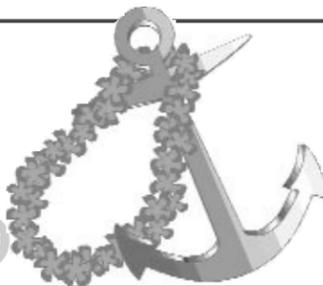


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IN BRIEF

Pacific Command participates in adoption expo

The U.S. Pacific Command's Family Advocacy Program assists the Adoption Connection of Hawaii, a local organization dedicated to finding permanent homes for Hawaii's foster children, with its Adoption Expo Sept. 12 at Kamehameha Schools. The expo is designed to educate and recruit military and civilian families interested in providing homes to Hawaii's foster children. Currently, there are more than 300 children in Hawaii awaiting adoption, ranging in age from infants to teens. For more information, call 477-0518.

NEX advisory board meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Makalapa BOQ, Volcano Room. Take this opportunity to voice your opinions about NEX products and services.

Commissary advisory board joint meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Makalapa BOQ, Volcano Room.

Catlin, Halsey, Radford, Miller Community Association meeting

CHRMCA hosts a general meeting Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. The association asks residents to bring their ideas, concerns and questions for community improvement. There will be refreshments, door prizes and free child care. Call 835-4245 for more information.

SATO travel presents fall travel fair

This SATO travel office event is free and is sponsored by dozens of travel companies. It takes place Sept. 23 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Banyans, Pearl Harbor. The travel suppliers will also offer free travel prizes such as round-trip airfare to New York, Toronto, many points of destination in the continental U.S. and more. They will also be offering free hotel stays in Waikiki, Maui, Kauai and the Big Island. The event is open to military personnel, DoD employees and their families. For more information, call 423-8770.

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Educational 'good neighbors'

□ Navy donates computers to local schools

By J01 David Nagle
NAVY REGION HAWAII

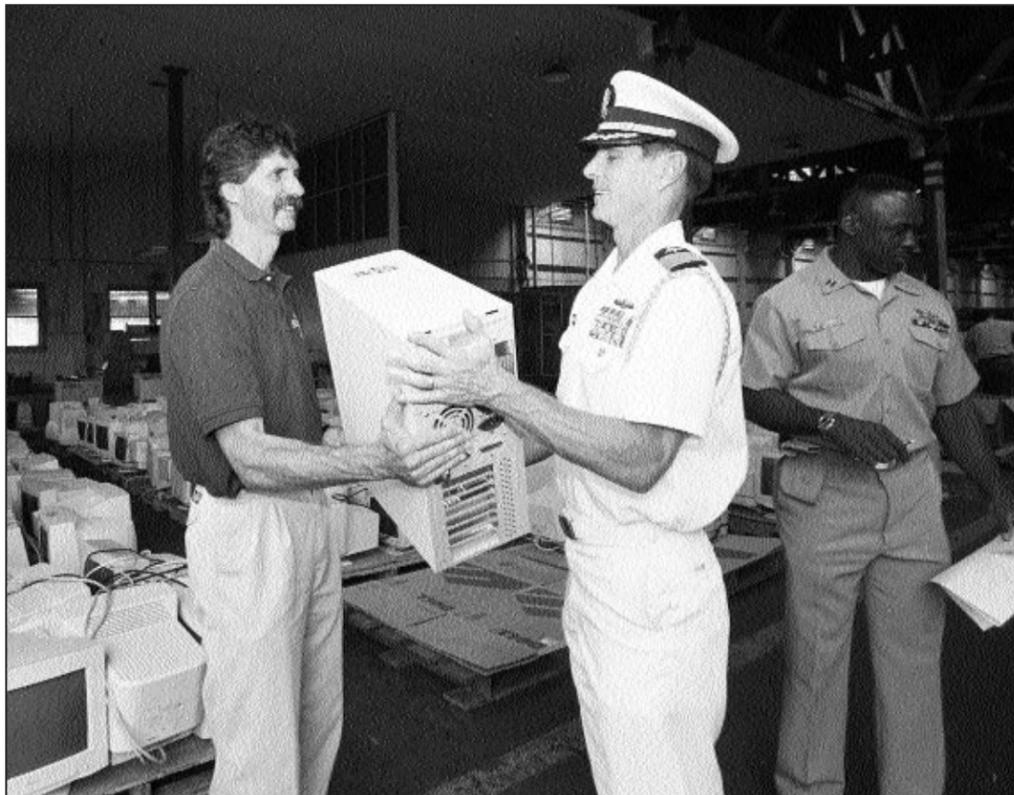
In addition to learning the "three R's," local schoolchildren are also learning about computers and their applications to daily life. Learning these technology skills was just made a little easier, thanks to the Navy in Hawaii.

Navy Region Hawaii donated approximately 300 computers, complete with monitors and CD-ROM players, to more than 20 Oahu schools and several local non-profit organizations last week.

The computers came from various Navy commands on Oahu, which recently upgraded their computer systems. According to Lt. Adonis Mason, Navy Region Hawaii's Personal Excellence Partnership (PEP) coordinator, the Navy donated the computers as part of its PEP program with area schools.

"We wanted to help computer literacy in the schools," Mason said. "We have these partnerships with schools, and we understand the need for computer equipment. We're reaching out to the community because we are part

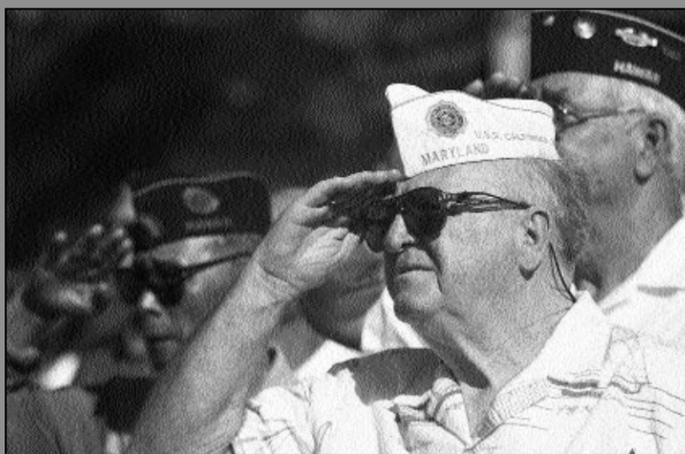
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Ron Trautwein, principal, Hawaiian Mission Elementary/Intermediate School, accepts a computer tower from Capt. Richard Smith, Chief of Staff for Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, as part of Commander, Navy Region Hawaii's Partnership for Excellence Program. Navy Region Hawaii donated approximately 300 computers, complete with monitors and CD-ROM players, to more than 20 Oahu schools and several local non-profit organizations last week.

VJ Day remembered



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World War II veterans returned to Pearl Harbor last Thursday to pay tribute to their lost comrades and to witness a commemoration of the end of the war in Japan at the place where the instrument of surrender was signed, the USS Missouri. See A-4 for the story and photos of the ceremony.

When tragedy strikes, know where to turn for help

By J01 David Nagle
NAVY REGION HAWAII

Whenever a tragedy strikes, such as the death of a shipmate or neighbor, it's important to remember there are several counseling and support resources available for Sailors and family members.

The Family Service Center offers a wide variety of programs and counseling geared toward preventing tragic incidents, according to FSC Director Arlene Chamberland.

"We offer individual counseling, marital counseling and family counseling, dealing with all kinds of issues, like stress, anger, and self-esteem," Chamberland said. "We also offer 40-50 classes per month on a variety of topics and prevention programs."

Chamberland added that FSC has a crisis response

program, where if a person needed to be seen immediately, someone would be able to respond.

"We deal with any kind of issue and work very closely with mental health services and the chaplains to service families, as well as with the community, so we could refer someone to community services if necessary," she said. "We also go to individual commands to offer general military training, to schools and community centers. We'll go anywhere in the region to speak on a wide variety of topics."

Chamberland also said that if a tragedy occurred, the FSC staff would go out to provide critical incident stress debriefings.

Another source of support is the chaplain's office. According to Regional Chaplain Capt. Bruce Pierce,

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Capt. Joseph W. Estabrook
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Pacific Fleet ONE ON ONE

This is part of a series of interviews with the leadership of the U.S. Pacific Fleet and the Navy. Chaplain Estabrook is a native of Albany, N.Y., and was commissioned in 1977. He served as the Executive Assistant to the Navy Chief of Chaplains before assuming his current position as the Pacific Fleet Chaplain in 1997.

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Q. What role do you think religion and religious guidance has in the Navy?

A. I think most of the Sailors today are looking for spiritual things. I don't know where they are on that journey, but I think all of them are on it in one way or another.

So I think there are probably two areas most of all that chaplains can assist in the Navy. (The first) is personal growth.

As a Sailor begins to ask ultimate questions about his life, and as a Sailor is looking for answers about where his life is going - what the meaning of life is about - I think those are areas the chaplain can help with.

The search for those answers often doesn't begin with spiritual questions or chaplains. It starts with stress. It starts with other very material questions that someone will come in and talk to a chaplain about. But you often find at the bottom of some of our worldly frustrations, are those 'ultimate questions.' So personal growth is an important one.

The second one I think that's important today is character and ethics. This is the biggest military organization in the world. It's the most formidable. It's frightening to think that you could have

such an organization with no moral compass.

However, chaplains are specially suited to provide that moral compass. Chaplains are supposed to keep an ear to the ground on how policies are being written; how they're being carried out; how commanders are treating their people; how Sailors interact with each other; and, in that, to provide some moral compass.

There are also programs some of us have been talking about on ethics awareness and how to make good moral decisions. These are programs we are looking at, and some of us have even instituted and put into GMT (general military training), to help Sailors get a handle on it.

So personal growth, character formation and ethical decision making - those are areas I think the chaplain can be especially helpful (with) in today's Navy.

Q. Can you explain what the Smart Family Program is?

A. I believe families are the key to readiness. I also think we spend an awful lot of time in the Navy and in society reaching out and taking care of families that are dysfunctional, and we need to do that. There are families that are really in desperate need of help and support.

But in doing that, many times, we leave the or-

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