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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.



VCNO Adm. Jim Kilby Emphasizes Regional Importance During Hawaii Visit

Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jim Kilby arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Monday for leadership meetings and site visits to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, which is being safely decommissioned by Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill. While in Hawaii, Kilby engaged with Sailors and met with leaders to discuss the strategic importance of the region, Sailor Quality of Service, and Navy readiness.



NCTF Will Begin Tank 15 Degassing

The Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) will begin venting tank 15 at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF) this month, marking another significant milestone in the facility's decommissioning process. Tank decommissioning is a multi-stage process involving defueling, venting, cleaning, and ultimately, the permanent closure of each tank. Further information on the decommissioning process is available on the [NCTF-RH website](#).



Working Dogs at Military's Largest Joint Kennel Help Maintain JBPHH Security

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Kennel is the military's largest joint kennel with military working dogs that can detect explosives and drugs. Carlos, one of the explosive detection dogs, and his handler, Staff Sgt. George Rivera, assigned to the 647th Security Forces Squadron, help maintain safety and security for JBPHH. They conduct frequent explosive sweeps on base and, if needed, participate in missions for the President and Vice President of the United States.



Morning and Evening Colors: A Time-Honored Tradition

Each day across Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Colors is observed promptly at 8 a.m. As the national ensign is raised, the national anthem is played, and the flag remains unfurled throughout the day until it is lowered again at sunset to the sound of retreat. During morning and evening colors, it is a requirement for all personnel who are outside, both military and civilian, to stop what they are doing and show respect for the flag. No base in America has more reminders of the history, legacy and sacrifice of military service in the defense of our nation and the defense of freedom than at Pearl Harbor.



PMRF Wildlife Biologist Teaches Children About Endangered Nēnē

With nēnē nesting season underway, keiki at Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands' Child Development Center and Youth Center learned about the life cycle and habits of the endangered Hawaiian state bird from wildlife biologist Daniella Cassillas. In the 1950s, the nēnē population dropped to roughly 30 birds. But thanks to state-wide conservation efforts, the birds have made a significant comeback with as many as 102 individual nēnē nesting locations documented on PMRF this year alone.



This Week in History January 1920

In January 1920, portable wooden buildings once used by the American Expeditionary Force serving in France during World War I were constructed on the Pearl Harbor submarine base. The buildings were used for barracks, storehouses, and shops, as well as facilities for dining, medical, laundry, administrative and recreation purposes. In July of the same year Commander Chester Nimitz assumed command of the submarine base. Photo: Aerial view of the newly established submarine base.



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