

THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** Jan. 16 at Hickam Main Exchange, 10 Hickam Court, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m*.; Jan. 29 at Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, Pilikai Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Drive, 4 – 8 p.m.

*Base Access Required



Voyaging Canoe Hōkūle'a Returns to Pearl Harbor on Saturday

The Polynesian voyaging canoe Hōkūle'a returns to Pearl Harbor on Saturday and will dock for a week at Rainbow Bay Marina. The canoe's scheduled arrival at 9 a.m. will be followed by a welcoming ceremony. This will be the second time that Hōkūle'a has visited Pu'uloa. In 2018, Hōkūle'a made its historic sail into Pearl Harbor where she was welcomed by the Navy and the Pu'uloa community. During the Jan. 19 - 24 visit, the canoe's crew will host school and public dockside tours.



Lualualei Community Workday Brings Volunteers Together

About 30 Navy personnel joined Waianae community members last week to restore parts of the Nioi'ula Heiau on Lualualei Naval Annex. Volunteers cleaned the area, cleared overgrowth and repositioned displaced stones. The workday was an opportunity for the Navy and the community to come together in the spirit of cooperation to care for the sacred site. The Nioi'ula Heiau is located in the upper portion of Lualualei Valley and includes several stacked rock walls and enclosures.



Public Meetings for Hawaii-California Training and Testing Draft EIS

The Navy is holding in-person public meetings in Hawaii this week for the Hawaii-California Training and Testing Draft Environmental Impact Statement /Overseas EIS. The meetings will include an analysis of the potential environmental effects associated with conducting at-sea training and testing activities. Navy representatives will be available for questions. Today's meeting is from 4 to 7 p.m. at Ke'ehi Lagoon Memorial and tomorrow's is from 4 to 7 p.m. at Kauai Veterans Center. Visit www.nepa.navy.mil/hctteis/ for more information.



New Commander Leads 199th Fighter Squadron

Lt. Col. Curtis Yoshimoto is the new Commander of the 199th Fighter Squadron, a 154th Wing unit of the Hawaii Air National Guard. Yoshimoto will lead the Hawaiian Raptors—a total force team of Air National Guard, Active Duty, and civilian Airmen—to ensure the F-22A air superiority force is combat-ready for worldwide operations and steady-state homeland defense of the Hawaiian Islands. Yoshimoto has more than 2,000 flying hours and 51.9 combat hours in the F-22A and other aircraft.



U.S. Indo-Pacific Command Hosts Lithuanian Chief of Defense

Lt. Gen. Joshua M. Rudd, deputy commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, recently hosted Lithuanian Chief of Defence Gen. Raimundas Vaikšnoras at USINDOPACOM headquarters in Hawaii. Vaikšnoras assumed his role in July 2024 and has demonstrated a desire to enhance U.S.-Lithuanian communication and cooperation in combating threats across the Indo-Pacific region. In September 2024, Vaikšnoras met with U.S. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr. at the Pentagon.



This Week in History: January 17, 1923

On Jan. 17, 1923, a Naval Air Station is commissioned on Ford Island under Commander John Rodgers. Naval Air Station Pearl Harbor served as an important base for reconnaissance aircraft throughout World War II and into the Cold War before decommissioning in 1962.



Laulima Navy underscores our responsibility to the community and the ways we work alongside partners to help and support our neighbors. Service to others and a commitment to the greater good are values we hold in high regard. It is a privilege for all of us to call Hawaii home and we seek every opportunity we can to show how much we treasure this place. In this edition, we share a few ways we help to care for the community. Scan the QR code to learn more about Laulima Navy.



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