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In Brief

Commissary, Exchange construction update

Construction has begun on the Mall at Pearl Harbor. To allow for more customer parking, NEX, Commissary, and construction project associates are parking away from the NEX and taking a shuttle bus to work.

NEX customers may park in the former associate parking lot off of Bougainville Drive.

Temporary commissary closure

The Pearl Harbor Commissary will close at 3 p.m. vice 7 p.m. on March 27 for an annual accountability inventory.

Bachelor Housing trouble calls

Routine trouble calls for Hawaii Regional Combined Bachelor Housing can now be reported online by going to www.pearlharbor.navy.mil/bh/index. You can also place trouble tickets by calling 791-8300, ext. 1109.

Emergency trouble calls should be reported as soon as possible to front desks or service desks. The telephone numbers are listed below.

Current system of reporting trouble calls by logs and trouble tickets in the respective building managers office is still valid.

Arizona Front Desk
473-5983

Makalapa Front Desk
471-3041

Lockwood Front Desk
791-8300 ext. 1000

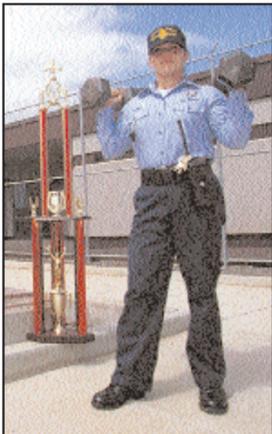
Hale Alii Front Desk
473-4165

NCTAMS Service Desk
622-1792

NAVMAG Service Desk
474-7908

Bldg. 55 Service Desk
472-8286

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Child proclamation signed



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Rear Adm. Robert T. Conway Jr., Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific signs a proclamation Monday morning at Fleet and Family Service Center designating the month of March as the "Month of the Military Child" and "Child Abuse Prevention Month" as a group of children and Capt. R.D. Hughes, Navy Region Hawaii Chief of Staff/commanding officer Naval Station Pearl Harbor look on.

Navy Region recognizes military children, child abuse prevention

By JOC Gerard Sekerak
Editor

Rear Adm. Robert T. Conway Jr., Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific signed a proclamation Monday morning designating the month of March as the "Month of the Military Child" and "Child Abuse Prevention Month."

Conway signed the proclamation - an annual event - as a handful of local school children and other command representatives looked on. The proclamation reads as follows:

"WHEREAS, child abuse is a community-wide problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout

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USS Port Royal changes command

By J03 Brenda Diggs
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Capt. Lee. J. Geanuleas relieved Capt. Roger C. Easton, Jr. as commanding officer of USS Port Royal (CG 73) in a traditional change of command ceremony Feb. 28 onboard the guided missile cruiser.

After thanking his family members for their attendance and support, Geanuleas acknowledged his supporting cast, "I must recognize the true stars of

this show - the men and women of Port Royal," he said. "I can conceive of no higher honor than to be entrusted with the command of these exceptional people and this 10,000-ton diamond of a warship."

As the Navy's 27th Aegis Cruiser and the last cruiser to be constructed in the 20th century, Port Royal has established a reputation as a "can do" ship and has earned the coveted Battle "E" every time it has been eligible. Port Royal

was also the first cruiser to integrate women into the crew smoothly and successfully.

"Whether in Third Fleet and engaged in local operations here in the Hawaiian Op areas or while deployed to Seventh and Fifth Fleets, Port Royal established an enviable record of operational accomplishments and naval diplomacy, which this crew can be very proud," said guest speaker Rear Adm. Philip A. Dur (Ret.), former commander,

Battle Force Sixth Fleet and Cruiser Destroyer Group Eight.

Port Royal is the second U.S. Navy warship named to commemorate battles of the American Revolution and the Civil War in the waters of Port Royal Sound and on the adjacent South Carolina sea islands.

The mission of Port Royal is to be ready to conduct prompt, sustained combat operations at sea in support of a carrier battle group, surface actions groups, am-

phibious assault groups, and as an integral part of interdiction forces in any threat environment. This diverse combat capability is orchestrated by the Aegis weapons system, the only fully integrated electronic detection, engagement and fire control system in the world.

Geanuleas comes to Port Royal from Annapolis, Md. where he was the director of Professional Development.

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NAVMAG galley earns five-star accreditation

By Gerard Sekerak
Editor

Rear Adm. Robert T. Conway Jr., Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, formally presented the Capt. Edward F. Ney Ashore Five-Star accreditation to the Ewa Palms Dining facility, Naval Magazine (NAVMAG) Pearl Harbor Feb. 22.

The Ney Ashore Accreditation Review Team (ART) completed a five-star accreditation review of the Ewa Palms dining facility on May 17, 2000. Based on the result of the ART's onsite evaluation, the Ewa Palms dining facility earned a five-star rating.

Ewa Palms dining facility was one of only nine dining facility's Navy-wide to receive the prestigious Five-Star Ney Award during the 2000 competitive year.

The Ney awards program for ashore was recently revised to score all general messes on established criteria and to award three-

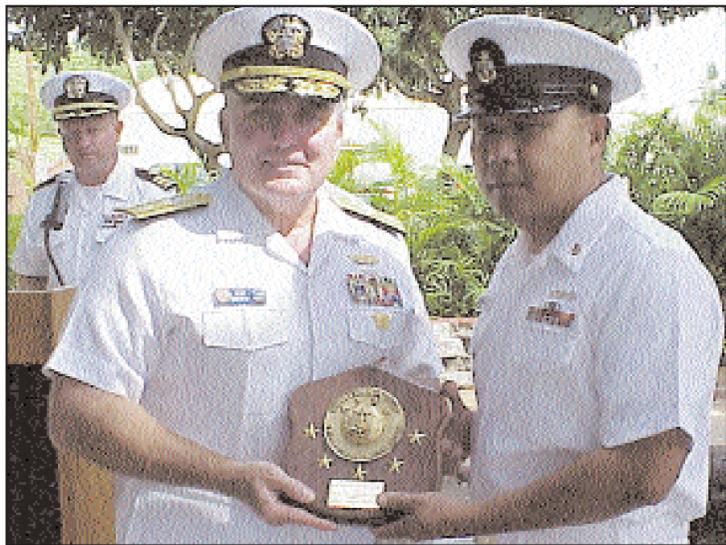
star through five-star ratings to each.

The five-star rating marked the first time the Ewa Palms dining facility received accreditation under the new guidelines for the recently restructured Ney program. Under the old program, Ewa Palms won the Ney Award in 1998 and received honorable mention in 1999.

"Getting accredited for five stars was a win-win situation for us here that worked in the galley and the crew of NAVMAG. Five star service should be a norm everyday," said Mess Management Specialist Chief (SW) Gilbert D. Delagente, Ewa Palms galley chief.

The Secretary of the Navy and International Food Service Executives Association (IFSEA) established the Ney awards in 1958 to improve and recognize quality food service in the Navy. IFSEA is a food service industry trade association whose members

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NAVMAG photo

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NEPMU-6 practices with new disaster response gear

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What they saw were strange people in funny blue suits, which is why passersby might have found themselves a bit concerned over the past couple of weeks - had it not been for the sign posted outside of Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit Six (NEPMU-6) which read "NEPMU-6 Training 473-0555."

The training, which began Feb. 26 and ends today, was designed to familiarize NEPMU-6 person-

nel with new disaster response equipment. The group spent several hours in the classroom learning about the new equipment before moving outdoors to test their training.

"I believe that if a situation were to arise then we as a team could definitely accomplish our set task," said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Robert Libarios NEPMU-6 Leading Petty Officer for both Environmental Health and Entomology Dept. and Industrial Hygiene Dept.

Two years ago the Navy Bureau

of Medicine decided that its medical doctors and independent corpsman were not getting enough training on chemical and biological warfare.

The bureau then decided to develop a training course to help personnel deal with chem/bio warfare situations. The Navy Environmental Health Center located in Norfolk, VA., has been planning this training for about a year.

"Navy Environmental Health Center informed us that we would be receiving about 12,000 pounds

of equipment in January and would start our training come February," said Hospital Corpsman Chief Michael Duran of NEPMU-6.

The highlight of the training was using a Level A Terrain protective suit and a decontamination shower system - conducted by the military-contracted Battelle Memorial Institute, a research and development company.

The orange-colored Level A suit

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