

Windward Coalition Newsletter

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Our mission is to improve the quality of life of Windward residents



The Windward Coalition warmly welcomes the new MCBH Commander Col. Raul Lianez, his wife Dusti and children Kylee, Noah, and Morgan to our Windward Ohana. We look forward to working with Colonel Lianez for the next several years.

Commander's Corner



**Col. Raul Lianez,
U.S. Marine Corps**

I'm excited to take command of Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Marine Corps Base Hawaii is a proud, responsible, and capable resident of the Mokapu Peninsula. It is a place where our Marines and Sailors live and train. A place where our Marines are ready to deploy at a moment's notice to respond to an emerging crisis or natural disaster, at home or abroad. I thank you for your continued support to our fine service members and their families.

I look forward to working together on our mutual concerns. As the "new guy on the block", I look forward to building a strong relationship where both of communities can continue to be a great place to live and to work. Together, we can build a relationship of mutual understanding and that mutual bond will come through listening to each other.

I see that we have many shared values. Our Marine Corps core values of honor, courage and commitment are, in many ways, similar to the values of our Windward Ohana. We want to honor our history, have the courage to stand for what we believe in, and we are committed to our families and our communities. We both want to take care of our beautiful environment, and respect the 'Aina.

Building on that common ground will build a solid community through listening.

Simper Fidelis,
Colonel Raul Lianez
Commanding Officer
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Aloha and Mahalo for the warm welcome for my family and me. I would like to first say thank you for the opportunity to share a little bit about myself with your readers. I come to Hawaii from way across the pond. I most recently worked at Headquarters, Marine Corps, based out of Quantico, Virginia, as the head of the Manpower Integration Branch. Over the last three months, we have been settling into our new home and also diving in to our new community. We are very happy to be part of the Windward Oahu Ohana.



Plane Spotting

The Marine Corps have asked that we report any overflight concerns. They have kindly provided us pictures (below) of the aircraft most frequently operating in their air space.

NOISE CONCERNS AT MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII OR MARINE CORPS TRAINING AREA BELLOWS



UH-1N HUEY



AH-1W SUPER COBRA



CH-53E SUPER STALLION



UH-60/ SH-60



MV-22 OSPREY



F/A-18 HORNET



C-17 GLOBEMASTER



RQ-7B SHADOW

Please call the noise concern hotline at (808) 257-8832 or submit an online form at www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil

In order to better understand your concern, please relay as much of the following information as you can: Date and time of incident, location of incident, location observed, type of concern and aircraft if applicable, name and phone number

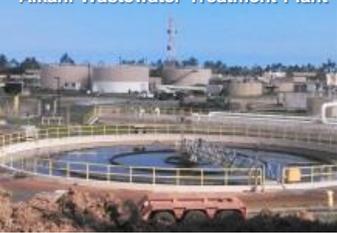


Marine Corps Base Hawaii sincerely appreciates the community's support and patience as Marines and Sailors train to defend this great nation and prepare for emergencies at home and abroad.



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Residents in the Aikahi neighborhood have experienced a decrease of obnoxious odors emanating from the Aikahi Wastewater treatment plant. The City and County of Honolulu installed new odor control upgrades about a year ago. Although these upgrades are helpful in controlling the problem, there are more upgrades planned to the construction when the larger building is completed. At that time, additional odor controls will be put in place.

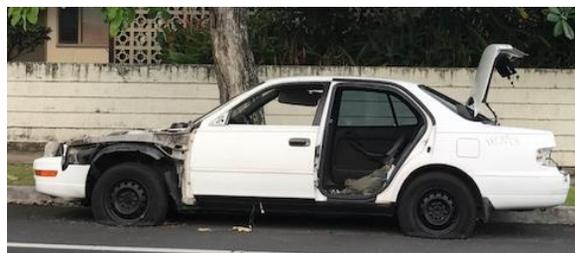
The neighborhood is thankful to note that the tunnel boring is completed. The noticeable crane that towers above the tunnel outlet is assisting in the building of a new plant with the same footprint as the old building. The City & County is currently building on top of the completed tunnel. This new building, when completed, will be approximately three stories tall and will house the pumps & electrical components necessary to transport wastewater to the various parts of the plant for treatment. The next phase for this project is the installation of lighting, plumbing & electrical systems. Completion of the entire project is expected to be in 12 months but may take up to a year and a half. The expectation to remove the largest crane is approximately within 2 months.

Residents have also inquired about the smaller cranes on the property. These smaller cranes are mainly used to unload prefabricated portions of the new building from trucks. Portions of the roof are being hauled in by truck, and need to be placed by these cranes.

The smaller cranes are also assisting in the repairs to the digesters. These cranes will not be leaving anytime soon as this work is ongoing.

Many residents are looking forward to the newest odor control upgrades to fully control odors when the largest building is completed. More upgrades will be put in place at that time.

Laurel Leslie – WC executive committee member



Abandoned cars are a problem for some of our Windward neighborhoods. According to one Kaneohe resident.. “We can’t seem to get the abandoned cars towed out of the neighborhood (area of the Kaneohe Bay Shopping Center and behind Windward Mall).” We have been told the best way to get them towed is to fill out the form from the link below and follow-up with the city to tow them away.”

<http://www3.honolulu.gov/csdavcomplaints/>

