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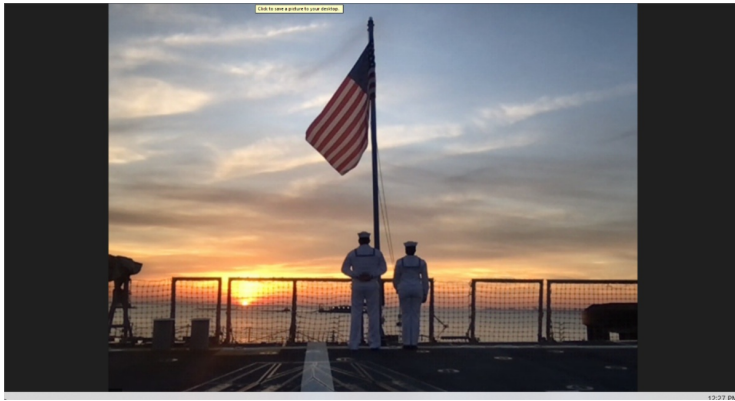
## MEET SOME OF THE CREW OF THE USS DANIEL INOUYE



Last week, the Navy League Honolulu hosted a webinar with Commander DonAnn Gilmore and nine members of the USS Daniel Inouye crew. The ship was on a scheduled stop in Norfolk, Virginia. Commander Gilmore provided a quick update on the ship, followed by a wonderful opportunity to hear from each of the crew members.

Two of the sailors proudly shared their Hawaii roots -- IT1 Chace Bee is from Hilo and CTR1 Sato who was born on Oahu and raised on Maui. Both have over 11 years of service. IT1 Bee is excited to be able to spend Thanksgiving with his family this year, and is looking forward to being homeported ... well, at home! He picked the USS DANIEL INOUYE as his next assignment and is honored to bring her to be home in Hawaii. CTR1 Sato shared that his great grandfather came to Hawaii from Japan in search for a better life, as did Senator's grandparents. He has enjoyed learning more about Senator's story, and hopes to follow in the Senator's footsteps in service to our nation in the armed forces.

During the call, the conversation took a quick break for the Retiring of the Colors and a beautiful sunset. You can watch the webinar here -- <https://navyleaguehonolulu.org/programs/seapower-speaker-series.html>



Crew members shared their appreciation for the Hawaii goodies and Olelo cards from Matrons of Honor Jessica Inouye and Jennifer Sabas, along with Maid of Honor, Maggie Inouye. The goal was to send steady doses of “Aloha” over the past months to prepare the crew for their journey home to Hawaii. The final dose of Aloha was 40 pounds of 100% Kona coffee donated from Country Samurai Coffee Company and Kauai Kookies which Commander Gilmore shared was wonderful on the early days out to sea. Also included were several Olelo cards - “A Hui Hou” , until we meet again as they bid farewell to the good people of Bath, Maine.



We wish the crew safe travels and very excited to welcome them home in mid-November!

Aloha  
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