

VP-4's CSADD helps protect He'eia Stream

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Patrol Squadron Four's (VP-4) Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) chapter recently partnered with the He'eia Stream Restoration project to protect the He'eia Stream.

Continuing to strengthen community relations, the CSADD chapter worked with more than 30 people from the local Kaneohe area, clearing areas of non-native species and debris, spreading mulch, planting native species, and maintaining planted areas. "There were many invasive species taking up too much water, so it was important to eliminate those plants while ensuring the native plants are able to grow in the area," said Aviation Electronics Mate 3rd Class (AW) Edrico Garcia, a CSADD member.



The He'eia Stream Project started in 2010 to restore 4,000 feet of riparian habitat in He'eia Stream. In addition to rejuvenating the area, the future goal of the He'eia Stream Restoration project is to allow community groups to utilize the project as an educational experience. "It's a great opportunity to volunteer and give back to the community, while spending time outdoors," Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class Karah Mabry, VP-4 CSADD president.

VP-4's CSADD chapter was established in July 2011. While adhering to its mission statement, "Shipmates Helping Shipmates," the organization works to create a culture in which its members maintain a course of success through good decision making.

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