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Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** July 10, Hickam Main Exchange*, 10 Hickam Ct., from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; July 16, Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, 5440 Edgewater Drive, from 4-8 p.m.

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Thousands Turn Out for Fourth of July Fireworks at JBPHH

More than 20,000 spectators turned out to watch the night sky come alive with a stunning fireworks show celebrating Independence Day at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The 15-minute pyrotechnic display powered by 2,500 fireworks was the highlight of the annual celebration that featured games, food, custom rides, giveaways, and entertainment by Knox and We The Kings.



Service Members Participate in 76th Annual Kailua Independence Day Parade

U.S. Navy Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Katelyn Westmoreland, originally from Columbus, Indiana, and her husband, Army Spec. Jordan Westmoreland, took part in the 76th Annual Kailua Independence Day Parade. The Westmorelands, along with several other service members, were invited to participate in the parade as part of the Navy Wounded Warrior program. The Kailua Chamber of Commerce also honored the service members at a pre-parade breakfast and awarded each of them with a "Kailua's Hero 2025" certificate.



Rear Adm. Omarr Tobias Assumes Command of NAVFAC Pacific

Rear Adm. Omarr E. Tobias relieved Rear Adm. Jeffrey Kilian as Commander for Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Pacific during a change of command ceremony held July 3 on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Kilian, who served as NAVFAC Pacific Commander since July 2022, heads to Washington, D.C., where he will serve as NAVFAC Commander and Chief of Civil Engineers. Tobias most recently served as the commanding officer of NAVFAC Washington and the executive assistant to the NAVFAC commander.



NCTF-RH Hosts National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) hosted a site visit to the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF) last week for representatives from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The National Academies are private, nonprofit institutions that provide independent, objective analysis and advice to the nation to solve complex problems and inform public policy decisions related to science, engineering, and medicine. NCTF-RH is charged with the safe decommissioning of the RHBFSF.



Interns Explore STEM Pathways at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility welcomed 21 high school interns from the University of Hawaii's JESSE program for a hands-on look at engineering careers that help support Navy operations in the Pacific. The Junior Engineers Summer STEM Experience is a UH initiative that allows local high school students to explore STEM fields while earning college credit. The program aims to cultivate early interest in high-demand fields by connecting students with mentors, resources, and hands-on learning opportunities.



This Week in History: July 13, 1919

On July 13, 1919, Pearl Harbor's Kuahua Island was commissioned as the Naval Ammunition Depot. The island served as a naval magazine for the United States Navy until being decommissioned and relocated to Lualualei and West Loch in 1934. Kuahua Island was later filled in to become a peninsula and served throughout World War II as the home of the Naval Supply Center, which is now the Fleet Logistics Center.



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