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Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** August 7, Halsey Terrace Mini Mart, 6890 Nimitz Rd., from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; August 12, JBPHH Newcomers Fair*, 180 Kuntz Ave., from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. *Base Access Required



USS Toledo Arrives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Toledo (SSN 769) arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during its change of homeport on July 12. Toledo is assigned to Submarine Squadron 7 and is capable of supporting various missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike warfare, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance. The Los Angeles-class is a class of nuclear-powered fast attack submarines that forms the backbone of the U.S. Navy's submarine force.



Col. Gregory Hammond Assumes Command of 647th Air Base Group

U.S. Air Force Col. Gregory Hammond relieved Col. Monica Gramling as 647th Air Base Group commander and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam deputy commander during a change of command ceremony early this month at the Hickam Officers Club on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Hammond now oversees the 647th ABG, comprised of 1,200 personnel, five squadrons and religious services to deliver the full range of mission support on base, theater and global joint air operations.



CNRH Fire Fighters Conduct Live-Burn Training

Federal firefighters assigned to the Navy Region Hawaii Federal Fire Department (FFD) conducted live-burn training last week on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. FFD live-burn training includes fire hose deployment and initial attack strategies. The emergency response personnel train regularly to ensure readiness to respond to incidents. The FFD provides fire protection and emergency medical services to all Department of Defense military installations and mutual aid to the local community.



Timor-Leste Defence Force Visits USINDOPACOM for Defense Discussions

U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and the Timor-Leste Defence Force held bilateral defense discussions earlier this week at USINDOPACOM headquarters on Camp H.M. Smith aimed at strengthening ties in the Indo-Pacific region. The discussions were led by Timor-Leste's Brig. Gen. Jose da Costa Soares, Chief of Staff of the Timor-Leste Defence Force, and U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Sarah Russ, USINDOPACOM J5 Mobilization Assistant, and focused on expanding bilateral military cooperation, including joint exercises and training initiatives.



Laulima Navy Spotlight: Part of the Community

John Salomon, a police instructor at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's Security Training Department, has been volunteering for decades. He performed community service when he was deployed on active duty and continues to do so today with his family. Salomon sees laulima, a Hawaiian value that means many hands working together, as a way to take care of each other. "We have to be part of the community, not apart from it," he says.



This Week in History: July 23, 2009

The USS Hawaii (SSN 776) arrived in Pearl Harbor on July 23, 2009, becoming the first Virginia-class submarine to be homeported in Hawaii. USS Hawaii, affectionately known as the War Canoe by its crew, was named to recognize the tremendous support the Navy has enjoyed from the people and state of Hawaii, and in honor of the rich heritage of submarines in the Pacific.



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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