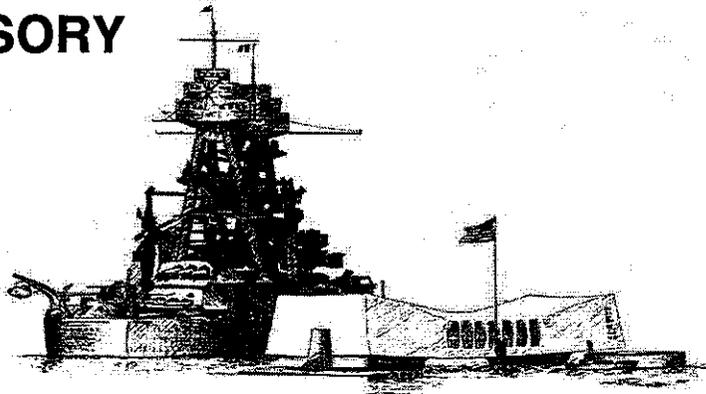


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## *NAVY LODGE AT FORD ISLAND TO OPEN*

PEARL HARBOR – The Grand Opening Ceremony of the new Navy Lodge at Ford Island will take place on Wednesday, January 28th at 11:00 a.m. The ceremony will include remarks from Rear Admiral Barry McCullough, the Commander Navy Region Hawai'i, a ribbon cutting ceremony and a traditional Hawai'ian blessing.

Representatives from the Navy Exchange Command, Navy Region Hawai'i, contractor, Dick Pacific, and architect, CDS International, observed the groundbreaking ceremony on November 2, 2001.

Comparable to a modern mid-size hotel, the \$22M Navy Lodge at Ford Island offers 150 affordable, comfortable, air-conditioned suites and rooms. Amenities include a swimming pool, a large meeting room, a gift shop and a landscaped courtyard. Each room features satellite television, a DVD/CD player, direct-dial telephone service and a kitchenette complete with microwave and utensils.

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The reconstructed Navy Lodge is an adaptive reuse of the historic Building 78. Designed by architect C.W. Dickey, the building was constructed in 1941 and was used as a bachelor officers' quarters until 1984. On Dec. 7, 1941, it served as an emergency medical treatment center following the attack on Pearl Harbor. The building, which is a Pearl Harbor National Historic Landmark, was also featured in the 1970 film, *Tora! Tora! Tora!*

There are currently 42 Navy Lodges and Navy Inns worldwide available to active duty Navy personnel, retirees, reservists and their families.

***Media representatives who would like to cover the Grand Opening must contact the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office, at 473-2888 by 4 p.m. January 27th to arrange for an escort. Media will be met at the Bowfin Parking Lot at 10:30 a.m. on January 28th for transportation to Ford Island.***

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