

WITHIN RANGE



Mālama Honua:
PMRF manages
resources with care

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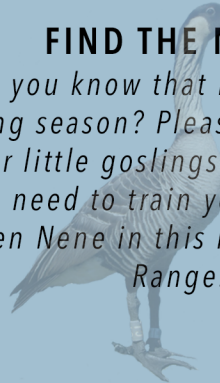
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FIND THE NENE!

Did you know that it is still Nene nesting season? Please keep your eye out for little goslings on the road and if you need to train your eye, find the hidden Nene in this issue of "Within Range."



PMRF TRIAD



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Commanding Officer



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Senior Enlisted Leader

Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands (PMRF) is the world's largest instrumented multi-environment range capable of supporting surface, subsurface, air, and space operations simultaneously. There are more than 1,100 square miles of instrumented underwater range, 42,000 square miles of controlled airspace and 21 million square miles of extended range when needed.

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I WEAR MY FACE
COVERING TO
PROTECT YOU.

YOU WEAR YOUR FACE
COVERING TO PROTECT ME.

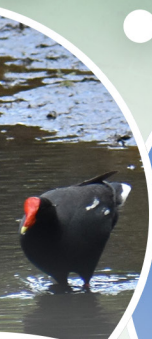
TOGETHER WE WEAR OUR FACE
COVERINGS TO PROTECT OTHERS
AROUND US.

Pacific Missile Range Facility is home to many native birds and here are a few photos highlighting our birds who call PMRF home.
(All photos are provided by PMRF natural resources team.)

NATIVE



TO PMRF



PRESERVING PMRF



Story by MCI Erickson Magno, Photos by MCI Erickson Magno and PMRF Natural Resources team.

The Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) is host to a variety of plant and animal species. From majestic seabirds that soar through the sky such as the Laysan Albatross to the endangered nēnē, the PMRF team works to preserve the ecosystem that is their natural habitat. PMRF is the hidden gem of the Pacific with its beautiful landscapes, and it has a key role in the Navy's training and testing missions.

PMRF's natural resources (NR) team is the responsible party for ensuring the installation's natural habitat and ecosystem stays preserved while allowing the command to continue its crucial mission.

The NR team's responsibility is to develop and implement integrated conservation and management of native plants and animals at PMRF allowing sustained mission readiness and enhancing mission flexibility through good stewardship. Their mission ranges from long-term planning and management to immediate responses to emergencies.

"Day to day we manage the safety of the plants and animals by monitoring for nests and young, checking for stranded turtles or injured monk seals, performing predator control and supporting projects on site with biological monitoring," said Brooke McFarland, Natural Resources Manager of PMRF. "Our work is variable based on the time of year since the plants and animals are doing different things, such as breeding, at different times of the year."

Having a well prepared and highly capable NR team performing their duties provides the community with trust in their partnership with the Navy and its installations. At PMRF, people have a unique opportunity to work and recreate alongside a number of protected species.

"It isn't everywhere that you can be on the beach looking at a Hawaiian Monk Seal, a Green Sea Turtle and be surrounded by several endangered and threatened birds," said McFarland. "This is a special and valuable place, and we work hard to keep it that way."

The goal of the NR team is to fully support the holistic environment of PMRF - not only the resources and mission.

"This means working towards sustainability, green initiatives and providing outreach, along with protecting the plants and animals that define this place we call home," said McFarland.

With PMRF being the workplace and even home to many service members, civilians and contractors, it truly is a team effort for not only the NR team but the entire installation.

"People being observant and reporting what is observed is incredibly helpful," said McFarland. "When people call and report aggressive nēnē, it helps us find their nests. Calling and telling the team about monk seals and turtles they see on base not only helps the Natural Resources team, but also helps inform our partner agencies about population numbers and specific animal health and behavior patterns. If an injured animal is reported to us right away, we can get it help that much sooner."

To help the NR team, if any injured or dead wildlife is seen, please call 808-208-4416 to report.





Historic Hawai'i Foundation recognizes partnership effort of Navy and Na 'Ohana Papa O Mana

By Pacific Missile Range Facility Public Affairs

KEKAHA, Hawaii – The Lua Kupapau O Nohili Crypt at the Pacific Missile Range Facility will be recognized with an award for New Construction in a Historic District through Historic Hawai'i Foundation's 2020 Preservation Honor Awards program.

The project is being awarded for the construction of the Lua Kupapau O Nohili Crypt to house inadvertent iwi kūpuna (ancestral remains) discoveries at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) on the island of Kaua'i. The crypt was the result of a collaborative effort between the Navy and families whose ancestors were interred in the area following traditional practices. As development, erosion and other changes occur, iwi kūpuna can be disturbed.

Several organizations within the Navy, including PMRF, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific and NAVFAC Hawaii, worked together with Na 'Ohana Papa O Mana, a group comprised of the ancestral families in this region. The crypt was constructed as a way to preserve, protect, and appropriately handle and honor iwi kūpuna found there.

"I am very proud of our Public Works Department who drove this initiative on the Navy side, and we are blessed to have the consultation and friendship of Na 'Ohana Papa O Mana, who generously share their perspective and wisdom with us," said Capt. Tim Young, commanding officer of PMRF.

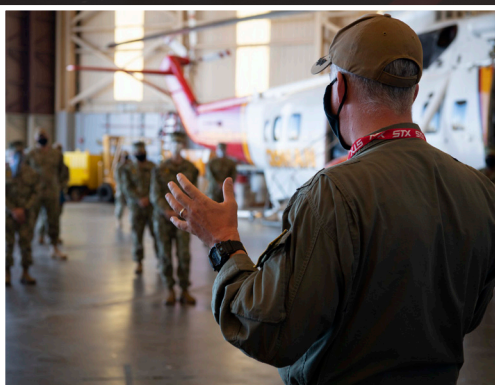
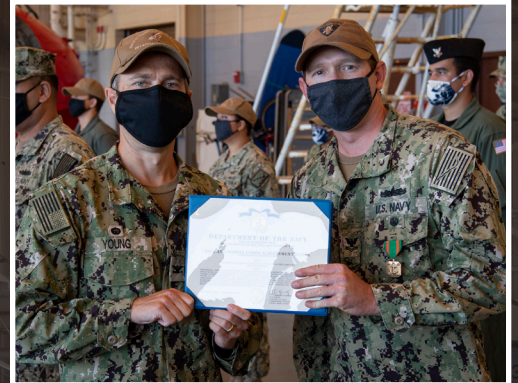
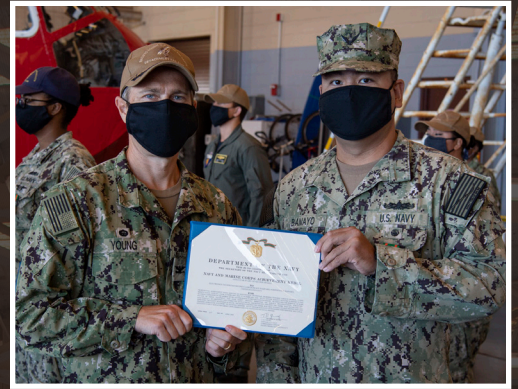
"The effort required extraordinary, conscientious and resolute determination by all of the parties to reach an appropriate agreement and to construct the crypt. We congratulate you on your exemplary preservation efforts," the society wrote in a letter to the awardees.

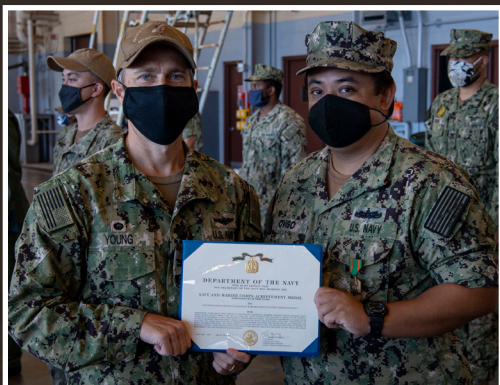
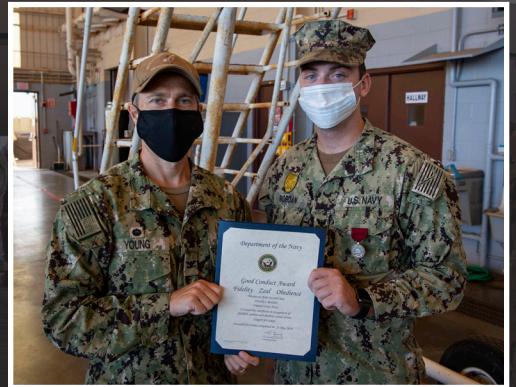
This is the 46th year of the Preservation Honor Awards, which are Hawai'i's highest recognition of preservation projects that perpetuate, rehabilitate, restore or interpret the state's architectural, archaeological and/or cultural heritage, according to the letter.

The 46th Annual Preservation Honor Awards Ceremony, originally scheduled for May, is postponed due to COVID-19 concerns. A new date will be selected and notices sent. In the interim, Historic Hawai'i Foundation will share information about honorees and their preservation achievements at www.historichawaii.org starting in mid-April.



Through these trying times, our Sailors continue to work hard and continue PMRF's mission. Since the beginning of COVID-19, we have had little chances to recognize the hard work and dedication of our own. Recently, with practicing social distancing etiquette, we were able to recognize our Sailors who recieved awards, were meritoriously advanced to the next pay grade, and also gave us a chance to send off our shipmates who are moving on to the next step in their careers. Please take some time to recognize your PMRF Sailors and the work that they do.





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