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Happy Thanksgiving

This Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude, service and community. We are thankful for the people and partnerships that bring us together, strengthen our shared purpose and help us build a better future. We wish everyone a safe, peaceful and meaningful Thanksgiving.



Celebrating 251 Years of the Navy Chaplain Corps

U.S. Navy Chaplains and U.S. Navy Religious Program Specialists gathered at the U.S. Pacific Fleet Boathouse last week to commemorate the 251st anniversary of the Navy Chaplain Corps and recognize more than 250 years of faithful ministry, moral leadership, and steadfast support to the force. The commemoration honored the Chaplain Corps’ enduring role in protecting religious freedom, strengthening resilience, and caring for Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and their families across every stage of service.



Keeping Families Connected One Story at a Time

For many service members, duty often means time apart from their families. At the Ford Island Child Development Center, active-duty personnel are helping bridge that distance one story at a time by recording themselves reading children’s books so their families can hear a familiar voice during upcoming separations. The recording sessions are part of “Read, Record, Connect: Keeping Military Families Connected Through Storytime,” an enterprise-wide initiative launched by Navy Child and Youth Programs and United Through Reading.



Multi-Service Cop Shop Improves Community Relations

To reignite the Hawaii Armed Services Patrol, the 647th Security Forces Squadron and Naval Security Forces partnered with the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) to provide joint patrols during holidays and large events across Oahu. The effort strengthens military civilian law enforcement coordination while supporting the safety of service members and the local community. It also provides HPD with additional resources and personnel, enabling officers to distribute their presence efficiently across areas that receive high amounts of traffic.



Navy Region Hawaii Historian Shares Pearl Harbor History for Documentary

Navy Region Hawaii historian James Neuman was interviewed last week by a German documentary video crew about the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor ahead of the 85th anniversary next month of “a date which will live in infamy.” The documentary will reconstruct key events surrounding the attack that damaged or destroyed much of the U.S. Pacific Fleet and killed more than 2,400 Americans. In response, the U.S. declared war on Japan, marking its entrance into WWII.



48-Star U.S. Flag Returns to Pearl Harbor

Joseph F. O’Rourke traveled to Hawaii earlier this month to fly a 48-start flag that belonged to his father at the USS Utah Memorial at Pearl Harbor. James O’Rourke was a Navy Molder 2nd Class (MLDR2) who arrived at Pearl Harbor aboard the USS Harris (AP 8) on Dec. 24, 1941, and took part in ship salvage operations. After the war, O’Rourke returned home with the flag, which had been flown during those salvage operations.



This Week in History: November 28, 1911

The armored cruiser USS California (ACR-6) arrived in Honolulu on Nov. 28, 1911. Onboard was Rear Admiral Chauncey Thomas, commander of the Pacific Fleet. The ship’s arrival would soon mark the beginning of a new era in the Navy’s history in Hawaii when the California would sail into the newly dredged channel of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 14, 1911, becoming the first large warship to navigate the harbor and establishing Pearl Harbor as a naval base.

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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