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Let's Talk Red Hill Podcast

Let's Talk Red Hill is your source for the latest updates and insights on the Navy's progress at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. This podcast is dedicated to keeping you informed, addressing your concerns, and sharing progress straight from the experts leading the way. Find it on the Navy Closure Task Force - Red Hill website.



NCTF-RH to Host Community Town Hall, Open House

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) will host an open house and town hall on Sept. 17, focused on the decommissioning of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF) and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam drinking water safety. The open house will begin at 5 p.m. followed by a town hall at 6 p.m. at the American Veterans Hawaii West Oahu Veterans Center in Ewa Beach. Subject matter experts will be available to answer questions from attendees.



JBPHH Security Department Assists Local Authorities in Prisoner Search

U.S. Navy military and civilian security personnel last week assisted with the capture of an escaped prisoner after local authorities requested assistance from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH). The 11-hour search for the prisoner, who escaped Wednesday morning, ended when JBPHH Security Forces (JB2) apprehended the inmate near the installation. JB2 is a multi-service organization comprised of U.S. Navy master-at-arms, Dept. of the Navy civilian police officers and guards, and U.S. Air Force security forces personnel.



Dispatcher Earns 'Stork Award' for Guiding 911 Caller Through Childbirth

Emergency dispatchers serve as the critical, first link in the military's emergency response chain. While a typical shift consists of base operations and administrative monitoring, the nature of emergency communications means dispatchers must be prepared to transition to life-saving procedures in a single heartbeat. On a recent July morning, dispatcher Haden Morales settled in for what he thought would be a standard shift. Instead, he answered a call that would test his training and composure.

Navy Awards \$30M Utility Systems Study Contract to Hawaii Firm



Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Pacific has awarded a \$30 million contract to Hawaii-based InSynergy Engineering Inc. for architect-engineer services for utility systems studies across the Pacific area of operations. Work to be performed includes analyzing electrical, mechanical, and civil utility networks, creating digital maps of utility infrastructure, and modeling system operations. The agreement also provides for engineering studies, facility design renderings, and professional translation.



Shipyard Employees Graduate from Pacific Leadership Academy

Four employees from the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) - Derrill Scott, Anthony Sandobal II, Travis Kapua, and Nathan Brown - graduated last month from the Pacific Leadership Academy, a nine-month program designed to strengthen leadership, communication and problem-solving skills across the federal workforce in the Hawaii-Pacific region. PHNSY & IMF keeps the Navy's fleet "Fit to Fight" by repairing, maintaining and modernizing Navy fast-attack submarines and surface ships.



This Week in History: August 15, 1914

On Aug. 15, 1914, the Panama Canal opened to naval traffic creating an indispensable maritime connection between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. With travel times cut by thousands of miles and weeks shortened to hours, the canal would allow the U.S. Navy the opportunity to move fleets between coasts more rapidly, transforming the newly established base at Pearl Harbor into America's naval hub in the Pacific. Photo: USS Arizona transits the Panama Canal in the 1920s.



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