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UPCOMING EVENTS

- NAVFAC Hosts Job Fair on April 30 at Ala Moana Hotel's Garden Lanai from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.



Adm. Stephen Koehler Takes Helm of U.S. Pacific Fleet

Adm. Stephen Koehler assumed command of the U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) during a change of command ceremony April 4 on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. He relieved Adm. Samuel Paparo, who takes the reins of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command next month. Adm. Lisa Franchetti, chief of naval operations, presided over the ceremony, welcoming Koehler and praising Paparo for his leadership as PACFLT commander. Paparo will replace Adm. John Aquilino, who has headed Indo-Pacific Command since April 2021.



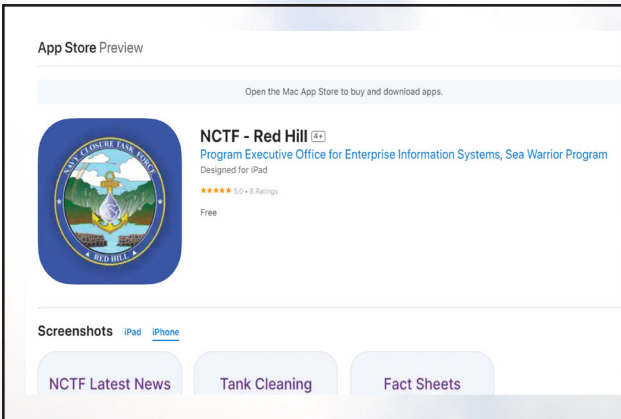
Chief of Naval Operations Visits Navy Closure Task Force

Adm. Lisa Franchetti visited Navy Closure Task Force - Red Hill (NCTF-RH) on April 4 to reinforce the Navy's commitment to the safe and expeditious closure of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. During her visit, Franchetti reiterated the Navy's commitment over the long term to protecting the environment, the aquifer, and the broader community. She also stressed the Navy's dedication to working with local, state, and federal regulators to ensure Red Hill's underground storage tanks and piping system are permanently closed.



Glow Run Shines Light on Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention

Service members and their families participated in the annual "Glow for Awareness" run on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 5. The Navy and Air Force sponsored the event to increase awareness of sexual assault within the military. Rear Adm. Stephen Barnett, commander of Navy Region Hawaii, and Col. Michele Lo Bianco, 15th Wing commander, signed a proclamation urging everyone to do their part to "bolster prevention, increase reporting, and promote advocacy for a safer DoD community."



Keep Track of Red Hill Closure Efforts With Free App

Navy Closure Task Force - Red Hill (NCTF-RH) has launched a free mobile application that tracks the progress of Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility decommissioning efforts. "This app is another communication method we are using to share important information and to reach a larger audience across numerous digital platforms," said Rear Adm. Steve Barnett, NCTF-RH commander. The app is available for download on the iOS app store and the Google Play store.



Punchbowl Ceremony Honors Life of Sailor Killed in Dec. 7 Attack

Sailors assigned to Navy Region Hawaii conducted an interment ceremony on March 27 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific to honor the life of Navy Fire Controlman 2nd Class Lawrence Jack Overley, who served on the USS Oklahoma when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941. The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, causing it to capsize. The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency identified Overley on July 16, 2021.



This Week in History: April 15, 1942

Naval Air Station Barbers Point was commissioned on April 15, 1942. Though originally intended as an outlying field for Naval Air Station Ford Island, Barber's Point grew during world War II to serve as a hub for naval aviation, providing maintenance and operation of naval aircraft and training of aviation personnel. Barbers Point was eventually disestablished in 1999.

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