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Upcoming Events

• Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths: Sept. 26 at Halsey Terrace NEX Mini Mart, 6890 Nimitz Road, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Oct. 3 at Navy Exchange Mall, 4725 Bougainville Drive, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m..



NCTF-RH Launches Decommissioning Dashboard, Podcast

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) launched two new communication features to provide the public more options to stay informed on closure activities. A decommissioning dashboard updated weekly on the NCTF-RH mobile app provides a visual depiction of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF) tank cleaning progress. Each week, NCTF-RH Deputy Commander Rear Adm. Marc Williams discusses RHBFSF closure progress with guest co-hosts and subject matter experts on the "Let's Talk Red Hill" podcast.



Salvadorian Yeoman Demonstrates Versatility, Leadership

Navy Region Hawaii joins the nation in celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month to honor the achievements and contributions of Hispanic Americans. Chief Yeoman Silvia Newkirk serves as the flag writer for Rear Adm. Marc F. Williams, deputy commander for Navy Closure Task Force – Red Hill. Newkirk is the first person in her family to join the military, a shining example of this year's theme: "Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together."



NAVFAC Hawaii Collects New Data for Turtle Study

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii and NOAA Fisheries collected new data from its turtle tagging project, which is part of a 10-year Interagency Agreement funded by the Navy to support the recovery of endangered sea turtles. Efforts include telemetry tagging to understand their movement, feeding, breeding and behavior patterns. The new telemetry data revealed the turtles traveled extensively. Two of them swam from Pearl Harbor to Molokai and Kahoolawe then headed to Kauai and Niihau.



USS Chung-Hoon Sailors Conduct Namesake Visit to Punahou School

Sailors assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) paid tribute to the ship's namesake, Rear Adm. Gordon Pai'ea Chung-Hoon, during a ceremony last week at Punahou School. Chung-Hoon graduated from Punahou in 1929. Michelle Punana Chung-Hoon, Chung-Hoon's niece; school president Michael Latham; USS Chung-Hoon sailors; and Army JROTC members participated in the ceremony. The sailors were in Hawaii to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the ship's commissioning.



DPAA Hosts National POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) commemorated National POW/MIA Recognition Day last week to honor those who were prisoners of war and those who are missing in action. During the ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, five Gold Star Families placed a bronze rosette next to their loved one's name, which was etched into the wall of the Courts of the Missing, as a symbol of their family member's recovery and identification.



This Week in History: September 29, 1916

On Sept. 29, 1916, at 2:30 a.m., a radio message was transmitted from the Navy's first high powered radio station on the Pearl Harbor Naval Base to a receiving station in Long Beach, California reporting "satisfactory progress" on the construction of the new shipyard. The Secretary of the Navy replied with a congratulatory message 33 minutes later. The radio station remained in operation until 1936. Photo: Three 600-foot-high powered radio antenna seen in an early aerial photograph.



Wai Momi

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