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Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** May 28 at Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, Piikahi Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Drive, from 4 - 8 p.m.



INDOPACOM Leaders Observe Memorial Day

Memorial Day was marked with solemn ceremonies and tributes honoring the nation's fallen service members. Adm. Samuel J. Paparo, commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, spoke at the 74th Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, where he reflected on the courage and sacrifice of the fallen, deceased, retired, active, and reserve military members. Maj. Gen. Christopher K. Faurot, mobilization assistant to the commander of USIN-DOPACOM, spoke at the Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium observance.



NCTF-RH Completes Aiea-Halawa Shaft GAC Pilot Study

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) completed pre-reactivation testing of its Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) filtration system as part of a pilot study at the Navy Aiea-Halawa Shaft. During the study, samples were collected before, during and after the treatment process, and sent to an EPA-certified lab on the U.S. Mainland for testing, specifically for Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, metals and other analytes. Once all validated results are received, a report will be submitted to the Hawaii Department of Health.



Hawaii-Based Sailor Awarded USO Service Member of the Year Award

Chief Petty Officer Pearce Decker, assigned to SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team 1 at Pearl Harbor, was among those recently recognized by the USO for carrying out extraordinary acts of bravery. When a teammate was ejected into the ocean during a nighttime mission that took place on rough seas, Decker jumped into action. Despite 8-foot waves, he located his teammate in the water and directed a rescue swimmer to the location. After two and a half hours, his teammate was safely rescued.



NCTF-RH Outlines Steps to Remove 10 Miles of Fuel Pipelines

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) has developed steps to safely remove approximately 10 miles of fuel distribution pipelines from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF). Pipeline removal is a key element contributing to the closure of the RHBFSF. The robust four-step process includes pipeline preparation, draining and cleaning, cutting, removal, transportation, and recycling of the pipes on the continental U.S. Safety for personnel and the environment is paramount at each step of the pipeline removal process.



153 Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Apprentices Mark Important Milestone

Congratulations to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility's 153 apprentices on their graduation from Honolulu Community College. Although they are halfway through their apprenticeship journey, the graduation marked an important step in their careers. The PHNSY Apprentice Program includes full-time employment, hands-on training, and a tuition-free, Applied Trades degree from HCC. During the rigorous four-year program, each apprentice receives a minimum of 7,200 hours of training in three areas: on-the-job training; trade theory; and academic study.



This Week in History: June 1, 1949

On June 1, 1949, the Aiea Naval Hospital was deactivated as the Navy's medical functions were consolidated with the Army at Tripler Army Medical Center. Throughout World War II, the Aiea facility served as the primary rear area hospital for the Navy and Marines. In March 1945, the hospital peaked at 5,676 patients during the battles of Okinawa and Iwo Jima. Today, the former hospital serves as the headquarters for U.S. Marine Forces, Pacific. Photo: Admiral Nimitz presents awards to men of the Eniwetok Atoll Campaign.



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