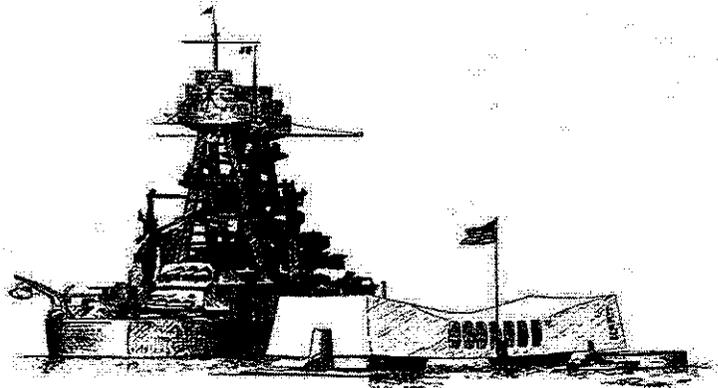


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## ***NAVY TO DISCUSS HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD***

Officials from Navy Region Hawaii depart this weekend for Washington, D.C., where they will receive the Environmental Award for Cultural Resources Management from the Chief of Naval Operations.

A media availability will be held Friday, April 30 at 10 a.m. on Ford Island to discuss the award and the Navy's historic preservation efforts. Navy Region Hawaii's historic preservation officer will be on hand to take questions, and will provide a brief tour of significant Ford Island historic sites.

Navy Region Hawaii was selected for the award based on its Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan, which balances the Navy's operational mission with the management of cultural and historical resources. The Navy in Hawaii manages more than 1,400 historic structures and 140 Native Hawaiian archeological sites. Included in this inventory are five National Historic Landmarks and three properties listed in the National Historic Register.

Navy Region Hawaii has sought to adaptively re-use historic structures that would otherwise be demolished or left to deteriorate over time. A recent example is the new Navy Lodge on Ford Island. Originally built as officers quarters in 1941, the historic building has been renovated to create a modern hotel that preserves the original architectural character. Virginia Murrison, an award winning preservation architect, was the consultant on the preservation aspect of design and construction.

The award will be presented to Navy Region Hawaii at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.,  
May 4.

Media interested in attending the availability and tour Friday should contact Ens. Julya  
Wacha at the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at (808) 473-2926 no later than 4 p.m.  
Thursday to arrange for escort.

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