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QOL to go online for 'Ohana 2001'

Survey to run Aug. 6-31 on Navy Region Hawaii web-site: Your voice can make a difference

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More than a year and a half has passed since the last Ohana quality of life (QOL) survey in Navy Region Hawaii. As time goes by, data

accumulated from that survey becomes more and more outdated. That's why Ohana project officials are ready to get more up to date data to determine the top QOL issues in Navy Region Hawaii.

The survey will be available Aug. 6-31 on the Commander, Navy Region Hawaii website <http://www.hawaii.navy.mil>.

Sailors, their families, reservists, retirees and Department of the Navy (DoN) civilians are encouraged to share their views, comments, concerns and suggestions for quality of life improvements.

The resulting issues from the survey

will be addressed and plans made to improve them at the next Ohana Conference slated for Oct. 11-12.

"The Ohana Conference is important because it allows QOL issues to be brought to the forefront so that improvements can be made," said Sharleen Proctor, COMNAVREG Ohana project coordinator.

"The responses received from the Navy community are very important to the Navy's senior leadership because they are concerned with improving QOL."

According to Proctor, positive change is the focus of the Ohana

Conference. The fewer things Sailors have to worry about at home, the more they can concentrate on their missions.

"The web-based survey was created to make it easier for the Sailor and other members of the Navy Ohana to voice their QOL concerns," Proctor continued. "Managers are encouraged to allow their people to take the survey from their work computers. The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. For people who don't have Internet access at work or at home, computers are available during normal operating hours at the follow-

ing locations: MWR's Liberty in Paradise (Bldg. 584), the Computer Resource Center (Bldg. 679) and at the Armed Services YMCA (Bldg. 89). We are also available to set up a remote site for any command that does not have Internet access," Proctor informed.

"The data we get from the survey will be forwarded to Ohana Conference delegates who will sort through the QOL issues, identify the most important ones and come up with recommendations," Proctor explained.

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Ford Island pier dedication



PHAN Casey James photo

At a ribbon cutting July 24 with Cmdr. Robert Petry, executive officer of Naval Station Pearl Harbor, the new EZ floating piers on Ford Island were open for business. The 170-foot-long pier with ten adjoining finger piers ranging from 20 to 30 feet will be put to use by the Oil Spill Onsite Team. The cost of the pier ended up being approximately \$60,000, but Sailors from 10 Facility Response Team saved the Navy \$23,000 in the installation cost due to their preparation and installation efforts.

Pearl Harbor survivors honored aboard Missouri

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MilitaryWorld.com held a commemorative news conference aboard the Battleship Missouri July 25 at 11 a.m. Nine Pearl Harbor survivors gathered on the teakwood decks of the former U.S. Navy battleship to tell their stories of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

John di Virgilio, Ray Emory, Richard Fiske, John Haverty, Everett Hyland, Bob Kinsler, Frank Steer, Dr. Rodney West and Bill and Ruth Cope gave short presentations of the personal experiences they endured during the attack.

The event was hosted by Dick Spangler who was five-years-old when Pearl Harbor was attacked. Spangler, the son of a U.S. Army colonel, and his family lived at the entry to Pearl Harbor in 1941.

Spangler was playing baseball at Hickam Field during the initial attack on Dec. 7, 1941. He saw it all. He watched as the Japanese zeros bombed his homeland and is telling his story in a book "A Little Boy Remembers," which is expected to be on the shelves in December.

Tourists and guests of all ages sat for more than an hour and listened to the valiant men tell their stories. The audiences' eyes were pasted to the panel of survivors as they told stories of an event that happened almost 60 years ago. It was a history lesson in the making.

Bill and Ruth Cope told of their true love story of Pearl Harbor, which was featured in "US" magazine right before the release of the movie "Pearl Harbor."

"We were married seven days before the attack," described Bill.

"It's a love story. Of course, I think ours is better than the movie 'Pearl Harbor,'" Ruth said with a chuckle.

The Copes volunteer at the Arizona Memorial once a week and they both felt that talking with the

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SECNAV swears in Livingstone as Under Secretary

SECNAV Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NWS) — Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England recently swore in Susan Morrisey Livingstone as the undersecretary of the Navy during a July 25 ceremony at the Pentagon.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark and Gen. Mike Williams, assistant commander of the Marine Corps, attended the ceremony.

As undersecretary of the Navy, Livingstone serves as the principal deputy to SECNAV.

Livingstone, who succeeds Robert B. Pirie Jr., previously served as Chief Executive Officer of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) and deputy chairman of its council of trustees.

From 1993 to 1998, she held posts with the American Red Cross, including vice president of health and safety services and

consultant for the Armed Forces Emergency Services.

Livingstone also served as assistant secretary of the Army, held positions with the Veterans Administration (now Department of Veterans Affairs) and served as a congressional staff member on Capitol Hill.

She graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and completed a master's degree in political sci-

ence at the University of Montana in 1972. Livingstone also spent two years in post-graduate studies at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and Tufts University.

Born in Carthage, Mo., Livingstone grew up in an Air Force family and now claims Montana as her home state.

For more information, go to <http://www.navy.mil> and select "L" for leadership, then choose "Undersecretary of the Navy."

When a hurricane is imminent, don't be caught unprepared

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Having to deal with the brunt of hurricane force winds, heavy rainfall and high tides - all factors that are capable of wreaking devastating and widespread damage - injuries and deaths are things that no one really wants to think about. But if a hurricane is approaching, don't get caught short.

We live on an island; that leaves us more vulnerable to such storms. Knowing the stages of a hurricane and being aware of what actions to take and when to take them may serve as more than just helpful information - it could save your life.

As a hurricane approaches the Hawaiian Islands, local radio and television media will begin to broadcast the latest weather advisories from the National Weather Service (NWS) in Honolulu. These weather forecasts are usually issued every six hours, beginning at 5 a.m., and will alert media to the location and characteristics of the storm.

When storms are within 1,000 miles of Honolulu, marine forecast broadcasts on the NOAA weather radio station (162.55

mhz or 162.40 mhz) will also provide information. Now is the time to pay close attention to the radio and television to learn what you can about the storm.

There is always a chance that the storm may veer onto a different course and no longer be a threat to the islands, but you can't rely on that. Mother Nature is extremely unpredictable. However, there is still ample time to make preparations.

The first advisory to be issued is a hurricane watch. This will be announced when there is a strong possibility that the storm could threaten coastal or inland communities within 36 hours or less.

It is now time to take action to purchase supplies (if you have not already done so) and secure your home. The following checklist will help you to organize a plan:

Stay tuned to local radio and television stations for official weather and civil defense instructions. Information will also be announced on Navy Channel 2 for housing residents. You may also obtain up-to-date information by calling: Oahu Civil Defense recorded information at

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Mock casualty drill



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HM1 Manny Pasion, Naval Medical Clinic Barbers Point, assists HM2 Renato Ngo, Naval Medical Clinic Barbers Point, during a mass casualty exercise at Bloch Arena July 26. The exercise simulated a structure fire and explosion and "victims" were treated for burn, blast and other related injuries. The drill was a yearly medical clinic requirement to test readiness of the emergency response team. The disaster team from Naval Medical Clinic Makalapa as well as fire trucks, HAZMET personnel and emergency medical technicians from Federal Fire Department responded.