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MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII

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The 2025 Kāneʻohe Bay Air Show is almost here! The air show is open to the public on Aug. 9, 2025, and Aug. 10, 2025, with Aug. 8, 2025, reserved for a Military Appreciation Day. This year's air show also coincides with the Marine Corps' 250th year of service. Join us as we celebrate 250 years of Marine Corps history, tradition, and service to the United States of America.

Headlining this year's air show is the U.S. Navy Blue Angels demonstration team, known for their thrilling aerial performances. The air show will also have an array of aerial demonstrations, static displays,

musical performances, food vendors, and more! The interactive air show demonstrations and displays offer a glimpse into military history and modern technology, offering attendees an opportunity to learn more about their military neighbors.

Safety is our top priority. The Provost Marshal's Office has worked extensively with the Honolulu Police Department and the Department of Transportation on a traffic plan to ensure a seamless air show experience. The H-3 Main Gate and Mokapu Gate to Marine Corps Base Hawaii open at 8 a.m. on both Aug. 9, 2025, and Aug. 10, 2025. Once through the gate, attendees will be guided to a designated parking area

and directed to a parking space. The flightline gate will open at 9 a.m., where attendees will have their bags and identification checked before entering. A shuttle system from the parking lots to the flight line is available.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2025 Kāneʻohe Bay Air Show and to an early celebration of the Marine Corps' 250th Birthday! For more information on the Military Appreciation Day, list of performers, prohibited items, and traffic guidance, please visit <https://www.kbayairshow.com/>.

We hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



SPOTLIGHT:

MCBH Commanding Officer and Sergeant Major celebrate fourth of July with community. Marines with HQBN, MCBH, and the Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band participated in the parade.

A Recap from the 2022 Kāneʻohe Bay Air Show (This year will be just as exciting...or more!)



The "Wall of Fire" explodes behind two U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptors during the Joint Air-Ground Task Force Demonstration as part of the 2022 Kaneohe Bay Air Show, Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, MCBH, Aug. 13, 2022. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Arianna Lindheimer)



The Blue Angels' F/A-18 Super Hornets fly overhead as part of the 2022 Kaneohe Bay Air Show, Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, MCBH, Aug. 13, 2022. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Arianna Lindheimer) [More Imagery](#)

U.S. Marine Corps Col. Jeremy W. Beaven, left, commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), and Sgt. Maj. Adan Moreno, sergeant major of MCBH, march in formation during the Kailua Independence Day Parade in Kailua, Hawaii, July 4, 2025.

An Independence Day Parade is held annually in Kailua. This year's parade featured a performance from the Marine Corp Forces, Pacific band, a parade float contest, and a recognition ceremony for local heroes, providing the local community an opportunity to celebrate the Fourth of July.

For their memorable contribution to the Independence Day Parade, they have been selected as July's community members of the month!

Celebrating Together: Kailua Fourth of July Parade

Story by Cpl. Jade K. Venegas

KAILUA, HAWAII – U.S. Marine Corps Col. Jeremy W. Beaven, commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), and Sgt. Maj. Adan Moreno, sergeant major of MCBH, was invited to take part in the annual Kailua Fourth of July Parade on July 4, 2025. Alongside them were Marines with the Headquarters

Battalion (HQBN) color guard, MCBH, and the Marine Corps Forces, Pacific (MARFORPAC) Band, who all participated in the celebration.

The parade began at 10 a.m., led by the Kainalu Little League, followed by the HQBN color guard. Behind the color guard marched Beaven and Moreno, engaging with viewers and parade

goers throughout the event. The MARFORPAC Band added to the atmosphere with a musical performance, providing a strong sense of pride and patriotism. The parade also featured community members marching, holding banners, and driving decorated cars down Kainalu Drive. [Read More](#)

MCBH DIGITAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



U.S. Marines stationed at Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), participate in the John D. Kaupiko Canoe Regatta, July 13, 2025, MCBH. The event was held at the MCBH Marina and encouraged Marines, Sailors, civilians service members, and their families to engage in some friendly competition. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Alana Smallwood) [More Imagery](#)



U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Lane Gunter, an infantry rifleman with 3d Littoral Combat Team, 3d Marine Littoral Regiment, 3d Marine Division, engages targets with an M18 service pistol during an intramural marksmanship competition at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, July 15, 2025. The competition is conducted quarterly, showcasing service members rifle and pistol marksmanship skills while exercising technical and tactical proficiency. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Samuel Estridge) [More Imagery](#)

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3d MLR Headquarters Company change of command



From left, U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Mariah Curcio, the incoming company commander of Headquarters Company, 3d Marine Littoral Regiment, 3d Marine Division, receives a guidon from Capt. Derrick Lewis, the outgoing company commander of Headquarters Company, 3d MLR, 3d MarDiv, during a change of command ceremony on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, July 24, 2025. The change of command ceremony symbolizes the official handover of duties and authority as company commander. "I aimed to foster ownership and a spirit of competition," said Capt. Derrick Lewis, the outgoing company commander of Headquarters Company, 3d MLR, 3d MarDiv. "The next fight will depend on small-unit leaders who can inspire and drive their teams, and I believe we've built that." (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Jonathan Beauchamp) [More Imagery](#)

3d MLR DIGITAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

3d MLR Headquarters Company change of command



From left, U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Derrick Lewis, the outgoing company commander of Headquarters Company, 3d Marine Littoral Regiment, 3d Marine Division, and Capt. Mariah Curcio, the incoming company commander of Headquarters Company, 3d MLR, 3d MarDiv, pose for a photo during a change of command ceremony on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, July 24, 2025. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Jonathan Beauchamp) [More Imagery](#)

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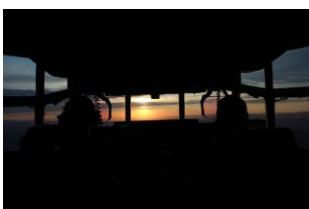
VMGR-153 trains in Idaho



A U.S. Army MH-60 assigned to 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment performs air delivered ground refueling with a U.S. Marine Corps KC-130J assigned to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 153, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, as part of a deployment for training (DFT) at Western Aircraft Inc., Boise, Idaho, July 1, 2025. The DFT enhanced the squadron's combat readiness by providing pilots and aircrew with essential unit-level training unavailable at their home station. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Anabelle Reed-O'Brien) [More Imagery](#)



A U.S. Marine Corps F-35C assigned to Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 251 performs fixed wing air-to-air refueling with a KC-130J assigned to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron (VMGR) 153, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, as part of a deployment for training (DFT) at Western Aircraft Inc., Boise, Idaho, June 29, 2025. The DFT provided VMGR-153 pilots and aircrew with essential unit level training unavailable at their home station and enhanced the squadron's combat readiness. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Anabelle Reed-O'Brien) [More Imagery](#)



U.S. Marines with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 153, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, fly a KC-130J as part of their deployment for training (DFT) at Western Aircraft Inc., Boise, Idaho, July 1, 2025. The DFT enhanced the squadron's combat readiness by providing pilots and aircrew with essential unit-level training unavailable at their home station. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Anabelle Reed-O'Brien) [More Imagery](#)

MAG-24 DIGITAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron (MALS) 24 Relief and Appointment Ceremony



U.S. Marines with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, conduct a relief and appointment ceremony at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, July 3, 2025. U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Sara Pacheco relinquished her duties to Sgt. Maj. Joshua Henderson. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Chandler Evans) [More Imagery](#)