



# Fore n' Aft

February 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*

## Carl Levin Ship Visit

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — LT Christopher Rielage, USS Carl M. Levin (DDG 120) training officer, discusses the capabilities of the ship's Mark 15 Phalanx close-in weapon system with members of the Honolulu Navy League during a shipboard tour, Feb. 7, 2026. The ship's Sailors hosted the tour as part of the Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific shipboard tour program. The program provides local civic and school groups the opportunity to visit U.S. Navy ships and learn about the important role they conduct to maintain readiness and ensure national security in the Indo-Pacific region.



## USS Montana (SSN 794)



Our new Executive Director, Ryan, and Gina were recently on the pier supporting the families and Sailors of the USS Montana (SSN-794).

The Honolulu Navy League enjoys every opportunity to be on the pier, providing drinks and snacks while spending time with our Sailors and their families.



"Vigilantes, Mount Up!" "Do or Die, Big Sky!"

## SBX Member Tour



Have you seen the giant “egg” in the harbor and wondered what it would be like to visit?

On February 10, 2026, our Executive Director and several council members had the unique opportunity to tour the SBX-1. This floating, sea-based X-band radar platform is capable of tracking ballistic missiles and operates like a ship, complete with a full crew, galley, and gym. We learned that the platform was originally designed as an oil rig before being converted for its current defense mission.

The SBX-1 was in Hawai‘i for the past few months to replace its radar dome, providing an incredible firsthand look at the innovation behind this platform. During the visit, we also had a powerful view of the USS Utah Memorial from above—a moving reminder of the sacrifice of our service members.

Mahalo to the crew for teaching us about this vital national defense capability. We also want to thank our community partners at Pacific Shipyards International for arranging the tour.



## Sailor of the Quarter



On February 20, 2026, Ryan had the pleasure of recognizing three USINDOPACOM JIOC sailors as Sailors of the Quarter. These individuals were handpicked by their commands as the best in their respective fields of expertise.

Events like this celebrate the outstanding sailors at the Pacific Fleet Command who are excelling in their roles. It is critical to recognize these individuals and celebrate their achievements in camaraderie.



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## Farewell Wishes to Navy League Jane



On February 27, 2026, Navy Region Hawaii hosted community groups for an insightful History and Stewardship Tour of Pearl Harbor.

Jim Neuman, Navy Region’s historian, shared the history and legacy of Pearl Harbor, detailing the December 7, 1941 attack and the architectural symbolism of the USS Arizona Memorial. Additionally, we were provided updates on several Navy-supported stewardship projects. These initiatives include the eradication of harmful octocorals in Pearl Harbor, the restoration of an ancient fishpond at McGrew Point, and the protection of native upland forests in the Waiawa Watershed.

It was a meaningful evening for our members and partners to learn about the history and preservation of Pearl Harbor—also known as Pu’uloa and Wai Momi. We look forward to continued engagement with these important community and environmental efforts.

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## Sea Cadets



Congratulations to ABC Henry Hogan from the R.D. Stethem Battalion for being named the League Cadet of the Year 2025 for our Region. We are incredibly proud of his achievement and look forward to his continued success.

Each year, these awards honor the extraordinary commitment, leadership, and service that define the very best of the Sea Cadets. From exceptional cadets leading by example to dedicated volunteers shaping future leaders, your achievements inspire us all and strengthen the values of our program.

Take a moment to recognize this remarkable individual who embodies the Sea Cadet values of Honor, Respect, Commitment, and Service, in all they do.

Bravo Zulu to each of our 2025 award honorees!

If your keiki are from ages 10 to 17, and want to get in on the adventure, give us a call or send an email, and we'll make the connection!

Connect with us:

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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.

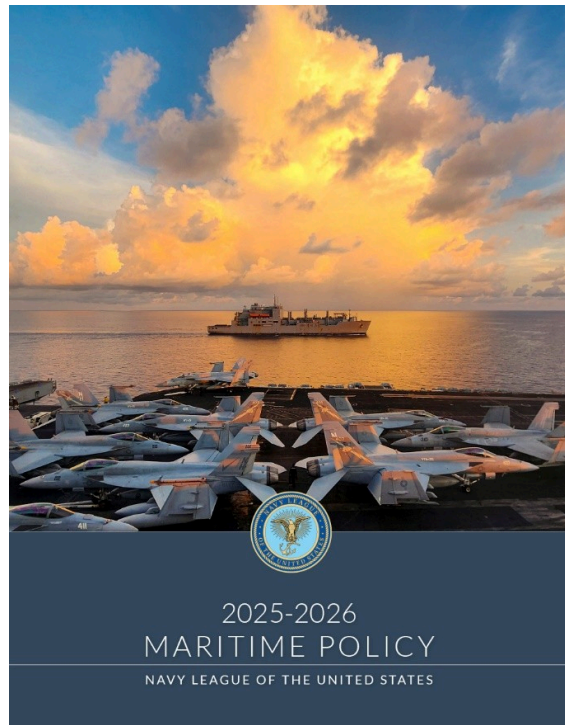
### **Mission**

\*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!!!

- Pacific Fleet Sailor of the Year May 4-7, 2026
- Combined Military Band Concert - May TBD
- Military Staycation Giveaways - July TBD
- 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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