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Navy program offers guidance, support

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) uses morning television airways to help get its message out.

CSADD is a peer mentoring group established in 2010 by Adm. Mark Ferguson, then-vice chief of naval operations, that is tasked with providing service members tools and support to make better decisions in their daily lives.

On Dec. 26, 2013, CSADD appeared on the KHON-2 (FOX) bi-weekly "Navy News" segment to further promote its great cause.

"Especially during the holiday time of year, it is more important than ever to ensure our Sailors and other branch's team members are aware of the program," said Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Abrel Smith, JBPHH's CSADD president. "Letting people know that there are options and support out there can make a real difference."

During the live interview, Smith shared the benefits of the program and performed a Breathalyzer demonstration.

JBPHH's CSADD has engaged in numerous awareness programs over the years, all with the intent of providing service members with better options.

"We have really tried to be a visible presence both on base and off," Smith said. "We want to be in the forefront of people's minds, hoping to curb some of the destructive behaviors we have seen in the past."

According to the Commander, Navy Installations Command website, CSADD is in place to assist Sailors in making life decisions that will maintain positive lifestyles in keeping with the Navy's core values, and to guide Sailors away from making poor, destructive decisions by providing them with positive and dynamic training.

"CSADD is for service members of all ages and rank," Smith said. "We create a peer group that supports each other and the command.

"I am very proud to be a part of CSADD, and very proud of the results that the program has been producing."



Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Abrel Smith (left), JBPHH CSADD president, speaks to a live TV audience about the peer mentoring group during a bi-weekly "Navy News" segment on KHON-2 (FOX) Dec. 26, 2013. U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY CHIEF MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST DONALD W. RANDALL