

Navy Region Hawaii

1. **Navy Region Hawaii Mo'olelo.** Navy Region has a weekly two-page newsletter that highlights Navy stories and items of interest in Hawaii. You can find the most current and other issues here, and we appreciate your feedback. [The Weekly Mo'olelo - News from around the Region \(afpims.mil\)](https://www.afpims.mil/The-Weekly-Mo-olelo-News-from-around-the-Region). Highlights:
 - Capt. Robert Prince relieved Capt. Brett Stevenson as Commanding Officer of Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands on Kauai during a change of command ceremony last week.
 - A wreath-laying ceremony was held Friday at the USS Arizona Memorial to commemorate the 83rd anniversary of the Battle of Midway, which took place June 4-7, 1942. After four intense days of fighting, the resulting outcome saw the U.S. Navy heavily cripple the Japanese Navy fighting force.
 - The use of a drone outfitted with a light detection and ranging (LiDAR) laser sensor is part of an ongoing joint effort between Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH), the Expeditionary Warfare Center, and Naval Information Warfare Center Atlantic to create a 3D map of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF).
 - Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) provided a semi-annual update to Gov. Josh Green's Water Committee during a virtual meeting last week. The NCTF-RH team briefed the governor and committee members on the return of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam drinking water distribution system to regular compliance monitoring, and the reactivation of the Navy Aiea-Halawa Shaft.
 - The Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Columbia (SSN 771) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 1 following a seven-month deployment to the Indo-Pacific, where the submarine and its crew performed a full spectrum of operations. Columbia was commissioned Sept. 24, 1994, and is the 60th Los-Angeles class submarine.
 - Pacific Missile Range Facility's (PMRF) Natural Resources team joined NOAA's World Oceans Day Celebration at Kukui Grove Center on Saturday. The PMRF team created an exhibit featuring information about the installation's marine wildlife protection programs and the native plants being grown at PMRF.
 - And as always, the newsletter has a "This Week in History" story as well.
2. **Monthly Ship Tours.** Our Saturday morning tours are currently on hold. We are happy to take names and will notify those interested when the next tour will be in the future.
3. **Community White Boats.** We are scheduling monthly white boats to visit USS Arizona and do a Pearl Harbor tour. Please let us know if you have a group that would be interested in joining. They leave late afternoon from the Pacific Fleet boat house, just past the Arizona Memorial Visitor Center. Our next tour is scheduled for July 25.
4. **Laulima Navy.** In October, the Navy in Hawaii launched Laulima Navy to celebrate the Navy's 250th birthday in 2025 and reinforce the Navy's longstanding commitment to the community. Over a 12-month period, we will highlight 250 acts of voluntary community

service performed by Sailors and civilians in Hawaii. As of June 12, Navy personnel have worked alongside community members on Oahu and Kauai to support more than 198 projects and programs that benefit the community, residents and the environment. Recent volunteer events include the Special Olympics, Friends of the Library of Hawaii and the Pantry by Feeding Hawaii Together “Food Distribution”

5. **Navy EIS for the Hawaii-California Training and Testing.** The Hawaii-California Training and Testing (HCTT) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) analyzes the potential environmental impacts associated with conducting at-sea training and testing activities, as well as the modernization and sustainment of ranges offshore of Hawaii and California. The Navy is currently developing the Final EIS/OEIS and completing associated regulatory processes. The Final EIS will be released in Fall 2025 and will provide responses to comments received during the public review period for the Draft EIS, which ended in February 2025. To learn more, visit <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/hctteis/>.
6. **Enhanced Use Leasing (EUL):** The Department of the Navy submitted a public notice of availability for a draft environmental assessment (EA) that will cover two land leases for clean/renewable energy projects on JBPHH. The proposed action is to lease Navy land to a commercial developer to construct and operate renewable energy infrastructure on two separate sites on JBPHH. One proposed site near PHNSY would house a biofuel-powered Firm Renewable Generation plant, and the other proposed site in Salt Lake on Navy land would house a photovoltaic solar generating system. The sites would also be connected to the existing Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) electric infrastructure. The public may view a copy of the Draft EA for this action at the following website: <https://pacific.navfac.navy.mil/About-Us/National-Environmental-Policy-Act-NEPA-Information/>.
7. **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS):** The Navy is aware of several invasive aquatic species in Pearl Harbor and is working with local, state, and federal agencies for effective management, and the development of methodologies for strategic removal, eradication, and preventing the spread here in Hawaii waters. The Navy does not know how these invasive aquatic species came into the area. They are not known to attach and travel on the hulls of ships but are a popular aquarium species and have been sold illegally within the state. JBPHH issued an updated base instruction that re-stated the Hawaii Department of Health 1998 health advisory warning that fish and shellfish from Pearl Harbor should not be eaten. In addition to stating that fishing in these areas is “catch-and-release” only, the new instruction also restricts fishing in other designated areas due to invasive octocorals.

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) Updates:

NEW:

- The latest edition of Red Hill Highlights is available [here](#).
- NCTF-RH submitted the Tank Closure Plan Supplement 4 to the regulators. The supplement provides updates for the overall closure strategy, pipeline removal and tank cleaning verification plan updates, physical tank modifications, historical equipment connection to the Red Hill underground storage tank system and post-closure tank monitoring.
- Download the mobile app by searching NCTF-RH in the Apple App Store or Google Play and enable notifications to receive updates.

Tank Cleaning

- Tanks 7 & 8: Pressure washing complete; tank cleaning verification in progress
- Tanks 5 & 6: Pressure washing ongoing
- Tanks 3 & 4: Degassing operations complete; preparations underway for pressure washing

Navy Aiea-Halawa Shaft Reactivation

- Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) is preparing for the reactivation of the Navy Aiea-Halawa Shaft (NAHS) following the shaft's completion of a Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) approved pilot study and following its compliance with regulator reactivation conditions.
- NCTF-RH will post test results from these pilot study samples on the Well Recovery and Water Resiliency page of the www.jbphh-safewaters.org website.

Drinking Water Resiliency

- The Navy remains committed to strengthening the resiliency and security of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam drinking water distribution system.

Extended Drinking Water Monitoring. In 2022, the Interagency Drinking Water System Team (IDWST) developed a long-term plan to monitor drinking water quality. The Navy completed Long-Term Monitoring (LTM) in March 2024, with more than 8,000 tests taken. The Navy remains focused on the safety and protection of the environment and community, ensuring the water meets federal and State safe drinking water standards. The Navy voluntarily continued an extensive sampling of the JBPHH water distribution system for an additional year following the end of LTM.

- Through the Drinking Water Long-Term Monitoring and the Extended Drinking Water Monitoring plans, there have been more than 10,000 drinking water quality tests that use EPA-certified laboratories with results available at the JBPHH Safe Waters website (<https://jbphh-safewaters.org/>). All results are reviewed by State and Federal Regulators. NCTF-RH continues to encourage anyone on the JBPHH drinking water system who has concerns to contact the Navy Water Quality Action Team on the 24-hour helpline at 808-210-6968. Residents with medical concerns should immediately contact their Primary Care Manager.

Drinking Water Information Booth: An important information tool in our outreach to those impacted by the Red Hill spill, the booth provides information regarding several drinking water quality testing programs the Navy offers and allows affected residents to view testing results from their homes and neighborhoods, request sampling for their residence, and ask questions. A community outreach schedule is available on the JBPHH Safe Waters website at www.jbphh-safewaters.org

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| • Kapilina Night Market | Wednesday, June 25 | 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. |
| • Pearl City Mini Mart | Thursday, June 26 | 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. |