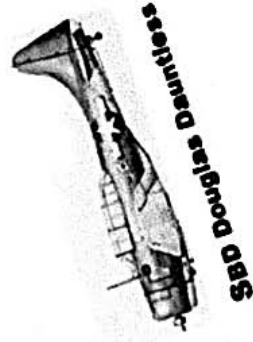




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To: Keeper of the Register
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On behalf of the only 48 remaining members of Marine Dive Bombing Squadron VMSB 333 who served our country during WWII and were stationed on Ewa Field, Oahu, Hawaii, on two occasions during 1944 and 1945, do sincerely support the nomination of Ewa Field to the National Historic Register.

This relatively small field was the primary Marine air base from which thousands of men embarked for further duty in the Pacific theater. It was from this small tract of land that many dedicated men gave their lives and it is only proper and fit that this land be dedicated to those who have trod on and flew from its soil.

I had the opportunity to visit Ewa Field in 2011 – 76 yrs. after having proudly served there. I was appalled and disgusted at the complete hovel, the shameful abandonment, the lack of respect of the field and the people who served there. To make it worse, a cheap, after-thought stone was erected at Barbers Point indicating that Ewa Field had survived the dastardly Japanese attack .

Yes, Ewa Field is entitled to and should be listed in the National Historic Register and physically restored; so that it can be recognized as a monument; so that future generations do not forget.

Semper Fi,
Francis T. Hughes
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