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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, Pilikahi Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Drive, from 4 - 8 p.m.
- **Navy Closure Task Force - Red Hill Open House:** May 21 at Hokenani Community Center, 298 Main Street, from 5 - 7 p.m.



Chilean Tall Ship Esmeralda Sails into Pearl Harbor on Friday

The Chilean Navy tall ship Esmeralda sails into Pearl Harbor on Friday morning for a five-day stop before heading to the World Expo in Osaka, Japan. Dept. of Defense cardholders can tour the historic 371-foot ship May 17-20 while she's in port. Esmeralda began her 69th training voyage in April and will be traveling for six months, visiting eight ports and six countries with her crew of 267. To sign up for a tour, visit jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com.



Wai'anae and Nānākuli High Schools Join Nioi'ula Heiau Educational Workday

Navy personnel joined students and teachers from Wai'anae and Nānākuli high schools, Leeward community members and the Wai'anae Moku Kupuna Council for an educational workday at Nioi'ula Heiau at Lualualei Annex. The workday, which included clearing overgrown grass and trees, removing trash and rock placement, helped the students deepen their understanding of Hawaiian culture and the island's heritage. It also offered an opportunity for the leeward community to collaborate in preserving the sacred site.



Coast Guard Medevacs Captain from Fishing Vessel off Hilo

Coast Guard crews on Oahu assisted an ailing fisherman last week off the coast of Hilo. The 68-year-old captain of a commercial fishing vessel had been experiencing abdominal pain and fever for about 10 days. An HC-130 Hercules airplane crew from Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point dropped antibiotics to the vessel on Wednesday. On Friday, an MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew from Air Station Barbers Point transported the man to Hilo Medical Center, where he was reportedly in stable condition.



Adm. Paparo Discusses Land Forces, Deterrence, and AI in Indo-Pacific

Commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Adm. Samuel Paparo, delivered the first keynote address at the 2025 Land forces Pacific Symposium, commonly known as LANPAC, emphasizing the critical role of land forces in maintaining stability and deterring aggression in the Indo-Pacific. Paparo highlighted the interoperability of joint functions, the importance of integrated air and missile defense, the necessity of robust sustainment capabilities, and the transformative potential of artificial intelligence (AI) in modern warfare.



INDOPACOM, Marshall Islands Host First Joint Committee Meeting

Rear Adm. Greg Huffman, commander, Joint Task Force-Micronesia, the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands Laura Stone and the RMI Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Kalani Kaneko each led a delegation to host the first bilateral RMI-U.S. Joint Committee Meeting last month at U.S. Indo-Pacific Command headquarters. Topics ranged from maritime security in the region and infrastructure improvements to increasing ship visits and establishing defense sites in the RMI.



This Week in History: May 14, 1836

On May 14, 1836, the United States Congress authorized President Andrew Jackson to conduct an exploration of the Pacific Ocean and South Seas under the command of Commander Charles Wilkes. The [United States Exploration Expedition](#), or "Wilkes Expedition," remains one of the most ambitious of its kind in American history. Conducted from 1838-1842, the expedition included a formal visit to Oahu in 1840 and the first American survey of Pearl Harbor. Image: Map of the Hawaiian Islands published in 1844.



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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