

# School partnership earns Flagship Award for FISC Pearl Harbor

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For the past 10 years, the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Pearl Harbor (FISCPH) has played a large role in the lives of students at Momilani Elementary School, and on Feb. 27, that role was recognized when FISCPH received an honorable mention (medium shore command) in the Navy's Health, Safety and Fitness Flagship awards program.

The award recognizes commands with the best overall community service programs that teach and encourage individuals, especially youth, to lead healthy and active lives.

In 1999, FISCPH and Momilani Elementary established a rewarding educational partnership that is highlighted

by weekly visits to the school by military and civilian volunteers. During these visits, FISC personnel read to the students, tutor, lead the youngsters in physical education, conduct drug-free assemblies, do yard work, paint everything that doesn't move, and generally serve as models of citizenship and patriotism. In addition, FISC has donated textbooks, gardening tools, rubbish bins and air conditioners; and it has completed numerous beautification projects, including the construction of a spacious Hawaiian garden. In October 2008, under the leadership of Capt. Randy Moore, commanding officer, FISC donated math textbooks valued at \$4,500.

"You name it and FISC is right there," said Doreen Higa, Momilani principal. "Some commands enter school partnerships out of obligation. FISC does it from the heart. It's a matter of pride."

Situated in the cool highlands overlooking Pearl Harbor, Momilani Elementary has won two national Blue Ribbon School awards and is admired across the state for the quality of its academic program. It is ranked at the very top of Hawai'i public schools in math and reading test scores, but its rigorous academics are balanced by an equal emphasis on character education. Honolulu Magazine ranked Momilani as number one in its article, "Grading of Public Schools."

