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Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** April 27 at Hickam Main Exchange, 10 Hickam Court, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- **Navy Closure Task Force:** Red Hill Webinar on the Navy Aiea-Halawa Shaft Reactivation: April 29 via Microsoft Teams at 5 – 6 p.m. Join here.



Navy Volunteers Participate in Biannual Pearl Harbor Bike Path Cleanup

Navy volunteers joined community members on Saturday to pick up and bag trash along the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail & Bike Path as part of the City and County of Honolulu's biannual cleanup and beautification initiative. The cleanup is one of the largest on Oahu with anywhere from five to 12 tons of trash collected each time. The bike path stretches 18.6 miles from Halawa Landing to Nanakuli, linking Leeward neighborhoods, historic sites, recreational areas, regional attractions, and nature.



Defense Attachés Convene at USINDOPACOM for Symposium

Adm. Samuel J. Paparo, commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, hosted a Senior Defense Official and Defense Attache Symposium at USINDOPACOM headquarters, bringing together senior military officials from across the Indo-Pacific region to discuss regional security challenges, enhance interagency coordination, and strengthen partnerships. The symposium underscored commitments to regional security cooperation and intelligence-sharing and set the tone for further discussions on regional defense strategies, U.S. military posture, and multinational partnerships.



DPAA Holds Chain of Custody Ceremony for WWII Soldier

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) held a Chain of Custody Ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam earlier this month for U.S. Army Maj. James J. O'Donovan, a battalion executive for the 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, during World War II. He was taken prisoner in the Philippines during a Japanese invasion and forced on the Bataan Death March. O'Donovan's remains were identified on Feb. 4, 2025, and were transferred to his family during the ceremony.



U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet Band Performs During American Samoa Navy Week

The U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet Band musical unit Pau Hana Sound entertained audiences during American Samoa Navy Week in Pago Pago. American Samoa Navy Week is one of 15 Navy Weeks marking the Navy's 250th birthday. During Navy Week, assets, equipment and personnel travel to a single city for a week of engagements designed to bring America's Navy closer to the people it protects. Each year, the program reaches more than 140 million people - about half the U.S. population.



Shipyard Apprentices Receive Valuable On-the-Job Training

Rigging instructor JR Liberato (center) explains the proper way to secure an electric motor to second-year rigger apprentices at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility Continuous Training Development area. The PHNSY & IMF Apprentice Program is a partnership with the U.S. Dept. of Labor and Honolulu Community College (HCC) to develop skilled journey workers and future shipyard leaders. The four-year program includes full-time employment, hands-on training, and a tuition-free, Applied Trades degree from HCC.



This Week in History: April 25, 1942

USS Enterprise returned to Pearl Harbor on April 25, 1942, following the epic [Doolittle Raid](#), where the United States conducted a surprise air raid on the Japanese home islands utilizing US Army B-25 bombers launched from the deck of U.S.S. Hornet. The raid led to Japan's decision to attack Midway Atoll in June and shortly following her return to Pearl Harbor, the Enterprise was subsequently redeployed to participate in the pivotal [Battle of Midway](#).



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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