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Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** April 17 at Navy Exchange Mall, 4725 Bougainville Dr., from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Sailors, Marines Honor WWII Veteran PFC Walter Lasota

PFC Walter Lasota, a 99-year-old WWII Marine Corps veteran, visited the USS Arizona Memorial on Friday to pay his respects to the 73 Marines and 1,104 Sailors who perished aboard the USS Arizona during the Dec. 7 attack on Pearl Harbor. Lasota belonged to the 6th Marine Division, 22nd Regiment, Item Company, and served with distinction during the Battle of Okinawa in 1945. He was wounded twice and received two purple hearts.



Navy Conducts Annual Exercise to Prepare for Hurricane Season

Sailors and civilians at Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) tested response and emergency operation procedures during Hurricane Exercise (HURREX) 2025, the annual two-week hurricane preparedness, disaster response and recovery exercise. Aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Carl M. Levin (DDG 120), Sailors heaved additional foul-weather mooring lines during the hurricane simulation. HURREX is designed to exercise and strengthen the Navy's shore and afloat commands' responses and emergency operation procedures in preparation for an active hurricane season.



USS Shiloh Returns Home After Oceania Maritime Security Initiative 2025

The Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Shiloh (CG 67) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam last week. In partnership with an embarked Law Enforcement Detachment from the U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Tactical Law Enforcement Team, Shiloh conducted several boarding and intelligence gathering operations in the South Pacific in support of Oceania Maritime Security Initiative (OMSI) 2025. OMSI is a Secretary of Defense program that leverages Department of Defense assets transiting the region to increase the USCG's maritime domain awareness.



Office of Hawaiian Affairs Tours Pacific Missile Range Facility

Executives from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs recently toured the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai to learn more about the installation's historical and Native Hawaiian preservation sites and practices. The tour included the Nohili Dunes and Lua Kupapa`u `O Nohili Crypt. Stakeholder engagements reinforce PMRF's commitment to the community and strengthen relationships among military and local officials and organizations. PMRF is the world's largest instrumented multi-domain range capable of supporting surface, subsurface, air and space operations simultaneously.



NAVFAC Hawaii, Shipyard Employees Mentor Students Competing in Robotics

Volunteers from Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Facility served as mentors and coaches for high school teams competing in the Hawaii Regional FIRST Robotics competition at Saint Louis High School. Volunteers helped students build industrial-sized robots for the competition and shared their expertise, emphasizing the importance of problem-solving, creativity, and collaboration in addressing real-world environmental challenges - principles that were central to the competition's theme.



This Week in History: April 9, 1909

On April 9, 1909, the U.S. Army's newest outpost on Oahu was officially named Schofield Barracks. The post, established in 1908, was sited as an ideal strategic location to provide mobile defense of Pearl Harbor and the naval base then under construction and as well as the northern approaches to Honolulu. Photo: The U.S. Army 11th Field Artillery Brigade at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii, in 1924.



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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