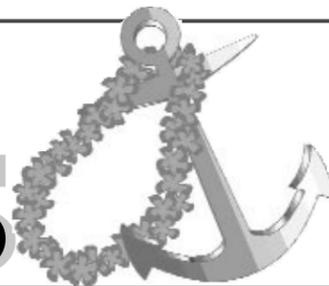


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## IN BRIEF

### Annual JEMS job fair slated for September

The Joint Employment Management System, JEMS, will hold its annual job fair on September 21 at the Banyans on Pearl Harbor from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Recruiters from Hawaii and mainland companies and federal, state and county government agencies will be recruiting to fill their job vacancies. Some mainland companies will be scheduling tests and interviews for the following day. At present, more than 80 organizations have been confirmed. They are recruiting for all areas from entry level to highly technical and professional positions.

JEMS Job Fair '99 is open to all military ID card holders, including family members, active duty military personnel, retirees and their eligible dependents and reservists. You must present your military ID to gain entrance. Children will not be admitted.

To register call the Pearl Harbor Family Service Center at 473-4222, ext. 222/223, or the JEMS office at 473-0190 (for registration only).

### Stories, photos wanted for HNN's "Typical Week" issue

Hawaii Navy News will publish its annual "Typical Week in the Navy's Best Homeport" special issue on August 27. Commands, Sailors and family members are encouraged to submit articles and photos depicting everyday life in the Navy in Hawaii. The deadline for submission is August 20. Call JO1 Nagle at 471-2805 for more information.

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# USS Cheyenne returns home



JO3 McClain Shewman photo

USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) Sailor, Petty Officer Thomas Burke, greets his 15-month old son Jordan after Cheyenne returned from its first ever Western Pacific Deployment.

## Fast attack submarine completes maiden deployment

By JO3 McClain Shewman  
COMSUBPAC

USS Cheyenne (SSN 773), the newest Los Angeles Class fast-attack submarine in the Pacific returned from its first Western Pacific (WESTPAC) Deployment, Tuesday, August 3rd.

The ship and her crew spent a significant portion of its deployment in the Arabian Gulf and supported the Carl Vinson and Enterprise Battle Groups.

They made port calls in Chinhae, South Korea; Guam, Gebel Ali, United Arab Emirates; Bahrain, and Kellang, Malaysia. During their port call in Guam, crewmembers took time out of their schedule

to help paint the community of Lanchon Chamorro youth mission of Guam.

"We accomplished all our missions on time, every time," said Cmdr. Jeff Zerbe, commanding officer of Cheyenne.

"I attribute the success of our first WESTPAC to the crew's extremely positive attitude. They have a spirit to get things done.

"The crew has risen to every challenge and our retention is up - they all come back with a smile," added Zerbe, a native of Pittsburgh, Penn.

"It's a great day for the Pacific submarine force, the crew and the families. It feels great to see my family," said Zerbe. "You don't realize how fast it was going until you're back home."

The return coincides with the inactivation of two other Pacific Force submarines this month.

Cheyenne, commissioned in September 1996, carries a crew of about 125 officers and Sailors, is 360 feet long and displaces more than 6,900 tons of water when submerged.

# Preserving the Legacy

## As region begins to 'consolidate its footprint', Navy is committed to preserving historically significant buildings for future generations

By JO1 David Nagle  
NAVY REGION HAWAII

Pearl Harbor Naval Complex - August 13, 2049

Eleven-year-old Johnny stood with his grandpa and stared at the structure across the street. He wasn't too sure what it was. It looked like a tin can, half-buried in the ground.

Johnny came to Hawaii to visit his grandparents and learn more about Pearl Harbor. His class was studying mid-20th century history, and his teacher assigned him to write a report about the Navy during World War II. He

read books and saw pictures about the December 7th attack in 1941, ships like the USS Arizona, Utah and Missouri, and Pearl Harbor's role during the war. But, the prospect of actually seeing these things in person excited him. This'll be a cool report, he thought.

"Grandpa," Johnny said, pointing to the strange-looking building. "What is that?"

"It's called a Quonset hut," said his grandfather. "Back during World War II, when the Americans needed buildings in a hurry, they built these."

"You're kidding," Johnny exclaimed. "People really used these as buildings?"

"Oh, yes. In fact, I remember my grandfather telling me how he lived in one as a boy."

Johnny was astonished. But he was discovering many surprises on this trip. "You mean, people really lived in these things, like houses?"

"You bet," said Grandpa. "Let me tell you some more..."

Pearl Harbor is rich with historical sites that tell the story of the Navy in Hawaii, a story that began long before Dec. 7, 1941. The Navy's presence in Hawaii began in 1899 with the Naval Coaling Depot in Honolulu. By 1919, Pearl Harbor developed into a major ship repair fa-

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## USS William H. Bates inactivates after 25 years of service

By JO3 McClain Shewman  
COMSUBPAC

USS William H. Bates (SSN 680) was inactivated after 25 years of faithful service in a ceremony held recently at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Bates' first commanding officer, retired Capt. Glenn Arthur, was the guest speaker.

The submarine force in the Pacific will continue to shrink from as many as 40 in the early 1990's to only 25 early in the next decade.

Ironically, demand for submarines in support of specific national tasking has more than doubled since the end of the 'Cold War.'

"The Bates has established an enviable record," Arthur said. "The sweat and tears and long separa-

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## Review emergency plans now to prepare for Eugene, Dora

By JO1 David Nagle  
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Two hurricanes moving in to the Hawaii area during the next few days are prompting reminders for all Sailors and family members to review what to do in case a hurricane strikes.

Hurricane Eugene is moving west at 13 knots, but is weakening as it tracks to the south. According to Robert Bohlin, a forecaster at the Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Center/Joint Typhoon

Warning Center, Eugene should pass well to the south of the Hawaiian Islands by Saturday morning. Bohlin said Oahu residents could expect increased winds and rain showers.

Hurricane Dora, approximately 660 nautical miles from Pearl Harbor at the time Hawaii Navy News went to press, is tracking west at 12 knots and its intensity is also slowly decreasing, said Bohlin.

Paul Teasley, regional emergency response manager, said if Dora continues on its present course, it could affect Oahu by Tuesday. He said families should review their emergency plans now in the event Hurricane Dora follows its present track and the region changes its condition of readiness (COR).

If COR Four is set, approximately 72 hours before a storm affects Oahu, residents should clear debris around their homes, secure loose equipment, prune trees, repair storm shutters, determine the location of emergency shelters and stock their supply lockers.

Since meteorologists are unable to accurately forecast hurricane and tropical storm

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## Town hall meeting to address COLA process

By JO1 David Nagle  
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Sailors and family members are encouraged to learn more about their cost of living allowance (COLA) and discuss the COLA rate review process at a town hall meeting this afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Hickam Air Force Base Memorial Theater.

A decrease in the COLA index for Oahu, originally slated to take effect in today's paycheck, was postponed indefinitely, pending review by Department of Defense officials. The smaller COLA index would have resulted in a COLA decrease of approximately 25 percent based on paygrade, number of family members and time in service.

Servicemembers in high-cost areas, such as Hawaii, receive COLA to help maintain purchasing power so they can purchase about the same goods and services overseas as in the United States. However, not everyone assigned overseas receives COLA. If the cost of living in the overseas area is the same as, or lower than it would be in an average area in the United States, servicemembers do not receive COLA.

The present COLA system is designed to force parity in the spending power between overseas Sailors and Sailors based in the continental United States (CONUS). So, it is possible for COLA rates to drop overseas

**COLA Town Hall Meeting**  
Today at 2 p.m.  
Hickam AFB Memorial Theater

even though overseas prices have not decreased. This was the case in Hawaii, Alaska and Guam, where economic growth failed to keep up with CONUS, resulting in a relative drop in the COLA index for these locations.

DoD plans to review the feasibility of a COLA system that is not tied to CONUS prices, as well as a means to implement future COLA changes more slowly, to give servicemembers time to adjust their budgets. Presently, the COLA system implements increases and decreases with three to five weeks advance notice.

Navy leadership throughout the region is also encouraging Sailors and their families to learn as much as they can about COLA, so they have a better understanding of how the process currently works. In addition to the town hall meeting, Sailors can get more information about COLA online at [www.dtic.mil/perdiem/allowcol.htm](http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/allowcol.htm).