



DANIEL K. INOUE
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Aloha Friends,

The USS DANIEL INOUE was commissioned last December and homeported at Pearl Harbor. It has been an amazing and wonderful ride ever since. And here we are approaching Thanksgiving.

In October, the Daniel K. Inouye Institute and the Navy League of Honolulu hosted two neighbor island visits of the **USS DANIEL INOUE**. It provided residents and community leaders of the Big Island and Maui a special opportunity to visit the ship. We also shared the beauty and aloha of the islands with the crew and their families!



From October 21 - 23, the USS DANIEL INOUE, anchored in Kailua-Kona. Canoes from Kai 'Ōpua Canoe Club escorted her to the anchoring spot in Kailua Bay. Danny Akaka Jr. and his wife Anna performed a welcome and blessing for the ship's arrival. They were joined by Executive Officer Kevin Dore and 3 sailors. They also shared a beautiful song and dance for those gathered. Later that afternoon special guests from the community were invited to tour the ship and see firsthand some wonderful exhibits and collections displayed on the ship.



During the ship's stay in Kona, crewmembers volunteered at the West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery, cleaning gravestones, and planting new trees. Prior to the event, USS DANIEL INOUE's Commanding Officer Dave Haile placed a lei at the memorial to honor the veterans laid to rest at the cemetery. The crew and family were treated to a buffet lunch at the Courtyard King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel while the hotel's cultural advisor shared the amazing history of the brave warriors of Kona including King Kamehameha the Great. The hotel chef toured the ship's kitchen, and in return, he shared his kitchen with the ship's chefs! Both were equally impressed!

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From Kona, the ship sailed to Lahaina, Maui from Oct. 28 - 30. The ship was met by the Mo'okiha o Pi'ilani voyaging canoe as she sailed into Lahaina on a beautiful Friday morning. The Mo'okiha crew joined CDR David Haile and 3 sailors as they chanted and welcomed the ship and her crew to Lahaina. It was a chicken skin moment! As we did in Kona, Maui community members were invited to tour the ship.



Crew members volunteered at the 49th Annual Maui Economic Opportunity Senior Fair at War Memorial Complex in Wailuku – parking cars, escorting kupuna, and helping with clean-up. The skipper and XO also paid their respects at the memorial. The Pacific Fleet Band also provided beautiful music as fairgoers entered the facility.



In the late afternoon, Lahainaluna High School Boarders Association hosted the USS DANIEL INOUYE sailors and their families to a wonderful lunch with all the Hawaiian luau favorites, with the students, sharing their culture, hula, and songs. The program finished with the traditional singing of Hawaii Aloha, all joined hands and filled the entire cafeteria. A first-time experience for our sailors!





Upon returning to Pearl Harbor, **Sam Choy's In the Kitchen** tv show was on-board the USS DANIEL INOUYE to film an episode with the 2 chefs from the ship. **The episode will air on November 20th on KHON at 6:30 – 7:00p.m.** Hawaii time. Last fall, **NCIS Hawaii** filmed part of an episode on the ship – Season 1, Episode 22 titled “Ohana”. It was fun to see the inside shots of the ship with the Senator’s historical items in the background.



Don't miss the episode!

Aloha,
Jennifer, Sara and DKII