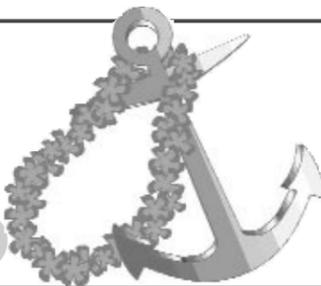


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IN BRIEF

Ford Island traffic flow affected by CINCPACFLT change of command, Hydrofest

Traffic across the Ford Island bridge will be affected beginning Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. due to traffic lane set up for the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet change of command on Oct. 8 and Hydrofest '99 on Oct. 8-10.

On Oct. 8 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., two inbound lanes and one outbound lane on the bridge will be open. From 1-6 p.m., one inbound lane and two outbound lanes will be open.

Personnel parking their cars in the vicinity of Ford Island should deactivate their car alarms during the change of command ceremony, from 1-6 p.m., as the concussion from gun salutes may cause alarms to activate.

Parking lots in the vicinity of the Battleship Missouri will be secured from 6 p.m., Oct. 7 to 4 p.m., Oct. 8.

On Oct. 9-10 from 6 a.m.-3 p.m., two inbound lanes and one outbound lane on the bridge will be open. From 3-6 p.m., one inbound lane and two outbound lanes will be open.

Reduced speed limits may be imposed across the bridge during these events. All vehicles remaining in the area will be towed at the owner's expense.

Call MAC Cruz at 473-2156 for more information.

Nominations sought for Volunteer of the Quarter

Navy Region Hawaii's Volunteer of the Quarter (VOQ) award recognizes Sailors or civilians who exemplify Navy core values through service to others during a specific quarter. Commands are encouraged to nominate personnel who deserve recognition for their volunteer work for area wide selection and recognition. Nominations for the next award period may be submitted to Navy Region Hawaii by Oct. 10. Nominations should include name, rank/rate, social security number, length of time in community work, summary of community work, and command comments as to why this individual deserves increased recognition for their contributions. Nominations are restricted to a maximum of five single-sided double spaced, typewritten 8.5" x 11" pages or less.

For more information, call Lt. Mason at 474-7252.

Ford Island Gym Closure

The Ford Island gym will be closed from 1 p.m., Oct. 7 to Oct. 12. Call Gerald Hamilton at 472-7583 for more information.

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Hawaii units earn NUC for Operation Desert Fox

Hopper, Paul Hamilton, Fletcher, HSL-37 commended for role in strikes against Iraq

By Lt.j.g. Ian Nesbitt
USS HOPPER

THE Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Richard Danzig recently approved the award of a Navy Unit Commendation to members of the Fifth Fleet Battle Force, which included three ships of Destroyer Squadron 31 as well as a detachment from Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (Light) 37 (HSL-37).

As part of the United States Fifth Fleet Battle Force, USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), USS Fletcher (DD 992), USS Hopper (DDG 70) and the Easyriders of HSL 37 Detachment Seven were each awarded the nation's third highest unit award for their work during Operation Desert Fox.

Deployed from Hawaii as a three ship surface action group (Middle East Force 99-03), Hopper, Fletcher and Paul Hamilton, together with HSL 37 Det 7 were quickly integrated into the intense operations of the Arabian Gulf.

While the bulk of MEF 99-03's time was spent boarding merchant vessels in support of United Nations' sanctions, it was the few short hours between Dec. 16-20 for which they were principally honored with the Navy Unit Commendation. As front line Tomahawk capable warships Hopper,



file photo

USS Hopper (DDG 70), USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), USS Fletcher (DD 992) and Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (Light) 37 (HSL-37) Detachment Seven, were recently awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for their roles in the Tomahawk missile strikes against Iraq during Operation Desert Fox last December.

Fletcher and Paul Hamilton were each ordered to unleash their full might against critical military targets and weapons of mass destruction production facilities. Significantly degrading the Iraqi war machine they helped ensure the complete aerial superiority of Navy and Air Force aircraft for follow-on strikes.

Throughout the operation the HSL 37 Det 7 conducted extended surface surveillance, ensuring the safety of the arrayed Tomahawk shooters.

Few who served during Operation Desert Fox will forget the shock-wave of a Tomahawk launch, the glow of anti-aircraft fire over the Iraqi coast, or the sound of hundreds of U.S. warplanes screeching overhead. Hopper, Fletcher, Paul Hamilton and the Easyriders look back with somber pride noting the efficiency, precision and dedication their Sailors have always displayed, and those nights in December, in particular.

MIDPAC Sailors get SMART

By JO3 Brenda Diggs
HNN ASSISTANT EDITOR

After receiving a e-mail message stating a certain school in Hawaii was having trouble filling the after-school void many children face, Lt. Joe Ring of Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, decided he was going to do something to help. He developed a Sailors Mentoring and Reaching Teens (SMART) program to help these students avoid the many dangerous and menacing activities that can

take place during the hours after school which sometimes lacks adult supervision and interaction.

The program has five tutor-mentor groups that are designed to establish, maintain and promote a safe and comfortable environment where students can express them selves freely. The five different programs focus on different issues young teens are facing.

"Get Real, Get Smart" which will help students identify, clarify and develop working solutions to solve

difficulties caused by many of the social issues facing teenagers.

"Just Say No, Say More" which will equip student with the knowledge and courage to rise up against the pressure of alcohol, drug and nicotine abuse.

"Don't Get Mad, Get Smart" will illustrate to each student who struggles with anger, frustration and disillusionment that violence is the worst way to express their feelings and yield resolution to their conflicts.

"Where Am I, Who Am I" defines the concepts of individuality, environment and sexuality in ways that students embrace their surroundings as avenues of self-expression and discovery.

"Get Fit, Get Smart" promotes physical fitness and wellness through coordinated athletic activity and health education.

The SMART Program attempts to fill the after school void by facilitating

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All win with pay raise, pay table reforms

American Forces Press Service

Everyone wins in the military compensation portion of the fiscal 2000 Defense Authorization Bill, said Navy Capt. Elliott Bloxom, DoD director of compensation.

The bill, passed by both houses of Congress Sept. 22, authorizes a 4.8 percent across-the-board pay raise on Jan. 1, 2000. It also makes pay table reform a reality. Some 75 percent of all service members will receive a further pay raise July 1, 2000.

"The authorization bill is huge in terms of what it will do for our men and women in uniform," Bloxom said.

The changes to basic pay, retirement, fixes to the military pay table and pay raises to DoD civilians total about \$35 billion over the next six years. Bloxom said DoD officials proposed the military pay "triad" in response to the changing demands of U.S. forces today and the competition DoD faces from a vibrant economy.

"We must adequately compensate the men and women in uniform so they will stay with us, instead of being lured to do something else," he said. Also, more military personnel have achieved higher levels of education than in the past and DoD has to adequately reward them, he added.

The president's budget request — submitted to Congress in February 1999 — contained a 4.4 percent pay raise. However, 4.4 percent is only .1 percent higher than the employment cost index. The ECI is a series of indices that measure employment cost changes in the private sector. One index measures changes in salaries and wages from year to year.

Congress boosted the pay raise to 4.8 percent, making it the military's largest since fiscal 1981. Further, over the next six years, the autho-

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Hawaii-Pacific CFC gets underway

By Bill Erwin
U.S. ARMY PACIFIC

About 800 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) volunteers from more than 65 federal agencies in Hawaii were told Thursday they "can make a difference."

This year's campaign chairman, Lt. Gen. Ed P. Smith, Commanding General, U.S. Army Pacific, told the volunteers that "this is one time of the year that we as a team, military and civilian, really do get a chance to make a difference."

Smith told the heads of federal agencies, project officers and key people that the annual fund raising campaign "is off to a super start." "The secret to a successful fund raising campaign is training," Smith said. "I challenge you to learn more about CFC and understand the help its charities bring to the people of Hawaii."

To qualify as a CFC charity, each organization that receives CFC funding must go through a stringent panel review to qualify. Each CFC

contributor has the option of designating their donation to a CFC charity of their choice.

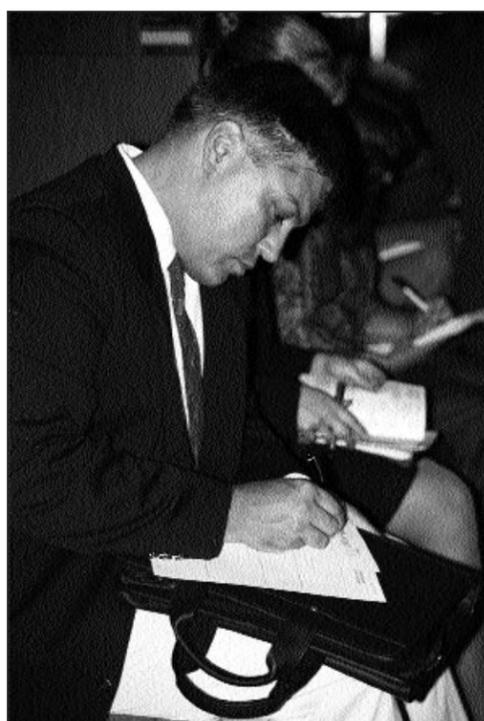
Prior to Thursday's kick-off ceremony, numerous CFC charities set up displays at the Hickam Air Force Base Officer's Club Lanai to help educate the volunteers about their individual organizations.

A volunteer force of about 2,000 has been assembled to contact and educate the 65,000 federal employees in Hawaii about CFC over the next six weeks.

Education will create a successful campaign according to Smith. "All you really need to do is give Americans basic facts as to what CFC is all about," Smith said. "And then when you ask them to consider the value of CFC, they invariably do what is right."

In 1998, Hawaii's federal employees gave over \$4.1 million to CFC-sponsored charities.

This year's drive runs through Nov. 4. For more information, see your command CFC representative.



JO3 Brenda Diggs photo

Get a job

More than 1,400 active duty, reserve and retired servicemembers, family members and DoD civilian employees filled out job applications, left resumes and researched job opportunities with 114 local and mainland companies represented at the 13th annual Joint Employment Management System (JEMS) Job Fair on Sept. 21 at the Banyans. According to JEMS Director Barbara Rybczyk, 16 people were hired directly from the job fair. JEMS maintains a job bank with more than 2,000 job opportunities from entry-level to professional. For more information, call JEMS at 473-0190.