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Upcoming Events

Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths: Sept. 18, Navy Exchange Mall, 4725 Bougainville Dr., from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sept. 24, Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, Pili Kai Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Dr., from 4 to 8 p.m.



Honoring Our Nation's Fallen: 9/11 Boot Memorial 2025

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam volunteers placed more than 9,000 combat boots on Ford Island's Luke Field last week to honor fallen service members who made the ultimate sacrifice since Sept. 11, 2001. Each boot includes a photo of the fallen hero, their name, branch, and the date and location of their passing. The poignant tributes tell the stories of individuals who once stood in service to our nation — in combat, in garrison, and in non-combat roles.



USS America Arrives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

The USS America (LHA 6) arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Monday. America is operating in the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of operations. U.S. 3rd Fleet leads naval forces in the Indo-Pacific and provides the training necessary to execute the U.S. Navy's role across the full spectrum of military operations. U.S. 3rd Fleet works with allies and partners to advance freedom of navigation and overflight, and other principles that underpin security for the Indo-Pacific region.



PMRF Commander Reflects on His First 100 Days

In his first 100 days as commanding officer of Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) on Kauai, Capt. Robert Prince has gained a deeper understanding of the unique role PMRF fills for the Navy and in the community. "I am consistently amazed by the quality of work, level of expertise, and drive to excel that our team demonstrates day in and day out at PMRF," he said. PMRF is the world's largest instrumented multi-domain training and testing facility.



Violinist Finds Rewarding Career as a Federal Firefighter and Paramedic

When she's not saving lives, paramedic firefighter Arlene Koh enriches lives with her musical talent. The professional violinist regularly performs at Navy and Marine Corps events as well as with the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra. She played most recently at the Navy Region Hawaii change of command ceremony, performing a captivating rendition of Hawaii Pono'i which is rarely performed on the violin. While her two passions might appear to be drastically different, Koh said there are similarities.



U.S. Pacific Fleet Wind Quintet Performs at Makawao Public Library

The U.S. Pacific Fleet Band's Wind Quintet delighted patrons at Makawao Public Library on Maui last week with a chamber music concert. The performance was part of the band's Music Education Outreach Program, which supports music education for students by providing educational resources to younger generations in the local community. The goal of the program is to build connections between the Navy and public, humanizing the service and highlighting career opportunities.



This Week in History: September 15, 1938

Hickam Field is officially activated on Sept. 15, 1938. The new airfield served as an important point in the defensive triangle between Hawaii, Alaska, and the Panama Canal. The air base was attacked on Dec. 7, 1941, and served as an aviation hub for U.S. forces in the Pacific throughout World War II. Hickam Air Force Base merged with the naval base at Pearl Harbor in October 2010 becoming Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



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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