

THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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Upcoming Events

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- Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths: August 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the NEX Mall, 4725 Bougainville Drive, Building 631.
- Hawaii Career Expo, July 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Neal Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall, 777 Ward Ave.



PMRF and Hawaii National Guard Respond to Kokee Wildfire

Pacific Missile Range Facility and Hawaii National Guard provided mutual aid to Kauai County to help contain a brushfire that broke out in Kokee on Thursday. PMRF and the National Guard deployed two firefighting teams, one aircraft rescue firefighting truck and two helicopters. "Almost all of the firefighters grew up on the west side," noted Barking Sands Fire Chief Oric Kuapahi. "We aren't just helping Kauai Fire Department, we're helping our relatives, our neighbors and our friends."



Navy Provides Wastewater Treatment Plant Centrifuge Units to Maui County

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, working with the State of Hawaii, transferred two centrifuge units to the County of Maui last week to support its wastewater operations. Weighing nearly 7,300 pounds each, the centrifuge operates by separating water from digested sludge so that the solid waste can be properly disposed of. "Upon learning of Maui County's need, the base immediately started looking for ways to assist," said Capt. Samuel White, JBPHH Commander.



U.S., Partner Nations Conduct Live-Fire Sinking Exercises During RIMPAC

Ships and aircraft participating in Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2024 conducted long-planned, live-fire sinking exercises (SINKEXs), sinking the decommissioned USS Dubuque (LPD 8) and the decommissioned USS Tarawa (LHA 1) during the at-sea phase of the exercise. Both ships were sunk in waters 15,000 feet deep, more than 50 nautical miles off the northern coast of Kauai. Live-fire SINKEXs enable participating nations to test and conduct training on weapons and systems in a realistic environment.



Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Changes Command

Capt. Ryan D. McCrillis relieved Capt. Richard A. Jones as the 49th commander of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) during a change of command ceremony July 12 onboard Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Vice Adm. James P. Downey, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, presided over the ceremony, praising Jones for his leadership of the more than 6,500 civilians, active and reserve Sailors and contractors under his purview.



Australian Submarine Builders Begin Training at Pearl Harbor Shipyard

Personnel from ASC Pty Ltd, an Australian submarine builder, began training at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) as part of the Australia, United Kingdom and United States (AUKUS) enhanced trilateral security partnership. The 28 ASC employees will be trained and certified on various aspects of submarine maintenance to support the AUKUS Pillar 1 program that is supporting Australia's acquisition of sovereign conventionally armed, nuclear-powered submarines.



This Week in History: July 24, 1934

On July 24, 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt arrived in Honolulu aboard the USS Houston, becoming the first sitting U.S. president to visit Hawaii. FDR, adorned with customary flower lei, was reportedly greeted by an estimated 60,000 people, including a flotilla of traditional outrigger canoes and legendary surfer Duke Kahanamoku. FDR stayed in the islands for several days to tour both cultural landmarks and military bases.

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