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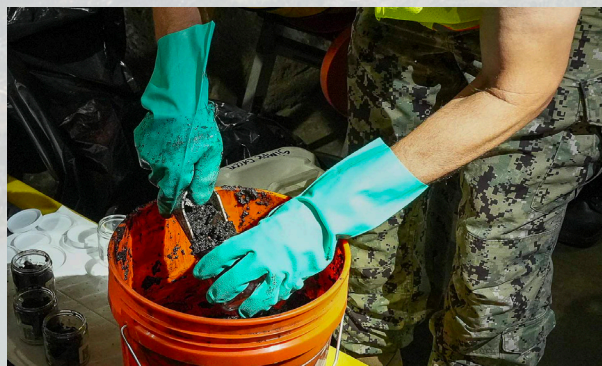
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- Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths: July 17 at Kapilina Night Market from 4 to 8 p.m. ; July 23 at the NOAA Building on Ford Island from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.*



New Commander at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Capt. Mark D. "Soho" Sohaney handed over the reins of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to Capt. Samuel "Smokey" White during a Retirement and Change of Ceremony last week aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial. Sohaney enlisted in the Navy in 1987 and retires after 37 years of service. He assumed command of JBPHH on June 14, 2022. White was most recently the commanding officer of U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.



NCTF Reports on Red Hill Closure Progress

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) made significant advances this month in the process to close the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. Workers completed initial venting and sludge removal on tanks 8 and 7 and started the engineer assessments of scaffolding in support of future cleaning and power washing operations. The NCTF-RH team also submitted the Supplement 3 closure plan to regulators. NCTF-RH hosts its next open house on Aug. 21 at the Moanalua Community Center.



President of the Republic of Korea visits Hawaii

President of the Republic of Korea Yoon Suk Yeol arrived last week at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for engagements with U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, demonstrating the deep friendship between the two countries and reaffirming the ironclad commitment to the U.S.-ROK Alliance. USINDOPACOM is committed to enhancing stability in the Indo-Pacific region by promoting security cooperation, encouraging peaceful development, responding to contingencies, deterring aggression and, when necessary, fighting to win.



Chief of Naval Operations Attends RIMPAC, Meets with Sailors

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Lisa Franchetti and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy James Honea were in Hawaii last week to meet with Sailors and visit Allies and partners participating in Exercise Rim of the Pacific 2024.

Franchetti and Honea visited several U.S. and partner nation ships, where they spoke with Sailors and service members across the Joint Force, observed the ongoing exercise, and emphasized the strategic importance of interoperability with Allies and partners.



Military Freefall Training Reinforces Interoperability During RIMPAC

U.S. Naval Special Warfare operators and special forces partners from Indonesia, India, and Korea demonstrated interoperability during military freefall training from a U.S. Army CH-47 Chinook over Bellows Air Force Station during Exercise Rim of the Pacific. Twenty-nine nations, 40 surface ships, three submarines, 14 national land forces, more than 150 aircraft and 25,000 personnel are participating in RIMPAC in and around the Hawaiian Islands. RIMPAC is the world's largest international maritime exercise.



This Week in History: July 17, 1920

On July 17, 1920, a 35-year-old Lieutenant Commander Chester Nimitz took command of Submarine Division Fourteen and built the Pearl Harbor Submarine Base. He and his wife, Catherine, lived off base in the peaceful valley of Manoa not far from the University of Hawaii. Twenty years later, in December 1941, following the attack on Pearl Harbor he would return to the submarine base as Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

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