

# THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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## Upcoming Events

**Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booth:** April 8 at Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, 5440 Edgewater Drive, from 4-8 p.m.



## JBPHH Volunteers Join North Shore Disaster Relief Effort

About 200 service members and civilians from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam joined community volunteers last week to clear debris and mud from areas in Haleiwa devastated by severe flooding. Back-to-back Kona lows battered the islands this month causing widespread destruction in what is being called the worst flooding in 20 years. The North Shore communities of Haleiwa and Waialua experienced significant flood damage. Mud and floodwaters swept through homes and streets, forcing thousands of residents to evacuate.



## NCTF-RH Updates Commission on Water Resource Management

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) leaders provided an update on operations at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBSF) last week to the Commission on Water Resource Management, a state agency responsible for protecting, managing, and regulating all ground and surface water resources in Hawaii. NCTF-RH leaders also reported on drinking water quality of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam drinking water system. NCTF-RH was established by the Department of the Navy to safely decommission the RHBSF.

## NAVFAC Hawaii Awards \$249 Million Civil Engineering Contract



Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii has awarded a \$249 million, five-year contract to HDR Engineering, Inc., Honolulu, for civil design and engineering services within the NAVFAC Hawaii area of operations. The work includes military construction documentation; functional analysis and concept development workshops; design charrettes; engineering studies, reports and various surveys; interior design; and post construction award services.



## PMRF, Partners Conduct Annual Albatross Translocation

As part of the annual Laysan Albatross Translocation Program, wildlife biologists at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) on Kauai and community partners search for and relocate Laysan Albatross and their eggs from hazardous areas near the PMRF airfield to safer locations on the island. Albatrosses are large-bodied birds that have a wingspan of up to six feet. Their use of the airspace around the airfield could be catastrophic for pilots and aircraft – and for the birds themselves.



## Navy Physician Reflects on Journey of Service, Freedom, and Purpose

For Dr. Stefania Dimofte, the path to service began thousands of miles away, shaped by life under communism, a pursuit of medical excellence, and a deep appreciation for the freedoms found in the United States. After completing medical training and a gynecology fellowship in France, Dimofte returned briefly to her home country of Romania before emigrating to the U.S. in 1997. Today, she's a Navy physician working at Naval Health Clinic Hawaii at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



## This Week in History April 6, 1917

On April 6, 1917, the United States declared war on Germany thus entering World War I. The German gunboat Geier, which was in Honolulu Harbor at the time, was seized by American forces becoming the first German ship to be captured by the United States in the war. The ship was eventually transferred to Pearl Harbor, where she was refurbished and renamed the USS Schurz after the German American diplomat Carl Schurz. Photo: HMS Geier, Honolulu Harbor.



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