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Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** May 15 at Hickam Main Exchange, 10 Hickam Court, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and May 28 at Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, Pilikai Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Drive, from 4 - 8 p.m.



NCTF-RH Continues Safe, Deliberate Progress to Decommission Red Hill

Navy Closure Task Force – Red Hill personnel, in close coordination with the Hawaii Department of Health, are working to reactivate the Navy Aiea-Halawa Shaft. DOH provided conditional approval on Feb. 10 to begin the reactivation. As part of the approval, NCTF-RH began a pilot study of the granular activated carbon (GAC) treatment system at the site to collect data that will demonstrate usage and impacts of the treatment system. GAC can treat a wide range of industrial chemicals in water.



CS1 Su Hill Selected as CNIC Sailor of the Year

CS1 Su Hill, Unaccompanied Housing leading petty officer, was selected as Commander, Navy Installations Command's 2024 Sailor of the Year. Assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hill was selected from among 70 installation Sailor of the Year recipients and three other finalists. Hill stood out for her exceptional performance and dedication to duty. The Sailor of the Year program was established in 1972 to recognize top-performing Sailors who exemplify professional excellence and personal commitment.



Gold Star Families Honor Fallen Service Members

Each year, hundreds of service members lose their lives in combat, training accidents or through illness, homicide or suicide. In 2024, the Navy lost 182 active-duty Sailors. The loved ones left behind are Gold Star families. May is Gold Star Awareness Month, a time to honor these families, acknowledge their profound sacrifices and raise awareness about the needs and challenges they face. Last week, Gold Star family members visited the USS Arizona Memorial to honor fallen service members.



U.S. Pacific Fleet Band Marches in Merrie Monarch Parade

The U.S. Pacific Fleet Band marched in the 62nd Annual Merrie Monarch Festival Royal Parade last month in Hilo. The parade is a cherished tradition that celebrates Hawaiian culture, the art of hula, and the rich heritage of Hilo town. The Merrie Monarch Festival is a week-long cultural event held each spring, featuring Hawaiian culture and a premier hula competition that includes some of the best hālau hula (hula school) from Hawaii and the continental United States.



A Room for Closure: Inside DPAA's Sacred Space

Every aspect of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) building on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam was designed with intention. No feature embodies this commitment more profoundly than the family viewing room. Suspended above the building's atrium, the room symbolizes the culmination of the agency's mission to account for missing U.S. service members. After an identification has been made, the family of the service member is invited to this room to view the remains of their loved one in a private space.



This Week in History: May 13, 1908

On May 13, 1908, the U.S. Congress authorized funding for the dredging of the channel entrance to Pearl Harbor by a vote of 246 - 1. The Act called for enlarging and dredging the Pearl Harbor channel and lochs *"to admit the largest vessels"* and *"all the necessary machine shops, storehouses, coal sheds, and other necessary buildings, and to build there one graving drydock capable of receiving the largest war vessels of the Navy."* A contract was awarded to Hawaiian Dredging Company and work commenced on March 1, 1909.



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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