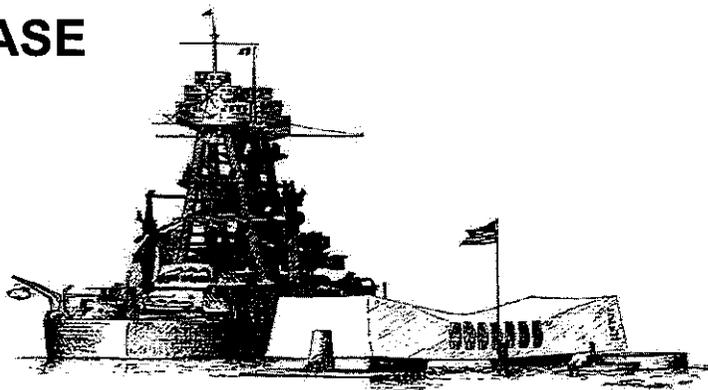


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Pearl Harbor Launches Starbase-Atlantis Program

PEARL HARBOR - On April 24 at 1:30 p.m., the Navy will launch their newest Starbase-Atlantis location at the Naval Submarine Training Center, Pacific, on Ford Island.

Starbase-Atlantis is a U. S. Navy program serving local community youth by offering elementary students an opportunity to participate in a variety of learning experiences designed to increase interest in, and knowledge of, math, science and technology.

Starbase-Atlantis exposes children and their teachers to real-world applications of math and science through experiential learning, simulations, experiments in aviation and space-related fields, interaction with Navy personnel, and tours of Navy activities. A dynamic self-esteem building and goal setting program motivates students to set goals and pursue them.

This program, under the direction of the Chief of Naval Education and Training, was established at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola and NAS Whiting Field in Florida in the fall of 1994 and at Fleet Training Center Norfolk, Virginia, in the spring of 1995. In the following years, locations such as San Diego, Gulfport, Miss., and now Pearl Harbor, have joined the Starbase-Atlantis family.

Oahu schools participating in this Starbase-Atlantis program include: Aliamanu Elementary, Hickam Elementary, Makalapa Elementary, Mokulele Elementary, Nimitz Elementary, Pearl Harbor Elementary and Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary. Currently, 200 students have gone through the program. At least 1,000 students are expected to participate annually.

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MEDIA ADVISORY: Media representatives who are interested in covering this event should contact the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at 473-2888 by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24 to arrange an escort. Media will be met at the USS Bowfin Museum parking lot at 1 p.m. for transportation to the training center. For more information on the Starbase Atlantis program visit www.cnet.navy.mil/community/starbase/sa.html.