



ANNUAL INITIATIVES AND EVENTS

Navy League of the U.S. Honolulu Council

"We Serve Because They Serve"

Mission

The Navy League of the United States has three missions: To enhance the morale of active-duty personnel and their families. Inform Congress and the American public on the importance of strong sea services. Support youth through programs such as the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Navy and Marine Corps Junior ROTC that expose young people to the values of our sea services. The Honolulu Council of the Navy League is dedicated to supporting these missions through our membership, programs, events, volunteers, professional staff and endowment fund.

Initiatives and Events

1. ANNUAL "LEGACY" EVENTS

Annual Meeting - January

Annual kick-off! A chance to welcome new board members, appreciate volunteers, and "above and beyond" members. Sea Cadets and supported groups are in attendance to receive recognition for achievements in their leadership programs.

Pacific Fleet Sailor of the Year - May

An event co-hosted with the U.S. Pacific Fleet command to recognize outstanding young sailors who are the absolute finest in the U.S. Pacific Fleet and to recognize outstanding young sailors who have demonstrated exemplary military leadership and personal dedication over the past year.

Combined Military Appreciation Band Concert - May

Navy League hosts the joint service event in conjunction with National Military Appreciation Month, which is open to the public. Flag, general officers, community leaders, and service families attend this event. Navy League Sea Cadets attend the event and function as greeters, ushers, and escorts. In 2024, the event was held on the great lawn next to the Hale Koa Hotel. A very patriotic event.

Military "Staycation" Giveaways - July

Two-day "staycation" vacation entries are collected from active duty military families and given away at the July 4 Independence Day Celebration and concert at Ward Field Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam. Two e-bikes were also given away in 2024!

Indo-Pacific Maritime Security Exchange (IMSE) - August (tentative)

The enduring IMSE theme is *Building Partnerships for Security, Stability and Prosperity*. It's purpose is to provide a forum for senior leaders, subject matter experts, and interested members of the general public to engage in dialogue about maritime security in the Indo-Pacific region. Past

topics included: Combatting International Criminal Activity on the High Seas, Expanding Disaster Preparedness and Response Capacity, and Product Engagement Among Nations. (see IMSEHawaii.org)

American Patriot Award Dinner – September

Each year two individuals are named as “American Patriots” and honored by the Honolulu Council members and the Hawaii community. Selection is based on service to the nation and service to our Hawaii community. Sea Cadets and high school JROTC Cadets are always present and deliver the Colors as well as act as escorts and engage with guests. This is the Honolulu Council’s *marquee event of the year*.

Ombudsman Appreciation Dinner – October

A Navy Ombudsman’s role is to “serve as an information link between the command leadership and command families,” and Ombudsmen are trained to disseminate information and provide resource referrals to Navy families. This dinner celebrates this role and shows appreciation for this key volunteer position.

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Graduation – TBD

This event marks the matriculation of Pearl Harbor Navy Shipyard apprentices as they graduate from rigorous months of training. The Honolulu Council celebrates the apprentices’ accomplishments and presents awards and checks to recognize and honor top graduates.

Military Spouse Appreciation – November

Annually a military spouse is identified by each branch of service: the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Army, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Marine Corps, the U.S. Navy, Hawaii Air National Guard, Hawaii Army National Guard, and the U.S. Pacific Command for special recognition. The recipients are hosted at Honolulu City Hall and receive a Letter of Recognition from the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu. Prior to the kick-off of a University of Hawaii Military Appreciation football game they are also honored at the 50-yard line and presented with a \$500 check by local dignitaries.

Sea Service Awards – November

This annual luncheon recognizes 50 outstanding service members of the year from the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard as well as employees of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and the Maritime Industry.

Toys-For-Tots Golf Tournament – December

A “toy harvest” to help the Toys-for-Tots program reach its goal of delivering a new toy at Christmas to a less fortunate Keiki, aiding them in becoming responsible, productive, and patriotic citizens. Honolulu Navy League is one of the largest contributors of toys every year to the Toys-for-Tots program.

2. SEA SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Adopt-A-Ship Program

While the USS Chung-Hoon and USS Hawaii are our officially adopted surface ship and submarine, we have expanded the outreach to celebrate all homeported ships and submarines in Pearl Harbor through Halfway Parties, Shoe Box Auctions, Send-Off and Welcome Home support as well as Change-of-Command representation. We host “Welcome Home Dinners” for the crew on the 3rd Watch for all ships/subs/cutters returning from deployment. We host ice cream socials, pizza parties, family fun, and military appreciation days throughout the year along with a variety of single sailor and family activities.

Sea Service Birthday Balls

Events to celebrate the birthday of the nation’s sea services. Check-in and VIP escort duties are executed by the USS Missouri and RD Stethem Sea Cadets.

Submarine Birthday Ball – Celebration of the Submarine Force Birthday, the nation’s “strong and silent” service.

Coast Guard Birthday Ball – Celebration of the Coast Guard Birthday, one of the oldest organizations of the federal government.

Navy Birthday Ball – Celebration of the Navy’s Birthday, an event dedicated to “enhancing a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage.”

Marine Corps Birthday Ball – Celebration of the Marine Corps Birthday when a battalion of “Continental Marines” was created in Philadelphia’s Tun’s Tavern in 1775. This is a ball that always delivers much pomp and pageantry!

Aloha Welcome Academy

“Keeping Your Head Above Water” monthly event that provides a cursory review of Veteran Medical eligibility benefits, VA home ownership and rental opportunities, financial planning while in the service or transitioning out, ocean safety in Hawaii, and different transportation processes and option., We are doing our part to prevent veterans from getting into financial peril or become homeless by conducting this prevention education – information that can save time, save money, or save a life...

3. YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

U. S. Navy Sea Cadets

The Navy League cadet programs are for young people ages 10 through 17. The Honolulu Council is comprised of three Sea Cadet battalions:

- R. D. Stetham
- Battleship USS Missouri
- NAS Puunene Division

Cadets perform a variety of community service activities and learn the virtues of good citizenship and strong moral principles. Cadets are not influenced to join the armed services, but hopefully will enter the adult world having been taught the fundamentals of citizenship and the value of being responsible and productive members of their community. If they choose to enlist, they enter at the rank of E-3.

High School Junior ROTC – Navy and Marine Corps

Recognition and participation in Junior ROTC programs are provided for the Navy and Marine Corps at:

- James Campbell High School
- Radford High School
- Kapolei High School
- Kalaheo High School

University of Hawaii NROTC

We recognize and support the midshipmen enrolled in the NROTC program at the University of Hawaii.

4. VETERAN SUPPORT

Wounded Warriors

Connecting the wounded, ill, and injured with the community through friendship, mentoring, and recreational activities such as:

- Wounded Warrior Lounge Visits to determine individual needs
- Mentoring and job shadowing
- Golf play and participation
- Family fun days
- Retreats

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SUPPORT

Navy League partners with organizations in many ways, all in alignment with Navy League Mission supporting the active-duty servicemen and women, supporting the families and children of active duty personnel, and helping develop tomorrow's leaders.

Federal Manager's Association – Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Chapter 19

Sea Service spouse and family events: Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, FRG, Ombudsman, Chief's Mess – Service leadership discussions with Chief's Mess

Military Family Support Center – Support job placement, transition events, Keiki celebrations

Chief Petty Officers – Ball committees, CPO season events

James Campbell HS Sea Service Academy – Provide support for the needs of the academy, including transportation from the school to the shipyard, support for learning experiences at the shipyard for students and teachers, partnerships within the community to create awareness of the Career Pathway to jobs at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and other waterfront careers. Providing options for keiki to gain experience and work toward jobs here in Hawaii.

ISC2 Hawaii Chapter – Host monthly meetings with cyber professionals, mentoring military, high school, and college students interested in cyber careers, sharing information that will extend their own knowledge and careers in IT and cyber.

Cyber Patriot – National Youth Cyber Defense Competition with teams comprised of middle and high school students, who are tasked to find cyber security vulnerabilities while maintaining critical services within a 6-hour period. Teams compete for the top placement within their state and region. The Honolulu Navy League provides support for Sea Cadets and JROTC and military home-schooled children that have teams each year.

STEM Learning and Training Center – Located in the office of the Honolulu Navy League is a meeting center for Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Science, STEM, and Cyber programs for kids and adults, veteran training programs, and numerous military spouse programs and organizations. The establishment of this center has also allowed us to provide technical and classroom resources that facilitate after-school programs for many in our community. The Center also continues to be available for training workshops in support of local or transient DOD components, the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, JROTC programs, and the Pearl Harbor Federal Manager Association.