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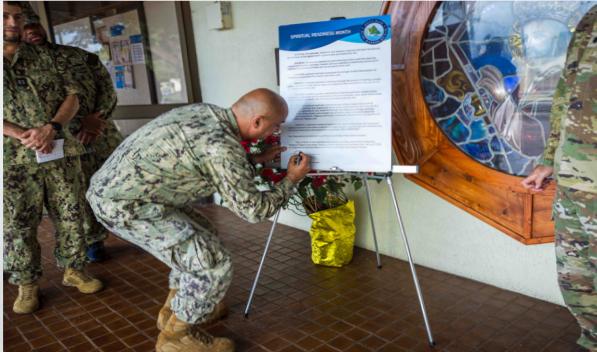
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Upcoming Events

Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booth: Jan. 13 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Newcomer's Orientation, Pearl Harbor Chapel, 1601 Frederick St., from 1-1:30 p.m. *

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January is Spiritual Readiness Month

Capt. Samuel White, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) commander, signed a proclamation on Dec. 30 designating January as Spiritual Readiness Month. JBPHH is among 70 installations across 10 Navy regions highlighting the essential role spiritual health plays in individual resilience and mission readiness. "When warfighters and families are grounded in mind, body and spirit, they can restore from arduous deployments, invest in their well-being and enhance their overall readiness," noted Capt. Kurt Michaelis, Commander, Navy Installations Command Force Chaplin.



Adm. Steve Koehler Speaks at UH Naval ROTC Commissioning Ceremony

Adm. Steve Koehler, U.S. Pacific Fleet commander, delivered remarks and administered the oath of office during a University of Hawaii Naval ROTC commissioning ceremony on Dec. 19 aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial. The commissioning ceremony was the fourth for the recently formed Koa O Ke Kai Battalion. "As a leader in the Navy, it starts with you," Koehler told the new officers. "You must improve yourself professionally and personally every day to set the standard for all to follow."



Laulima Navy Spotlight: A Personal Compass

Working with others is a cultural value and a personal compass for Christine Waters, who works at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Division Keyport, Detachment Pacific. Whether it's helping with a project, mentoring someone or lending skills to assist in crisis, for Waters, laulima means stepping in with open hands, an open heart, knowing that our combined effort amplifies impact. Waters is one of the many volunteers featured in the Laulima Navy Spotlight series.



Pearl Harbor Survivor Ira "Ike" Schab Dies at 105

Ira "Ike" Schab, a World War II Navy veteran and one of the last remaining Pearl Harbor survivors passed away on Dec. 20 in Oregon. Schab had planned on attending the 84th annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony but fell ill days before the Dec. 7 event. Schab enlisted in the Navy in 1939 and was serving as a Musician 1st Class aboard USS Dobbin (AD-3) during the Pearl Harbor attack. He spent the day passing ammunition to gunners.



From Computer Science Student to DPAA Forensic Anthropologist

At the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, some of the sharpest minds in the U.S. dedicate their skills to the recovery of missing U.S. personnel, and to provide the fullest possible accounting to their families and the Nation. Dr. Kyle McCormick, DPAA forensic anthropologist and scientific recovery expert, is one such scientist. He works at the Daniel K. Inouye Center of Excellence on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, helping fulfill the military's obligation to leave no one behind.



This Week in History January 9, 1942

On Jan. 9, 1942, Captain Homer Wallin took command of the Salvage Division of the Navy Yard following the attack on Pearl Harbor. The salvage operation was one of the largest of its kind, and through the efforts of the salvage crews, the damaged fleet was restored and placed back into service to contribute to victory in World War II. Photo: Rear Admiral Furlong, Admiral Nimitz, and Captain Wallin inspecting the salvage operations in USS Oglala.



Laulima Navy underscores our responsibility to the community and the ways we work alongside partners to help and support our neighbors. Service to others and a commitment to the greater good are values we hold in high regard. It is a privilege for all of us to call Hawaii home and we seek every opportunity we can to show how much we treasure this place. Scan the QR code to learn more about Laulima Navy.



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