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Fore 'n Aft

The Official Newsletter of Navy League Honolulu

Aloha Honolulu Council Members!

The year 2021 ended with the commissioning of the USS DANIEL INOUYE (DDG 118) and 2022 started off hopeful as COVID restrictions continued to roll back. First quarter of 2022 saw an upswing in our in-person events and are excited to get back to even more face-to-face interaction with both you and our sea service members!! In this edition of Fore 'n Aft, you will see some evidence of the increased interaction! Please contact us anytime at (808) 422-9494 for more information.

2022 FIRST QUARTER NEWS!

USS DANIEL INOUYE (DDG 118) Commissioning

In November 2021, USS DANIEL INOUYE arrived at her first (and hopefully final!) homeport of Pearl Harbor. Your Honolulu Navy League worked in partnership with the community to conduct a sail-by of the neighbor islands, an amazing welcome upon her arrival to Pearl, and several other events culminating in her Commissioning on December 8th.



In February, the families were treated to a fun day and lunch at the Honolulu Zoo. While the ship and sailors were underway on an exercise, the families and keiki ventured out to Waikiki to see the monkeys, zebras, baboons and more! A fun day was had by all.



We learned about the ship and the crew in our Seapower Speaker Series events leading up to their arrival, and we hope you were able to tune in. Please visit NavyLeagueHonolulu.org/Programs to view all of the events!



Seapower Speaker Series and Bridge Events

The Honolulu Navy League's **Seapower Speaker Series** continues to offer monthly webinars, providing our members with interesting information on issues that are relevant to the sea services and our community. As COVID restrictions eased, we are also returning to in-person events with local maritime commands and agencies for our Bridge Members. As citizens of a maritime nation and a state in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, we believe this is an important part of the Navy League's mission let you hear from both business and military leaders as to what is going on around us. Please visit NavyLeagueHonolulu.org to catch a presentation you may have missed and see what's coming up! The first quarter featured **Commander Alan Brechbill Director, Space Operations & Integration, U.S. Pacific Fleet!**



USINDOPACOM Chief of Staff MG James Jarrard, and the Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, MajGen Mark Hashimoto, along with briefers from J2 and J5, took time out of their busy day to deliver a remarkably interesting unclassified briefing for Navy League Bridge members.

USS MICHAEL MURPHY (DDG 112) Homecoming

February 4th USS MICHAEL MURPHY (DDG 112) returned home after a phenomenally successful deployment. They “Led the Fight” on patrol for eight months to ensure freedom of safe navigation on our seas. To add to the celebration of their arrival, the Honolulu Navy League treated the third watch to dinner! Welcome home shipmates!!



USS CHAFEE (DDG 90) Homecoming

February 19th USS CHAFEE (DDG 90) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, completing an eight-month deployment with Carrier Strike Group 1. After this successful deployment where she “Commanded the Seas,” the Navy League treated the 3rd Watch to dinner! Commanding Officer CDR Shane Dennis shared his pride in his crew, commenting that “Whenever more is asked, they answered the call collectively to complete the mission with precision regardless of the hardships faced.” Bravo Zulu DDG 90!



Cub Scout Pack 941 - Pinewood Derby

While the Navy’s crews were busy flushing the water systems at Joint Base Pearl Harbor, the Honolulu Council’s Cub Scout Pack 941 Pinewood Derby still went on! Pack Leader Chris Mondok and Executive Director Jane Ferreira kicked off the event on Saturday, January 29th at the Navy League offices. Parents and family members attended to cheer on their racers. The Council provided pizzas, snacks, and refreshments to the eager crowd!



USCG Base Honolulu

February 17th the Navy League presented awards to USCG Base Honolulu MSST’s 3rd Quarter Sailor of the Quarter and 2020 Enlisted Person of the Year selectees. Honorary Chief Ferreira was there with CO Capt. Danaher and the awardees!



Windward Wounded Warriors

Chaplain Jensen spearheads the Honolulu Council’s support for the Friends of Windward Wounded Warriors at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Marines live by a set of enduring core values that form the bedrock of their character – and these young men and women continue to do so every day! Wounded Warriors at the Detachment were treated to a quiet dinner out! A nice change up to get them out to enjoy a meal and camaraderie!



Welcome USS Minnesota (SSN 783) to Pearl Harbor

USS MINNESOTA (SSN 783) successfully changed homeport on March 17th. The Minnesota Navy Leaguers came to town and joined the Honolulu Council in celebrating the submarine's move to Pearl Harbor. Their motto, "From the North, Power" might have to have to be adjust to North Pacific, Power! Welcome to the Commanding Officer, Brad Bozin, the crew, and families! Sailors enjoyed a "burger burn" on the pier too!

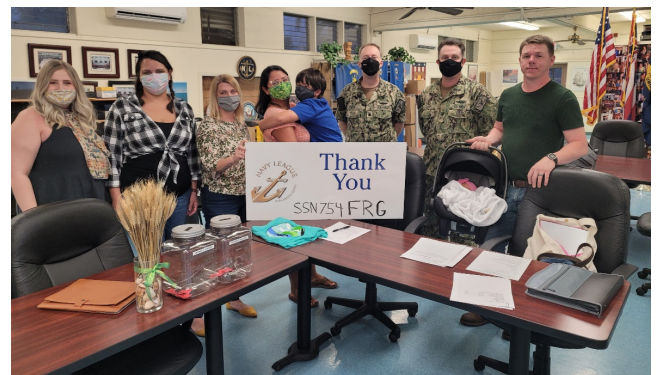


Honolulu Council Honorary Chief Jane Ferreira

Honolulu Council's Honorary Chief Ferreira attended the USCG District 14 Chief's Call to Initiation, on the fantail of USS MISSOURI (BB 63). CCTI is a traditional rite of passage that is sanctioned by the Master Chief Petty Officer, and Commander, of the Coast Guard.

Welcome USS TOPEKA (SSN 764)

USS TOPEKA (SSN 764) changed homeports from San Diego to Pearl Harbor, arriving on January 15th, 2022. The Honolulu Navy League was proud to host the "Defenders of the Heartland" and their families for a Family Readiness Group (FRG) meeting on February 2. The families were hoping the groundhog did not see his shadow and the ship would stay home for a little while longer! Welcome back shipmates and family members! Aloooooooha!!!



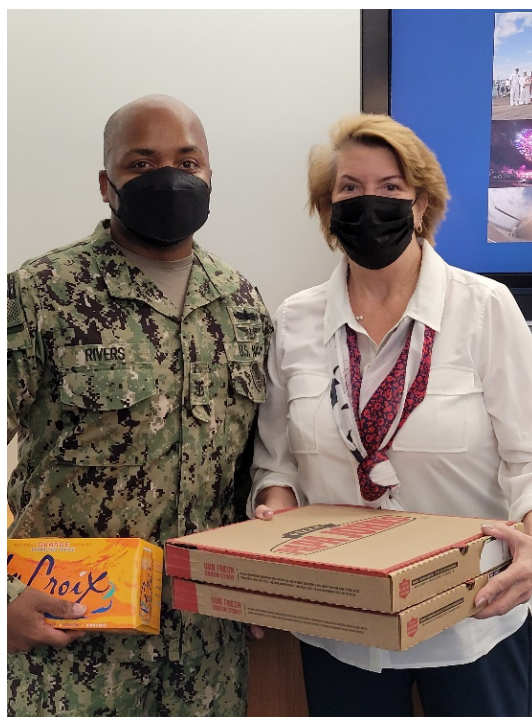
Federal Manager's Association Meets

Board members of the **Federal Manager's Association, Pearl Harbor Area Chapter 19 - Pearl Harbor** held their first 2022 General Membership meeting February 24 and were hosted at the Honolulu Navy League offices. FMA was established in 1913 and is the oldest and largest association representing the interests of federally employed members. Their mission is to advocate for excellence in service, on a grassroots campaign level up through Congressional testimony, similar to the Navy League's approach to legislative interests. The Honolulu Council and the shipyard have worked together for decades!



Community Assistance

The Honolulu Council delivered pizza and refreshments to Navy Region Hawaii, in support of their Red Hill water cleanup and Navy community support efforts. Navy League Jane visited CMC Mario Rivers who said “mahalo” for the Council’s continued support of the HQ staff who were overseeing the call center processing of claims.



USS DANIEL INOUYE (DDG 118) Chief's Mess Helps Out

The Chief's Mess from USS DANIEL INOUYE (DDG 118) were at the Honolulu Navy League offices to help with yard work. Chiefs and their families stopped by to trim bushes, pull weeds, and have made plans to come back and volunteer for more landscaping! Good things happen when you “Ask the Chief!”



Navy League/NIOC Pre-Deployment Event

March 24th the Navy League joined NIOC Hawaii for a Pre-Deployment event on Ford Island. NIOC leadership had been planning this for two years and was thrilled to be able to pull it off! Deployments are different at NIOC, as compared to ships, submarines and cutters, but still have an effect on families. This was a wonderful way to come together and learn about resources and support in the Navy community, for those families. Of course, there was Papa John's pizza provided by Navy League Jane!!



Vietnam War Commemoration

The Vietnam War Commemoration was launched in 2012. The 50th Anniversary commemoration period was initiated in 2015 and will continue through Veterans Day, November 11th, 2025. This directly corresponds to each year between 1965 and 1975, the inclusive dates U.S. combat troops were deployed in Vietnam.

On March 29th, 2022, a Vietnam Veterans Ceremony was held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. General Mark Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was the keynote speaker and was introduced by Admiral Sam Paparo, Commander of the Pacific Fleet, who is pictured here with JROTC cadets from Punahou School.



Relief & Reappointment Ceremony

The Headquarters Battalion at Marine Corps Base Hawaii held a Relief & Reappointment Ceremony March 31st. Sgt. Major Jose Romero was relieved by Sgt. Major Matthew Kidder, as the Headquarters Battalion Sergeant Major.



Sgt. Major Romero's wife, Kathy Romero, has partnered with the Navy League for many events over the last several years in her role with the Marine Corps Community Services office.



A Special Chief Petty Officer Celebration

Navy Chiefs in Hawaii had the unique opportunity to visit the interim resting place of a Medal of Honor recipient and participated in a CPO Birthday Peter Tomich Heritage Cruise. HMCS Santamaria, MIDPAC MRD DLCPO, led his fellow Chiefs in a very "chiefly" reenlistment oath!



This short ride was on the white boat aptly named "PETER TOMICH," and they sailed over to the wreckage of the USS UTAH (BB 31) where Peter gave his life for his division. There was a presentation about Chief Watertender Tomich and a special observance of colors commemorating the heroics he performed during the attack on Pearl Harbor.



Happy Birthday Chiefs!!

Navy League Sea Cadet Division News

Sea Cadets is a Navy League program for keiki from 10 to 17 and helps to develop tomorrow's leaders through this great youth development program.

The Sea Cadet Battalions continue to drill bi-weekly, with additional community service opportunities added in. All Cadets are looking forward to the Submarine Advanced Training over the summer! This training will teach cadets the basics of submarine operation.

Saturday March 19th the Honolulu Sea Cadets gathered for their annual inspection. This was presided over by CAPT James Christie, USN (Ret), the Northwest Area Commander for the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Our surprise guest was Fleet Master Chief Honea, the Senior Enlisted Leader at U. S. Indo-Pacific Command.

Navy League Sea Cadet Leadership from across the state descended on the grounds of the Honolulu Navy League for the annual inspection. This included staff and parents from the R. D. Stethem Battalion, Battleship Missouri Division and Naval Air Station Puunene Division. Yes, we added a program for cadets on Maui!





Navy League of the United States Honolulu Council

Vision

The citizens of Hawaii value the Sea Services and their contributions to our national security and the economic security of Hawaii. The men and women of the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, and U.S. Merchant Marine enjoy strong community support that enhances their mission and quality of life.

Mission

- Inform the public on the importance of our Sea Services to our nation's defense and economic prosperity while highlighting Hawaii's unique and vital role in the Indo-Pacific region.
- Enhance the morale of Sea Service personnel and their families.
- Support youth leadership development programs such as the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Navy Junior ROTC.

Navy League Honolulu Council Website

Visit www.navyleaguehonolulu.org where you will find helpful information about Council events and activities as well as informative and timely news stories about the Sea Services.

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Honolulu Council Benefits:

<https://navyleaguehonolulu.org/membership/benefits.html>

National Navy League Benefits:

<https://www.navyleague.org/member-resources/login?bm=1163047980>

Since its founding in 1902 with the enthusiastic support of former President Theodore Roosevelt, the Navy League has promoted the need for strength in American sea power. As assistant secretary of the Navy and recipient of both the Nobel Peace Prize and Congressional Medal of Honor, Roosevelt fully understood that superior sea power sustains peace and is a deterrent to war.

Thank you for your support of the Honolulu Council of the Navy League of the United States. Your support through membership and donations makes everything we do possible. We sincerely appreciate your staying with us through the challenges of the last two years and are looking forward to offering more opportunities to see you as our communities continue to open.

Stay safe and see you soon at an event soon!

Aloha,

Jack Shriver
President

Executive Director