

November 1, 2015

Dr. William R. Chapman
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Hawaii State Historic Preservation Division
(Sent via electronic mail to Megan.borthwick@hawaii.gov)

RE: Comments on Nomination / Ewa Plain Battlefield

Aloha Dr. Chapman and Members of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board,

We are pleased the nomination of Ewa Plain Battlefield / Ewa Mooring Mast Field has been submitted to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board for review and approval. This written testimony is presented in support of Ewa Plain Battlefield's nomination to the Hawaii and National Registers of Historic Places.

The nomination was prepared with the guidance of and using the professional standards of the American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP). In addition, the nomination speaks specifically to an area previously reviewed and determined eligible by the Keeper of the National Register.

On February 2, 2015, the Keeper of the National Register provided the US Navy (Donald R. Schregardus, FPO, Deputy Secretary of the Navy) with a Determination of Eligibility Notification for the Ewa Plain Battlefield boundary represented by this nomination and wrote:

"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."

We believe this is the first time advocates on all levels (community, state, and federal) have been in agreement and we look forward to your approval of the Ewa Field Battlefield nomination.

Ewa Plain Battlefield should receive its long overdue place in history.

Mahalo nui loa,
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