

# THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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## Upcoming Events

- Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths: June 6 at Navy Exchange Mall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; June 11 at the JBPHH Newcomers Fair at Hickam Chapel from 9:30 to 10 a.m.\*; June 11 at the Ombudsman & Key Spouse Assembly\*; June 12 at the Kapilina Night Market from 4 to 8 p.m.
- EIS public scoping meetings for Pacific Missile Range Facility and NASA's Koke'e Park Geophysical Observatory June 4-6 on Kauai. Visit [PMRF-KPGO-EIS.com](http://PMRF-KPGO-EIS.com) for locations and times.

\*Base access required



## Commemorating the 82nd Anniversary of the Battle of Midway

Rear Admiral Steve Barnett, commander, Navy Region Hawaii, presided over a wreath ceremony this morning marking the 82nd anniversary of the Battle of Midway. "With the decisive victory at Midway, the United States would begin the long struggle to roll back a proud and determined foe and it would be the gritty spirit of this great nation, represented on this day by the United States Navy, that would turn the tables on the axis powers," he said during the ceremony.



## PMRF Restores Name of Recreation Area to Waiapua'a Bay

In recognition of the full narrative of Kauai's rich and diverse history, Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) has restored the Native Hawaiian place name for Waiapua'a Bay, formerly known as Major's Bay. "By lifting up these original names, we are saying to the world that we value every chapter of our history, and we honor every voice that helped shape this land," said PMRF Commanding Officer Capt. Brett Stevenson during a ceremony to mark the historic name restoration.



## NCTF Begins Tank Ventilation, Air Quality Monitoring

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) began tank ventilation and air quality monitoring last week at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF). As part of venting operations, the task force installed nine air quality monitoring (AQM) stations along the RHBFSF perimeter to track changes in air quality, measure potential volatile organic compound levels, and collect atmospheric data. During venting operations, AQM data will be updated hourly on the NCTF-RH mobile app, and daily on the NCTF-RH website.





## Sen. Hirono, DOT Director Visit Lualualei Annex

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) leadership hosted a site visit last week to Lualualei Annex for U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono and Ed Sniffen, director of the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT). Capt. Mark Sohaney, Joint Base Commander, and Col. Monica Gramling, Deputy Joint Base Commander, briefed the senator on efforts to open Kolekole Pass as a potential emergency evacuation route for the community. JBPHH is partnering with HDOT on rock fall mitigation, road widening and repaving, and bridge replacement.



### ‘Ōpe‘ape‘a, Hawaiian Hoary Bat

**REMEMBER:** To protect this endangered species, don't trim any trees taller than 15 feet during bat pupping season from **1 June to 15 September!**

These are solitary, tree-roosting bats and the pups are unable to fly.

## Pupping Season Begins for the Endangered Hawaiian Hoary Bat

June is the start of pupping season for the endangered ‘Ōpe‘ape‘a (Hawaiian Hoary Bat), the only remaining native land mammal in Hawaii. To protect the baby bats, or pups, that roost in trees on Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands on Kauai, tree trimming on the installation is paused until pupping season ends in mid-September. Pups are unable to fly for several months and hang in trees. If the trees are cut, their habitat is lost.



## This Week in History: June 4-7, 1942

The Battle of Midway is considered the turning point of the Pacific War. Before the battle, the Japanese were on the offensive, capturing territory throughout Asia and the Pacific. The Japanese had planned to capture Midway to use as an advanced base. But the U.S. Pacific Fleet surprised Japanese forces, sinking the four of the six carriers that had attacked Pearl Harbor only six months earlier. After Midway, the Americans and their Allies took the offensive in the Pacific.

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