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Let's Talk Red Hill Podcast

Let's Talk Red Hill is your source for the latest updates and insights on the Navy's progress at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This podcast is dedicated to keeping you informed, addressing your concerns, and sharing progress straight from the experts leading the way. Find it on the Navy Closure Task Force - Red Hill website.



DPAA Receives Flag Honoring U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye's Legacy

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency received a United States flag flown at half-staff over the U.S. Capitol following the passing of U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye on Dec. 17, 2012. The flag was presented by Jennifer Sabas, director of the Daniel K. Inouye Institute and his former chief of staff, during a ceremony Friday that recognized Inouye's commitment to military and public service. Inouye served in the U.S. Army with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team during World War II.



Acting Secretary of the Navy Visits Pearl Harbor Shipyard

Acting Secretary of the Navy Hung Cao and several members of Congress toured the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility over the weekend. Shipyard leaders highlighted the facility's role in sustaining fleet readiness during Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2026, the world's largest international maritime exercise currently taking place in and around the Hawaiian Islands. The delegation also visited the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) and toured barracks at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.



Pipeline Removal Begins at Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility

Navy Closure Task Force – Red Hill (NCTF-RH) began pipeline removal operations at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF). Removal of the pipes, which measure approximately 10 miles in total length, is a key milestone in the process in the permanent closure of the facility. The pipeline removal operations are being conducted in accordance with regulator-approved plans, ensuring all activities meet stringent state and federal environmental standards.



11 Nations Take Part in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Exercise

Over two weeks, 11 nations, three NGOs, and more than 1,700 personnel leveraged their unique capabilities in mobility, logistics, communications and medical to tackle complex disaster response scenarios, including mass casualty response and port restoration. The Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise is part of RIMPAC and included construction of a camp at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Participants completed 22 projects and responded to 46 simulated requests, successfully enhancing multinational coordination, logistics, and regional disaster readiness.



HMAS Choules Transports Pacific Partnership 2026 Personnel, Musicians

Musicians with the Pacific Partnership Band are among 113 Pacific Partnership 2026 personnel from Australia, Canada, Germany, and the United States currently embarked on the Royal Australian Navy amphibious Bay-class Landing Ship Dock HMAS Choules (L100), which is providing transport and logistics support to the mission across multiple mission stops. Now in its 22nd iteration, the Pacific Partnership series is the largest annual multinational humanitarian assistance and disaster management preparedness mission conducted in the Indo-Pacific.



This Week in History: July 26, 1944

On July 26, 1944, the USS Baltimore (CA-68) arrived at Pearl Harbor's pier B-22 with President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Admiral Chester Nimitz onboard. Shortly after arriving, General Douglas MacArthur met the President and the Pacific Fleet commander on the deck of the cruiser. While the President was in Hawaii, the three iconic leaders held a pivotal conference in Waikiki to discuss strategy for the final stages of operations in the Pacific Theater of World War II.



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