

# THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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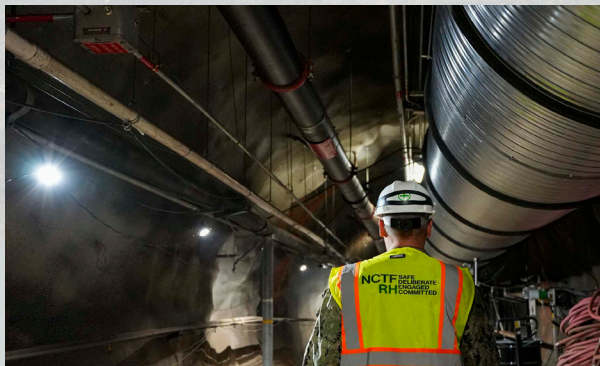
## Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** Nov. 6 at Kapilina Night Market, Piliikai 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.



## Community Workday at Nioi'ula Heiau on Lualualei Annex

Personnel from Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam joined community members and elected officials for a community workday at Nioi'ula Heiau, an ancient Hawaiian cultural site on Lualualei Naval Annex. Community members, local organizations, and elected officials helped organize the workday, which included clearing invasive Koa Haole trees with hand tools and battery-operated saws. The workday is part of the Navy's ongoing effort to work with the community to preserve the sacred site.



## NCTF-RH Completes Ventilation of Fourth Red Hill Fuel Tank

Navy Closure Task Force - Red Hill (NCTF-RH) completed ventilation of Tank 5, the fourth tank to be ventilated, on Oct. 21. The Navy is ventilating and cleaning the tanks in staggered pairs. Volatile organic compound (VOC) levels have consistently remained below the Hawaii Dept. of Health's regulatory standard limit of 38 parts per million (PPM) by volume throughout the ventilation process with an average of 0.1 PPM by volume total VOCs since the start of ventilation.



## Marine Corps Finds Seahorses in Nu'upia Ponds

While removing invasive plants from the Nu'upia ponds wildlife management area on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, personnel from the Environmental Compliance and Protection Division (ECPD) were surprised to discover hippocampus kuda, or common seahorses. The marine creature is native to Hawaii and can commonly be found in shallow waterways. ECPD plans to conduct an environmental DNA test in partnership with the Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology to help determine the population and overall health of the seahorses.



## Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Hosts Speed Mentoring Workshop

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, Command University recently hosted a speed mentoring workshop for emerging leaders as part of a weeklong training called Leadership Engagement and Aloha Development. Maka Keone, leadership trainer, explained the benefits of the training in a video about the event. "The best part is the connection," said Keone. "I walk away from this class every time feeling more connected with the yard, with the people." [Watch the video here.](#)



## Pacific Marine Saves Two from Drowning at China Walls

U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Sean Olson was recently awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for rescuing two swimmers from rough waters at China Walls on Oahu's eastern coast. In addition to the commendation for his bravery and quick-thinking actions, Cpl. Olson, an administrative clerk at Headquarters and Service Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, was also meritoriously promoted. His colleagues and superiors celebrated both achievements, highlighting the positive impact he continues to have within the community.



## This Week in History: November 1941

Construction of the Barbers Point Naval Air Station began in November 1941. The attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, further accentuated the need for more airfields on Oahu and on April 15, 1942, N.A.S. Barbers Point was established with 14 officers and 242 enlisted personnel. The new air station would serve as an aviation hub in the Pacific Theater and as a base for carrier air groups and squadrons deployed throughout the Pacific.

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