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## Invitation to Participate in Section 106 Consultation for the Construction of an Infantry Platoon Battle Course and Supporting Infrastructure at U.S. Army Garrison – Pōhakuloa, Hawai'i Island, Hawai'i

**PŌHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii**— U.S. Army Garrison – Pōhakuloa invites any interested parties to join the ongoing consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, for the treatment of historic properties that may be affected by the construction of a new Infantry Platoon Battle Course (IPBC) and supporting infrastructure at Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA), Hawai'i Island. The proposed IPBC will be built within the existing impact area at PTA and will provide a range that meets the current and foreseeable standards and requirements for Army training.

A draft programmatic agreement is currently under development to address the treatment of historic properties. The programmatic agreement covers evaluation and mitigation of impacts to historic properties that may be affected by the IPBC. It is anticipated that the agreement will be signed in December 2012. The agreement will include provisions for additional consulting parties to join the process as they identify themselves to US Army Garrison – Pōhakuloa.

If you would like to join the consultation as a consulting party, please contact Dr. Julie Taomia, Archeologist, Environmental Division, US Army Garrison, Pōhakuloa, P.O. Box 4607, Hilo, HI 96857 or by email at julie.m.taomia.civ@mail.mil.