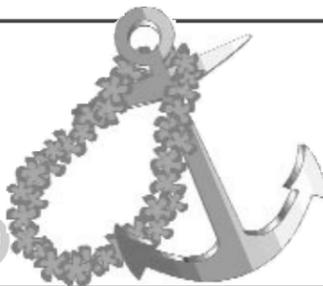


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IN BRIEF

Applications sought for flag driver

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii is soliciting applications for candidates to serve six months as Flag Driver. This is a unique opportunity for junior enlisted to observe first hand the dynamic day-to-day operations of a flag office, an opportunity normally reserved for more senior personnel.

Interested personnel (E4/E5 preferred) should submit a special request chit through their chain of command to the CNRH Flag Aide by Sept. 24. TAD will commence on or about Oct. 5.

Candidates must possess a valid drivers license and have an excellent driving record. Additionally, candidates must have outstanding military bearing and excellent character, and be highly motivated. This duty should be of particular value to Sailors interested in programs leading to commissioned service. For more information call Lt. Cmdr. Rzepczynski, CNRH Flag Aide at 473-0314 or 474-4755.

Enlisted Navy Birthday Ball tickets on sale

The enlisted Navy Birthday Ball is Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Tickets are on sale at \$30 per person for E1-4, \$40 per person for E5-6; and \$45 per person for E7-9. MWR will provide free child care at the Pearl Harbor Child Development Center. Uniform is full dress white (with large medals) or better. See your command representative for tickets or call YNC Blevins at 474-4753 for more information.

Sailors wanted for video holiday hometown greetings

Naval Media Center will shoot Holiday Hometown News greetings from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 21 at Merry Point. Uniform of the day is required. Greetings are provided to commercial TV stations in the servicemember's hometown. Call JO3 Laura Castro at 474-6605.

Fleet feedback sought for All Hands magazine

All Hands magazine is shaping a plan on what to include in future editions and is seeking input from fleet Sailors. The magazine is specifically looking for themes and messages of interest to first term Sailors, 18-24 years old. Call JOCS(SW) Phil Eggman at 471-0281 with your responses and suggestions.

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Navy gets new housing maintenance contractor

By Denise Emsley
PUBLIC WORKS CENTER

Residents in Navy housing will be seeing a new maintenance contractor responding to their needs in the near future.

On Oct. 1, DZB, a joint venture between Day & Zimmerman Services of Greenville, South Carolina, and Baker Support Services out of Dallas, Texas, will replace All Star/SAB Pacific and assume housing maintenance services for the following areas: Barbers Point, Catlin Park, Camp Smith, Camp Stover, Coral Rose, Doris Miller Park, Ford Island, Halawa, Hale Ali'i, Hale Moku, Halsey Terrace, Hokolani, Hospital Point, Iroquois Point, Little Makalapa, Lualualei, Makai, Makalapa, Maloelap, Manana, McGrew Point, Marine Barracks, Moanalua Terrace, NCTAMS, Orion, Orion Park, Pearl City Peninsula, Puuloa, Radford Terrace, and Red Hill.

Navy residents should continue to place their service calls with the PWC Service Desk (471-8481), until Apr. 1, 2000, when DZB will assume the duties of the service desk, and receive calls directly. (Details on this change will be published closer to the transition date.) Otherwise, the maintenance contractor transition should be relatively transparent to residents, especially since many current housing maintenance employees

will continue to provide service for Navy housing under the new contractor.

One visible indication of the change will be DZB's logo on contractor vehicles providing maintenance services to residents.

DZB will also operate the Self-Help offices at Catlin Park, NCTAMS, and Kalaaloa (formerly known as NAS Barbers Point) as of Oct. 1.

Of special note, residents living in the 174 Marine Corps-owned quarters at Manana and Camp Smith areas will not be covered by this new Navy housing maintenance contract. As of Oct. 1, these quarters become part of the Marine Corps Base Hawaii's housing maintenance contract. Residents requiring service will call the Manana/Camp Smith Housing Office at 477-8688/89/90 during regular work hours (7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday).

After hours, the Officer of the Day (OOD) at MCBH, 257-1824. (Do not call the PWC Service Desk as of Oct. 1 for housing maintenance in these areas).

In addition, Navy members living in '800 numbered and above' Army-owned housing units at Aliamanu Military Reservation will continue to be covered by All Star/SAB.

The Army has extended its housing maintenance contract with All Star/SAB for another six months until March 2000. Residents in these areas should continue to call 471-8481 for maintenance services.



Housing file photo

Maintenance workers prepare an outdoor deck in front of a Navy housing residence during recent renovations and improvement initiatives. DZB contracting will take over the housing maintenance contract for Navy housing Oct. 1 from All Star/SAB Pacific contractors.

Combined Federal Campaign begins

By Linda Johnson
NAVY MEDICAL CENTER MAKALAPA



"One Team Making A Difference" is this year's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) theme, and beginning Thursday, Hawaii's service members and federal employees will again have the opportunity to support their favorite CFC-sponsored charities.

Established in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy's Executive Order, the CFC consolidates numerous charitable organizations into one single annual campaign.

The Hawaii-Pacific Area Combined Federal Campaign is the fifth largest CFC in the nation. Last year, almost 66,000 military and federal civilian employees raised more than \$4.1 million locally.

Those contributions are being distributed to over more than 1,200 local, national and international charities.

Leading the Navy in Hawaii's activities in this important campaign is Rear Admiral John W. Townes III, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii.

Townes kicked off 'Project Officer' and 'Keyperson' training this week with a compelling thought, "Our world may seem pretty perfect now, but all that can change in a heartbeat. Whether it's curing a disease, feeding the hungry, or providing shelter to the homeless, all the charities of the CFC are in the business of making the world a little more perfect for everyone. CFC provides a unique opportunity for the Navy Ohana to come together as a team and make a difference in our community, society and in our lives."

During the six-week campaign, which ends on Nov. 4, more than 1,500 volunteer keypersons will coordinate educational briefings and contact each coworker about contributing to the CFC-sponsored charities of their choice. Payroll deduction is the key to simplified giving because it enables donors to spread their gift over the entire year. There is no simpler way for you to make good things happen for so many people.

To be a special part of "One Team Making A Difference," see your Command CFC Keyperson starting Sept. 23!

DoD distributes QOL survey

American Forces Press Service

Want to tell the Pentagon brass what you think of military life? You may just get the chance to speak your mind.

Defense officials mailed quality of life surveys Sept. 13 to nearly 100,000 people throughout the military.

About 60,000 service members and 36,000 spouses will get to voice their opinion on everything from personnel tempo to child care.

Defense Manpower Data Center officials mailed the questionnaires to individuals' home addresses.

The voluntary survey gives troops and family members a chance to make a difference, according to Gail McGinn, the Pentagon's principal director for personnel support, families and education.

"We want to know what their concerns are and what things we need to work on so that we can communicate that to the military leadership and to the Congress," she said.

"Compensation, education, spouse employment are areas DoD officials here have been trying to address with policy and program changes," McGinn said.

"We'd like to know what people now think about those things and what we might be able to do that would make them even better."

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen, Deputy Secretary John J. Hamre, as well as the service chiefs, commanders,

state representatives and senators — even the president, will be interested in hearing what the troops and spouses have to say, McGinn emphasized. All of the survey data is slated to be posted by summer on a DoD Internet web site.

Overall, she said, survey results will affect military life for years to come. Defense officials will use the data to construct quality of life policies, programs and services. They'll cite the results when seeking congressional support for such initiatives as higher pay and better benefits. Service member and family concerns will be reflected in decisions affecting the way the military does business.

"What we'd really like is for people to fill out the survey as soon as they get it," she said.

"We think it will take about 30 minutes. That's a long period of time for people to take out of their day, but this is a very important survey — this is a big deal. This is the definitive DoD survey of all service members from all services and families."

DoD officials randomly selected people from all ranks and services to provide a well-rounded sample, McGinn noted.

Those asked to complete the survey represent themselves and their peers. "We know that when people speak, we can assume they're speaking for other people who are in similar circumstances," she said. Taking the time to complete the survey

"will be a great service to everybody in the DoD community."

Individual troop and spouse responses to the questions remain confidential. Names are not required on the questionnaire. "We never use any identifying information on individuals at all, and we never have," McGinn said.

DoD conducts a quality of life survey every seven years. This will be the first since the drawdown reduced the size and makeup of the armed forces.

"We've got a whole new military out there that we need to look at," said Jane Burke, director of the Pentagon's Quality of Life Office. "Today's issues are probably very different from those seven years ago when we were coming out of Desert Storm and Desert Shield."

"Financial management is also a very big issue. Our people are put under extraordinary circumstances when they're young and they have to move to a new place. Moving is expensive. We're looking into that, too."

Since quality of life plays a major role in recruiting and retaining personnel, DoD officials are extremely interested in what service members and their spouses have to say. "This is their voice," Burke said. "They don't have to worry. This is their chance to speak."

The 1999 survey will be DoD's first look at the thinking of a new generation, McGinn noted. "You hear about Generation X and

Generation Y, and those generations are now coming into the military family," she said. "Their expectations and desires are sometimes different. It's important for us to know what the younger people coming into the military see as important, because they are the force of the future."

The 1992 quality of life survey resulted in DoD-wide initiatives, according to McGinn. When the department was reviewing programs for savings during downsizing, for example, officials were able to shield the military commissary system in part because of survey data showing the stores to be the most-used and most-valued benefit by both married and single members, she said.

Because of 1992 survey responses, even military community libraries were affected.

"We had heard that some installations had started closing libraries," she continued. "As we looked into the survey data, we saw libraries always among the top three most popular morale, welfare and recreation programs. This information got the Congress' attention, and they asked us to put a moratorium on the closure of libraries."

The quality of life survey, McGinn concluded, is "a very powerful instrument for being able to say what's important to people and for being able to focus your money, resources and efforts in those areas."

POW/MIA's honored at National Cemetery

American Forces Press Service

A combined ceremony will be held today at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington, Va. National Cemetery to honor former Prisoner of War and missing servicemen and to dedicate an inscription on the crypt of the Vietnam Unknown.

The inscription, "Honoring and Keeping Faith with America's Missing Servicemen," is etched on the crypt cover above the existing dates, "1958-1975."

The identification of all remains from Southeast Asia — and even other wars — is a possibility today because of advances in forensic medicine since unidentified servicemen were interred as the Vietnam Unknown in 1984.

Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen decided not to inter a new Vietnam Unknown unless the remains would be unidentifiable for all time — no remains in current U.S. custody meet that absolute standard.

Charles Cragin, acting assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs, said Cohen's decision led to the question: "How do we honor those still missing?" To find an answer, DoD queried Congress, the Cabinet and veterans and family service organizations. The inscription

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