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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Military & Family Support Center Hiring Event: Apr. 5 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 4827 Bougainville Drive



Joint Task Force-Red Hill Completes Defueling Mission

Joint Task Force-Red Hill has completed its defueling mission, safely removing more than 104 million gallons of fuel from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. The mission was completed roughly six months ahead of schedule and involved gravity defueling and removing all accessible residual fuel. The closure of Red Hill and long-term environmental remediation efforts are being led by Navy Closure Task Force – Red Hill, which took over responsibility for the fuel storage facility last week.



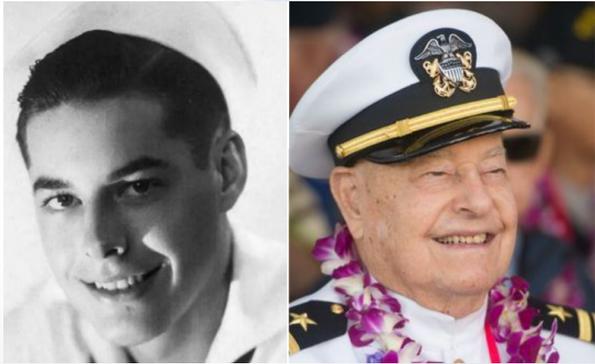
Navy Assumes Responsibility of Red Hill Facility

Navy Closure Task Force – Red Hill (NCTF-RH) assumed responsibility of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility from Joint Task Force-Red Hill during a transition of authority ceremony held March 28 at the Battleship Missouri Memorial. NCTF-RH has developed comprehensive plans to systematically close the facility through an integrated master schedule created in close coordination with the EPA, Hawaii Department of Health, and other stakeholders.



Secretary of the Navy Meets with Military Affairs Council

Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro met last week with the Hawaii Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Council to discuss the substantial value of Navy contracts awarded to Hawaii-owned businesses, small business opportunities, and the strategic partnership between the State of Hawaii and the Department of the Navy. Secretary Del Toro was in Hawaii to speak at the Joint Task Force-Red Hill—Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill transfer of authority ceremony, and to meet with Sailors and community members.



Last USS Arizona Survivor Dies at 102

USS Arizona survivor Louis A. Conter passed away Monday at his home in Grass Valley, California. Conter enlisted in the Navy in 1939, reporting directly to the USS Arizona after boot camp. A Quartermaster third class, Conter was on the back decks when a torpedo struck the battleship. As the burning vessel started sinking, Conter assisted injured sailors and kept frightened crew members from jumping into the burning oil that covered the water's surface. Conter eventually became a pilot and retired after serving for more that 27 years.

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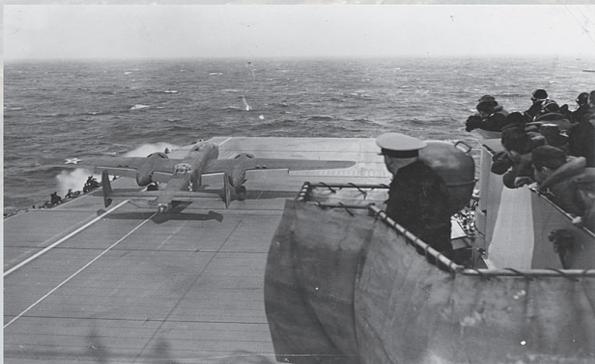
Red Hill Health Response

Colonel John Oh



Defense Health Agency Hosts Live Red Hill Health Webinar

Defense Health Agency - Public Health is hosting a webinar on April 9 at 9 a.m. HST to address health concerns related to the Red Hill fuel release. U.S. Air Force Col. John Oh, chief of the Occupational and Environmental Health Division at DHA Public Health, will provide an update on the agency's Red Hill initiatives and answer questions from attendees. To join the live event, call: 1-410-874-6747 and enter conference ID: 847 841 812#. The webinar will be archived on the Red Hill Public Health page.



This Week In History: April 8, 1942

On April 8, 1942, the USS Enterprise (CV-6) departed Pearl Harbor to join the USS Hornet (CV-8) in the Doolittle Raid on Japan. On April 18, the task force approached within 650 miles of Japan and launched 16 B-25 Mitchell bombers against targets on the Japanese mainland including Tokyo. Although the material damage inflicted by Doolittle's raiders was minimal, the news of the air raid on the Japanese capital boosted the morale of the American people following just a few months after the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor.

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