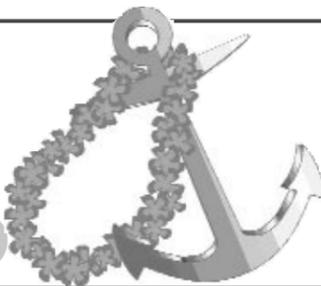


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## IN BRIEF

**Today is Military Spouse Appreciation Day**  
Military Spouse Appreciation Day is an opportunity to recognize and thank Navy spouses for their contributions and support. This year's theme is "Thanking those in the Navy's toughest job." Sailors are encouraged to take a few moments to thank their spouses for their love and support and to spend a few hours of quality time together.

**NEX rolls out lower prices, quicker service for laundry, tailoring**

The Navy Exchange has lowered prices on its laundry and drycleaning services at average savings of 15 percent. "The initiative is to show the Navy family that nobody beats this quality at this price. That's our motto," said Dorin McKeague, NEX Services Operations Manager. "The goal is to reduce prices for the Sailors and their families."

In addition, the Uniform Shop now offers a two-day turnaround on all basic sewing and tailoring alterations.

**Cold War recognition for government service**

If you served the U.S. federal government during the Cold War era, you may be eligible for the Cold War Recognition Certificate. Qualified federal employees and members of the armed forces are eligible for the certificate under the 1998 National Defense Authorization Act. There is no medal or monetary award involved.

Anyone who worked for the U.S. government at any time between Sept. 2, 1945 and Dec. 26, 1991 is eligible, provided their service to the country was "faithful and honorable." Eligibility includes National Guard, reservists, active duty military, or civilian employees of the U.S. government. Contractors and volunteers are not eligible.

Anyone interested in the Cold War Certificate should contact the contractor at the website <http://coldwar.army.mil>, fax number 1-800-723-9262, or at this mailing address: Cold War Recognition, 4035 Ridge Top Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.

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## HAWAII MILITARY APPRECIATION WEEK

*The Navy in Hawaii:*

# Good neighbors making a difference

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**T**HE U.S. Navy has long been an integral part of Hawaii's community. From days of old to the most recent Ford Island Bridge completion, the Navy and Hawaii share a strong bond - we share a history and a future.

This bond began forming in 1884, when the Hawaiian monarchy granted exclusive landing rights to the United States in exchange for allowing Hawaiian sugar to enter the U.S. duty-free. The first command was the shipyard, which in the beginning was only a coaling station.

Today, Pearl Harbor is the Navy's most important

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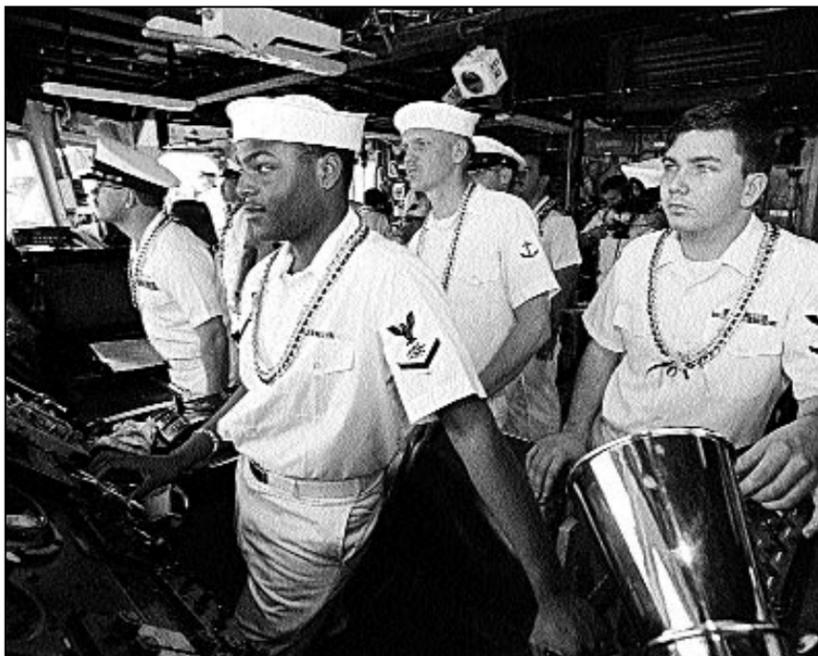
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island base in the Pacific, growing from that small coaling station to a busy city. The Navy in Hawaii consists of more than 70 commands and activities in Hawaii, which includes more than 30 commands located throughout six military bases, including Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands on Kauai. Additionally, the Navy presence in Hawaii also includes 13 ships and 23 submarines homeported at Pearl Harbor and five aircraft squadrons, which are relocating to Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay. More than 15,000 Sailors serve on these bases, ships, submarines and aviation squadrons and just over 20,000 active duty family members live in Hawaii. In addition, the Department of the Navy employs more than 8,500 civilians in Hawaii.

That adds up to more than \$2 billion annual economic impact on the local economy, including the

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The Navy in Hawaii is more than ships, submarines and aircraft. It is the more than 18,000 Sailors serving in Hawaii, not only supporting the Navy's mission of forward presence, but also making a difference in the local community through a number of volunteer initiatives.



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A pet owner spends time with her dog at the Pet Quarantine station in Aiea. The State Department of Agriculture recently approved a series of quarantine fee increases. The Division of Animal Industry said the fees were necessary to cover operating costs at the quarantine facility.

# Pet quarantine fees going up

By Karen Spangler  
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Pet owners bound for Hawaii will soon be paying increased quarantine fees if they plan to bring their Rovers and Kitties with them. A series of fee increases was recently approved by the board of the State Department of Agriculture and, once signed by Governor Ben Cayetano, could go into effect as early as June 1, 1999.

A spokesman for the Division of Animal Industry, a component of the Department of Agriculture, said that the increases were necessary to cover the operating costs at the Halawa quarantine facility. Those costs are estimated at \$2.6 million annually.

The new fee increase will have a great impact on military families who account for approximately 40 percent of

the animals brought into Hawaii.

Many incoming military families received information/welcome packets, including details about pet quarantine procedures and fees, prior to the new increases. Sponsors and friends of pet owners headed for Hawaii are asked to provide these families with information about the new fee structure to ensure that they will be able to plan accordingly.

Under legislation enacted in September 1997, the quarantine stay for pets arriving in the islands was shortened from a four-month to a 30-day stay and quarantine fees were reduced accordingly. That helped to lessen the financial burden on military families relocating to the state and reduced the lengthy and stressful separation of owners from their pets. But the new fee increases

**Sponsors and friends of pet owners headed for Hawaii should provide these families with information about the new fee structure to ensure that they can plan accordingly.**

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# Joint service workforce tackles sewage spill

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The Navy Public Works Center (PWC) at Pearl Harbor experienced a major line break of a 27-inch main force sewer line on April 26.

James Johnson, Emergency Ship Salvage Maintenance Facility manager, was the first to notice the sewage break.

"I was leaving my office and noticed water bubbling up in the back of the parking lot and notified the emergency service desk," he recalled.

The leak overflowed the parking lot and began pooling in the Hickam Officer's Club back lawn. Navy PWC crews responded to the reported leak with excavation

equipment and workers from their Wastewater Treatment Branch, Code 600. Crews estimate that over the next three days, 1.2 million gallons of wastewater flowed into Pearl Harbor entrance channel.

Navy crews were joined by Air Force 15th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) personnel in an effort to stem the flow of the wastewater into the harbor.

Heavy equipment, pumps and vacuum trucks, including local contractor services, were quickly employed by both services to reduce the flow.

The crews worked around the clock and made a temporary repair to the line early on Wednesday morning, April 28.

A joint incident command,

comprised of both Navy and Air Force personnel - used to manage emergencies that involve more than one command - was established to manage the incident.

Paul Teasley, Navy Region Hawaii on-scene coordinator said, "The use of joint emergency management system is the most efficient way to ensure the appropriate resources and concerns of each affected command are included in the development of an action plan."

Steve Christiansen, acting as the PWC Pearl Harbor facility incident commander said, "The Navy Public Works Center team, which included personnel from the Regional Officer in Charge of

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# Pacific Fleet ONE ON ONE

## Adm. Dennis C. Blair Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command

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Four Hawaii-area military journalists, one from each branch of service, conducted the interview shortly after Adm. Blair took the helm of the U.S. Pacific Command on February 20, 1999.

Adm. Blair is a 1968 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. As the senior U.S. military commander in the Pacific and Indian Ocean areas, he leads the largest of the unified commands and directs Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force operations across more than 100 million square miles.

Adm. Blair: Let me start out by saying how proud I am to be back in this theater. I've served here for a lot of my career and to be able to come back and get

a chance to command the 300,000 soldiers, Sailors, airmen and Marines of the Pacific Command is just the high point of a lifetime for me.

I've been able to take a couple of trips since I first came here and I've just been tremendously impressed by the people here in the Armed Forces in the Pacific. They're getting better and better over the 30 years that I've been sailing.

The things that we're going to be doing here in the future, I think look a lot like what we do right now in the Pacific.

Number one, we have to stay engaged and be out there. There are about 100,000 of us who serve forward in the Western Pacific and that's what we need to do the country's business out there. So, I foresee a continued forward deployed presence here in this theater.

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