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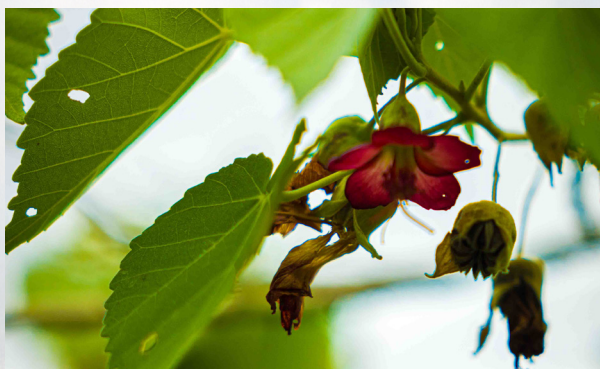
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- NAVFAC Job Fair on April 30 at Ala Moana Hotel's Garden Lanai from 9 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.
- Navy's Drinking Water Long-Term Monitoring Booth on April 25 at NOAA Ford Island Bistro from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.



Navy Protects Native Species at Lualualei Annex

The Navy is using a creative approach to protect endangered Hawaiian water birds and plants at Naval Magazine Lualualei, which is located in an area where brush fires are a concern during the summer months. To shield endangered plants and species from potential fire threats, a Navy natural resource team surrounded them with buffer zones of non-endangered vegetation – like layers of an onion – to ensure the most threatened plants in the center are protected.



Navy Joins Neighbors to Clean Pearl Harbor Historic Trail

Proving that the strength of a community lies in the willingness of its members to come together for a common cause, military and civilian volunteers from Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam tenant commands joined area residents to clean the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail, which stretches from Halawa Landing to Nanakuli. Navy volunteers have taken part in trail cleanups since 2007. The April 20 Earth Day event was sponsored by the City & County of Honolulu.



Collecting Data from Endangered Sea Turtles in Pearl Harbor

Summer Martin, who leads the Marine Turtle Biology & Assessment Program for NOAA's Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center on Ford Island, explains how her team uses satellite transmitters to track the movements of endangered sea turtles in Pearl Harbor. The telemetry tagging effort is part of a 10-year program with the Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii to document the behaviors of green and hawksbill turtles to understand and reverse declining population trends.



Spotlight on Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention

April is a busy month for Capt. Jessica Beard, Navy Region Hawaii's sexual assault awareness and prevention officer, who has been organizing events that bring attention to sexual violence and how to stop it. She's been encouraging military and civilian individuals at all levels to use their personal strength to bolster prevention, increase reporting, and advocate for a safer Department of Defense community. "Prevention of sexual assault violence is a 24/7/365 cause," she says.



USS Colorado Arrives at New Homeport

The Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Colorado (SSN 788) and its crew of about 130 Sailors arrived at its new homeport at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 17. Colorado is shifting its homeport from Groton, Connecticut to Pearl Harbor to undergo maintenance at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility. Commissioned in 2018, Colorado completed her most recent deployment to the U.S. European Command area of responsibility in December 2023.



This Week in History: May 1, 1996

The Honolulu Memorial at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific was dedicated on May 1, 1966. The imposing structure was built to honor the sacrifices and achievements of American armed forces in the Pacific during World War II and the Korean War. It was later expanded to include the Vietnam War. The names of 28,788 military personnel who are missing in action or were lost at sea during these conflicts are listed on the memorial's marble slabs.

NAVY REGION PRODUCTIONS

- HO'OKELE MAGAZINE
- WAI MOMI LIFESTYLE SHOW

Navy Region Hawaii produces a digital magazine and a monthly lifestyle show for Navy and Air Force members and their families in Hawaii. Ho'okele and Wai Momi include news and feature stories, command information and community photos produced by Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs. Current and past editions of both are available for viewing on the Navy Region Hawaii website and DVIDS.

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