

THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** Oct. 29 at NOAA Daniel K. Inouye Regional Center on Ford Island, 1845 Wasp Blvd., from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Oct. 30 at Kapilina Night Market, Piliikai Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Drive, from 4 – 8 p.m.



Celebrating the Navy's Upcoming Birthday by Helping the Community

This month, the Navy in Hawaii launched *Laulima Navy* to celebrate the Navy's 250th birthday in 2025. During the next 12 months, Navy Region Hawaii will be highlighting 250 acts of community service performed by Sailors and civilians across the state. Reflecting the Hawaiian value of *laulima*, "many hands working together," the initiative underscores the Navy's commitment to the community and the ways Navy personnel volunteer alongside community partners to care for neighbors and neighborhoods.



Navy to Launch Large-Scale Removal of Invasive Octocorals

This fall, the Navy will begin the first large scale removal of invasive octocorals in Pearl Harbor. The fast-growing octocorals, which were first discovered near Bishop Point, pose a threat to the local marine ecosystem. The corals are illegal to own in Hawaii but are known to be popular with aquarium enthusiasts. The upcoming removal effort will include using a combination of tarp smothering and manual removal and is expected to take years to complete.



PMRF Sailors, Civilians Clean Kaunualii Highway

Sailors and civilians from Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai filled 30 bags with trash they collected recently from alongside Kaunualii Highway. PMRF adopted a two-mile stretch of the highway as part of the Hawaii Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway public service program, a way for environmentally conscious citizens to make a contribution to a cleaner Hawaii. In addition to a cleaner roadside, participants help to prevent pollutants from entering storm drains, streams, and the ocean.



Navy Water System Confirmed Safe in EPA Inspection Report

Last week, Navy officials received the results of a wide-ranging inspection of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) public water system conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The inspection, completed over the summer, determined the JBPHH water remains safe for consumption. The Navy has strengthened its sampling and analysis programs as well as customer service practices for those on the water system. More information about the Navy's drinking water initiatives is available at www.jbphh-safewaters.org.



DPAA Holds Disinterment Ceremony as Part of West Loch Project

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) held a disinterment ceremony for eight individuals earlier this month at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific as part of the West Loch Project, an on-going effort by DPAA to disinter, transport, and identify service members who died in the West Loch disaster during World War II. The remains were taken to the DPAA laboratory on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for further scientific analysis and possible identification.



This Week in History: October 27, 1960

The Pearl Harbor Submarine Memorial was dedicated on Oct. 27, 1960, on the Pearl Harbor Submarine Base. The memorial consists of a wall displaying 52 bronze plaques representing each American submarine lost during WWII and listing the names of the crewmembers who perished with their sub. An obelisk stands as a tribute to the valor and legacy of the submarine force.

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