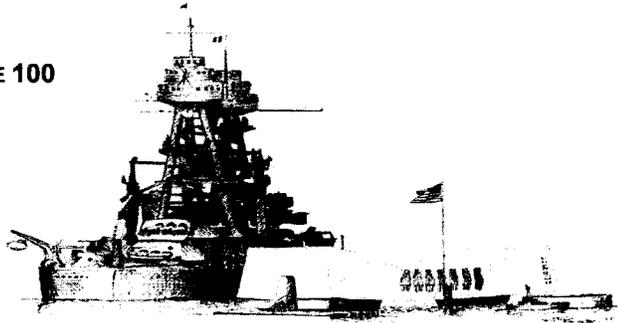


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## **Starbase Atlantis Open House**

The Starbase Atlantis Program located on Pearl Harbor is hosting an open house on Monday, January 13, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. Starbase Atlantis is a U.S. Navy program that offers elementary school students practical learning experiences through a curriculum heavily based in the fields of science, math and technology. The program targets fifth-grade "at risk" students and emphasizes self-esteem and teamwork. Nationwide, over 45,000 students have completed the curriculum since it was established at NAS Pensacola and NAS Whiting Field in Northwest Florida in the fall of 1994. In the following years, locations such as San Diego, CA, Gulfport, MS, Bangor, WA, Great Lakes, IL, Pittsburgh, PA, Newport, RI and Washington D.C. have joined the Starbase-Atlantis family.

The local Starbase Atlantis program opened its doors for students on April 1, 2002 and is located at the Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific, on Ford Island. Students from selected schools attend classes at the Navy facility one day a week over a five week period. Participating teachers from each class are provided supplementary materials designed to sustain student participation between visits. Locally, the curriculum has focuses on space exploration,

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Newton's Laws of Motion, astronomy, model rocketry and the physics of flight. Students build model rockets and "fly" airplanes on computer flight simulation programs. Classes also tour the Navy Dive School facilities, spend a day at the damage control fire-fighting trainer, and interact with a virtual Submarine Dive Trainer. Navy volunteers work in the classroom, assisting instructors and acting as positive role models. Year-round and summer programs are also offered for teachers and students. Oahu elementary schools currently participating in the program include: Aliamanu, Hickam, Makalapa, Mokulele, Nimitz, Pearl Harbor and Pearl Harbor Kai. More than 450 students completed the Ford Island program to date.

***Media representatives who wish to cover the open house should contact the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Officer at 473-2888 by Monday, January 13 at 9:00 a.m. to arrange for an escort. Media will be met at the USS Bowfin Museum Parking Lot at 1:15 p.m. to be escorted on base. For more information on the Starbase Atlantis program contact Ms. Crystal Trujillo at 472-7389.***

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