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2009 Hawaii's Outstanding Military Spouse Awards Program
Sponsored by the Hawaii Navy League

Background of Award Program

The Navy League was started in 1902 by President Theodore Roosevelt. Its mission is to educate the public on the need for a strong Sea Service. This is the fifth consecutive year that the Navy League has taken the initiative to honor our outstanding spouses of service members deployed abroad. The recipients of this year's awards have functioned as the **volunteer** communication and organizational focal point for units that were or still are deployed in the theater of hostile operations during the calendar year of 2009. Quite simply, they are the glue that holds the deployed families together. Each branch of the respective services they represent, to include the reserves, determined selection of each recipient. This year's Honorees are as follows:

2009 Recipients

Air Force – Sharon Ortiz
Army – Katherine Ebersole
Coast Guard – Randi Fox
Marines – Jillian Sentell
Navy – Jessica Jane Swanson
Hawaii Air Guard – Rita Miller
Hawaii Army Guard – Leilani Kerr
US Pacific Command – Tiffany Milisavljevich

Award Ceremony at City Hall on 27 NOV at 10:00 AM: Hawaii Navy League President Don Morrison will present/introduce award recipients to Mayor Mufi Hannemann. Mayor will deliver remarks. This is the fourth year the Mayor has participated in the awards program. Mayor Hannemann, Navy League President Don Morrison, Melvin Ing, Oceanic Time Warner Cable representative Matt Mishina, Major General Robert Lee and State Rep. K. Mark Takai will present certificates to award recipients and will participate in a photo opportunity with recipients.

Presentation at UH Football Game at Aloha Stadium on 28 NOV At 5:30 PM: The Honorees will be recognized immediately prior to kick-off at mid-field. Quite fitting as UH has declared it as military appreciation day. Hawaii Navy League President Don Morrison and Oceanic Time Warner Cable representative Matt Mishina will lead the VIP delegation on to the field. Once reaching the award recipients, **Mr. Morrison and Mr. Mishima will present each with a ceremonial \$1,000.00 check** and congratulations, followed by Mayor Mufi Hannemann, Admiral Robert Willard, Major General Robert Lee and Rep. K. Mark Takai.

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