

# THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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## Upcoming Events

**Navy Closure Task Force - Red Hill Community Open House:** April 15 at Pearl at Kalauao (Pearl 2 Room), 98-535 Kaonohi St., Aiea, from 5-7 p.m.



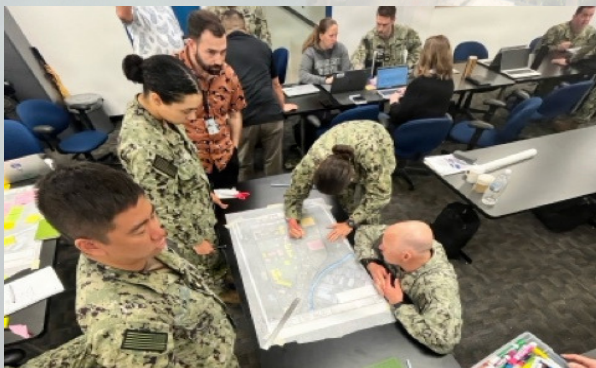
### NCTF-RH Engages with Students at Ellison Onizuka Day

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) team members joined educators, local organizations, and industry professionals at the 10th Annual Ellison Onizuka Day of Exploration at University of Hawaii West Oahu to create a day of discovery for students at one of the state's largest STEM events. Using models and demonstrations, the team showed how science and engineering are utilized throughout the environmental remediation process at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, which is being decommissioned by NCTF-RH.



### CNRH Hosts Staff from U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono's Office

Staff from U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono's office met last week with Commander, Navy Region Hawaii leaders for updates on the decommissioning of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility and various CNRH initiatives. The meeting included a tour of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and a visit to Halealoha Haleamau (House of Aloha, House of Eternity) burial vault, which was constructed in 1997 by Hawaiian stone masons near Fort Kamehameha and is considered a wahi pana, or sacred place.



### NAVFAC Pacific Participates in Base Camp Master Planning Training

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Field Force Engineering program conducted Base Camp Master Planning training last month for Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Pacific personnel. Participants learned practical methodologies for base camp development, land use planning and operational integration to support expeditionary and base planning missions. The training reinforced foundational principles through hands-on exercises and real-world scenarios, enhancing readiness of NAVFAC Contingency Engineering Response Teams.



## Volunteerism Helps Service Members Boost Self-Esteem, Earn Flights Home

Airfare can be expensive for many junior service members, making it difficult for them to travel home or elsewhere for “moments that matter.” A non-profit called Miles for Military supports service members who volunteer with charitable organizations with round-trip airline tickets home. By volunteering, military members gain practical skills and boost their self-esteem; their communities see tangible benefits; and families are reunited with loved ones. Last year, 36 Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam service members received free flights home.



## U.S. Pacific Fleet Band Wraps Up Kauai Outreach Tour

In early April, the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band’s Harbor Brass Quintet performed for hundreds of schoolchildren and adults across the Garden Island. Its weeklong 2026 Kauai Tour included school performances, educational clinics, and side-by-side rehearsals with school bands and community ensembles, culminating with a concert at Kukui Grove Center. The U.S. Pacific Fleet Band serves as the musical ambassador for the U.S. Pacific Fleet, providing musical support across a 100 million square mile area.



## This Week in History April 20, 1935

On April 20, 1935, the inaugural flight of the Pan Am Clipper lands on the Pearl Harbor channel and taxis to Ford Island to the cheers of naval air station personnel and local officials. Shortly thereafter Pan Am initiated regular weekly passenger service between San Francisco and Manila via Honolulu, Midway, Wake and Guam. The Clipper’s base of operations in Hawaii was the Pearl City Peninsula.



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