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Pearl Harbor Shipyard Exhibit Opens at Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum

A new exhibit at the Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum highlights the role the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard plays in keeping Navy ships and submarines ready for service across the Indo-Pacific. The display outlines the shipyard's long history at Pearl Harbor, from its early days as a coaling and repair station to its current mission supporting fleet readiness. The exhibit helps visitors connect the submarine force's history with the work of shipyard teams who maintain the Navy's undersea fleet.



U.S. and Partner Nations Conduct SINKEX During RIMPAC 26

Ships and aircraft participating in exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2026 took part in a planned, live-fire sinking exercise (SINKEX) this month, sinking two decommissioned ships - USS Mobile Bay (CG 53) and decommissioned USS Peleliu (LHA 5) - in waters more than 50 nautical miles off the northern coast of Kauai. Live-fire exercises deliver hands-on training that sharpens partner nations' capabilities to coordinate, plan and execute sophisticated maritime operations, including precision targeting and strike capabilities.



Navy Announces Decision for SURTASS FLA Sonar Training, Testing

Last week, the U.S. Navy announced its decision to conduct training and testing activities as identified in Alternative 1 in the Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Low-Frequency Active (SURTASS LFA) Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement. The decision permits the Navy to continue utilizing SURTASS LFA sonar systems onboard surveillance ships within the Western and Central North Pacific and Eastern Indian oceans. The Preferred Alternative represents the course of action that best ensures national defense capabilities.



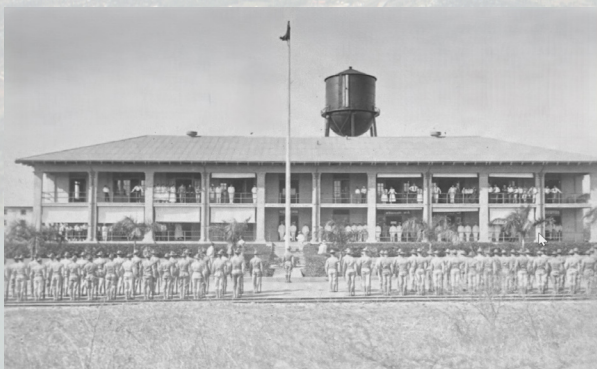
Region, Shipyard Collect Supplies for Back-to-School Donation Drive

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) partnered to collect notebooks, pencils, crayons and other classroom materials to support Helping Hands Hawaii's 2026 Ready to Learn initiative, an annual community program that distributes essential school supplies to 3,000 local students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The collection drive was part of CNRH's Lailima Navy, which highlights the many ways that Navy personnel support the community.



Wilcox Elementary Students Learn About PMRF Career Opportunities

Before the school year ended, Wilcox Elementary School students visited the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai for a STEM-related workforce tour to learn about lifetime careers available on the base. The tour included interactive presentations, live demonstrations and overviews of military, civilian and contractor job opportunities. Students learned about the important mission of PMRF's Fire and Emergency Services Department, Air Operations, and the various eco systems and native wildlife cared for by the Natural Resources team.



This Week in History: August 4, 1913

On Aug. 4, 1913, personnel from the Naval Station in Honolulu moved to Building 1 at the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard to begin operations at the newly constructed naval base. Building 1 would serve as the headquarters for the 14th Naval District from 1915 until the district's disestablishment in 1979. Photo: Rear Admiral Robert M. Doyle assumes command of the 14th Naval District outside of Building 1 on June 13, 1918.



Lailima 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. Scan the QR code to learn more about Lailima Navy.



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