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January training advisory for Army ranges on Oahu

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii (Jan. 7, 2020) — Local military units are scheduled to conduct essential training activities in January that may be heard by surrounding communities.

Protecting the health of the force and the community continue to be the Army's top priority as Hawaii service members maintain mission readiness. All mission essential training requires adherence to Department of Defense and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines regarding safety and physical distancing, to include the wearing of masks and frequent sanitization to the extent possible.

Essential training is subject to change based on safety, weather and other environmental factors. Weather, such as overcast conditions can increase noise and vibrations. Should individuals hear noise, there is no immediate danger.

For the community's awareness, the training is as follows:

- Jan. 7-14 Army Lightning Academy training with blank ammunition and explosive simulators, Schofield Barracks East Range
- Jan. 11-14 Marine Corps aerial gunnery training, Schofield Barracks. Training will occur during daytime and nighttime hours.
- Jan. 14 Army Lightning Academy helicopter operations, Schofield Barracks East Range
- Jan. 19-21 Army Lightning Academy training with blank ammunition and explosive simulators, and helicopter operations, Schofield Barracks East Range
- Jan. 19-29 Army artillery training, Schofield Barracks. Mortar training will also take place on Schofield, Jan. 25-29. Training will occur during daytime and evening hours.
- Jan. 28-31 Army Lightning Academy training with blank ammunition and explosive simulators, Schofield Barracks East Range

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Unmanned Aircraft Systems, or UAS, training can occur 24 hours a day, seven days a week on Wheeler Army Airfield and in the restricted airspace over much of Schofield Barracks and a northwestern section of the Waianae mountain range.

The military appreciates the understanding and continued support of the local community. While sometimes loud, this training is critical to ensure military units and service members are ready to accomplish their mission and return home safely.

To report concerns related to noise or training, contact U.S. Army Hawaii's Noise Concern Line at (808) 656-3487 or <u>usarmy.hawaii.comrel@mail.mil</u>. Concerns are responded to during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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The Army produces this monthly schedule to alert neighbors of upcoming training activities that are louder in nature and may be heard outside the military installation. This schedule is subject to change and is not inclusive of all Army aviation/unmanned aircraft system (UAS) activities, or East Range training activities (between Wahiawa and Mililani Mauka). To receive Army training advisories directly, email <u>usarmy.hawaii.comrel@mail.mil</u> with "Subscribe Training" in the subject line.