

The "Skinny Dragons" Serving Holiday Cheer  
LTJG Taylor Combs

The Skinny Dragons of Patrol Squadron FOUR (VP-4) served up big dishes of holiday cheer on Christmas day at the NASSIG galley. VP-4 is a Hawaii based Maritime Patrol Squadron on deployment in the SIXTH Fleet area of responsibility. Over six thousand miles from family and friends, the Officers and Chiefs of VP-4 came together and volunteered to serve a full spread Christmas dinner to each galley patron. Whether sailors came to eat a delicious Christmas dinner or they jumped at the opportunity to see their senior leadership in full apron, the Skinny Dragon Sailor turnout was high.

"It reminded me of home cooking," said Petty Officer Tyrel Unsell. "Mom looked a little different, but the love was still there!"

Over two hundred dishes were served and every seat in the galley was taken. The Department Heads manned the food line while the Chief Petty Officers worked the dining room.

"It was an opportunity for us to serve our sailors and show our appreciation for the amount of hard work and effort they have put forth so far this deployment," said LCDR Dave Drake, a VP4 Department Head and acting chef.

Sailors were given five star service. The Maintenance Master Chief, Master Chief Barnes, greeted Sailors as they arrived and took drink orders, and Command Master Chief Smedley returned used dishes and trays to the kitchen.

"Its great to know that the Officers and Chiefs care so much about the Skinny Dragon family," Said Senior Chief Stanley Lenover. "I know the Skipper puts a lot of focus on family. I'm glad he does, and I really felt a part of a big family today."



VP-4 Personnel from left to right: AWVC Edward Hopper, AWOCs Stanley Lenover and LCDR Scott Beaty



VP-4 Personnel from left to right: LCDR Davis Drake, LCDR Jamy Brassfield, LCDR Kevin Meinert, LCDR Mike Kamas, LCDR Jon Horn, LCDR Ryan Davis, LCDR Scott Beaty



VP-4 Personnel from left to right: AWO2 Isaac Davila, AWO3 Daniel Phillips, AWO1 Christopher Aiu,