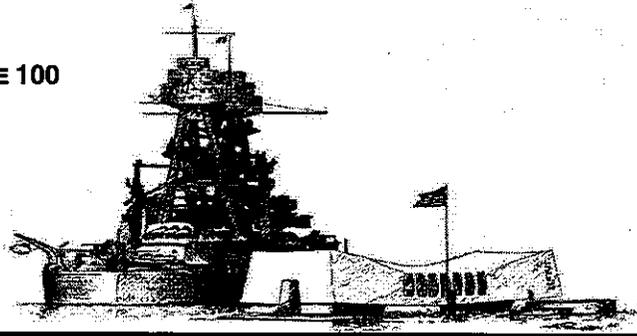


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Pearl Harbor Hosts July 4th Block Party & Fireworks Spectacular

Celebrate America's Independence on historic Pearl Harbor at the **July 4th Block Party & Fireworks Spectacular**. From 1-9 p.m. on Friday, July 4th, the streets of Pearl Harbor will flourish with wonderful events and activities aimed to please everyone. Event admission is free and open to military-affiliated and DoD personnel, family members and their sponsored guests.

The streets fronting the bravo pier will be opened only to foot traffic for the big, blowout block party that will bustle with activity. Some of the highlights include:

- Live music by the Pacific Fleet Band; Halcyon (Sailors from the USS TARAWA), local favorites Kapena, Shining Star and Kingpins.
- IXWF wrestling -- matches start at 3 and 5 p.m.
- Carnival games and food by EK Fernandez
- Arts and craft booths
- An appearance by Tabby Tales TV personalities
- An authentic Chinese Lion Dance by the Au Shaolin Arts Society

Aerial fireworks spectacular beginning at 8:30 p.m. It's guaranteed to be a dazzling show by the world-famous Grucci family.

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Other activities include a petting zoo, fencing demonstrations, Tahitian dancers, pony rides and a variety of keiki and adult rides and inflatables.

A schedule with activity times and locations will be available at the event. All activities are subject to change without notice.

Presented by Navy Region Hawaii Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR), this event is part of MWR's continuing effort to provide enhanced quality of life programs to sailors and their family members. For more information on the July 4th Block Party, call the special event coordinator at 473-0606.

Media representatives interested in covering this event should contact Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs at 473-2888 to arrange an escort onto the base.

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