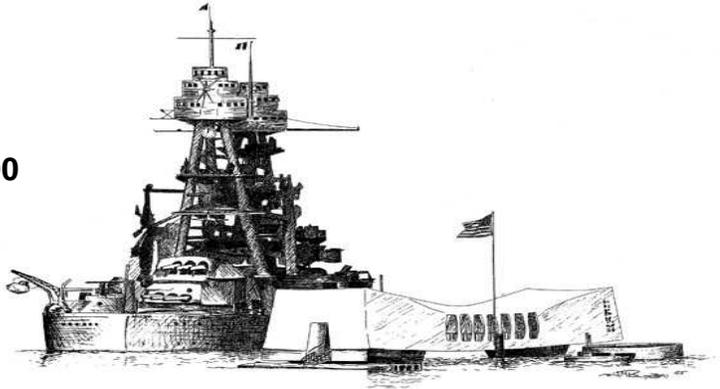


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Navy Celebrates Earth Day with Springfest Celebration April 25

PEARL HARBOR – The Navy in Hawaii springs into action in celebration of Earth Day with an eco-friendly event for the entire family on Saturday, April 25, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Ward Field, Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Springfest 2009 goes green with educational exhibits, interactive displays, and various activities and contests to raise environmental awareness and learn ways to preserve and protect Hawaii’s fragile environment. The event is free and open to all active duty, military-affiliated Department of Defense personnel, their families and sponsored guests.

Meet Smokey Bear, learn about storm water prevention and pollution, find out about native species on Navy lands, and learn ways to be an everyday environmental hero. Be a part of the kick-off for Navy Recycling Center’s “Recycling Countdown FY2009” and buy children’s treasures at the Kids Korner garage sale. The event will feature entertainment by juggling artists Team Rootberry, high energy dancers from 24-VII Danceforce, and The Green House interactive exhibits.

Partnering with the Navy are Earth Day exhibitors from the City and County of Honolulu’s Department of Environmental Services, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Hawaii Nature Center, Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Pacific Services Center, State Dept. of Transportation Highways Division, and U. S. Coast Guard’s Sea Partners Program. The Federal Fire Department, Naval Maritime Forecast Center & Joint Typhoon Warning Center, Navy Hawaii Energy Team, and Navy Region Hawaii’s Natural Resources Program will also join in the Springfest Earth Day celebration.

Media interested in covering the event should contact Grace Hew Len at 473-2926 or 781-4617 by 3 p.m. Friday, April 24. Media will be met at the Pass and ID parking lot adjacent to the Nimitz Gate at 3 p.m., April 25, to be escorted onto base for the event.

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