

THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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Upcoming Events

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- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** Feb. 5 at Kapilana Beach Homes Night Market, Pili Kai Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Drive, 4 – 8 p.m.; Feb. 11 at JBPHH Newcomers Fair, Hickam Chapel, 180 Kuntz Ave., 1 – 1:30 p.m.*
- **Save the Date:** Mar. 12 from 5 - 7 p.m. Navy Closure Task Force Red Hill Open House at Keehi Lagoon Memorial.



Navy Region Hawaii Commander Speaks at Boot Camp Graduation

Rear Adm. Stephen Barnett, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, served as the Pass-in-Review reviewing officer at last week's Navy boot camp graduation at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois. Before passing out Navy ball caps to the 1,290 new Sailors, Barnett told them: "You are about to embark on one of the most challenging adventures of your life. You've chosen to serve your country at a time when it is most needed."



Hawaii Congressional Representatives Visit Loko I'a Pā'aiau

Auntie Kehaulani Lum and Uncle Bruce Keaulani shared the history of Loko I'a Pā'aiau, the ancient fishpond near McGrew Point Navy housing, last week with staffers representing congressional delegates from the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense. The delegation participated in cultural protocol and learned about the MOU signed by the Navy and leaders from Living Life Source Foundation, Ali'i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club, Nā Lima No'eau and affiliated native Hawaiian organizations to preserve, restore, and maintain Loko I'a Pā'aiau.



PMRF Partners with Community for Fish Pond Community Work Day

Members of Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai joined Mālama Hulē'ia at the 600-year-old Alakoko Fishpond near Lihue for last month's community work day. The fishpond has been described as "one of the finest examples in the entire archipelago of prehistoric stonework and fishpond construction." Mālama Hulē'ia leads community efforts to remove invasive mangrove along Hulē'ia River, re-establish native wetland ecosystems, manage Alakoko Fishpond, and engage the community through environmental stewardship programs that honor Hawaiian culture and values.



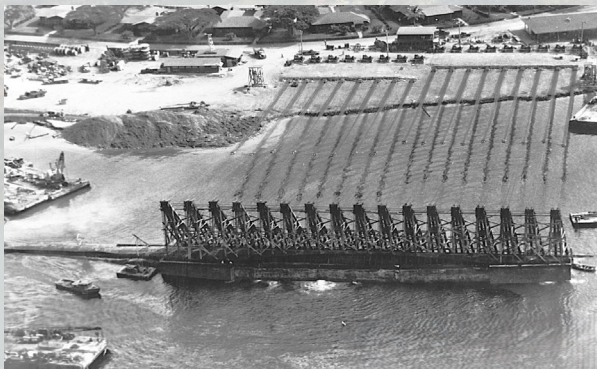
U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander Visits USS Montana

Admiral Steve Koehler, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, toured the Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Montana (SSN 794) on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) last week. JBPHH became the USS Montana's new homeport in December 2024. Assigned to Submarine Squadron 1, the USS Montana is capable of supporting various missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike warfare, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance.



NAVFAC Hawaii ESG Members Collaborate to Ensure Future Project Success

The Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Hawaii (NAVFAC HI) Executive Steering Group (ESG) held its annual meeting to discuss future strategic priorities and projects. "Effective collaboration between NAVFAC HI and Navy Region Hawaii is essential for mission success," said Capt. James Sullivan, NAVFAC HI commanding officer. "By understanding the requirements, following proven processes, and clearly defining responsibilities, we ensure that our efforts are aligned, efficient, and positioned for long-term success."



This Week in History: February 9, 1944

On Feb. 9, 1944, rolling operations commenced in an attempt to right the USS Utah, which had been capsized as a result of the Dec. 7 attack on Pearl Harbor. By the afternoon of Dec. 11, the ship had rolled to 68 degrees port, but her hull was sinking into the mud. On March 15 1944, all salvage operations on the ship were aborted and the USS Utah remained at its former berth, F-11, with a 37-degree list to port.



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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