



# THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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## Happy New Year



### Rear Adm. Collins Promoted During Ceremony on Battleship Missouri Memorial

Rear Adm. Brad Collins, commander, Navy Region Hawaii, was promoted to rear admiral (upper half) by Adm. Steve Koehler, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet during a ceremony aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial on Dec. 23. Collins assumed command of Navy Region Hawaii on Aug. 5 and serves as the regional coordinator for more than 40,000 Navy and government service personnel working at more than 270 shore-based commands in Hawaii. Navy Region Hawaii's mission is to support fleet and warfighter readiness.



### Capt. Robert Prince Speaks at Kauai Economic Development Board Meeting

Capt. Robert Prince, commanding officer of Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, was the keynote speaker at the Kaua'i Economic Development Board's annual membership meeting on Dec. 18. The meeting underscored the strong and valuable relationships among the U.S. Navy, business owners and the local community. PMRF defense spending infuses roughly \$173 million annually into Kaua'i's economy and employs more than 900 local residents who work alongside 80 active-duty military personnel. PMRF is the island's third largest employer.



### Engineering the Future: UH Students Gain Pearl Harbor Shipyard Experience

Full-time engineering students at the University of Hawai'i are gaining valuable hands-on experience at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Facility (PHNSY & IMF) thanks to an educational partnership agreement between UH and the shipyard. Students who participate in the semester-long program split their time between classes and the shipyard. "By the time they graduate, they already understand the shipyard's culture and expectations — that's a huge advantage," notes Marvin Young, a UH mechanical engineering professor.





## NCTF-Red Hill Continues Air Quality Monitoring Efforts

As part of its fuel tank venting operation, Navy Closure Task Force - Red Hill (NCTF-RH) installed nine air quality monitoring (AQM) stations around the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF), including at the Halawa Correctional Facility, to continuously monitor air quality, measure potential volatile organic compounds, collect atmospheric data (i.e. air speed, wind direction, humidity, barometric pressure), and ensure a safe environment throughout the tank cleaning process. NCTF-RH staff regularly inspect the AQM stations.



## USS Carl M. Levin Hosts Scouting America Troop Leaders

Scouting America, Aloha Council troop leaders and family members toured the Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer USS Carl M. Levin (DDG 120) on Dec. 20 as part of the Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific shipboard tour program. The program provides local civic and school groups the opportunity to visit U.S. Navy ships and learn about the important role they conduct to maintain readiness and ensure national security in the Indo-Pacific region.



## This Week in History December 31, 1941

On Dec. 31, 1941, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz took command of the Pacific Fleet on the deck of the submarine Grayling (SS-209) at Pearl Harbor. Nimitz remained commander throughout World War II and was the United States signatory to the surrender aboard the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.



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