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Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booth:** Feb. 25 at Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, 5440 Edgewater Drive from 4-8 p.m.



18 Recruits Complete Training to Join Federal Fire Department Ranks

Eighteen recruits are now full-fledged members of the Navy Region Hawaii Federal Fire Department after completing 26 weeks of firefighter recruit drill training. A graduation ceremony was held for them on Friday. The recruits join 300 civilians to provide fire and emergency services and support the Hawaii Airports Division, Honolulu Fire Department and Honolulu EMS Division with mutual aid response. The Navy has 13 Federal Fire Department stations located on every Department of Defense installation on Oahu.



NCTF-RH Presents at 2026 Pacific Water Conference

Subject matter experts with Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) spoke about restoring resiliency to the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam drinking water system during the American Water Works Association's 2026 Pacific Water Conference earlier this month. The conference brings together water professionals, engineers, and researchers from across Hawaii and the Pacific to share knowledge, showcase innovations, and strengthen local water, wastewater, and stormwater systems. NCTF-RH is charged with the safe decommissioning of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.



Navy Reserve Public Affairs Officers Train to Enhance Warfighting Advantage

Forty U.S. Navy Reserve public affairs officers and mass communication specialists assigned to the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) reserve public affairs unit honed their ability to create a strategic information advantage across the Indo-Pacific during a reserve public affairs summit hosted by COMPACFLT. Adm. Steve Koehler, COMPACFLT commander, underscored the critical role of public affairs at the operational level of war and emphasized the need to integrate information into operational lines of effort during competition, crisis, and conflict.



Pearl Harbor Shipyard Welders Help Keep the Fleet “Fit to Fight”

The Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Facility is home to many different industrial trades, whose experts perform vital maintenance and modernization work on naval vessels. Of the more than 150 welders employed at the shipyard, 20 are nuclear welders, highly skilled tradespeople who specialize in fusing metals to maintain the integrity of critical naval systems. A tight-knit team, they start each job with meticulous site preparation to ensure every project is set up for success.



JBPHH Wounded Warriors Participate in Winter Sports

Navy Wounded Warriors from Hawaii-based commands joined other wounded warriors at Park City Mountain Resort in Utah earlier this month for winter activities hosted by the National Ability Center and the Navy Wounded Warrior (NWW) program. Injured service members participated in modified hockey, skiing, and snowboarding along with laser gun rifle shooting, restorative yoga and hiking. The NWW program provides comprehensive non-medical care to seriously wounded, ill, and injured Sailors and Coast Guardsmen, as well as their families.



This Week in History March 1943

In March of 1943, operations began to right the USS Oklahoma (BB 37). The ship capsized during the Dec. 7, 1941 surprise attack on Pearl Harbor and the work to turn the massive ship over would require eight months. The righting and refloating of the capsized battleship Oklahoma were the largest of the Pearl Harbor salvage jobs, and the most difficult. Photo: The USS Oklahoma righted to about 30 degrees on March 29, 1943.



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