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MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII

A Recap of the 2025 Kaneohe Bay Air Show: Marine Corps Base Hawaii hosts its third notable Kāneʻohe Bay Air Show

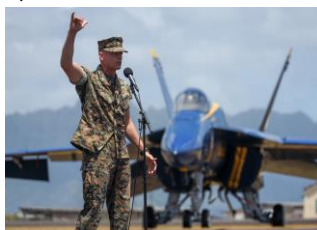
Story by Cpl. Jade K. Venegas

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII – Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) opened their gates to the public and invited thousands of people to their 2025 Kāneʻohe Bay Air Show at Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) on Aug. 9-10, 2025, with Military Appreciation Day being recognized on Aug. 8, 2025.

A SPECIAL OCCASION

This is the installation's third notable air show in recent history and is one of MCBH's largest community outreach events that brings people together by highlighting military aviation history and enlightening the public about our modern military technology.

The 2025 Kāneʻohe Bay Air Show featured a variety of military and civilian demonstrations with the headlining performers being the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, and the U.S. Air Force's F-22 Raptor demonstration team. Attendees also had the opportunity to explore a range of static displays allowing the public to get up close with aircraft and equipment, fostering a better understanding of military operations.



"On behalf of the hard-working Marines, Sailors and civilians, it is a privilege to welcome aboard the installation today." Said U.S. Marine Corps Col. Jeremy W. Beaven, commanding officer of MCBH, during the opening ceremony of the air show. "You'll see some of the best aircrew, best aircraft, best

equipment than any military in the world and it's an honor to share that with you," said Beaven. Both days began with an opening ceremony that featured the Hawaiian blessing given by Kelekona Bishaw. The Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Kāneʻohe Bay color guard and Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band took center stage to play music and conduct colors. While the band was playing 'Star Spangled Banner' service members with the Special Operations Command "Para-Commandos" had the honor of parachuting in with the U.S. flag to set the tone for the air show.

HISTORY & AERIAL PERFORMANCES

One of the first aerial performances of the day was the T-6 Texan 'Manbear', made famous in World War II as an attack fighter and pilot trainer aircraft. The 'Manbear' was designed by North American Aviation and went through various evolution stages post WWII. For its versatility in combat and pilot training applications, the T-6 is an integral part of U.S. military history and air show goers got the chance to see it up close and personal.

Another part of history that attendees got to see at the air show was the U.S. Air Force's KC-135 Stratotanker, primarily designed for aerial refueling and airlift capabilities. The Stratotanker's first flight was in 1956 and with initial production began in 1957, making it one of the oldest flying U.S. military aircraft.

Other military aerial performers included the U.S. Air Force's C17 Globemaster demonstration as well as the U.S. Coast Guard's MH-65 Dolphin and C-130 Hercules Search and Rescue demonstration.

The Joint Task Force (JTF) demonstration painted a clear picture of MCBH's interoperability with other branches of service on

the island of Oahu. The demo showed the aerial capabilities of the U.S. Navy's MH-60R Sea Hawk Helicopter, the U.S. Air Force's F-22 Raptor, the U.S. Marine Corps's MV-22 Osprey, and KC-130J.



The scenario of the performance demonstrated that the MH-60R Sea Hawk and F-22 Raptor could provide aerial superiority and pave the way for the MV-22 Ospreys to land and deploy ground units. In this case Marines with the 3rd Marine Littoral Regiment landed and began moving in tactical formations toward to audience. The JTF demonstration showcased the capability and readiness of U.S. forces that included coordination of air, land, and sea assets.

One Facebook user commented and replied to one of the official Marine Corps Base Hawaii post stating, "the most memorable [part] about this airshow was the Joint Task Force demo- that was awesome! It was a truly great show! Great Job, everyone involved in putting this together."

Not only did the audience get to see a small preview of the F-22 Raptor before its scheduled aerial performance later in the day ... they got to see the famous 'Wall of Fire.' There were a couple of unique aerial performances, but none made the crowd look more to the skies than the F-22 and the U.S. Navy F/A-18 Super Hornets with the Navy 'Blue Angels.'

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



SPOTLIGHT:

MCBH hosted thousands of guests and performers during our multi-day 2025 Kāneʻohe Bay Air Show!

The Kaneohe Bay Air Show provided an opportunity to showcase the aircraft, equipment and capabilities of the armed forces in the Indo-Pacific region to the local community.

The air show contained aerial performances, static displays, demonstrations and vendors.

This event was designed to celebrate MCBH's longstanding relationship with the local community.

To view more air show imagery, [click here](#).



MCBH DIGITAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



An explosive display, nicknamed the "Wall of Fire," explodes behind a U.S. Navy Blue Angels F/A-18 Super Hornet during a Joint Air-Ground Task Force Demonstration during the 2025 Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay Air Show, Aug. 10, 2025. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Dezmond Browning) [More Imagery](#)



A U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor assigned to the Air Force F-22 Demonstration Team, Air Combat Command, performs aerial maneuvers during the 2025 Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay Air Show, Aug. 9, 2025. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Blake Gonter) [More Imagery](#)

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3d MAINT Bn keeps 3d MLR mission ready

Story by Sgt. Jonathan Beauchamp

MARINE CORPS BASE

HAWAII – U.S. Marines with 3rd Maintenance Battalion (3d MAINT Bn), 3rd Marine Logistics Group (3rd MLG), traveled from Okinawa, Japan, to restore and maintain tactical equipment in support of 3d Marine Littoral Regiment (3d MLR), 3rd Marine Division, following the regiment's deployment to the Philippines. The maintenance support mission, which ran from July 3–Sept. 1, 2025, ensured the regiment remained combat-ready for future operations across the Indo-Pacific.

"This mission shows 3rd MAINT Bn's ability to provide forward, adaptive, and rapid support anywhere in the Indo-

Pacific," said U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Juancarlos Velenzuelagallardo, an Arizona native and a utilities technician with 3d MAINT Bn, 3rd MLG. "Fixing gear quickly after large-scale exercises ensures that units like 3d MLR stay in the fight. In this region, where threats are real and time is limited, maintenance is what keeps us lethal and ready."

The Marines were distributed across the regiment's subordinate commands to conduct technical inspections, preventive maintenance, and corrective repairs on a wide range of gear. The team, composed of motor transport mechanics, engineers, equipment mechanics, ordnance technicians, and maintenance management

specialists, organized their efforts in support of 3d MLR. "Our Marines performed phenomenally," said U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Steven Chasteen, an Indiana native and an automotive maintenance technician with 3rd MAINT Bn, 3rd MLG. "They relied on their training, stuck to what they knew, and got the job done. We came here to maintain gear, and that's exactly what they did, ensuring 3d MLR stays ready for the next fight."

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3d MLR DIGITAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

3rd Marine Littoral Regiment Leadership visits USS Vermont



U.S. Marine Corps Col. Gabriel L. Diana, 3rd Marine Littoral Regiment commanding officer, right, and staff tour the Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Vermont (SSN 792) on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Aug. 14, 2025. Vermont is assigned to Submarine Squadron 1 and is capable of supporting various missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike warfare, special operations forces support, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Scott Barnes) [More Imagery](#)

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Exercise Toxic Swell 25

MARINE CORPS TRAINING AREA BELLOWS, Hawaii – U.S. Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron (MWSS) 174, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing joined forces with the U.S. Air Force, Air Force Reserves, Air National Guard and Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) for Exercise Toxic Swell 25. This two-week training on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, focused on enhancing chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) defense capabilities in a joint environment.

Toxic Swell 25 went beyond the conventional classroom settings for CBRN exercises, with 10 units coming together to train in an austere environment. Participants engaged in multiple field rehearsals, including runway survey missions, simulated infantry drills, aircraft decontamination and CBRN detection scenarios. Marines, Airmen, National Guardsmen and

partnered RAAF conducted Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain (MOUT), simulating the

challenging conditions personnel might face in actual deployments. The exercise emphasized joint movement to objectives and effective use of CBRN training across services and with our partnered nations.

"Exercises like Toxic Swell test our response to worst-case scenario CBRN threats that our enemies may use," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Joshua Webb, Officer-in-Charge of the exercise. "The training we conducted blended basic Marine warfighting tactics with the knowledge of the Air Force and RAAF, teaching each other how we can best move as a team to the objective and use our CBRN training effectively."

A key highlight of Toxic Swell was the participation of RAAF, which brought extensive expertise in CBRN threats to the exercise.

The RAAF conducted an in-depth session educating the participants on their Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) gear removal process. This demonstration provided

valuable insight into how our partnered nations combat CBRN situations, enhancing the knowledge of Marines, Airmen, and National Guardsmen who may operate together in future joint missions.

"Having been part of Toxic Swell 24, we came to observe and provide training feedback to our units," said Flight Sgt. Noel Klaehn of the 295th Squadron, RAAF's Combat Support Group. "Most of our operations are likely to be with allied forces, so exercises like this are critical. We hope to bring more of our team to participate next year"

In addition to the RAAF training, participants completed the Performance Evaluation Checklist for weapons handling and proficiency on the M16A4 rifle and M240B machine gun, as well as the gas chamber, where they practiced donning and clearing their protective masks in a controlled environment filled with CS gas. This experience...

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MAG-24 DIGITAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

Marine Wing Support Squadron 174 hosts exercise Toxic Swell 25



U.S. servicemembers patrol during exercise Toxic Swell at MCTAB, Hawaii, Aug. 18, 2025. Toxic Swell 25 is a joint chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear exercise hosted by MWSS 174, MAG 24, 1st MAW, that provided mission essential training as well as enhanced joint interoperability. [Read More](#)



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