

TO: Keeper of the Register  
National Park Service  
Washington, D.C.

Please allow me to introduce myself to you. My name is Myrna-Lyn (Pagdilao-Diaz) Abang and I write in support of the nomination of the Ewa Battlefield to the National Historic Register. I believe the current Historic Ewa Villages and its proximity to the Marine Corps Ewa Field makes it part of (and was in the crosshairs of) an important battle that took place on December 7, 1941. As a granddaughter of a sugar plantation worker, and a daughter of a sugar plantation Industrial-Relations-Office worker, I have been intrigued and touched by stories of their past, learning that the Ewa Battlefield site has local, state and national significance as part of the December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor. There is no doubt that these events occurred especially when I listened to children born in the 1920s and 1930s talk about and describe their experience as they saw the planes of the main air attack fly through and over villages of Ewa. Some of these same people saw for themselves, or heard stories of the sustained combat actions which resulted in the death or injury of local civilians as well as Marines, soldiers and naval aviators.

Growing up in Hawaii, I know from my elementary school history classes that other Pearl Harbor historic battlefield sites have become National Historic Landmarks and are part of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. As a longtime member of the Ewa Community, I believe it is very fair and appropriate that the Ewa Battlefield and the community villages of Ewa receive the same historic recognition and commemorative honor like the other Pearl Harbor battle sites.

Very truly yours,



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