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Navy in Hawaii Recognizes October as Energy Action Month

PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii – As part of Navy Energy Action Month, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii hosted an Energy Action Fair and training sessions for Navy, Air Force, and civilian Building Energy Monitors (BEMs) Oct. 14, at the Ford Island Conference Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

NAVFAC Hawaii also invited any interested area personnel who wanted to learn more about energy and water conservations efforts to attend the fair held prior to the BEM training sessions. Presenters at the fair included NAVFAC Hawaii Energy Team, NAVFAC Pacific Energy Team, Hawaii Natural Energy Institute, Department of Defense Information Analysis Center, Hawaii Energy, Hawaii Electric Company, Forest City (Public Private Housing Venture) & Navy Region Hawaii Housing Office, Pacific Energy Solutions, and CH2MHill. Each provided valuable information on how anyone can help conserve energy.

Commanding Officer NAVFAC Hawaii Capt. Dean Tufts opened the training sessions by thanking each BEM for their participation in the program and told them of their importance to the Region and Joint Base in meeting goals set by the President and the Secretary of the Navy.

“For Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, you are our eyes and ears at each of your commands,” said Capt. Tufts. “Our collective goal is to ensure everyone knows how to easily reduce their energy and water consumption, not just to meet a directive from senior leadership, but because it is the right thing to do. Behavior such as turning off lights, computers, and air conditioning must become as habitual as putting on your seat belt in a car.”

Following Capt. Tufts’ final message on how Hawaii BEMs are essential in enabling others in their commands to practice conservation behavior, Katie Ramirez, NAVFAC Hawaii energy team member and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) installation energy manager presented the main training presentation to over 260 military and civilian personnel who attended the morning and afternoon sessions.

“This training is to empower you in your duties as Building Energy Monitors,” said Ramirez. “To present the latest information and assist you in educating your coworkers helping them eliminate energy and water waste, thereby saving the Navy significant dollars that can be reprogrammed for other critical facility operation and maintenance needs.”

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The presentation started by stating that energy bills are the single largest cost for the Navy reflecting about 28 percent of its shore budget. And, here in Hawaii, the bill is over \$7 million a month.

Ms. Ramirez reported that the Navy in Hawaii met its water reduction goal this year; however, it fell short of reaching its energy goal of 30 percent reduction, only obtaining 22 percent. According to a recent Presidential Executive Order, our new goal is to reduce energy consumption by 2.5 percent per year and reduce water use by 36 percent by the year 2025. The Department of the Navy goal for energy reduction is to reduce consumption by 50 percent by 2020.

“This is a very ambitious set of goals that will take everyone’s participation,” said Ramirez. “Imagine if you had to cut your home energy bill in half. You would have to make some pretty drastic changes in the way you live. That’s what will need to be done here at work with everyone adjusting their behavior on how they get the job done cutting the Navy’s energy use in half.”

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PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (Oct. 14, 2015) Navy Region Hawaii Housing Office provides a table “Know Your Energy Load” at this year’s Navy Energy Action Fair Oct. 14 with various light bulbs to allow fair participants to see the difference in energy usage. (U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley, NAVFAC Hawaii Public Affairs/Released.)



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PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (Oct. 14, 2015) Personnel from Naval Facility Engineering Command Hawaii’s energy team participate in this year’s Navy Energy Action Fair Oct. 14 assisting attendees in learning more about energy consumption by having them spin a wheel to select a question and answer. Individuals with a correct answer won a nominal prize to help reinforce the knowledge. (U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley, NAVFAC Hawaii Public Affairs/Released.)



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PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (Oct. 14, 2015) On Oct. 14, attendees at this year’s Navy Energy Action Fair and Building Energy Monitor training sessions, hosted by Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii, sign in and collect various information on conserving energy and reducing water waste. (U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley, NAVFAC Hawaii Public Affairs/Released.)

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PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (Oct. 14, 2015) Commanding Officer Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii Capt. Dean Tufts addresses area Building Energy Monitors (BEM) at this year's Navy Energy Action Fair and BEM training Oct. 14, at the Ford Island Conference Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley, NAVFAC Hawaii Public Affairs/Released.)



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PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (Oct. 14, 2015) Commanding Officer Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii Capt. Dean Tufts thanks Hawaii Building Energy Monitors for their efforts at changing coworker behavior toward energy and water usage at this year's Navy Energy Action Fair and BEM training Oct. 14, at the Ford Island Conference Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley, NAVFAC Hawaii Public Affairs/Released.)

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