

# THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

Wednesday, December 18, 2024



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

## Upcoming Events

- Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths: Dec. 30 at Halsey Terrace Mini Mar at 6890 Nimitz Road from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.



## Essential Supplies Air-Dropped to Island Nations Across the Pacific

The U.S. Air Force, Allies and partner nations air-dropped 110,000 pounds of essential supplies last week to nearly 60 remote islands across the Pacific as part of Operation Christmas Drop, the Department of Defense's longest-running humanitarian airlift operation. The tradition began in December 1952 when a B-29 Superfortress aircrew saw islanders waving at them from the island of Kapingamarangi. In the spirit of Christmas, the aircrew dropped a bundle of supplies attached to a parachute, giving the operation its name.



## Navy Pilot Attends Ceremony Honoring Decorated Indian American Veteran

Lt. Naadia Savera Puri, strategic engagement coordinator for Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill and the airfield operations manager for Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, attended a ceremony at the Pentagon honoring U.S. Army Air Corps Sgt. Sabu Dastagir, a distinguished World War II veteran and the first Indian American to receive the prestigious Distinguished Flying Cross with "Valor." Before he joined the Air Corps, Dastagir was an actor, who starred in "The Jungle Book," and "The Thief of Baghdad."



## Destroyers Return to Pearl Harbor After 5-Month Deployment

The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers USS Frank E. Petersen Jr. (DDG 121) and USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam last week after a five-month deployment assigned to the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group. The strike group was ordered to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility to bolster U.S. military force posture in the Middle East, deter regional escalation, degrade Houthi capabilities, and defend U.S. forces.



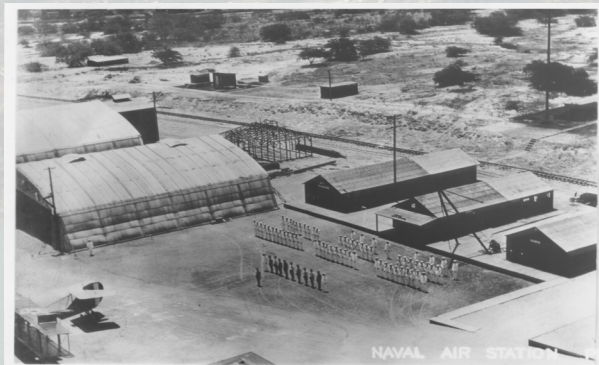
## Public Can Review Hawaii-California Training and Testing Draft EIS

The Hawaii-California Training and Testing (HCTT) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) is now available for public review and comment. The Draft EIS/OEIS includes an analysis of the potential environmental effects associated with conducting at-sea training and testing activities, and modernization and sustainment of ranges offshore of Hawaii and California. In-person and virtual public meetings will be held to provide more information about the project and the environmental analysis. Visit [www.nepa.navy.mil/hctteis/](http://www.nepa.navy.mil/hctteis/) for more information.



## Marine Corps Veteran Becomes Navy Medical Officer

Former U.S. Marine Corps Master Sergeant Chantise Robinson traded in her Marine green for Navy blue, commissioning as an officer into the U.S. Navy. This monumental event was not only a change in uniform, but symbolized the culmination of 16 years of service in the Marine Corps. For the Louisiana native, this is the beginning of a new chapter in her career as she transitions to a new branch of service and a new role as a medical officer.



## This Week in History: December 19, 1919

On Dec. 19, 1919 a naval unit of four seaplanes, arrived at Pearl Harbor aboard the USS Chicago (CA-4) and established a naval air station adjacent to the newly dedicated shipyard. The aviation crew included nine officers and 40 mechanics under the command of Commander R.D. Kirkpatrick. The Navy's Pacific Air Detachment moved to Ford Island in January of 1923.



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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