

Navy Region Hawaii

1. **Hawaii Navy Week.** Hawai‘i Navy Week is the second of 12 Navy Weeks taking place in 2026 as part of the Navy Office of Community Outreach’s “Road Trip to 250,” a nationwide effort supporting America's 250th birthday, Freedom 250. We have Rear Adm. Ryan Mahelona (a Kaneohe native and Kamehameha Schools graduate) and Sailors in Hilo right now participating in community service and educational activities, meeting community groups and more. In Honolulu, the Pacific Fleet Navy band will have multiple events, the U.S. Navy ceremonial guard will have a demonstration at the Pearl Harbor National Memorial visitors center, and more. Navy Weeks bring a variety of assets, equipment, and personnel to a single city for a weeklong series of engagements designed to connect communities across America with their Navy, highlighting shared history and the enduring commitment to defending freedom and supporting the nation’s independence.

Highlights so far from Hilo include:

- The Pacific Fleet Band played at the Veterans Center, Rainbow Falls, Volcano Schools of Arts and Sciences
- Sailors from USS Pearl Harbor (LSD-52), USS Daniel Inouye (DDG-118), and USS Decatur (DDG-73) helped with beautification projects around UH Hilo.
- Meetings with Hawaii County mayor and Hilo-Waiākea Schools Superintendent
- Talk story with Hilo Crescent Lions Club Young Visionaries

Highlights so far from Honolulu include:

- Meeting with Mililani High School JRTOC
- Distributing food to elderly on the windward side
- Meeting with Honolulu mayor and USS Hawaii (SSN-776) leadership
- Community service at Hamakua Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary Healthy Climate Communities

Check Navy Region Facebook for info: <https://www.facebook.com/NavyRegionHawaii>

2. **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 \(afpims.mil\)](#).
3. **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.
4. **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 in April.

5. **Laulima Navy.** We continue to support community volunteer events! 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.

6. **Lualualei and Kolekole Pass exercise and MOU.** On March 3, the Navy led an exercise to demonstrate the ability to safely transit a large number of vehicles through the pass during an emergency. The exercise provided an opportunity for all involved agencies to refine evacuation plans. On March 4, senior leaders from the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, Hawai‘i Emergency Management Agency, Honolulu Department of Emergency Management, and the Hawai‘i Department of Transportation formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding at the Kolekole Pass overlook for vehicle access to Kolekole Road during extraordinary emergency circumstances. This publicly reaffirms the U.S. Navy's commitment, alongside the U.S. Army and State agencies, to providing emergency access to Kolekole Pass, safeguarding the community and strengthening interagency cooperation.

7. **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.pmr-f-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.

8. **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.

9. **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/>
10. **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.
11. **Hawaii Navy Week**: The U.S. Navy will bring Navy Week to the Hawaiian Islands, March 9–15, 2026, marking the first time Hawaii has hosted a Navy Week. Events will take place in Honolulu and Hilo and will feature a series of performances, educational engagements, ship tours, and community service projects designed to connect Sailors directly with local residents. Throughout the week, Sailors from across the fleet will engage with schools, civic leaders, community organizations, and the public, strengthening the Navy's long-standing relationship with Hawaii and celebrating the Aloha spirit that defines the islands.
12. **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

- Tanks 3 and 4 are currently being pressure washed
- 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

- 2,374 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 completed degassing February 26. AQM daily updates are posted to the NCTF-RH website and the app.

Navy Aiea-Halawa Shaft Reactivation

- Navy Aiea-Halawa Shaft will provide water to the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam drinking water distribution system once it has been approved by the Hawaii Department of Health and reactivated into service.
- 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

- JBPHH Newcomer's Fair (JBPHH Memorial Chapel, 1600 Frederick Street, Honolulu) on March 10 from 1-1:30 p.m.
- Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market (Pilikai Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Drive, Ewa Beach) on March 25 from 4-8 p.m.