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Upcoming Events

Drinking Water Info Booth: June 9 at JBPHH Newcomers Fair, JBPHH Memorial Chapel, 1600 Frederick St., from 1-1:30 p.m.;* June 24 at Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, Pili Kai Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Dr., from 4 - 8 p.m.

*Base Access Required



USS Arizona Boat Detachment Sailors Earn Navy Ceremonial Duty Ribbon

Three Sailors from the USS Arizona Memorial Detachment earned the Navy Ceremonial Duty Ribbon for successfully completing a year of continuous and honorable service providing safe water transportation for military personnel, dignitaries, and the general public to and from the USS Arizona Memorial. Since its opening in 1962, the detachment's Sailors have transported an average of 1 million visitors each year to the Memorial from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, conducting 30 runs nearly every day.



COMPACFLT Visits Japan Training Squadron's Flagship JS Kashima

Adm. Steve Koehler, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, last week toured the Japan Training Squadron (JTS) flagship JS Kashima (TV 2509), reviewed sailors in formation and met with its commander, Rear Adm. Ryoko Azuma, the first woman to command a warship squadron in the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force. The JTS is in Hawaii for its annual training cruise at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The JTS includes the JS Shimakaze (TV 3521).



Preparations Continue for Red Hill Pipeline Removal

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) began cutting pipes last month at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility to facilitate completion of pipeline cleaning. This is another major step to close the facility. On April 30, the EPA approved the Navy's plan to recycle decommissioned steel pipeline material, allowing the Navy to begin safely removing pipeline from the facility and transporting it to a smelter in Texas, where it will be melted down and recycled.



PMRF Cancels Freedom Fest 2026

Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) announced Tuesday that it has decided to cancel Freedom Fest 2026, originally scheduled for July 2. PMRF said it made the difficult decision after assessing its ability to host an open base event while also performing its primary mission. "While we are saddened to cancel Freedom Fest this year, we are extremely thankful to our staff, vendors, partners and residents who stood ready to celebrate with us," said Capt. Robert Prince, PMRF commanding officer.



KANAKA Students Visit PMRF for Cultural Field Trip

Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) recently hosted students from Kula Aupuni A Kahalelani Aloha (KANAKA) Public Charter School for a guided visit to the cultural and historic sites on the installation. Students visited the Lua Kupapa'u O' Nohili Crypt, Waiapua'a Bay and the Nohili Dunes where they practiced cultural protocol and helped with the planting of native a'ali'i seedlings. The Navy provides opportunities like these for students to engage with PMRF's history, mission and cultural significance.



This Week in History June 3-7, 1942

This year marks the 84th anniversary of the pivotal Battle of Midway, where American naval and air forces defeated a powerful Imperial Japanese fleet intent on invading Midway Atoll. The battle, which occurred June 3 - 7, 1942, turned the tide of war in the Pacific and prevented the Empire of Japan from threatening the Hawaiian Islands from the air base on Midway. Photo: Scene on board USS Yorktown (CV-5), shortly after she was hit by three Japanese bombs on June 4, 1942.



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