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Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Supports AUKUS Submarine Maintenance

More than 200 Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility professionals are at HMAS Stirling in Western Australia working alongside more than 30 trained and certified Australian civilian technicians. Together, they are performing routine work during a planned submarine maintenance period on USS Colorado (SSN 788), as part of AUKUS, the trilateral security agreement between Australia, the U.K. and the U.S. The teams are strengthening the foundation for Submarine Rotational Force-West.



Dry Dock 5 Work Advances with Underwater Concrete, Infrastructure

Dry Dock 5 construction continued at a steady pace last month with crews making progress on underwater work, waterfront structures and support systems. Teams placed more than 900 cubic yards of concrete 40 to 60 feet underwater, continued pump well construction, and completed pile driving for the west quay wall and north cofferdam. Workers also placed foundation slabs for the basin water treatment system and east electrical substation, advancing infrastructure that will support future dry dock operations.



Sailor Finds Purpose Through Volunteerism

For Cryptologic Technician 3rd Class Angel Gonzalez serving in the Navy means more than fulfilling his obligatory military duties. It’s also an opportunity to give back to the community. Since graduating from Navy bootcamp in 2023, Gonzalez has made it his mission to make community service a central part of his life. “When I joined the Navy, I made a promise to myself to be an active member of the community at every duty station I’m assigned to.”



PMRF Marks Start of Nēnē Breeding, Nesting Season

Nēnē breeding and nesting season are in full swing at Pacific Missile Range Facility with 19 nests established on base so far. Active nesting sites are marked with pink flags, and PMRF personnel and visitors are advised to avoid marked areas to prevent disturbances during nēnē nesting activities. Nēnē pairs mate for life. Females lay two to five eggs, which hatch after 30 days. Young nēnē remain with their parents for up to a year.



47 Years of Service, a Lifetime of Impact

After 47 years of federal service, contract specialist Bernadette “Bernie” Julian is retiring from Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Pacific. Julian joined NAVFAC Pacific as secretary. Seeing women build careers in engineering and contracting inspired her to return to school, earn her degree and pursue a route beyond the clerical pool. She transferred to the Public Works Center (PWC) as a procurement technician, which helped her to learn how field office contracting work was done.



This Week in History: November 1941

Construction of the Barbers Point Naval Air Station began in November 1941. The attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, further accentuated the need for more airfields on Oahu and on April 15, 1942, N.A.S. Barbers Point was established with 14 officers and 242 enlisted personnel. The new air station would serve as an aviation hub in the Pacific Theater and as a base for carrier air groups and squadrons deployed throughout the Pacific.

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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