

# THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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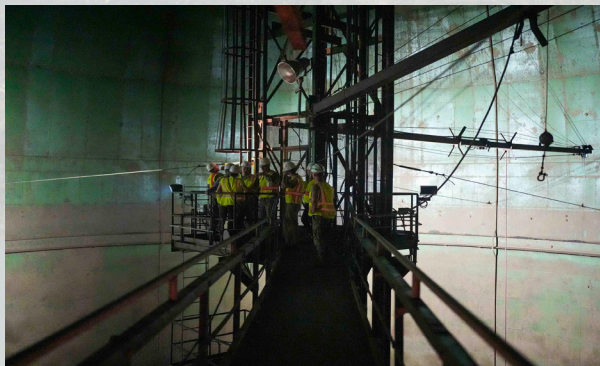
## Upcoming Events

- Navy Closure Task Force Open House - Aug. 21 from 5-7 p.m. at Moanalua Terrace Community Center, 2500 Radford Drive
- Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths: Aug. 21 at Moanalua Terrace Community Center, 2500 Radford Drive, from 5 - 7 p.m.; Aug. 28 at Kapilina Night Market, 5440 Edgewater Drive, from 4 - 8 p.m.; Aug. 29 at Pearl City NEX Mini Mart, 794 Lehua Ave., from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



## U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono Tours Loko I'a Pā'ai'au Fishpond

U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono and her staff last week visited Loko I'a Pā'ai'au, a 400-year-old royal fishpond in Pu'uloa. The fishpond belonged to Mo'i Wahine (Queen) Kalanimanu'ia, who ruled over the island of Oahu during the 15th century. Leaders from the Ali'i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club, Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam shared the history of the fishpond and ongoing restoration efforts. Loko I'a Pā'ai'au is on the National Register of Historic Places.



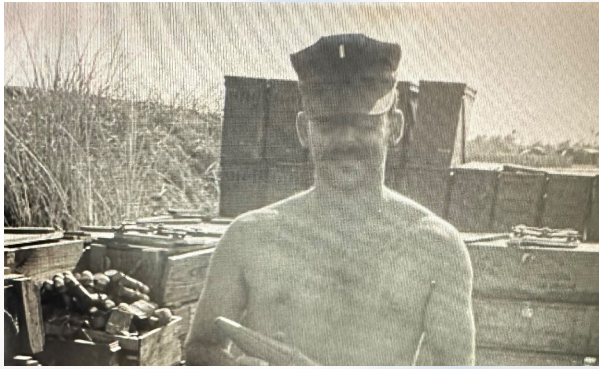
## Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill Operational Update

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) continued to complete closure efforts this month at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility with advances in tank cleaning, environmental assessment, and remediation activities. "The task force remains focused on successfully fulfilling our mission to assess and remediate the environment in and around Red Hill and decommission the underground fuel storage tanks at the facility," said Rear Adm. Steve Barnett, NCTF-RH commander.



## Women's Equality Day Spotlight: Hospital Corpsman Lizeth Istre

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Lizeth Istre, a behavioral health technician for the Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, was the first in her family to complete high school and attend college. In celebration of Women's Equality Day on Aug. 26, she shares advice with young women: "If you can dream it and you can see it, then you can achieve it as long as you're willing to put in the work."



## Retired Special Warfare Commander Reflects on Purple Heart Day

Irwin Joel Brilliant, who retired from the U.S. Navy after 30 years of service, received the Purple Heart while serving in Vietnam. “The Purple Heart Medal means a hell of a lot to me and almost every flag officer that I have met in the last 30 years. You don’t ask for it. You don’t aspire to it. You don’t run towards it. It’s just, you got it because you bled for the country,” he shared.



## How USACE Engineered Lahaina’s Remarkable Debris Cleanup

The Maui wildfires didn’t just raze Lahaina’s homes and landscapes – they left an indelible scar on the hearts of its people. Fire ash and debris posed an immediate and grave threat, endangering lives, the environment, and the cultural fabric of this historic place. In this solemn hour, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stepped in with a mission that extended beyond debris removal—it was about safeguarding a community’s future and honoring the spirit of a resilient people.



## This Week in History: August 21, 1919

On Aug. 21, 1919, Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels formerly dedicated Drydock One at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. Over 7,000 people attended the event. With the drydock dedication, the Pearl Harbor Naval Station became a reality. While in Hawaii, Secretary Daniels relayed his vision that Pearl Harbor would become “the backbone not only of the American Navy of the Pacific, but the backbone of the American commerce which is to come into these harbors.”

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