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Memorial Day

Join us in honoring the service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Veterans, service members, and community members gathered at Kauai Veterans Cemetery for a Memorial Day Observance ceremony in remembrance of fallen heroes.



Celebrating Earth Day at Pacific Missile Range Facility

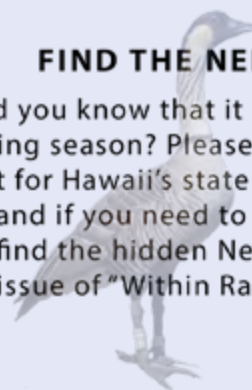
Take a look at all the amazing projects and activities shared with local students during our Earth Day Event!

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FIND THE NENE!

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



Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands (PMRF) is the world's largest instrumented multi-domain 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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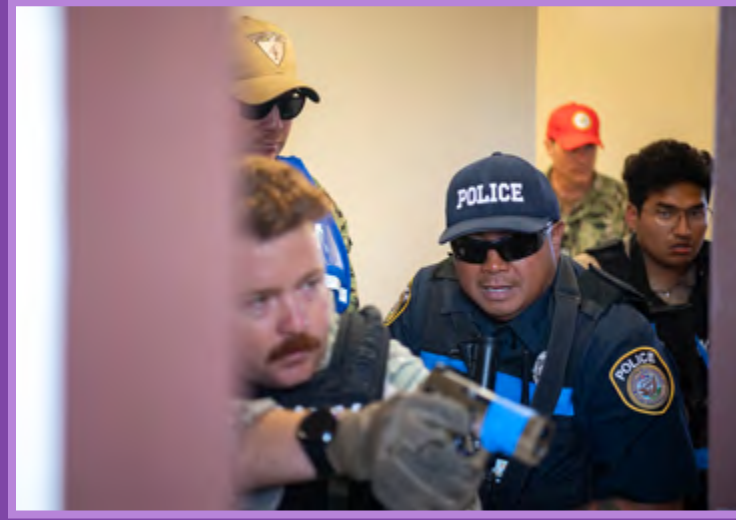
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Serving with Aloha

Story and photos by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Louis Lea



The Hawaiian word “Aloha” is most often used as a greeting or farewell, but the word can be used to mean many different things. The Hawaii Army National Guard defines Aloha as – Dignity, respect and the unconditional extension of trust and friendship. Department of the Navy Police Officer and Kauai native Andrew Apuna, serves with and shares the spirit of Aloha at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands.

Apuna served his country and community in the Hawaii Army National Guard and now continues that service as a police officer at PMRF.

An active childhood and an adventurous spirit along with an innate desire to serve led Apuna to consider joining the military after highschool.

“I was initially interested in the Army because I grew up hiking in the mountains and hunting,” said Apuna with a hearty laugh. “When I got older I realized it was more than that. I had never left the Hawaiian Islands and I wanted to see the world. The National Guard gave me that opportunity while also enabling me to come back home and be with my community.”

The Hawaii Army National Guard is unique from the Army in that its members serve and deploy at both the federal and state levels. Soldiers can be activated at a moment's notice to respond to world events on the other side of the globe, or on the next island over.

“Some of my proudest times in the National Guard

were when I was activated state-side,” said Apuna. “I’ve had the opportunity to help out all the islands for things like lava flow, landslides and flooding. Serving Hawaii was really special to me. I was serving my community, my friends and my family. Kauai is a small, tight-knit island and everyone knows each other, so obviously when part of the community is in need we all want to help.”

Upon returning from deployment as an Diesel Mechanic in Iraq in 2006, Apuna and many of the men and women he served alongside sought to put their skills and training from the military to use by joining PMRF’s Security Department.

“A lot of the guys that I work with in security served with me in the National Guard,” said Apuna. “We go way back. It’s easy to rely on them because we have already built that bond as brothers and sisters in arms.”

The Security Department is not the only area of the installation that welcomes members of the community, the vast majority of PMRF personnel are civilians who have lived on island for longer than five years, and many were born and raised on Kauai.

“As part of security forces it’s my responsibility to protect life and property on the installation,” said Apuna. “Most of the people that work on base are from the neighboring towns, so in a way I feel like I’m not just protecting the base but the whole island and my community too.”



In addition to working alongside members of the community, Apuna also gets a steady stream of new faces as military members come and go in this unique duty station. For most Sailors coming here it is their first time on Kauai, and for some their first experience in Hawaii at all.

“I like it because everyone is different; they come from different places and know different things, and need to be taught in a way that works best for them. I’m happy for the diversity in our security force because Kauai is a diverse place with many cultures all living together,” said Apuna.

He notes how he now trains a lot of the new Sailors coming through.

“I feel that it is my kuleana (responsibility) to not only train, but to teach these Sailors about Hawaii, Kauai and our people,” said Apuna. “Teach them how to malama (care for) the aina (land).”



Congratulations Marie Paiste

Marie Paiste from PMRF's Admin Department retired after 35 years of excellent service. PMRF Commanding Officer Capt. Brett Stevenson awarded Marie the Civilian Commendation Medal for her superior performance and dedication to duty.

Marie's impact on the command and our Ohana shone through as members of PMRF spoke about what a critical teammate Marie has been throughout her career.



Hot Rods! Antique Cars! Junior Dragsters! Custom Trucks!

Congratulations to all who made the 4th Annual MWR Auto Skills Car Show at Pacific Missile Range Facility a huge success!
"Thank you to members of the Kauai community for coming out and sharing with us your incredible custom rides. This event was a huge success because of you!" said car show organizer and MWR

Auto Skills Center Manager Steve Swacker.
"We had an extraordinary day and enjoyed viewing some of the hottest show vehicles on the island!"
PMRF extends a special mahalo to the 70 entrants who put their custom rides on display at the May 11 car show.



Memorial Day

at the Kauai Veterans Cemetery

"Today, as we gather upon this hallowed ground, the final resting place of so many of our Kauai veterans, we take time to remember their sacrifices and reflect upon all that they've accomplished, and we stand proudly, once more, to salute every patriot who has ever worn the uniform of the United States of America," said Capt. Brett Stevenson, PMRF Commanding Officer.



Celebrating Earth Day at Pacific Missile Range



Students visiting Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, scoured Waiapua'a Bay looking for debris during a beach clean-up during PMRF's Earth Day Celebration. A total of 112 students from four local schools visited PMRF for the annual Earth Day Celebration. During the event, participants cleared 208 pounds of debris from the beach at Waiapua'a Bay.

Students were educated on the importance of Earth Day and being good stewards of the land by the PMRF Environmental team and partners such as the Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources, Ho'omalu Ke Kai, County of Kauai Recycling, Kauai Invasive Species Committee, Kaunalewa, Na Maka Onaona, Save Our Shearwaters, The Nature Conservancy, and USDA Wildlife Services.





Who do you want to see featured?

Email us your suggestions!

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EM2 Jonathan Maddux drives a High-Speed Maneuvering Surface Target (HSMT).

MA3 Grant Masaveg completes annual non-lethal weapons training.

MASR Emily Turner responds to a simulated active shooter during a drill.

MC2 Bodie Estep cuts wood during a Habitat for Humanity volunteer event.

PMRF SEPTAR department transits waters within its area of operations.