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Upcoming Events

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- Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths: July 17 at Kapilina Night Market from 4 to 8 p.m.; July 23 at the NOAA Building on Ford Island from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.*
- Red Hill Health Webinar #3 on July 16 at 9 am HST (3 pm EST) via Microsoft Teams. Webinar link available at DHA-PH Red Hill Health Info- Defense Centers for Public Health - Aberdeen



Ships Depart Pearl Harbor for At-Sea Phase of RIMPAC

The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) was among more than 40 ships that departed Pearl Harbor this week to take part in the Force Integration phase of RIMPAC 2024. The at-sea phase ends on Aug. 1. RIMPAC provides realistic, relevant training that increases participants' abilities to plan and integrate across complex joint and combined maritime operations efficiently and effectively through a live and virtual construct. To learn more about RIMPAC 2024, visit www.cpf.navy.mil/RIMPAC/



Open Ship Day at JBPHH Draws Huge Crowds

U.S. and foreign ships participating in RIMPAC 2024 opened their decks to the public during Open Ship Day on Saturday. Community members got a chance to meet Sailors and Marines and tour naval ships from Japan, India, Peru, New Zealand and the United States. Aboard the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force amphibious transport dock ship JS Kunisaki (LST 4003), young visitors tried on gear and aboard Mobile Dive and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1, keiki played tic-tac-toe with divers during a diving demonstration.



Military Chaplains Attend Biannual International Chaplaincy Symposium

U.S. Ambassador-at-Large Rashad Hussain, who heads the Office of International Religious Freedom and advises the President on religious matters, was the keynote speaker at last week's International Chaplaincy Symposium at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Military chaplains from several countries were among the 150 attendees. Discussions included religious acceptance and the significance of military personnel being able to practice their religions. The chaplains presented Ambassador Hussain, a sports fan, with a signed basketball.



Aerial Views of RIMPAC Ships Moored at JBPHH

Visit the RIMPAC Facebook page to see unique aerial views of U.S. and international naval ships moored at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Ford Island for the Exercise Rim of the Pacific 2024. Twenty-nine nations, 40 surface ships, three submarines, 14 national land forces, more than 150 aircraft and 25,000 personnel are here for the biennial exercise that runs through Aug. 1. RIMPAC started in 1971 and is the world's largest international maritime exercise.



Thousands Attend July 4th Freedom Fest at JBPHH

More than 20,000 spectators turned out to watch that night sky over Pearl Harbor come alive with a stunning fireworks show celebrating Independence Day. The 15-minute pyrotechnic display powered by 2,500 fireworks was the highlight of the annual Freedom Fest celebration that featured games, food, a petting zoo, custom rides, giveaways, and entertainment by Breland, Bryce Vine and Theory of a Deadman.



This Week in History: RIMPAC

Exercise Rim of the Pacific 2024 is the 29th exercise in the series that began in 1971 and was held annually until 1974, when it became a biennial exercise due to its increasing scale. Since its modest beginnings, RIMPAC has grown into the world's largest international maritime exercise, providing a unique training opportunity while fostering and sustaining cooperative relationships among participants critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans.

PHOTO CAPTION: Canadian, Australian, and U.S. Navy ships underway near Hawaii during the "RIMPAC '72" exercise.

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