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Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** April 17 at Navy Exchange Mall, 4725 Bougainville Dr., from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; April 27 at Hickam Main Exchange, 10 Hickam Court, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Navy Personnel Log 600 Volunteer Hours at Laulima Navy Half-Way Mark

Navy personnel in Hawaii have logged more than 600 volunteer hours over the last six months to support non-profit organizations that help communities on Oahu and Kauai. The volunteer efforts are being highlighted as part of Laulima Navy, a year-long initiative launched in October 2024 to celebrate the U.S. Navy's 250th birthday on Oct. 13, 2025. Over a 12-month period, naval commands and components are highlighting 250 ways they care for the community, people and places.



Navy Joins Effort to Enhance Island's Resiliency

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam personnel joined community volunteers at MA'O Organic Farms' annual workday to weed and plant. The Navy has partnered with MA'O since 2019 to secure a total of \$2.6 million in Dept. of Defense Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration program funding to help MA'O acquire its property and bolster resiliency in Lualualei. These projects secured agricultural and recreational use of MAO's property in perpetuity and ensures long-term sustainment of the Navy mission.



U.S. Pacific Fleet, meets with Deputy Prime Minister of New Zealand

Adm. Steve Koehler, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, hosted Winston Peters, Deputy Prime Minister of New Zealand and members of the New Zealand delegation at U.S. Pacific Fleet headquarters. During the visit, Adm. Koehler provided an operational brief highlighting Pacific Fleet's mission and ongoing regional efforts, reinforcing the enduring partnership between the United States and New Zealand. From strategic discussions to shared vision, this engagement reflects the Navy's continued commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific.



Rear Adm. Chris Cavanaugh New Commander of SUBPAC

Rear Adm. Chris Cavanaugh relieved Rear Adm. Rick Seif and assumed duties as the 45th commander of Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (SUBPAC) during a change of command ceremony last week aboard the Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Montana (SSN 794). SUBPAC provides strategic deterrence, anti-submarine warfare; anti-surface warfare; precision land strike; intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and early warning; and special warfare capabilities around the globe.



PMRF Supports Urgent Life-Saving Air Medical Transportation

Personnel from Barking Sands Fire and Emergency Services Department on Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) on Kauai supported a life-saving medical mission by expediting the transfer of a patient from an ambulance to a waiting plane. The plane was in the air within 30 minutes. With only three hospitals on Kauai, patients needing emergency specialty care often require air medical transfer to Oahu. PMRF is one of two community-used patient transport zones on the island.



This Week in History: April 20, 1935

On April 20, 1935, the inaugural flight of the Pan Am Clipper landed on the Pearl Harbor channel and taxied to Ford Island to the cheers of naval air station personnel and local officials. Shortly thereafter Pan Am initiated regular weekly passenger service between San Francisco and Manila via Honolulu, Midway, Wake and Guam. The Clipper operated out of Pearl City Peninsula and airfare between Honolulu and the west Coast was \$360.



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. In this edition, we share a few ways we help to care for the community. Scan the QR code to learn more about Laulima Navy.



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