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Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** Mar. 20 at Hickam Main Exchange, 10 Hickam Court, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Mar. 26 at Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, Pilikai Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Drive, Ewa Beach, 4 - 8 p.m.; Mar. 27 at Halsey Terrace Mini Mart, 6890 Nimitz Road, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



NCTF-RH Completes Pressure Washing Tanks 7 and 8

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill continued safe and deliberate efforts in support of the decommissioning of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility including pressure washing tanks 7 and 8. After pressure washing, the cleaning solution was collected, analyzed, and disposed of in accordance with the Hawaii Department of Health's approved waste management requirements. Tanks 7 and 8 were the first tanks to be pressure washed at the facility and undergoing validation by an independent quality validator.



USS Hopper Completes Drydock Period at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) undocked last week from Dry Dock 4 at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility after undergoing maintenance and repairs. Hopper entered Dry Dock 4 last June to begin a Selected Restricted Availability-docking (SRA-d), which is a docking of convenience that accomplishes work that typically can't be done by a waterborne SRA. PHNSY & IMF is a one-stop regional maintenance center for the Navy's surface ships and submarines.



DPAA's Enduring Promise to Never Forget the Fallen

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency keeps one inviolable promise – that the fallen will never be forgotten. After more than 75 years, this promise was kept for another service member and his family. Last year, U.S. Navy Seaman 2nd Class John C. Auld, who perished aboard the USS Oklahoma (BB 37) during the Dec. 7 attack on Pearl Harbor, was buried in New Mexico, fulfilling DPAA's mission to provide the fullest possible accounting of missing service members.



Retired Navy Submariner Continues Service by Mentoring Sailors

Alphonso Braggs, 65, retired from the U.S. Navy and from federal civil service after a combined 40 years as an active-duty Submariner and Navy civilian. His passion for public service led him to his current mission — mentoring Navy Sailors. “It is beyond rewarding when you get a chance to see your mentees succeed in life, when they become successful in their career fields — that they are wonderful models,” Braggs said.



PMRF’s Child Development Center Opens Two New Playgrounds

Pacific Missile Range Facility’s (PMRF) Child Development Center (CDC) recently opened two new tree house-themed playground facilities that were designed to be developmentally appropriate for the age group it serves. The playgrounds — one for preschoolers and the other for toddlers — offer opportunities for exploration and imagination, promote peer interaction and encourages physical development. PMRF plans to continue investing in its quality childcare center with future installation of a canopy and energy efficient improvements.



This Week in History: March 20, 1838

On March 20, 1838 Commander Charles Wilkes was assigned to head the U.S. Exploration Expedition, the most ambitious naval expedition ever conducted by the United States. The mission of the “U.S. Ex Ex” was to gain scientific knowledge, primarily of Antarctica but also to produce charts of the larger Pacific Ocean region. Wilkes and his team arrived in Oahu in September of 1840 and conducted the first American survey of Pearl Harbor.



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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