

Former Navy Cook, Chef To Admirals, Now At Outrigger

As a chief cook in the U. S. Navy Estanislao Delicano prepared meals for some mighty important Americans, including Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and Secretary James Forrestal.

Delicano, who lives at 17 Kalola Walk, recently retired from active duty after 28 years of service. He is now a member of the dining room staff at the Outrigger Canoe Club.

Delicano was at Ford Island when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Later he served on Midway and then at the naval air station at Kaneohe. He cherishes a personal letter of appreciation which he received recently from Secretary Forrestal.

The retired chief cook, now a member of the fleet reserve, said that it was his experience that "JG's" were harder to please than admirals when it came to food. He added that a navy man could "forgive" poorly cooked food but never a poorly prepared cup of coffee.