



Aloha from Marine Corps Base Hawaii

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Community Announcements and Reminders

Announcements:

- An MV-22 Osprey from the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit experienced a mishap while conducting training aboard Marine Corps Training Area – Bellows at approximately 11:40 a.m. 17 May. Twenty-one Marines and a Navy Corpsman were aboard at the time; 21 were transported to local hospitals for assessment and treatment. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the families of all those involved in Sunday's mishap. If there is anything positive to relay in this situation it is the heroic, selfless actions of the Marines aboard the aircraft, along with the quick lifesaving actions of the civilian and military first responders. We would like to thank all of those individuals who selflessly, and without regard to their own safety, responded on-scene at Sunday's mishap. You have the undying gratitude of everyone in the 15th MEU and Marine Corps Base Hawaii for your heroic efforts. Thank you to the medical staffs at Tripler Army Medical Center, The Queen's Medical Center, and Castle Medical Center for both your immediate response, and the compassion, professionalism, and skill you showed in caring for our Marines. Words cannot adequately express our appreciation. There was immediate and overwhelming support from our local community, Bellows Air Force Station, Marine Corps Training Area – Bellows, Wounded Warrior Detachment Hawaii, American Red Cross, the Marines, Sailors, and civilians of Marine Corps Base Hawaii, 3rd Marines, Marine Forces Pacific and I Marine Expeditionary Force. The donations of food, clothing, comfort items, care baskets and your expressions of support were a point of light in this difficult time. Your efforts over the last few days are proof of the strength of the military family and our bonds with our civilian neighbors.
- Weed Warriors Wanted! Come join community volunteers and Base Environmental staff to remove invasive shrubs and trees from endangered wildlife habitat in the Nu'upia Ponds Wildlife Management Area. Learn about Hawaii's native plants and birds. You can make a difference! The event will take place on Saturday, June 13 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Volunteers will meet at the H-3 Security Gate Passhouse Parking Lot at 8:00 a.m. and proceed with Environmental personnel to the work site. MCBH will provide cotton gloves and tools. Volunteers should bring water and sunscreen. Closed-toed shoes are REQUIRED. Letters of Appreciation will be issued to all active duty personnel! POC: Lance Bookless, 257-7000, lance.bookless1@usmc.mil; Todd Russell, 216-7135, todd.russell@usmc.mil
- Marine Corps Base Hawaii will host the Kaneohe Bay Air Show and Open House Oct 17-18, 2015. This is an Open House event, including FREE admission, FREE parking, and a FREE world-class air show. The show will feature the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Team, the Blue Angels, along with a list of exhilarating professional performers and historical Warbirds, static displays, Keiki events, and much, much more. Please bring your family and friends to this great event! For those who wish to upgrade their viewing experience, premium seating is available for purchase. Marine Corps Community Services' seating and private, shaded chalets provide the ultimate one-of-a-kind airshow experience.
<http://www.kaneohebairshow.com/index.html>

- Throughout the year, 13 races come together to make up the Commanding Officer's Semper Fit Series. Run along the shoreline of the Pacific Ocean, up mountainous terrain, and even through swampy waters...the challenge is always new and exciting. The Commanding Officer's Series is open to the public. The next event is the **Surf & Turf 5K, June 20, 7 a.m.** More information: <http://mccshawaii.com/races/>

Reminders:

- The 2014 Economic Impact Analysis evaluated the Marine Corps Base Hawaii's impact on the state and local economy. The neighboring communities include the towns of Kaneohe, Kailua, Waimanalo, and Aiea. The final report and summaries are available on our website: <http://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/UnitHome/FeaturedInformation/EconomicImpactStudy.aspx>

Marine Corps Base Hawaii and Training Areas

Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay hours of operation:

Monday - Thursday: 7 a.m. – midnight

Friday: 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

*Aircraft maintenance will occur 24/7, as required to maintain aircraft safety.

Exceptions: N/A

Marine Corps Training Area Bellows: Monday – Sunday: 24 hours a day

*Quiet hours are from 10 p.m. – 7 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 p.m. – 9 a.m. on weekends and holidays

Ulupa'u Crater Range Training Facility: Monday – Sunday: 6 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Pu'uloa Range Training Facility: Monday – Sunday: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Marine Corps Base Contacts and Information

- The Aloha Newsletter is a weekly newsletter issued by the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Public Affairs Office. If you would like to be removed from this distribution list, please forward your request to KBAZ.PAO.FCT@USMC.mil
- To express concerns about noise concerns or about base operations, including flight operations and base personnel, please call our hotline, 257-8832, or send a message via the website: <http://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Departments/BaseInspector/FormalComplaint.aspx> . This number is monitored Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Information about MCB Hawaii's Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) programs, on-base business, and special events are available at <http://www.mccshawaii.com>
- Submit requests for Marine Corps support, to include aerial events, speakers, and color guards, via this website: <http://www.marines.mil/CommunityRelations/AssetRequests.aspx>
- Submit requests for the Marine Forces Pacific band via this website: <http://www.marforpac.marines.mil/band>
- For additional information about community or media events, contact the MCB Hawaii Public Affairs Office at 257-8876, or send an e-mail message to KBAZ.PAO.FCT@USMC.mil