New mobile crane adds to state’s natural disaster readiness

Honolulu Harbor is the life blood for the majority of Hawaii’s goods and if that goes down, the state is ready.

On Monday, the state, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Navy blessed a new mobile crane at Pearl Harbor that will assist with cargo off-loading in the event a natural disaster renders Honolulu Harbor inoperable.

Securing the $3 million crane was a collaborative effort among the state of Hawaii, industry and port partners, and the U.S. military, and made possible with funding from a port security grant program.

“When they came here and we showed them around our ports and they understood the importance of the people and state, we would starve without these ports. We couldn’t bring in enough things by air,” said

Hawaii air crew returns from Iraq deployment

Two Hawaii Air National Guard KC-135 refueling aircraft and airmen who had deployed to the Middle East returned home early Tuesday morning after conducting more than 100 refueling missions for aircraft including fighters and bombers in and around Iraq, officials said.

The airmen were greeted in the

Hawaii State Department of Defense Award Winners

Team of the Year Award
Hawaii Emergency Management Agency
The Community Resilience Outreach and Education Team

Kevin Richards, Shelly Kunishige, Marsha Tamura, Brian Miyamoto, Steven Yoshimura, Danny Tengan, Brandee Nishimura, Jennifer Howlett, Meischa Jackson, Steven Sigler, & Leighton AhCook

Employee of the Year Award
Nancy Saito - Administrative Services Office