

THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booth:** April 29 at Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, 5440 Edgewater Drive, from 4-8 p.m.



Navy to Start Degassing 11th Red Hill Fuel Tank

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) will begin degassing (venting) tank 11 at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility this week, marking another milestone in the facility's decommissioning process. Tank decommissioning is a multi-stage process involving defueling, venting, cleaning, and ultimately, the permanent closure of each tank. With approval from the Hawaii Dept. of Health, NCTF-RH will conduct the safe and deliberate venting of tank 11, the 11th of 14 to undergo this critical step.



Navy Region Hawaii Conducts 8-Day Hurricane Exercise

Navy Region Hawaii this week kicked-off HURREX 2026, an eight-day exercise simulating a Category 4 hurricane approaching the Hawaiian Islands, incorporating scenarios for expected landfall, storm surge, destructive winds, and severe flooding. The exercise is designed to enhance destructive weather preparedness across the entire community, encompassing the region, installations, tenant commands, and military families, while rigorously evaluating their collective ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a major weather event.



Video Crew Captures Footage, Interviews for Pearl Harbor Documentary

A video crew is in Hawaii this week capturing footage and conducting interviews for a two-hour documentary airing on PBS and National Geographic about the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. Scheduled for release this fall, the documentary will reconstruct key events leading up to, during and after the attack. This year marks the 85th anniversary of Dec. 7. Jim Neuman, Navy Region Hawaii historian, was among those interviewed for the documentary.



Navy Volunteers Help with Haiku Valley Restoration

Sailors and civilian volunteers joined community members in Haiku Valley on Sunday to remove invasive species, plant native plants, and learn about Native Hawaiian culture and practices as part of a bimonthly Haiku Valley cultural service program sponsored by the Koolau Foundation. The volunteer effort is part of *Laulima Navy*, an ongoing initiative celebrating voluntary community service in Hawaii. *Laulima*, a Hawaiian value meaning “many hands working together,” embodies the Navy’s commitment to support local communities in Hawaii.



How a Veteran is Shaping the Shipyard’s Next Generation

Donald Thompson’s journey to the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility was anything but direct, spanning three decades and three branches of the U.S. armed forces. Thompson now serves his fourth branch of the military – the Navy – as an air conditioning equipment mechanic at the shipyard. A former Marine mortarman, Air Force Reserve mechanic, and Coast Guard machinery technician, Thompson’s varied career has settled on his current mission: training the next generation of shipyard mechanics.



This Week in History May 1, 1966

The Honolulu Memorial at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific was dedicated on May 1, 1966. The memorial was built to honor the sacrifices 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.



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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