

# THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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## Upcoming Events

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- Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths: August 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the NEX Mall, 4725 Bougainville Drive, Building 631.
- Hawaii Career Expo, July 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Neal Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall, 777 Ward Ave.



## Multinational Ships Sail in Formation During RIMPAC 2024

The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) led a group sail last week off the coast of Hawaii during the at-sea phase of Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2024. The world's largest international maritime exercise began on June 27 and concludes Aug. 1. Twenty-nine nations, 40 surface ships, three submarines, 14 national land forces, more than 150 aircraft and 25,000 personnel are participating in this year's exercise. RIMPAC began in 1971.



## NCTF Conducts Spill Drill Ahead of Tank Pressure Washing

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) conducted a spill drill exercise last week in preparation for pressure washing operations at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. The exercise tested the Navy's emergency response capabilities and its ability to work with multiple agencies to respond to a spill consisting of a mixture of water and cleaning solution at the facility, ahead of the commencement of pressure washing fuel tanks that have completed successful fuel and sludge removal.



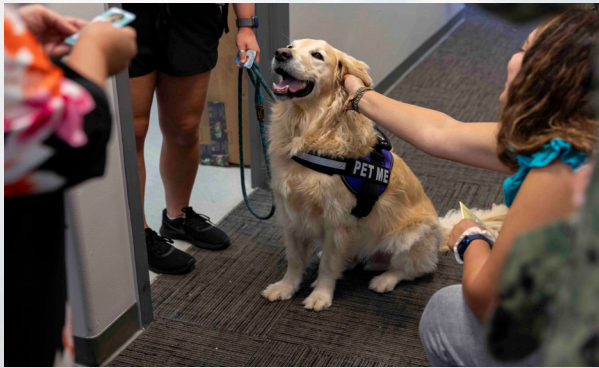
## Italian Navy Sailing Ship Amerigo Vespucci Stops in Honolulu

The Amerigo Vespucci, the historic sailing ship and training vessel of the Italian Navy, pulled into Honolulu Harbor last week for a scheduled port visit. The ship and the 400 military personnel aboard – including Naval Academy cadets – are on the 21st stage of its World Tour, following an 18-day, 2,500-mile-long voyage from Los Angeles. The Amerigo Vespucci, the custodian of the oldest naval and maritime traditions for over 90 years, is one of Italy's most well-known symbols.



### Sailor Earns Award for Leadership in Foreign Ship Liaison Office

Cmdr. Charles R. Lux received the Meritorious Service Medal for coordinating all aspects of foreign ship visits to Hawaii, Wake Island, and American Samoa from 2022- 2024 as the foreign ship liaison officer for Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH). The medal is the highest non-combat related medal or award a military member can receive. "Every foreign ship visit is consequential," said Lux, who facilitated 57 foreign ship visits, the most in CNRH's history.



### Therapy Dog Ready to Serve

Tuukka, a licensed therapy dog, was the center of attention during a recent visit to Navy Region Hawaii headquarters. The 5-year-old golden retriever belongs to Jackie Hugger and her husband, Dave, an active-duty Sailor stationed at U.S. Indo-Pacific Command. "We love what we do and to merge two things important to our family – giving back to our community and the love of our military – it's the best of both worlds for us!" Jackie said.



### This Week in History: August 4, 1913

On August 4, 1913, the Commandant and administrative staff of the naval station in Honolulu relocate to Building One in the newly established Pearl Harbor Shipyard. Building One would serve in the early days of the base at Pearl Harbor as the headquarters for the Shipyard as well as the 14th Naval District. The building continues to function as office spaces and an important historic landmark on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

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