

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE ON PA MEMO # 1 J-402 OUTDOOR PLAYING FIELDS, MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP BLAZ (MCBCB), FINEGAYAN, GUAM (RC2025-0478)

26, January 2026

Comment	DoN Response
<p>1. Although the Memo states that there "are no historic properties within the APE", the surrounding area contained evidence of habitation and burials, and the land still carries meaning and memories beyond what archaeological surveys can reveal. With that in mind, I remain concerned about the potential for discoveries of cultural or historic properties once construction begins.</p>	<p>1. There is no potential for new archeological discoveries within the proposed J-402 project area. The proposed project lies entirely within the J-001B Utilities and Site Improvements (U&SI) project area, under which was already mechanically graded and cleared to limestone bedrock. Although no known sites were present, all ground disturbing activities within the proposed J-402 project area were carefully monitored by professional archeologists for any inadvertent discoveries. No new sites or human remains were identified in this area. No intact soil deposits remain and thus there is no potential for new discoveries</p>
<p>2. The 2018 Resolution Agreement outlines requirements for notifying the Guam State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and addressing post-review discoveries. If cultural artifacts or ancestral remains are uncovered, construction must stop immediately, and Guam's cultural experts and community stakeholders should be fully consulted before any work resumes.</p>	<p>2. It is Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz cultural resources management protocol that all contractors and military personnel involved in field activities, regardless of potential for new discoveries, are required to complete Cultural Resource Awareness Training, for which the described protocol is standard procedure for discovery of potential inadvertent discoveries. All inadvertent discoveries are consulted upon with the Guam SHPO in advance of further disturbance. Consultation commences upon discovery and is carried out throughout the investigation process and prior to returning the area back to the construction contractors.</p>
<p>3. While I understand the desire to provide service members access to outdoor playing fields for "training and quality of life requirements", our entire community shares these</p>	<p>3. Thank you for your comment. This matter is beyond the purview of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement. Any future requests for public use of recreational areas may be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Commanding Officer.</p>

<p>requirements. Clearing and grading 1.75 hectares or 4.5 acres of sacred land to build soccer fields, softball fields and a running track that are not available to the general public continues to impact the area listed. Would it not also be beneficial to invest in improving the playing fields used by the public, creating shared spaces that promote bonds between military and civilian personnel, rather than clearing and grading for excessive recreational facilities behind fences? I urge that if these sacred lands are just being used for recreational fields, the military instead consider utilizing existing facilities and returning this land to Guam as "excess" to military requirements.</p>	
<p>4. Conversely, if Project J-402 proceeds, I strongly urge that public access be granted to civilians for these recreational areas, including the beaches.</p>	<p>4. Thank you for your comment. This matter is beyond the purview of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement. Any future requests for public use of recreational areas may be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Commanding Officer.</p>

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PROJECT: J-402 Outdoor Playing Fields – Construction

SUBJECT: PA Memo#1

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COMMENTS: I submit these comments as a sitting member of the 38th Guam Legislature and as a citizen of Guam to express my formal concern of Project J-402 Outdoor Playing Fields, as described in Military Relocation to Guam and CNMI Programmatic Agreement Memo #1. The lands identified for this project while already located within Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz, remain part of the larger story of disturbance of CHamoru culture and environment in a pre-Spanish CHamoru village.

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