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Upcoming Events

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



Hawaii Navy Week Showcases Service, History, Community Connection

The U.S. Navy kicked off its inaugural Hawaii Navy Week on Monday. More than 70 Sailors are engaging with residents in Honolulu and Hilo through a weeklong series of performances, educational events, and community service projects. Hawaii Navy Week is the second of 12 Navy Weeks taking place in 2026 as part of the Navy Office of Community Outreach's "Road Trip to 250," a nationwide effort supporting America's 250th birthday, Freedom 250.



Joint Agreement Strengthens Emergency Access Through Kolekole Pass

Military leaders, state, county and community partners gathered on March 4 at the Navy's Lualualei Annex to sign a memorandum of understanding to ensure coordinated emergency access through Kolekole Pass, which connects the Waianae coast to central Oahu. The 10-year agreement reinforces a partnership designed to protect communities along the island's leeward coast. MOU signatories included the U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, City and County Department of Emergency Management and Hawaii Department of Transportation.



Emergency Services Mutual Aid Agreements Continue to Benefit Community

In the last three years, federal firefighters on Oahu responded to 1,567 requests for fire and emergency services support from the City and County of Honolulu, according to Jason Lopez, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii Federal Fire Department (FFD) Assistant Chief for Emergency Medical Services. The mutual aid agreements between FFD and city and state agencies reflect a long-standing tradition of cooperation between military and civilian emergency responders dating back to World War II.



NCTF-RH Continues Red Hill Site Assessment

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) continues site assessment sampling at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF) to understand the extent of historic fuel releases and inform future remediation efforts. The environmental site assessment is a multi-year effort that is closely planned and coordinated with regulators. Charged with the safe decommissioning of the RHBFSF, NCTF-RH was established by the Department of the Navy as a commitment to the community and the environment.



PMRF Hosts Annual Work Force Awareness Field Trip for Students

Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands hosted a workforce awareness event for local students on Friday to highlight various military, civilian and contractor careers available at the installation. Students engaged in interactive presentations, live demonstrations and facility tours. PMRF employs approximately 900 local residents and roughly 80 active-duty sailors and is the island's largest high-tech employer. PMRF is the world's largest instrumented multi-domain range, capable of supporting surface and sub-surface, air and space operations simultaneously.



This Week in History March 15, 1941

On March 15, 1941, Commander Joseph J. Rochefort took command of the 14th Naval District Communications Intelligence Unit, also known by the code name Station Hypo. Hypo was charged with the collection and analysis of enemy radio signals. Rochefort and the team at Hypo successfully determined Japan's intent to launch an attack on the Midway Atoll in June 1942 and, as a result, U.S. forces were on hand to defeat the enemy and turn the tide of the war.



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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