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Upcoming Events

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill Open House & Town Hall: Sept. 17 at American Veterans Hawaii (AMVETS) West Oahu Veterans Center, 5001 Iroquois Ave., Ewa Beach, from 5-7 p.m. Subject matter experts will be available to answer questions from attendees.



9/11 Boot Memorial Marks 25 Years

Volunteers from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam arranged more than 9,000 boots along an 8K route on Ford Island's Luke Field last week for this year's 9/11 Boot Memorial Display, which honors U.S. service members who have lost their lives since Sept. 11, 2001. Each boot represents a military member and includes a photo and personal information to remember the individual sacrifices of these heroes. The boots will be on display until Sept. 12.



JBPHH Set to Reactivate Navy Aiea-Halawa Shaft

With approval from the Hawaii Department of Health, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) will place the Navy Aiea-Halawa Shaft back into routine operation in the coming weeks. "We have taken every measure to ensure that drinking water from the Navy Aiea-Halawa Shaft meets or exceeds state and federal safe drinking water standards," said U.S. Navy Capt. John Frye, JBPHH commanding officer. Reactivation of the shaft restores an additional water source to the base.



Dept. of Hawaiian Homelands Chair, Staff Visit PMRF

Capt. Robert Prince, commanding officer of Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) on Kauai, met last week with Dept. of Hawaiian Homelands Chair Kali Watson and his staff to brief them on the PMRF and Kōke'e Park Geophysical Observatory Real Estate Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and discuss continued partnership and shared priorities. The visit focused on the EIS process, including key considerations of land use. PMRF also provided updates on its cultural, historical and natural resources programs.



Behind the Scenes of Emergency Management on Kauai

When a crisis strikes the remote island of Kauai, the ability to respond effectively often comes down to the community's ability to work together. For Kelly Balmores, the Emergency Management Officer at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, the connections he's developed with his peers and neighbors prove critical in an emergency. Born and raised in Kōloa, Balmores has spent the last 15 years serving PMRF and the community, developing emergency response procedures and promoting community readiness.



Sailors, Airmen Take Part in Kalihi Valley District Park Cleanup

Fourteen Sailors and Airmen, along with their family members, joined 808 Cleanups on Saturday to help clean up Kalihi Valley District Park. The volunteers collected 131 pounds of trash during the cleanup, which was part of Laulima Navy, a campaign to highlight community service performed by military and civilian personnel in Hawaii. Laulima is a Hawaiian value that means "many hands working together." With the help of volunteers, 808 Cleanups transforms neglected spaces into thriving ecosystems.



This Week in History: September 15, 1938

Hickam Field is officially activated on Sept. 15, 1938. The new airfield served as an important point in the defensive triangle between Hawaii, Alaska, and the Panama Canal. The air base was attacked on Dec. 7, 1941, and served as an aviation hub for U.S. forces in the Pacific throughout World War II. Hickam Air Force Base merged with the naval base at Pearl Harbor in October 2010 becoming Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



Laulima 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 Laulima Navy.



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