



THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** Feb. 10 at JBPHH Newcomers Fair, JBPHH Memorial Chapel, 1600 Frederick St. from 1-1:30 p.m.*; Feb. 10 at JBPHH Newcomers Fair, JBPHH Memorial Chapel, 1600 Frederick St. from 6-7:30 p.m.*

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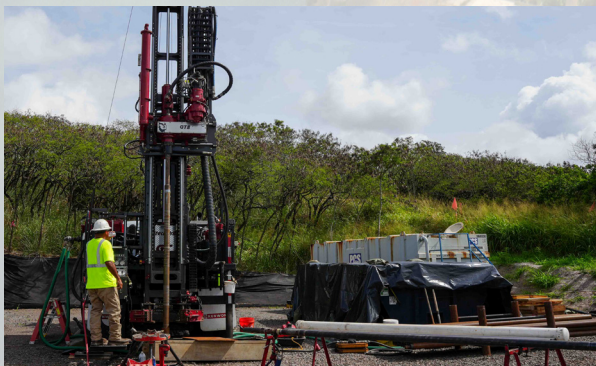
Navy, Air Force Volunteers Help Kick-Off Laulima 2026

Navy and Air Force volunteers joined 808 Cleanups on Saturday to collect 250 pounds of trash and debris from a stretch of beach at Sand Island State Recreation Area. The cleanup was a kick-off for Laulima Navy 2026, a campaign to highlight community service performed by Navy personnel in Hawaii. Sand Island State Recreation Area is one of Oahu's largest urban parks. During World War II, it served as a major military fortification and port defense site.



USS Indiana Returns to Homeport

Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Indiana (SSN 789) returned to its homeport at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam last week following a scheduled underway. USS Indiana is assigned to Submarine Squadron 7 and is capable of supporting various missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike warfare, special operations forces support, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance. USS Indiana is the third U.S. Navy vessel to be named for the State of Indiana.



No Evidence of Fuel Contaminant Migration Across Red Hill Groundwater Network

The U.S. Navy continues to expand its extensive groundwater monitoring well network, which currently includes 48 groundwater monitoring wells in and around Red Hill. Based on groundwater monitoring data that the Navy continues to collect, there has been zero evidence of fuel contaminants migrating from Red Hill. Groundwater monitoring wells allow the Navy to monitor the quality of groundwater in the aquifer around Red Hill and provide early identification of any potential fuel contaminant movement.



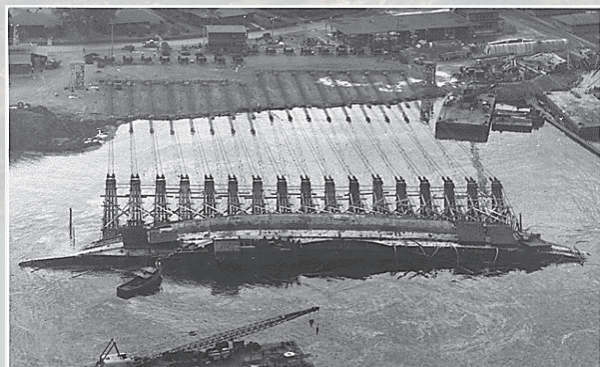
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Supervisor Honored with Annual Award

Welder supervisor Brad Morikawa was recently awarded the George S.B. Walters Shipyard Service Award by the Navy League of the United States Honolulu Council. The annual award is presented to a Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility civilian employee who exemplifies the enthusiasm, initiative and team spirit demonstrated by Walters, a Navy Yard Pearl Harbor crane operator who used his crane on Dec. 7, 1941 to help defend ships and sailors from incoming strafing and bombing.



Navy Hosts Pearl Harbor Boat Tour for Community Members

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) hosted a guided boat tour of Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona Memorial last week for community members. The tour is part of CNRH's community engagement efforts to share the history and legacy of Pearl Harbor with community organizations, educators, school groups and others. The tour included an overview of the Dec. 7 attack on Pearl Harbor, projects at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Facility, and an overview of the USS Arizona Memorial.



This Week in History February 9, 1944

On Feb. 9, 1944, rolling operations commenced in an attempt to right the USS Utah, which had been capsized in the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor. By Dec. 11, the ship had rolled to 68 degrees port, but her hull was sinking into the mud. On March 15, 1944, all salvage operations on the ship were aborted. The wreckage of the USS Utah remains at its former berth, with a memorial to honor her crew.



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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