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## III MEF commander visits PTA

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii—The commanding general of III Marine Expeditionary Force and commander of Marine Corps Bases Japan, Lt. Gen. Richard C. Zilmer, was impressed with the ranges that Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) has to offer for Marines stationed in Hawaii, essential military training, during a visit here, Nov. 28.

After staff introductions, Lt. Col. Warline Richardson, PTA garrison commander, gave the command brief and was followed by a PTA range overview brief.

“I appreciate what you do to support training here,” Zilmer said, addressing PTA’s uniformed and civilian staff. “We are sitting on a gold mine here when it comes to PTA’s training capabilities. We need a place for our training requirements before going to Afghanistan or Iraq and this is the place.”

The highlight of the visit was getting an on-site overview of Range 11T and the other PTA ranges from Puu Menehune prior to departing by Marine helicopters at PTA’s Bradshaw Army Airfield.

“We have a great joint military Army-Marines partnership, and the Marines thank you for your training support,” Zilmer said. “Our resources are limited, and so we need to use our assets best by training at closer distant locations such as PTA.”