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RE: Evaluation of the Historic Significance of the Potential Historic Properties Identified by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) During Settlement Agreement Surveys, in Accordance with 36 C.F.R. 800.4(C).

Aloha e Colonel Douglas S. Mulbury,

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) requests that your agency promptly evaluate the historic properties identified by OHA staff, the lead archaeologist, and Army representatives during the Settlement Agreement surveys, which were concluded in 2009. As per the Settlement Agreement entered into between the U.S. Army and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs on October 31, 2008, "[a]fter receipt of the Lead Archeologist's report and any supplemental documentation submitted by OHA regarding potential Historic Properties, the Army shall, if requested by the Lead Archeologist's and/or OHA, promptly evaluate the historic significance of the potential Historic Properties identified by OHA in accordance with 36 C.F.R. 800.4(c). Based on the results of this evaluation, the Army will then follow the applicable provisions of 36 C.F.R. Part 800 to complete the evaluation, assessment and treatment process." Settlement Agreement, paragraph III.D.1 (emphasis added).

The site features identified during the Settlement Surveys that require formal evaluation are listed in the Lead Archaeologists report by SWCA Environmental Consultants, entitled "Cultural Resource Evaluations of Stryker Transformation Areas in Hawaii." The summary of the sites are listed in Table 2, pages 21-23 for Schofield Barracks, Table 4, page 221 for Kahuku (KTA) and pages 288-293 for Pohakuloa (PTA). This report describes each site feature and provides the interpretations and recommendations of the lead archaeologist Chris Monahan. In addition, our office will be submitting an independent report for your consideration. All of the sites and site features discussed in these reports were either previously unidentified by the Army or reevaluated by the Settlement Survey Team. Accordingly, these sites were not adequately

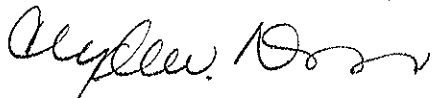
considered. Your agency now has the obligation to consider this new information when editing or creating all site protection/mitigation plans and consultation letters in order to address any potential adverse effects to these sites.

The Settlement Agreement states, “[i]f, in the course of OHA’s reviews of the survey areas, OHA discovers facts that were not previously disclosed to it, which reasonably lead OHA to conclude that Historic Properties or Cultural Items located on one or more other Stryker-related training facilities have been improperly identified or may be endangered, then the Army will accept written comments from OHA regarding the identification and treatment of Historic Properties or Cultural Items on the other Stryker-related training facilities.” It is our hope that the time, effort, and money utilized to reach this settlement was not wasted, and that the information obtained from our surveys will positively influence the Army’s Historic Preservation initiatives.

In the spirit of cooperation and in good faith, OHA would like to propose a continued collaboration between our office and your agency. The lead archaeologist’s report documents inadequate or inaccurate identification, evaluation, and assessment of historic properties on Stryker Brigade Transformation projects. The accomplishments of the settlement surveys have certainly begun to correct these deficiencies, yet the numerous undocumented sites within the Area of Potential Effects (APEs) of various Stryker Projects emphasizes the necessity for further identification efforts. As you know, one of the most integral parts of Section 106 is the identification, evaluation and assessment of historic properties within APEs. OHA staff members have first hand, in-depth knowledge of historic properties on many of the Stryker Brigade Projects. We are willing to offer our knowledge and expertise to preserve, protect and perpetuate our wahi pana and iwi kupuna to the highest degree possible.

Should you or your staff have questions or require further information, please contact Everett Ohta (808) 594-0231 or by email at everetto@oha.org.

‘O wau iho nō me ka ‘oia ‘i‘o,



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