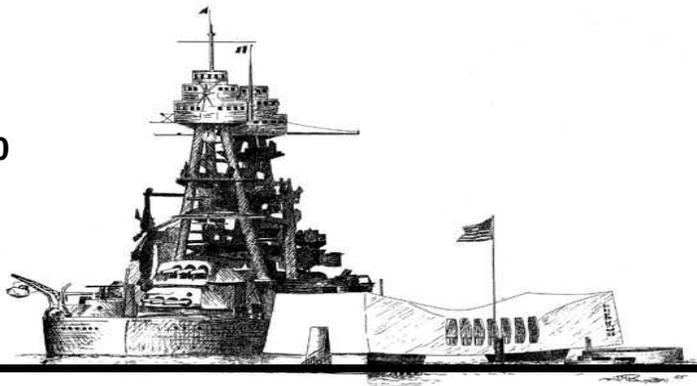


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EODMU-3 Recognized for Ordnance Removal at Molokini Island

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(PEARL HARBOR) – Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit THREE (EODMU-3) was formally recognized by Deputy Secretary of the Interior Lynn Scarlett and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for their removal of unexploded ordnance from the waters of Molokini Island during a ceremony April 23 on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

From March 11-16, EODMU-3 Sailors disposed of three pieces of ordnance, helping make Molokini Island, located 2.5 miles off Maui's south coast, a safer place for people and wildlife in the process. The ordnance was discovered during surface inspection surveys completed in December 2006 and March 2007 by the U.S. Navy, at the request of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

“The work these men did was dangerous and I thank them for their outstanding work,” said Scarlett. “This is not only about service to keep the nation secure, but service in making sure it is a nation worth securing and conservation is a key part of that.”

Four Sailors assigned to EODMU-3 were individually recognized for their efforts during the ceremony, as was Rear Adm. T.G. Alexander, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific for his leadership during the event.

“Being part of Hawaii and learning to love the island, it felt great to be part of something that protects the environment and makes sure our future generations can enjoy this as well,” said Chief Explosive Ordnance Disposal Christopher Garcia, assigned to EODMU-3.

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