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In Brief

Navy Federal Credit Union

The Pearl Harbor Member Service Center will change its hours beginning May 16. The new hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon-Fri., and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on paydays.

Quarantine fee structure changes

Hawaii's Department of Agriculture (HDOA) recently announced a change to the pet quarantine fee structure for all pets entering Hawaii between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2001. The fee reduction will be implemented May 7. It was made possible by a \$500,000 General Fund appropriation by the 2000 Hawaii Legislature, which was signed into law by Governor Ben Cayetano on June 22, 2000.

U.S. Pacific Command worked closely with the HDOA and the Animal Quarantine Station to develop a tiered reimbursement plan that refunds or deducts \$220 from the current quarantine fee for E-1 to E-6 service members and \$120 for E7 to O-3 service members. Service members whose pets enter quarantine between the May implementation date and June 30 may have their fee automatically reduced by the Animal Quarantine Branch.

Service members who don't receive an automatic reduction can file the HDOA Application for Animal Quarantine Refund form for reimbursement. These forms can be obtained by fax or through the HDOA website at http://www.hawaiiag.org/hdoa/ai_aqs_info.htm. The Application for Animal Quarantine Refund will contain the following information:

Owner's name, address, social security number and telephone number grade of active duty military animal owner; and a copy of the animal's quarantine payment receipt; or animal's electronic microchip number; or animal's entry number and name.

For more information on the quarantine fee refund check the HDOA website or contact the Hawaii Animal Quarantine Branch at (808) 483-7151.

PHNSY&IMF earns Environmental Quality Award

By Gail Shon
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SPECIALIST

PHNSY & IMF was selected last month as the winner of the coveted fiscal year 2000 Secretary of Defense Environmental Quality Award for Industrial Installations.

For the past few weeks, Code 106.3 Environment Division staff waited anxiously to hear the final results of the highest level of environmental award competition. The

good news came April 16 in a message from Pacific Fleet headquarters.

In February, PHNSY & IMF won the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Environmental Quality Award and advanced to compete against two other Naval activities for the Secretary of Navy (SECNAV) Environmental Quality Award.

In early March, SECNAV announced PHNSY & IMF would be

the Navy's representative to compete at the DoD level. PHNSY & IMF then went up against the top Army, Air Force and Marine Corps activities and emerged victorious.

"Wow, this is great!" said Lenora Mau, Environment Division head. "First the CNO, then the SECNAV, and now the DoD Environmental Quality award!"

"This is an honor. Everyone in our command played a role in our winning the environmental award.

We should all be proud of our ourselves," added Mau.

Capt. Jeffrey Conners, PHNSY & IMF commander, said, "I'm just very, very proud of our personnel. Hawaii is such a beautiful place, and we all work hard to keep it that way. This award is a well-deserved recognition for every person in this Command."

The DoD Environmental Quality

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J03 Traci Feibel photo

Two members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Hawaii Chapter joined forces with the Seabees to paint the trim of an Aiea home. There were 12 members from the Church on the project site.

Christmas in April: Seabees volunteer to rebuild together

By J03 Traci Feibel
THIRD NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BRIGADE

Oahu Seabees and other volunteers joined forces last Saturday with local corporate sponsors for National Rebuilding Day, the official annual observance sponsored by "Rebuilding Together" with "Christmas in April."

The nation's leading non-profit volunteer organization restores and revitalizes America's low-income houses and communities.

Previously well-recognized as "Christmas in April," "Rebuilding Together" has helped more than 50,000 homeowners live in warmth, safety, and independence since 1988. The name change is to better reflect the organization's year-round commitment to helping others.

From Waimanalo to Waipahu, volunteers arrived at designated sites with one main objective: improving the homes and lives of those in need. Volunteers got a 6 a.m. start as they gathered at

Keehi Lagoon Beach Park for a quick breakfast, T-shirts, instructions for the day and a bus ride to their work site.

In fact, the routine was not an uncommon one across America as the last Saturday in April is reserved every year for what used to be known as "Christmas in April," which consists of chapters throughout the nation to extending a helping hand in their communities.

"Many of our affiliates work all year for low-income homeowners," said "Rebuilding Together" President, Patricia Riley Johnson.

"However, National Rebuilding Day continues to be our hallmark event. This year, 245 affiliates in 770 towns and cities across America will work with some of the 22 million low-income homeowners who don't have the resources to do this much-needed work themselves."

Fifteen local residents received much needed refurbishment services to their homes, at the hands

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'Any Day in the Navy' photo shoot to get underway

By the Navy Wire Service

WASHINGTON (NWS) — Each year, the Navy solicits photos from around the world for the special "Any Day in the Navy" issue of "All Hands" magazine. This year's photo shoot will run during the entire month of May, and all hands are encouraged to participate.

The photo shoot is designed to capture quality photos of Sailors,

Marines, Department of the Navy civilian employees, Naval Reservists and their family members at work and at play.

The best photos will highlight those daily tasks that contribute to mission accomplishment and quality of life, and which show the richness of life in today's Navy. Photos should illustrate how Sailors and Marines "work, live and fight."

Last year, "All Hands" received

more than 1,300 outstanding photographs, and 80 of the best appeared in the October 2000 issue of the magazine. This year's photo shoot is being expanded and will run during the entire month of May to allow more time and flexibility, with the intent of receiving the broadest variety of photographs.

Selected images will be published in the October 2001 issue of "All Hands" magazine.

Maximum participation is encouraged from the fleet, as some of the best images can only be captured by other than official photographers.

Photos should reflect the diversity of both people and capabilities in the U.S. Navy and must be shot during the month of May 2001.

The best shots tend to be candid

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'Situational awareness:' Don't let Ecstasy be your agony

By J01 Joseph Gunder
NAVY WIRE SERVICE

WASHINGTON (NWS) — In the Navy, a lack of situational awareness can be deadly. Some over-the-counter medicines (cough medicines, painkillers) can decrease the edge military personnel need to tread the line between life and death.

A drowsy hull technician working on a metal press could have a finger or two crushed. A boatswain's mate on a ship's forecabin might not be paying attention to the color of the anchor chain paying out of the locker, or turn the friction brake in the wrong direction, with disastrous results.

If an over-the-counter medication could perhaps lead to these kinds of situations, imagine what a mind-altering drug like Ecstasy could lead to. It has no accepted medicinal use for treatment in the United States. And it's illegal.

Ecstasy is a synthetic amphetamine drug, related

chemically to methamphetamine compounds. It's also known by the street names "E," "X," and "XTC."

It is often referred to as a "club drug" because it has been sold in nightclubs and rave parties. It's misperceived as a "safe drug" without the side effects of other rave drugs such as LSD, methamphetamines, heroin or PCP.

Ecstasy comes in pill form, about the size of an aspirin, or may occur as a capsule or sold as a powder.

Immediate effects include a sense of euphoria, energy and altered sensory perception. Then there are the side effects.

Current medical literature lists depression and panic disorders as some of the long-term effects. Acute short-term effects include water loss from sweating, high body temperature and loss of motor skills and judgment.

But drinking large

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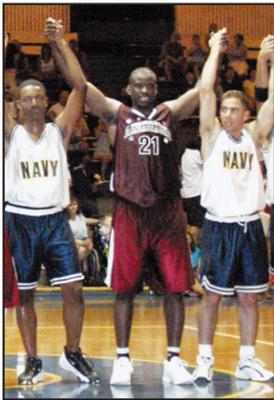
Cub Scouts mix service, sun, surf, sand



Lt. Cmdr. Flex Plexico photo

Cub Scouts from Pack 388 recently picked up trash along White Plains Beach at Kalaeloa (formerly Barbers Point Naval Air Station). Pack 388, sponsored by the McGrew Navy Housing Association, completed the project as part of their service to the community.

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