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Welcome Home USS Daniel Inouye!



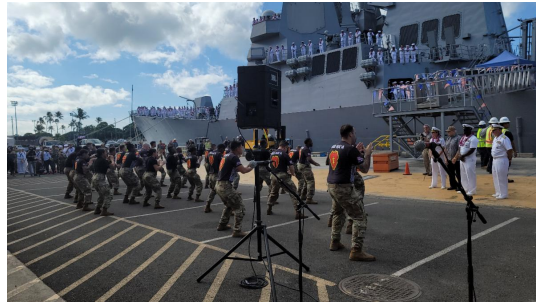
Honoring the Islands -- From Hilo to Honolulu

On November 18, 2021 the future USS Daniel Inouye (DDG-118) arrived at Pearl Harbor after rendering honors in Hilo Bay, Kahului Bay, Kalaupapa & Nawiliwili Harbor. So many memories and pictures -- stay tuned for more updates in the coming weeks!

E Komo Mai! Welcome Home
DDG-118!

It was a long awaited moment for families and supporters of the ship, and she did not disappoint as she sailed into view escorted by war canoes wearing our signature warrior long sleeve shirts & adorned with a 65 foot lei skillfully made by Brion Chang. The Hawaiian Airlines Hula Halau got the festivities going and the 25th Infantry Division Haka team provided a traditional greeting upon CDR Gilmore's arrival on shore. Mayor Blangiardi proclaimed November 18th as USS Daniel Inouye Day to welcome her home, and everyone was treated to specially made Zippy's "Dan Pacs" filled with the Senator's favorites (korean chicken, corned beef hash, spam, fried noodles & rice).





Tuesday November 16th: Hilo Bay

Mahalo to Mayor Roth & his team for proclaiming November 16th as USS Daniel Inouye Day! It was the first time she was seen in Hawaii, and was made extra special by the presence of 442nd Veteran Wataru Kohashi. Mayor also paid a special visit to 442nd Veteran Isamu Kanekuni to present him with a hat and challenge coin from the ship!





Tuesday November 16th: Nisei Veterans Memorial Center (Kahului)

Mahalo to Mayor Victorino and the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center on Maui for hosting an amazing viewing and for proclaiming November 16th as USS Daniel Inouye Day in Maui County! We were also blessed to have very special guests Harold Okumura and Masao Motooka, both Military Intelligence Service (MIS) veterans.





**Wednesday November 17th:
Timber's Kauai, Nawiliwili
Harbor**

It was a stunningly beautiful day on Kauai as Mayor Kawakami proclaimed November 17th as USS Daniel Inouye Day. Mahalo to the Mayor's Office & Timbers Kauai for hosting this special viewing, which included special guest Norman Hashisaka, an MIS veteran and founder of Kauai Kookie (you may remember that we sent the crew Kauai Kookies as they sailed off for Hawaii!).

