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Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** May 28 at Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, Piliikai Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Drive, from 4 - 8 p.m.



Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill Hosts Public Open House Tonight

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) holds its quarterly open house tonight from 5-7 p.m. at the Hokulani Community Center. The open house will focus on current environmental efforts at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility as well as long-term intentions to increase redundancy, resiliency, and security of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam drinking water distribution system. Booths, interactive displays and experts will be available to provide information on the Navy's extensive sampling programs.



Navy, Pearl Harbor National Memorial Continue USS Arizona Preservation

The U.S. Navy and the Pearl Harbor National Memorial have begun placing containment buoys and anchors in the waters surrounding the USS Arizona Memorial site as a precautionary measure and in preparation for the upcoming removal of the two mooring platforms constructed on the hull of the sunken battleship. After a year of planning and analysis, the installation of this mooring system is a necessary precaution to ensure environmental protection ahead of removing the platforms later this year.



Visitors Tour Chilean Tall Ship Esmeralda During Pearl Harbor Stop

Scores of Sailors and civilians toured the Chilean Tall Ship Esmeralda while she was moored at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam from May 17-20. The historic 371-foot training ship is on a six-month deployment and is scheduled to visit eight ports and six countries with her crew of 280, 73 of whom are recent graduates of Chile's naval academy. Esmeralda was built in 1954 in Spain, and Hawaii was among its first ports of call on its maiden voyage.



National Park Service to Host Memorial Day Commemorative Events

The National Park Service will host a series of unique events to commemorate Memorial Day and honor those who lost their lives while serving in the U.S. armed forces. Events include free guided tours of the USS Utah and USS Oklahoma memorials, viewing of a live dive of the USS Arizona, "Mountains of Memory, Depths of Gratitude" presentation and book signing, and a Memorial Day commemorative ceremony at the USS Arizona bell. Parking is free for all events.



Kapolei High School STEM Students Tour Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Facility hosted a tour last month for Kapolei High School student who are interested in the trades, engineering and STEM. Students were also introduced to potential career paths at PHNSY & IMF whose mission is to keep the Navy's fleet "Fit to Fight" by repairing, maintaining, and modernizing the Navy's fast-attack submarines and surface ships. PHNSY & IMF is the most comprehensive fleet repair and maintenance facility between the U.S. West Coast and the Far East.



This Week in History: May 21, 1944

On [May 21, 1944](#), several explosions occurred in the West Loch of Pearl Harbor where 24 landing craft were being prepared for the invasion of the island of Saipan. Tragically, 163 service members were killed and another 400 were injured. The heroic efforts of the fire fighters brought the situation under control and though the incident could have caused a serious operational delay, the Allied forces got underway on time as the invasion of Saipan took place on schedule.



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. Scan the QR code to learn more about Laulima Navy.



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