

## **Training Ensures MCBH is Protecting the Earth** by Michele Chang

Living and working on an island like Oahu, you realize the deep connection residents and visitors alike have with this special place. Its unique natural and cultural resources are the inspiration of stories of old and stories yet to be told. Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) takes great pride in doing all we can to steward this land and its resources well. You and I are part of that proud stewardship to ensure a healthy place for those who live and work aboard this base as well as our surrounding communities. Effective training and education ensures MCBH personnel are qualified to conduct their operations in an environmentally sensitive manner. The Comprehensive Environmental Training and Education Program (CETEP), administered by MCBH Environmental Compliance and Protection Division (EC&PD), identifies specific training and education requirements, assesses the environmental training needs of MCBH personnel, and provides the appropriate training throughout the year. Training increases our awareness and protection of Hawaii's unique natural and cultural resources aboard MCBH properties, preventing pollution, recycling, and reducing the use of hazardous materials. Responsible stewardship of all that's entrusted to MCBH is our legacy. Visit the MCBH Environmental webpage for more information: <https://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Offices-Staff/S-4-Installations-Environment-Logistics/Environmental/>.

**Activity:** What kind of training or volunteer opportunities would you like to have at MCBH? Natural resources briefs? Recycling tips? Tours? Comment below. Random drawings for participant prizes will be held after COVID-19 social distancing is lifted.

Mālama i ka 'āina—care for and live in harmony with the land. Earth Day every day at MCBH.