

VP-9 'Golden Eagles' CSADD Sailors volunteer in community

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MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII, Kaneohe Bay – The Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) at Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) recently held their first 2013 volunteer event at Enchanted Lakes Elementary School, Kailua, Hawaii.

Twenty-one "Golden Eagle" Sailors volunteered their time to clean and paint support columns and exterior portions of the school in an effort to improve its overall appearance.

"It was exciting to have so many people show up on a Sunday. It made the work go quickly because we were having fun," said Navy Personnel Specialist Seaman Ricardo Nazaire.

"Before the Navy, I was really into volunteer work, so when the opportunity to be involved came up, I jumped on board," added Nazaire, who is currently serving as the VP-9 CSADD yeoman.

Established in 2010 by the Navy in accordance with OPNAVIST 1500.80, CSADD serves as a peer-to-peer mentoring group for Sailors ages 18-25 years. The group was created to positively influence young Sailors' behavior through resources and tools that promote good decision-making.

"I didn't have CSADD coming up in the lower ranks. This is an opportunity to mold the junior Sailors and give them the guidance I didn't have coming up," said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Angelina Harris, VP-9 CSADD president.

"I am really motivated and looking forward to CSADD growing as well as having more volunteers, increasing morale and having fundraising opportunities so we can give back to the Sailors," Harris said.

On Dec. 19, 2012, VP-9 CSADD was recognized Navy-wide when the Chief of Naval Personnel announced the CSADD 2012 Sea and Shore chapters of the year in NAVADMIN 384/12. VP-9, Navy Region Hawaii, was one of four chapters honored as a Region Sea Chapter of the Year.

Other chapters receiving region honors were Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, USS Enterprise (CVN 65); Navy Region Southwest, USS Peleliu (LHA 5) and Navy Region Japan, USS George Washington (CVN 73).

"I have always had this feeling inside that I want to give back, especially since I joined the military, and CSADD has given me that opportunity," said Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class Zachery Borice, VP-9 CSADD vice president.

VP-9 CSADD is planning future volunteer and morale events which are open to all VP-9 Sailors and focused on providing positive opportunities for fellow shipmates.

Commissioned in 1951, VP-9 provides maritime patrol and undersea warfare services to the fleet by employing the latest technology and tactics to provide advanced capabilities in multi-theater

environments. VP-9 currently operates the P-3C Orion and will transition to the P-8A Poseidon in 2016.

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