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

Dear Keeper,

I am writing in support of the nomination of 'Ewa Field to the National Register of Historic Places. As a life-long resident and an archaeologist/historian specializing in Hawaiian and military sites, 'Ewa Field holds a special place in my memories, and in history.

I grew up on Ford Island in Pearl Harbor. My father was Navy pilot and used to land his seaplane squadron at the seaplane runways on the island. As a career I have been involved with many projects related to WW I and II, and the importance of the December 7<sup>th</sup> attack on Pearl Harbor. As an archeologist working on Guam, Tinian and Saipan working on WW II military sites, and as the Cultural Resources Manager with the Hawai'i Army National Guard responsible for many WWI and II sites under the National Guard's stewardship in Hawai'i, the preservation of 'Ewa Field knits the history of two World Wars into the fabric of the remaining historic military infrastructure in Hawai'i as well as the Pacific.

'Ewa Field is one of the oldest bases in Hawai'i, and suffered casualties during the attack on Pearl Harbor. This base ranks with the Civil War Battlefields parks and monuments in the US, not because many people lost their lives, but because just a few Marines died there, and their sacrifice has been pushed to the background. 'Ewa Field seems to have been forgotten by military planners and the public, with the exception of the surviving Marines that were stationed there during the attack, and by concerned citizens, historians and other preservation specialists such as myself. Preservation will bring 'Ewa Field back into the milieu. Other Pearl Harbor historic battlefield sites have become National Historic Landmarks and part of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. 'Ewa Field is a part of history surrounding military operations in the Pacific theater during both World Wars. I urge the acceptance of the nomination.

Respectfully,



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