

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Department of the Army announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 22, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received, without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Director of Admissions, U.S. Military Academy, Official Mail & Distribution Center, ATTN: (Sue Hennen), 646 Swift Road, West Point, NY 10996-1905, or call Department of the Army Reports clearance officer at (703) 428-6440.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Pre-Candidate Procedures, USMA-375, USMA-723, USMA-450, USMA-21-12, USMA-21-27, USMA-381; OMB Control Number 0702-0060.

Needs and Uses: West Point candidates provide personal background information which allows the West

Point Admissions Committee to make subjective judgments on non-academic experiences. Data are also used by West Point's Office of Institutional Research for correlation with success in graduation and military careers.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 9.930.

Number of Respondents: 66,200.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 9 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Summary of Information Collection**

Title 10, U.S.C. 4336 provides requirements for admission of candidates to the U.S. Military Academy. The U.S. Military Academy (USMA) strives to motivate outstanding potential candidates to apply for admission to USMA. Once candidates are found, USMA collects information necessary to nurture them through successful completion of the application process.

Dated: June 30, 2009.

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*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Record of Decision (ROD) for Military Training Activities at Makua Military Reservation (MMR), Hawaii**

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA).

SUMMARY: Senior Commander, US Army Hawaii, has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Military Training Activities at MMR and has made the decision to proceed with a variation of Alternative 2 to recommence live-fire training at MMR. Alternative 2 in the Final EIS analyzes up to 50 combined-arms live-fire exercises (CALFEX) and 200 convoy live-fire exercises (LFX). The variation of Alternative 2 allows up to 32 CALFEXs and 150 convoy LFXs, and allows squad- and platoon-level LFXs that lead up to the company-level CALFEX. This decision also reconfirms that the Army will not use MMR for live-fire training at night until all relevant fire suppression measures are met and approved in accordance with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2007 and 2008 Biological Opinions. The

Army has decided not to use the following weapon systems at MMR in order to further protect the environmental and cultural resources of the valley: Tracer ammunition; Javelin and inert, tube-launched, optically tracked, wire-guided (TOW) missiles; anti-tank (AT-4) and 2.75-inch rockets; the shoulder-launched multipurpose assault weapon (SMAW); and illumination munitions. This decision also eliminates the use of Ka'ena Point and C-Ridge for training, due to the risk of wildfire and the potential impacts to threatened and endangered species. This Alternative 2 variation represents a proper balance for meeting the training requirements of the units of the 25th Infantry Division (ID), U.S. Army Reserve, Hawaii Army National Guard, and other users of the range at MMR, while ensuring the Army meets its responsibilities to preserve the land and resources at MMR, and continues to be a good neighbor to the community along the Wai'anae coast.

ADDRESSES: Address requests for a copy of the ROD to the U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Attention: Public Affairs Office, 742 Santos Dumont, WAAF, Schofield Barracks, HI 96857, or download a copy from the following Web site: <http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/makuaeis>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii Public Affairs Office at (808) 656-3152; facsimile at (808) 656-3162 during normal business hours Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. HST.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Final EIS assessed four alternatives to accomplish combined-arms live-fire training on Hawaii: MMR Alternative 1 (Reduced Capacity Use with Some Weapons Restrictions), MMR Alternative 2 (Full Capacity Use with Some Weapons Restrictions), MMR Alternative 3 (Full Capacity Use with Fewer Weapons Restrictions), and Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) Alternative 4 (Full Capacity Use with Fewer Weapons Restrictions). A No Action Alternative, under which non live-fire military training would continue to be conducted at MMR, was also evaluated.

Implementation of the Alternative 2 variation may result in several major impacts to: Recreational resources, noise from training, soils, natural resources (including threatened and endangered species), cultural resources, surface water quality from erosion, wildfires, and to public safety from the transport of munitions through the Wai'anae community.

The Army has adopted all practicable mitigation measures to avoid or minimize environmental harm. Mitigation measures are summarized in the ROD and are described in greater detail in Chapter 4 of the Final EIS.

Recommencing live-fire military training activities at MMR was selected because it best meets the military's collective training requirements. The decision to proceed with a variation of Alternative 2 incorporates analyses in the Final EIS, involvement from the public, consideration of the cumulative impacts associated with all the alternatives evaluated, and the training requirements of the 25th ID.

The EIS considered construction of facilities at Pohakuloa Training Area on the island of Hawaii (Alternative 4). This alternative did not meet the purpose and need of the proposed action as well as the selected action. A fuller rationale for the decision can be found in the ROD.

Dated: July 16, 2009.

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(Environment, Safety and Occupational Health).*

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 22, 2009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information

Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: July 21, 2009.

Angela C. Arrington,

Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: New.

Title: Notice Inviting Proposals for Experimental Sites.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 50.

Burden Hours: 250.

Abstract: With this notice, the Secretary invites proposals to reinvent the administration of Federal student assistance programs through the use of the experimental sites authority (Section 487A(d) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended). The program is intended to encourage institutions to develop innovative strategies to improve Title IV program administration.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4091. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of

Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting and partially closed meetings.

SUMMARY: The notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify members of the general public of their opportunity to attend. This notice is appearing in the **Federal Register** less than 15 days before the date of the meeting of the Board because of late additions to the closed meeting schedule. Individuals who will need special accommodations in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.*; interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Munira Mwalimu at 202-357-6938 or at Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov no later than July 31, 2009. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

DATES: August 6-8, 2009.

Times

August 6: Committee Meetings

Assessment Development Committee: Closed Session—8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ad Hoc Committee on NAEP Testing and Reporting on Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners: Open Session—2 p.m. to 4 p.m.