

THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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Navy's Drinking Water Long-Term Monitoring Booth

- May 2 at Hickam Main Exchange from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.*
- May 14 at Hickam Chapel from 9:30 to 10 a.m.* and Ombudsman & Key Spouse Assembly from 5 to 6:30 p.m.*
- May 29 at Kapalina Night Market from 4 to 8 P.M.

*Base Access Required



Swarm Team Reports Cause of TPH Detections

Recently detected low levels of total petroleum hydrocarbons, or TPH, in the Navy's drinking water system were the result of laboratory contamination and not associated with the release of jet fuel from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, the Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill announced last week. The Task Force's "Swarm Team" investigated the earlier findings and determined the false positives were due to the presence of chlorine, which is added to disinfect drinking water before it reaches consumers.



JBPHH Leaders Host Lualualei Naval Annex Tour

Capt. Mark Sohaney, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Commander, and Col. Monica Gramling, Deputy Joint Base Commander, hosted a tour of Lualualei Naval Annex last week for U.S. Rep. Jill Tokuda and Waianae Coast community members. The tour is part of ongoing efforts to bring together county, state and military officials to hear concerns from the community. Last week's tour included a drive on Kolekole Pass Road, which could potentially be used for evacuations during a natural disaster.



NCTF-RH Removes AFFF Concentrate from Red Hill

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) last week removed 32 barrels of aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF) concentrate from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. The AFFF concentrate will be transported to a treatment facility off island. Charged with the safe decommissioning of Red Hill, NCTF-RH was established by the Department of the Navy as a commitment to the community and the environment.



Military Kids Enjoy Rich Experiences and Lifelong Connections

Before they reach the 12th grade, the Department of Defense estimates that the average military child will attend six to nine different schools. They will relocate every two to three years and say goodbye more often than civilian kids. Being a “military brat” means being part of a unique subculture and having a global network of other military kids. The resiliency of the youngest members of the community is celebrated during Month of the Military Child.



Keiki Learn About Environmental Stewardship at PMRF

More than 100 students took part in Earth Day activities at Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai. They helped clear debris from the beach at Waiokapua Bay and participated in environmental stewardship activities led by PMRF’s environmental team and partner organizations that included the Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources, Ho’omaluku Ke Kai, County of Kauai Recycling, Kauai Invasive Species Committee, Kaunalewa, Na Maka Onaona, Save Our Shearwaters, The Nature Conservancy, and USDA Wildlife Services.



Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

This month we pay tribute to the generations of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders who have defended America’s freedom. Command Master Chief Josephine Tauoa became the first Samoan Command Master Chief on Feb. 26, 2020. Her first command master chief assignment was aboard USS Chung-Hoon (DDG-93), named in honor of the Asian American and Pacific Islander, Rear Admiral Gordon Pai’ea Chung-Hoon.

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