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Let's Talk Red Hill Podcast

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RIMPAC 2026 Partner Nations Strengthen Indo-Pacific Alliance

The 30th iteration of the biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2026 exercise, the world's largest combined and joint maritime exercise, wrapped up on July 31. Throughout the five weeks of training, participating forces enhanced combined and joint interoperability, strengthened readiness, and reinforced the partnerships that support maritime security across the Indo-Pacific. Forces executed more than 500 maritime training events, flew more than 2,400 sorties, and responded to more than 5,000 scenario-based operational problem sets.



Adm. Steve Koehler Hosts USS Arizona Memorial Tour for Yokosuka Mayor

Adm. Steve Koehler, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, hosted a tour of the USS Arizona Memorial last week for Katsuaki Kamiji, mayor of the city of Yokosuka, Japan. While in Hawaii, Kamiji met with U.S. Navy and U.S. government leaders, demonstrating the key role the city of Yokosuka plays in the U.S.-Japan security partnership. Yokosuka is the host city for Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, the largest overseas U.S. naval installation in the world.



NCTF-RH Installs New Halawa Valley Groundwater Monitoring Well

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) continues to expand its extensive groundwater monitoring network in and around the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF). The team installed its 49th groundwater monitoring well last month along the H-3 freeway. The location was strategically selected to provide water quality information and geological data in a key area northwest of the RHBFSF, where no monitoring wells previously existed. NCTF-RH collaborates with regulators and stakeholders to select monitoring well locations.



Shipyard Chronicles: Shipwrights Set the Stage

Get a behind the scenes look at the shipwrights at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Facility (PHNSY & IMF). These highly skilled professionals are responsible for guiding vessels onto custom keel blocks and checking ship alignment with transits and levels. By installing, maintaining, and removing all the staging and materiel, they provide the crucial physical access needed to service the ships. Shipwrights build the foundation that enables the rest of the workforce to “get in and execute.”



Beloved “Rosie” Jeanne Gibson Dies at 100

Jeanne Gibson, a Rosie the Riveter who served as a shipyard welder in Seattle and Alaska during World War II, passed away last week at the age of 100. She and fellow Rosie Delphine Klayput toured the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) facility on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in December 2024 and had the opportunity to hold a fragment of aircraft wreckage that was signed by the Rosies who built the aircraft.



This Week in History: August 1942

In August of 1942, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and his staff moved into their new headquarters on Makalapa Hill. Nimitz spent his first eight months as CINCPAC at temporary offices on the submarine base. The white, reinforced concrete structure on Makalapa Hill has served as the headquarters for the Pacific Fleet for 83 years. The building was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1987.



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