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Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** Aug. 7, Halsey Terrace Mini Mart, 6890 Nimitz Rd., from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Aug. 12, JBPHH Newcomers Fair*, 180 Kuntz Ave. from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Aug. 13, Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, 5440 Edgewater Drive, from 4-8 p.m.

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Rear Adm. Stephen Barnett Relinquishes Command of Navy Region Hawaii

Rear Adm. Stephen Barnett relinquished command of Navy Region Hawaii to Rear Adm. Brad Collins during a change of command ceremony yesterday on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Barnett assumed command in June 2022, overseeing an area of responsibility that extends across 34,000 acres of land and water and includes more than 40,000 military and civilian personnel at more than 270 shore-based commands on Oahu and Kauai. Collins previously served as commander of Navy Region Europe, Africa, Central.



U.S. Navy Blue Angels Arrive in Hawaii for Air Show

U.S. Navy Blue Angels pilots and crew members arrived at Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) on Monday for the 2025 Kaneohe Bay Air Show and Open House being held this weekend at MCBH. Dubbed "Blues on the Bay," the free event is open to the public and celebrates MCBH's longstanding relationship with the local community. The Blue Angels, the Navy's premier aerobatic flight demonstration team, will headline the show. Visit kaneohebayairstow.com for event details.



NCTF-RH Participates in Community Representation Initiative Meeting

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) leadership shared updates last week on Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSS) decommissioning efforts and progress with members of the Community Representation Initiative, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency representatives, Hawaii Department of Health representatives, and members of the community. Charged with the safe decommissioning of the RHBFSS, NCTF-RH was established by the Department of the Navy as a commitment to the community and the environment.



Summer Interns Gain Valuable Work Experience at PMRF

Five college students are spending part of their summer at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) on Kauai to broaden their skills and gain work experience in a real-world setting. The summer interns are provided housing, transportation and a stipend for 10 weeks. This is the fifth year that PMRF is participating in the Test Resource Management Center Summer Intern Program, which aims to provide a pipeline of workforce talent to support future Dept. of Defense test and evaluation demands.



USINDOPACOM Attends Soft Opening of Advanced Manufacturing Facility

Adm. Samuel J. Paparo, commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, attended the soft opening of The Forge, a new advanced manufacturing facility located on Schofield Barracks. The facility is the result of a multi-year partnership between USINDOPACOM and the Department of Defense's Innovation Capability and Modernization Office. The Forge will utilize advanced manufacturing technologies, including 3D printing, precision machining, casting and forging, and rapid prototyping, to maintain U.S. military edge and sustain the Joint Force.



This Week in History: August 1942

In August of 1942, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and his staff moved into their new headquarters on Makalapa Hill. Nimitz spent his first eight months as CINCPAC at temporary offices on the submarine base. The white, reinforced concrete structure on Makalapa Hill has served as the headquarters for the Pacific Fleet for 83 years. The building was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1987.



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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