

Navy: Sailors making positive impact in community

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\$1.25 billion in salaries and \$1 billion in operational contracts and local purchases. Retired Navy personnel living in Hawaii also receive approximately \$48.5 million in retired pay annually.

While the economic impact the Navy has on the state is important, the Navy in Hawaii makes it a point not to be just another source of jobs, but to be an active part of the local community as well. Sailors are encouraged to be "good neighbors" and can be found out in the community making a difference, by getting involved in their communities and volunteering for local schools, environmental projects, and civic organizations.

The Navy in Hawaii helps make a difference in the local community in a variety of ways. More than 50 Navy units have established over 100 partnerships with local schools and civic organizations. Hundreds of Hawaii-based Sailors volunteer countless hours of their off-duty time to tutor students, coach children's sports teams, and help support scouting groups and other youth organizations. Thirty-one Navy commands currently have Personal Excellence Partnerships with 29 local schools, where Sailors lend area schools a helping hand with everything from academics to campus beautification projects. Last year, Sailors volunteered 6,578 hours to these partnerships. As a result, Sailors in uniform serve as positive role models for children and the spirit of cooperation, friendship and teamwork is fostered between the military and citizens of Hawaii.

Two Hawaii-based Navy commands, USS Chosin (CG 65) and Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Center/Joint Typhoon Warning Center (NPMOC/JTWC), were recently recognized for their commitment in "making a difference" as winners of the 1998 Navy Community Service Award. Chosin has an active partnership with Makalapa Elementary School, where crewmembers, when in port, visit the school twice a week, and tutor children in reading and math. In addition, Chosin Sailors volunteered to prepare the Battleship Missouri for its grand opening to the public and visited patients at Kaiser Permanente Hospital and elderly residents at the Hawaii Kai Retirement Community on "Make a Difference Day" last October.

NPMOC/JTWC has been partnered with Moanalua Intermediate School for the past seven years. In addition to weekly tutoring sessions with students, Sailors host an annual week-long earth science course and hurricane preparedness classes twice a year.

Pearl Harbor's submariners are also busy being good neighbors. USS Chicago (SSN 721) Sailors contributed more than 500 books to the Princess Ka'iulani Elementary School in December. In March, Sailors from the Pacific Fleet Submarine Forces staff and USS Olympia (SSN 717) hosted sixth grade students from Lehua Elementary School for "Take the Sub to School Day." Students toured the historic submarine base at Pearl Harbor, Olympia and the Bowfin Submarine Museum.

Being a good neighbor doesn't stop



File photo by J01 David Nagle

Sailors in Hawaii are making a difference in a variety of ways. USS Crommelin (FFG 37) Sailors (above) assemble playground equipment in Hilo during a port visit in April. Sailors are also involved in taking care of the environment from planting trees to beach clean ups (below).

once the holidays roll around either - volunteerism is as strong as ever then. For example, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific volunteers hold an annual "Operation Aloha," where they serve Thanksgiving dinner to North Shore residents. In 1998, they served 300 meals and distributed 346 packages of canned and non-perishable goods.

For Thanksgiving and Christmas, volunteers from the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet staff delivered more than 100 turkey dinners to handicapped residents around central Oahu as part of the "Meals on Wheels" program.

The Navy in Hawaii is also dedicated to getting involved, being good stewards and making a difference in the environment. Recently, volunteers from USS Crommelin (FFG 37), Afloat Planning Systems Center Pacific, Naval Station and U.S. Pacific Fleet commemorated Earth Day by planting trees at Iroquois Point Elementary School, Pearl Harbor Elementary School, Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School and Pearl City Highlands Elementary School in April.

Sailors from Naval Medical Clinic, USS Hopper (DDG 70), USS Russell (DDG 59), Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Center/Joint Typhoon Warning Center, Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific and Navy Seabees recently removed brush and planted vegetation at the Honouliuli unit of the Pearl Harbor National Wildlife Refuge. These efforts are part of a partnership with Leeward Community College, the Nature Conservancy and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect endangered water birds and native plants at the refuge. Volunteers from this partnership also removed trash from beaches near Ka'ena Point on April 17.



File photo by Bill Roome

Sailors show they are good neighbors by committing their time to keeping the Aloha State's roads and shorelines clean. Several local commands like the Naval Shipyard/Intermediate Maintenance Facility, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific and CINCPACFLT headquarters can be found regularly picking up litter as part of the "Adopt a Highway" program. In addition, Sailors volunteer to pick up trash along Oahu's coastlines during the annual "Get the Drift and Bag It" cleanup in September.

There are hundreds of other programs where Sailors make a difference in Hawaii: Sea Cadets, Special Olympics, Hawaii Food Bank, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Honolulu, Habitat for Humanity, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, River of Life Mission and the Junior Achievement Program.

The Navy's commitment to making a difference isn't limited to the

island of Oahu. Navy ships and submariners made about 38 neighbor island port visits last year. During these visits, Sailors not only have the opportunity to see more of the Aloha State, but they also get involved with the local community. For example, when USS Crommelin (FFG 37) visited Hilo in April for the 36th annual Merrie Monarch Festival, 15 Sailors volunteered to assemble a jungle gym at a local county playground, used by neighborhood children and students at St. Joseph's School.

These strong community relations have long been a goal of the Navy's and continue to be important to everyone - from the newest seaman to the admiral. The Navy ohana realizes the importance of lending a hand and working as part of the community to help continue making Hawaii a wonderful place to call home... just like good neighbors.



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PWC donates computer equipment to local schools

By Maura Yee
PUBLIC WORKS CENTER

Public Works Center (PWC) Pearl Harbor donated 40 personal computers and 12 printers to Farrington High School on April 29.

Farrington High School Vice-Principal Myron Monte accepted the computers, which will replace those lost in a fire that destroyed the school's computer room.

"We had such a great response from people after the fire," said Monte. "The computers from PWC will be used in a new mini computer lab created for special education students."

As part of the School Transfer Program, which was started by Vice President Al Gore,

Executive Order 12999 allows government agencies to give used computer equipment to non-profit, educational organizations. Each machine must be operational and ready-to-go.

Counting this latest contribution, PWC Pearl has given away close to 200 pieces of used computer equipment since last October to eight different Oahu schools including Kaimuki High, Pearl City High, Epiphany School and Kapunahala Elementary. PWC plans to donate about 70 computers to three additional schools in the future. Donations are made on a first-come, first-served basis.



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A Public Works Center worker loads used computer equipment which were donated to Farrington High School. The 40 computers and 12 printers will help replace computer equipment destroyed by a school fire.