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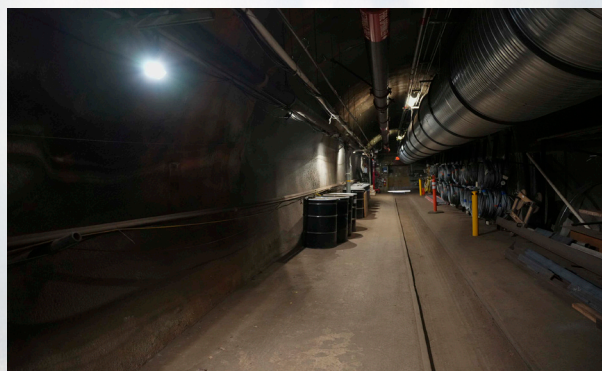


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Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** Oct. 3 at Navy Exchange Mall, 4725 Bougainville Drive, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Oct. 8 at JBPHH Newcomers Fair, Hickam Chapel from 9:30 – 10 a.m.*; Oct. 8 at Ombudsman & Key Spouse Assembly, Hickam Chapel from 5 to 6:30 p.m.*

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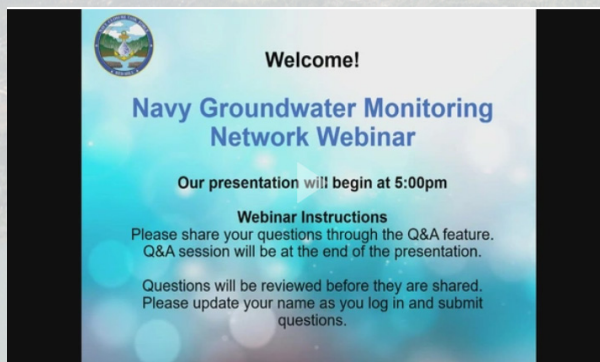


Red Hill Tank 5 Degassing Operations Begin

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) will begin tank 5 cleaning operations this week at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSS). Tank 5 is the fourth of 14 tanks to be ventilated and cleaned as part of the decommissioning process. For more information about NCTF-RH, visit www.navyclosurereport.navy.mil or download the free mobile app searching for “NCTF-Red Hill” in the Apple App store or Google Play store.

Recording of Groundwater Monitoring Webinar Available for Viewing

A recording of last week’s groundwater monitoring informational webinar hosted by Navy Closure Task Force - Red Hill is available for viewing on the NCTF-RH website. The webinar covered the Navy’s groundwater monitoring well network around the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. Since groundwater can be a raw source of drinking water, the Navy utilizes data from the monitoring wells and various flow models to develop a comprehensive understanding of the groundwater conditions in the area.



Mass Communication Specialist Tells the Navy Story, Inspires Sailors

Chief Mass Communications Specialist (MCC) Jose Jaen talks about his Puerto Rican heritage and the significance of the National Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrated Sept. 15 – Oct. 15 to honor the achievements and contributions of Americans who trace their origins to Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Central and South America, and other Spanish cultures. “These observances are important because they make us sit down, reflect, and appreciate how far we have come as a nation, especially for our demographic,” Jaen says.





Families Honor Fallen Service Members at POW/MIA Ceremony

More than 50 years after losing their lives in the Vietnam War, three Sailors were finally honored for their sacrifice. The Sailors are among 2,503 service members whose names are etched in the marble walls of the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Punchbowl. On Sept. 20, 2024, their family members placed a bronze rosette next to their names to symbolize the recovery and identification of their remains.



USS Antietam Decommissioned After 37 Years of Service

Sailors bid farewell to the USS Antietam (CG 54) during a decommissioning ceremony last week on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Commissioned in Baltimore, Maryland on May 22, 1987, the cruiser completed 37 years of faithful service. Antietam was the third U.S. Navy warship named for the site of the 1862 Battle of Antietam, Maryland during the American Civil War. The ship will be transferred to the Naval Inactive Ship Maintenance Facility in Pearl Harbor where it will be in a Logistic Support Asset status.



This Week in History: October 5, 1939

On October 5, 1939, the U.S. Navy established the Hawaiian Detachment at the naval base at Pearl Harbor. The detachment consisted of an aircraft carrier, two divisions of cruisers, two squadrons of destroyers and supporting ships. The detachment, a precursor of the modern Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (MIDPAC), would serve as a small, but highly trained fleet in the Hawaiian operating area.
PHOTO: The USS Lexington off Diamond Head

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