



SOLAR
PROJECT
BREAKS GROUND AT
WEST LOCH



PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE FACILITY HOSTS HULA GRADUATION

Hula master Puna Kalama Dawson and some students visited Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) Barking Sands, Kauai as part of an `uniki ceremony, Sept. 1. This event is one of multiple events leading up to a graduation ceremony for students to become hula masters. The group visited multiple sites at PMRF with cultural significance including the Lua Kupapa`u O Nohili Crypt. (Photo by MC2 Bodie Estep)



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Rear Adm. Stephen Barnett, commander, Navy Region Hawaii, breaks ground at West Loch in Ewa Beach during the groundbreaking and blessing ceremony, Oct. 6 for Kupo Solar, a new photovoltaic and battery storage facility that will help stabilize energy costs, lessen fuel usage, and improve energy independence.

(Photo by Melvin Gonzalvo)



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Your Navy Team in Hawaii

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii oversees two installations: Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oahu and Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, on Kauai. We provide oversight for the ten surface ships homeported at JBPHH. Navy aircraft squadrons are also co-located at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe, Oahu, and training is sometimes also conducted on other islands, but most Navy assets are located at JBPHH and PMRF. These two installations serve fleet, fighter and family under the direction of Commander, Navy Installations Command.

The guided-missile cruiser and destroyers of Commander, Naval Surface Force Pacific deploy independently or as part of a group for Commander, U.S. Third Fleet and in the Seventh Fleet and Fifth Fleet areas of responsibility. The Navy, including your Navy team in Hawaii, builds partnerships and strengthens interoperability in the Pacific. Each year, Navy ships, submarines and aircraft from Hawaii participate in various training exercises with allies and friends in the Pacific and Indian Oceans to strengthen interoperability. Navy service members and civilians conduct humanitarian assistance and disaster response missions in the South Pacific and in Asia. Working with the U.S. Coast Guard, the Navy in Hawaii provides drug interdiction and fisheries enforcement operations for Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. In even-numbered years, Hawaii hosts the biennial summer Rim of the Pacific Exercise, the world's largest military maritime exercise, featuring more than two dozen nations and 25,000 personnel.

The Navy family in Hawaii comprises around 50,000 people, most of whom are active duty service members and their families, and includes nearly 15,000 civilians and contractors as part of our workforce.

JBPHH includes the Pearl Harbor waterfront, Hickam flight line, Wahiawa annex and several other areas in West Oahu and provides a major logistics and other support hub for the military and military families. Supporting the nation's ballistic missile defense initiative, the Pacific Missile Range Facility on the western coast of "The Garden Island," is the world's largest instrumented multidimensional testing and training missile range.

We provide services to the U.S. Pacific Command, one of DOD's six geographic combatant commands, with an area of responsibility covering half the globe. We directly support two component commands whose headquarters are on JBPHH: Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Commander, U.S. Pacific Air Force. Close to our own Region/MIDPAC headquarters command is Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. With 18 forward-deployable combat-ready U.S. Navy submarines, Pearl Harbor is home to the largest submarine presence in the Pacific. The Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, on JBPHH, is the largest ship repair facility between the West Coast and the Far East. Within our region, we support more than 100 tenant commands.

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In the November issue, Ho'okele will highlight stories on Fall/Winter Safety, Veterans Day, National American Indian Heritage Month, Makahiki, and more.





Celebrating 247 years Happy Birthday, U.S. Navy

CNO's Message to the Fleet



Adm. Mike Gilday
Chief of Naval Operations

Happy Birthday, Shipmates.

We join together to commemorate and celebrate our Navy's 247th birthday. Together, we continue to stand the watch 24 hours a day, seven days a week – as we have for the past 247 years.

Since our nation's founding – through peace, war, and every challenge in between – the U.S. Navy has protected America's prosperity, sustained our nation's influence, supported our Allies and partners, deterred conflict, and when called upon, defended the ideals of freedom in combat. Our Navy's operations and presence – at home and on the high seas – have underpinned America's strength as a maritime nation. As we reflect on our shared history and heritage, let us remember the sacrifices of those who sailed before us to keep the seas free and open.

I've said it before: this is the most exciting and consequential time to be in the United States Navy. The security of the maritime commons has never been more vital to the prosperity of the globe. With fierce competition challenging our way of life and the rules-based international order, the Navy remains on call and on watch to protect the freedom of the seas so vital to the stability of the world. Of course, our platforms and their capabilities are important attributes, but it is the leadership and dedication of our Navy's people – Sailors, civilians, chiefs, and officers – that will make the difference in the years to come.

So let us celebrate this important occasion and continue to build our incredible legacy together with our families and loved ones.

Happy 247th birthday, Navy. See you in the Fleet.

Diverse VIEWS

“What is the most awesome costume you ever wore and why?”

By Melvin Gonzalvo and Anna General



Davin Chon
Hickam Arts and Crafts Center

“The most awesome costume I ever wore was Charmander because it is obviously the best starter Pokemon, and I was able to get a Charmander suit from Japan.”



Senior Airman Don Crocker
647 Force Support Squadron

“I would probably say the Flash costume because I've always been a big fan of running, and I get complimented a lot on my running just because I'm like so short.”



Gunner's Mate Seaman Gabriella Crumpler
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

“One year for Halloween, I was Catwoman, like with the fun suit and mask. It was the coolest thing ever.”

October is... ENERGY ACTION MONTH

Story by Bryan Law, Navy Region Hawaii Energy Program

Each October, the U.S. Navy and many agencies across the country recognize Energy Action Month (EAM) to promote sustainability, clean energy, efficiency and resilience, while encouraging the smart use of energy, water, and transportation resources.

Why is the focus on energy? Energy in various forms is powering our joint forces defense missions from afloat to ashore, in the air and under the sea.

For our installations, electricity is powering our family housings, illuminating airfields at night, keeping computing centers running and facilities cool, while enabling many other essential operations for mission readiness.

Hawaii is the state most dependent on petroleum fuels for electricity generation. The conflicts in Ukraine and rise in oil prices have highlighted economic impacts and supply chain disruptions due to dependency on imported fuels.

To reduce this dependency and increase energy resilience, our installations are partnering with our local communities to advance toward Hawaii's clean energy vision.

In March 2021, a 19.3 MegaWatts defined conditions (MWdc) photovoltaic (PV) solar array with 70 megawatt-hour (MWh) battery energy storage system (BESS) on board Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) began commercial operation.

This project is a showcase of successful collaboration between PMRF and its local electric utility Kauai Island Utilities Cooperative (KIUC) utilizing an Enhanced Used Lease (EUL) authorized by U.S.C. 2667.

As part of the in-kind consideration KIUC constructed energy resilience infrastructure improvement for PMRF, including black-start islanding capability, which significantly improved mission

assurance in response to potential power grid disruptions.

During the initial 12-month operation, this project has resulted in \$2.1M in fuel cost savings for KIUC rate payers and reduced more than 29,000 metric tons of CO2 equivalent emission.

In October 2022, a 42 MW solar farm with 168 MWh BESS will begin construction at West Loch, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

This Kupono Solar project is a partnership between the Navy, AMERESCO, and Hawaiian Electric Company to generate clean renewable energy and lessen the cost impact from imported oil. Through this Enhanced Use Lease partnership, the Navy will receive in-kind consideration in the form of infrastructure improvement and increase resilience to support our missions.

What actions can you take? There are many energy saving opportunities in your home and your workplace that can reduce waste and ease the impact of rising energy costs.

- Turn off air conditioning and lights in unoccupied spaces.
- Secure air conditioning boundary when the AC is running – close doors and windows.
- Turn off unused machines or appliances during lunch or at the end of the day.
- Report and/or fix water leaks.
- Review your operation and identify efficiency opportunities.
- Participate in the Building Energy Monitor program and learn about conservation and efficiency ideas, and help to get the word out to your teammates.

Your efforts can make a difference! Visit Navy Region Hawaii's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NavyRegionHawaii for more information in the coming days.

(Photo courtesy of Pacific Missile Range Facility)

DoD simulates Fuel Spill Recovery at Red Hill

“Demonstrating that our personnel have the ability to quickly and appropriately respond to a release or spill at Red Hill is crucial in our continued effort to safely and expeditiously defuel the facility.”

- Rear Adm. Stephen Barnett, commander, Navy Region Hawaii

Courtesy story, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The Navy, with observers from the Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) present, recently completed a complex spill response exercise which simulated the recovery of a fuel oil spill from fuel lines within the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This represents a significant milestone in the Department of Defense’s (DoD) ongoing preparations to safely defuel and close the facility.

This full-scale exercise tested the DoD’s emergency spill response capabilities, and its ability to work with multiple agencies to respond to a fuel oil release during the removal of fuel from pipelines at the Red Hill facility. The drill was the culmination of weeks of training, coordination, and scaled exercises that included representatives from DOH, EPA, the U.S. Coast Guard and the DoD.

“Demonstrating that our personnel have the ability to quickly and appropriately respond to a release or spill at Red Hill is crucial in our continued effort to safely and expeditiously defuel the facility,” said Rear Adm. Stephen Barnett, commander, Navy Region Hawaii, who led the exercise. “We remain committed to working closely with our partners in the Department of Health and Environmental Protection Agency to protect our community and our aquifer.”

The exercise was developed in cooperation with DOH, EPA and other regulatory agencies. The Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor’s Fuel Department conducts annual oil spill training to meet requirements of the National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program outlined in the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

Throughout execution of the defueling plan, the DoD will continue to coordinate with DOH and EPA to meet the requirements and timelines established in the state’s superseding Emergency Order, ensure compliance with environmental safeguards, and safely defuel Red Hill in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

More information on the defueling work, including the updated plan, can be found at www.navy.mil/jointbasewater. For video footage and additional photos of the exercise, visit www.dvidshub.net/unit/C-NRH.



Personnel assigned to Navy Region Hawaii, Federal Fire Department Hawaii and Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor monitor communications from the incident command post during a spill response exercise, Sept. 22. (Photos by MCC Christopher Blachly, Shannon Haney and Mel Gonzalvo)

SOLAR PROJECT BREAKS GROUND AT WEST LOCH

The U.S. Navy, in partnership with Ameresco, held a groundbreaking and blessing ceremony for the Kupono Solar Project at the West Loch Annex on board Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Oct. 7.

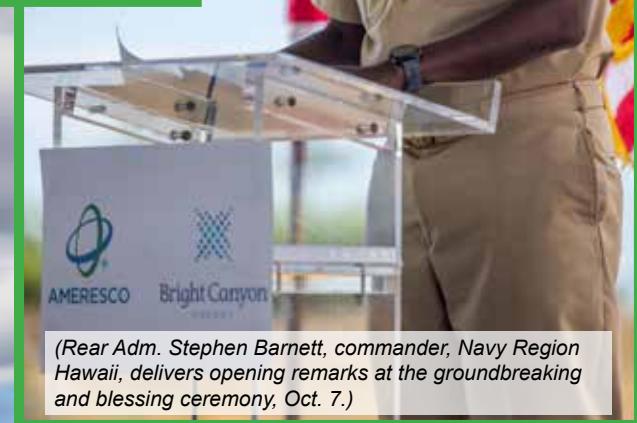
The Kupono solar and battery energy storage system will be built on approximately 131 acres of federal land in Ewa Beach which will power 10,000 homes and remove more than 50,000 tons of carbon dioxide emissions annually from Hawaii's environment, according to Kupono Solar's brochure.

The Navy plans to lease the land to Ameresco to develop the Kupono Solar Project, who will construct, own and operate 42 megawatts of renewable energy and feed electricity to the local utility, Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) for use by the public and the Department of the Navy (DON).

According to a briefing card stated by the U.S. Navy, the power generation facilities will provide renewable energy to the HECO power grid, which will greatly improve electrical resiliency and reliability for HECO customers on Oahu, including the Navy.

It will enable HECO to move cheaper, cleaner energy to where it is needed, both on and off base, while contributing to the state's goal of generating 100% of Hawaii's energy from renewable sources by 2045.

With the partnership between the U.S. Navy and Ameresco, it will provide benefits to the community and the Navy which will ensure full-base resilience in the event of a grid outage, maintain Navy operational capability in the event of widespread power outages, provide the Navy with the ability to "island" the JBPHH grid from the larger HECO grid, provide power for HECO to purchase and deliver to both the installation and the community, and improve islandwide power reliability.



(Rear Adm. Stephen Barnett, commander, Navy Region Hawaii, delivers opening remarks at the groundbreaking and blessing ceremony, Oct. 7.)

Story by Anna Marie General, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs
Photos by Melvin Gonzalvo



Providing renewable energy, stabilizing energy costs, reducing dependence on fossil fuels and providing a pathway to increased energy independence.

OCTOBER IS PREVENTION MONTH

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of Oct. 9 in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on Oct. 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

This year's theme is "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape!"

Here are some safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) on how to make a home escape plan.

- ▶ Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- ▶ Know at least two ways out of each room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- ▶ Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- ▶ Practice your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- ▶ Practice using different ways out.
- ▶ CLOSE the doors behind you as you leave.

The Federal Fire Department hosted informational booths at several DoD Exchange locations from Oct. 5. During the events, firefighters provided fire safety tips to inform families about keeping their homes and workplace free of fire hazards. (Photos by Anna Marie General)

HIGH-RISE APARTMENT & CONDOMINIUM SAFETY ▶

For the best protection, select a fully sprinklered building. If your building is not sprinklered, ask the landlord or management to consider installing a sprinkler system. Meet with your landlord or building manager to learn about the fire safety features in your building (fire alarms, sprinklers, voice communication procedures, evacuation plans and how to respond to an alarm.)

Know the locations of all available exit stairs from your floor in case the nearest one is blocked by fire or smoke. Make sure all exit and stairwell doors are clearly marked, not locked or blocked by security bars and clear of clutter.

If there is a fire, pull the fire alarm on your way out to notify the fire department and your neighbors. If the fire alarm sounds, feel the door before opening and close all doors behind you as you leave. If it is hot, use another way out. If it is cool, leave by the nearest way out. If an announcement is made throughout the building, listen and carefully follow directions.

Use the stairs to get out. Typically you should not use the elevator unless directed by the fire department. Some buildings are being equipped with elevators intended for use during an emergency situation. These types of elevators will clearly be marked that they are safe to use in the event of an emergency.

Always follow up with a 911 call to notify the fire department once you are outside in a safe location. Let them know if someone is trapped inside the building. If unable to get out because of fire, smoke or disability, STUFF wet towels or sheets around the door and vents to keep smoke out.

- ▶ Call the fire department and tell them where you are. Open a window slightly and wave a bright cloth to signal your location. Be prepared to close the window if it makes the smoke conditions worse.
- ▶ Fire department evacuation of a high-rise building can take a long time. Communicate with the fire department to monitor evacuation status.

FACTS ▶

A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.

According to a National Fire Protection Association survey, only one of every three American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan. While 71% of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only 47% of those have practiced it.

One-third of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least six minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only 8% said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out.

IF THE ALARM SOUNDS ▶

- ▶ If the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- ▶ If you have to escape through smoke, GET LOW AND GO under the smoke on your way out.
- ▶ Call the fire department (911) from outside your home.

To learn more about Fire Prevention Week/ Month, visit the National Fire Protection Association website at firepreventionweek.org and sparky.org

For more information, please contact Battalion Chief Al Balderama (808) 471-8004 or albert.d.balderama.civ@us.navy.mil.



WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN

NRC Pearl Harbor hosts 9/11 remembrance

Story by Wayne Randall
Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Navy Reserve Center Pearl Harbor hosted a ceremony on Sept. 11 at Bishop Point's Missing Man Memorial on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, in remembrance of the 21st anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks.

It was the worst attack on American soil since the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Terrorists from the Islamist extremist group Al Qaeda hijacked and crashed four commercial aircraft, killing nearly 3,000 people on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's Command Master Chief Billy J. Smith delivered his remarks as the guest speaker.

"All of us are here today because we remember and we gather the memories of those we lost to keep them close," said Smith.

Many remember that day as if it were yesterday, however, "almost a quarter of the citizens we defend [today] were born after 9/11." This includes thousands of service members either not born or just babies in 2001.

Smith gestured to the harbor behind him and said, "Just like we reflect and honor what happened here in Pearl Harbor 80 years ago, we must continue to reflect and honor the memory of 9/11 in perpetuity."

Americans will remember what happened in Manhattan, Shanksville and the Pentagon on 9/11. President George W. Bush addressed the nation on the day of the attack and said, "Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve."

Although we are no longer at war in Afghanistan, "the liberty and democracy we defend is still our sacred duty," said Smith.

In closing, Smith called upon all present to remember how they felt on 9/11, to remember not only the horrific attacks, but how America came together as one nation. "Unity of purpose and unity of effort are the way we will defeat future enemies and make America safer for our children and grandchildren. Let us never forget."



(Photos by Wayne Randall and Melvin Gonzalvo)



USS PORT ROYAL DECOMMISSIONS

By Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet



USS Port Royal (CG 73), the 27th ship of the Ticonderoga class guided-missile cruiser, was recognized for more than 28 years of naval service during a decommissioning ceremony on Sept. 29 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

During the ceremony, guest speaker Capt. Joe Ring, commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (COMNAVSURFGRU MIDPAC) wished current and former crew members and their families fair winds and following seas as they bid farewell to their ship.

"The operations Port Royal Sailors supported when the nation called provided tremendous significance to their lives as well as the legacy of the United States Navy," said Ring. "They left an indelible legacy for the future. To remain ahead of our competitors, we must now invest and provide our Sailors with the most advanced systems and warfighting capabilities that will enable us to maintain our competitive edge."

Port Royal's commanding officer, Capt. Michael "Mike" Wagner, reflected on the service of his crew and those who came before.

"USS Port Royal and generations of Sailors served our nation with honor and distinction for more than 28 years," said Wagner. "Port Royal deployed all over the globe and earned numerous awards and accolades during her time of service. We are proud of what this ship and her crews accomplished."

Port Royal maintained a crew of 40 officers, 31 chiefs and 300 enlisted Sailors. The ship was built in Pascagoula, Mississippi, by Ingalls Shipyard Company and commissioned

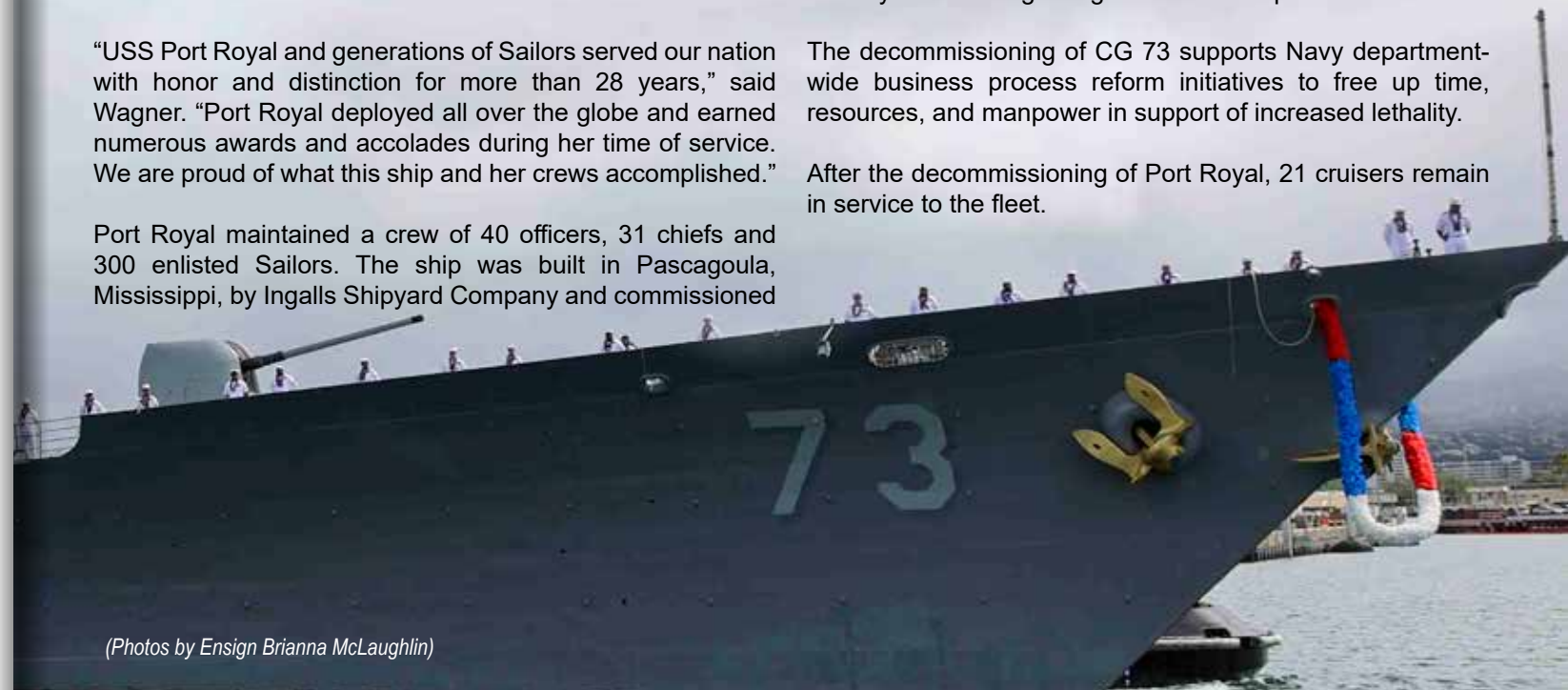
July. 9, 1994, in Savannah, Georgia.

CG 73 is the second ship in the U.S. Navy to be commissioned as Port Royal. The first ship of the fleet to bear the name "USS Port Royal" was a wooden 1163-ton "double-ender" side wheel steam gunboat, built in New York City. Commissioned in April 1862, Port Royal was soon sent to the Hampton Roads and James River areas, taking part in the battle at Sewell's Point on 8-9 May 1862 and at Fort Darling on 15 May 1862. The first USS Port Royal was decommissioned in May 1866 and sold in October of that year.

The current Port Royal's rich deployment history spans two decades, starting in December 1995 as part of the Nimitz battle group Carrier Group Seven. Following her first deployment, Port Royal became the first Navy cruiser to integrate women into the crew. The ship returned from her final deployment in July 2022. During the ship's 28 plus years of commissioned service, Port Royal made numerous deployments to the Arabian Gulf, Mediterranean Sea, and operated prominently throughout the Indo-Pacific region supporting peace and stability and working alongside allied and partner navies.

The decommissioning of CG 73 supports Navy department-wide business process reform initiatives to free up time, resources, and manpower in support of increased lethality.

After the decommissioning of Port Royal, 21 cruisers remain in service to the fleet.



(Photos by Ensign Brianna McLaughlin)

LOVE JBPHH LEADS BASE CLEANUP EFFORTS

Story by SSgt Jacob Thompson
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs
Photos by Melvin Gonzalvo and SSgt Jacob Thompson

As a fixture in the Oahu community and an important historical site, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) is a place that holds tremendous meaning to many people. It is the responsibility of those who live and work on JBPHH to take care of and maintain the cleanliness of the installation - the organization "Love JBPHH" was organized with this in mind.

"'Love JBPHH' was assembled to take pride in the cleanliness and beautification of the historic joint base," said JBPHH Culinary Specialist 1st Class Daniel Huerta. "The overall goal for this campaign is for all service members and civilians to come together, participate in a joint effort to clean, and make our base and community better."

The beautification campaign hosted its first cleanup event on Sept. 23, with more than 250 individuals showing up to clean up trash on the Pearl Harbor side of the joint base. The volunteers focused their efforts on debris throughout the main roads and parking lots, and collected nearly three thousand pounds of trash.

"I get involved because I enjoy the camaraderie of these types of events; it's a great way to meet new friends or bond with those in your unit. The beautification of the base is essential because it builds morale of all that set foot here."

- JBPHH Culinary Specialist 1st Class Daniel Huerta

"Base cleanups are important because they bring together different tenant commands within the base and service members from multiple branches to achieve the basic common goal of keeping the base clean, and uphold its historic value," said Huerta. "It also exhibits a sense of ownership of our base and housing communities to the Oahu residents."

In addition to ensuring the tidiness of the base, cleanups give people an opportunity to connect with one another and meet new people with a shared goal. For Karon Priebe, a Pacific Air Forces Space Force key spouse, said cleanups introduces her to new faces and creates a sense of togetherness.

"I get involved because I enjoy the camaraderie of these types of events; it's a great way to meet new friends or bond with those in your unit," said Priebe. "The beautification of the base is essential because it builds morale of all that set foot here."

This mindset Priebe and others share about the upkeep and integrity of the installation is a mindset that extends beyond the gates of JBPHH. As mentioned, the base not only serves as an important historical landmark, but is also importantly situated geographically.



"In our short time in Hawaii we should strive to respect the land as it is a big part of Hawaiian culture," Priebe said. "We are at the foot of the watershed and we should do everything we can to clean up the area we live and work in."

"Love JBPHH" has planned for several additional cleanup events throughout the year, with the next scheduled for late November at the Makalapa Compound and on the Hickam side of the joint base in December.



CULTURAL
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October

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

National Disability Employment Awareness Month is an opportunity to reaffirm the DoD's commitment to recruit, retain, and advance individuals with disabilities throughout our workforce.

It is also a time to recognize the many and varied contributions America's workers with disabilities make each and every day across the Nation.

People with disabilities are a diverse group that includes people with sensory, physical, and mental conditions. Disabilities cross lines of age, ethnicity, sex, race, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.

The Department of Labor has chosen the 2022 theme to be, "Disability: Part of the Equity Equation."

"A strong workforce is the sum of many parts, and disability has always been a key part of the equation," said Assistant Secretary for Disability Employment Policy Taryn M. Williams. "People with disabilities make up a wonderfully multifaceted group. By recognizing the full complexion of our community, we can ensure our efforts to achieve disability inclusion are, in fact, truly inclusive."

Have you heard about the Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP)? It is a nationwide recruitment and referral program that links federal and private-sector employers with college students and recent graduates with disabilities.

Candidates represent all majors and range from college freshmen to graduate and law students. Information about the candidates is compiled in a searchable database that is available to employers through the WRP website.

Since 1995, WRP has provided thousands of students and recent graduates with temporary and permanent employment opportunities.

As the nation's largest employer, the DoD recognizes its vital role in advancing disability awareness and employing thousands of workers with disabilities.

Each person brings distinctive skills and abilities to their job. Equity, dignity, respect, and cooperation among all individuals are essential values in the DoD work environment.

By increasing awareness for all members of the workforce, we build a culture that embraces diversity and inclusivity.



JBP HH Airmen participate in CBRN exercise

Airmen puts on a component of Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) gear, during a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) defense exercise Sept. 14, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. MOPP gear is designed to keep CBRN agents from harming the wearer. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Jacob M. Thompson)



DARK SKIES

Story by MC2 Bodie Estep, Pacific Missile Range Facility Public Affairs
Photos by MC2 Samantha Jetzer

Kauai is home to a wide variety of bird species. Of these species there are a few that rely on natural light to guide them to sea.

Newell's shearwater, Hawaiian petrel and band-rumped storm-petrel, listed under the Endangered Species Act, plus the wedge-tailed shearwater, which is protected by the Migratory Bird Species Act of 1918, are all drawn to bright sources of light, man-made or otherwise. In an effort to protect these birds, the Dark Skies program runs every year from Sept. 15 to Dec. 15 to limit the amount of man-made light shining after dark.

Brooke McFarland, the natural resources manager for Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), explained more about the program and its importance.

"This program is beyond turning off many lights," said McFarland. "Events are planned around high-risk times (related to moon phase), surveys are conducted to ensure any birds that have fallen out on base are found, and there is a Save Our Shearwaters (SOS) aid station at Pass and ID to provide a safe place for birds that are found on base and need to be rehabilitated."

It is important that everyone plays a part for this program to be successful and stop the extinction of these birds. The Newell's shearwater, which is of particular concern, decreased 94% between 1993 and 2013. There are many simple ways to support

the program. Keep outdoor lights turned off and use a flashlight or phone if a light is needed outside after dark. Being cognizant of any light possibly escaping from indoor lights through blinds or skylights can prevent birds from circling a light until they fallout from exhaustion. Also make sure to keep any pets on leashes and always keep an eye out for any fallen fledglings.

"If you see an awkward-looking dark bird with a white belly sitting on the ground, please stop nearby (where safe) and call the Natural Resources Hotline at **(808) 208-4416** or (regional) dispatch at **(808) 474-2222**," said McFarland. "If it is one of these seabirds, we will catch the bird for rehabilitation at SOS, where it will stay until it can be released. Please note the precise location (the bird may hide) and whether it is injured."

If for any reason a light must be kept on, a valid waiver is required. This is the same for any scheduled event. To start the process of receiving a waiver, please contact brooke.a.mcfarland.civ@us.navy.mil.

"Everyone on base is critical to the success of the Dark Skies program, and critical to ensuring the mission of PMRF continues through these fall months," McFarland said. "We have had four successful years, which is really a story of the base pulling together. Each light turned off and eye-on-the-sky is a step towards another season without fallout."



Volunteers added visor shields to the lights lining the path of Waiokapua (commonly known as Major's Bay) in support of the Dark Skies program on Sept. 12.

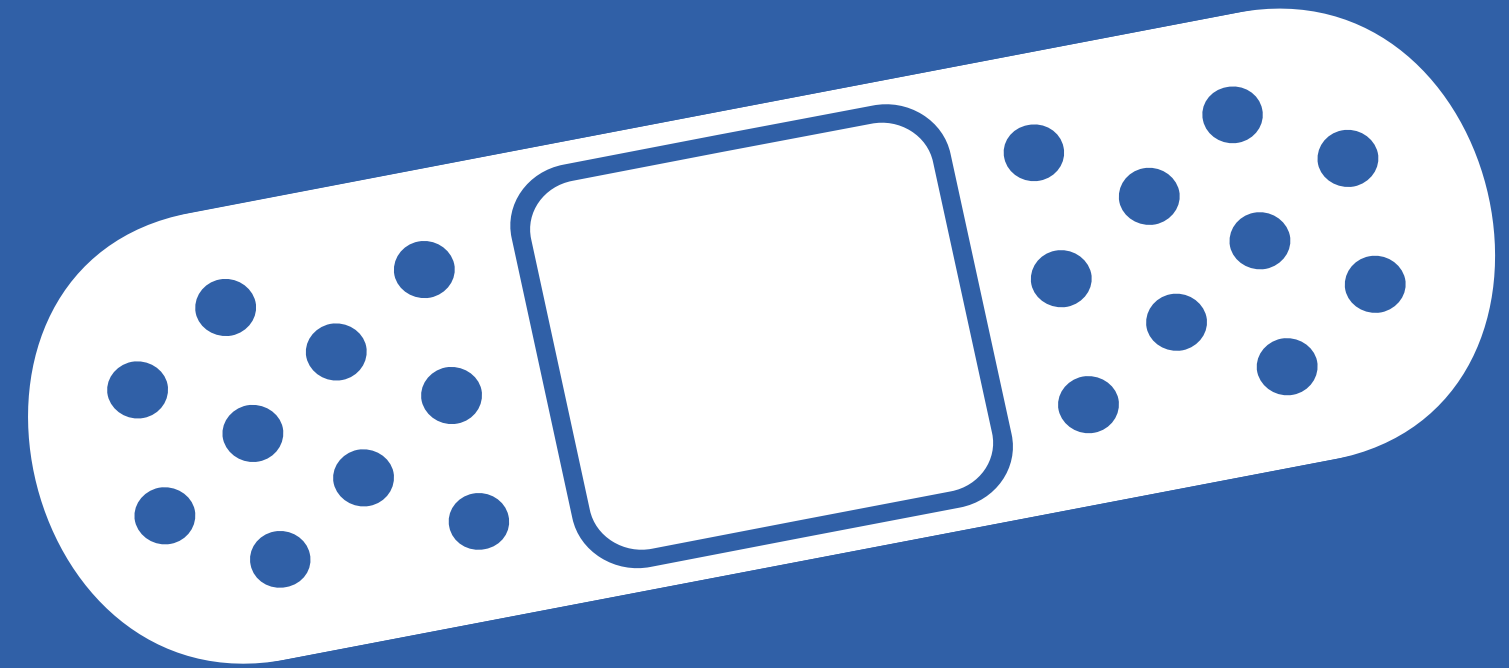


PMRF's environmental team, volunteers, and members from Save Our Shearwaters (SOS) band wedge-tailed shearwaters to help track their movements on Sept. 13. They also collected additional scientific data because there is not much known about these birds due to their low population. There are SOS teams at every firehouse to track the birds across the island.



PMRF Sailors participate in beach cleanup

Sailors pick up trash at Waiokapua, also known as Major's Bay at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands during a beach cleanup hosted by the installation's First Class Petty Officer Association. PMRF is the world's largest instrumented multi-environment range capable of supporting surface, subsurface, air and space operations simultaneously. (Photo by MC2 Samantha Jetzer)



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Now thru Oct. 31* **Crafters interested in being a vendor at MWR's 46th annual Fall Craft Fair** (Nov. 5 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center)? Sign up today! Your wares must be handcrafted. Visit the center or call 808-448-2392 for more information. *9/30 deadline for vendors without base access.

Oct. 3 **Missoula Children's Theater auditions**, 9a.m. at Hickam Memorial Theater for "Red Riding Hood". FREE, open to ages 5-18 years. Rehearsals for selectees Oct. 4-6, performance on Oct. 7.

Oct. 3-31 **Registration open for Winter Youth Sports**, Baseball and Basketball. Season begins Jan. 9. \$60, open to ages 5-16 years. Call 808-473-0789 for more information.

OCT. 15 JBPBH POWERLIFTING COMPETITION

8a.m. at JBPBH Fitness Center. How do you stack up? Squat, bench press and deadlift against your peers in this friendly competition. \$20 registration fee, open to all DoD ID cardholders 16 and older. Register by Oct. 14, limited space.



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Oct. 21 **Battle of the Keys**, presented by Armed Forces Entertainment, 7p.m. at Tradewinds. Audience participation is encouraged at this dueling pianos battle royale. FREE admission, open to DoD ID cardholders and their sponsored guests. Food and drinks available for purchase.

OCT. 28 MFSC HIRING EVENT

10a.m.-2p.m. at the Military & Family Support Center. Meet with employers looking to meet candidates like you! Featuring over 40 employers from the public and private sector located on island and across the nation! Call 808-474-1999 for more info.



HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT & MOVIE NIGHT

5-6p.m. at Hickam Beach. Trick or treat, trunk to trunk, in a safe environment! Dress up your trunk and enter to win spooktacular prizes! To register, email Jbhickamharbor@us.navy.mil or come by the Hickam Harbor Office. Stick around for a FREE family-friendly movie showing at sunset.



HALLOWEEN PARTY

8p.m.-Midnight at Kona Lounge in the Kona Winds Complex. Costume contest, specialty drinks and other spooky surprises. 18 and older, FREE admission.



OCT. 29 WOUNDED WARRIOR 5K RUN

7a.m. at Hickam Fitness Center. Show your support by helping us kick off Warrior Care Month in November with this fun run. Awards given to top finishers in each category. FREE, open to all DoD ID cardholders and their sponsored guests. Call 808-448-2214 for more information.



HALLOWEEN ZUMBA BASH

9-11a.m. at JBPBH Fitness Center. Get ready for a Spook-a-licious time! Join our Zumba@ instructors for a 2-hour, fun-filled workout. Show your spirit by wearing your favorite costumes! Fee is 2 group exercise tickets. Call 808-471-2019 for more information.



PHOTO OF THE MONTH

U.S. Navy 247th Birthday (Oct. 13)
Appropriately enough, this year's theme is "On Watch - 24/7 for 247 Years." It highlights our Navy's ability to remain ready to respond to and deter threats, anywhere. Congratulations to sailors of JBPBH and beyond.



More to see on the other side! ▶

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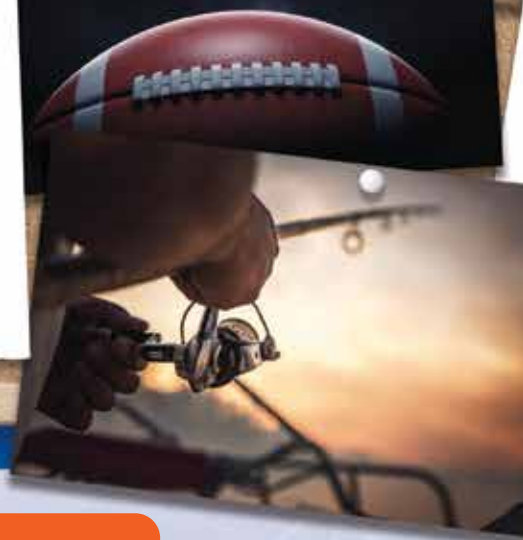
Liberty Program
See this month's Liberty activities calendar.

Outdoor Recreation
See the classes and excursions we have planned on the horizon!

Makai Recreation Center
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Military & Family Support Center
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WATCH NFL FOOTBALL LIVE!
AT TRADEWINDS & THE SANDBAR



THIS MONTH'S EXTRA:



INKTOBER

Started in 2009, Inktober encourages positive drawing habits by challenging you to draw (in ink) something every day in October. You don't need to be a great artist, just start drawing. Traditionally it was black ink only, but now anything is encouraged. Get your family and friends together for the challenge, post an ink drawing every day and encourage others to do the same!

Arts & Crafts

The Fall Craft Fair is Back!

Interested in being a vendor? Call the Arts & Crafts Center at 808-448-2392 for more information.

Everything Food & Drink

Friday Rooftop Pau Hana at Wright Brothers Cafe & Grille
Fridays, 4-8p.m.

Enjoy drinks and a limited pau hana menu while watching the sun set at our open-air rooftop lounge.

Watch the NFL Games Live at Tradewinds and The Sand Bar!

Play weekly Pick & Win at the Sandbar.

Planning a Holiday Party?

Don't wait! Book now to secure your date! Call Catering at (808) 448-2271.

Everything Food & Drink (continued)

DJ Bingo at Tradewinds
Saturdays, 7p.m.

Test your song knowledge & win prizes!

Liberty Programs

Local Grinds

Join Liberty and let us take you to discover local food favorites around the island. We hit a different section of Oahu each time. Local Grinds is offered twice a month on Mondays. Visit the Liberty Center at Kona Winds for more info.

Outdoor Recreation

Try Bottom Fishing at Hickam Harbor!

Scheduling will be done by Lifeguard Supervisor. Private Bottom Fishing (3 hours, max. 5 people) \$175 flat rate. Trip includes gear, bait, guides and boat. Call 808-781-6318 for info.

Makai Recreation Center

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

Tuesdays & Thursdays (Youth) | 5:30p.m.
Tuesdays & Thursdays (Adult) | 6:30p.m.

Learn a complete grappling system, using clinches, takedowns, ground transitions and submissions for competition or self defense. Try a FREE class with coach Tyler BJJ Black Belt! Email vma.vmahi@gmail.com for more information or to sign up!

MFSC

School is back in session and the holidays are right around the corner. Prepare with a class on self care or budgeting! Classes available in financial planning, personal development, relocation, transition & employment. To register or check out the available class listings at jbpbh.greatlifehawaii.com/support/military-family-support-center/mfsc-class-schedule-registration.



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