# THE WEEKLY MO‘OLELO

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**Upcoming Events**

**Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booth:** **Nov. 19 at Navy Exchange Mall, 4725 Bougainville Dr., from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Federal Fire Department Hiring Event:** **Nov. 16 & 17 at the Federal Fire Department Administrative Offices, 650 Center Dr., Bldg. 284, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Apply in person.**



## Veterans Day Events at Pearl Habor National Memorial

Pearl Harbor National Memorial, in coordination with Pearl Harbor Historic Parks and the U.S. Navy, will host a series of special events tomorrow in observance of Veterans Day. The events offer visitors opportunities to honor the men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Events include a military after-hours Arizona Memorial boat tour and guided tours of the USS Utah and USS Oklahoma memorials. Parking will be free all day at the memorial.



## Navy, NASA Withdraw Final EIS for PMRF

The U.S. Navy and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) on Nov. 5 formally withdrew the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) covering Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) and Kokee Park Geophysical Observatory (KPGO) and will amend the Final EIS before resubmitting in 2027 to the Hawaii Dept. of Land and Natural Resources. “We recognize we have an important opportunity to further enhance the EIS,” said Rear Adm. Rich Jarrett, commander of Navy Region Hawaii.




## USS Arizona Unknowns Disinterred from Punchbowl

The first eight of 86 unknown USS Arizona Sailors and Marines buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl were disinterred last week, marking the start of a project to disinter and identify unknown service members believed to be associated with the battleship, which sank during the Dec. 7, 1941, surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. A ceremony to commemorate the disinterment project will be held this Dec. 7 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

## Let's Talk Red Hill: Decommissioning Update

In the latest episode of Let's Talk Red Hill, Rear Adm. Les Ortiz, deputy commander of Navy Closure Task Force - Red Hill (NCTF-RH) shares updates on Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility decommissioning efforts including the start of pipeline removal. In June, NCTF-RH began dismantling nearly 10 miles of pipeline from the facility. To put that into perspective, 10 miles is roughly the distance from Pearl Harbor to Waikiki Beach. Watch the episode on NCTF-RH's YouTube channel.



## Navy Aviators Uphold Legacy of Excellence in Homeland Defense

In December 1910, Lt. Theodore Gordon "Spuds" Ellyson forever changed the U.S. Navy when he became the first Navy officer designated as an aviator. Considered a pioneer in U.S. naval aviation, Ellyson helped shape the field, not just as its first qualified Navy aviator, but as an active experimenter in how aircraft could operate with the Fleet. Today's Navy aviators are following in his footsteps and excelling in one of the most demanding professions in the military.



## This Week in History: November 17,1899

On Nov. 17, 1899, the U.S. Navy Coal Depot, Honolulu was renamed U.S. Naval Station, Honolulu with Commander John Merry as the first commanding officer. The small naval station in Honolulu remained in operation until the Navy completed construction of Drydock 1 and naval operations on Oahu were moved to the new base at Pearl Harbor in 1919.

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