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Fore 'n Aft

The Official Newsletter of Navy League Honolulu

Aloha Honolulu Council Members!

2021 is off to a busy and hopeful start. As the State of Hawaii reduces COVID restriction, we are increasing our interactions with members and with the Sea Services. We are optimistic that Council activities can return to normal soon. In this edition of Fore 'n Aft, you'll find a photo retrospective of some of our Council activities in 2020. Please contact us anytime at (808) 422-9404 for more information.

American Patriot Awards Dinner

On the evening of February 20, the Honolulu Council honored Ms. Constance Lau and Admiral Paul Zukunft at the 17th Annual American Patriot Awards dinner at the Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum. We were pleased to have in attendance the senior leaders of the Sea Services in Hawaii: ADM Philip Davidson, Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; ADM John Aquilino, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet; LtGen Steven Rudder, Commander, Marine Corps Forces Pacific, RADM Matthew Sibley, Commander, 14th Coast Guard District; and RDML Robb Chadwick, Command, Navy Region Hawaii.



Left to right: Bill Kearns, Navy League Honolulu President, Connie Lau, ADM Paul Zukunft, USCG (Ret), and ADM Philip Davidson, USN, Commander U.S. Indo-Pacific Command

We were proud to have the participation of the Color Guard of the Naval Junior ROTC Unit of ADM Arthur W. Radford High School. While the event had to be significantly scaled down due to COVID restrictions, it was a beautiful evening and fitting honor for our newest American Patriots. You can view a video recap on our [Navy League Honolulu](https://www.navyleaguehonolulu.org/) website.

Welcome Back, Directors!

We are fortunate to welcome back five board members who were re-elected for a second 3-year term. Included are Sean Barr (Treasurer), Fran DeNinno (Vice President for Communications), Jeff Griffin, Chuck Harris, and Len Isotoff. Thank you for volunteering your time and energy!

Annual Meeting of Navy League Honolulu Council

On January 21, the Honolulu Council held its Annual Meeting online and provided a review of 2020 and an outlook for 2021. We were honored to host RDML Robb Chadwick, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, as our Guest Speaker. The meeting featured the Sea Cadets leading our Pledge of Allegiance, a special thanks to our Community Partners (local businesses who support our mission), the installation of new board members, and a financial report from the Treasurer.



Council Business

Treasurer's Summary Report

1. Sustained a strong year-over-year cash position
2. Thoroughly reviewed operations resulting in the reduction of expenses
3. Maintained strong revenue from membership dues
4. Participated in Payroll Protection Program (PPP) with full loan forgiveness anticipated



USS DANIEL INOUE (DDG 118) Commissioning

In late 2021, the Navy's newest destroyer USS DANIEL INOUE will arrive in her new homeport of Pearl Harbor. The Honolulu Council will be organizing a committee to host welcoming and commissioning activities. Please contact the Council office at (808) 422-9494 if you would like to be part of this exciting event!

Sea Cadets Resume Drills

The Navy League Sea Cadet R. D. Stethem Battalion has resumed twice monthly drills in February.

The USS Missouri Battalion will be starting their drills in March. Sea Cadets is a Navy League program for young people age 10 to 17 which helps to develop tomorrow's leaders.



Sea Service Support

The Honolulu Council continues to work every day to reach our mission of advocacy for, and service to, those who serve in the sea services and their families. We hosted an Ohana Day for families and keiki of the USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53) on the Navy League grounds. We were on the pier to welcome home the USS Chicago (SSN 721), upon their return from deployment, providing dinner for the third watch.



Navy League Hosts the Pinewood Derby

Cub Scout Packs 388 and 941 held their Pinewood Derby Tournaments at the Navy League office on February 28. Their track fits perfectly in the building and ensuring enough space to spread out and watch the races. The Navy League is proud to support Scouting programs.





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.

Welcoming Our Sea Services Home From Deployment



Sea Cadets Inspection on the Battleship MISSOURI



Thank you for your support of the Honolulu Council of the Navy League of the United States. Your support makes everything we do possible.

Aloha,

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