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With Navy ship in town, community encouraged to Adopt-a-Sailor
USS O’Kane will bring about 330 people to Juneau

The Navy ship USS O’Kane with about 330 officers and crew members will be visiting Juneau May 13 to May 18. The O’Kane is a 505-foot Arleigh Burke-class destroyer homeported in Pearl Harbor, HI. To welcome the vessel and those on board, the City & Borough of Juneau is coordinating several activities, including the Adopt-a-Sailor program.

Adopt-a-Sailor encourages local Juneau residents to host a visiting sailor. The program doesn’t have strict guidelines for what is expected from volunteers. Ideas include inviting them to a home-cooked meal, showing them around town, taking them hiking. The Adopt-a-Sailor program will simply link volunteers with those aboard the USS O’Kane. To participate, please fill out [this form](#).

Unfortunately, USS O’Kane’s schedule doesn’t allow for the vessel to moor shoreside, so it will remain at anchor throughout its visit. Because of the requirement to operate water taxis, tours of the vessel will be limited.

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For more information on the Adopt-a-Sailor program, contact Docks & Harbors staff Jennifer Shinn, Teena Larson or Carl Uchytel at 586-0292, or go [here](#).