

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/news-from-around-the-region).
2. **Monthly Ship Tours.** Our Saturday morning tours have resumed. All tours run from 9 - 10:45 a.m. Civic or school organizations interested in learning more about these Oahu-based ships, please contact the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Outreach Office at (808) 473-2890.
3. **Community White Boats.** We host regular tours of Pearl Harbor and the Arizona Memorial for community members. Please let us know if you have a group that would be interested in joining a tour. The afternoon tours depart from the Pacific Fleet boat house, just past the Arizona Memorial Visitor Center. Our next tour will be Jan. 30.
4. **Laulima Navy.** In 2024, the Navy in Hawaii launched Laulima Navy to celebrate the Navy's 250th birthday in October 2025 and reinforce the Navy's longstanding commitment to the community. Over the course of 12 months, we highlighted acts of voluntary community service performed by Sailors and civilians in Hawaii and exceeded our goal. Last year, our Navy family worked alongside community members on Oahu and Kauai to support more than **292** projects and programs that benefitted the community, residents and the environment. Laulima Navy continues in 2026.
5. **Navy EIS for Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai.** The U.S. Navy and NASA are jointly preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of proposed real estate agreements with the State of Hawaii for the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) and the Kokee Park Geophysical Observatory (KPGO). Agencies, organizations and the public were invited to participate in the environmental review process. Visit <https://www.pmrf-kpgo-eis.com/> for more information.
 - For portions of PMRF, the Navy has leases or holds easements with the State of Hawai'i for 8,172 acres, comprised of 684 acres of leaseholds and 7,488 acres of easements.
 - The Navy operates on approximately 410 acres of the total 684 acres leased from the state. The remaining leasehold and easements acres are used as buffer zones, conservation areas, infrastructure, and access corridors. No ground-based training occurs on these parcels.
6. **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, jointly with the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Army, and U.S. Air Force, on Dec. 2, 2025, announced their decision to conduct military readiness activities as identified in Alternative 1 (Preferred Alternative) in the HCTT Final EIS/OEIS. Record of Decision(s) were prepared by each military service and is currently available for viewing on the project website at www.nepa.navy.mil/hctteis/. The Final EIS/OEIS was released on Oct. 3, 2025 and the ROD published in early December.

7. **Enhanced Use Leasing (EUL)**: JBPHH is continuing work with Pu'uloa Energy, a division of Ameresco, Inc., to develop Navy lands for clean/renewable energy projects on JBPHH. The projects will construct and operate renewable energy infrastructure, including a biofuel-powered Firm Renewable Generation plant and a photovoltaic solar generating system. Both JBPHH sites will be connected to Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) electric infrastructure. For more information on the projects see <https://www.puuloaenergy.com/> (Updated on 1/13/26)
8. **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)**: The Navy continues to work towards eradication of the invasive octocoral issues and will continue the effort. The Navy has partnered with Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Aquatic Resources to conduct monitoring surveys. The Navy continues to thank the community for supporting the fishing restrictions as we work towards eradication. The Navy has cleared approximately a third of the infestation to date, but we need to make sure to maintain and monitor the sites to keep it from re-establishing. (Updated by Nicole Olmsted 09JAN26)
9. **Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Biennial Exercise**: RIMPAC will be held this summer. We will share more details on dates and other information when we receive it.

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

- Rear Admiral Lester Ortiz reported for duty as the new DCOM (Deputy Commander) as of 05 JAN 2026.
- Tank 20 degassing operations is complete. It was the eighth out of 14 tanks to undergo the degassing process, which is the first step in preparing for the decommissioning of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.
- Pipe cleaning is complete this month and are now being prepped for cutting and removal.
- The latest edition of Red Hill Highlights is available by going to the NCTF-RH app, website, or by clicking [here](#).
- Stay up to date with upcoming NCTF-RH events! Download the mobile app by searching NCTF-RH in the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) and enable notifications to receive updates.

Tank Cleaning

- 1,831 gallons of residual fuel removed from tank cleaning
- 390 gallons of sludge removed from tank cleaning
- 2,512 gallons of residual fuel removed from pipe cleaning efforts
- Tank 15 is on schedule for degassing later this month.

Navy Aiea-Halawa Shaft Reactivation

- Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) is in consultation with Hawaii Department of Health for the reactivation of the Navy Aiea-Halawa Shaft, a previous source of drinking water for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.
- The Navy installed a Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) water treatment system to provide advanced, final treatment that exceeds what a typical home water filter can provide. The treatment system will address per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) ahead of new EPA PFAS maximum contamination levels that will affect all drinking water systems in the future.
- The next steps for the Navy include working closely with DOH to schedule an inspection of the NAHS system, and upon approval, the Navy will request to reactivate the system. The Navy will then notify JBPHH Drinking Water System customers of the reactivation.

Drinking Water Resiliency

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

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

- Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market (Pilikai Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Drive, Ewa Beach) on Jan. 28 from 4-8 p.m.