

# THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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## Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths:** Mar. 20 at Hickam Main Exchange, 10 Hickam Court, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Mar. 26 at Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, Piliikai Beach Park, 5440 Edgewater Drive, Ewa Beach, 4 - 8 p.m.
- **Navy Closure Task Force – Red Hill Open House:** Mar. 12 at Ke'ehi Lagoon Memorial, Alfred Los Banos Hall, 2685 N. Nimitz Highway, 5 - 7 p.m.



## Navy Begins Cleaning Third Pair of Red Hill Fuel Tanks

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill began cleaning the third pair of fuel tanks at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility this week following approval from the Hawaii Department of Health. NCTF-RH started with venting tank 3, replicating the process used during the safe and deliberate venting and initial cleaning of tanks 5 through 8. The venting eliminates volatile organic compounds by pushing clean air from the bottom of the tank and exhausting it through a complex ventilation system.



## Navy Volunteers Support Keehi Lagoon Beach Park Safety Effort

Navy volunteers on Sunday joined Scouts from Troop 75 to repaint "No Parking" curbs and cover up graffiti at Keehi Lagoon Beach Park. The effort was part of an Eagle Service Project organized by Casey Kobayashi, a Moanalua High School sophomore, who is working to become an Eagle Scout, the highest rank achievable in Scouting America. Kobayashi's project improved the park's appearance and enhanced safety by alerting drivers to avoid parking in certain areas.



## Undersea Warfare Units Depart for Exercise Black Widow 2025

U.S. Navy submarines, ships and aircraft departed Pearl Harbor last week to participate in Black Widow 2025, the premier tactical development exercise for U.S. Navy undersea warfare forces. The exercise integrates submarines, surface ships and aircraft into a team tasked to track and engage a simulated adversary submarine in a realistic and challenging training environment. Exercise Black Widow also incorporates real-world lessons learned into the tactical development and training of units operating under a theater undersea warfare construct.





## INDOPACOM Commander Speaks at Science & Technology Conference

Adm. Samuel J. Paparo, commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, addressed international participants of the Comprehensive Security Cooperation 25-1 Course at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies last week. More than 80 mid-level military, government and non-government professionals from 33 Indo-Pacific nations attended the five-week course that aims to enhance security collaboration and strategic dialogue. Following an overview on USINDOPACOM strategy, Paparo answered questions from the participants regarding regional security, highlighting allies and partners.



## Space Force Capabilities on Display During Cobra Gold 2025

During the Cobra Gold 2025 (CG25) joint exercise held recently in Thailand, U.S. Space Force Guardians from Indo-Pacific Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Fort Buckner, Japan, shared their technological capabilities with allies and partner nations. This was the 44th iteration of Cobra Gold and the largest joint exercise in Asia. It highlighted the strong alliance and strategic relationships among Thailand, the United States, and participating nations. CG25 demonstrates the U.S. commitment to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific region.



## This Week in History: March 13, 1903

On March 13, 1903, grading operations began at Kuahua Island for the construction of a railroad to link the island to the rest of the naval base at Pearl Harbor. The island served as a naval magazine, which was decommissioned and relocated to Lualualei in 1934. Kuahua Island was later filled in to become a peninsula and served throughout World War II as the home of the Naval Supply Center, which is now the Fleet Logistics Center.



Laulima Navy underscores our responsibility to the community and the ways we work alongside partners to help and support our neighbors. Service to others and a commitment to the greater good are values we hold in high regard. It is a privilege for all of us to call Hawaii home and we seek every opportunity we can to show how much we treasure this place. In this edition, we share a few ways we help to care for the community. Scan the QR code to learn more about Laulima Navy.



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