

# THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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## Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** Oct. 30 at Kapilina Night Market, Piikahi Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Drive, from 4 – 8 p.m.; Nov. 6 at Kapilina Night Market, Piikahi Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Drive, from 4 - 8 p.m.; Nov. 7 at Hickam Main Exchange, 10 Hickam Court, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



## PMRF Hosts Ceremony to Rededicate Lua Kupapa'u O Nohili

Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) personnel joined Western Kauai lineal descendants for an Aha 'Awa ceremony on Oct. 10 to rededicate the Lua Kupapa'u O Nohili (crypt) expansion to accept iwi kupuna (ancestral remains). The crypt was constructed as a way to preserve and offer a final resting place for iwi kupuna that are uncovered from natural erosion of the Nohili Dunes. The expanded crypt was constructed in four days following more than two decades of planning and coordination.



## Admiral Shares How Hawaiian Values Shaped His Leadership

Rear Adm. Ryan K. Mahelona believes the Hawaiian values he grew up with helped prepare him for his challenging new role. Mahelona was recently promoted to Rear Admiral, Lower Half, becoming only the third Native Hawaiian to achieve the rank. He follows in the footsteps of Adm. Gordon Paiea Chung-Hoon and Vice Adm. Robert Kihune, who presided over Mahelona's promotion ceremony on Oct. 5. "There are a lot of parallelisms between our culture and what the Navy also values," Mahelona said.



## Newly Pinned Chiefs Reflect on Challenges, Rewards of Leadership

In August, more than 4,000 active duty and reserve Sailors were selected for advancement to the rank of chief petty officer. Earning the title of chief is considered by many to be the most significant event in an enlisted Sailor's career. Nineteen chief selectees from Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) commands were pinned to chief petty officers on Sept. 27. CNRH spoke with two of them about their new roles.



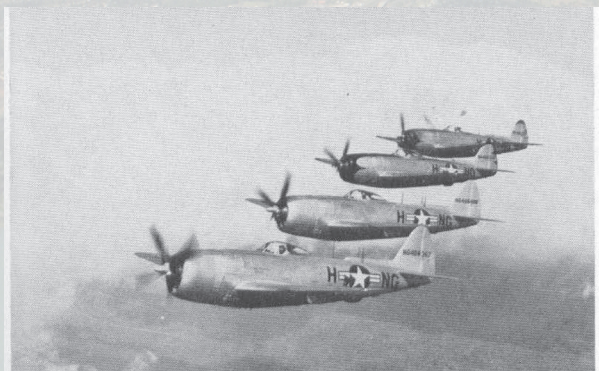
### UH Interns Spend Semester at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

Eleven students from the University of Hawaii (UH) are spending one semester at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) as part of an Educational Partnership Agreement between the shipyard and UH called Internship Opportunity for Mechanical Engineering Students. The agreement aims to establish a program for students in the UH system in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines, enabling them to earn academic credit for projects completed at PHNSY & IMF.



### Adm. Paparo Speaks at Pacific Tech 2024 Conference

Adm. Samuel J. Paparo, commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, was the keynote speaker at the recent Pacific Tech/Pacific Defense Contracting 2024 Conference in Honolulu. PACTECH 2024 is a forum for government and defense industry leaders to build relationships with federal Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer programs. USINDOPACOM is committed to enhancing stability in the Indo-Pacific region by promoting security cooperation, responding to contingencies, and deterring aggression.



### This Week in History: November 4, 1946

The Hawaii Air National Guard was formed on Nov. 4, 1946, one year before the U.S. Air Force was founded. The original four units operated out of Bellows Field flying the P-47 Thunderbolt aircraft with state militia volunteers. National Guard aviators have played significant roles in all of America's wars and most of its major contingencies since World War I. From those humble beginnings, the Hawaii Air National Guard has become the most diverse in the Air National Guard.

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