

THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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Upcoming Events

Drinking Water Info Booth: May 28 at Ford Island Navy Lodge Mini Mart, 1275 Saratoga Blvd., from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. *

*Base Access Required



Pearl Harbor National Memorial Hosts Memorial Day Commemoration Events

Pearl Harbor National Memorial, in coordination with Pearl Harbor Historic Parks and the U.S. Navy, will host special events this weekend in observance of Memorial Day. In addition, free 40-minute guided tours of the USS Utah and USS Oklahoma Memorials will be offered each day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. departing hourly. Visit www.nps.gov/pearlharbor for the full list of events. Parking at Pearl Harbor National Memorial will be free throughout the Memorial Day weekend and holiday.



NCTF-RH to Conduct Erosion Control at Red Hill

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill is scheduled to begin erosion control efforts at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility in June, temporarily increasing noise in the surrounding community through Fall 2027. To ensure personnel safety and the long-term stability of the hillside, crews must break apart large, loose boulders to facilitate their removal and prepare the site for long term erosion controls, such as reinforced netting. Louder-than-average noise may occur during normal working hours.



JBPHH Awarded Funding for Waianae Readiness Review

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, in partnership with the University of Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu, was awarded funding from the U.S. Dept. of War's Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation to conduct the Waianae Readiness Review, which will assess the community's and installation's risks and vulnerabilities and identify future funding and actionable resilience projects that preserve the community's and Navy's long-term sustainment. A kickoff meeting was held last month for community and government partners.



U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander Awarded Distinguished Graduate Leadership Award

Adm. Steve Koehler, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, received the U.S. Naval War College's 2025 Distinguished Graduate Leadership Award (DGLA) last week at the college's Newport, Rhode Island campus. The DGLA highlights the accomplishments of alumni who have used their NWC education to achieve prominent senior leadership positions in the field of national security. Recipients are selected based on their senior leadership roles, inspiring career achievements, and commitment to professional military education.

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Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Marks 118th Anniversary

For more than 100 years, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard has sustained the U.S. Navy's most formidable maritime assets, its fleet. Today, the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Facility and its 6,000 civilian and military personnel maintain the advanced submarines and surface vessels required to project strength and deter adversaries globally as part of the Pacific's strategic stronghold. With its continuous delivery of warfighting lethality and operational readiness, the shipyard continues to ensure resiliency of the nation's fleet.



This Week in History May 21, 1944

On May 21, 1944, explosions occurred in the West Loch of Pearl Harbor, where 24 landing craft were being prepared for the invasion of Saipan. Tragically, 163 service members were killed and another 400 were injured. The heroic efforts of the fire fighters brought the situation under control and though the incident could have caused a serious operational delay, Allied forces got under-way on time and Operation Forager took place on schedule.



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. Scan the QR code to learn more about Laulima Navy.



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