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MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII

MCBH Leadership Host Elected Officials at Pu'uloa Range Training Facility

PU'ULOA RANGE TRAINING FACILITY – Elected officials representing Ewa Beach, to include members of their staff, visited Pu'uloa Range Training Facility (PRTF) on Monday, April 17, 2023, during an engagement with both military and civilian leadership of Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) to discuss the range's training operations, recent facility changes, environmental stewardship efforts, and future initiatives to mitigate training noise impacts to the community neighboring PRTF. Honolulu City Councilmember Augusto Tulba and Hawaii State Representative Elijah Pierick, along with key staff members from the offices of U.S. Representative Ed Case

and Hawaii State Representative Rose Martinez, received a tour of the military training facility led by MCBH's Commanding Officer, Col. Speros C. Koumparakis. The engagement provided MCBH leadership the opportunity to showcase PRTF to the elected officials and allowed the elected officials to gain a better understanding of MCBH's ongoing efforts to preserve the facility, eliminate areas of potential future munitions constituent migration, and mitigate future shoreline erosion along PRTF. The visit also provided MCBH leadership the opportunity to discuss concerns from community members with elected officials regarding noise

produced by the firearms training conducted at Pu'uloa. "MCBH is committed to ensuring that our range facility at Pu'uloa remains compatible with the community of Ewa Beach," said Col. Speros C. Koumparakis, commanding officer, MCBH.

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THE HAWAII MARINE



MCBH's News Segment

The Hawaii Marine is a monthly news segment from MCBH highlighting events and training that have occurred aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii in the last month. Tune in each month to get a look what your Marines are up to and how the installation is working to support the Marine Corps and our community.

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PUBLIC ADVISORIES



Public Notices and Updates

MCBH publishes notices and updates in the form of Public Advisories to inform base residents and neighbors in the surrounding community of upcoming events, changes in base services, irregular training impacts, and any other information you need to know as you go about your day. Public Advisories are meant to keep you informed and aware of any changes that could affect you.

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Make Every Person, Place or Condition Better Than You Found It, Always: June Cleghorn



As the primary resident on the unique and culturally significant Mokapu peninsula, Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) takes its stewardship responsibilities of cultural resources seriously. As part of that responsibility, MCBH employs a passionate team of

military and civilian personnel to aid in protection and preservation of Mokapu's cultural resources. The Environmental Compliance and Protection Division (ECPD) carries out the functions of compliance, pollution prevention, conservation, installation restoration, training and education, and outreach at MCBH. Oahu-born Native Hawaiian, June Noelani Cleghorn, Senior Cultural Resources Manager, ECPD, MCBH, is integral for ensuring the compliance and military readiness of the base remains at the forefront of our mission with the continual protection and conservation of such resources.

While attending college on the mainland, common among Hawaii-raised high school graduates, Cleghorn had a difficult time determining a career path that she felt passionate about. She had left the islands, only to realize her passion and potential calling was home all along – Hawaii. "Coming back, I realized I liked working in Hawaii's physical environment," Cleghorn remembered. "When I was a teenager, I worked the summers at the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, they had a Youth Conservation Corps program and I loved it.

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Experience PTA Day

"PTA is the premier training side of the pacific," said U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Johnny Walker, Marine Corps Liaison, Pōhakuloa Training Area. Pōhakuloa Training Area is a US military training base located on the high plateau between Mauna Loa, Mauna Kea and the Hualālai volcanic mountains of the island of Hawaii. It is the largest United States Department of Defense installation in the state of Hawaii, or anywhere in the Pacific. "The Marine Corps gets a lot of the

training up here that they can't get on Oahu or elsewhere in the pacific," said Walker, "One of the biggest issues is land space."



"Land space up here at PTA is much larger than the training area that you'll get at on Oahu," said Walker. PTA is a valuable location in the pacific that provides the United States Department of Defense with an environment that helps train its troops to the best of their ability. PTA not only allows for more land space but also "the realism of an austere environment," said Walker

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MCBH DIGITAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Leman Pendley cuts down an invasive plant species during a weed warriors event, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, April 8, 2023. The ECPD held the event in an effort to remove invasive plant species and debris from the Nu'upia Ponds wetlands wildlife management area. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Christian Tofteroo) [More Imagery](#)



U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Brian Endres, 3d Marine Littoral Regiment, conducts a class to Philippines Marines, during Balikatan 23, April 17, 2023. Balikatan is an annual exercise between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and U.S. military designed to strengthen capabilities, trust, and cooperation built over decades of shared experiences. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Israel Chincio) [More Imagery](#)