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Upcoming Events

- **America's Most West Freedom Fest at Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands (Kauai):** July 3, gates open at 4 p.m. Free and open to all U.S. citizens with a valid ID.
- **Concert and Fireworks at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Ward Field:** July 4, from 4-9 p.m. Base access required.
- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** July 8, JBPHH Newcomers Fair, 180 Kuntz Ave, from 1-1:30 p.m.; July 8, JBPHH Informational Session, 1600 Frederick St., from 5-6:30 p.m. Base access required.



Navy's 2025 Annual Drinking Water Quality Reports Now Available

The Navy and NASA have prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for proposed continued use of State lands on Kauai for the Pacific Missile Range Facility and NASA's Kōke'e Park Geophysical Observatory through potential updated real estate agreements. The public is invited to review and comment on the Draft EIS. Public meetings will be held on Kauai from July 15–17. Each meeting will include a live online broadcast and public comment opportunity. Visit PMRF-KPGO-EIS.com for more information.



Hawaii-Born Sailor Honored as Navy's Top Junior Radiology Technician

Hospital Corpsman Second Class Herbert C. Amarillo, assigned to Naval Medical Readiness and Training Command Rota, was named 2024 Navy Radiology Junior Radiology Technician of the Year. Originally from Kahului, Amarillo joined the Navy a decade ago with a vision: to see the world and pursue higher education. "Serving in the Navy means sacrifice, growth, and pride. It's not always easy but knowing I'm contributing to something that truly matters makes it all worth it."



Japan Training Squadron Visits JBPHH for Annual Training Cruise

The Japan Training Squadron (JTS), a unit of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force responsible for providing training to newly commissioned officers, docked at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam last week for an annual training cruise. The squadron included the cadet training vessel JS Kashima (TV 3508) and the Hatakaze-class, guided-missile destroyer JS Shimakaze (TV 3521). Japan is a close U.S. ally, and this alliance serves as the cornerstone of peace, security and prosperity in the Pacific Fleet AOR.



Military Leaders Honor Veterans at 75th Korean War Commemoration Ceremony

Senior leaders from the U.S. Navy, Army, Marine Corps, Air Force and Space Force joined more than 100 local leaders and veterans last week at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific to honor those who served during the Korean War, a conflict that began on June 25, 1950, when North Korean forces crossed the 38th parallel and invaded South Korea. In response, U.S. and United Nations forces came to the aid of South Korea.



DPAA Conducts Disinterment at Punchbowl

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) service members conducted a disinterment ceremony last week at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific following the disinterment of eight caskets as part of the Enoura Maru Project, an on-going effort by DPAA to disinter, transport, and identify missing POWs from World War II. The remains were taken to the Daniel K. Inouye DPAA Center of Excellence laboratory on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for further scientific analysis and possible identification.



This Week in History: July 8, 1957

On July 8, 1957, USS Gudgeon (SS 567) departed Pearl Harbor to begin an 8-month journey to become the first American submarine to circumnavigate the globe. After exercises at Yokosuka, Gudgeon sailed west and docked at Asian, African and European ports before a triumphal return to Pearl Harbor on Feb. 21, 1958. In eight months, the submarine and her crew would cover over 25,000 miles. Photo: USS Gudgeon's return to Pearl Harbor following her historic cruise.



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