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Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** Sept. 18, Navy Exchange Mall, 4725 Bougainville Dr., from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sept. 24, Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, Pili Kai Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Dr., from 4 to 8 p.m.
- **Navy Closure Task Force - Red Hill informational webinar** on Red Hill worker and contractor safety on Sept. 24 at 5 p.m.: <https://tinyurl.com/NCTF-RH-Webinar>



Navy Region Hawaii Celebrates Chief Pinning Ceremony

Chief petty officers (CPOs) received their anchors during a pinning ceremony on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The ceremony recognized 18 Sailors and Airmen that were newly promoted to the rank of CPO. The CPO pinning ceremony is a Navy tradition that dates back to 1893, when the rank was established marking that transition of First Class Petty Officers to the rank of CPO, which is an E-7 enlisted rank.



Team Hickam Hosts Wings of Aloha Open House

15th Wing welcomed members of the public to Hickam Field to witness military and civilian aircraft up-close at the free Wings of Aloha Open House on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The event included aircraft tours, hands-on exhibits, live musical performances, conversations with Department of Defense personnel and an aircraft flyover. Wings of Aloha provided an opportunity to strengthen ties with local communities and provide insight into Team Hickam's mission to project and sustain airpower throughout the Indo-Pacific.



Sept. 11 Remembrance Ceremony Honors Lost Lives

Joint service members took part in a remembrance ceremony at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fountain on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam last week to honor those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, and in the years that followed. Flags representing United Airlines Flight 93, the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and five branches of service were raised on Sept. 10 and flown for 24 hours. They were taken down during a ceremony on Sept. 11.



Dale Marks Visits Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill hosted a site visit of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF) last week for Dale Marks, assistant secretary of defense for energy, installations, and environment. NCTF-RH was established by the Department of the Navy as a commitment to the community and the environment. NCTF-RH continues to engage with the people of Hawaii, regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders as it safely and deliberately decommissions the RHBFSF.



PMRF Continues Dark Skies Program to Protect Shearwaters

In preparation for fledging season on Kauai, which runs from Sept. 15 to Dec. 15, members of Pacific Missile Range Facility's environmental team and staff from Save Our Shearwaters (SOS) practiced banding techniques on wedge-tailed shearwaters. PMRF this week launched its Dark Skies Program, a long-standing initiative that reduces light pollution during fledging season. The program includes shielding lights, dimming or turning off unnecessary lighting, and educating the community about the importance of dark skies for wildlife conservation.



This Week in History: September 21, 1909

On September 21, 1909, the US Navy began construction of Drydock One at the new naval base at Pearl Harbor. Unfortunately, the unfinished structure collapsed in February of 1913 delaying the establishment of the base. Construction of a new drydock began in 1917, and the new facility was dedicated by Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels on August 21, 1919. Photo: USS Michigan and USS South Carolina tied up next to Drydock One in 1920.



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