

LATE TESTIMONY

From: Colin K. Perry [colin@hiavps.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2009 5:41 AM
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Subject: LATE TESTIMONY - HB-1407 Testimony

Sirs/Madams,

I am writing on behalf of the Hawaii Aviation Preservation Society in support of HB-1407. This bill identifies the former MCAS Ewa Field, and will be the first step in assuring preservation of this site. It asks for placement on the National register and will voice support of the people of Hawaii to preserve this very historic and tangible portion of Ewa. We believe as Hawaii residents that this bill should be passed and that a formal survey should be done by knowledgeable people with heritage and history in mind.

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Aloha,

Please see my below testimony for HB 1407, Relating to Preservation.

Mahalo,

Daniel de Gracia II

Testimony of Daniel Paul de Gracia, II

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

in support of
House Bill No. 1407, Relating To Preservation

February 5, 2009
Conference Room 312

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy, Honorable members et al:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No.
1407, Relating to Preservation.

The purpose of this measure is to preserve the Ewa Marine Corps Air
Station as a historic site.

It's been said that America is blessed that we can still draw upon immense
reservoirs of courage, character and fortitude, and that we are still
blessed with heroes. One of the greatest instructors of courage, character
and fortitude for our younger generations is history. It is important
that our young people know what sacrifices were made in the defense of
America, what men lived and died by courage and a code, and where and when
battles were fought that meant the difference between freedom and
oppression for American citizens.

I believe that it is important that Ewa Field be added to the historic
register, as remembering the day it was attacked by Japanese aircraft on
the morning of December 7th, 1941 honors not only the memory of the U.S.
Servicemen who were slain that day, but every American who ever died
defending freedom, from the nameless militiaman who died charging the
British in our Revolutionary War, to Captain Robert M. Losey, the first
American military casualty of World War II, to even ordinary civillians

like Todd Beamer, the courageous man aboard United Airlines Flight 93 who during the terrifying moments of September 11, 2001 stirred his fellow passengers to take action against the hijackers by reading the 23rd Psalm and picked up his cell phone to call his wife with the haunting words, "I don't know if we're going to get out of this thing. I'm going to have to go out on faith" and charged the cockpit with the battle cry, "Are you ready? Let's roll."

We live in a land that we have all come to know as the land of the free and the home of the brave. For the sake of those who gave us that great reputation, I urge the members of the Committee to pass this measure, and, as Ewa Field is added to the register of historic sites, let us who remain live out our days in America with the challenge found in an old patriotic hymn: "Since he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free."

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Committee on Economic Revitalization, business, and Military Affairs

From: Brad Hayes
Executive Director, Naval Air Museum Barbers Point

Committee Date: Thursday, February 5, 2009
0800 Conference room 312

Subject: HB1407, Relating to Preservation

Aloha,

I am writing on behalf of the Naval Air Museum Barbers Point, with *support* for HB-1407. This bill identifies the former MCAS Ewa Field, and will get the process rolling for preservation of this worthy site. IT does NOT ask for money, or burden on the tax payers. It asks for getting it on the National register and will voice support of the people of Hawaii to preserve this very historic and tangible portion of Ewa. We feel, as the resident experts of NAS Barbers and MCAS Ewa's history, and our extensive knowledge and documentation of structures and historic sites, that this bill should be passed and that a formal survey can be done by a collaboration of local heritage partners and professionals and gvt entities. The area defined as MCAS EWA should serve as the identified area to be saved. It is our expert opinion that the former base boundaries should be appropriate for the designation of the areas to be preserved. While Dec 7, 41 is the more well known of the histories of this MCAS, Other sections of the base contain a wealth of historical structures and base history that came before or after 7 Dec 41.

While it is not the norm, The legislature can place this site on the Hawaii register of Historic places. HB1407, while bypassing the initial normal SOP of research and analysis, will have sufficient documentation and recorded history from this MCAS to warrant a defined area by the Legislature initially.

This will expedite the protection of the former base's area but will also encourage the collaboration of ALL the heritage partners, not only just HHF and the USN and SHPD.

It is well documented and known history of this entire MCAS that is endangered by development, turf battles, and politics.

We support HB 1407 as it is written, as it still allows a extensive unbiased survey to happen later as well as costs the state of Hawaii NOTHING monetarily. This is a win win for all concerned.

The Naval Air Museum Barbers Point is the Hawaii's leader in the preservation and documentation of US Naval Aviation as it pertains to Hawaii. Established in 1998 aboard NAS Barbers Point/MCAS Ewa, The NAMBP strives to keep alive the memory of all US Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard operations that served aboard NAS BP and MCAS Ewa and in the state of Hawaii at other Naval Air Stations , Naval Air Facilities, and Outlying Fields.

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Comments:

Dear Sirs,

First,I want to thank each and everyone of you for your willingness to not only be a part of history for the great State of Hawaii but also to this great nation. As you may know,that Ewa Marine Air Field was was the sacred ground where our nations history began with WWII. Although Pearl Harbor was the second and most important target for the Japanese attack on our nation,Ewa Marine Air Field will always be remembered as the first and the last main target for the Japanese Pilots. The Japanese were so fearful of the abilities of our Marine Pilots at Ewa Field that it had to be their first target to have any success at Pearl Harbor. Although these unfortunate events happen before all of us were born,it is our duty to preserve history and be a part of history today.As a retired U.S. Marine,I will always be a Marine and I am fulfilling my duty to fellow brothers in arms and preserving their sacafices they made to us.

Although progress is important,putting a shopping mall on these sacred ground is about as important as to allow 10 more ABC Stores in front of Duke's Statue is this poor economy. Please be a part of the history of WWII today and don't let those Marines and civilians that died on the morning of December 7th 1941 be forgotten.

I am appealing to your own sense of duty and honor to keep Ewa Marine Air Field a National Historic Landmark. A place where I can bring my children and a place they can bring theirs.

Semper Fi,
Todd Wilson & Family