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The Official Newsletter of Navy League Honolulu

## Aloha Honolulu Council Members!

Your Navy League continues its commitment to promoting American Seapower and serving our Sea Service personnel and their families during the COVID-19 crisis. Although our activities are necessarily reduced, we are adapting to the new environment to engage the community and Sea Service leaders. Your Navy League Honolulu newsletter, Fore 'n Aft, will keep you updated on Council activities. Please contact us at (808) 422-9494 if you need assistance.

# Former Coast Guard Commandant Speaks at Navy League Honolulu Seapower Speaker Series Event

On October 20, the Honolulu Navy League hosted Retired Coast Guard Admiral Paul Zukunft during an online Webinar where he provided his perspectives on the importance of the U.S. Merchant Marine and national security benefits of the Jones Act. Drawing on his deep professional knowledge, Admiral Zukunft provided a fascinating history of the maritime industry and how a strong merchant fleet is a critical component of national seapower.

Admiral Zukunft also discussed the Jones Act, a U.S. law that bolsters the American shipping industry, and how it provides resilience to Hawaii's economy. You can view the webinar at:

## https://navyleaguehonolulu.org/programs/ seapower-speaker-series.html

We are fortunate to have Admiral Zukunft serving on our Honolulu Navy League Board of Directors. Thanks Admiral for your terrific presentation!

Keep a sharp watch on our website for future webinars!



ADM Zukunft and Navy League Honolulu Council President CAPT Bill Kearns during Seapower Speaker Series Webinar.

# Navy League Recognizes Ombudsmen

The Navy's Ombudsman Program was established in 1970 to create a formal liaison between Navy commands and the families of service members. Ombudsmen serve as advisors to Commanding Officers and provide a voice for spouses and families. On September 14, the Honolulu Navy League recognized

"Ombudsman Appreciation Day" and gave thanks to nearly 80 Navy ombudsmen who serve Hawaii-based commands.

The Honolulu Navy League has the honor of frequently working with military spouses and Navy ombudsmen. We salute you and want you to know how very much you are appreciated by us and the Navy community. Bravo Zulu!!

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## National POW/MIA Recognition Day

On Friday, September 18, our nation commemorated National POW/MIA Recognition Day in honor of those Americans who were prisoners of war and those who served and never returned home.

We would like to share the story of two patriots and dedicated members of the Honolulu Navy League, Jim and Carole Hickerson. During the Vietnam War, Jim was a POW in Hanoi for more

than five years. Carole's first husband was shot down and declared MIA and the letterhead for her organization was incorporated into the POW flag, depicted below.

This couple has made a huge impact over their lifetimes and were recognized in 2010 as the Honolulu Navy League's American Patriots. There is so much more to these two tireless patriots, and their story was told in an article on Friday, September 18 – POW/MIA Day.

Visit link below to see their special story.

https://www.navyleaguehonolulu.org/why-we-remember.html



# **Toys for Tots**

Navy League Honolulu Council will again be collecting toys for this amazing USMC charity initiative. Watch our website at <a href="mayyleaguehonolulu.org">navyleaguehonolulu.org</a> for details. Coming soon!





## 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.

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Operations &

Services information for Joint base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

JBPHH E	BASE IS & SERVICES LIPDATE	
September 2	5, 2020	CLOSED
	ng the spread of COVID-19, JBPHH is working daily to assess sect our service members, civilians, and their families.	OPEN WITH RESTRICTION
	s geared toward matching social distancing and sanitation slic health experts. The following is the current status of MWR,	OPEN
JBPHH GATE OPE	RATIONS	STATUS
Kuntz Gate	Open 6500-1800, Mon-Fri. Open on Saturdays and Sandays (5000-0000) in ceder to alleviate large amounts of commercial vehicles retering Rentz and O'Malley Gests. PON-will be authorized to process inbound through Kurtz Gate during that window; outbound will remain closed on weekends.	•
Luapele Gate	Open Mon-Fri. 0500-1700	•
Makalapa Gate	Open Mon-Fri. 0500-2000	•
West Loch Back Gate	Open Mon-Fri. 0600-1600	•
Whitmore Gate	(Back gate for Wahaiwa Annex) Closed. Please use Saipan Cate	•
VISITOR CONTRO	L CENTER/PASS & ID OFFICE	STATUS
Current Hours	Open Mon-Fri 0600-1800	•
Trusted Traveler Program	Suspended as of 4 September, 100% ID check in effect	•
MWR		STATUS
All MWR functions that a	re currently operating will remain open with the following except	ions:
Beaches	Open with no more than 5 persons per group, separated by at least 6 feet	•
Beach Cottages	Subject to gathering limitations.	•
Restaurants	All sit-down restaurants with outdoor seating capability are open with mitigations*. No indoor dining.	•
Outdoor Rentals	Open with mitigations*.	•
Bowling Center	Open with mitigations*. (effective 9/26)	•
Bowling Center Snack Bars	Take-out only	•
	*please refer to guidelines a	

## Navy League Future Events

Due to COVID-19, many of our events are now virtual. Please visit our website to stay up-to-date on our activities.

## November 11

Outstanding Military Spouse Recognition Ceremony (Virtual)

#### November 19

Sea Services Award Ceremony (Virtual)

### November 17

Seapower Webinar with Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

#### January 21

Annual Meeting (Date TBD)

## February 20:

American Patriot Awards Dinner

We always welcome your feedback and ideas on how the Honolulu Council can serve its members and the community.

Aloha,

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