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Upcoming Events

- Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths: 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.



USINDOPACOM Commander Hosts Gov. Green at Headquarters

Adm. Samuel J. Paparo, commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, and Hawaii Gov. Josh Green met recently at INDOPACOM headquarters to continue communication and collaboration efforts essential for informed decision-making, maintaining public safety and responding effectively to security challenges. INDOPACOM is committed to enhancing stability in the Indo-Pacific by promoting security cooperation, encouraging peaceful development, responding to contingencies, deterring aggression and, when necessary, prevailing in conflict.



Sea Cadets Tour USS Michael Murphy

Cadets from the R.D. Stethem Battalion toured the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) on Saturday as part of Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific's ship tour program, which provides local civic groups the opportunity to tour Navy vessels homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Michael Murphy is named after Navy SEAL Lt. Michael P. Murphy, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for heroic actions during Operation Red Wings.



Students Learn About DPAA Identification, Recovery Operations

Students from Aliamanu Middle School learned how the remains of missing service members are recovered during a recent visit to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The agency participated in the school's Student Summit Career Day, which aims to teach students about careers through "doing" rather than lecturing. DPAA forensic anthropologists, underwater and terrestrial archaeologists and isotope preparation scientists led students through simulated hands-on recovery and identification techniques used during recovery missions.



PMRF Volunteers Clear Trash from Kaumualii Highway

About 30 Sailors and civilians from Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) on Kauai collected approximately 50 bags of trash from alongside Kaumualii Highway earlier this month. The clean-up effort was part of the Hawaii Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway program. In addition to collecting trash from along the two-mile stretch adjacent to the installation, volunteers also picked up litter from the roadside leading to the Kekaha Landfill.



Bangkok Metropolitan Council Members Visit Pearl Harbor

Members of the Bangkok Metropolitan Council toured Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona Memorial during a recent visit to Oahu, where they met with City and County of Honolulu officials to exchange best practices on public rapid transportation, sustainable tourism and agriculture. According to the Honolulu City Council, sharing innovative ideas with global partners is critical to strengthening the city and establishes the foundation for a sister city relationship between Honolulu and the City of Bangkok in the near future.



This Week in History: March 4, 1943

On March 4, 1943, the HMS Victorious arrived in Pearl Harbor to begin familiarization training with the U.S. Pacific Fleet. In early 1943, the United States Navy was facing a severe shortage in aircraft carriers following the battles of the Coral Sea, Midway and Guadalcanal. As a result, the Royal Navy sent the HMS Victorious to the Pacific Theater to begin a nearly five-month stint of interoperability with the U.S. Pacific Fleet. Photo: Victorious was an object of curiosity for U.S. Navy personnel of all ranks.




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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