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Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** April 2 at Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, 5440 Edgewater Dr., from 4-8 p.m.; April 17 at Navy Exchange Mall, 4725 Bougainville Dr., from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



USINDOPACOM, Vietnam Veterans of America Co-host Ceremony

U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and the Vietnam Veterans of America, Oahu Chapter 858, co-hosted a Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific on Friday. In his keynote address, Adm. Samuel J. Paparo, commander of USINDOPACOM, recognized the service and sacrifice of Vietnam War veterans and gold star families. He also highlighted lessons of professionalism, duty and readiness that current service members carry with them, continuing the legacy of those who came before them.



Navy Begins Ventilating Red Hill Facility Tank 4 Following DOH Approval

Following approval from the Hawaii Department of Health, Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) started venting tank 4 at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility this week, replicating the process used during the safe and deliberate venting and initial cleaning of tanks 5 through 8. The initial venting, or degassing phase, eliminates Volatile Organic Compounds from the tank by pushing clean air from the bottom of the tank and exhausting it through a complex ventilation system.



PMRF Hosts Staff from U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono's Office

Staff members from U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono's office recently toured Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) on Kauai to learn more about the installation's multi-domain range capabilities and its significant role in the testing and evaluation of current and future systems including integrated air and missile defense programs. The delegation also visited Lua Kupapa'u 'O Nohili Crypt, which serves as a final resting place for iwi kupuna that are uncovered during natural erosion of the Nohili Dunes.



2025 Seabees Olympics Builds Cohesion, Camaraderie

Seabees, Sailors and joint engineering teams gathered at Quick Field on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam over the weekend to compete in the 2025 Seabees Olympics. The annual event builds cohesion, esprit de corps and camaraderie among the different construction battalions in Hawaii. Olympians competed in dodge ball, ultimate frisbee, tug-of-war and a combat lifesaver relay. The Navy Construction Battalion – also known as Seabees – is responsible for building temporary and permanent infrastructure at U.S. military locations around the world.



Sailors, Biologists Interact with Kauai Students at STREAM Night

Sailors and biologists from Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai recently engaged with students at STREAM Night at Kekaha Elementary School. STREAM stands for Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art and Math. The educational engagement strengthens positive connections with local residents while highlighting the integral environmental programs that help protect native wildlife and endangered species at PMRF. PMRF is the world’s largest instrumented multi-domain range capable of supporting surface, subsurface, air, and space operations simultaneously.



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 World War I. The ship was eventually transferred to Pearl Harbor where she was refurbished and renamed the USS Schurz after the German-American diplomat Carl Schurz.



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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