

ALOHA AINA UPDATE

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In 1893, the flagship of the American fleet supported the overthrow of Queen Lili'uokalani's government. Since then, the US has increased military holdings in Hawai'i, as a launching point for American ambitions in the Pacific and beyond. The U.S. military already controls 200,000 acres of land in Hawai'i and nearly 25% of the land on O'ahu. 54% of the military's land-holdings consist of stolen Hawaiian national lands ("ceded lands"). Missile defense tests and harmful sonar experiments are conducted off of Kaua'i. Military-related research is conducted on the sacred mountains of Mauna Kea and Haleakala. After bombing Kaho'olawe for years, the Navy spent \$400 million and still failed to clean up the unexploded bombs to a safe level as was promised in a legal agreement. The Army still bombs and contaminates Makua, breaking promises to the families that were evicted from the valley during World War II. (The Army has recently determined in the EIS process that they will dramatically increase training at Makua – see www.malamamakua.org for info.) With over 36 fish ponds, Ke Awalau o Pu'u'loa (Pearl Harbor) was once a rich source of food for O'ahu in ancient times. Today, under military control, Pu'u'loa has become extremely contaminated, with nearly 750 contaminated sites (several of which are Superfund sites) identified by the Navy.

SINCE 9/11, THE US HAS UNDERTAKEN A MASSIVE EXPANSION OF THE MILITARY IN HAWAI'I:

STRYKER The military plans to acquire an additional 25,000 acres of land on Hawai'i and O'ahu to station a brigade of Stryker armored attack vehicles. The land mass is approximately equal to that of Kahoolawe – so while the military is proudly holding up the return of Kahoolawe with one hand, the other hand – aided by key politicians – is stealing 'another Kahoolawe'. The voices of the hundreds of people testifying in opposition to the Stryker expansion has been woven into a Community Impact Statement, available at dmzhawaii.org. Testifiers spoke of health, environmental, legal, political, cultural, religious, and ethical concerns. On September 4, 2005, thousands of Kanaka Maoli and supporters will converge at Kukaniloko on the Leilehua plains to show support for the sacred birthing stones, and to demonstrate opposition to the militarization of the surrounding area. See www.afschawaii.org/kuikapono05 for more info. Event sponsored by 'Ilio'ulaokalani, DMZ Hawaii/Aloha 'Aina, Malama Makua, and others.



MILITARIZATION OF U.H. The University is currently engaged in closed-door negotiations with the US Navy to dramatically expand military research at UH Manoa, through the establishment of a University Affiliated Research Center (UARC) at UH. This would have severe effects on academic freedom and environmental and health security. In the 1950s and 60s, Sarin Gas was secretly tested in the rainforests of Puna and Agent Orange was developed at UH.



Agent Orange continues to contaminate parts of Kauai, just as it torments thousands of US veterans and the people of Southeast Asia. Classified research will include weapons development, and there will be no public oversight. The university administration has engaged in a sham process, with decision-making occurring without public input, and negotiations conducted in secret. UARC will directly benefit some researchers, politicians, and businesspeople directly through lucrative government contracts. For one week this spring, UH students, faculty, and community occupied the President's office to show opposition to UARC. We were able to stop a fast-track process for UARC. We also made important connections around the world, and a new generation of leaders took

the stage. See www.stopuarc.info for more info.

In addition to these critical issues, Senator Daniel Inouye and others aim to further militarize Hawaii by home-porting an aircraft carrier in our islands, and consolidate and expand Star Wars ballistic missile systems. Meanwhile, economic policies force more people into desperation and homelessness while tourism and militarism are granted more land and resources, and socially-disadvantaged youth are recruited aggressively to fight wars of expansion and domination. Additionally, the federalization of Hawaiian land and resources through the Akaka Bill threatens to facilitate the militarization and overdevelopment of our homeland.

E HUI PU KE ALOHA 'AINA People power has been critical in stopping the bombing of Kahoolawe and Vieques, in healing Waikane and Makua, and in calling attention to the expansion of classified research and weapons development at the University of Hawaii. The life of the land is our responsibility, so join the call for: No military expansion! – Clean up, restore and return the 'aina. – End Hawai'i's dependency on military spending by redirecting funds to environmental clean up and community based economic alternatives based on human needs – The military must pay just compensation for its use and damage to Hawaiian lands.

MAHALO & ALOHA AINA

(Background: The following Moratorium on Military Expansion in Hawaii Nei has been signed by participants of the Native Hawaiian Coalition process, and other concerned individuals and organizations. To join in support for a Moratorium, please email info@dmzhawaii.org)

KUE I KA NOHO HEWA MA HAWAII NEI MORATORIUM ON MILITARY EXPANSION IN HAWAII NEI

In the late afternoon of January 17, 1893, as Queen Lili'uokalani issued her formal protest against the illegal overthrow of her constitutional government, she was confronted by the armed force of the United States, assembled in a threatening storm from the decks of the U.S. naval cruiser Boston. She yielded her authority under protest, to avoid the spilling of her people's blood in a battle with the American forces.



In the ensuing one hundred and eleven years, the United States has amassed an even greater force in Hawaii, with more than 245,000 acres of our homeland occupied by the military, including one-quarter of the island of Oahu. 54% of the land used by the military is the national lands of our sovereign heritage, to which we have never ceded our control or responsibility. The United States military utilizes these extensive lands without compensation to our people, nor regard for the environmental or health effects of their militarization.¹



The litany of names of burial sites, wahi pana, and one hanau which are directly affected by the military includes the sacred peaks of Mauna Kea, Haleakala, Kaala, Kalena, and Kokee; the fishing sanctuaries of Puuloa, Waimomi, and Nuupia; the sands of Waimanalo and Nohili; the valleys of Kahauiki, Makua, Lualualei, Kawailoa, and Waikane; the peninsulas of Mokapu and Kalaeloa; the plains of Pohakuloa and Leilehua; and the moku of Kahoolawe and Kaula-i-ke-kai.



Aina is at the heart of our lives as the people of this land, the people who have lived in this place since time immemorial, and who love the land as one of our own blood and family. We have a permanent and irrevocable obligation to guard and protect this land, and to ensure the health and well-being of our families and neighbors.



It is thus for the life of our land, and for the health of our people, that we, the signatories below, together speak with one voice in calling for a moratorium on the increased militarization of our homeland. We demand the cessation of military expansion, and for the clean up, restoration, and return of all the 'aina. We call for the billions of dollars dedicated to military expansion in Hawaii to be redirected to environmental clean up and community-based economic alternatives based on human needs. Finally, the United States military must remit just compensation for the use and damage of our homelands.



¹ Article 28 of the Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples specifies that 'military activities shall not take place in the lands and territories of indigenous peoples, unless otherwise freely agreed upon by the peoples concerned.'