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In Brief

Hawaii Food Bank needs volunteers

Volunteers from Naval Dental Center Pearl Harbor will be collecting food items Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange and Commissary in support of the Hawaii Food Bank. The volunteers will only be collecting the top five canned food items as listed by the Hawaii Food Bank: tuna and meat products; spaghetti, chili and corned beef; soup; vegetables and fruits; and pork-n-beans or other beans. For more information, contact DTC(FMF) Glascoe at 473-0495 (x410).

Job fair

The Hawaii DOD Transition Assistance Job Fair will be held on April 19 at The Banyans from 3 - 7 p.m.

Recruiters from mainland companies and federal/state/county government agencies will be recruiting to fill their job vacancies. Over 20 companies will be recruiting for all types of positions from entry level to highly technical and professional.

If you need assistance in writing a resume, contact the Fleet and Family Support Center, Transition Assistance Program, Mr. A. Vargas at 473-4222, ext.1.

Job Fair 2001 is open to all military active duty, their family members, retirees and their eligible family members and reservists.

Earth Day activities

The Nature Conservancy and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are seeking volunteers for various conservation projects to mark Earth Day. Although Earth Day is celebrated on April 22, these projects have been scheduled throughout April to encourage as many people as possible to participate.

The Nature Conservancy is looking for volunteers to assist with trapping predators, such as rats that are destroying the eggs of native birds nesting at the Honouliuli Preserve April 16-19.

The Honouliuli Preserve is located near Ewa Beach. Volunteers are needed from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For additional information, contact the Nature Conservancy at 621-2008.

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Aircrew released



PH2(AW) Elizabeth L. Burke photo

The 24 EP-3 crewmembers, led by mission commander Lt. Shane Osborn, disembark an Air Force C-17 cargo plane and are greeted by military officials and local dignitaries at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, yesterday.

EP-3 crew on way back home via Hawaii

By JOC Gerard Sekerak
EDITOR

"We're definitely glad to be back."

That short statement made by EP-3 pilot and mission commander, Lt. Shane Osborn, summed up the feelings of his crew during a brief, but ceremonious welcome from a crowd of civilian and military supporters and well-wishers at the Hickam Air Force Base VIP terminal yesterday morning.

Osborn also assured the families and loved ones of his 23 "fine crewmembers" that they were missed very much and that the crew is healthy and ready to go home.

"I'd like to thank everybody for their support," he said. "We didn't hear much about it at first, but I give thanks for the support over

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Naval Research opens Mid-Pacific branch

By Lt. Mike Flint
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Recognizing the increasing importance the Pacific Region is playing in both science & technology and testing & evaluation, Senator Daniel Inouye, Adm. Thomas Fargo, Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet, and Rear Adm. Jay Cohen, Chief of Naval Research, were on hand Wednesday to mark the grand opening of Greater Mid-Pacific Branch of the Office of Naval Research (ONR) and partook in the untying the traditional maile lei.

The opening took place in front of the new ONR offices located at the Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet compound.

Hawaii and the Greater Pacific Region, which includes Alaska, are playing an increasing role in many ONR missions. ONR now spends nearly \$50 million a year in Hawaii alone, funding basic research at the University of Hawaii and other military and industrial activities.

The ONR's new Mid-Pacific Branch Office, the first of its kind in the United States, will facilitate and maintain close relationships

with operational heads of Navy, Marine Corps & Joint Commands based in the Greater Mid-Pacific Region. Responsibility for effecting liaisons with the local community of investigators and performers that include academic, non-profit, commercial, & high-tech businesses will also be one of the branch offices top priorities.

The Office of Naval Research has been instrumental in developing the basis for some of today's most remarkable technologies. RADAR, Laser, Sonar & Global Positioning Technology are just few of

these. Little known, yet quite interestingly, the ONR can proudly lay claim to having funded 46 Nobel Laureates to date.

Continuing that tradition ONR is making significant contributions to today's leading edge technologies. Highlights of current ONR research & development include the fields of biometrics, semiconductor technology, thermographic imaging, & marine mammal research.

The Office of Naval Research is responsible for a \$ 1.5 billion investment pro-

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MCPON goes world-wide with Sailors

By MCPON Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NWS) - The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) and fleet master chiefs want Navy families to know what's going on in their Navy. To make it happen, they're going directly to the waterfront.

LIFELines is sponsoring the live, televised broadcast of "MCPON, Fleet Master Chief, Worldwide All Hands Call - 2001" on April 24 at 12:30 p.m., EDT. The Naval Media Center and its "Navy Live" mobile TV broadcast facility will produce the program from the largest naval base in the world, Naval Station, Norfolk, Va. USS Bataan (LHD 5) crewmembers and their families will host the master chiefs on board for the show.

One of the driving factors to take the show Navy-wide was "message alignment," one of the CNO's "Top Five" priorities. In this case, alignment refers to the CNO's efforts to direct, or align, the words that Navy leadership wants to get to the fleet.

"Our Navy is going through an incredible amount of change and it's affecting virtually every aspect of life for Navy families," explained MCPON (SS/SW/AW) Jim Herdt.

"The Sailors and their families are our top priority and this is a great way to keep them abreast of the sweeping changes we're going through."

Taking questions during the show with Herdt will be FLTMC(SS) Tom Hefty from the Atlantic Fleet, FLTMC(SW/AW) Rod Rodriguez from the Pacific Fleet, and FLTMC (SW/AW) Bob Hallstein

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PHNSY, IMF takes SECNAV, CNO Environmental awards

By Gail Shon
PHNSY

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY&IMF) won three first-place awards in the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Environmental Awards competition for FY 2000.

The awards recognize ships, installations, and individuals or teams for exceptional environmental stewardship. PHNSY&IMF won in both environmental quality and pollution prevention by an industrial installation.

The Environment Division (Code 106.3), captured a team award for pollution prevention.

PHNSY&IMF was among

the 53 winners and two honorable mentions selected from a field of 99 nominees for 19 awards given in six categories.

Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Vern Clark, in his Feb. 14 announcement of result remarked, "We commend all the participants in this year's very tough competition. Judging was very difficult. Each nomination was top-notch and demonstrated that the Navy takes environmental stewardship very seriously. We are proud that you have shown, once again, that Navy has some of the best environmental programs in the world." At the CNO level, as many as three

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Gail Shon photo

Troy Kaneshiro explains the effect of an oil spill to Kaleiopuu Elementary School students in Waipahu as part of PHNSY, IMF Environment Division's community outreach program.

Staynavy.navy.mil web site launched

By Ens. Bill Danzi
CENTER FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT

MILLINGTON Tenn. (NWS) - A new web site that features high-tech, timely and accurate career information for Sailors and their families is now available worldwide. The web site www.staynavy.navy.mil merges the Retention Center On Line into a newly-designed site developed by the Center for Career Development (CCD) at Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tenn.

"This web site is designed to provide easily accessible supplemental information pertaining to pay, benefits, duty assignments and rating information and to allow individual

record review on line," said Cmdr. David Alexander, information technology director at CCD.

Alexander said that explaining benefits and offering crucial career information are essential to keeping Sailors in the Navy. "We've recognized the need to provide Sailors and their families with access to information required to make crucial career decisions. Historically, this information was not readily accessible."

Information resources on the web site include:

- Enlisted Summary Record, Officer Data Card and Performance Summary Record on line. These provide Sailors with immediate access

to professional records. Service members will be able to verify their professional information and they also will be able to order their microfiche on line before an upcoming selection or promotion board.

- Pay and Compensation Calculator. This assists Sailors and their family members in determining how much they would have to earn in the civilian market to replace their current income.

- REDUX vs. High-3 retirement comparison. This assists members who have to make a choice between the \$30,000 bonus at 15 years of service or the High-3 retirement option.

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