USS Daniel Inouye Returns to Fleet Early After Successful Maintenance



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Leaders from the U.S. Pacific Fleet and Hawaii Regional Maintenance Center (HRMC) recognized the joint government-industry team for the achievement in a ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, March 19, 2026. The project's success was hailed as an example of exceptional teamwork and professionalism.

"This maintenance period for USS Daniel Inouye set the highest standards across the Pearl Harbor waterfront," said Capt. Brian Ryglowski, HRMC deputy commander.

He praised the ship's crew for their "culture, mindset, and positive attitude," which allowed them to seamlessly integrate with nearly 20 different maintenance activities.

"The ship definitely went 'for broke'," Ryglowski added, referencing the ship's motto. "This was an unprecedented performance that gave back significant operational time."

Effective and efficient maintenance keeps the U.S. Navy lethal and ready to defend the nation and maximizes the lifespan of its vessels. Navy regional maintenance centers conduct repairs and alterations that cannot be done by the ship's crew.

Daniel Inouye’s Commanding Officer. U.S. Navy Cmdr. Ryan Kelly, attributed the success to his team’s culture.

“Our Project Team culture was founded on three main principles: team cohesion, a solution-driven mindset and deliberate communication,” Kelly said. “No matter the barrier or challenge we faced, there was a level of commitment to each other that ensured our success. I am convinced that our people made the difference.”

Daniel Inouye is named for the late U.S. Senator from Hawaii, a Medal of Honor recipient who served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Europe during World War II. The ship honors this legacy by adopting the unit’s historic motto, “Go for Broke.”

This maintenance was managed by HRMC and executed by the lead maintenance contractor, Pacific Shipyards International.

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