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## MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII

### MCBH Hosts 2023 John D. Kaupiko Canoe Regatta

**Story by Lance Cpl. Hunter Jones**

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII – Local residents and service members alike gathered along the shoreline of Marine Corps Base Hawaii's Hangar 101 to compete in the 2023 John D. Kaupiko Regatta, hosted in partnership with the Hui Nalu Canoe Club, July 16, 2023.



The John D. Kaupiko Regatta, named after the renowned member of the Hui Nalu Canoe Club and symbolic icon for the Hawaiian sport of outrigger racing, is an annual canoe race that has been held on MCBH since 2012. This year, 18 canoe clubs participated in 45 races ranging in distances up to a mile and a half.

U.S. Marine Corps Col. Jeremy Beaven, commanding officer of MCBH, welcomed all the participants and spectators, sharing his opening remarks at the start of the event. "We are always looking for every opportunity to be good neighbors," said Beaven, "I'm looking to make this

bigger and better every year, and I welcome them [participants and spectators] aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii."

Beaven stated that the spirit of competition, athleticism, teamwork and camaraderie witnessed among the canoe clubs is what the Marine Corps fosters every day, stating that this event is an opportunity to build relationships; learn about culture, history and tradition important to our neighbors in Kailua, Kaneohe and the surrounding communities.

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### Advanced Infantry Marine Course Hawaii

**Story by Cpl. Cody Purcell**

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII – Across the thick jungles and mountainous terrain of Oahu, U.S. Marines participating in the Advanced Infantry Marine Course execute their patrol plans under the watchful eye of their combat tested instructors. Each iteration of the course is mentally rigorous and physically demanding, pushing Marines to the limit of their capabilities, and molding them into ready, highly proficient warriors.

Over seven intense weeks, Marines hone multiple infantry skills such as calling for fire and close air support,

patrolling techniques, jungle and urban terrain warfare, and casualty care. Each skill is first taught in the classroom, followed by demonstrations and practical application in the field. For these Hawaii Marines, training took place aboard Marine Corps Training Area Bellows and throughout the Kahuku Training Area, each offering a unique, and realistic venue to prepare for modern warfare. "MCTAB and KTA are perfect for creating authentic and realistic training scenarios for our students..." said Staff Sergeant Ricardo Hernandez, Staff non-commissioned officer in charge for Advanced Infantry

Training Battalion, Hawaii Detachment. "MCTAB serves as a crucial component in shaping the training experiences of our infantry Marines."

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### Silent Guardians: Marine Corps Base Hawaii's Waterfront Operations

**Story by Cpl. Brandon Aultman**

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII – At the edge of the crystal-clear waters of Kaneohe Bay, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, an essential team stands guard, ensuring the safety and preservation of the island paradise. MCBH Waterfront Operations is a dedicated force responsible for search and rescue, emergency response to environmental hazards, and maintaining security for this unique base.



"We have a memorandum of agreement with Coast Guard District 14. We're responsible for search and

rescue on our side of the island, from Kahuku Point to Makua Point, and 12 miles out from the island. Any distress calls that are made within that area go to us. Service members, civilians, it doesn't matter," explained U.S. Navy Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jason Bowlen, officer in charge of MCBH Waterfront Operations.

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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 at what your Marines are up to and how the installation is working to support the Marine Corps and our community.

[Click here or scan the QR code to watch the newest Hawaii Marine](#)

### 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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## MCBH DIGITAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



The Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band performs during the Kailua Independence Day Parade, Kailua, Hawaii, July 4, 2023. The 77th annual parade allowed the community to come together and celebrate the independence of the nation. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Chandler Stacy) [More Imagery](#)



U.S. Marine Corps Col. Jeremy Beaven, commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Hawaii, left, and members of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, discuss ongoing renovation and construction of facilities, during a tour of Kansas Tower, MCBH, July 13, 2023. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Cody Purcell) [More Imagery](#)

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### 3d MLR Demonstrates Fight Now Capabilities at MASA 23

*Story by 1st Lt. Anne Pentaleri*

NORTHERN LUZON, Philippines – 3d Marine Littoral Regiment demonstrated its unique ability to get to the future fight and establish a forward presence during Marine Aviation Support Activity 23. In a matter of days, the inaugural MLR deployed its forces across the Pacific, established a fully operationally capable expeditionary advanced base in the vicinity of Northern Luzon, Philippines, and initiated communications with a reach-back cell based out of Marine Corps Base Hawaii. The exercise marked a historical demonstration of 3d MLR's Fight Now capabilities.



MASA is a bilateral exercise between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the U.S. Marine Corps, aimed at enhancing interoperability and coordination focused on aviation-related capabilities. Lead by I Marine Expeditionary Force, the exercise encompassed approximately twenty training evolutions and was participated in by units across the Fleet Marine Force and Armed Forces of the Philippines. During MASA 23, 3d MLR and detachments from each of its three subordinate units—3d Littoral Combat Team, 3d Littoral Logistics Battalion, and 3d Littoral Anti-Air Battalion—facilitated bilateral training evolutions at disparate locations across Northern Luzon. These included a simulated airfield seizure, air control, tactical combat casualty care, and subject matter expert exchanges across aviation, ground, and logistics capabilities.



In April, 3d MLR participated in Balikatan 2023, the 38th iteration of the annual bilateral exercise between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the U.S. military focused on amphibious operations, command and control, humanitarian assistance, urban operations, and counterterrorism skills. During MASA 23, 3d MLR used the lessons learned from Balikatan and previous exercises to establish minimal footprint EABs within the first island chain.

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### 3d MLR DIGITAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



U.S. Marines with 3d Littoral Combat Team, 3d Marine Division, and Philippine Marines with Battalion Landing Team 4 fast-ropes from a CH-53E Super Stallion attached to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462 during Marine Aviation Support Activity 23 at Naval Education, Training and Doctrine Command, Philippines, July 12, 2023. MASA is a bilateral exercise between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the U.S. Marine Corps, aimed at enhancing interoperability and coordination focused on aviation-related capabilities. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Israel Chincio) [More Imagery](#)

## MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 24

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### Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum's "Flight School" Summer Camp Visits VMM-268

*Story by Lance Cpl. Logan Beeney*



MCAS KANEOHE BAY, Hawaii – U.S. Marines from Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 268 joined forces with the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum's "Flight School" program on June 27 and July 11, 2023, hosting a week-long aviation-focused summer camp for students in grades 6-8. This collaboration marked the first-ever partnership between VMM-268 and the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum's education department.

The summer camp immersed students in the world of aviation, emphasizing the Science, Technology, Engineering, and

Math (STEM) disciplines that underpin the industry. During their visit to VMM-268, the students assumed the role of simulated MV-22B Osprey pilots, gaining hands-on experience in virtual flying. They familiarized themselves with the intricate design of the MV-22 and engaged in conversations with Marine Corps pilots, air crew members, and maintainers.

VMM-268 personnel shared their expertise and insights with the students, providing a comprehensive overview of aviation careers, including aircraft maintenance and piloting. They also offered students the opportunity to explore Marine Corps Aviation Training (MCAT) resources and participate in additional hands-on training.

The collaboration between VMM-268 and the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum demonstrated a shared commitment to nurturing

enthusiasm for aviation among young learners. Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. William "Spin" Spinola, senior manager of education programs for the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum, emphasized the impact of the partnership in building confidence and inspiring future aviation professionals.

"Our summer camp gives the students an academic foundation for aviation and a small taste of what it's like to be a pilot, maintainer, or mechanic. Each one of those career paths are extremely important and we want to help build confidence in the students so that they can envision themselves pursuing an aviation career one day," said Spinola.

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### MAG-24 DIGITAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



The Powerplant Division with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 (MALs-24), Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, poses for a photo with their trophy at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, June 29, 2023. MALs-24 hosted the first annual Maintenance Department Warrior Games to boost morale and encourage comradery amongst the squadron's divisions. The event consisted of six tournament-style competitions that tested endurance, physical strength, and proficiency in Marine Corps Martial Arts Program (MCMAP). (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Logan Beeney) [More Imagery](#)