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Navy, Army partners break ground on West Loch Ammunition Storage Project

Story by Aaron DeCapua, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade
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Leaders from the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade joined representatives from Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, Hawaii (NAVFAC HI), U.S. Army Hawaii, government agencies and industry partners May 29 at the West Loch Annex for a groundbreaking and blessing ceremony marking the start of Phase 1A of the U.S. Army Ammunition Storage Project, a major modernization effort that will strengthen ammunition storage capabilities and support readiness across the Indo-Pacific.

The ceremony marked the first phase of a long-term initiative to replace aging infrastructure with modern facilities designed to meet the Army's evolving operational requirements.

The 402nd Army Field Support Brigade, Army Sustainment

Command's forward logistics headquarters in the Indo-Pacific, participated in the ceremony because projects such as West Loch directly support the sustainment infrastructure required to equip, maintain and supply Army forces throughout the theater. Modern ammunition storage is a critical component of that mission, ensuring munitions can be safely received, stored and distributed in support of training, exercises and contingency operations.

Many of the existing ammunition storage facilities were built between 1932 and 1942 and designed around a rail transportation system that no longer exists. Narrow magazine doors, raised loading platforms and outdated support facilities no longer support today's operational demands or the Army's emerging weapons systems.

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Shore C2 Stage 2 Information Session Engages NAVFAC Hawaii Employees

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NAVFAC Hawaii Public Affairs

The first Shore C2 Stage 2 Information and Q&A Session was held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, July 30, providing Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, Hawaii (NAVFAC HI) employees with an opportunity to learn more about the upcoming transition and receive answers to their questions.

The session generated strong participation, with numerous questions submitted in advance through email as well as additional inquiries posted during the live Teams chat.

Representatives from the appropriate departments addressed questions throughout the event, providing employees with helpful information and clarification on topics related to the Shore C2 Stage 2 transition.

The Information and Q&A Session marked an important step in keeping employees informed and engaged as the transition process continues.

NAVFAC HI leadership appreciated everyone who participated by attending the session and submitting thoughtful questions.

To ensure employees have continued access to important information, a Shore C2 Stage 2 SharePoint page is currently under development. The site will serve as a central resource for employees and will include transcripts of the information

and Q&A sessions, answers to frequently asked questions, and other general information and updates related to the transition. A link will be sent out from Erik Anderson, NAVFAC HI business director who can be reached at erik.s.anderson6.civ@us.navy.mil

Upcoming Transfer of Function Town Hall

Employees who are transferring from NAVFAC Hawaii to Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) and have received their Transfer of Function notification letter are encouraged to attend an upcoming Transfer of Function Town Hall on Thursday, August 6.

The town hall will be offered as a hybrid event, allowing employees to attend either in person at Hickam Theater or virtually via Microsoft Teams. Two identical sessions will be available to provide flexibility:

Session 1: 10 a.m.

Session 2: 1 p.m.

These town halls are intended specifically for transferring NAVFAC Hawaii employees who have received their notification letter. Attendees will receive additional information about the Transfer of Function process, hear updates from leadership, and have an opportunity to ask questions regarding the transition to CNIC.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Will VSIP, VERA, or DRP be offered at NAVFAC Hawaii for all job series?

A. No. Currently VERA, VSIP and DRP are not available.

Q. Will our work location or office change?

A. Currently for (Transfer of Function) employees realigning on September 6th, there will be no change. Transfer of Work employees is still being worked through.

Q. Will we still have the same supervisors?

A. Most employees realigning on September 6th in the Transfer of Function will have the same supervisors.

Q. Will I be considered part of the NAVFAC Hawaii or Navy Region Hawaii organization?

A. If you are part of the realignment, you will be considered Navy Region Hawaii.

Q. Are there any changes to Spot Awards or Individual Cash Awards?

A. Currently, there are no changes for NAVFAC-HI, however, once employees realign, they will need to query region as to what the requirements are.

Q. Which instructions should we follow: NAVFAC Hawaii's or Navy Region Hawaii's?

A. You will follow NAVAC-HI's instructions until the realignment is effective.

Q. When and how will employees be informed of their new org charts, new supervisor, and changes to work assignments?

A. Prior to transfer date, transferring employees will receive information from the gaining organization that will contain your new organizational information.

***** Note: Additional FAQs will be provided on SharePoint which is currently under development. More to follow.**





U.S. Army Col. Matthew Amsdell, commander, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade at Fort Shafter and Cmdr. Christian Martinez, resident officer in charge of construction, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, Hawaii (NAVFAC HI) provided opening remarks during the groundbreaking and blessing ceremony for the construction of the U.S. Army Ammunition Storage project located at the West Loch Annex in Ewa Beach, Hawaii May 29, 2026. (U.S. Navy photos by Anna Marie G. Gonzales)

“The facilities we rely on today were built for another generation of Soldiers and another generation of equipment,” said Dylan Beaver, ammunition logistics management specialist. “Modern weapons systems require modern infrastructure to safely store, maintain and rapidly distribute the munitions our forces depend on.”

West Loch has supported military operations in the Pacific for nearly a century. Originally established as the Navy’s primary ammunition depot before World War II, the installation became a key staging area supporting amphibious operations across the Pacific theater. Today, the site continues to serve as an important logistics hub where Army and Navy organizations work together to sustain military operations throughout the region.

Project officials said consolidating ammunition storage and support facilities at West Loch will improve operational efficiency while reducing unnecessary movement of munitions across public roadways. The modernization effort will also position ammunition closer to strategic sealift, airlift and support facilities, improving throughput and increasing responsiveness during training, contingency operations and future deployments.

“The challenges we face in the Indo-Pacific continue to evolve,” Beaver said. “To preserve regional stability, we can no longer operate in silos. Projects like this strengthen our ability to operate as one joint team while ensuring Soldiers have the capabilities they need when and where they

are required.”

Phase 1A represents the first step in a broader modernization effort that will improve safety, increase operational efficiency and support future operational requirements. As the Army continues fielding new weapon systems, modern facilities will provide the environmental controls, storage configurations and support infrastructure needed to maintain those capabilities.

The ceremony also highlighted the longstanding partnership between the Army and Navy, bringing together NAVFAC Hawaii, U.S. Army Hawaii, Army Materiel Command, Army Sustainment Command, the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade and industry partners to advance a shared investment in Indo-Pacific readiness.

Following the ceremonial groundbreaking, attendees participated in a traditional blessing coordinated by Nan Inc., recognizing both the significance of the project and the cultural importance of the land where construction will take place.

For the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade, projects such as West Loch represent more than infrastructure improvements. They strengthen the sustainment network that enables commanders across the Indo-Pacific to train, deter aggression and respond to emerging threats with modern facilities designed to support today’s Army and tomorrow’s operational requirements. a command through profound challenges and enterprise-wide change and positioning it for success.”



ANNOUNCEMENTS

From NAVFAC HI Command / Front Office**Updates to NAVFAC Hawaii Org Chart available via SharePoint**

NAVFAC Hawaii Org Chart (as of JUN 2026)

For more information or updates, contact Thomas "TJ" Estelle at thomas.j.estelle.civ@us.navy.mil

From NAVFAC HI Financial Management**New FM SharePoint Website!**

NAVFAC HI personnel can now access the newly launched Financial Management (FM) SharePoint Website. This new centralized hub equips you with the latest FM policies, standardized processes, comprehensive resources, and streamlined processing tools (including the FM32 Bridge Ticketing System & DTS LOA Label Request Tool). More tools are currently in development, so stay tuned for future updates! Check out the new site and bookmark it today: Financial Management

For more information, contact Tammy Truong (tammy.truong2.civ@us.navy.mil) & Phillip Cyr (Phillip.O.Cyr.civ@us.navy.mil).

From NAVFAC HI Energy Team**TRAFFIC ADVISORY: Pu'uloa Solar Construction on NAVFAC Hawaii compound (Site 5)**

As of 16 JUN, Ameresco has begun construction on the new Pu'uloa Solar facility at the NAVFAC HI Compound (Site 5), with an estimated completion date of December 2027. During this period, Ameresco contractors will access the construction site daily between approximately 0700 and 1500. Routine traffic and large equipment deliveries will be routed through the NAVFAC HI Main Gate, the Namur entrance, and the Salt Lake Blvd gate. As a result, NAVFAC HI personnel may experience intermittent delays when entering and exiting the compound. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we execute this project. For more information or any inquiries, contact ROICC Construction Managers, James Pond, james.c.ponds.ctr@us.navy.mil or Noah Szenderski at noah.m.szenderski.civ@us.navy.mil.

From NAVFAC HI Security Office**New CAC Card holders: CAC Card code programming available at NAVFAC HI Security Office**

For those needing gate access to the NAVFAC HI compound, NAVFAC HI is open daily from 0730-1630 for CAC card programming / gate coding. If you have any questions, contact Aoatoa "Toa" Augafa at (808) 471-3793 or aoatoa.l.augafa.civ@us.navy.mil

From NAVFAC HI Human Resources Office

- Po'okela Awards ready to claim at HRO**

Reminder to Po'okela Award Recipients: Claim your award at the Human Resources Office before your one-year expiration date of the time they were issued. For more information, contact Tammy Cabral at tammy.s.cabral.civ@us.navy.mil or (808) 751-5549.

- Transition from CANYON to DON HR Service Desk (ServiceNow) - effective: 21 July 2026**

Effective July 21, 2026, the legacy CANYON Portal has been shut down. Service requests previously submitted to CANYON have officially transitioned to the Department of the Navy's (DON) Human Resources (HR) Service Desk in ServiceNow: <https://donhrservice.navy.mil>.

Get Real, Get Better (GRGB) Bravo Zulus**GRGB Behavior: Align on Standards and Goals (EUL Site 2 Energy Resilience):**

BZ to Reyn Kimura, Kevin Kuo (PW8), Christine Tamashiro (Legal), CNRH Legal, and the PWD JBPHH EL teams. Their efforts culminated in the July 7 signing of the EUL Site 2 Tri-Party Operating Agreement with Ameresco and HECO. This agreement secures a 103MW firm dispatchable generation plant, enabling JBPHH to isolate as a 100% self-sufficient microgrid for up to 14 days during island-wide grid outages, directly aligning municipal utility standards with critical Navy mission requirements.

GRGB Behavior: Fix or Elevate Barriers / Embrace the Red (Red Hill Groundwater Regulatory Engagement):

BZ to Caroline Rossi (OP4A Environment & Remediation). Caroline led a high-impact Special Purpose Meeting with HI DOH and EPA regulators. Her comprehensive technical justification for a groundwater monitoring frequency reduction demonstrated stable conditions and zero contaminant migration. This proactive, data-driven defense paves the way for a formal reduction in monitoring frequency, directly preserving dwindling DLA-provided Red Hill remediation funds.



BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

Protecting Our Keiki in Hawai'i



**SLOW
DOWN**



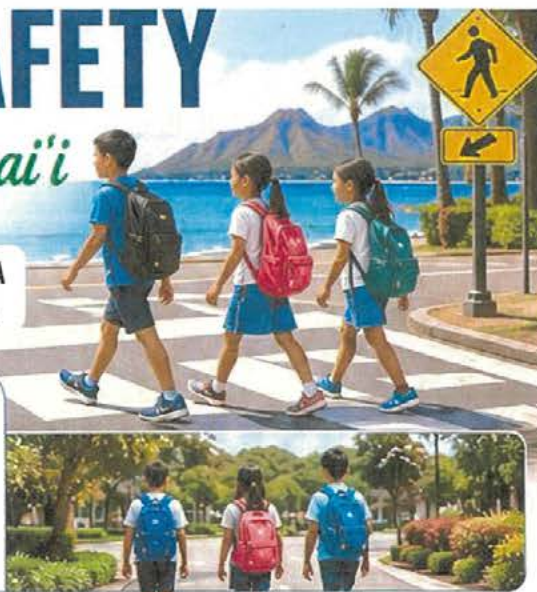
**STAY
ALERT**



**SHARE
ALOHA**



**KULEANA
FOR ALL**



As students return to classrooms (HIDOE first day: August 3, 2026), traffic increases near schools, crosswalks and neighborhoods.

Drivers, parents, students & the whole community share kuleana to keep everyone safe.



FOR DRIVERS



- School zones on O'ahu city roads: 20 mph when children are present (6 a.m. – 6 p.m. school days).



- Slow down near schools, crosswalks, bus stops and residential areas—children may appear suddenly.



- Put the phone away. Distracted driving kills.



- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. Watch when backing out of driveways and parking areas.



- Allow extra travel time, especially the first weeks of school.



Patience and attention save lives.
Let's keep our community safe!



FOR STUDENTS (Walk / Bike / Scoot)



Use sidewalks and marked crosswalks. Look left-right-left.



Wear bright or reflective clothing; use lights on bikes.



Walk with a buddy or in groups—never alone if possible.



Stay off the road at bus stops or sidewalks; stand clear of the curb.



Never walk behind vehicles. Tell a trusted adult if you drop something.



Make eye contact with drivers before crossing.



FOR PARENTS & FAMILIES



Review and practice walking/ biking routes together.



Teach the buddy system and stranger safety: seek a trusted adult; never accept rides from unknowns.



Keep emergency contact info current with the school.



Check backpack weight (under 10% of body weight) and proper fit.



Reset sleep schedules. Confirm immunizations and allergy/ asthma plans.



Model safe driving and pedestrian behavior—keiki learn from you.



COMMUNITY PLEDGE



SLOW DOWN • PUT THE PHONE DOWN • WATCH FOR KEIKI • YIELD • WEAR BRIGHT COLORS • USE CROSSWALKS

A little extra time and care each day makes a big difference.

Start the school year safely with aloha.



SAVE THE DATE

4th ANNUAL NAVFAC HAWAII GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT INDUSTRY FORUM



*****EVENT DATE REVISED*****

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026 | 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

OAHU VETERANS CENTER | 1298 Kukila St, Honolulu, HI 96818



NAVFAC Hawaii will post more details regarding the event on SAM.gov. Please check the site for updates using NAVFAC Hawaii's unit identification code: **N62478**.



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(808) 347-8289

Emergency Service Line
(808) 449-3100

NAVFAC HI Human Resources Office
(808) 751-5549

NAVFAC HI Front Office Admin
(808) 471-5165

NAVFAC HI Senior Enlisted Leader
(808) 751-5449

Job Opportunities

(NAVFAC Hawaii)
Interdisciplinary Engineer / Architect
Pay Grade: GS 13
Salary: \$111,119 - \$144,457 per year
Open 07/22/2026 to 08/05/2026
<https://www.usajobs.gov/job/877778100>

(NAVFAC PAC)
Interdisciplinary Supervisory General
Engineer / Architect
Pay Grade: GS 14
Salary: \$131,310 - \$170,708 per year
Open 07/28/2026 to 08/04/2026
<https://www.usajobs.gov/job/877778100>

For MWR events, visit

<https://www.greatlifeohawaii.com/>

For Red Hill Highlights, visit

<https://www.navyclosuretaskforce.navy.mil/Document-Library/Red-Hill-Highlights/>

NAVFAC Hawaii website:

<https://pacific.navfac.navy.mil/Facilities-Engineering-Commands/NAVFAC-Hawaii/>



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