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HUNT MILITARY COMMUNITY

Our President's Message



Hunt Military Communities celebrates the youngest members of our communities. The smallest warriors, the children, often make some of the most significant

sacrifices moving from state to state, school to school, and having parents deployed for long periods, along with the myriad other challenges military families face. We are proud to acknowledge and support the tremendous strength and resiliency children of our military families display. To recognize military children, we have launched our 2nd annual "Hunt Little Heroes." We ask that your children share stories of what they think it takes to be a hero and how they've been a positive influence in their community. Applicants are asked to submit a 300-word essay, a video no longer than 2 minutes, or a drawing telling their "Hero Story" in their own unique way. For the "younger" heroes, a photo with a short caption may also be submitted. All applicants will receive a complimentary Hunt Little Heroes cape and mask. We will select the top three submissions and give a cash prize to each. Applicants can visit <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/huntheroesscholarship/> to see if they qualify, and to submit their story. From all of us here at HMC, thank you for your service and sacrifice.

Best Regards,

John Ehle

President - Hunt Military Communities



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Renter's Insurance - Do You Need It? YES!!

While we all know that homeowners need insurance, what about the rest of us? How can you protect your possessions and protect yourself from liability suits if you rent your home? Renters insurance is the answer. It is inexpensive, easily available from many insurance companies and can provide you with critical financial protection for all sorts of situations.

When you rent your home, your landlord has homeowners insurance coverage designed specifically for rental properties. This covers the structure, the land and the appliances, per their agreement with the insurer. If the roof caves in, it is not your problem as the tenant. If your couch is destroyed by the roof caving in, it is not their problem as your landlord. Their insurance does not, however, cover your personal belongings. If you need to protect your furnishings, clothing, electronics and other goods you need an insurance policy of your own.

Renter's insurance also provides liability protection. If you are sued due to negligence on your part, your insurance policy will offer some amount of protection. You can also incorporate coverage in case of issues involving your pets in this policy. This is especially critical if you have valuable assets to protect, whether those are cash, personal property or a home.

The first place to start if you are shopping for renter's insurance is with an insurance agent you already deal with. If you have auto coverage, life insurance, or other services with a specific company, consult your usual agent. Many insurance agencies offer a wide variety of policies and you can often get discounts if you carry multiple policies with one company. You should talk to an insurance agent about a comprehensive policy that provides coverage for theft, fire, water damage and other possibilities. In some areas, you may be able to add flood protection for an additional fee. Make sure you purchase enough coverage to replace your possessions, including clothing, electronics and household goods. If you have any items of special value, including collections, artwork, electronics or jewelry, you should speak to the agent about carrying special additional coverage on these items. If you run a home business, you may need special coverage, either for possessions or liability.

Many renters believe that since they do not own the structure of their home, they do not need insurance. Imagine, however, if you have a fire in your home. If you have renter's insurance, fairly quickly you will have the money you need to get settled in a new home, replace your clothing, furniture and goods and be on your way in life. Spending just a few dollars a month for this vital insurance coverage can provide you with critical long term financial protection.

Keep in mind that Renter's insurance can be a LIFESAVER if you get robbed or if something gets stolen out of your car. Your auto insurance does not cover property stolen from your car and only your renters insurance will cover this and it only costs a small amount per year for this or monthly depending on the provider.



Got an Awesome Idea?

Do you or somebody in your family have a fantastic idea that you would like to share with Ohana Military Communities? Is it a fun filled event? Is it something you would like added to our Self Help Store? Is it a better way of doing things to make life easier for our military families? If so, please submit your idea to Peyton at Peyton.hoban@huntcompanies.com. We look forward to your innovative ideas!

Time is of the Essence

Ohana Military Communities' Maintenance Department is your source for quality care of your home. In an effort to maintain our accountability, Ohana Military Communities asks you to please follow these helpful criteria when placing your work order with our Calling Center.

ROUTINE:

- Dishwasher Inoperative
- Electrical / Light Inoperative
- Dripping Faucet
- Hairline Cracked Window
- Door Seal Torn
- Stove Top Burner Inoperative
- Entry Door Lock Sticking
- Slow Drain
- Commode Inoperative
 - At least 1 in the home is still operational

URGENT:

- Refrigerator, Stove and/or Oven Completely Inoperative
- Clogged Drain
- HVAC Inoperative and outside temperature is above 90°F

EMERGENCY:

- Entry Door and/or Lock Inoperative
- Lock Out
- Outlet / Switch Sparking
- Gas / Water Line / Roof Leak
- Broken Window
- All Commodes Clogged



Kitchen Fire Safety

You may not think of your kitchen as a dangerous place, but more house fires start in the kitchen than in any other room. Cooking is the **NUMBER 1** cause of house fires in the United States. By taking a few simple safety precautions and paying attention when cooking, you can avoid having a kitchen fire in your home.

KITCHEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Never leave food cooking on the stovetop unattended and keep a close eye on food cooking inside the oven. Never place or store combustible items on the range or in the oven. Turn pot handles in to prevent food spills and burns. Clean cooking areas frequently; built-up grease can catch fire. Keep a container of baking soda handy to extinguish small kitchen fires (never use flour - flour is flammable!).

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Kitchen Fire Safety continued...

ELECTRICAL FIRE SAFETY IN THE KITCHEN

- Always use cooking equipment that is tested and approved by a recognized testing facility. Don't plug too many appliances into one outlet. Replace cracked or frayed appliance cords. If an appliance feels too hot, smokes, or gives off a funny odor, unplug it immediately. Whenever possible, unplug kitchen appliances after each use. Be wary of using electrical appliances around the sink or too close to water. Make sure all your ground-fault interrupter (GFI) outlets installed on kitchen counter outlets are working properly to prevent electrical shocks.

FIGHTING KITCHEN FIRES

- In the event of a kitchen fire, call the fire department immediately! Do not attempt to fight a kitchen fire unless someone has called 9-1-1! Always keep a potholder, oven mitt and lid handy. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, put on an oven mitt and smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Don't remove the lid until the pan is completely cool. Never pour water on a grease fire and avoid discharging a fire extinguisher directly onto a pan fire. Never carry a pan or burning food outside. For a fire in an oven or broiler, keep the oven door shut and turn off the heat to smother the fire. For a microwave oven, keep the door closed and unplug the oven. Report all fires to the Fire Department!

Lateral Repairs Scheduled For Mololani and Manana

OMC has contracted out replacement work for our water laterals throughout your community. While this will pose some minor inconveniences to your home, those inconveniences will be limited to garage/alleyway access throughout the day. We are currently in our first phase of replacements however work will continue for approximately the next year. Please note the following:

- Work hours for our contractor are **7am-5:30pm**. You can expect to see them actively in your area during those work hours.
- **Your vehicle(s) will need to be removed from your garages if you will need access to them during the day. All vehicles will need to be removed from the alleyway due to construction equipment. Please find alternative parking on adjacent streets and abide by all posted parking signs.**
- Steel plates will be placed over trenches prior to the contractors leaving each day. **Residents will have alleyway and garage access during the evenings.**
- As the repairs will affect your street access, it will in turn affect trash and recycle access to your area. Placing bins street side is going to be the best location to place bins for pick up. Our contractor has offered to assist with this, but if you would like to place your bin out earlier then the vendor would potentially arrive on site, you certainly can.

Water will only be interrupted for approximately 1-2 hours and only on one day of replacement. The contractor will do a door to door notification to advise residents when this is about to occur for your home.

OMC will continue to send out updates of work, water outages and schedule changes (if needed) in as much advanced notice as possible.





Are you looking for a fast paced work environment close to home where you can give back to the community you live in??

As a Hunt employee, you will be helping our organization build value—and as your employer, we'll be committed to helping you build value, both personally and professionally.

Visit our website for more information and to apply now!

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Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP):

The RECP (Residential Energy Conservation Program) goes hand in hand with the Department of Defense (DOD) and Department of the Navy's (DON) energy conservation initiatives to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, other fossil fuels, and the overuse of electricity. This policy was set forth in September 1998.

Why did the Navy decide to start RECP?

The NAVY RECP is part of a larger Department of Defense initiative to reduce energy consumption. Reductions in utility use as a result of RECP will reduce our dependence on foreign oil, therefore contributing to increased national security, and reduce greenhouse gases and pollution, thus helping to improve the quality of life for all Americans.

How does this program work?

The Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP) establishes like-type groups of housing and measures the average usage for each like-type group every month. A 10% buffer is then added above and below the average to create a normal usage band.

Residents using more than the normal usage band pay for the excess and those using less than will receive a rebate or credit for the difference between the normal usage band and their actual usage.

How can I be sure my home is energy efficient? Residents can request their property manager perform an evaluation of the home to ensure that all of the appliances and energy using features of the home are in good order. The property manager will also provide tips on how to make your home more energy efficient.

Employee Spotlight In March!



Employee: Michael— Maintenance

Michael's Hobbies include: Dirt Biking and Karaoke.

What brought you to Hawaii: Born and raised.

Favorite things about Oahu: The life style , there is a little bit of everything.

Favorite thing about OMC: The camaraderie



Employee: Brandon—Maintenance

Brandon's Hobbies include: Fishing, surfing and music

What brought you to Hawaii: Born and raised

Favorite thing about Oahu: The culture

Favorite thing about OMC: Co-workers and work environment

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We are still practicing social distancing and ask that you please wear a mask if you visit our offices!

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