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## Ohana Conference to be held Oct. 11-12

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The sixth annual Ohana Conference is scheduled Oct. 11-12 at the Naval Station Pearl Harbor Training Complex. The two-day conference provides a means of reviewing the comments of the survey and identifying the top quality of life issues in the Navy region.

"The Ohana Conference is important because it allows members of the Navy community to make a difference by identifying what areas can be im-

proved for the Navy Ohana in Hawaii," said Sharleen Proctor, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii Ohana project coordinator. "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."

However, in light of the recent terrorist attacks, Proctor is concerned about how people's QOL priorities may have changed.

"I'm curious to see what impact the events of the past weeks will have on the working groups and the top issue

that will be identified. Since the survey was completed prior to the terrorist attacks, the working groups may have a different perspective on what quality of life issues are important now," said Proctor.

The Hawaii Navy Ohana Quality of Life (QOL) program was established in 1995 to demonstrate Navy leadership's commitment to improving the quality of life for the Hawaii Navy Ohana. The program is a process that involves identifying quality of life issues to senior Navy leadership to raise awareness and to take action for im-

proving the quality of life for the Navy's Ohana in Hawaii.

Ohana means "family" in Hawaiian. The Hawaii Navy Ohana includes the active duty Sailor, and family members, reservists, civilian employees and retirees.

Prior successes from past conferences include the re-opening of Naval Station Diosdado Rome Galley, improved self-help inventory at Family Housing and lower Bravo Pier parking.

In earlier years, quality of life issues

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## French ship Prairial visits Oahu



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Sailors aboard the French guided missile frigate Prairial (F 731) moore their ship on a rainy morning after its arrival at Honolulu Harbor Oct 1. See related photos on page A 5.

## Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff says goodbye

"Our military is the premiere fighting force in the world. You have made it so."

Gen. Henry Shelton  
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1997 to 2001



### Navy Wire Service

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld hosted a farewell ceremony in honor of Gen. Henry H. Shelton, U.S. Army, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Monday morning on Summerall Field at Fort Myer, Va. At the ceremony, Gen. Shelton received his fourth Defense Distinguished Service Medal award. The ceremony concluded with a joint service pass in review.

Gen. Shelton has completed over 38 years in uniform. He was appointed the 14th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on Oct. 1, 1997, and reappointed to a second two-year term in 1999. Gen. Shelton has held the position under two presidents, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, and two secretaries of defense, William Cohen and Donald H. Rumsfeld.

The following is the text of his goodbye message dated Sept. 26:

As my tenure as chairman comes to a close, I want to express my deep appreciation to all Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and civilians

who ensure the freedom of our great nation.

Our military is the premiere fighting force in the world. You have made it so. Through your joint approach to operations, exercises and initiatives, you have taken the best each service has to offer and melded those talents into an unparalleled team - a team that stands ready to answer the president's call in the campaign against terrorism.

Gen. Dick Myers will soon assume the duties of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and will be an outstanding leader. He will count on you as our nation confronts the challenges that lie ahead.

Thank you for your unselfish devotion to duty and your outstanding work - you have been an inspiration.

For 38 years now, I have traveled a remarkably rewarding road, enjoying every twist and turn. It is time for me to blaze a new trail in retirement.

Carolyn joins me in bidding farewell to you and your families. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served alongside such brave and dedicated men and women.

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## Al Qaeda terrorist network 'has to be disintegrated'

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WASHINGTON — The United States will "disintegrate" the Al Qaeda terrorist network, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Sept. 30. He said the Taliban leaders in Afghanistan have not met one of the demands President Bush made to them following the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

The world is going to have to do everything possible to "disintegrate" the Al Qaeda war plan, Rumsfeld said on the NBC program "Meet the Press."

"(Al Qaeda) is not just in Afghanistan, it's in 60 countries. It has to be disintegrated. It has to

end, it has to go out of business," he said. Rumsfeld said the United States will work with those inside Afghanistan who oppose the Taliban and said not to look for a conventional conflict inside Afghanistan.

"Unconventional approaches are much more likely and more appropriate than the typical conventional approach of armies and navies and air forces," he said.

Taliban officials announced over the weekend that Osama bin Laden is under their control. "It was just a few days ago, that (the Taliban) said they didn't know where he was," Rumsfeld said. "So I have no reason to believe anything a Taliban representative

would say."

Rumsfeld said the U.S. military needs to transform to address the problems of homeland defense among other things.

"This has never been a problem (before), with friends to the north and south and oceans on either side," he said. "Today, because we are a free people, these attacks can come from within."

The United States has refashioned national strategy toward capabilities aimed at countering asymmetrical threats such as terrorism. The change is necessary "so we can arrange and train and organize and equip to deal with the kind of capabilities that are

## Renovated Ford Island Fitness Center reopens with ribbon-cutting ceremony

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After undergoing extensive renovations and now featuring the latest equipment for your fitness workout, the new Ford Island Fitness Center is open and ready for business. A ribbon-cutting ceremony launched the opening of the new facility on Sept 26.

The 6,200 square foot fitness area is located on the bottom floor of Bldg. 55 BEQ and offers a full service fitness center. An air-conditioned cardio room with treadmills, bicycles, stair climbers and cross-training equipment is included in the complex. Full show-

er and locker facilities are also provided.

Special features at the facility include cable tv and music channels. However, fitness center patrons must provide their own headsets. Because the new fitness center is a satellite operation, group exercise programs such as aerobics, yoga, etc. are not offered.

Constructed in conjunction with ROICC Pearl Harbor's design-build contract, the project was designed and built in 11 months. According to Capt. R. Douglas Hughes, assistant chief of staff for Navy Region Hawaii, the Ford Island Fitness Center project is a good example of the Navy's focus on revitalizing historical buildings.

The fitness center operation was closed briefly for 10 days to accommodate the move from the former gym facility to the new BEQ location.

Basketball and volleyball courts are still available for use at the gymnasium which formerly housed the fitness center. To utilize the courts, fitness center customers should sign out the key at the front desk.

The new Ford Island Fitness Center is open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 7 a.m. to noon on Saturday. The facility is closed on Sundays and holidays.

For more information concerning the facility, call 472-7583 or 473-0036.



JoAnne Yow-Fairchild photo

Left to right: Judy Kosaka, MWR Fitness Director; Capt. R. Douglas Hughes, Navy Region Hawaii Chief of Staff and Naval Station Pearl Harbor Commanding Officer; Ida Patykula, Facility Manager; and Wayne Ichimaru, Aquatics Manager, cut the ribbon for the Ford Island Fitness Center at a ceremony Sept. 26.