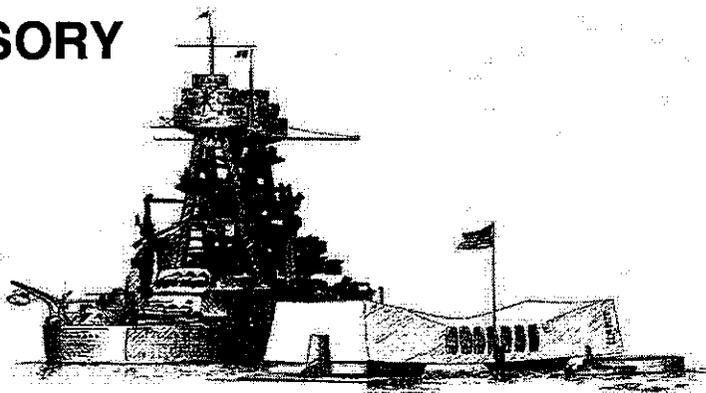


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Navy to host bone marrow drives on Oahu

The Navy will be hosting a series of bone marrow drives at all major military installations on Oahu this week.

An estimated 30,000 children and adults in the U.S. are diagnosed each year with Leukemia, aplastic anemia or other fatal blood diseases. There are more than 500 military personnel and their family members in the Department of Defense that are seeking a bone marrow match. More information regarding Navy bone marrow drives can be found in the attached press release from Commander Third Fleet.

The Navy will conduct a short media availability to discuss the bone marrow drive on USS Crommelin. Media representatives who would like to participate must contact the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office, at 473-2888 by 4 p.m. today to arrange for an escort. Media will be met at the Nimitz Gate Pass and ID parking lot at 8:45 a.m. on Mar. 10 for transportation to the ship.

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