



#### **Department of Hawaii**

### 438 Hobron Lane, Suite 407 Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

Testimony in Support of HR 164/HCR 182 House Committee On Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs Hearing on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 11:00 P.M. in Conference Room 420

Representative Takayama, Chair, Representative Gates, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

The Department of Hawaii, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) represents 4,300 members in 20 Posts located throughout the State of Hawaii. VFW is a federally chartered national association of soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who have served the United States of America in wars, campaigns, and expeditions on foreign soil or in hostile waters.

H.C. 164/H.C.R. 182, Both resolutions urge the United State Government and Hunt companies to reserve the Ewa Field land to preserve World War II historic and Hawaiian cultural sites at the former Marine Corps Air Station Ewa for the creation of the Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park.

VFW Hawaii members have attended annual memorial ceremonies held on Ewa Field land to honor the marines and civilians who were killed there by Japanese aircraft bullets and bombs on December 7, 1941. Their legacy and those of marine and naval aviators who served at Marine Corps Air Station Ewa during World War II must be preserved in the Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park which would include Hawaiian cultural sites found on the Ewa plains.

VFW Hawaii members believe that the National Park Service (NPS) is the appropriate U.S. Government agency which should be responsible for the early development and operation of the Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park as a part of the NPS WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of H.R. 164/H.C.R. 182.

#### Lawrence M.G. Enomoto

Lawrence M.G. Enomoto VFW Hawaii State Legislative Liaison



March 16, 2019

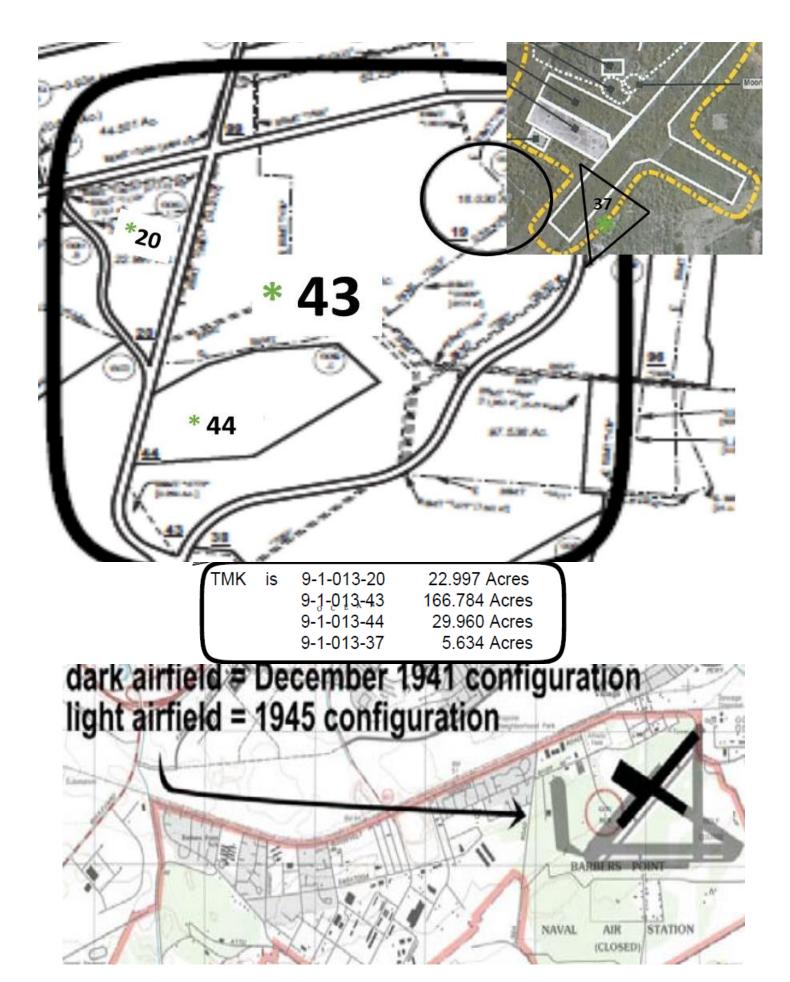
# IN OPPOSITION OF THE DISCRIMINATION OF MOTORSPORTS RECREATION Of HR 164 Supporter John Bond.

This testimonial statement **REGARDING HR 164** is by AAC a Professional Environmental Compliance Contracting Firm voluntarily helping the following 3 Non-Profit 501(c) entities who are in support of HCR 42 Resolution to *Resume* Motorsports Recreation Activities adjacent to the HCR182 1941 Preservation Property in which proponents of HCR182 want to <u>BAN</u> Motorsports activity that historically was founded on Military Airfields;

- 1) NASBP Naval Air Station Barbers Point Museum.
- 2) SCCA -Sports Car Club of America Hawaii region.
- 3) University of Hawaii Manoa RWR Rainbow Warriors SAE Formula 1 Car Race Team.

AAC is a Regulatory Consulting Company (established 1988) in excellent business standings HCE /Hi Pro compliant, licensed in the State of Hawaii specializing in Environmental Compliance issues.

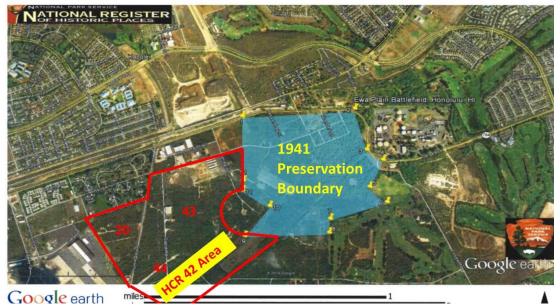
On behalf of 1) NASBP, 2) SCCA -Hawaii region and 3) UH Manoa RWR, we support HCR42 for the use of the 220 Acres property involved, for the purpose of <u>Restoring</u> the existing Asphalt of the Post 1945 Ewa Airfield Runways and Tarmac (Non-Historical Preserved -Area) West portion of the 1941 Ewa Battle field area located in the 3 City Park Pending Parcels (lots 20,44, and portion of 43).



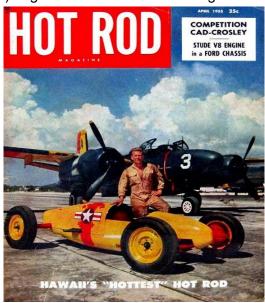
We STRONGLY OPPOSE the Discrimination of HR 164 supporter John Bond against Racers and Supporters of Motorsports. We support HCR 42 for the Restoration of the existing 1945 Configuration Asphalt Airstrips property, labeled in YELLOW RECTANGLE HCR 42 Area, to be used as;

- Historical Film Park and Civil Defense Landing Zone Support use for the Barbers Point Naval Air Museum (Hawaii Flying Museum) and Kalaeloa Airport.
- 2) Motorsports Public Park Use of restored airstrips by SCCA Hawaii and training for the UH Rainbow Warrior Race Team

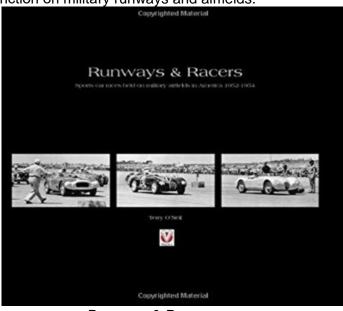
**SUPPORTER OF HR 164 John Bond** will tell you that the proposed Motorsports Park on Post 1945 Abandoned runways is being proposed on the Sacred Historical Landmark Preservation land nominated by the National Register of Historical Places. **This is False**. The 1941 preservation boundaries from the most recent 2016 NPS Report is the Hunt Property adjacent to the 1945 configuration and a very small portion of lot 43.



**SUPPORTERS OF HR 164** will tell you that Motorsports and Car Racing is sacrilegious, disrespectful and inappropriate to be conducted on a Military Air field Landing Strips. **This is False**. SCCA (Sports Car Club America) began in the 1940's with racing events sanction on military runways and airfields.



Hot Rod Magazine April 1953

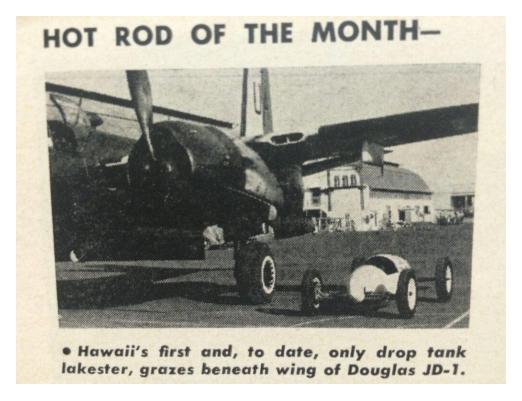


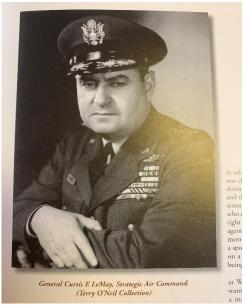
Runways & Racers

SCCA racing events were held in this locations Airfields from the 1940 up to year 2000 with SCCA Hawaii Region. The cover of Hot Rod Magazine above features Naval Aviator Harvey Haller stationed at Barbers Point on the Ewa Airfield runways with his race car.



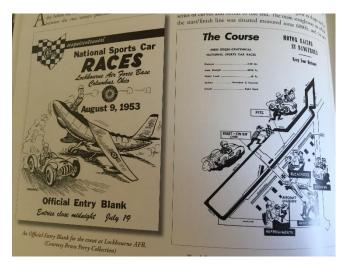
Lieutenant And Naval Aviator Harvey Haller Built His Tank With Flathead Power While Stationed In Honolulu. Stateside He Partnered With Frank Breene To Install A 364 Inch Chrysler.





General Curtis E. Lemay From Runways & Racers by Terry O'neil

Racing on Airfields and Runways started in the 1940's but it was until the 1950's that General Curtis E. Lemay of the Strategic Air Command (SAC) partners with SCCA (Sports Car Club of America) to host sanctioned Car racing events on Military Airfields and Runways. General LeMAy stated that "the races would improve SAC's welfare, preparedness and effectiveness" and new it was a type of recreation his airmen would enjoy to keep them enlisted and on the bases.









The Navy in Honolulu Hawaii permitted SCCA racing on the Ewa Airfield Property Property As stated in HCR 42, the 1999 City Application to the National Parks Service stated that SCCA events were held on this exact location.

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WHEREAS, the application to the National Park Service acknowledged that car racing is an acknowledged recreational activity and the abandoned military infrastructure at Kalaeloa is appropriate for car racing; and

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#### FROM NPS application of 1999;

## <u>Area 9. Sports Training Facility and Other Recreational Activities</u>

The total area is about 250 acres of which about 150 acres are set aside for the future sports training facility. This training site will probably not be developed during the initial 10 years but will be built based on market studies over the next 20 years. The remaining 100 acres will be used for various recreational activities not related to the training center.

The area is fairly level, sloping slightly toward the sea with elevations ranging from about 25 to 55 feet. (The Coral Pit cuts into an area along the south side of Bismarck Sea Road, just east of Coral Sea Road.) Coarse sand covers the coral outcrop here with only imported soil. Vegetation is koa haole, kiawe and nonnative grasses with the bird and mammal species typical of the NASBP.

Suitable for much-needed community gardens are about 10 acres along the south side of Independence Road and northeast of the National Guard area. It is fairly level land, sloping to the ocean with hard-packed coral rubble over the coral outcrop with some imported other soil and requiring only a few more inches of additional soil to be brought in.

A number of Ewa residents raise vegetables and flowers in the 14 acres of community gardens in Wahiawa, 10 to 12 miles away, but transportation is difficult for many. Creating a community garden in this area would benefit Ewa gardeners who do not own their own green space and cannot afford the high prices of Oahu's fruits and vegetables. The DPR's Botanical Gardens Division supervises 10 community gardens (about 30 acres) around Oahu.

Ideal for conversion into park maintenance facilities are two large buildings existing in this area and formerly used by the Navy as a small aircraft hangar and for equipment storage. Once converted, these buildings would accommodate park maintenance machinery and materials.

The asphalt runway from the abandoned airport is well suited for in-line hockey and other skating uses, providing enough space for at least two rinks. In addition, Oahu's Model Airplane Club members now use the runway area to fly model airplanes, and the Sports Car Club of America currently sponsors autocross events on the runway.

Restrictions. Portions of this site are recommended for preservation. They include a former World War II antiaircraft battery complex, a sinkhole complex that may contain historical artifacts, and a historical site containing a cultivation wall, perhaps constructed by ancient Hawaiians. The DPR will not disturb nor develop these sites.

Before the BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) the SCCA Hawaii region hosted many Autocross events on the asphalt runways of the abandoned Ewa Airfield airport at Barbers Point.

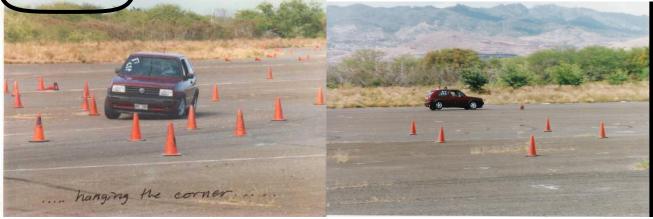
SUPPORTER OF HR164 John Bond will tell you the Racers will cause fires and explosion and dump hazardous waste and fuel in the soil and are irresponsible.

These Racers that participated in SCCA racing on the property still reside in Honolulu and still have their race cars; Attorney Mr. Ed Kemper, Mr. Avery Tsui President of Hawaii SCCA, Dr. Collyer Young well known and respectable dentist in Kaimuki and UH Professor of Civil Engineering Dr. Panos Prevedouros Ph.D.

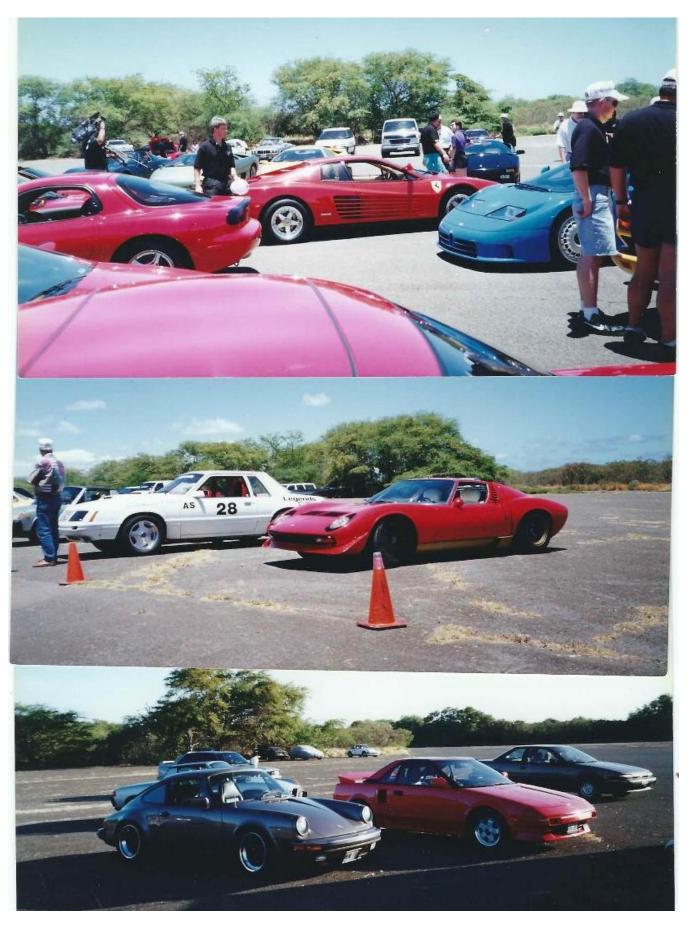
In July of 1999 The City and County of Honolulu granted SCCA verbal permission to **stay** at Barbers Point, and stated when the transfer of property ownership is complete, SCCA Hawaii would be given written confirmation. 20 years later the Transfer **has not been finalized** and City Council Resolution 18-265 Requesting to Expedite the Transfer (after a 20 year delay) was approved on December 2018 and to submit a progress report within 60 days by March of 2019. [HUILA newsletter *See Solo II Talk By; Jennifer Lee*]



CCA Solo II Res	sults for .	January 9	, 2000										Pag	e 4
Name	Make	Model	Run1	С	Run2	С	Run3	С	Run4	С	Best	OA	PAXTime	PAX
S Class Average :	78.517													
Joyce Murray	Mazda	RX-7	78.708		77.913		79.309	1	78.631	1	77.913	37	64.668	17
Greg Garceau	Chevrolet	Corvette	79.264		79.122	1	80.486	1	80.307	1	79.122	44	65.671	27
Class Average :	71.207													
Collyer Young	Porsche	911 Carrera	73.420		79.332	1	73.547		76.751	2	73.420	8	62.480	11
Colin Sato	Honda	S2000	78.729	1	78.197	1	75.708	1	80.568	1	75.708	16	64.428	16
Yi-Wen Ting	BMW	Z3	89.671		82.846		82.493		84.606		82.493	56	70.202	54
BS Class Average :	83.639													
Darrell Wong	Porsche	914	78.476		78.599		78.137	1	75.700		75.700	15	61.393	8
Panos Prevedovros	Mazda	Miata	82.487		81.259		81.102		79.987		79.987	49	64.869	21
Edward Kemper III	BMW	325is	88.176		82.751		87.335	3	81.342		81.342	52	65.968	30
David Petruska	Mazda	Miata	85.623		DNF		82.115		82.968	1	82.115	55	66.595	37
Ray R. Smith	BMW	328i	85.981		89.253	3	82.904		86.162	1	82.904	58	67.235	41
Tammy Foster	Mazda	Miata	96.915		89.014		DNF		90.353	1	89.014	69	72.190	61
Lindsey Corpuz	BMW	328i	DNF		DNF		DNF		94.411	1	94.411	71	76.567	71







**SUPPORTER OF HR 164 John Bond** will tell you that Motorsports and Car Racing at this property will be noisy and would be a environmental noise issue and would disturb and be a grave concern to the residents and businesses in the vicinity. This is FALSE. The location is at the end of the Kalaeloa Airport and under the Landing Path of Honolulu Airport.

Only 30 <u>seconds</u> away on the same street, a private track KRP Kalaeloa Raceway Park on DHHL land was in operation from 2010 to 2014. The State of Hawaii Dept of Health Noise Section issued a letter that during its operation there has **NEVER** been a Noise Complaint. KRP also conducted Drag Racing.

DAVID Y. IGE



STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH P. O. BOX 3378 HONOLULU, HI 96801-3378

December 13, 2018

BRUCE S. ANDERSON, Ph.D. DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

In reply, please refer to:

Ms. Crystal Kionia Office Manager Representative Sam S. Kong Hawaii State Legislature State Capitol, Room 313 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Ms. Kionia:

This correspondence is in response to your inquiry concerning the old Kalaeloa Raceway Park located off Coral Sea Road.

The Noise Section has not received any noise complaints for that venue from 2010 to 2014. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (808) 586-4700 or email me at james.toma@doh.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

James E. Toma

Noise Section Supervisor

Indoor and Radiological Health Branch

Today SCCA of Hawaii holds car racing events at Aloha Stadium when the Aloha Stadium parking lot is available, which is very scarce and limited. This is a residential area and there has never been a Noise complaint from SCCA racing ever. Aloha Stadium Manager Mr. Scott L. Chan has provided a letter of reference of SCCA that there has never been a no noise complaints ever been made from SCCA events.

DAVID Y. IGE GOVERNOR

CURT T. OTAGURO COMPTROLLER



ROSS I. YAMASAKI CHAIRMAN, STADIUM AUTHORITY

> SCOTT L. CHAN MANAGER

RYAN G. ANDREWS
DEPUTY MANAGER

An Agency of the State of Hawaii

March 5, 2019

Mr. Avery Tsui Regional Executive Hawaii Region, Sports Car Club of America Honolulu, HI

Dear Mr. Tsui:

For more than 16 years, the Sports Car Club of America has been one of our valued and long-time clients conducting Driving Skills Contest events at our facility.

Our business relationship began with Mr. Curtis Lee (who unfortunately is no longer with us), and has since continued through his daughter, Jennifer Parker, Chairperson of Hawaii Region – Solo Division. Over the long history of SCCA Hawaii hosting events at Aloha Stadium, there have not been any complaints regarding noise from SCCA-related events.

We are pleased to say that Ms. Parker has been a pleasure to work with. She has also represented this industry well and we look forward to the continued success of our business partnership at Aloha Stadium.

Please feel free to call me at (808) 483-2750 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Scott L. Chan

Stadium Manager

**SUPPORTER OF HR 164 John Bond** will tell you that the State and the City Counties of Hawaii should not support and does not support Motorsports facilities at all. This is FALSE.

Neighbor island Raceway parks receive 2 to 3 Million dollars of State money for Capital improvements Support, BUT zero goes to Oahu motorsports.



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- \$2.25 million for emergency dredging and replacement of buoys at Lahaina Small Boat Harbor
- \$6 million for construction of a regional park for central Maui
- \$4 million for construction of a Maui office and annex building to support various state departmental divisions and programs
- \$500,000 for plans and designs for a
   Kahoolawe education center in South Maui
- \$2 million for improvement to Maui Raceway

  Park
- \$3.3 million for replacement of the sewage lift/pump station at Kahului Aiport
- \$7.5 million for the renovations of restrooms at Kahului Airport
- \$8.8 million for the design and construction of

**SUPPORTER OF HR 164 John Bond** will tell you that land on Oahu is scarce and is a high demand and a premium for open green play fields and that this property should be used for a the **Proposed Cartwright Park Baseball Training Facility** a "Sports Fitness Complex "and provide more conventional sport ball parks and absolutely NOTHING for Motorsports.

Governor David Ige in Sept 2018 approved the purchase of 3,000 acres in Central Oahu's Helemano area to provide the residents of Oahu **more conventional sports and open fields** and parks space. The subject property of SCR 108 is dry arid land property located in an airport crash zone between a Airport and a Sewer Plant is more optimal and suitable for Motorsports Recreational Park Use.

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation in May 31,2011 issued a letter to the National Parks Service and concluded the development of a Sports Complex/ Athletic Health Fitness or Sports Training Facility Center on that property is **NOT** ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE , and deleted such proposal from the original 1999 application to acquire the land .

#### DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

#### CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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May 31, 2011

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Mr. David Siegenthaler
Federal Lands to Parks Program Coordinator
United States Department of the Interior National Park Service
Pacific West Region
1111 Jackson Street, Suite 700
Oakland, California 94607-4817

Dear Mr. Siegenthaler:

Subject: Application Update-City and County of Honolulu Application for

Federal Surplus Property for Public Park or Recreation Purposes (1999)

The Department of Parks and Recreation is pleased to submit the following application update describing a conceptual level plan for the utilization of the parcels for public park, a time frame for development of a master plan and an estimated program of utilization.

After the City's recent withdrawal of five parcels representing approximately 82.5 acres from the 1999 application the parcels remaining to be conveyed to the City and County of Honolulu represent approximately 420.7 acres, identified as parcels 13058-B 13059 B&C, 13060-13064-D and 13074-C&D.

The Department of Parks and Recreation plans to utilize most of the remaining parcels essentially as described in the 1999 application. The exception being the development of Athletic Health Fitness Training facilities on parcels 13058-B, 13059-C and 13060.

Please refer to the enclosed Proposed Reuse Areas Barbers Point Naval Air Station Map for location of the following described plan of utilization for the following specific areas within the various parcels:

Area 1. Kalaeloa Beach Park-About 30 acres are considered ideal for beach park uses; swimming, surfing, picnicking and other recreation. A comfort station, picnic tables, a bathhouse and campaites, though old, already exist here and are in reasonably good condition. The area slopes south to the ocean from an elevation of about 10 feet above sea level at the road. Soil is loose sand over coral outcrop with little soil cover.

Mr. David Siegenthaler May 31, 2011 Page 3

Area 10. Downtown Mini Park/Department of Parks and Recreation Baseyard and Driver Training Facility-As the original proposed park maintenance site was to be developed on one of the parcels withdrawn from our application (Area 8) we propose utilizing approximately 2 acres of this 7.5 acre site for a downtown mini park and other undeveloped areas for a department baseyard and driver training facility for Department of Parks and Recreation staff.

Area 9a, 9b and 9c. Other Recreational Activities-These areas represent approximately 250 acres of land that is fairly level, sloping slightly toward to the sea with elevations ranging from about 25 to 55 feet. This area includes the Coral Pit that cuts into an area along the south side of Bismarck Sea Road, just east of Coral Sea Road.

Approximately 100 of the 250 acres were identified for development of various recreational activities not related to the development of a Sports Training Facility on the other 150 acres that was envisioned to be built out over a 20- year period.

The department does not consider the development of a Sports Training Facility described in the 1999 application as being economically feasible.

The department proposes to utilize about 10 acres along the south side of Independence Road and northeast of the National Guard area for much needed community gardens. This is fairly level land; sloping to the ocean with hard-packed coral rubble over the coral outcrop with some imported soil requiring only a few more inches of additional soil to be brought in. In addition, we recognize two large existing buildings formally used by the Navy as a small aircraft hangar for equipment storage. Once converted, these buildings would accommodate park maintenance machinery and materials.

In addition, the asphalt runway and surrounding areas from the abandoned airfield is suited for a myriad of recreational activities such as skating, frisbee golf and model airplane flying, that can provide recreational opportunities to the public until it is timely and feasible to construct major infrastructure and facilities.

It has been over a decade since the City's master plan for the Naval Air Station Barbers Point properties were reflected in the 1999 application and we are in the process of updating that plan.

The City appropriated \$50,000 in the FY 2011 Capital Budget and a consultant has been recently selected. We anticipate the master plan to be completed by year end.

This master plan will address the alternatives available to the department in utilization of those 150 acres previously designated for a sports training facility.

WHEREAS, In the past 30 years the City has subsidized and funded Billions for non-revenue generating Recreation Public use of Skateboard parks, Swimming-pools, Soccer fields, Basketball courts, Football Fields, Multi-purpose Gyms, Archery and Shooting ranges, Baseball fields, Tennis courts, Dog parks, Volleyball Courts, Sand Volleyball, Botanical Gardens, and Golf courses and driving ranges. It is demonstrably clear that the City of Honolulu has neglected the needs and considerations to accommodate the motorsports community of Oahu with a Motorsports Park Facility and actively discriminates against the needs of taxpaying motorsports fans on the Island of Oahu by subsidizing every other conventional sport and park. Currently city is discussing a \$70 million dollar project to restore the Natatorium for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time and possibly building a Ferris wheel at Ala Moana Beach park with taxpayers money.

The City Council 9-0 has unanimously approved **Resolution 18-73** requiring the City and County of Honolulu **to Facilitate the Development a Motorsports Raceway Park on Oahu**, and Unanimously finds that the need for an Oahu raceway park or racetrack is urgent, longstanding, and a matter of public safety; therefore,

# WE OPPOSE THE MOTORSPORTS RECREATION AND RACERS DISCRIMINATION SENTIMENTS Of JOHN BOND and the HR 164 Supporters that hate racing and are against motorsports.

This Testimony has been Prepared By:

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AAC is a Regulatory Consulting Company (established 1988) in excellent business standings HCE /Hi Pro compliant, licensed in the State of Hawaii specializing in complicated Environmental Compliance issues ranging from EPA Regulated Hazardous Materials issues, Lead, PCB, Asbestos and EPA RCRA metals contaminated soils to erosion control, Construction and Engineering BMP, EA/EIS and land use ordinances at the State and Federal Level. Current Projects and Clients of AAC include Federal Department of Defense, Pearl Harbor/ Navy, Hickam Airforce Base, US Army Schofield Barracks, US Coast Guard, and the State of Hawaii. AAC has the professional licensed capacity, with 30 years' experience, to address complex regulatory environmental or historical issues pertaining to this property on behalf of the Non-Profit entities represented.

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Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Avery J Tsui	Hawaii Region Sports Car Club of America	Oppose	No

#### Comments:

Honored Lawmakers,

My name is Avery Tsui. I work as a Senior Administrator Quotations for a large electrical distribution company in their Honolulu branch. I'm also the current Regional Executive for the Hawaii Region of the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA).

I and the Hawaii Region of SCCA oppose HR 164.

- HR 164 wants to expand on Historic 1941 Ewa Airfield. But those boundaries have already been set years ago
- HR 164 proposes more "green ball field" uses for property between Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Plant and Kalaeloa airport. This hot, arid property is better perfectly suited for a Raceway Park

Respectively, Avery

Avery Tsui

Regional Executive

Hawaii Region Sports Car Club of America

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Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	l estifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale Wilson, PhD	Military Order of the Purple Heart Department of Hawaii	Support	No

#### Comments:

The Military Order of the Purple Heart Department of Hawaii strongly supports the effort to reserve the Ewa Field land and to preserve all World War II historic and Hawaiian cultural sites at the former Marine Corps Air Station Ewa for the purpos of creating the Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park.

Too many people have forgotten the sacrifices made by the Marines stationed there on December 7, 1941 and in the years that followed during the war in the Pacific. We believe it to be essential that this heritage be preserved and that those who would eliminate that site for commercial purposes be stopped forthwith!

Mahalo in advance for your support of this important initiative.



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Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Anne Miller	Individual	Support	No	

#### Comments:

Marines died there. There has to be a memorial. Mahalo to all for this resolution.

<u>HR-164</u> Submitted on: 3/19/2019 1:35:17 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dean Rauenhorst	Individual	Oppose	No

<u>HR-164</u> Submitted on: 3/19/2019 2:53:57 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Michael W Sawamoto	Individual	Support	No	





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# STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL 3949 DIAMOND HEAD ROAD HONOLULU, HAWAII 96816-4495

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE RESOLUTION 164, HCR 182
URGING THE INITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND HUNT COMPANIES TO RESERVE THE
EWA FIELD LAND TO PRESERVE WORLD WAR II HISTORIC AND HAWAIIAN CULTURAL
SITES AT THE FORMER MARINE CORPS AIR STATION EWA FOR THE CREATION OF THE
EWA BATTLEFIELD MEMORIAL PARK

PRESENTATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

# MR. RONALD P. HAN DIRECTOR OF THE STATE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

March 20, 2019, 11:00 am

Good morning, Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Gates, and members of the Committee:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services (OVS). I appreciate this opportunity to provide written testimony **in support** of the concepts in HR 164, HCR 182.

Previous State legislation has addressed and recommended designating and developing the Ewa Field as a national monument, museum, and restored park which would preserve this historic site. Furthermore, extensive research has been accomplished through the National Park Service Battlefield Protection Grant and the National Register of Historic Places to verify key elements of the Ewa Field like aircraft revetments that reflected training and operational uses of personnel and equipment that participated in major engagements in the Pacific during WWII. This resolution provides the impetus for the creation of an Ewa Battlefield Memorial Park that will unite and encourage Federal, State, City and County, private entities and community members to work together collaboratively to preserve and to commemorate this important part of our State and Nation's history.

The OVS **supports** this resolution so long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Budget.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Hawaii's Veterans and their families.

Ron Han: ronald.han@va.gov Phone: (808) 433-0422

<u>HR-164</u> Submitted on: 3/19/2019 6:28:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	l estifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Frank Schultz	Individual	Support	No	

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Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Rick Ferris	Individual	Support	No	

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Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
dougie leeds	Individual	Oppose	No	

#### Comments:

In opposition of hr164 and hcr182,preserving an empty field as a war memorial.Our family is and are military veterans,army,navy.I work at pearl harbor navy shipyard,and we oppose this bill. We are in support of a racetrack and motorsports complex on oahu.

The navy did deed this property to the city and county of honolulu FOR recreation purposes. the intent was recreation not an empty field as a war memorial. The hcr 42 and hcr 108 and as well as Gov Ige has endorsed and supported a race track. A MOTOR SPORTS FACILITY WILL ENSURE THAT YOUTHS TODAY HAVE VENUE TO PARTICIPATE IN A SPORT THAT HAS MANY BENEFITS. Please support our community by opposing the war memorial, and building a racetrack for the community.We thankyou vey much.



<u>HR-164</u> Submitted on: 3/20/2019 12:46:59 PM

Testimony for PVM on 3/20/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Steve Montgomery & Anita Manning	Individual	Support	No	