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DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION

National Register of Historic Places

National Park Service

Name of Property: Ewa Mooring Mast Field

Location: Kalaeloa

State: HI

Request submitted by: Donald R. Schregardus, FPO, Deputy Secretary of the Navy
(Environment), 1000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20005

Date received: 09/26/2014 Additional information received 11/14/2014

Opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer:

Eligible Not Eligible No Response Need More Information

Comments:

The Secretary of the Interior has determined that this property is:

Eligible Not Eligible

Applicable criteria: A,D

Comment:

The Ewa Mooring Mast Field is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and D at the national level of significance, based on the national significance of the event and the national significance of the archeological resources that can contribute information to nationally significant research questions.

See Attached Comments

Keeper of the National Register

2/9/15

Date

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The well-prepared DOE documentation submitted by the Navy supports the case for National Register eligibility for the Ewa Mooring Mast Field under Criterion A in the area of Military History. The Navy documentation outlines a core area of extant resources that retain a strong level of integrity and comprise the most pivotal elements of the former Ewa military installation associated with the December 7, 1941, Japanese attack on Hawaii. The Navy determination of eligibility's emphasis on identifying only extant features directly involved in the battle with integrity under National Register Criterion A (1941 runways, warm-up platform, mooring apron, Hangar 123 foundation, and swimming pool site), however, is a significant weakness of the evaluation. Considering only those resources evidencing direct associations (strafing marks, destruction of ground aircraft, defensive positions) with the battle, rather than the broader extent of the historic 1941 installation overlooks the equally justifiable significance of outlying support areas where the "battlefield action" may have involved people fleeing from aerial bombs and bullet fire and taking shelter wherever possible. The chaos and confusion of an unprovoked attack seems to call for an expanded definition of the involved "battlefield." More importantly the Navy's narrow focus fails to consider the possibilities offered by National Register Criterion D to identify and recognize the significant archeological resources.

While the Navy documentation identifies and justifies a significant eligible property, the National Register has found more persuasive arguments in documentation for the Ewa Mooring Mast Field provided to our office during the review period by GAI Consultants Inc. (GAI) and Valerie Vander Veer. The GAI documentation incorporated a detailed archeological analysis and study of the broader 1941-era Ewa military installation, successfully identifying multiple archeological features in addition to those already

identified by the Navy. Taken together the resources identified in the GAI documentation present a much broader and comprehensive picture of the events of December 7, 1941.

The National Park Service supports the findings of the GAI report, including the National Register of Historic Places eligibility of the Ewa Mooring Mast Field at the national level under National Register Criterion A and D, with the boundaries identified on the attached map.

Our evaluation of the GAI documentation even went beyond the statements and areas justified in that report. The National Register, for example, did not agree with the statement that, "only Ewa Field retains sufficient architectural, archeological and/or landscape integrity to convey its historical significance," as the authors noted on page 7.2 of the documentation. We believe that the Ewa Mooring Mast Field is only one eligible component of a potential larger battlefield district whose boundaries and contributing resources have yet to be fully defined. As noted in the boundary justification for the GAI documentation, upon further investigations the proposed boundary could be reevaluated to include potentially associated archeological remains and portions of the Ewa Plantation Villages. We strongly recommend that these investigations evaluate both above and below ground associated resources at the Ewa Plantation Villages as well as Ewa Beach and other potential locations. The evaluation of battlefields has always involved consideration of the unique qualities of such resources. Given the magnitude of the events surrounding the 1941 attacks on Pearl Harbor particular latitude seems in order when identifying and evaluating associated resources.

(See attached maps)

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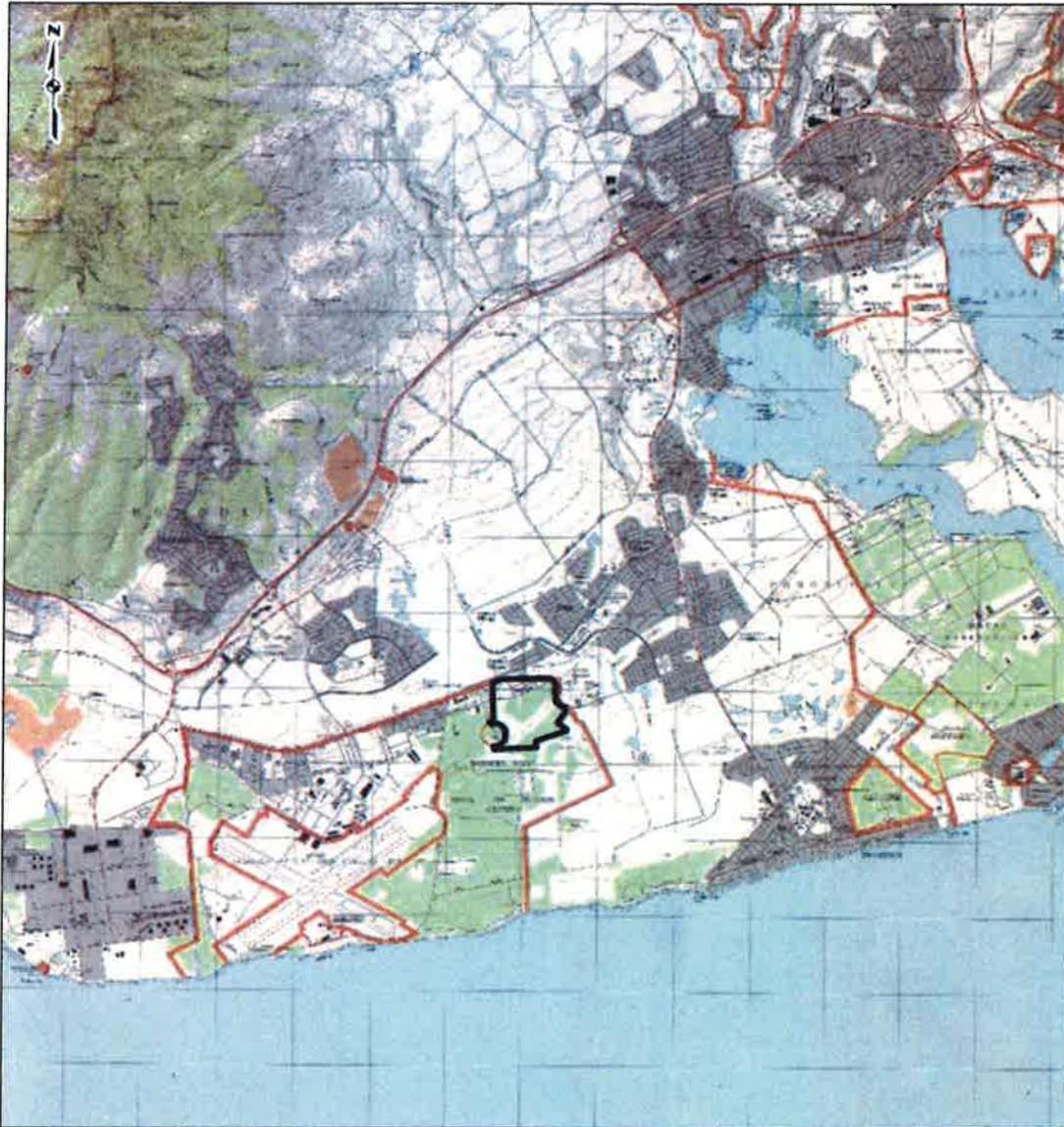
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<p>PROJECT LOCATION</p> 	<p>LEGEND</p> <p> PROPOSED NRHP BOUNDARY</p> <p>0 3,000 8,000 12,000 Feet</p>	<p>FIGURE 1 PROJECT LOCATION</p> <p> BATTLE OF EWA PLAIN EWA PLAINS PROGRAMS</p>
<p>HONOLULU, HAWAII</p>		<p>DRAWN BY: AJW DATE: 5/22/2014 CHECKED: LAF APPROVED: BR</p>
<p>REFERENCE: USGS 7 1/2' QUADRANGLE: EWA (2013), OBTAINED THROUGH ESRI USA TOPO MAPS, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TOPO, AND USGS. ACCESSED 12/2013.</p>		

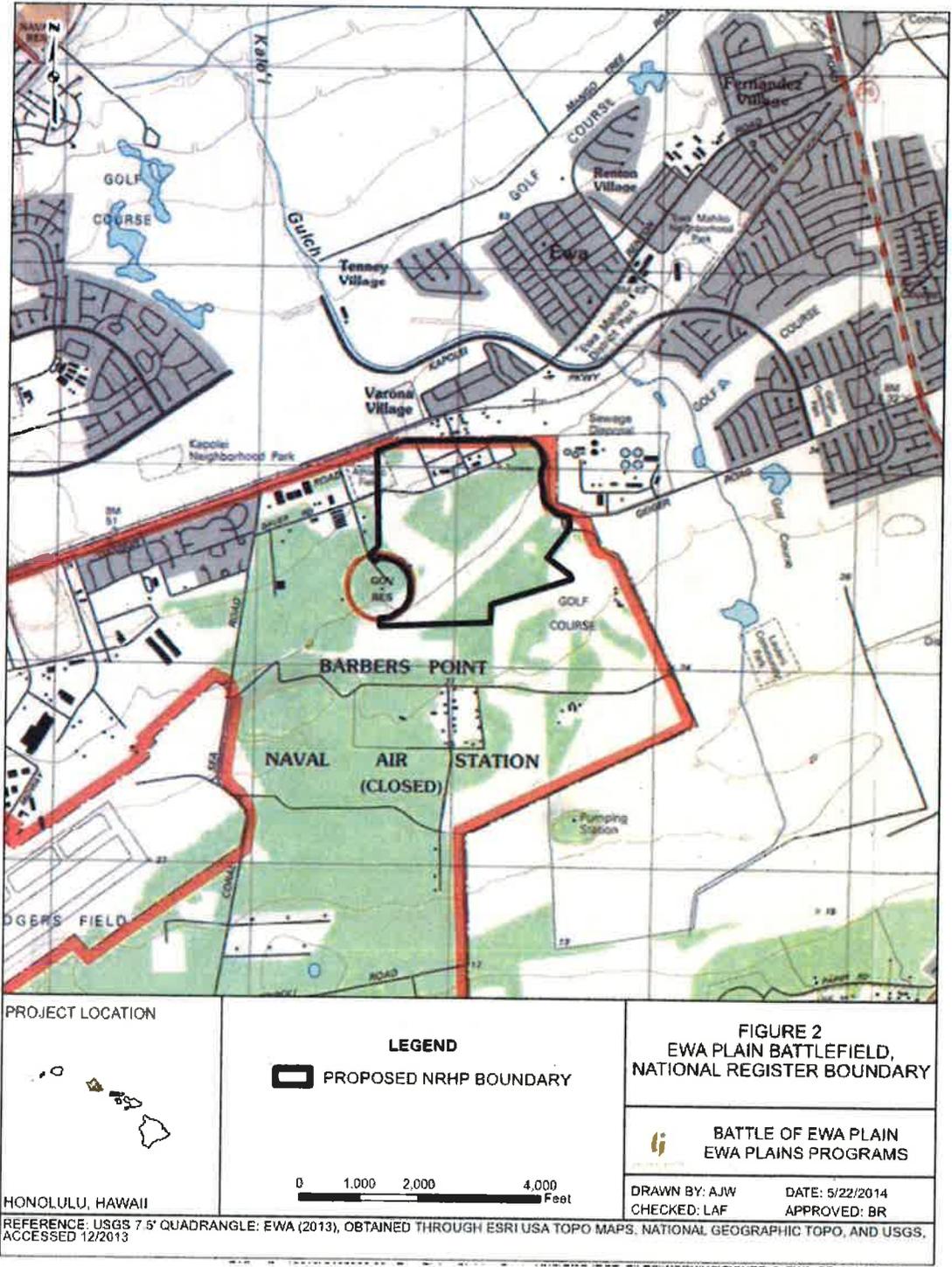
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Figure 2 of 42 – Ewa Plain Battlefield, National Register Boundary



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Figure 3 of 42 – Ewa Plain Battlefield



PROJECT LOCATION

HONOLULU, HAWAII

LEGEND

- PROPOSED NRHP BOUNDARY
- CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE
- NON-CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES

0 750 1,500 3,000 Feet

FIGURE 3
EWA PLAIN BATTLEFIELD

BATTLE OF EWA PLAIN
EWA PLAINS PROGRAMS

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REFERENCE: SERVICE LAYER CREDITS. SOURCE: ESRI, DIGITAL GLOBE, GEOEYE, I-CUBED, USDA, USGS, AEX, GETMAPPING, AEROGRIID, IGN, IGP, SWISSTOPO, AND THE GIS USER COMMUNITY, ACCESSED 12/2013.

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Figure 4 of 42 – Ewa Plain Battlefield Boundaries with Contributing and Non-Contributing Sources

