



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.



Navy Awards REPI Challenge Funding to MA'O Organic Farms

The U.S. Navy has awarded the Wai'anae Community Re-Development Corporation and its social enterprise, MA'O Organic Farms, \$1.57 million in FY 2025 Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Challenge funding. The award supports the MA'O Palikea Fire and Flood Mitigation Project, a biocultural restoration initiative designed to reduce wildfire and flooding risk, strengthen community resilience, and help support mission readiness at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).



Pearl Harbor Shipyard Hosts Annual Knowledge Share Fair

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) hosted its annual Knowledge Share Fair last week. The event gives PHNSY & IMF shops and codes an opportunity to network to gain an understanding of how everyone contributes to the readiness and warfighting mission. PHNSY & IMF's mission is to keep the Navy's fleet "Fit to Fight" by repairing, maintaining, and modernizing the Navy's fast-attack submarines and surface ships.



Small Military Working Dogs Trained to Detect Drugs on Subs

At the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Kennel, military working dogs help their handlers enforce a zero-tolerance drug policy, enhance security, and ensure good order and discipline on JBPHH. Fedra, a 4-year-old Jack Russell Terrier, is trained to detect drugs on submarines and ships. Her small size enables her to more easily navigate vessel spaces during sweeps of ships and subs before and after deployments. The JBPHH Kennel is the Department of War's largest joint kennel.



CNRH, PMRF Earn 2025 Retention Excellence Award

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) and Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) Barking Sands have earned the U.S. Navy's Retention Excellence Award for fiscal year 2025. The award is given to Navy commands that demonstrate a superior ability to retain Sailors, at all levels, by maintaining specific benchmarks for career readiness, retention, and attrition. "Our ability to retain outstanding Sailors ensures that our operations keep running and improving," said Rear Adm. Brad Collins, CNRH commander.



Navy, Air Force Volunteers Take Part in Cultural Service Program

U.S. military and civilian volunteers joined community members on Sunday to remove invasive species, plant native plants, and learn about Native Hawaiian culture and practices as part of a bimonthly Haiku Valley cultural service program sponsored by the Koolau Foundation. Participation in the service program was coordinated by Navy Region Hawaii as part of Laulima Navy, an ongoing initiative highlighting community service performed by Navy personnel in Hawaii.



This Week in History January 28, 1941

On Jan. 28, 1941, Admiral William Halsey, Commander, Air Battle Force dedicated Marine Detachment, Ewa Mooring Mast Field on the west side of Oahu. Ewa Field served as a base for Marine aircraft as well as a training platform for carrier landings and continued operations throughout World War II and the Korean War before shutting down in June of 1952. Photo: F2A-3 Buffalo aircraft refueling at Ewa Marine Corps Air Station.



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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