

# THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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## Upcoming Events

**Drinking Water Info Booths:** May 13 at Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, Piikahi Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Drive, Ewa Beach, from 4-8 p.m.; May 28 at Ford Island Navy Lodge Mini Mart, 1275 Saratoga Blvd., from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. \*

\*Base Access Required



## JBPHH Defenders Kick Off National Police Week

Navy and Air Force security personnel assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam kicked off National Police Week on Monday with a morning ruck. President John F. Kennedy established the week-long observance in 1962 to recognize officers who lost their lives in the line of duty as well as those who continue to serve and protect their communities with dedication and courage. The observance includes Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15.



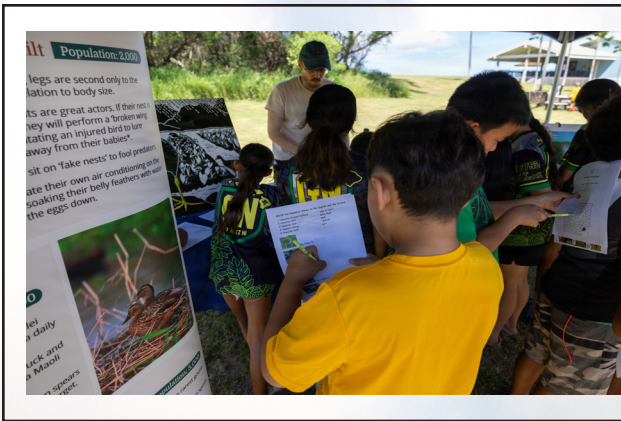
## Foreign Defense Attachés Visit U.S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters

Adm. Steve Koehler, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT), hosted senior foreign defense officials from allied and partner nations last week at PACFLT headquarters in Honolulu. The officials are participating in the Defense Attaché Orientation Program, a semi-annual initiative led by the Defense Intelligence Agency that introduces foreign defense attachés to U.S. military and defense institutions, culture and innovation, with the aim of strengthening international ties and increasing understanding of U.S. deterrence strategies.



## PMRF Leaders Visit Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge

Leaders from Pacific Missile Range Facility visited Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge last week to see efforts by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to maintain the Kauai National Wildlife Refuge Complex under Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration grants. Last August, the Navy signed an \$800k cooperative agreement award with the Friends of Kauai Wildlife Refuge to expand habitat for native seabirds and water birds, reduce bird aircraft strike hazards and advance long-term conservation on Kauai.



## Malama Aina Day Empowers Students with Hands-on Conservation Learning

Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) hosted more than 190 4th grade students from West Kauai last month for Malama Aina Day. The annual environmental protection awareness event highlighted PMRF's shared responsibility to protect island resources, while demonstrating the Navy's commitment to environmental stewardship, conservation and historical preservation programs that directly support on-going mission readiness. Hands-on presentations covered topics such as plastic waste recycling, meteorology, wildlife protection, and energy conservation.



## USS Daniel Inouye Returns to Fleet Early After Successful Maintenance

Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Daniel Inouye (DDG 118) rejoined the Pacific Fleet in April after completing a complex maintenance period eight days ahead of schedule. Maintenance periods are essential for ensuring a ship remains mission-ready, safe for the crew, and capable of reaching its full expected service life. During scheduled maintenance, ships undergo repairs, equipment upgrades, inspections, and modernization. USS Daniel Inouye's successful maintenance period "set the highest standards across the Pearl Harbor waterfront."



## This Week in History May 17, 1947

Following her destruction on Dec. 7, 1941, the Navy sold the remaining hull of the USS Oklahoma for scrap in 1946. On May 17, 1947 the Oklahoma and her tugs entered a storm causing the Oklahoma to list heavily. At 1:40 a.m. the tow line was parted from the hull, and the ship sank approximately 540 miles northeast of Oahu. Photo: Hull of USS Oklahoma tied inboard of USS Wisconsin at Pearl Harbor in 1944.



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