

## LIBERTY CALL

# Hawaii Military Appreciation Week

## Week-long celebration honors Hawaii's servicemembers, families

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Local Sailors will be honored for their contributions to the community during the 14th annual Hawaii Military Appreciation Week.

Military Appreciation Week is coordinated by the Chamber of Commerce and the Military Affairs Council, recognizing the Hawaii-based servicemembers and their families for the time and resources they contribute to the community and state. Sailors and their families are encouraged to take advantage of the special events planned during the week.

Military Appreciation Week officially kicked off yesterday at an opening ceremony at the State Capitol rotunda. Adm. Dennis Blair, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command represented the armed forces in Hawaii as Lt. Governor Mazie Hirono, Honolulu Mayor Jeremy Harris and other state legislators said "mahalo" to the military in Hawaii.

Other Military Appreciation Week events include:

### May 15

Salt Lake Shopping Center Merchants invite the military and their families to a fun-filled day of entertainment and discounted prices for goods and services from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Polynesian Cultural Center hosts dinner and a show at 5 p.m. The show features championships for the Fire Knife Dance Contest and world famous Polynesian Revue. Guests can tour authentic Hawaiian villages, see pageant of long canoes, and an IMAX show. All-you-can-eat buffet. Contact your MWR ticket offices for military discount tickets.

Paradise Cove in Kapolei hosts dinner and a Polynesian revue beginning at 5 p.m. Guests can participate in an opening show featuring games/contests and witness the opening of an imu. A delicious Hawaiian-style dinner is followed by a fantastic Polynesian Revue star-

ring O'Brien Eselu. Contact your MWR ticket offices for military discount tickets.

AT&T sponsors a combined military band concert at 7 p.m. at the Hawaii Theater in Honolulu. A specially formed concert band is comprised of musicians from the Pacific Fleet, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Marine Forces Pacific, Pacific Air Forces, and 111th Army (Hawaii National Guard) Bands. Parking is readily available. The concert is free and open to the public. Contact the Chamber at 545-4320, or the Hawaii Theater Box Office at 528-0506 for ticket information.

### May 17

The Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki hosts a Hawaiian luau beginning at 5 p.m. Dinner is followed by an exciting all-star Polynesian show starring Hawaii's own Danny Couch. Military discount tickets are available at MWR ticket offices and the Hale Koa Hotel. (see story, right).

### May 18

The Hawaii Chamber of Commerce hosts a military karaoke contest at Rumours Night Club at the Ala Moana Hotel, beginning at 6 p.m. The best singing talent in Hawaii's military will vie for prizes and the honor of appearing on the Hawaii Stars TV show. Service members are invited for a fun-filled evening to cheer for their favorite singers and dance with their favorite partners. The evening will also feature an array of free food and discounted beverages. The master of ceremonies is Gregg Hammer, with Angel Teves and Kuaaloha Taylor as celebrity judges. This event is free and open to the public. Call Lynna at 545-4329 for details.

### May 19

First Hawaii Bank and Alexander and Baldwin, Inc./Matson Navigation Co. sponsors a Military Appreciation Week luncheon at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel,

Hawaii Ballroom at 11 a.m. The luncheon honors the men and women in Hawaii's Armed Forces. Awards will be presented to outstanding military leaders. The keynote speaker will be Lt. Governor Mazie K. Hirono, who will also pay tribute to the Hawaii National Guard. The luncheon is open to the public. Contact Lynna at 545-4329 for ticket information.

### May 13-22

The Princess Kaiulani Hotel presents the original production "Creation: A Polynesian Odyssey," at discounted prices for the military. The show features live native music, authentic costumes, and the fire knife dance. The show is filled with illusions and special effects, taking the audience through a stunning journey through time. The evening includes a full course buffet. Call 931-4660 for ticket information.

### May 21

The Chamber of Commerce hosts the Military Spouse's Reception from 9-11:30 a.m. This special event recognizes military spouses for their unselfish support of servicemembers. The event features guided tours of the Queen Emma Summer Palace, the Royal Mausoleum on Nuuanu Avenue and a presentation by a hula halau. Food and beverages will be served. Call your base spouse's club or public affairs office for reservations.

### May 22

The USS Missouri Memorial Association offers the military a 50 percent discount on admission to the Battleship Missouri. Tickets are sold at the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum.

Outrigger Hotels and the USO host a USO-style canteen party at City Hall from 6-9 p.m. This event closes Military Appreciation Week with music, entertainment, and fun the old fashioned way pioneered by the USO.

## Hale Koa salutes military with discounted luau

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HALE KOA HOTEL

In honor of Hawaii Military Appreciation Week, the Hale Koa Hotel will hold a Salute to the Military Luau offering special discounted ticket prices. Tickets are on sale now at the hotel's Activities Desk and military ticket offices.

A trip for two to the Big Island, including airfare and two nights in a deluxe cabin at Kilauea Military Camp, located in the heart of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, will be the grand prize at the Monday, May 17 luau.

Hosted by Hawaii's own Danny Couch, the impressive dinner show includes Danny's stirring performance of the award-winning song These Islands, and authentic imu ceremony removing an entire pua's (pig) from an underground oven, beautiful Polynesian hula and music. An exciting fire knife dance will light the stage, and those who serve our country through military service will receive special recognition. In addition to the Big Island trip, gift certificates certificates to AAFES exchanges will also be awarded.

The traditional luau menu of fresh fruits, lomi lomi salmon, teriyaki chicken and beef, mahimahi, kalua pork, haupia coconut cake and of course, poi will be served on tapa china as a sit-down dinner. The luau is held in the hotel's lush Luau Garden, which provides the perfect setting for a party under the stars. Cocktail hour begins at 5 p.m.; the imu ceremony is scheduled for 6 p.m. To charge tickets by phone, call 955-0555 ext. 546. Tickets are also available at military ticket offices.

The 14th annual Military Appreciation Week in Hawaii is May 17-22. During this time, the Chamber of Commerce joins forces with local businesses to offer a variety of special events in recognition of military personnel. Located on Fort DeRussy Armed Forces Recreation Center, the Hale Koa Hotel serves all branches of the military year-round as a resort, dining, and entertainment and recreational "home-away-from-home."

The Hale Koa Hotel is located at 2055 Kalia Road in Waikiki. Ample parking is available in the hotel's garage across the street.