

25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

Joint Pacific Multinational Readiness Center (JPMRC) Fact Sheet # 2



JPMRC Rotation 24-01 (November 1 – 10)

Headquartered at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, the Joint Pacific Multinational Readiness Center (JPMRC) is the U.S. Army Pacific's (USARPAC) first-ever Regional Combat Training Center (CTC) in the Indo-Pacific. JPMRC is the Army's newest CTC and the first one established by the U.S. Army in over 50 years. JPMRC is a critical capability for the Army and generates readiness for military units. JPMRC rotations train units and leaders in the region's complex, rugged, austere, and jungle and archipelago environments, replicating real-world conditions where our forces may be called to operate during crisis or conflict. JPMRC is a key way that the Army contributes to Integrated Deterrence and regional security in the Indo-Pacific, training thousands of combat credible forces in the region.

JPMRC Rotation 24-01, primarily occurring November 1-10, 2023, is conducted in Hawaii and replicates large-scale conflict against a peer adversary in jungle and archipelagic conditions. The 3rd Brigade Infantry Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division is the primary training audience for this rotation. JPMRC 24-01 also includes elements from the 5th Security Force Assistance Brigade, the 3rd Multi-Domain Task Force, 1st Special Forces Group, and all services of the U.S. Joint Force. Military elements from the United Kingdom, Thailand, Indonesia, and New Zealand will participate in JPMRC 24-01. New Zealand is participating in JPMRC in Hawaii for the first time. Several additional nations will observe the training throughout this rotation.

What is happening this time around?



JPMRC Rotation 24-01 primarily occurs November 1-10, 2023 across Hawaii. This training event will increase vehicle traffic, aircraft noise, and combat simulations. In addition to an increase in traffic, residents can expect an increase in helicopter, fixed-wing aircraft and unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) flights, specifically around the Wheeler Army Air Field (WAAF) and Dillingham Military Reservation. Training will include use of blank ammunition and explosive simulators during daytime and nighttime hours in the following training areas on: Hawaii—the Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA); Oahu—Bellows Air Force Station, Dillingham Army Airfield, Kahuku Training Area,

Kawailoa Mountain Ranges, Helemanu Plantation and Schofield Barracks East and South Ranges. Training will simulate mock battles between friendly and enemy forces--The U.S. military will make every effort to schedule vehicle convoys in a way that does not drastically increase traffic; however, delays may occur.

In an effort to enhance realism for the training units, the U.S. Army will close Dillingham Airfield, on Oahu, out of an abundance of caution and safety concerns. Dillingham Airfield will be closed to civilian aviation operations on October 26, 2023; and October 30 – November 3, 2023. Dillingham Airfield will be open for civilian operations from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on October 27 – 29, 2023. During the closure, routine administrative, custodial and/or maintenance work is permitted. During the Dillingham Airfield closure, nearby residents can expect to see U.S. military aircraft taking off and landing at Dillingham Airfield. Residents can expect to observe a large military presence at Dillingham Airfield during this time; however, this is part of the training exercise. We will take every appropriate measure to mitigate the inconvenience this may cause and will keep you informed as additional information becomes available.



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JPMRC is meant to replicate large-scale and challenging combat scenarios, which won't necessarily be confined to a single location. JPMRC 24-01 will also include a M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) live fire exercise (LFX) in Palau. This portion of the field exercise will include several large U.S. Air Force cargo planes enroute to Palau, carrying the HIMARS, which is a light, multiple rocket launch system that is able to engage precise ground and surface targets. The targets in this LFX are approximately 10 kilometers (KM) offshore. The rocket propellant will be expended prior to impact and the munition, a missile body containing no radiation or other harmful



materials, will sink to the ocean floor. The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) is partnering closely with Palau's National Security Coordinator, Palau National Aviation Administration, Bureau of Aviation, Bureau of Public Safety, Environmental Quality Protection Board, U.S. Embassy - Koror, and the government of Airai in Palau to ensure a safe and successful training event.

In addition to the training on Oahu and in Palau, a significant portion of the JPMRC 24-01 training rotation takes place on the Island of Hawaii at PTA. This portion of the JPMRC 24-01 training rotation will see friendly forces attack enemy elements and defend the recently secured area. Training on the PTA will also include blank ammunition, simulated explosions, and aircraft noise. These aspects are essential to replicating large-scale ground and multi-domain combat, stressing every warfighting capability and function.

What to Expect?



No JPMRC rotation is complete without our allies and partners and the U.S. Joint Force. This rotation includes participants from the United Kingdom, Thailand, Indonesia, and New Zealand. Each country is participating with the 25th Infantry Division, shoulder-to-shoulder, and all are actively involved in the training scenarios. Elements from each service in the U.S. military are participating as well, adding realism and depth to the training scenario. JPMRC is a modernized, 21st Century capability, incorporating simulations and data exchanges from key mission command information systems, spanning the entire Indo-Pacific. JPMRC creates unmatched realism from the

tactical through strategic levels for all participants. JPMRC is a premier training activity that generates readiness and supports integrated deterrence.

Additional information will be provided as we approach the exercise. The 25th Infantry Division public affairs enterprise strives to communicate upcoming windows of aircraft noise and other potential inconveniences. As this information becomes available, it will be disseminated to neighborhood boards, the media, and posted to social media platforms. To report concerns related to noise or training, community members can call the U.S.



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