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In Brief

Bole Road closure

Due to JP-8 fuel piping modernization, Bole Road (located off North Road) is closed until Mar. 31, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

The closure affects all personnel living and working in the hillside complex (Bachelor Housing 1330, 1367, 1368, 1335, 1334, 1497, 1626, 1627, 1628, Gabrunas Hall and Naval Submarine Training Center).

An alternate entrance/exit has been constructed beside Building 1538 (NEPMU 6) parking lot for incoming and outgoing traffic. For more information, contact MSCS(SW) Tumulac at 473-1203/0196.

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.

CREDO retreats

Both Personal Growth and Marriage Enrichment Retreats are offered to all military personnel, dependents and DOD civilians at no cost at CREDO facilities on MCBH Kaneohe Bay.

Each retreat is an opportunity for individuals and/or couples to pursue personal growth and marriage enrichment in a peaceful, quiet setting. Participants are encouraged to share thoughts, values and feelings about their lives in an environment of unconditional love and confidentiality.

Call 257-1941/257-0408, ext 223 for further information and to register. Here is the schedule for CREDO's upcoming retreats:

Personal growth retreats
April 5-8; May 10-13;
May 31 - June 3

Marriage enrichment retreats
April 27-29; May 18-20

Greeneville, Ehime Maru update

Salvage to cost about \$40 million

Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

The U.S. Navy received the first portion of a feasibility study for salvage of the Japanese motor vessel Ehime Maru.

Salvage of a vessel of this size from a depth of 2,000 feet would be complex and precedent-setting operation. The engineering portion of the study has identified a potentially feasible salvage option. However, the option requires a two-phase lift that would bring the

vessel into shallow water and therefore requires an environmental review with federal and state officials.

Detailed planning and resolution of environmental and other technical issues still remain. Initial analysis indicates the salvage would take approximately six months to complete, at an estimated cost of \$40 million. It should be emphasized that the initial estimate could be revised as detailed planning and analysis continues.

The U.S. Navy will work with federal agencies, state of Hawaii officials, and the U.S. Coast Guard in order to complete a comprehensive environmental assessment.

The Government of Japan will be consulted and kept abreast of developments as the analysis and assessment progress.

Greeneville repair estimate

Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

USS Greeneville's hull, rudder, stern planes, shafting, propeller and associated systems have undergone detailed inspections and testing to determine damage.

The submarine entered dry dock in the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility Feb. 20 to give engineers, inspectors and mechanics an opportunity to more fully determine its condition. It is

scheduled to leave dry dock in early April. No structural damage to any part of the submarine was found. Some of the exterior coating on Greeneville's hull required replacement. Properly removing the old coating, preparing the hull, applying the new coating and allowing it to cure will take a few weeks.

The submarine's rudder was scarred, and some bolts designed to absorb shock in the rudder assembly performed as designed and required replacement.

Inspectors employed a full complement of tests to definitively determine the extent of damage. Equipment also was operationally checked to fully verify its condition.

The cost for Greeneville's dry docking, inspection, testing, repair and work to its exterior coating was estimated at about \$2 million.

Radford students get taste of Navy



By J03 Erin Carlson photo

Romy Manondo, head baker at the Silver Dolphin Bistro demonstrates baking techniques to the students of Radford High Schools Food Service 1 class. The class will soon be running its own restaurant on campus.

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Navy Region Public Affairs

Shirlen Fujimoto's Food Service class now has a better understanding of

different careers and daily routines available in the Navy food service industry. The 21 students from Radford High School got a taste of the Navy March 9

during a tour of the Silver Dolphin Bistro at Pearl Harbor.

Galley Supervisor, Sam Magno started the tour by telling the students about

the Navy way of life, how food service in the military differs from normal restaurants and how edu-

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Thrift Savings Plan to aid Sailors for retirement

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The military has a new way of saving for retirement, with enrollment starting in October.

The Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), familiar to government civilian workers, will include DOD military, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration on active duty and members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard.

In general, those members who desire to participate can allocate up to seven percentage of their pre-tax basic income, including all or parts of special or incentive pay up to \$10,500 per year.

The monetary contributions must be dedicated directly from basic payroll each month and start January 2002. Members can sign up to participate in TSP during a 60-day enrollment period from Oct. 9 and ending Dec. 8. Two enrollment periods will be available each year.

Military members can invest any proportion of TSP contributions in any combinations of the funds available:

- Government Securities Investment (G) Fund
- Fixed Income Index Investment (F) Fund
- Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund
- Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment (S) Fund (New)
- International Stock Index Investment (I) Fund (New)

These funds offer diversity for a variety of investing needs at competitive rates. The (F) fund for example, yielded an annual rate of return of 13.90 percentage from February 2000 to January 2001.

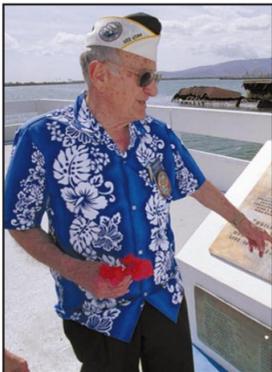
Because the Thrift Savings Program is geared toward retirement, a 3rd class petty officer with four years service could contribute seven percent of his or her base pay of \$1,576.20 per month, or \$110.33.

If the Sailor never increased that amount, as he or she was promoted, not including military pay raises, assuming an average rate of return of 12 percentage over 20 years, the Sailor would have \$101,507.

If the Sailor got out after 16 years, the amount would

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Utah Survivor fights to correct history, remember the "forgotten memorial"... B1.

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Seabees celebrate 59th anniversary with ball

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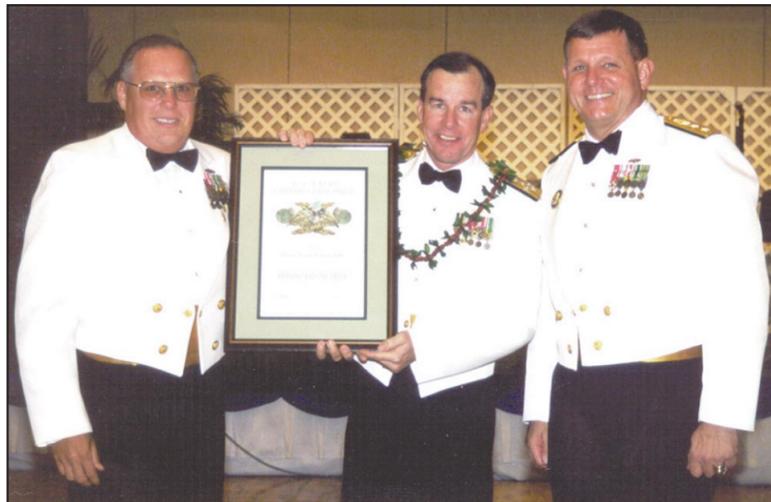
"You could say the beginning of the Naval Construction Force happened right here in Hawaii," began Lt. Cmdr. Stanley Kloss, Director, Service Operations Branch, Regional Office In Charge of Construction (ROICC) Pearl Harbor, and master of ceremonies for the 59th Seabee birthday celebration.

The air thick with tradition, nearly 500 Seabee community members filled the ballroom of the Hilton Hawaiian Village Mar. 5 to help celebrate the occasion.

The list also included Civil Engineer Corps officers and representatives from the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, celebrating their 134th and 159th anniversaries, respectively.

Kloss went on to describe the attack of Pearl Harbor and the insights of Adm. Ben Moreell's inspiration of a new kind of Sailor. Adm. Moreell is recognized as the "Father of the Seabees," and it was his vision of a fighting construction force in World War II that became the Seabees.

"And so began the creation of a



J03 Traci Feibel photo

Third Naval Construction Brigade's Command Master Chief UCCM (SCW) Justin Frehlich (l) and Rear Adm. Charles Kubic, Commander, Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command and Commander, Third Naval Construction Brigade (r) recognize Adm. Tom Fargo, Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet as an honorary Seabee at the recent Seabee Ball.

unique combat force; one Naval in character and expeditionary in nature," Kloss continued, kicking off

one of the most attended Seabee birthday celebrations in memory for

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