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Dear Friend,

The Navy League of the United States, Honolulu Council will hold its seventh Annual American Patriot Awards Dinner on Saturday evening, August 7th at the Coral Ballroom of the Hilton Hawaiian Village. This year the Council is honoring two American Patriot "Couples": "**Perry and Price,**" and **Jim and Carole Hickerson.**

The Navy League of the United States, Honolulu Council, is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating our Citizens about the importance of sea power to U.S. national security and supporting our military men and women and their families. Funds generated help to support youth programs, such as Sea Cadets and NJROTC as well as support services, scholarships, and recognition for active service personnel.

Known as "Perry and Price", Michael W. Perry and Larry Price are perennially No. 1 in Honolulu morning radio. In 1983, radio personalities Michael W. Perry, a former Naval Officer and Larry Price, a former NFL player and head coach of the University of Hawaii football team became a team. And as they say, the rest is history. Their combined efforts on behalf of the military and community at large, are legendary. Whether it be charity drives, the voice of calm during hurricanes and power outages, or just trying to track down a criminal with their "Posse," Hawaii turns to Perry and Price in her time of need. They are givers of their time and talent.

Carole Hickerson's first husband Capt. Stephen Hanson, USMC, vanished in 1967 while piloting a secret helicopter mission in Laos. During the Vietnam War years, she was one of the most outspoken POW/MIA wives, breaking the code of silence about POW/MIA's by publicizing their plight on a television program. After helping to create the National League of Families for POW/MIAs, she became its second President and a member of its Board of Directors. She met with Presidents Nixon and Ford, Secretaries of State, and many world leaders to help spotlight the POW/MIA issue. When the POW's returned and it became obvious that Stephen had perished, she moved on with her life. In 1974, while helping with a POW event at the Texas Cotton Bowl, fate would intervene. She met Jim Hickerson, a former POW. Soon thereafter, Jim and Carole were wed and have spent the last 36 years together.

Capt. Jim Hickerson, in 1967, as a LCDR was on an air mission when his aircraft was hit by a surface-to-air missile (SAM) and he was forced to eject. He spent nearly six years as a POW in the torture and deprivation of the North Vietnamese. Upon returning home, he continued his naval career until retiring with 30 years of dedicated service. After completing a highly successful second career as a businessman, he serves as a volunteer. Whether it is being a deacon at the First Presbyterian Church, a leader in the Navy League and AFCEA, or speaking to groups, he continues serve his country and our community.

Please join us in supporting our Navy League as we honor these **outstanding Americans.** Tickets or tables may be purchased by calling (808) 422-9404, or faxing in the attached.

Sincerely,

David Livingston
Chair
American Patriot Dinner Committee 2010

