

**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).
2. **Monthly Ship Tours.** Our Saturday morning tours have resumed. All tours run from 9 - 10:45 a.m. Community, 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 is schedule for June 5.
4. **Laulima Navy.** We continue to support community volunteer events! In 2024, the Navy in Hawaii launched Laulima Navy to celebrate the Navy's 250<sup>th</sup> 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.
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.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.
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/](http://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/>
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.
9. **Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Biennial Exercise**: The biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise will bring 31 nations in and around the Hawaiian Islands from June 24 to July 31, 2026. The exercise will feature a multinational force of approximately 40 surface ships, 5 submarines, 140 aircraft and more than 25,000 personnel.

It is fitting that the world's premier maritime exercise occurs as the United States celebrates its 250th anniversary. For 250 years, the United States has built relationships with international partners based on trust, cooperation, and shared values. RIMPAC is where we put that trust into practice, strengthening the people-to-people relationships that are the bedrock of our collective security.

The theme of RIMPAC 2026 is “Partners: Integrated and Prepared.” With teamwork at its core, RIMPAC fosters multi-national cooperation and trust, leverages interoperability, and achieves respective national objectives to strengthen integrated and prepared partners.

Hosted by the Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, RIMPAC 2026 will be led by the Commander of the U.S. 3rd Fleet (C3F), who will serve as the Combined Task Force

(CTF) commander. Chile will fill the role of deputy commander of the CTF, and Japan will fill the role of vice commander. The Republic of Korea will command the maritime component, and Canada will command the air component.

RIMPAC 2026 will build on the success of RIMPAC 2024 with a larger contingent of partners demonstrating the inherent flexibility of maritime forces. The exercise will cover a wide range of capabilities including amphibious operations, gunnery and missile proficiency, anti-submarine warfare, air defense exercises, military medicine, humanitarian assistance and disaster response, counter-piracy, mine clearance, explosive ordnance disposal, and diving and salvage operations. Throughout the exercise, partners train and operate together to strengthen our collective forces and promote a free and open Indo-Pacific.

10. **RAB:** The public is invited to attend the upcoming Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting, 6:00 pm, Wednesday, May 20 at the Oahu Veterans Center in Foster Village. The RAB provides a forum for the exchange of information between the Navy and the local community regarding Pearl Harbor-Hickam-Kalaeloa area environmental cleanup activities under the Navy's Environmental Restoration Program.

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

- Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) began degassing tank 11 at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF) this week, marking another significant milestone in the facility's decommissioning process. Tank decommissioning is a multi-stage process involving defueling, venting, cleaning, and ultimately, the permanent closure of each tank.
- The Environmental Protection Agency recently posted its final drinking water assessment report of the Navy's enhanced drinking water monitoring of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam drinking system. The report confirmed no fuel contamination remains in the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) & Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Public Water Systems stemming from the November 2021 release. The announcement allows the Navy to return to normal compliance monitoring of the system.
- 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**

- 3,431 gallons of residual fuel removed from tank cleaning (as of 051426)
- 390 gallons of sludge removed from tank cleaning

- 2,512 gallons of residual fuel removed from pipe cleaning efforts
- Tank 11 started degassing on May 3. AQM daily updates are posted to the NCTF-RH website and the app.

**Navy Aiea-Halawa Shaft Reactivation**

- The Navy Aiea-Halawa Shaft will bring resilience to the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam drinking water system once the well is reactivated. The amount of water the Navy is permitted to pump at NAHS is lower than the other Navy shafts, but the amount would allow for flexibility within the drinking water system. For example, the well would allow time for Waiawa Shaft to get back online if there was ever a short-time requirement to repair Waiawa Shaft.
- The Navy installed a temporary Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) and ion-exchange treatment system to treat the water as needed by addressing potential per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) well ahead of the enforcement time set by the EPA in its National Primary Drinking Water Regulation.
- 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.
- Reactivation of the well is a process where conditions must be achieved, and requirements met in order to request approval to reactivate. The Navy is taking a very careful and deliberate approach to the reopening of the well to ensure due diligence is taken and all regulatory requirements are met. The Navy remains in close coordination with the Hawaii Department of Health on the efforts to reactivate and will continue to provide public updates on progress and upon obtaining approval to reactivate.

**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 offered during enhanced monitoring.