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December 7th Events

- **USS Utah Ceremony:** Dec. 6 at 4:30 p.m., USS Utah Memorial, open to the public*
- **National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony:** Dec. 7 at 7:30 a.m., Pearl Harbor National Memorial, open to the public
- **USS Oklahoma Ceremony:** Dec. 7 at 1 p.m., USS Oklahoma Memorial, open to the public*
- **Blackened Canteen Ceremony:** Dec. 8 at 5 p.m., USS Arizona Memorial, invitation only *Ford Island access required



Navy Starts Ventilating 8th Red Hill Facility Tank

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) began venting tank 20 at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF) last week, marking another significant step in the facility's decommissioning process. Tank decommissioning includes defueling, venting, and ultimately the permanent closure of each tank. Following approval from the Hawaii Department of Health, NCTF-RH began the safe and deliberate venting, or degassing, of tank 20, which is the eighth tank out of 14 to undergo the ventilation process.



Adm. Steve Koehler Delivers Keynote Address at Veterans Day Ceremony

In his keynote address at the Veterans Day Sunset Ceremony onboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial, Adm. Steve Koehler, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, thanked the "tenacious people in every generation" who have defended our nation against threats. "Together, our first veterans won our independence, but our victory was not pre-ordained, nor did it happen by accident. It happened because tenuous Sailors, Soldiers and Marines took the fight to the enemy, executed with the full commitment and won."



Hawaii Vets Take Lone Eagle Honor Flight to D.C.

In early October, 14 Vietnam War veterans from Hawaii traveled to Washington, D.C. on a Lone Eagle Honor Flight to visit memorials and monuments dedicated to honoring their service and sacrifice. The flight was organized by Hawaiian Islands Honor Flight, part of the Honor Flight Network, which "honors our nation's heroes with the trip of a lifetime." The veterans returned on Oct. 8 and were welcomed home during a reception at the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport.



Service Members, Firefighters Take Part in Joint Rescue Task Force Training

Nearly 50 personnel from the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy and the Federal Fire Department participated in joint rescue task force training last month on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Trainees took part in an active shooter drill to familiarize themselves with team formations and movements to ensure patients can be treated, extracted and safely transferred for additional care. The joint rescue task force program has become a national model for the triage, treatment, and rapid transport of casualties.



Navy Volunteers Clean Ahua Reef

Volunteers from Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii and Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Pacific joined personnel from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) to clean Ahua Reef, which extends south from the shoreline of JBPHH into the ocean. The coastal area includes a restored wetland that is home to the endangered Hawaiian Stilt and a seasonal residence for migratory water shorebirds. The cleanup was organized by Love JBPHH, a volunteer group dedicated to base beautification.



This Week in History: November 20, 1916

On Nov. 20, 1916, the Hawaiian Air Office is activated at the Alexander Young Hotel in Honolulu. U.S. Army Capt. John Curry recommends Ford Island as the home base of his 6th Aero Squadron. In 1923, the Navy would establish a naval air station nearby and Ford Island would serve as the aviation hub on Oahu for both the Army and Navy for the early decades of the 20th Century.



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