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Upcoming Events

Drinking Water Info Booth: June 24 at Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, Piikahi Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Dr., from 4 - 8 p.m.



Navy Completes Environmental Review of New Water Treatment Facility

The Navy has completed its environmental review and is moving forward with plans to build a new water treatment facility at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility to reconnect water from the Red Hill Shaft to the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam drinking water system and discontinue the treatment and discharge of water into Halawa Stream. Based on findings from the Environmental Assessment, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required for the new Red Hill Water Treatment Facility.



USS Colorado Completes Maintenance, Returns to Fleet Ahead of Schedule

Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Colorado (SSN 788) completed a scheduled maintenance period at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility 29 days ahead of schedule. Commissioned March 17, 2018, Colorado is the 15th Virginia-class fast-attack submarine. Assigned to Submarine Squadron 7, Colorado is capable of supporting various missions, including anti-submarine warfare; anti-surface ship warfare; strike warfare; and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.



Native Plants Transform Nohili Dunes on Kauai

Thousands of native and endemic Hawaiian plants are being planted in the Nohili Dunes as part of a project to restore and manage coastal dune habitats at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF). The project demonstrates a commitment to environmental conservation and historic preservation by balancing natural and cultural priorities. Eight plots are being restored, totaling approximately 55,000 square feet. Efforts began with the eradication of invasive trees, scrub, and herbaceous vegetation using hand tools and herbicide.



Pacific Submarine Force Reestablishes Submarine Squadron 3

To support Submarine Rotational Force-West (SRF-West), Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, has reestablished Submarine Squadron 3 (CSS-3), which previously operated out of Pearl Harbor and was decommissioned in 2012. The new CSS-3 will operate from HMAS Stirling in Western Australia. This move follows the trilateral Joint Statement on May 30, confirming key milestones continue to be met for SRF-West in support of the Australia, United Kingdom, United States (AUKUS) trilateral security partnership.



Sailors, Airmen Take Part in Sand Island State Recreation Area Cleanup

Navy and Air Force personnel joined community members on Saturday to clear 114 pounds of trash from a stretch of shoreline at Sand Island State Recreation Area, one of Oahu's largest urban parks. The cleanup was organized by 808 Cleanups and is part of Laulima Navy, a campaign to highlight community service performed by Navy personnel in Hawaii. Since its founding in 2014, 808 Cleanups volunteers have collected over 1 million pounds of trash from sites across Oahu.



This Week in History June 21, 1998

On June 21, 1998, the USS Missouri tied up to Ford Island, just forward of the USS Arizona Memorial, where the war started for the United States. The battleship would begin a new chapter in her storied career as one anchor of the "bookends" of World War II, representing the Japanese Empire's surrender to the Allies on Sept. 2, 1945, and as a museum to preserve her history and the legacy of her crew.



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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