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Navy Region Hawaii

1. **Navy Region Hawaii's Weekly 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).

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. Tours resume in 2027.

4. **FEDFIRE Hiring Opportunity**. Navy Region Hawaii Federal Fire Department (FFD) is hosting a two-day hiring event to recruit up to 40 full-time firefighters to bolster emergency response capabilities across military installations on Oahu. The event will take place from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Nov. 16 and 17 at FFD's administrative offices, located at 650 Center Dr., Bldg. 284 in Honolulu. Applications are only being accepted in-person at the two-day event. https://www.dvidshub.net/news/579021/navy-region-hawaii-federal-fire-hosts-hiring-event

5. **Laulima Navy.** We 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. In 2025, 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. This year, we continue our commitment

6. **Navy EIS for Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai.** **Navy EIS for Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai.** The U.S. Navy and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) formally withdrew the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) covering Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) and Kōkeʻe Park Geophysical Observatory (KPGO) on Nov. 5 and will amend the Final EIS before resubmitting in 2027 to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Visit https://www.dvidshub.net/news/578757/navy-nasa-withdraw-final-eis 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.

7. **Navy Aiea-Halawa Shaft Reactivation**
   - On Sept. 4, the Hawaii Department of Health provided conditional approval to the Navy to reactivate the Navy Aiea-Halawa Shaft.
   - 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.
   - 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.
   - Water consumers notified Oct. 9 of reactivation delay. No impact to drinking water.

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. **LSM EIS.** The U.S. Department of the Navy is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed homeporting of Medium Landing Ship (LSM)-class ships at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JPBHH), Hawai'i. The Navy held an open-house public meeting July 13, 2026, at the Oahu Veterans Center, and collected public comments from June 24 through July 24, 2026.

    The Proposed Action is to home port up to nine LSM-class ships at JBPHH, including the demolition of the existing wharf and construction of a dedicated berthing wharf along Ford Island and Roll-on/Roll-off facilities required to support the LSM-class ships. The LSM-class ship is a specialized vessel designed to transport troops, vehicles, and equipment directly to shore. The Navy's Proposed Action is needed to support littoral expeditionary forces, such as Marine Littoral Regiments, across the Pacific region. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been invited to be a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS due to its jurisdiction by law or special expertise concerning impacts on waters of the United States.

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

Tank Cleaning

- 3,785 gallons of residual fuel removed from tank cleaning (as of 09 OCT 2026)
- 3,446 gallons of sludge removed from tank cleaning (as of 09 OCT 2026)

Pipeline Removal

- 2,532 gallons of residual fuel removed from pipe cleaning efforts (as of 09 OCT 2026)
- 99% of pipeline cleaned (as of 28 AUG 2026)
- 11.3% of pipeline removed from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (as of 16 NOV 2026)
- On April 30, the EPA approved the Navy's plan to recycle decommissioned steel pipeline material from the RHFBSF. This approval allows the Navy to begin safely removing pipeline from the facility and transporting it to a smelter in Texas, where it will be melted down and recycled. The plan also reinforces the Navy's commitment to public safety and environmental responsibility.
- Tank cleaning & pipeline removal progress can be tracked through the NCTF-RH dashboard available on the NCTF-RH website or NCTF-RH app.

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- **DOH FTAC meeting.** During the October 22 Hawaii Dept. of Health Fuel Tank Advisory Committee meeting, the Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill highlighted key decommissioning milestones, including reaching 99% completion of pipeline cleaning and launching recycling efforts. Additionally, environmental monitoring and community engagement continue. All FTAC presentations are available on the DOH's website: https://health.hawaii.gov/ust/ust-home-test/ust-red-hill-project-main/red-hill-task-force-meeting/

- **EPA Final Report on the Drinking Water Assessment of the JBPHH and AMR Public Water Systems.** The Environmental Protection Agency 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.

- **Red Hill Highlights.** The latest edition of Red Hill Highlights is available by going to the NCTF-RH app, website, or by clicking here.

- **NCTF-RH App.** 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.

- **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.
  - The Navy is scheduled to host an Information Booth at the main NEX (19 November.)