

THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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Thanksgiving Edition

Laulima Navy underscores our responsibility to the community and the ways we work alongside partners to help and support our neighbors. Service to others and a commitment to the greater good are values we hold in high regard. It is a privilege for all of us to call Hawaii home and we seek every opportunity we can to show how much we treasure this place. In this edition, we share a few ways we help to care for the community. Scan the QR code to learn more about Laulima Navy.



JBPBH, MCBH Host Special Olympics Holiday Classic State Games

More than 800 Special Olympics athletes from across Hawaii, along with their partners and coaches, gathered at Marine Corps Base Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam over the weekend for the 2024 Holiday Classic State Games. Athletes competed in basketball, bowling, and bocce. Navy and Marine Corps personnel provided volunteer support for the two-day competition and cheered on the athletes. Special Olympics Hawaii provides year-round sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.



PRMF, Hawaii Army National Guard Volunteers Tackle Hunger on Kauai

Personnel from Pacific Missile Range Facility and the Hawaii Army National Guard worked alongside Hawaii Food Bank Kauai volunteers earlier this month to distribute food to veterans, retirees and service members struggling with food insecurity. About 200 families and individuals received groceries, produce and bottled water during the Kauai Malama Military Food Distribution event at Hanapepe Armory. According to estimates, one in three service members in the United States experiences food insecurity.



Learning About Hawaiian Culture While Caring for Haiku Valley

Sailors and civilian personnel assigned to Commander, Navy Region Hawaii participated in the bi-monthly Haiku Valley culture service, sponsored by Ko'olau Foundation. They worked alongside other volunteers to clean the heiau (a temple or place of worship) area. They removed invasive species, planted native plants, and learned about Native Hawaiian culture and practices. The Ko'olau Foundation is working with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and community stakeholders to establish a cultural preserve in the valley.



Volunteers Help Improve Salt Lake Waterway with Mud Balls

Navy and Army volunteers joined Moanalua and Salt Lake community members to toss more than 1,000 microbial mud balls into the Salt Lake waterway. Volunteers made the tennis-sized mud balls earlier this month from a mix of clay soil, rice bran, molasses, water, and a blend of beneficial bacteria and yeast. When tossed into polluted water, genki balls sink to the bottom and digest sludge, reducing harmful gases and toxins, and help restore the natural ecosystem.



JBPHH Families Treated to Advanced Screening of Moana 2

Service members and their families were treated to an advanced screening of Disney's "Moana 2" at Sharkey Theater on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The long-awaited animated film reunites Moana and Maui on a daring mission to the far seas of Oceania. Actor Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, the voice of Maui, made a surprise visit to JBPHH, where he greeted fans, signed autographs and introduced the film. Families also got a chance to meet Disney characters Mickey and Moana.



Service Members Honored at Sea Service Awards

Rear Adm. Stephen Barnett, commander, Navy Region Hawaii, delivered the keynote address at the 64th Annual Sea Services Awards Luncheon hosted last week by the Navy League of the United States Honolulu Council. The event honored the outstanding achievements of 50 Junior Officers and Junior Enlisted personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard stationed in Hawaii, one Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Civilian employee and two Shipyard Repair Association of Hawaii team members.

Upcoming Events

- Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths: Dec. 4 at Kapilina Night Market, Piliikai Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Drive, 4 – 8 p.m.; Dec. 5 at Navy Exchange Mall, 4725 Bougainville Dr., 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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