

# THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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## Upcoming Events

- Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths: Feb. 20 at Navy Exchange Mall, 4725 Bougainville Drive, 10 a.m.– 1 p.m.; Feb. 27 at NEX Pearl City Mini Mart, 794 Lehua Ave, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Save the Date: Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill Open House at Keehi Lagoon Memorial on Mar. 12 from 5-7 pm.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### JOIN US FOR A TANK CLEANING INFORMATION WEBINAR

**WHO:** Hosted by NCTF-Red Hill and Open to the Public  
**WHAT:** Tank Cleaning Info Webinar  
**WHEN:** Monday, Feb. 24, 2025, 5-6 p.m. HST  
**WHERE:** Online via Microsoft Teams



Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill will host a tank cleaning webinar on Monday, Feb. 24, from 5-6 p.m. HST. The webinar will discuss each stage of the tank cleaning process for the underground fuel storage tanks at Red Hill. Learn how the Navy is working closely with regulators to better protect Daahu's water.

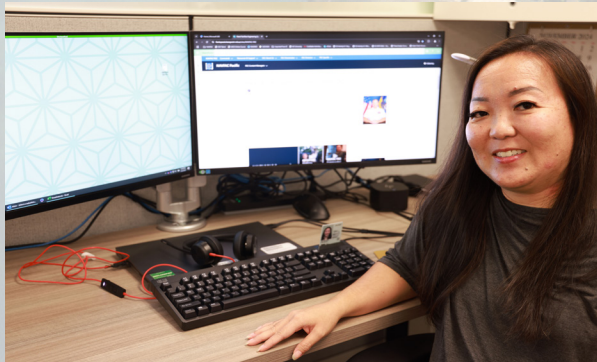
## Navy Closure Task Force – Red Hill Hosts Tank Cleaning Webinar

Navy Closure Task Force – Red Hill (NCTF-RH) will host a Tank Cleaning webinar on Microsoft Teams on Feb. 24 from 5-6 p.m. HST. Attendees can join by visiting the homepage of the NCTF-RH website at <https://www.navyclosurerelease.com>. The link will go live a few minutes before the event. The webinar will be hosted by the NCTF-RH Director of Facilities and include an in-depth discussion on the cleaning process for the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.



## All Paws on Deck

For Karina Wise-Estrada, guiding distinguished visitors throughout Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility is only part of her life. Away from the shipyard, the community relations specialist teams up with Sir Newton, her three-and-a-half-year-old Labradoodle as part of the Hawaiian Humane Society Pet Visitation Program, which aims to provide comfort to people. The duo regularly visits Kaiser Permanente Medical Center and the Veterans Affairs Pacific Islands Health Care System to spend time with patients family members, and staff.



## UH Grad Named NAVFAC Pacific Civilian Engineer of the Year

Leilani Nakashima, a Pearl City native and UH graduate, was named Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Pacific 2025 Civilian Engineer of the Year. Nakashima was recognized for her management of the Tinian Seaport Development projects, which include modernizing the island's port to support the efficient delivery of goods and services and upgrading the breakwater to safeguard the port during storm events. Nakashima is credited with advancing these critical projects, ensuring their alignment with mission requirements while delivering long-term benefits to Tinian.



## HANG and Joint Partners Enhance Combat Readiness for Sentry Aloha

The Hawaii Air Guard's 154th Wing last week wrapped up Exercise Sentry Aloha 25-1, a large-scale exercise that brought together Total Force and joint partners to enhance combat readiness, interoperability, and mission capabilities. The exercise spanned multiple locations across Oahu, Hawaii Island and Kauai. Throughout the two-week exercise, pilots sharpened their warfighting skills in air combat scenarios. From morning takeoffs to high-tempo aerial engagements, Sentry Aloha's battle rhythm mirrored the demands of real-world operations.



## Father, Daughter Participate in Exercise NEXUS FORGE 2025

A high-intensity military exercise like NEXUS FORGE 2025 demands precision and teamwork. Amid the action, two Airmen stand out. Senior Master Sgt. Scott Ebert and Senior Airman Siena Ebert, serving as Citizen Airmen in the 624th Aeromedical Staging Squadron on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam share a commitment to duty and service. The father-daughter duo acknowledges the unique challenges that come with serving together, particularly in a high-stakes exercise. For Siena however, the experience has been inspiring and humbling.



## This Week in History: February 21, 1958

On Feb. 21, 1958, the crew of the USS Gudgeon returned to a hero's welcome after becoming the first American submarine to circumnavigate the globe. The historic cruise departed Pearl Harbor on July 8, 1957, and returned 150 days later after covering a record distance of 23,111 miles.



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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