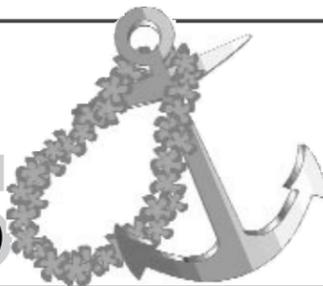


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IN BRIEF

Public invited to tour USS Reuben James

USS Reuben James (FFG 57) opens its decks to the public tomorrow from noon to 4 p.m. Visitors may enter Naval Station, Pearl Harbor through the Nimitz gate and proceed directly to Bravo Pier. Reuben James, a 453-foot long Oliver Hazard Perry Class guided missile frigate is commanded by Cmdr. Steven Richter.

Visitors will learn how the 200 member crew plays a key role in escorting and protecting carrier battle groups, amphibious landing groups, underway replenishment groups and merchant convoys. Admission is free, but for safety purposes, children must be at least eight years old. Guests should wear comfortable shoes and clothes for climbing ladders and walking over grates. For more information, call 471-0281.

Regional healthcare consumer's council meeting

The Regional Healthcare Consumers' Council meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Sept. 9, at Branch Medical Clinic Makalapa in classrooms A and B. This meeting is an opportunity for the staff at Naval Medical Clinic, Pearl Harbor to provide patient education and information on services and program changes. It will also allow the staff members to receive information and solicit questions.

Volunteers needed for annual environmental cleanup

"Get the Drift & Bag It" is Hawaii's all-volunteer ocean and beach clean-up day. This year, the clean-up is set for Saturday, Sept. 18, from 8 a.m. to noon at sites throughout the state. In addition to removing debris from shorelines, beaches and waterways, volunteers will collect valuable information on the amount and types of debris and help to educate people on the hazards of marine debris.

Each year, thousands of sea turtles, whales, seals and birds die from becoming entangled in or ingesting abandoned fishing gear and other discarded debris. Debris is also a menace to ships, boats and other marine vessels. This effort is part of the Center for Marine Conservation's International Coastal Global Cleanup. Last year, nearly 4,300 Hawaii volunteers gathered at 63 sites to participate in this worthy event collecting 227,659 pounds of debris. Call 471-5651 for more information.

Hawaii school superintendent unveils broad-reaching education plan

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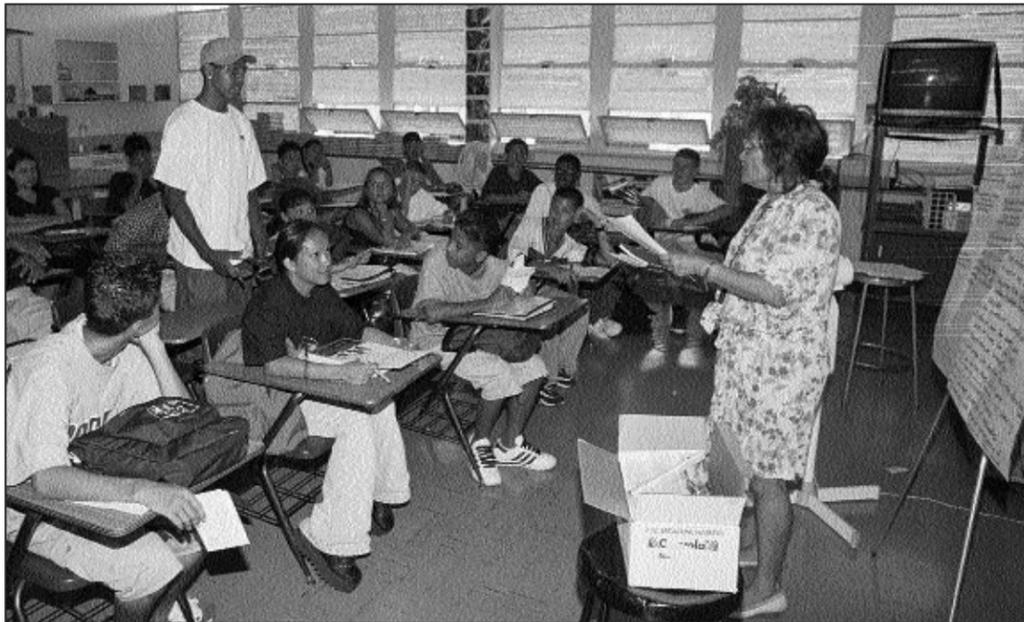
One of the primary concerns of most military families living in Hawaii is whether or not their children are receiving a quality education in Hawaii's public school system. Hawaii's Superintendent of Education, Dr. Paul LeMahieu shares this concern and has a vision for revitalizing Hawaii's public education using Standards-based reform.

"Standards-based reform is not a program," said LeMahieu. "It is about changing the system and changing the relationships between people, both within the system and the outside world as you do it."

"These standards will enable students to grow and become critical thinkers who can solve problems, productive citizens who can work with others, independent curiosity-seekers who can take charge of their own learning and confident self-believers who can recognize and produce quality work."

As Superintendent of Education for the State of Hawaii, LeMahieu serves as the chief educational and executive officer for the entire state school system. His vision for Hawaii's school system comes out of years of educational research and experience.

LeMahieu has a Master's Degree in Educational Program



PH2 Chad McNeeley photo

Class of 2000 students at Radford High School begin their senior year, learning the lessons required for advancement to college-level courses.

Development and Evaluation from Harvard University, and a doctoral degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

"My background is largely focused

on research, evaluation and student assessment," said LeMahieu. "My goal is to make the system more rational, to make decisions based on information. In order to do that,

you have to build the information infrastructure that supports it. Right now, this system doesn't have

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Frederick completes CARAT '99 in Thailand



File photo

USS Frederick's (LST 1184) crew of Sailors and Marines completed CARAT '99 exercise in Thailand.

By Ens. Sharon Boyd & Midshipman 1st Class Tracey Meyer

USS FREDERICK

USS Frederick's (LST 1184) arrival in Thailand's coastal waters marked the beginning of phase three of exercise Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) 1999.

The exercise kicked off with a commencement ceremony consisting of Thailand dignitaries, U.S. and Thai Sailors and Marines and several media members. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, personnel from both countries started the final planning conferences and instructions.

Frederick served as Commander

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Clinton approves construction funding

American Forces Press Service

President Clinton's signature on the fiscal 2000 Military Construction Appropriation Act Aug. 17, green lights \$8.4 billion in new barracks, homes, medical facilities and other projects to include improvements in Hawaii.

Naval Station, Pearl Harbor is to receive monies for BEQ modernization and Schofield Barracks is to receive whole barracks complex renewal.

The act provides \$643 million for troop housing and \$151 million for hospital and medical facilities. It also

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Navy Birthday Ball tickets going on sale

Annual event includes free child care

By J01 David Nagle
NAVY REGION HAWAII

Area Sailors are invited to an evening of tradition and heritage as the region celebrates the Navy's 224th birthday at the annual enlisted Navy Birthday Ball on October 30 at 6 p.m. at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

Tickets go on sale September 15 for the ball, which includes dinner, dancing, a program steeped in Navy tradition, hula and fire shows, and free childcare.

Tickets are \$30 per person for E1-4, \$40 per person for E5-6; and \$45 per person for E7-9. According to Chief Yeoman Deborah Blevins, ball co-chairperson, commands can hold fundraisers to subsidize ticket costs for their Sailors.

"The regional Navy Ball Committee has held some fundraisers already, but we'd have to raise \$1,000 in order to reduce the ticket price by just \$1," Blevins explained. "So, we're focusing on

raising money for the entertainment, decorations and souvenirs, while trying to keep the costs as low as possible for Sailors."

The regional committee's fundraisers included two car washes and a golf tournament, sponsored by the Honolulu Council of the Navy League. Another car wash is scheduled for October 9 at the Public Works Center parking lot, across the street from the Pearl Harbor commissary.

In addition, Blevins said that Morale, Welfare and Recreation donated \$5,000 toward this year's ball, and the regional ombudsman council volunteered to create the table centerpieces.

MWR is also providing free childcare at the Naval Station Child Development Center on the night of the ball until 1 a.m. The CDC is planning a "mini-ball" for the older children.

"This is going to be an evening to remember," said Blevins. "You can't beat the price for dinner, an outstanding show, and an opportunity to experience a little of our Navy's traditions."

"We want a ball where the youngest seaman recruit feels wel-

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Deputy SECDEF speaks at Hawkbill inactivation



Fleet Imaging Command photo

Deputy Secretary of Defense, The Honorable John Hamre makes a presentation to Cmdr. Robert Perry, the last skipper of USS Hawkbill (SSN 666), during the submarine's inactivation ceremony. "I'm very proud of my men," said Perry. "We've done a lot of great things, notably SCICEX missions, and we've served our country well." Hamre was the ceremony's guest speaker.

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