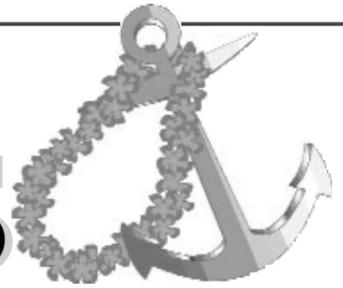


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Technology Shows

The Space and Naval Warfare (SPAWAR) Systems Activity Pacific will host one of three technology shows presented by the Advanced Technology Council beginning Jan. 25.

The shows, which are free to all personnel, are scheduled at the following locations and times:

- Hickam Air Force Base, Jan. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Officer's Club.
- Camp H.M. Smith, Jan. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sunset Lanai.
- Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Jan. 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Banyans.

For more information, please call Keith J. Samuels 474-0712.

Opportune Lift Available to Seattle

The Opportune Lift Program, which provides space available for privately owned vehicles only is available for Seattle, Wash. There will be space available tentatively scheduled to load on-board USS Rainier, Feb. 3.

Applications must be submitted personally to Commander Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific, Bldg 1631, room 125.

Customer service is open Tuesday and Thursday from 1 - 3 p.m. Cost of crane services depend on the number of loads, normally range from \$30 to \$50 each end, compared to \$850 cost of a regular shipment.

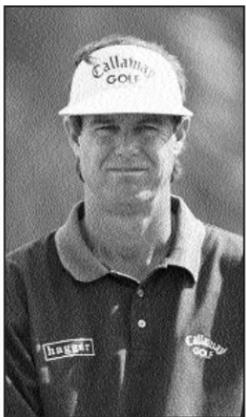
Any further destination will have to be arranged through a private shipping company.

All active duty, retired service members, and civil service personnel on official transfer orders are eligible.

You must have one copy of your PCS orders, vehicle title or letter from the lien holder if the title is not clear, vehicle registration and your military ID card

For more information call SK1(SW) Garcia at 473-0692 or 473-3045.

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Ohana online survey begins today

By JOCS(SW) Phil Eggman
NAVY REGION HAWAII

If 15 minutes could make a real difference on how you live and work, would you invest the time?

Now is your chance to make a difference. The Hawaii Navy Ohana Quality of Life (QOL) Survey will be available for people to voice their concerns (anonymously) beginning today through February 21. The survey is web-based and only takes 15 minutes to fill out.

Each year, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (COMNAVREG) goes out with a survey to solicit "deckplate" quality of life issues from members of the Navy community on Hawaii. In the past, the survey was a form distributed through each command. This year's survey takes advantage of available technology, emphasizing convenience to the member.

The on-line survey can only be found on the COMNAVREG webpage at <http://www.hawaii.navy.mil>. Active duty personnel, family members, reservists, Department of the Navy civilian employees and retirees can participate.

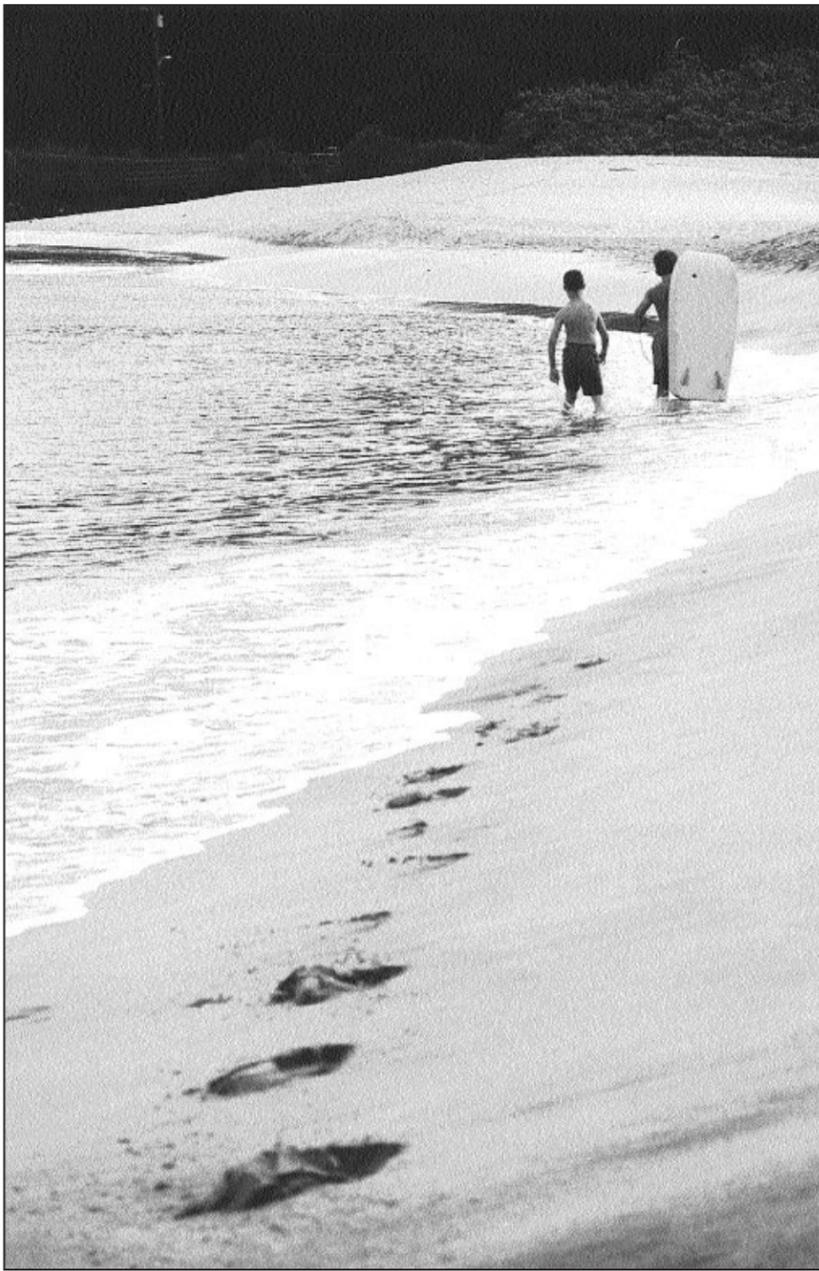
If you don't have Internet access, computers will be available at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange Jan. 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jan. 23 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Feb. 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Additional remote sites can be set up for any command that does not have access to the Internet.

The survey is part of the Ohana program, which was established in 1995 to demonstrate Navy leadership's commitment to improving the quality of life for the Hawaii Navy Ohana. The program identifies quality of life issues so that improvements can be made. The survey can be used to make a suggestion, submit an idea, identify an area of concern, or express satisfaction with current programs.

The issues that come out of this survey will be reviewed and prioritized at the upcoming Ohana Conference on 1-2 March 2000.

Delegates from each command review and prioritize

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Improved communication for Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs have resulted from previous Ohana conference initiatives. Utilizing the online survey gives you a chance to make a difference to further improve quality of life for the Navy Ohana on Hawaii in the future. The survey is available on the Navy Region Hawaii web site at <http://www.hawaii.navy.mil>, now through Feb. 21.

Officer programs salute enlisted efforts

By J02 Sean A. Huges
PACIFIC FLEET PUBLIC AFFAIRS

"We need men and women who by their personal integrity, their sense of moral purpose and their acceptance of the requirement for hard work will exemplify the best in leadership traditions of the Navy and our country." ~ Adm. Arleigh A. Burke

The officer ranks are looking for "superior performers and very motivated people," said Chief Petty Officer (Surface Warfare) Heriberto Sanchez of Lakewood, N.J., a career counselor on the Pacific Fleet headquarters staff.

"Particularly, they want people who are already involved in off-duty education."

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jose Conchas, Jr., a staff yeoman at Pacific Fleet headquarters, was recently selected to pursue his commission and complete his education through the Enlisted Commissioning Program.

"I've been pursuing my degree for a little while," said Conchas, of Fresno,

Calif. "Last year one of my friends got picked up by ECP (Enlisted Commissioning Program). They said I should apply, and that it was a good program with a lot of benefits."

Motivated Sailors with a head start on their college education are able to earn a commission in a variety of fields; including nuclear, medical, supply, aviation and engineering.

The commissioning programs are all designed to help advance enlisted Sailors' careers by taking various educational paths.

Chief Petty Officer (SS/AW/PJ) Edward Drish, a hospital corpsman with Fleet Medical, said he applied three times for the Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program before his persistence finally paid off and he was selected for the program.

"I'd been turned down before," said Drish, a 15-year Navy veteran from Madison, Wis. "This time I got my degree in time, had a good grade point average, and everything came together."

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Online calculator helps with Redux Retirement decision

Navy Wire Service

THE Department of Defense (DoD) has unveiled an on-line calculator designed to help service members decide which military retirement plan is best for them.

The site, http://pay2000.dtic.mil/bottom_ret.html, will help service members compare future benefits under the Redux and the High-3 retirement systems.

The Fiscal 2000 Defense Authorization Act reformed the military retirement system. The retired pay reform in the act gives a choice to service members subject to the Redux retirement system — all those who entered the service on or after Aug. 1, 1986 — who reach their 15th year of service beginning in 2001.

First choice: Service members can join the pre-Redux retirement system. This so-called High-3 system gives members 50 percent of their average basic pay for their highest three earning years before retiring after 20 years of service. To compute retired pay after 20 years of service, for instance, E-7s would total their basic pay for the highest three years — probably the last three — divide the sum by three and then again by two. Retired pay for additional service increases 2.5 percent per year to a maximum of 75 percent for 30 years of service. Also, annual cost of living adjust-

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USS Salvor changes hands



PH3 Dawn C. Morrison

Lt. Cmdr. William J. Nault (left) relieved Lt. Cmdr. Bette Bolivar Bush (right) as Commanding Officer of USS Salvor (ARS 52), during a ceremony at Aloha Tower Marketplace last Friday. The 255-foot rescue and salvage ship has a crew of eight officers and 100 enlisted. The ship is designed to render assistance to disabled ships, provide open ocean towing, salvage, diving, firefighting and heavy lifts.