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Navy League Honolulu Council holds 50th Annual Sea Service Awards

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Navy League Honolulu Council held the 49th annual Sea Service Awards at the Hale Koa Hotel in Honolulu Dec. 10.

The ceremony honored outstanding Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard junior officers and junior enlisted personnel in the Middle Pacific region.

"I want to thank the star performers that are being recognized at today's ceremony," said Coast Guard Rear Adm. Manson Brown, commanding officer of U.S. Coast Guard District 14, who served as keynote speaker. "You are the best of the best. You have embraced the core values and have gone above and beyond your normal duties and that is what makes you great."

"You all have done a great job of taking the core values of your respected service and embracing them. That is what has made you the top performers at your command and throughout the region," said retired Rear Adm. Sonny Masso. "Thank you for all that you have done and everything that you continue to do."

Award recipient Information Systems Technician 1st Class Edwin Flores, assigned to USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), contributed his success to the help of others.

"I really want to thank my wife, my mentor and my chain of command for helping get to this position. Without them none of this would have been possible," said Flores. "It just feels really great to be considered as one of the region's top performers."

Navy League recognized a total of 41 personnel from U.S. Pacific Command; U.S. Pacific Fleet, CCGD 14; Commander, Navy Region Hawaii; Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific; Commander, Submarine Force Pacific Fleet; Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific; Commander, Destroyer Squadron 31; Commander, U.S. Marine Corps, Pacific; and Commander, Patrol Reconnaissance Forces, Pacific.

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