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MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII

MCBH and PaePae O He'eia, Wildlife Management Area Co-stewardship MOU Signing



MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII – A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) and PaePae o He'eia, a Hawaii Nonprofit Organization, was signed for the co-stewardship of the Nu'upia Ponds Wildlife Management Area (WMA), May 15, 2023.

The MOU establishes an understanding for the maintenance of cultural resources and collaborative support to the biodiversity of natural resources within the Nu'upia Ponds WMA, while encouraging opportunities to collaborate on stewardship pertaining to the historic Nu'upia Ponds aboard MCBH. "What's exciting about this partnership is that we get to work together on this: enabling connections, learning and forming a lasting relationship with one another and another three loko'i'a (fishponds)." said Hi'ilei Kawelo, PaePae o He'eia Founder and Executive Director. "From the community perspective, this has been a long time coming. We've

wondered and dreamed about the stewardship of the Nu'upia Complex for decades." The initiation and consideration for this MOU derived from cultural experts, lineal descendants, and community leaders of Ko'olaupoko engaging in community relations with MCBH and requesting co-stewardship opportunities relating to the natural and cultural resources at the Nu'upia Ponds WMA. PaePae o He'eia was identified as the appropriate community interlocutor and cultural expert for co-stewardship opportunities under the MOU.

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Marine Corps Base Hawaii Change of Command

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII – U.S. Marine Corps Col. Speros C. Koumparakis relinquished command of Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) to Col. Jeremy W. Beaven during a Change of Command Ceremony, May 25, 2023. Maj. Gen. Stephen E. Liszewski, Commanding General of Marine Corps Installations Pacific, presided over the ceremony and was one of several distinguished visitors in attendance including: Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi, Hawaii State Sen. Jeremy Keohokalole and Sen. Chris Lee, Hawaii State Rep. Natalia Hussey-Burdick and Rep. Lisa Marten, General and senior officers from the various

commands across Hawaii, city council and community leaders. "The Marine Corps is modernizing itself, to get ready for future challenges and to get ready to beat the pacing threat that is on the other side of the Pacific," said Maj. Gen. Liszewski "The capabilities you see here [KC-130J aircraft and MQ-9A remotely piloted aircraft]...these new capabilities are here in Hawaii and have been brought by the Marine Corps in part because of the hard work of Col. Koumparakis and his ability to drive and lead change for the betterment of the Marine Corps, for the sake of the security of the nation." Col. Koumparakis attributed much of

the installation's success and modernization efforts to the Marines, Sailors, and civilians that comprise MCBH, emphasizing the importance of building relationships with Hawaii state and local community leaders.

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MCBH Installation Safety Office 101 Critical Days of Summer North Beach Summer Concert

Even for the most experienced swimmers, the ocean is a vast and often dangerous place. Ocean conditions are always unpredictable and can change rapidly without warning. To keep beachgoers safe and capable of enjoying the beautiful beaches on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, the MCBH Installation Safety Office hosted a summer safety concert on North Beach called the "101 Critical Days of Summer North Beach Summer Concert," Friday, May 12, 2023.



"The purpose of today's event was to get everybody together to inject some

fun into this event and deliver a safety message as we start the 101 critical days of summer," said Robert McCarthy, the MCBH Installation Safety Director. The event attracted hundreds of participants and six different agencies to create an interactive learning experience for everyone.

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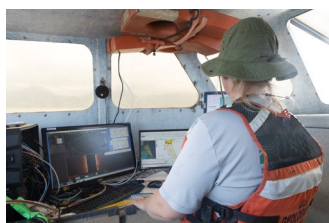
MCBH publishes notices and updates in the form of Public Advisories to inform base residents and neighbors in the surrounding community of upcoming events, changes in base services, irregular training impacts, and any other information you need to know as you go about your day. Public Advisories are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

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Chelsea Stalk, electronics technician, U.S. Geological Survey St. Petersburg Coastal and Marine Science Center, monitors data of a multibeam system during a geological survey, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, May 12, 2023. The survey mapped the nearshore coast offshore of Fort Hase beach to help predict coastal erosion. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Chandler Stacy)

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Marine Corps Base Hawaii leadership pose for a group photo with visiting Hawaii state officials during their visit to the installation, MCBH, May 15, 2023. The purpose of the visit was to provide and discuss the current posture of MCBH as well as introduce the incoming MCBH Commanding Officer, Col. Jeremy W. Beaven. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Gunnery Sgt. Orlando Perez) [More Imagery](#)

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U.S. Marine Corps deactivates 1st Battalion, 12th Marines

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII – 1st Battalion, 12th Marines cased its colors during the unit's deactivation ceremony at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, May 26, 2023.

1st Battalion, 12th Marines activated on Sept. 1, 1942, as 4th Battalion, 12th Marines at Camp Elliot, California, as an artillery regiment in support of 3d Marine Division. After participating in a number of World War II campaigns, to include battles at Bougainville, Guam, and Iwo Jima, 1/12 underwent a brief period of deactivation before reactivating in support of the Far East Command's maintenance of amphibious readiness capabilities during the Korean War.

The Marines of 1/12 saw the Vietnam War unfold from April 1965 to September 1969 while operating from their positions at Phu Bai, Da Nang, Cam Lo, Khe Sanh, and Camp Carroll. As U.S. forces kicked off the major raid

known as Operation Thor on June 1, 1968, 1/12 enabled the regaining of control of the Demilitarized Zone through the provision of fire support and conduct of artillery raids.



In June 1971, at the conclusion of the Vietnam War, the Marines of 1/12 reported to Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, where they have since been permanently stationed. In September 1994, after the battalion's successful participation in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, 1/12 was reassigned to the 3d Marine Division as a part of III Marine Expeditionary Force. From August 2004 to November 2011, 1/12

participated in the Global War on Terror, deploying in support of operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. One such deployment to Al Anbar Province, Iraq, was under the command of now Maj. Gen. Stephen Liszewski, who served as 1/12's battalion commander from 2006 to 2008, and is now the commanding general of Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

In recent years, 1/12 has been at the forefront of institutional change, leading the practical application of expeditionary advanced basing operations, experimentation with foraging concepts, and the employment of next-generation weapons systems.

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U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Samuel Jarret, an Infantry Marine with 3d Littoral Combat Team, 3d Marine Littoral Regiment, 3d Marine Division, uses a compass during a land navigation course at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, Hawaii, May 25, 2023. Marines with 3d LCT continue to sharpen their land navigation skills to enhance their future warfighting capabilities. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Israel Chincio) [More Imagery](#)

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 24

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VMU-3 Received its first two MQ-9As

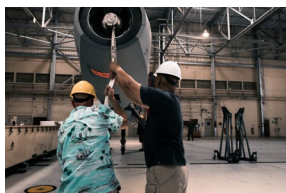


MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII – U.S. Marine Corps Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron (VMU) 3, Marine Aircraft Group 24, received its first two MQ-9As on April 27, 2023.

The MQ-9A is a remotely piloted aircraft capable of supporting a wide range of operations such as coastal and border surveillance, weapons tracking, embargo enforcement, humanitarian and disaster assistance, support of peacekeeping and counter-narcotic operations. VMU-3 supports the Marine Air-Ground Task Force by providing multi-surveillance and reconnaissance, data gateway and

relay capabilities through an aerial layer, and enabling or conducting the detection and cross cueing of targets and facilitating their engagement during expeditionary, joint and combined operations.

To meet combatant commanders' requirements in the Indo-Pacific region, VMU-3 will conduct maritime domain awareness, airborne early warning, airborne network extension, and electronic support.



The MQ-9 delivers tailored capabilities using mission kits containing various sensor combinations. The MQ-9 baseline system carries a robust suite of

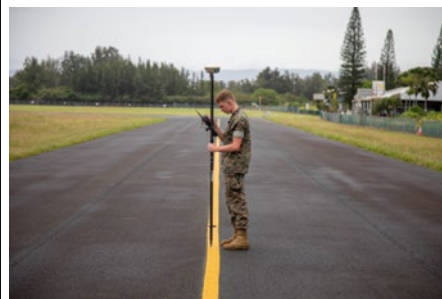


visual sensors for intelligence gathering, surveillance and reconnaissance. The baseline components include infrared sensor, color, monochrome daylight TV camera, shortwave infrared camera, laser designator, and laser illuminator.

Since the arrival of the aircraft, VMU-3 has worked tirelessly to assemble the aircraft and begin the safety certification process. The aircraft made their first public appearance on May 26, 2023 at the MCBH change of command ceremony.

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U.S. Marine Engineer Assistant with Marine Wing Support Squadron 174 conducts a Marine Survey and Assault Zone Assessment with a Trimble R8 Global Positioning System, Dillingham Airfield, Waialua, Hawaii, May 18, 2023. The survey determines if minimum LZ requirements are met for various military aircraft. This was a joint force effort with U.S. Airmen who helped conduct a Contingency Airfield Pavement Evaluation (CAPE). (U.S. Marine Corps Photo by Cpl. Logan Beene) [More Imagery](#)