

THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths: Oct. 8 at Ombudsman & Key Spouse Assembly, Hickam Chapel from 5 to 6:30 p.m.***

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VCNO Visits Hawaii with Focus on Readiness and Warfighters

Vice Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Jim Kilby traveled to Hawaii last week to meet Sailors and leaders contributing to the Navy's warfighting priorities throughout the Indo-Pacific region. During his visit he toured several shore infrastructures including the Wastewater Treatment Plant. "The Navy must continue our momentum of our efforts to invest in our infrastructure and the quality of service of our people," said Kilby.



Families Welcome USS Daniel Inouye After Historic 9-Month Deployment

Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Daniel Inouye (DDG 118) returned to its homeport of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after completing a historic 9-month deployment. Friends and family of the ship's crew waited with signs and lei to welcome the Sailors home. The ship is named after Honolulu native Daniel Inouye, a decorated World War II veteran and who was elected as one of Hawaii's first representatives in the U.S. Congress.



Family and Religion Important to Civilian Protocol Specialist

Angela Marie Mercado, protocol specialist for Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, is proud of her Mexican heritage and culture, and reflects on her upbringing and family traditions during National Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrated Sept. 15 - Oct. 15. Mercado learned many things from her maternal grandparents and uncle, including the importance of good manners and helping others in need. "They're just beautiful role models," she recalled. The lessons she learned as a child have contributed to her professional growth.



19th Joint Memorial Service Honors Veterans

The 19th Annual Joint Memorial Service was held last week at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. The ceremony honors the men who served in the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, and 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion, who died in World War II or have passed on since. The ceremony is held every September to mark the death of the first Nisei soldier killed in combat — Sgt. Shigeo “Joe” Takata, on Sept. 29, 1943.



Hawaii National Guard Welcomes New State Adjutant General

Hawaii Gov. Josh Green presided over a transfer of authority ceremony last week to welcome new Adjutant General (TAG) Maj. Gen. Stephen F. Logan of the Hawaii National Guard. Logan has served previously as Hawaii Army National Guard commander and Deputy Adjutant General (DAG). “Our Hawaii National Guard is a source of great pride for all of us, whether in times of war or peace,” said Green. “It is made up of our neighbors, our friends, our family members —those who have sworn to serve our state and nation with the highest dedication.”



This Week in History: October 10, 1980

The USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center was dedicated on the morning of October 10, 1980 after 2 years of construction. The memorial, which opened to the public in 1962 was managed by the Navy until the decision was made to turn management over to the National Park Service with the opening of the new visitor center and museum. The Navy continues to ferry nearly 2 million visitors a year to the USS Arizona Memorial in partnership with NPS.

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