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MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII

Inspiring Our Children: Mokapu Elementary Hosts Professional Development Day

Story by Lance Cpl. Hunter Jones
Marine Corps Base Hawaii – As summer comes to a close, Mokapu Elementary hosts its Professional Development Day, allowing faculty and teachers to learn the history of the Mokapu Peninsula and mo'olelo, or Hawaiian Stories.

120 staff members were given a tour of the Nu'upia ponds led by June Cleghorn, the MCBH Environmental Compliance and Protection Division senior cultural resource manager and archaeologist. Mokapu Elementary staff learned about the cultural history and legacy of the peninsula.

Staff learned of the Gods who made a model of the lands of the earth in Kāne'ohe Bay between Kualoa and Kāne'ohe. When the Gods saw there was no chief to rule over all things, they drew a man in the red-black soil facing the sunrise. They chanted the figure to life "I have come; live!" Thus, the creation of man. Teachers were inspired by Cleghorn to incorporate the Nu'upia ponds and local legends into their cultural and state history lessons.

Mokapu Elementary staff learned about future plans to incorporate Hawaiian culture on MCBH, including plans for a Mokapu burial site, a 125-acre region on the base's

northern coastline. MCBH is determined to preserve Hawaiian burial sites for the local community.



MCBH continues to show appreciation and proactivity in understanding the island and its culture. Mokapu elementary staff, consisting of several local teachers. [Read More](#)

Mission-Ready: MWSS-174 performs FARP operations with 3-25 GSAB

Story by Lance Cpl. Carlos Chavez-Flores
Marine Corps Base Hawaii - Marine Wing Support Squadron (MWSS) 174 joined forces with Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, General Support Aviation Brigade (GSAB), to transport fuel issuing equipment to Wheeler Army Airfield in preparation for forward arming and refueling point (FARP) Operations in support of Army training exercise Nakoa Fleek. The exercise is meant to prepare Soldiers for deployment in complex and dynamic environments. This iteration involved moving gear between landing zones and

deploying Army ground troops to help Marines establish the FARP, providing both branches insight into each other's operations and fostering better collaboration.



"We are aiming to increase our interoperability regarding the gear

we use and the different ways we communicate," said Master Sgt. Milton Gamez.

Gamez, the MWSS-174 fuel chief, highlighted the unit's mission: support Marine Aircraft Group 24 by supplying fuel to their aircrafts. Despite the differences in operations between the Marine Corps and the Army, he viewed the exercise as a valuable joint training opportunity and seeks to do more in the future. "We want to do more joint training with the Army to improve mutual understanding and share knowledge of systems and terminologies." [Read More](#)

A Night Out: First responders host the 2024 National Night out at MCBH

Story by Lance Cpl. Samuel Estridge
Marine Corps Base Hawaii recently hosted the National Night Out event at the Mokapu Mall, bringing out a crowd full of smiles and laughter. This annual event, originating from the National Association of Town Watch in 1984, focuses on strengthening the connection between the community and local law enforcement by offering insight

into their daily tasks, building mutual respect and encouraging community involvement.

MCBH PMO and HPD collaborated to put together a variety of interactive experiences during the event. They featured displays of first responder vehicles, and set up a course simulating defense tactics scenarios used in law enforcement training. Participants also enjoyed a

K-9 demonstration by MCBH PMO, learning about the training and crucial roles of K-9 dogs. [Read More](#)



CIVILIAN SPOTLIGHT

June Cleghorn



Role at MCBH:
Cultural Resource Manager
Hometown:
Honolulu, Hawaii
Accomplishments:
Led a tour at Mokapu Peninsula

As the MCBH Environmental Compliance and Protection Division senior cultural resource manager and archaeologist, June Cleghorn has dedicated 28 years of service to the base. Cleghorn's role involves reviewing project proposals on base ensuring that they comply with historic preservation laws. She emphasizes on the importance of proper handling and maintenance of historical properties now and protection of them in the future.

"It's important that MCBH projects are implemented in ways that avoid or minimize impacts to historic properties so that those properties are maintained in current times and protected in the future," said Cleghorn.

Recently, she led a tour of the Mokapu peninsula for staff at Mokapu Elementary school, where she provided them with knowledge on the history and cultural significance of the peninsula. Putting into action her goal to educate the communities that live and work on base for a better understanding of the value within the deep cultural heritage that surrounds them. Cleghorn was also invited to participate in a Native Hawaiian Cultural Communications course. This opportunity will allow her to conduct consultations with Native Hawaiian organizations, ensuring the protection of historical properties for years to come. It is this deep dedication that has led to June Cleghorn to be chosen as civilian of the month!

MCBH DIGITAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



A child performs pull ups during the 2024 National Night Out, MCBH, Aug. 7, 2024. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that enhances the relationship between law enforcement, first and emergency responders, and the community they serve. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Samuel Estridge) [More Imagery](#)



Bellows 2024 12k Rucksack Race participants run at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Aug. 3, 2024. This event was open to the public, welcoming civilians and service members from all military branches. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Dezmund Browning) [More Imagery](#)

3d MARINE LITTORAL REGIMENT

<https://www.3rdmardiv.marines.mil/Units/3d-mlr/>



3d MLR Sweeps Sergeant's School Story by 2ndLt. Emily Zito

3 Marines with 3d Marine Littoral Regiment and its subordinate battalion, 3d Littoral Combat Team, were recognized at Sergeant's School class 8-24's graduation ceremony on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, August 13, 2024. Sgt. D'Angelo Dutton Jr., a data systems administrator with 3d MLR, was awarded the class Honor graduate. Sgt. Christopher Oliver, a Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear (CBRN) Defense Specialist

with 3d LCT, won the Gung-Ho award. Sgt. Keaton Austin-Reed, a Force Deployment Planning and Execution non-commissioned officer with 3d MLR, received the Academic Excellence award.

Sergeant's School is a 5-week long professional military education for sergeants to advance their knowledge, leadership, and critical thinking. The course is a requirement for all Marines the rank of E-5. It is designed to prepare them for increased responsibility and

effective management within their units.

Sergeant's School class 8-24 consisted of Marines with several units that are based out of Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Of those awarded and recognized for superior performance, all were Marines with 3d MLR and its subordinate battalions. Congrats Marines and Semper Fidelis!

3d MLR DIGITAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Miguel Cordero, a Marine in the Information Maneuver occupation field with 3d Marine Littoral Regiment, 3d Marine Division, and a native of Alaska, shakes hands with Master Gunnery Sgt. Jesse McMahan, a communications chief with 3d MLR, during a reenlistment ceremony on the USS Missouri at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Aug. 2, 2024. Cordero conducted a lateral move providing him the opportunity to change career tracks. Marines who are eligible for reenlistment demonstrate dedication to duty, professionalism, and leadership ability. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Eric Huynh) [More Imagery](#)

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 24

<https://www.1stmaw.marines.mil/Subordinate-Units/Marine-Aircraft-Group-24/>



MAG-24's participation in RIMPAC 2024

Story by 1st Lt. Hannah Venables

From June 26, 2024, to August 2, 2024, Marine Aircraft Group (MAG) 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW), stationed at Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), played a critical support role in the 29th iteration of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC), the world's largest international maritime exercise.

RIMPAC 2024 brought together 29 nations, 40 surface ships, three submarines, 14 national land forces, more than 150 aircraft, and 25,000 personnel in and around the Hawaiian Islands. The exercise provided a unique opportunity for participating nations to train together and strengthen

relationships critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and global maritime



The group's squadrons contributed a comprehensive spectrum of aviation capabilities that supported logistics and intelligence missions throughout the exercise. MAG-24's participating units included Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 363, operating MV-22B Ospreys; Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron (VMGR) 153, supporting with KC-130J Hercules; Marine Wing

Support Squadron (MWSS) 174, responsible for aviation ground support; Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron (MALS) 24, handling aviation logistics; and Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron (VMU) 3, delivering real-time intelligence.

"RIMPAC provided MAG-24 an opportunity to conduct realistic missions while integrating our planning and execution with joint and allied partners," said U.S. Marine Corps Col. William Heiken, commanding officer of MAG-24. "Our squadrons demonstrated their capability to operate in a complex multinational environment successfully. [Read More.](#)

MAG-24 DIGITAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Ryan D. T. Frey, a flight engineer with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron (VMGR) 153, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW) reviews a checklist during Exercise Evergreen at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., Aug. 14, 2024. Exercise Evergreen 2024 enabled VMGR-153 to implement comprehensive training, including joint operations with the U.S. Army and Air Force, to maintain the squadron's high level of proficiency. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Anabelle Reed-O'Brien) [More Imagery](#)

U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Josh Daly with Marine Aircraft Group (MAG) 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW) is hoisted into a rescue basket with an MV-22B Osprey assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 363, MAG-24, 1st MAW, during water rescue training at Kaneohe Bay, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Aug. 6, 2024. VMM-363 rehearsed hoist operations to sustain skills required to perform water rescues quickly and efficiently. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Anabelle Reed-O'Brien) [More Imagery](#)