



# Fore n' Aft

January 2026

*Navy League of the United States - Honolulu Council*

*U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Flag Merchant Marine*

## Nave League Partners with MC& A and



We started 2026 and the month of January with a bang! The Navy League team ventured out to Ko'Oolina to assemble laundry baskets filled with essential items for service members transitioning to Hawai'i. These supplies are intended for those currently moving into barracks or staying in hotels while they wait for permanent housing.

We are so thankful to be part of another great service project that supports our active-duty service members.



## USS HAWAII (SSN 776) the War Canoe



On January 9, 2026, Navy League Jane and Captain Jones of the USS Hawaii (776) presented plaques to the Junior Sailor of the Quarter and the Blue Jacket Sailor of the Quarter.

These awards were given to show our sincere appreciation for the hard work and dedication these sailors have demonstrated. The Navy League Honolulu is always proud to support and recognize the outstanding achievements of our service members.

# Navy League Honolulu Annual Meeting

January 15, 2026, the Honolulu Council of the Navy League held its Annual Meeting, and we were truly honored by the strong turnout and support from our community, sea services, and partners.

We were grateful to be joined by many of our valued community partners, including Matson, Hawaiian Electrican Electric, JN Group, Pacific Aquascapes, RTX, USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park, Lockheed Martin, and Dan Del Monte.

We were also honored to have midshipmen from the University of Hawaii NROTC detachment, JROTC cadets from Kapolei High School Marine Corps JROTC, Radford High School NJROTC, and Kalaheo High School NJROTC, and one of our Sea Cadets from the R D Stethem Battalion - US Naval Sea Cadets in attendance—representing the next generation of maritime and military leadership.

A special thank you to Captain Ryan McCrillis, Commanding Officer of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, who served as our keynote speaker. CAPT McCrillis highlighted the outstanding work of the military and civilian workforce keeping our ships and submarines in apex condition in direct support of our national and maritime security.

We were further honored by the presence of several sea service commanders and senior enlisted leaders, whose leadership and engagement continue to strengthen our mission.

Mahalo to all who made the evening a success.



## USS Illinois (SSN 786) Change of Command



JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (Jan. 16, 2026) - Cmdr. Jeffrey Vandenberg, commanding officer of Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Illinois (SSN 786), salutes the sideboys as he departs the change of command ceremony for Illinois at the USS Parche Park and Submarine Memorial on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Jan. 16, 2026. Illinois is assigned to Submarine Squadron 1 and is capable of supporting various missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike warfare, special operations forces support, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance.

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## Farewell Wishes to Navy League Jane

On January 23, 2026 we held a farewell open house at the council office to allow members and community partners the opportunity to say farewell and share their well wishes for Jane on her retirement.

We wish a heartfelt A hui hou and Mahalo to our incredible Jane as she officially retires. For 20 years, Jane has been a steadfast champion for our sea services and the Hawaii community. Her dedication has left an indelible mark, and while we will miss her leadership, we are so grateful for the legacy she leaves behind.



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## Sea Cadets



On January 10th, 2026, cadets of the Battleship Missouri Hawai'i Division, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, conducted their annual leadership and character development hike along the 'Aiea Loop Trail at Keaiwa Heiau State Recreation Area.

The ridgeline movement overlooking Pearl Harbor provided an ideal environment to reinforce small unit leadership, accountability, and teamwork. Throughout the evolution, cadets rotated leadership responsibilities and participated in guided discussions focused on initiative, communication, and leading peers in a dynamic outdoor environment.

As part of the day's training, cadets conducted a brief historical study and on site discussion of the World War II military aircraft crash located along the trail. On May 5, 1944, a U.S. Army Air Corps B 24 bomber departing Hickam Field crashed into the mountains above 'Aiea, resulting in the loss of all ten crewmembers aboard. Cadets reflected on the risks borne by service members training and deploying from Hawai'i during World War II and the enduring legacy of sacrifice tied to the Pacific theater.

If your keiki are from ages 10 to17, and want to get in on the adventure, give us a call or send an email, and we'll make the connection!

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To find out more about this program that incorporates hands-on training and teamwork.

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## Mission

### **We serve Because you Serve.**

\*The Navy League of the United States is a civilian organization founded in 1902 and is the foremost Citizens' organization to serve, support, and stand with all U.S sea Services.

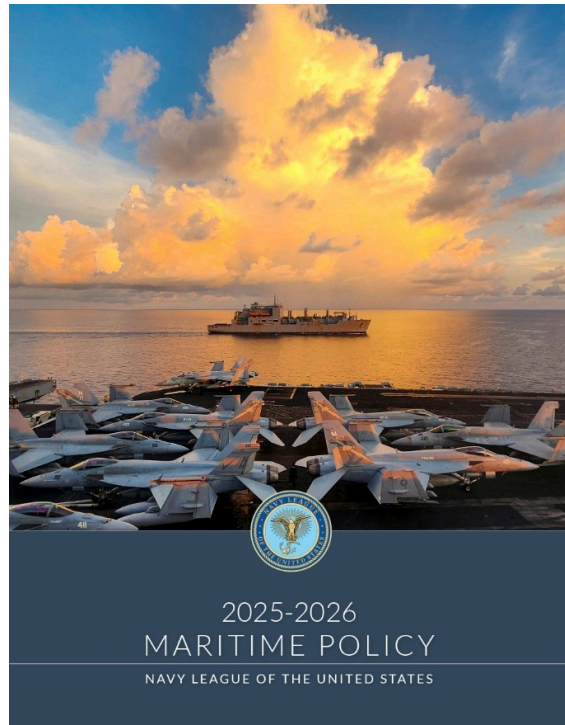
### **Mission**

\*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, Marine Corp, and Coast Guard Junior ROTC.

The Navy League's Legislative Affairs programs continue to grow, increasing our presence at events on Capital Hill, and with our annual Fly-In, regular publications, expanding participation among Navy League membership and so much more. To stay informed, to learn **everything you need to know to be an advocate**, and to see what the priorities are for the Navy League, visit <https://navyleague.quorum.us/homepage>.



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## 2026 Legacy Events - SAVE THE DATE!!!

- United States Coast Guard Band Concert - March 23, 25 and 27, 2026
- Pacific Fleet Sailor of the Year May 4-7, 2026
- Combined Military Band Concert - May TBD
- Military Staycation Giveaways - July TBD
- INDO-Pacific Maritime Security Exchange (IMSE) - (Tentative)
- American Patriot Award Dinner - September 19, 2026
- Ombudsman Appreciation Dinner - October TBD
- Pearl Harbor Navy Shipyard Graduation TBD
- Military Spouse Appreciation - November TBD
- Sea Service Awards - November 12, 2026
- Toys for Tots Golf Tournament - December 11, 2026

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