

# THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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## Upcoming Events

- Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths: 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.



## PMRF Biologists Search for Hatched Green Sea Turtle Eggs

Biologists with Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai and the Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources have been carefully digging through the sand at PMRF looking for hatched and unhatched green sea turtle eggs. Once they locate the egg chamber, they count the number of eggs that hatched. They examine any unhatched eggs to determine the development stage of non-viable embryos. Turtle nesting season in Hawaii runs from mid-April to September and can sometimes extend into December.



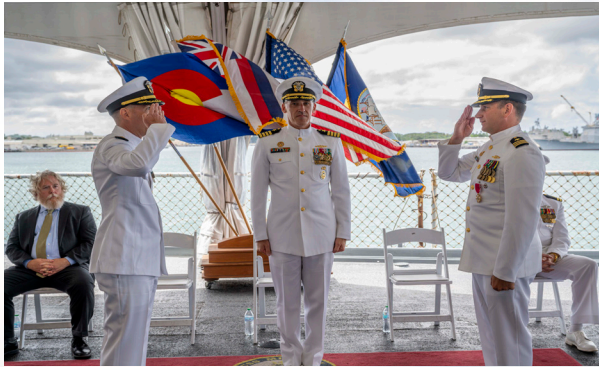
## Female Submariner Draws on Courage, Stamina, Expertise

More than 700 women currently serve on 19 Ohio-class ballistic missile submarines and 19 Los Angeles-class fast attack submarines. Lt. Delany Bolton, who served aboard the nuclear-powered USS North Carolina, homeported in Hawaii, reflects on her time in the deep sea. "I love the challenge, the empowerment and the leadership and obstacles you can overcome being a submariner. You're doing something, you're pushing the boundaries of human existence by surviving underwater for a long period of time."



## Australians Participate in First-Ever U.S. Submarine Maintenance Period

In a historic first, Australian personnel are working alongside with their U.S. counterparts to conduct maintenance on USS Hawaii (SSN 776) in Australia as part of a Submarine Tendered Maintenance Period (STMP) at HMAS Stirling in Western Australia. The STMP marks a significant step forward in the Australia, United Kingdom, United States (AUKUS) Pillar 1 program, which is paving the way for Australia to acquire a sovereign, conventionally armed, nuclear-powered submarine capability.



## USS Colorado Holds Change of Command at Battleship Missouri Memorial

Cmdr. Justin Reeves assumed command of the Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Colorado (SSN 788) during a change of command ceremony last week aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial. Reeves relieved Cmdr. David Beam, who during his tenure successfully completed a challenging six-month U.S. European Command deployment with port calls to Tromso, Norway, and Rota, Spain. Colorado's crew earned several awards including the Submarine Squadron Four Battle 'E' award and the Hook 'Em award for undersea warfare excellence.



## Coast Guard Cutter Harriet Lane Returns From 68-Day Operation

The crew of Coast Guard Cutter Harriet Lane (WMEC 903), a 270-foot medium endurance cutter homeported in Honolulu, arrived last week at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. During its 68-day patrol in the South Pacific, the crew traveled more than 13,400 nautical miles, made port calls in Tonga, American Samoa, the Cook Islands, and French Polynesia, worked alongside Pacific Island partners to combat illegal fishing activities, and participated in community service activities.



## This Week in History: August 31, 1911

The USS Utah (BB-31) was commissioned on Aug. 31, 1911. The Utah spent nearly 20 years in active service before being converted into a target vessel in 1931. The ship was at Pearl Harbor during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack and capsized at her berth on the north side of Ford Island. The wreck of the USS Utah, with as many as 49 crewmembers still entombed on the ship, remains as a reminder of the Day of Infamy.

Photo: USS Utah transits the Panama Canal in 1919.

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