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Navy Lodge breaks ground on Ford Island

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Dignitaries from the local community, Navy Region Hawaii, Navy Exchange Command, and representatives from Dick Pacific, contractor, and CDS International, architect, broke ground Nov. 2 at Building 78, the site of the future Navy Lodge on Ford Island.

Constructed in 1941, Building 78 served as the bachelor officers' quar-

ters until 1984. It was used as an emergency medical treatment center on Dec. 7, 1941 and is part of the Pearl Harbor National Historic Landmark. The building was also featured in the 1970 film "Tora! Tora! Tora!"

"This is a tremendously important day for our Navy in Hawaii. Today, we will bless and break ground on the first Navy Lodge in Hawaii," said Rear Adm. Robert T. Conway Jr., Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

"More importantly, this event symbolizes the 'rebirth' of Ford Island."

Building 78, designed by C.W. Dickey, features the deco style architecture with broad lanais, interior courtyards and wide, projecting eaves. These architectural elements reflect an appreciation for the tropical environment of Hawaii.

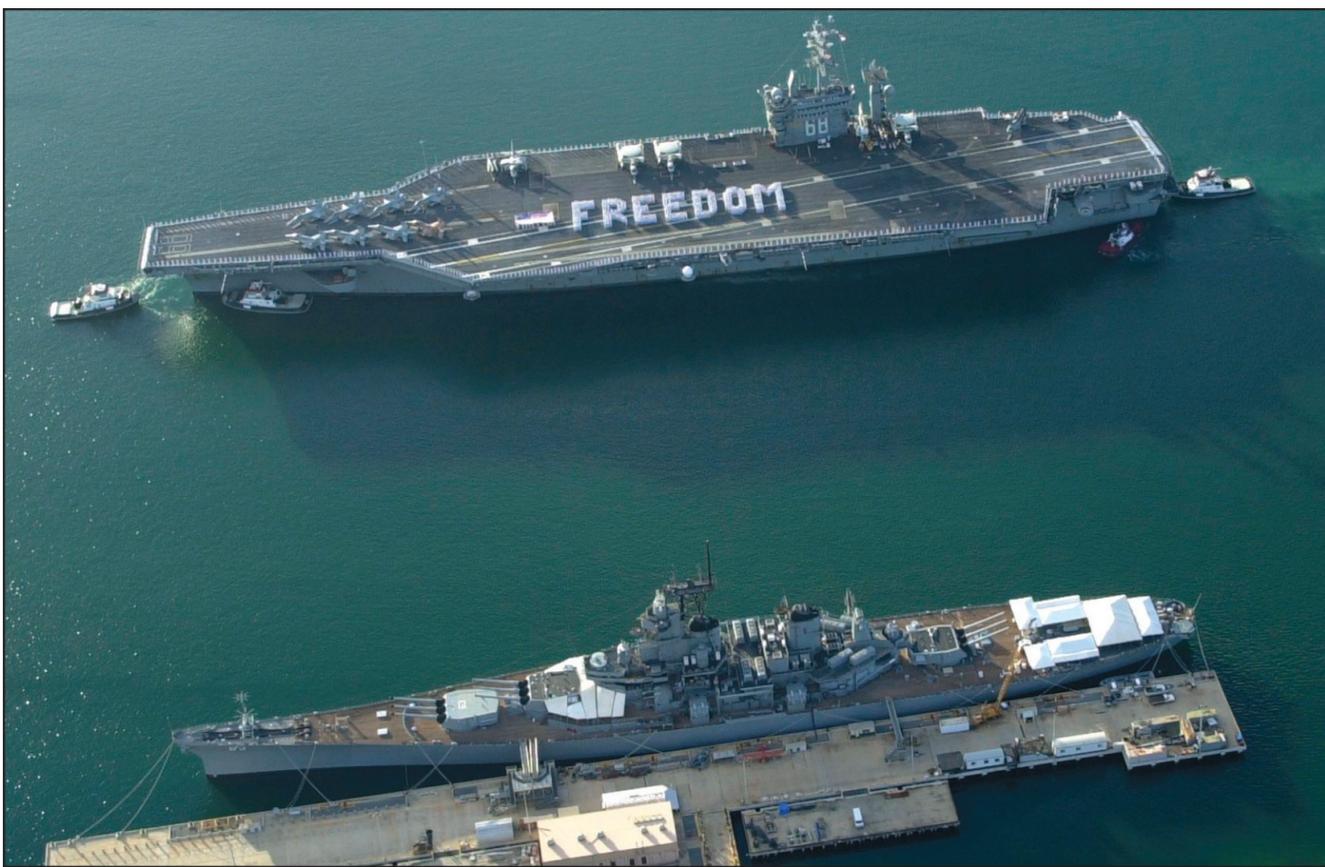
"This building offers a unique opportunity to tastefully blend the past with the present," said William Orth, Navy Lodge Program Facilities Manager.

Another building will be constructed next to Building 78 using the same architectural style.

Capturing the 1940s nostalgia while modernizing the building may be a challenge. For this project, new building codes that didn't exist during the '40s will be an issue, according to Pravin Desai, president/CEO of CDS International. Desai said his company is familiar with the architectural de-

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USS Nimitz stops over in Pearl Harbor



USS Nimitz photo

USS Nimitz (CVN 68) passes by the Battleship Missouri Nov. 3 as it nears hotel pier. For more information and pictures, see A 5.

'SWONET' continues to grow

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U.S. Navy surface warfare officers (SWOs) are giving a ringing endorsement to the interactive SWO computer network, SWONET. The revolutionary site has been on-line for only 10 months, but word is rapidly spreading through the SWO community about its information-sharing capabilities, potential for career development and instant feedback to senior surface Navy leadership.

In the past three months, more than 1,300 SWOs have registered on the SWONET site (www.swonet.com), bringing the grand total to 4,512. Of those SWOs, more than 1,100 visit the site weekly, spending an average of 19 minutes on SWONET. The network's program manager says the popularity of SWONET will only improve as the word gets out. "We've made over 50 improvements so far based upon fleet inputs," said Cmdr. Thomas Negus of the Surface Warfare Directorate at OPNAV in Washington. "SWOs are seeing the tremendous information-sharing capabilities available to them real-time and they're definitely taking advantage."

Among the most popular features of SWONET are the "What's the Gouge?" bulletin board which allows SWOs to post messages, questions or simply share opinions with their counterparts out in the fleet. These postings are anonymous; the only detail about the poster visible to anyone is his/her rank. Junior SWOs regularly use "What's the Gouge?" to get advice from more experienced officers about career opportunities or shipboard systems. Others use

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Sorority revisits Doris Miller plaque, housing

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History and heroes are two things that Pearl Harbor perhaps has more of than any other military installation in the world.

With the abundance of both, it is a daunting task to remember all that sets Pearl Harbor apart and to recall each deed of valor from its Sailors.

Regardless of the above, one Sailor and his actions stand out today as they did nearly 60 years ago. Doris Miller was

remembered 10 years ago for his heroic achievements during the attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941 when Commander, Naval Base Pearl Harbor named a new housing area in his honor. The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority also dedicated a bronze plaque in memory of Miller on June 1, 1990.

Last week, Alpha Kappa Alpha revisited Miller Park, the housing area named after Doris Miller, and the plaque they dedicated 10 years earlier. Approximately 40 mem-

bers of the sorority and their families participated in a wreath-laying ceremony.

During the ceremony, Dr. Norma Solomon White, national president of the sorority, gave thanks for the great importance Doris Miller played in defense of Pearl Harbor during the attack.

"The occasion today is one of thanksgiving for the life of 'Dorie' Miller," said Solomon White. She continued to broaden the dedication on Nov. 2 to encompass more than the efforts of Miller. "The

occasion today is one of appreciation to all who have given their lives and to those who are still serving today protecting our country, protecting each one of us."

A handful of servicemembers were also present at the ceremony. Solomon White expressed her appreciation for their efforts. "I am so grateful that some of our military are with us today. A special thank you to all people of the Pearl Harbor community and to all of those serving in the mili-

Department of Defense wants you to submit ideas to counter terrorism

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WASHINGTON (NNS) — DoD is looking high and low for good ideas to combat terrorism.

"We recognize that DoD is not the sole source of good ideas," said a DoD acquisition official. The Broad Agency Announcement has gone out to the world in an effort to identify concepts and technologies that can be developed and fielded within a year to 18 months.

To date, DoD has received more than 4,000 proposals. The announcement, released by the undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics and the Combating Terrorism Technology Support Office, seeks ideas in four general areas.

These are combating terrorism, conducting protracted operations in remote areas, defeating difficult targets and developing countermeasures to

weapons of mass destruction.

"We have smart people in the Department of Defense, but we know we don't have all of them," said Pentagon spokesman Air Force Maj. Mike Halbig. "There are good ideas in industry, in education, in other government agencies. We need to tap into those."

DoD is seeking advice in some specific areas that are technical. In one, "Locating Faces in Video Images," the announcement calls for "improved algorithms for identifying that a two-dimensional image or sequence of images contains one or more human faces, locating these faces precisely in the images and counting the number of different faces."

Another talks about an automated speaker recognition system that can identify the different languages of central Asia - Pashtun, Farsi and

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Workers demolish the 19th Puka Nov. 7. The new golf club house and Sam Snead's Tavern have been open for more than a month.