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Barking Sands Fire and Emergency Services partner up with MWR to give PMRF a beach wheelchair program to support our disabled `Ohana.

FIND THE NENE!

Did you know that it is Nene flocking season? Please keep your eye out for Hawai'i's state bird on the road and if you need to train your eye, find the hidden Nene in this issue of "Within Range."

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Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands (PMRF) is the world's largest instrumented multi-environment range capable of supporting surface, subsurface, air, and space operations simultaneously. There are more than 1,100 square miles of instrumented underwater range, 42,000 square miles of controlled airspace and 2.1 million square miles of extended range when needed.

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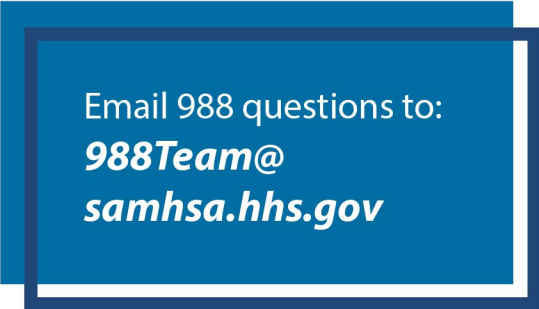
What is 988?

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is the lead federal agency, in partnership with the Federal Communications Commission and the Department of Veterans Affairs, working to strengthen and expand the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255).

Moving to an easy-to-remember, 3-digit dialing code will provide greater access to life-saving services.

Too many Americans are experiencing suicide and mental health crises without the support and care they need. In 2020 alone, the US had one death by suicide about every 11 minutes — and for people aged 10-34 years, suicide is a leading cause of death.

Providing 24/7, free and confidential support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress works! The Lifeline helps thousands of people overcome crisis situations every day.



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Lifeline and will 988 replace it?

The Lifeline is a national network of over 200 local, independent, and state-funded crisis centers equipped to help people in emotional distress or experiencing a suicidal crisis. Moving to 988 will not replace the Lifeline (1-800-273-8255), rather it will be an easier way to access a strengthened and expanded network of crisis call centers.

How is 988 different from 911?

988 was established to improve access to crisis services in a way that meets our country's growing suicide and mental health related crisis care needs. 988 will provide easier access to the Lifeline network and related crisis resources, which are distinct from 911 (where the focus is on dispatching Emergency Medical Services, fire and police as needed).

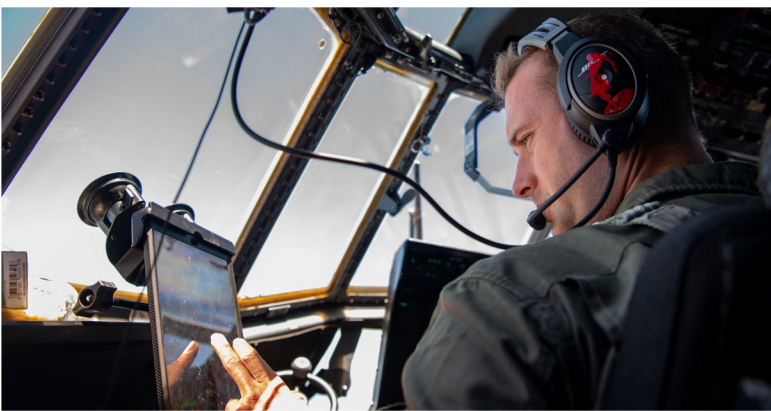
How is 988 being funded?

Congress has provided the Department of Health and Human Services workforce funding through the American Rescue Plan, some of which will support the 988 workforce. At the state level, in addition to existing public/ private sector funding streams, the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 allows states to enact new state telecommunication fees to help support 988 operations.

Is 988 available for substance use crisis?

The Lifeline accepts calls from anyone who needs support for a suicidal, mental health and/or substance use crisis.

For more information, please visit www.fcc.gov/988Lifeline





Story and photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Samantha Jetzer



KEKAHA, Hawaii – Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, hosts U.S. ground forces and ally nation militaries during the biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise.

RIMPAC 2022 is the 28th exercise in the series that began in 1971. The exercise takes place in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California. The exercise was held from June 29 to Aug. 4 and involved 26 nations, 38 surface ships, four submarines, nine national land forces, more than 170 aircraft and approximately 25,000 personnel.

The theme of RIMPAC 2022 is “Capable, Adaptive, Partners.” Participating nations and forces will exercise a wide range of capabilities and demonstrate the inherent

flexibility of maritime forces. These capabilities range from disaster relief and maritime security operations to sea control and complex warfighting. The relevant, realistic training program includes amphibious operations, gunnery, missile, anti-submarine and air defense exercises, as well as counter-piracy operations, mine clearance operations, explosive ordnance disposal, and diving and salvage operations.

RIMPAC participants at PMRF included ground forces from the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Army 1st Multi-Domain Task Force (MDTF), the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF), and members from the military forces of Australia, Canada, Chile, France, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Republic of Korea, Republic of the Philippines and Singapore.

Events were held at PMRF almost every day from July 11 to July 29. Range operations successfully executed four Surface-to-Air Missile Exercises (SAMEX), seven Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercises (ASWEX), a Naval Surface Fire Support (NSFS) exercise, and two Sinking Exercises (SINKEX).

“PMRF serves as the center of excellence and execution for all RIMPAC large-scale, live-fire exercises,” said Stuart Butts, PMRF’s deputy range operations officer. “It is always amazing to see how the entire PMRF workforce makes sure every RIMPAC participant gets the most out of their participation in this one-of-a-kind-exercise.”

PMRF hosted over 130 JGSDF soldiers and over 100 U.S. Army soldiers. During a SINKEX, the U.S. Army and JGSDF demonstrated interoperability of surface systems. JGSDF launched a Type 12 Surface-to-Ship Missile (SSM), while members of the MDTF utilized U.S. Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS) and exercised short-range Air Defense Artillery equipment. The combined land forces synchronized the launching of their HIMARS and SSM with partner and allied nations’ air and maritime weapon systems to successfully sink the decommissioned ex-USS Denver (LPD 9) more than 50 nautical miles north of Kaua’i.

“The bilateral alliance between Japan and the United States is definitely a core of the national defense policy of Japan,” said Warrant Officer Minoru Koba, Exercise Assistant, Training and Exercise Section, Training Division, Operations Support and Training Department, Ground Staff Office, Japan Ministry of Defense. “Japan Self-Defense Force and U.S. Forces must be ready for national emergencies and should train together to integrate our Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures during times of peace.”

During RIMPAC, a network of capable, adaptive partners train and operate together in order to strengthen their collective forces and promote a free and open Indo-Pacific. RIMPAC 2022 contributes to the increased interoperability, resiliency and agility needed by the Joint and Combined Force to deter and defeat aggression by major powers across all domains and levels of conflict.





Story by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Bodie Estep

With the summer heat comes more families spending days on the beach. Barking Sands Fire and Emergency Services (BSF&ES) wants to help the community in a way other than casualty response. By partnering with Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), BSF&ES has been able to introduce the beach wheelchair program to give back to our disabled patrons.

Ryan Kooser, a BSF&ES firefighter and paramedic, is the lead for this program and shared his thought process behind starting it.

"I noticed a young boy that was wheelchair bound at Shenanigans and his family was down at the beach while he was posted up on the deck," Kooser said, "I noticed, also, the potential for disabled veterans and their families to rent one of the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) cottages. They are on the hottest, widest beach on the island and it is kind of the same thing as the boy at Shenanigans."

The beach wheelchair is a specialized wheelchair with oversized, soft, inflated wheels that make movement on the sand easier. It is fitted to accommodate for paraplegic and quadriplegic injuries. The benefit of this program is to assist disabled veterans staying at the Americans with Disabilities Act approved beach cottages as well as the 'Ohana of PMRF personnel with disabilities.

"It just felt like the right thing to do," Kooser said, "To partner with MWR to facilitate the purchase of the chair for recreational use."

It is completely free for patrons to rent the beach wheelchair. Reservations are made through MWR, who will collaborate with BSF&ES. Fire department personnel will transport the wheelchair to Majors Bay or to Shenanigans and assist the patron from their street wheelchair into the beach wheelchair. They will also help the patron and their family to a safe zone on the beach. Once on the beach, they will speak to the family about beach and water safety to ensure that they have a fun and safe beach day that otherwise may not have been able to happen.

"I used to use these when I worked for city of Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue to Ocean Rescue," Kooser said, "We had two sets of beach wheelchairs and it was just awesome to see the reaction of not just the person who was wheelchair bound, but the family members as well."

The beach wheelchair program plans to expand as more people start to take advantage of it. Kooser hopes to get more chairs and eventually partner with KORE, a program that gives disabled patrons an opportunity to surf, to put together a day for disabled patrons to have a group beach day.

"I would volunteer my off time to bring this chair wherever someone wanted. That's how important this is to me," Kooser said, "Everyone deserves at least one day, and that's what this whole program is about, creating a moment and giving them that day."



Anti-terrorism Level 1 Training

Get ready for your next trip.
To access your training,
please visit the following
websites.

<https://www.jcs.mil/JKO/>

<https://my.navy.mil>



All personnel deploying or traveling outside the United States, its territories and possessions will complete Level 1 training within three months prior to travel. For areas outside of the U.S. within the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (PACOM) area of responsibility, SERE 100 training and ISOPREP/PRMS completion is also required.

The PMRF N1 (Admin) will ensure that all PMRF personnel traveling outside of the U.S. have received Level 1 training prior to final processing of leave/travel documents.

Level 1 AT Awareness training is available by accessing Navy e-Learning through My Navy Portal. Individual records for PMRF personnel shall be updated to reflect AT Level 1 training, and completion will be tracked via Fleet Training Management Planning System (FLTMPS).

Family members can complete the standalone version of the course on Joint Knowledge Online. Tenant organizations shall maintain their own records in accordance with higher headquarters requirements and report completion percentage at the Antiterrorism Working Group (ATWG).