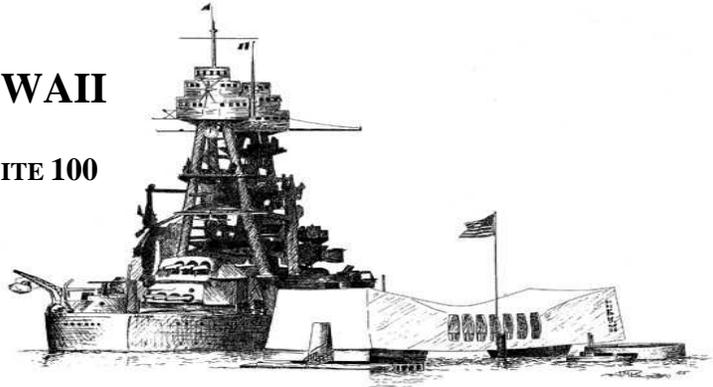


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Only Two Weeks Left in 2010 ‘iCARE’ Combined Federal Campaign

Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii --This year’s Combined Federal Campaign is just past the half-way point, as of Oct. 15.

On October 1, 2010, federal agencies and military services throughout the Pacific officially kicked off the 2010 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) fundraising drive. Admiral Patrick Walsh, Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, is the 2010 CFC chair. This year’s slogan is iCARE: iContribute, iAssist, iRenew, and iEnrich.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy, through Presidential Executive Order, established the CFC. Its continuing mission is to support philanthropy through the generosity of federal employees and military servicemembers.

Hundreds of charities have benefited from the efforts of many CFC volunteers. Cmdr. Jeanene Torrance, the 2010 CFC project officer, said, “In these difficult financial times, federal employees are in a great position to truly make a difference. The Combined Federal campaign makes that possible.”

Polly Kauahi, director of development for the Hawaii Food Bank, works to combat hunger and malnutrition. “Each year over 183,500 people in Hawaii struggle with hunger. Sadly, over 55,000 are children. Your generous support of the Combined Federal Campaign provides meals for many of those needy families.”

Lyn Brown, Executive Director for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Hawaii, stressed the importance of CFC, saying, “For many years, Combined Federal Campaign donors have helped the kids of Make-A-Wish, Hawaii, cope with their illness, by caring and sharing. We want everyone to know how important these gifts to us are and how much we appreciate them. Approximately 30 percent of our wish kids are civilian and military dependents and CFC donations fully sponsor their wishes,” she said.

“CFC donors have helped us bring hope, strength, joy and aloha to children in our islands by allowing them to escape from a world of hospitals, tests and treatments into a world where dreams come true. A granted wish lets them be kids again instead of fighting very adult battles. For that we are forever grateful,” she added.

The CFC currently supports over 2,200 local, national and international charities. These organizations provide services and assistance to people in nearly every walk of life. It is only through charitable donations that many of these organizations can sustain their efforts.

This year’s campaign concludes October 31, 2010. For more information, visit www.cfc-hawaii.org.

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