



## KAP(SS)4 KID(SS) USSVI-BOWFIN BASE-PEARL HARBOR

**Thursday May 30, 2013 – Honolulu, HI-** The Submarine Veterans of the USSVI BOWFIN BASE, PEARL HARBOR, were excited about the opportunity to experience the wonderful world of childhood at the Kapi'olani Medical Center. To acknowledge these brave young children who are courageously fighting Cancer and other grave illnesses, the Submarine Veterans (SubVets), Kenneth Joyner USSVI Bowfin Base Commander, Dan Del Monte, past Base Commander, Bill Steinke, Joan Peters, National Vice President - Subvettes – Ladies of the U.S. Subvets and Marsha Joyner Team Leader of KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS), presented them with special Submarine Veterans caps. The children also received a submarine coloring book and become Honorary Submariners.

In the true Hawaiian tradition, one young patient made Lei for all of us.



While the children had serious ailments they exhibited remarkable resiliencies. The attitudes and the smiles belied the graveness of their conditions. Walking the halls of the children's ward, going from room to room was "Tucker" a beautiful golden retriever service dog. Inasmuch as golden retrievers are instinctively hunting dogs – not Tucker- with his loyal and gentle temperament and willingness to please, he retrieves lots and lots of love.



Tucker – the Hospital Service Dog - receives his KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS) and a coloring book for USSVI Bowfin Base –Pearl Harbor Subvets  
Left to right Dan DelMonte –Tucker- Bill Steinke – Kenneth Joyner-Base Commander



KAP(SS)4 KID(SS) is a USSVI Community Outreach Program that brings joy to children especially those with Cancer. The program was founded on July 1, 2007 by USSVI's current National Commander, T. Michael Bircumshaw. As part of the program, Submarine Veterans visit hospitals, hospices, Ronald McDonald Houses, child psychiatric facilities or anywhere children are being treated. The social interaction of a KAP(SS)4 KID(SS) visit benefits sick children as well as the Submarine Veterans who visit them. It also provides positive local awareness for USSVI <http://www.youtube.com/embed/DaHOrDe4U5E>







Not only did this lovely little Skylar get a KAP, she gave us caps. Skylar has a class mate who has to cover her head at all times. Therefore the little girl wears a hat. So Skylar gave each child in the class a hat also so the girl would not feel alone.

Bowfin Base like Submarine Veterans at bases across the United States have come together to donate the Honorary Submarine KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS). Bill Steinke passed a sizeable donation from three women who do not know us. Joan Peters made a Hawaiian Quilt, which was a raffle prize at the Bowfin Base Memorial Day Luncheon. It generated hundreds of dollars. Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. has joined KAP(SS)4 KID(SS) as the co-sponsor of the Submarine coloring book. For Bowfin Base Subvets it is a total commitment.



Joan Peters & Gary Johnson hold the Hawaiian Quilt



The Dolphins are a part of the quilt design

“It means a great deal to the kids to have special visitors” wrote Tim Moore, Past Commander Perch Base USSVI. “I can guarantee you it will do your heart a lot of good to see their smiling faces from receiving something as simple as a cap.” Moore continued

“I am a Cancer patient and understand what these children are going through,” said Stumpy (Walter) Taggart, past Team Leader of the KAP(SS)4 KID(SS) USSVI Bowfin Base. “Some of the treatment may cause the children to lose his/her hair and the cap is a neat cover-up, something they can wear with pride.”

The United States Submarine Veterans Inc. USSVI was started by a group of United States Submarine Veterans of World War II on 12 October, 1963 in Orange, NJ. The founders shared a belief in the need for an organization open to all submariners, from the very beginning of the Submarine Service in 1900, through to the present and into the future - not limited to just those who served so ably in the second World War. They wanted to make it known that those lost on Submarines, in the line of duty for their country, will never be forgotten.

The Charitable Foundation of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. was formed in 2000 to further the creed of USSVI by assuming the responsibility of USSVI activities which are charitable in nature such as scholarships, memorials and museum support.

