

THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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Upcoming Events

- Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths: Dec. 4 at Kapilina Night Market, Piikahi Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Drive, 4 – 8 p.m.; Dec. 5 at Navy Exchange Mall, 4725 Bougainville Dr., 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Dec. 10 at JBPHH Newcomers Fair, Hickam Chapel, 12 – 12:30 p.m.*

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Loko I'a Pā'aiiau Fishpond Inspires Story of Healing and Peace

Loko I'a Pā'aiiau, the ancient fishpond next to McGrew Point Navy housing, was the inspiration for *Ho'oponopono is Harmony*, a children's book written by Thao "Kale'a" Le in collaboration with Bruce Keaulani, founder and CEO of Living Life Source Foundation. The story is about a boy who helps restore a 400-year-old fishpond and, in the process, finds healing and harmony within himself. Although written for children, adults can also learn meaningful lessons about healing and forgiveness.



Navy Chaplain Corps Celebrates 249 Years of Spiritual Readiness

On Nov. 28, 1775, the Continental Congress directed that divine services be held aboard all naval ships, leading to the birth of the Navy Chaplain Corps. For 249 years, Navy Chaplains have cared for Sailors and Marines around the globe and through every conflict, at sea and ashore. Capt. Garry Thornton, force chaplain, Navy Region Hawaii, spoke about the Chaplain Corps during last week's 249th anniversary celebration. The Navy has more than 800 chaplains representing over 100 faith groups.



Marines Deliver Toys to Maui for Island Keiki

Marines with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 268, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and 4th Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division delivered boxes of joy and messages of hope last week for children on Maui. The boxes were filled with brand new toys donated for the annual Toys for Tots campaign. Toys for Tots volunteers were on hand at Kahului Airport to collect the toys, which will be distributed to needy children on Maui.



Family of Medal of Honor Recipient Visit USS Nevada Memorial

Relatives of Chief Boatswain Edwin Joseph Hill, a Medal of Honor recipient, reflected on his sacrifice during a recent visit to the USS Nevada Memorial. Hill was serving aboard the USS Nevada (BB-36) on Dec. 7. During the height of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hill released the battleship from its mooring and then swam back to his ship. Later, while attempting to drop anchor, he was blown overboard and killed by the explosion of several bombs.



JBPHH Hokulani Neighborhood Undergoes \$29 Million Renovation

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's Hokulani neighborhood is undergoing a \$29 million renovation. Over the next three years, all of Hokulani's 190 residence are expected to be renovated with new flooring, ceiling fans, all-LED lighting and water heaters. Planter beds will also be restored, and air conditioning systems will be upgraded. Other exterior improvements include roofing replacements, exterior painting and installation of privacy fencing to create large backyard areas for every home; plumbing is also being updated.



This Week in History: December 7, 1941

On Dec. 7, 1941, the Imperial Japanese Navy launched a surprise military attack on United States military forces on Oahu, killing more than 2,400 Americans. The USS Arizona was destroyed and the USS Oklahoma capsized. A total of 21 ships were sunk or damaged in the attack. More than 150 aircraft were destroyed. Dec. 7 marked the day the United States officially entered World War II.



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.



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