportunities in one of the most elite law enforcement organizations in the world.

A question and answer session will follow the presentation. The briefing is scheduled for this morning from 10 a.m. to noon at the FFSC, Bldg. 193, Rm. 205. Call 473-4222 (x222) to register.

### 2001 NMCRS Fund Drive

The Hawaii area 2001 NMCRS Fund Drive will be held from March 5 to April 6. The national theme this year is "Proudly showing our colors since 1904."

Rear Adm. R. T. Conway, Jr., Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, will address fund drive keypersons at the kickoff meeting at Sharkey Theater, Bldg. 628, Pearl Harbor Naval Complex, Feb. 22 at 10 a.m.

All command keypersons should plan to attend. Uniform is summer khaki or summer white.

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## USS Greenville/Ehime Maru collision

# Navy continues search



JOC(SW) Phil Egman photo

Scorpio II arrives to assist the Navy and Coast Guard in deep sea search and rescue operations Feb. 13, but inclement weather delayed its use until yesterday.

## Navy still looking for missing, answers

By JOC Gerard Sekerak  
Editor

As the Navy continued its search for answers in the wake of the USS Greenville (SSN 772)/Ehime Maru accident, it began a search of another kind.

In an effort to find the sunken Japanese training-fishing vessel Ehime Maru, the U.S. Navy initiated

operations to survey the ocean bottom at the site of the sunken vessel. The ship sank in approximately 1,800 feet of water nine miles off of Diamond Head, Hawaii, following a collision with Greenville on Friday, Feb. 9.

The Unmanned Vehicle Detachment of the Navy's Deep Submergence Unit located in Coronado, Calif. deployed the Remotely Operated Vehicle Scorpio II and the Klein 2000 Side Scan Sonar System. The operating team consists of approximately two-dozen active duty Sailors who were deployed with the equipment.

The submersible arrived at Hickam Air Force Base on an Air Force C-5 Galaxy cargo jet early Tuesday morning before being transported to Pearl Harbor via flatbed truck. Navy shipyard workers then loaded Scorpio onto the diving platform C-Commando, a civilian ocean research vessel.

"We are a Navy deep sea diving unit primarily concerned with deep sea research, recovery and rescue, with our primary mission being submarine rescue operations," said Cmdr. Lee Hall, Commander Deep Submergence Unit. "If there is a U.S. or Allied Navy submarine sinking anywhere around the world, we'd respond to that."

The team continues to operate from C-Commando, which is currently under contract by the Navy.

Also deploying from the mainland to assist in the search and recovery operation is "Deep Drone," a 7,200-foot depth rated Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV). The system, which is operated by the Naval Sea Systems Command, is designed to meet the needs for deep ocean recovery. The system is scheduled to arrive in Pearl Harbor early this morning.

The operator can control the ROV in all six degrees of freedom. Auto-

control functions are provided for depth, altitude, and heading. The vehicle is capable of functioning with both long and short baseline bottom navigation systems.

The vehicle uses electric propulsion, giving it a low noise signature. It carries a target locating sonar and has two manipulators capable of working with tools and attaching rigging. For photographic documentation, the vehicle has a 35mm still camera and both black and white and color television cameras that produce quality videotape.

A diesel generator or the power system of the supporting vessel provides electrical power for the system if it is compatible.

Deep Drone is scheduled to operate from the Pearl Harbor-based rescue and salvage ship USS Salvor (ARS 52).

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## Hokulani housing revitalization project completed

By Karen S. Spangler  
NAVY REGION HAWAII

It's a blend of the old with the new. Streets and trees of a bygone era embrace the present with the completion of the revitalization project in the Hokulani neighborhood.

A total of 190 units in the Hokulani community have recently been renovated — a process that began in the spring of 1999. Originally built in 1970, the units are arranged in duplex, four-plex and six-plex configurations.

During the revitalization project, contractors completely upgraded the interiors and exteriors of the units. Some of the homes are wheelchair/handicap accommodating.

The homes now boast

brand new state-of-the-art kitchens with corian countertops and stainless steel sinks, built-in dishwashers and spacious storage cabinets.

New bathrooms feature modern fixtures and easy to care for tile flooring. Many of the units also have separate laundry rooms. Full-size washers and dryers are provided.

Tile and carpeting in neutral colors brighten the rooms. The stairs in the homes are carpeted and a no-wax vinyl tile has been installed in all other areas.

The addition of vertical and mini blinds and ceiling fans in the main living areas provide an aesthetically attractive environment that offers relief from the tropical heat. Energy efficient

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## Paul Hamilton returns from WESTPAC



PH2 Chad McNeely photo

USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) pulls into Mike 1 & 2 pier after its six-month deployment with USS Fletcher (DD 992) and USS Crommelin (FFG 37). The two other ships are due to arrive tomorrow morning.

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