

# THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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## Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** Nov. 21 at Pearl City Mini Mart, 794 Lehua Ave., from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Dec. 5 Navy Exchange Mall, 4725 Bougainville Dr., 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



## NAVY CLOSURE TASK FORCE - RED HILL OPEN HOUSE NOV 14, 2024 5 - 7 P.M.

**Hokulani Community Center**  
298 Main Street, Honolulu, HI 96818

## NCTF-RH Hosts Open House at Hokulani Community Center Tomorrow

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) hosts its quarterly open house on Thursday, Nov. 14 from 5-7 p.m. at Hokulani Community Center. The open house will focus on current and future environmental efforts at Red Hill and include long-term efforts to increase redundancy, restoration, resiliency, and security of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam drinking water distribution system. Information booths, interactive displays and experts will be available to provide information on a variety of topics.



## Retired JBPHH Sailor Named Wounded Warrior of the Year

Retired Information Systems Technician 1st Class (IT1) Maria Edwards, 41, formerly of Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific was selected last week as the Navy Safe Harbor Foundation's 2024 Wounded Warrior of the Year. "I've been a part of this program for the last couple years and in those couple years, it saw me change from somebody who is severely injured or sick from my diagnosis to where I am today," said Edwards, a breast cancer survivor.



## Realty Specialist Celebrates Navajo Heritage, Reflects on Military Journey

When Rachel Silversmith was a young girl, she fell in love with the ocean and had dreams of doing something unique and beyond the bounds of her hometown, landlocked Farmington, New Mexico. In high school, she discovered the path to that dream when a recruiter described the Navy's mission and planted the seed of her bright future. In an interview with Navy Region Hawaii, Silversmith talks about her journey and what Native American Heritage Month means to her.



## Working Dog Handlers Team Up for Joint Training

Dog handlers from the 647th Security Forces Squadron and the 520th Military Working Dog Detachment recently teamed up with dog handlers from the FBI and Transportation Security Administration to enhance the proficiency of local security agencies in detecting explosives. During the joint training on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, the working dogs searched for explosives in various settings. Working dogs have highly sensitive noses that can detect trace amounts of explosives, making them valuable assets in security operations.



## USINDOPACOM Hosts Korea Military Academy Cadets

Adm. Samuel J. Paparo, commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, spoke to cadets from the Korea Military Academy during their recent visit to USINDOPACOM headquarters on Camp H.M. Smith. Paparo emphasized the importance of leadership, morale and the strategic alliance between the Republic of Korea and the United States to future leaders who will uphold the linchpin of security for mutual shared interests in the Indo-Pacific. Paparo spoke last month at the KMA in the Republic of Korea.



## This Week in History: November 17, 1899

On November 17, 1899 the U.S. Navy Coal Depot, Honolulu was renamed U.S. Naval Station, Honolulu with Commander John Merry as the first commanding officer. The naval station in Honolulu remained in operation until the Navy's operations on Oahu were moved to the new base at Pearl Harbor in 1913.



## LAULIMA NAVY

Laulima Navy is a year-long initiative launched on the Navy's 249th birthday on Oct. 13, 2024, to reinforce the Navy's longstanding and unwavering commitment to Hawaii. Laulima is a Hawaiian value that means "many hands working together." During the next 12 months, we will highlight 250 ways that naval commands and components on the islands of Oahu and Kauai protect and care for the community, the people and the land.



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