

# THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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## Upcoming Events

**Drinking Water Info Booths:** May 7 at Halsey Terrace Mini Mart, 6890 Nimitz Rd., Bldg. 6890, from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \*; May 12 at JBPHH Newcomers Fair, JBPHH Memorial Chapel, 1600 Frederick St., from 1-1:30 p.m. \*; May 13 at Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, Pilikai Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Drive, Ewa Beach, from 4-8 p.m.

\*Base Access Required



## JBPHH Enhances Emergency Preparedness Capabilities

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) personnel prepared a simulated “safe haven” at the JBPHH fitness center last week during Hurricane Exercise (HURREX) 2026, an eight-day, region-wide exercise simulating a Category 4 hurricane approaching Hawaii and its aftermath. The exercise is designed to enhance destructive weather preparedness and response capabilities across the entire community, encompassing the region, installations, tenant commands, and military families.



## DNA Threshold to Disinter USS Arizona Unknowns Met

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced last week that the 60% threshold of DNA Family Reference Samples has been met for the USS Arizona (BB-39) Unknown Identification Project. Reaching the threshold allows DPAA to formally request and begin planning the disinterment of potentially 141 unknowns currently buried in multiple potentially commingled graves at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu. The official start date for the effort is pending.



## NAVFAC Hawaii Hosts First-Ever Large Prime Matchmaking Event

More than 100 Hawaii small business owners attended Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii's first-ever Large Prime Matchmaking Event last week at Oahu Veterans Center. Small businesses seeking subcontracting opportunities with the federal government were able to network and pitch their capabilities to large prime awardees who want to expand their subcontracting vendor pipeline. NAVFAC Hawaii plans, builds, and maintains sustainable facilities through services such as contracting and engineering for military and federal agencies in Hawaii.



## Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Team Visits UH College of Engineering Program

A team from the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Facility recently toured the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Engineering's machine shop, makerspace (Fablab), and cleanroom to see firsthand how the school's Cleanroom Hawaii Internship Program (CHIP) is preparing students for careers in microelectronics and advanced manufacturing. The visit highlights the growing demand for skilled talent and the direct pathways CHIP is helping create for its students. CHIP is a paid, six-week summer internship.



## USS Shiloh Decommissioning Ceremony Set for September

The USS Shiloh (CG-67), a Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, will be decommissioned in September. The ship was built at Bath Iron Works in Maine and commissioned in 1992. She was among the first cruisers to launch Tomahawk cruise missiles into Iraq in 1996 during Operation Desert Strike and in 2002 during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Shiloh was forward deployed for 17 years to Japan, where she participated in numerous patrols and multi-national exercises.



## This Week in History May 8, 1914

On May 8, 1914, the barge Marjorie, loaded with a cargo of sugar from Hawaii, was towed through the Panama Canal, marking the beginning of a series of trial runs to test the readiness of the canal in preparation for its official opening a few months later in August. The Panama Canal transformed Hawaii into the "Crossroads of the Pacific," serving as a vital link between the Atlantic Ocean and Asia. Photo: Trial barges transit the Panama Canal.



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