



# THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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## Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** Dec. 10, Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, Piliikai Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Dr., from 4 to 8 p.m.; Dec. 11, Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill Quarterly Open House, Oahu Veterans Center, 1298 Kukila St., from 5 to 7 p.m.



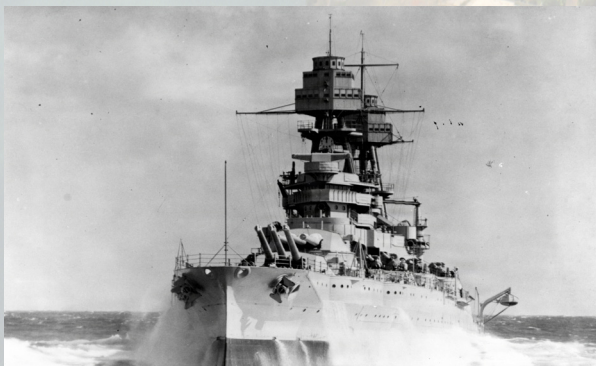
## 84th Annual National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony

Servicemembers, veterans, residents and visitors gathered at the Pearl Harbor National Memorial on Sunday to honor the more than 2,400 Americans killed on Dec. 7, 1941. In his remarks, Rear Adm. Brad Collins, commander of Navy Region Hawaii, reflected on the path to peace in the wake of WWII. "Victory came as a result of the cooperation of allies who share a common desire for peace and the commitment to defend themselves and one another."



## 10th Annual Japan-U.S. Joint Memorial Ceremony Emphasizes Reconciliation

Rear Adm. Brad Collins, Navy Region Hawaii commander, and Hideaki Chotoku, Consul General of Japan in Honolulu, participated in a joint ceremony on Monday honoring all of those who lost their lives in the Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor attack. The 10th Annual Lives Remembered: A Tribute to the Fallen of Pearl Harbor is a symbol of reconciliation and friendship between Japan and the United States. The ceremony is held annually at the Nob Hill Banyan Tree on Ford Island.



## Leaders of WWII Namesake Submarines Carry Legacy Forward

On Dec. 7, 1941, 21 ships were damaged or sunk including the USS Arizona (BB-39), USS Utah (AG 16) and USS Oklahoma (BB-37). All three ships sustained significant damage and loss of life and remain in Pearl Harbor. Their legacy lives on in three Virginia class fast-attack submarines under construction at the General Dynamic Electric Boat Shipyard in Connecticut that will bear their names. The USS Utah and USS Arizona are scheduled for completion in 2026 and 2028, respectively.

NAVY CLOSURE TASK FORCE-RED HILL

# QUARTERLY OPEN HOUSE



- THURSDAY, DEC. 11, 2025
- 5 P.M. TO 7 P.M.
- OAHU VETERANS CENTER
  - 1298 KUKILA ST.
  - HONOLULU, HI 96818

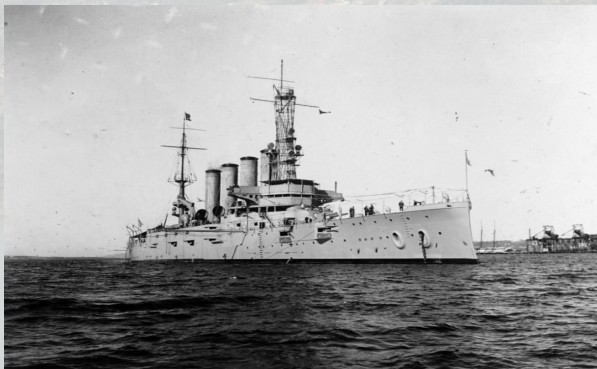
## Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill Hosts Open House Tomorrow

Navy Closure Task Force- Red Hill is hosting a community open house tomorrow, Dec. 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Oahu Veterans Center. Community members will have an opportunity to speak one-on-one with subject matter experts involved in the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility decommissioning and the Navy's ongoing environmental efforts. Topics include pipe cleaning operations, pipeline removal, the Navy's plan for reactivating the Navy Aiea-Halawa Shaft, and other key milestones.



## PMRF Joins Kauai Community in Annual Lights on Rice Parade

Sailors from Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kaua'i joined community members at the annual Lights on Rice parade on Friday. About 10,000 residents from across the island turned out for the annual holiday event. PMRF decorated a High Speed Maneuverable Target for the festivities and passed out candy to onlookers. Defense spending infuses roughly \$170 million annually into the island's economy and employs more than 900 residents who work alongside about 80 active duty personnel.



## This Week in History: December 14, 1911

On Dec. 14, 1911, the armored-cruiser USS California sailed into Pearl Harbor through a widened channel becoming the first ship to enter the now serviceable port. Onboard was Rear Admiral Chauncey Thomas, commander of the Pacific Fleet. The widening of the channel and the arrival of the California marked the beginning of Pearl Harbor's establishment as a world class naval base.



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