

# THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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## Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths: Jan. 29 at Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, Pilikai Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Drive, 4 – 8 p.m.**



## Hōkūle'a Arrives at Pearl Harbor for Community Engagements

The Polynesian voyaging canoe Hōkūle'a received a warm welcome from community and military members on Saturday upon her arrival at Rainbow Bay Marina, where the canoe is docked for a week of public tours and educational presentations. "Your bold commitment to our oceans and to our environment inspires future generations," said Rear Adm. Stephen Barnett, commander of Navy Region Hawaii, during the welcoming ceremony. This is the second time that Hōkūle'a has visited Pearl Harbor.



## Public Attends Meetings for Hawaii-California Training and Testing Draft EIS

Community members on Oahu and Kauai attended public meetings last week to ask questions and share their feedback on the Hawaii-California Training and Testing Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement, which offers a look at how the Navy can conduct at-sea military activities off Hawaii and California with care, transparency, and respect for marine life and cultural resources. The Draft EIS/OEIS is available for public review and comment through Feb. 11 at [www.nepa.navy.mil/hctteis/](http://www.nepa.navy.mil/hctteis/).



## CNRH Historian Uses History to Inspire Service Members and Civilians

For Jim Neuman, history is a teacher and inspiration for young service members, a way to honor veterans and a passion that forged his career. As Navy Region Hawaii's historian, Neuman shares and preserves the history of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. He said he feels honored for the opportunity to share historical knowledge – and its many lessons – with others. "History is how we learn from the past," he said, "history is irrelevant if you don't learn something from it."





## USINDOPACOM Commander Speaks at Hawaii Military Affairs Council Event

Adm. Samuel Paparo, commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, delivered the keynote address last week at the Hawaii Military Affairs Council's Biannual State of the Indo-Pacific event. He addressed the regional security environment, highlighting increased activity by adversarial nations. He noted the importance of deterrence and the need for local, state, and government officials to maintain open lines of communication to ensure military training and readiness levels remain high.



## NCTF-RH Podcast Gives Tank Cleaning Update

Rear Adm. Marc Williams, vice commander of Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH), speaks with Capt. Steve Stasick, facilities director for NCTF-RH, about fuel tank cleaning operations in the latest episode of *Let's Talk Red Hill*, the NCTF-RH podcast. Tank cleaning is a key step in the decommissioning of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. During the podcast, Stasick explained the four step-process to clean that tanks. Episodes of *Let's Talk Red Hill* can be found on <https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/NCTF-RH>.



## This Week in History: January 28, 1941

On Jan. 28, 1941, Admiral William Halsey, Commander, Air Battle Force dedicated Marine Detachment, Ewa Mooring Mast Field on the west side of Oahu. Ewa Field served as a base for Marine aircraft as well as a training platform for carrier landings and continued throughout World War II and the Korean War before shutting down in June of 1952.

Photo: A F2A-3 Buffalo aircraft being refueled at Ewa Marine Corps Air Station.



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. In this edition, we share a few ways we help to care for the community. Scan the QR code to learn more about Laulima Navy.



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