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Capt. John Frye Assumes Command of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Capt. John Frye relieved Capt. Samuel White as commanding officer of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Hawaii during a change of command and retirement ceremony held last week aboard the USS Missouri Memorial. During his 30-year career, White held numerous leadership positions including as commander of U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and director of Strategy and Future Requirements for U.S. Naval Forces Central Command. Frye served most recently as commanding officer of U.S. Naval Base Guam.



Navy to Start Degassing 12th Red Hill Facility Tank

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) will begin degassing tank 16 at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility this week, marking another significant milestone in the facility's decommissioning process. Tank decommissioning is a multi-stage process involving defueling, venting (degassing), cleaning, and ultimately, the permanent closure of each tank. Tank 16 is the 12th of 14 tanks to undergo this critical initial step in preparing a tank for cleaning and decommissioning.



USS Jefferson City (SSN 759) Changes Homeport to Pearl Harbor

Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Jefferson City (SSN 759) arrived at its new homeport of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam last week. Jefferson City joined Submarine Squadron 7 as its seventh fast-attack submarine. "Our crew remains focused on maintaining combat readiness, supporting the submarine force in the region, and delivering the undersea warfighting capability our nation depends on," said Cmdr. Brent Shrader, commanding officer of Jefferson City, which has a crew of approximately 140 Sailors.



USS Theodore Roosevelt, Marine Corps Incorporate 3D Printing Technology

Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) is using a 3D hybrid-metal printer during Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2026, marking the first time a deployable, containerized manufacturing platform able to produce and repair critical metal components has been utilized aboard a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier. The on-site technology is a major step toward unit level self-sufficiency across the fleet, allowing afloat units rapid repair with replacement parts to sustain operational flexibility during extended deployments.



USS Mississippi (SSN 782) Returns Home from Deployment

Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Mississippi (SSN 782) returned to its homeport at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam from a months-long deployment. The 377-foot, 7,800-ton sub is assigned to Submarine Squadron 1 and supports a variety of missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike warfare, special operations forces support, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance. Sailors were welcomed by families pierside, and several crew members were awarded their submarine warfare insignia during the homecoming.



This Week in History: July 17, 1920

On July 17, 1920, 35-year-old Lt. Cmdr. Chester Nimitz took command of Submarine Division Fourteen and the Pearl Harbor Submarine Base. He and his wife, Catherine, lived off base in the peaceful valley of Manoa not far from the University of Hawaii. Twenty years later, in December 1941, following the attack on Pearl Harbor, he would return to the submarine base as Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, where he would lead the Navy to victory.



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