

# THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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## Upcoming Events

- Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths: June 12 at the Kapilina Night Market from 4 to 8 p.m. and June 20 at the Halsey Terrace NEX Mini Mart
- Drinking Water Monitoring Update for Red Hill Webinar: June 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. Register at [EPA.gov](https://www.epa.gov).



## Dedication of Kupono Solar Project at West Loch Annex

A dedication ceremony will be held tomorrow for Kupono Solar, a 42 MW photovoltaic and four-hour battery storage facility located on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's West Loch Annex. The Navy leased the 131-acre site to Ameresco, an energy infrastructure firm, which built the facility and owns and operates it. Kupono Solar will supply renewable energy to the Hawaiian Electric Company power grid, improving electrical resiliency and reliability for HECO customers on Oahu, including the Navy.



## CNRH Leadership Welcomes Iconic Mexican Tall Ship

Sailors from the Mexican tall ship ARM Cuauhtémoc (BE-01) toured Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam last week before continuing their tri-continental training cruise to 13 ports and 10 countries. Capt. Ted Carlson, Navy Region Hawaii chief of staff, joined other dignitaries to welcome the ship and its 251 crew members to Honolulu. For more than 40 years, the Mexican Navy has used Cuauhtémoc as a training vessel for officers, cadets, petty officers and sailors.



## Navy, NASA Hold EIS Public Scoping Meetings on Kauai

Dozens of people attended public scoping meetings on Kauai last week to learn about and provide feedback on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared by the Navy and NASA to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of proposed real estate agreements with the State of Hawaii for the Pacific Missile Range Facility and the Kokee Park Geophysical Observatory. The public can provide comments until June 17. To learn more, visit [PMRF-KPGO-EIS.com](https://www.pmrh-kpgo-eis.com).



## Hawaii WWII Vet Honored to Return to Normandy

WWII veteran John Gleeson, who traveled to Normandy, France to take part in the 80th anniversary of D-Day said he was “overwhelmed” by the opportunity to return to Europe. The significance of being the sole Hawaii representative was not lost on him. “I was honored to be asked to go. It is going to be hard to look at those 9,000 crosses though,” Gleeson, who’s 100 years old, said before departing on the epic journey.



## Green Sea Turtle Nesting Season at PMRF

With its limited human activity and virtually no light pollution, the shoreline at Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai is an ideal nesting area for endangered green sea turtles. Turtle nesting season runs from mid-April to September, but can extend into December. Biologists estimate 76 baby honu were born at PMRF last year. “It is always an exciting event when a nest hatches, knowing we did our part to protect this majestic creature,” said Stephen Rossiter, PMRF’s natural resources field coordinator.



## This Week in History: June 15, 1944

On June 15, 1944, Allied forces launched the invasion of Saipan. With the successful capture of the Marianas Islands, the United States could place B-29 bombers within range of Tokyo. Though the Marianas lay over 3,500 miles away, the forces involved were largely trained, supplied and coordinated from Pearl Harbor and the surrounding area.

(Photo: Equipment and material utilized for the invasion of Saipan is staged on Waipio Peninsula)

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