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Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** Aug. 13, Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, 440 Edgewater Drive, Ewa Beach, from 4 - 8 p.m.; Aug. 21, Navy Exchange Mall, 4725 Bougainville Drive, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.



NCTF-RH to Host Community Open House at Oahu Veterans Center

Navy Closure Task Force - Red Hill (NCTF-RH) will host a community open house on Aug. 20 from 5-7 p.m. at the Oahu Veterans Center. The event will feature static displays and opportunities to speak with subject matter experts about the Navy's ongoing work at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility including Tank Closure Plan Supplement 4, which focuses on the overall closure strategy, pipeline removal and tank verification, tank modifications, and post-closure monitoring.



Signs Installed Around Oahu Recognize Honolulu as Purple Heart City

Capt. Samuel White, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam commander, joined other military leaders last week at a ceremony hosted by Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi to commemorate Honolulu's designation as a Purple Heart City. Signs honoring Purple Heart medal recipients have been installed at eight locations around Oahu including at the entrances to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center and the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, and near several military installations and facilities that support veterans.



U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono Visits Shipyard for Dry Dock 5 Update

U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono visited the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility last week to get an update on the progress of Dry Dock 5, which will enhance and maintain the Navy's capability and capacity to repair, maintain, and modernize Navy fast-attack submarines. Dry Dock 5 will operationally replace Dry Dock 3, the smallest of the four dry docks at Pearl Harbor. The \$3.42 billion project is a part of the Navy's Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program.



Nurturing a Time-Honored Tradition at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

Throughout the week, and even on weekends, volunteers from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility tend to newly planted native trees outside Building 167 on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The volunteers make sure the 'ulu and plumeria saplings are cared for and able to thrive during their early months. The tradition of planting a native tree to mark the end of an extended ship or submarine maintenance period dates back to 2015.



Gov. Green, U.S. Rep. Ed Case Attend Shipyard Trades Graduation

Hawaii Gov. Josh Green and U.S. Rep. Ed Case attended Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Facility's Trades Graduation Ceremony on Aug. 1. The ceremony included 191 graduates of both the Apprentice Program and Worker Skills Progression Program. The Apprentice Program is a partnership with the shipyard, U.S. Department of Labor and Honolulu Community College. WSPP was started in 2020 as a way to learn about the trades through classroom instruction and on-the-job learning.



This Week in History: August 15, 1914

On Aug. 15, 1914, the Panama Canal opened to naval traffic creating an indispensable maritime connection between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. With travel times cut by thousands of miles and weeks shortened to hours, the canal would allow the U.S. Navy the opportunity to move fleets between coasts with a more accessible Hawaii serving as a naval hub in the Pacific. Photo: USS Arizona transits the Panama Canal in the 1920s



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