



# THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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## Upcoming Events

**Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booth:** Jan. 28 at Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, Pilikai Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Drive, Ewa Beach from 4-8 p.m.



## Leaders Attend Opening Ceremony for Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica

Rear Adm. Brad Collins, commander, Navy Region Hawaii, joined military and community leaders this morning at the opening ceremony for The Wall That Heals exhibit, which features a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The replica will be on display at University of Hawaii - West Oahu in Kapolei through Jan. 19. Oahu is the first stop for the traveling exhibit, which will visit a total of 31 communities this year.



## PMRF Earns 2025 Battle Efficiency Award

Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands has received the inaugural 2025 Shore Battle Efficiency Award, which recognizes installations as vital battle forces, specifically for their excellence in generating and supporting combat capabilities. PMRF is the leading multi-domain integrated test and training range, providing vital support in the Indo-Pacific. The installation earned the award for enhancing Fleet readiness by modernizing its infrastructure, improving Quality of Life offerings, and ensuring mission continuity through a landmark energy resilience partnership.



## Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill Welcomes New Commander

Rear Adm. Lester Ortiz has relieved Rear Adm. Marc Williams as deputy commander of Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill, which was established to execute the permanent decommissioning of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF) safely and expeditiously and continue long-term environmental remediation in coordination with state and federal stakeholders. Under Williams, who assumed the role of deputy commander in 2023, NCTF-RH made significant progress in tank cleaning, pipeline removal, and environmental efforts.



## Navy Reservists Augment Manpower, Maintain Readiness

In 2025, more than 57,000 Sailors supported active-duty missions around the world in the U.S. Navy Reserve, a service branch that delivers operational capabilities to the Navy and Marine Corps team, and Joint forces, in the full range of military operations from peace to war. Three Hawaii-based Reservists who support cyber and law enforcement missions share how they support the larger Navy force by adding operational capabilities, filling manpower gaps and contributing specialized expertise to ensure readiness.



## Scouting America Troop 304 Visits USS Shiloh

USS Shiloh (CG 67) crewmembers hosted a tour of the Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser for members of Scouting America Troop 304 on Saturday. The visit was part of the Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific shipboard tour program, which provides local civic and school groups the opportunity to learn about U.S. Navy ships and the important role they play in maintaining readiness and ensuring national security in the Indo-Pacific region.



## This Week in History January 17, 1923

On Jan. 17, 1923, Naval Air Station Pearl Harbor was commissioned on Ford Island under Commander John Rodgers. The air base in the heart of Pearl Harbor served as an important facility for reconnaissance aircraft throughout World War II and the Cold War before the air station was decommissioned in 1962. Photo: Seaplanes line the shoreline of the naval air station during President Franklin Roosevelt's visit in July 1934.

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