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## MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII

Now We're Cooking: Anderson Mess Hall is recognized as The Best Management and Mess Attendant Mess Hall

**Story by Lance Cpl. Carlos Chavez-Flores**

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII – Anderson Mess Hall was awarded the Major General William Pendleton Thompson (W.P.T.) Hill Memorial Award for Best Management and Mess Attendant Mess Hall for the 2025 calendar year.

The W.P.T. Hill Memorial Awards concludes a year-long competition recognizing the top mess halls in the Marine Corps. The categories for the W.P.T. Hill Memorial Awards include: Best Management and Mess Attendant, Best Full Food Service Mess Hall, Best Active Field Mess, and

Best Reserve Field Mess. Mess halls were judged by a Major General W.P.T. Awards Evaluation team on their ability to manage their budget, maintain sanitation standards, and produce high-quality food.

"Preparing for a competition like this is part of the job," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Morris Mayfield III, a food technician with Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Base Hawaii. "Setting and upholding high standards for how we manage our facility is what keeps us competitive."

Mayfield noted that one of the facility's significant challenges during the competition was competing alongside

some of the newer, more modern dining facilities in the Marine Corps. Despite this, the team showcased their exceptional capabilities and emerged victorious. He attributed the mess hall's success this year to the dedication and hard work of both the Marines and civilian staff. Mayfield said, "We all work with the same menus and are judged by the same standards. Everyone gave their best and worked together like a family, ensuring we hit every mark and truly stood out."

This was the first time in nearly 20 years Anderson Mess Hall had won a category in the W.P.T. Hill Memorial Awards. [Read More](#)

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



**ROLE:**  
MCBH HQBN Marines and Anderson Mess Hall Staff

**ACCOMPLISHMENT:**  
Received the W.P.T. Hill Memorial Award for Best Management and Mess Hall Attendant Mess Hall

## MCBH Hosts Marksmanship Development Clinic

**Story by Sgt. Julian Elliott-Doruin**

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII – Pu'uola Range Training Facility (PRTF), Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), announced the launch of a monthly Marksmanship Development Clinic (MDC) for service members to refine and sustain their combat marksmanship skills. The first MDC was hosted at Dewey Square, MCBH, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2025. Marksmanship Training Unit personnel with PRTF, consisting of several combat marksmanship coaches and combat marksmanship trainers, led the event and offered their expertise to over 20 attendees.

"Our Marines and Sailors deserve every opportunity to enhance their lethality," said Gunnery Sgt. Roberto Saucedo, PRTF operations chief. "Participation is vital to the success of this program."

The PRTF leadership offered the time, equipment, and staff to all service members who desired to perfect their skills in combat marksmanship. The clinic included six different training stations where attendees received one-on-one, hands-on, in-depth instruction from MTU personnel. The training stations went beyond refresher classes on shooting fundamentals and basic firing positions. MTU personnel covered

weapon zeroing and sight adjustment, a ballistics overview, movement techniques, weapon and optic review, and an introduction to competitive marksmanship. Service members were able to focus on the stations of their choosing to enhance their skill sets and sustain their combat marksmanship and tactical readiness. [Read More](#)



## Shaping History: University of Hawaii's Commissions First Marine Corps Officers

**Story by Lance Cpl. Jose Villasenor**

HONOLULU — In a significant milestone for the University of Hawaii at Mānoa's Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, four newly graduated students commissioned as officers in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps during a ceremony at Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, May 22, 2025. This ceremony also marked the first-ever commissioning of Marine Corps officers from the university's

Naval ROTC program, underscoring the program's evolution and its expanding role in producing leaders for Marine Corps. The program's mission is to develop young men and women morally, mentally, and physically, instilling them with the highest ideals of honor, courage, and commitment, while preparing them for leadership positions in an increasingly technical military. U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. James F. Glynn, commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, served

as the guest speaker. He welcomed the new officers and acknowledged the importance of the University of Hawaii's Naval ROTC program. [Read More](#)



Anderson Mess Hall was recognized and awarded a trophy at the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation Military and Food Military and Food Service Training event held in Chicago, May 15 to May 19, 2025. The Marines' and civilian staff's commitment to excellence at Anderson Mess Hall plays a vital role in sustaining force readiness by ensuring Marines are well-nourished and mission ready.

"The award has brought a lot of attention and credit back to the facility and the base," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Morris Mayfield III, a food technician.

"I'm excited to keep competing and upholding the high standard we've reached as a team."

For their proficiency and initiative, they have been selected as May's community members of the month!

## MCBH DIGITAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



Marine Corps Sgt. Cole Westall, a student with Sergeants Course 5-25, Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) posts security during a small unit leadership exercise (SULE) at MCBH, May 7, 2025. The SULE challenged Marines to incorporate classroom instruction and skills gained through rigorous challenges across the installation. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Scott Bertzyk) [More Imagery](#)



Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) Provost Marshal's Office personnel participate in the City of Blue Lights Parade, MCBH, May 16, 2025. The annual parade was held to honor and recognize fallen law enforcement officers who lost their life in the line of duty. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Samuel Estridge) [More Imagery](#)

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## 3d MARINE LITTORAL REGIMENT

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### 3d MLR Concludes Balikatan 25, Prepares for Kamandag 9

Story By 1stLt. Anne Pentaleri

NORTHERN LUZON, Philippines – Exercise Balikatan 25, the 40th iteration of the long-standing annual exercise between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the U.S. military, has officially concluded. As U.S. Marines, Soldiers, Airmen, Australian Defence Force, and Japanese Self-Defense Force servicemembers, along with those from 16 observer nations, begin retrograding from the Philippines, the U.S. Marines with 3d Marine Littoral Regiment, 3d Marine Division, look forward to an extended stay. At the invitation of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the forward-deployed Marines with 3d MLR will remain in the Philippines for Exercise Kamandag 9, scheduled to commence May 26 and run until June 6, 2025.

To recap Exercise Balikatan 25 for 3d MLR, the U.S. Marines with the formation widely-known

for being the first of its kind, a result of the U.S. Marine Corps' Force Design modernization initiatives spearheaded by former Commandant Gen. David H. Berger in 2020, participated in four of the exercise's six Combined Joint All-Domain Operations (CJADO) events. These included the Maritime Key Terrain Security Operations – North (MKTSO-N) in Northern Luzon and the Batanes Islands, the Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD) in Zambales, the Counter-landing Live Fire (CLLF) in Aparri, and the Maritime Strike (MARSTRIKE) in Zambales.

2025 marked the fourth consecutive year that U.S. Marines with 3d MLR participated in the shoulder-to-shoulder exercise. Since its redesignation from 3d Marines in 2022, 3d MLR has deployed Marines to the Philippines to support the partnered nations' efforts to operationalize the

1951 U.S.-Philippine Mutual Defense Treaty. Unique to this year's iteration was the addition of 3d MLR's newly fielded weapon systems – the Navy-Marine Expeditionary Ship Interdiction System (NMESIS) and the Marine Air Defense Integrated System (MADIS) – to the list of equipment brought to the Philippines in support of the exercise. During MKTSO-N, 3d Littoral Combat Team, alongside their partners with the Philippine Marine Corps' Marine Battalion Landing Team 10, made history by inserting the first ground-based, anti-ship missile launcher onto an island in the Luzon Strait. [Read More](#)



### 3d MLR DIGITAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



U.S. Marines Corps Cpl. Nycorian Allen, a native of Georgia and an anti-tank missileman with 3d Littoral Combat Team, 3d Marine Littoral Regiment, 3d Marine Division, fires an FGM-148 Javelin during the counter-landing live-fire event of Exercise Balikatan 25 in Aparri, Philippines, May 3, 2025. This training was conducted alongside U.S. Soldiers with 25th Infantry Division, Philippine Marines with Marine Battalion Landing Team 10, and Philippine Soldiers with Army Artillery Regiment and the Philippine Army Armored Division. Balikatan is a longstanding annual exercise between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and U.S. military designed to strengthen our ironclad alliance, improve our capable combined force, and demonstrate our commitment to regional security and stability. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Malia Sparks) [More Imagery](#)

## MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 24

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### MWSS-174 and 524 DSSB perform tactical level sustainment water support training

U.S. Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 174, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, connect a hose to a water filter pump during joint training with 524th Division Sustainment Support Battalion at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, May 27, 2025.

U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Elycia NguyenDasse, a water support technician with Combat Logistics Company 33, records the filtration process during a joint training with 524th Division Sustainment Support Battalion and Marine Wing Support Squadron 174, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, May 27, 2025.

### MAG-24 DIGITAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



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