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Navy's Drinking Water Long-Term Monitoring Booth

- 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



Adm. Paparo assumes command of Indo-Pacific Command

Adm. Samuel J. Paparo assumed command of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command from Adm. John C. Aquilino during a Change of Command ceremony on May 3. Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III presided over the event onboard Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. As commander, Aquilino was charged with leading more than 380,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, Guardians, Coast Guardsmen and Department of Defense Civilians, and maintained responsibility for all U.S. military activities in the Indo-Pacific.



Secretary Austin meets with Sailors during Hawaii visit

In addition to presiding over the Indo-Pacific Change of Command, Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III met with counterparts from Australia, Japan, and the Philippines; engaged with service members; and spoke with leaders from the Freely Associated States. During his engagement with Sailors from the Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, Austin thanked them and their families for their contributions to the safety and security of the American people.



Pride of America inspected at Pearl Harbor

Hawaii-based cruise ship Pride of America pulled into Dry Dock 4 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam recently for a required U.S. Coast Guard hull inspection. The inspection is the result of a Public-Private Partnership Agreement between ship owner Norwegian Cruise Lines and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility. The cruise ship entered the drydock on a Friday, underwent inspection on Saturday and was back afloat early Sunday morning. The inspection took less than 48 hours.



Gov. Josh Green and NCTF Recognize Kalani Whitford

Hawaii Gov. Josh Green recently recognized retired federal firefighter Kalani Whitford for his civic contributions to the state and his help and insight with Red Hill defueling and decommissioning efforts. During the gathering, Rear Adm. Steve Barnett, commander, Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill, presented Whitford with a command coin and thanked him for his efforts: "Your actions will forever demonstrate an enduring legacy of honor, courage and commitment." Whitford retired in 2012 after 45 years of service.



Holocaust Remembrance Day Observed on JBPHH

Service members and guests, including Hawaii Lt. Gov. Sylvia Luke, gathered for the Holocaust Day of Remembrance on Monday at the Aloha Jewish Chapel onboard Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The observance was hosted by the 8th Theater Sustainment Command and included a presentation by Seymour Kazimirski, whose parents were Holocaust survivors. May 6 corresponds to the 27th day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar and marks the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.



Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month: Sen. Daniel K. Inouye

Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS Daniel Inouye (DDG-118) proudly bears the name of U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, who received the Medal of Honor for combat heroism during World War II. He belonged to the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, a segregated unit composed of Soldiers of Japanese ancestry. After leaving the military, Inouye served in the U.S. Congress, becoming the first Japanese American elected to both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Inouye served until his death in 2012.



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