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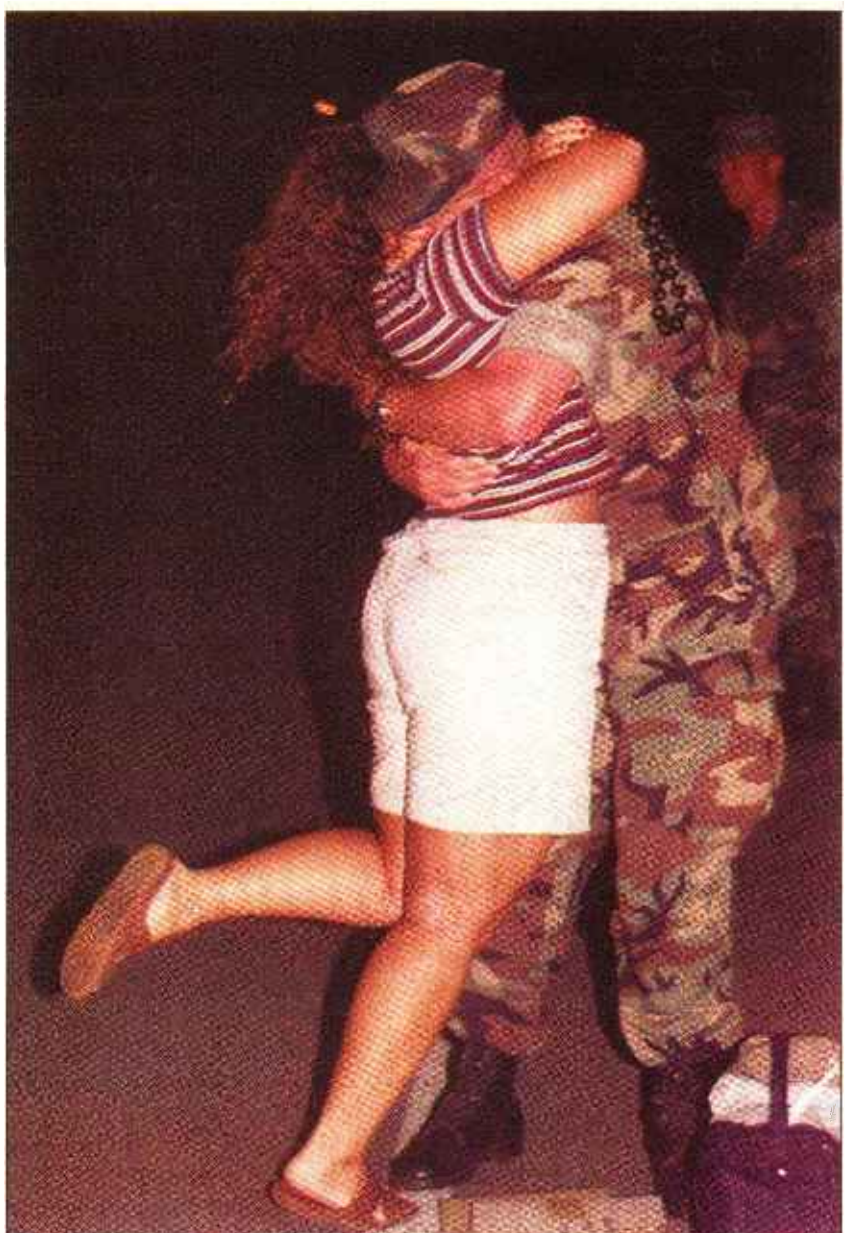
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Welcome Home Alpha 1/12



Stacie Hubbard gives her husband, 2nd Lt. Chad Hubbard, a big welcome home hug after being apart for seven months. Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, and 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment returned to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, this week after their Unit Deployment to Okinawa, Japan.

Cpl. Charles E. Moore

Bravo 1/12 deploys to Okinawa, Japan

Cpl. Charles E. Moore
Combat Correspondent

Bravo Battery, 1st Marines, 12th Marine Regiment, deployed to Okinawa this week to replace A Battery, 1/12 as part of the Unit Deployment Program.

The seven-month deployment helps keep a forward-deployed artillery battery in Okinawa at all times.

"We're going to be the tip of the spear there for the Pacific Theater," said Staff

Sgt. Roger Newcomb, battery ammunition chief.

The battery has been preparing to deploy for nearly a year, doing field training and participating in exercises.

"We've been doing back-to-back exercises since October," said Capt. George Robinson, battery commanding officer. "We've spent a whole lot of time away from home."

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3/3 Marines depart for seven-month unit deployment

Cpl. Charles E. Moore
Combat Correspondent

Marines and Sailors from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment recently traded the subtropical beaches of Hawaii for the far Eastern shores of Okinawa, Japan.

The main body of the battalion departed recently from MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay for a seven-month deployment.

The battalion is going in full-force as part of the Unit Deployment Program and will be part of the 4th Marine Regiment in Okinawa, Japan for seven months.

Marines will be kept busy during the deployment with a variety of training exercises, including Cooperation Afloat and Readiness Training Exercise 2000 and field training in Korea and Japan.

"We've got a very exciting schedule in Okinawa," said Lt. Col. Mark H. Bean, battalion commander.

The schedule offers relief for Marines like Lance Cpl. Salvador Jimenez, a personal effects clerk, who wants to deploy but doesn't want to stay in the rear with the gear.

"I want to do some kind of field operation," he said about the chance to train in other countries. "I'm pretty excited."

Many Marines will increase more than just their field knowledge while they're gone.

Lance Cpl. Nick Sucik, an assistant gunner for the tube-launched, optically-

tracked, wire-guided, weapons system, is optimistic about his first deployment and time on ship.

"I'm looking forward to experiencing oriental culture," he said.

The battalion has utilized many training exercises over the past year to prepare for this. They started with a six-week long exercise in Australia for exercise Crocodile '99. Since that time,

they've trained in Kahuku Training Area, Pohakuloa Training Area and Schofield Barracks. They also underwent a Marine Corps Combat Readiness Exercise to prove they were combat ready.

"No one's going to call me up and say, 'Lt. Col. Bean, is 3/3 ready?'" Bean said. "Of course we're ready. 'This is the culmination of everything we've done over the past year.'"

The hardest part of the deployment may just be the hardest thing to prepare for, he added, and that's the initial separation. "There are a lot of us leaving our families."

Unit bonding will help Marines get over the separation, he said. While unit functions may not erase the pain of separation, they will help ease it.

"You've done everything you can do

and now it's time to go," Bean said. "All this will pass and, before you know it, it'll be December."

"It's hard, I don't know if there are any words to explain how I feel (about being apart from her husband for seven months)," said Carey Tomlinson, a 3/3 Marine's spouse. "I know they go out there and do the best they can. That's always something to be proud of."

1/3 returns

Cpl. Charles E. Moore
Combat Correspondent

First Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment came home to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, last week after a seven-month deployment to Okinawa, Japan.

While based in Okinawa as part of 4th Marine Regiment, 1/3 trained in other areas of Japan, Korea and the Philippines during the deployment.

A highlight of their Unit Deployment Program trip was participation in Exercise Balikatan '00. The exercise marked the first time an American force participated in a large scale exercise with the Philippines since 1995, said Maj. Christian Cabaniss, operations officer for 1/3.

During Balikatan, which roughly translates to "shoulder the load together", the Marines and Sailors from 1/3 worked extensively with their Filipino counterparts while gaining knowledge from each other.

The battalion also took several steps to help improve

Filipino and U.S. relations by participating in many community events, Cabaniss said. Medical personnel came together to form a mobile medical and dental clinic to provide free health-care to Filipinos who couldn't afford it otherwise, he added.

While operating in the Republic of Korea, 1/3 worked alongside their Korean counterparts for the Korean Incremental Training Program. During this time, 1/3 worked with the U.S. Army as well, hitching a ride on helicopters from the 17th Aviation Brigade to an Army camp along the demilitarized zone.

During KITP, the battalion completed mountain warfare training, and improved the interoperability of the Korean and American Marines.

The battalion participated in various other smaller exercises during their deployment, including a battalion field exercise at the Jungle Warfare Training Center in Okinawa.

"Everyone kept a real positive attitude (throughout the deployment)," said Sgt. Maj. Rick Hawkins, battalion sergeant major. "I'm real proud of the battalion."

Marines announce return to flight plan for Ospreys

MV-22 accident investigators will now focus on loss of lift

Marine Corps Division of Public Affairs
Press Release

HEADQUARTERS, U.S. MARINE CORPS, WASHINGTON, D.C. - Marine Corps officials said Monday that a phenomenon known as "power settling" is now the focus of their investigation into the crash of an MV-22 Osprey aircraft that killed 19 Marines April 8 in Marana, Ariz.

As part of a regularly scheduled Defense Department news briefing, Marine Deputy Commandant for Aviation Lt. Gen. Fred McCorkle outlined what officials have learned since the accident. The general also announced a phased plan to resume flights of the MV-22 Osprey.

Following the accident, Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James L. Jones ordered an operational pause of all V-22 flight operations to allow investigators to analyze information provided by an onboard data recorder and to provide insight as to the cause of the accident.

Analysis of the data retrieved from the data recorder, called a Crash Survivable Memory Unit (CSMU), along with extensive engineering investigations have confirmed that all aircraft systems and software were operating properly at the time of the accident.

The data shows that in the last seconds of its flight, the mishap aircraft was in a high rate of descent at a relatively low forward airspeed.

These characteristics can lead to a condition known as power settling (or vortex ring state) which can result in a loss

of lift on the rotor system. Power settling is a phenomenon common to helicopter flight.

Officials continue to look at other possible causes such as settling with power and the effects of operating two aircraft in close proximity to each other in flight.

A thorough review by the Naval Air Systems Command, the Naval Safety Center and the Deputy Commandant for Aviation has found no structural or design flaws that preclude safe flight operations and the Marine Corps maintains complete faith in the safety of the V-22 aircraft.

As a result, Gen. Jones has lifted the temporary operational pause for instrumented models of the Osprey, known as Engineering, Manufacturing and Development aircraft, in the first of three phases in the resumption of flight of the MV-22.

Developmental test pilots will continue to simulate and analyze possible causes of the accident.

Following continued analysis of flight operations and insights gained from further findings of the investigation, the Marine Corps will conduct a phased approach in its return of production MV-22s to flight status, initially with essential aircrew only, and eventually with passengers.

The MV-22 has safely flown more than 40 troop-lift missions and has carried more than 700 troops during operational evaluation flights.

To personally demonstrate his confidence in the MV-22, Gen. Jones plans to be aboard the first aircraft carrying passengers.

Marine Corps officials stressed the importance of informing the public about both the decision to resume flights and their commitment to the MV-22 Osprey aircraft.

They maintain the Osprey is clearly a much better, safer, and more capable aircraft than the Vietnam-era CH-46 and CH-53D helicopters that it will replace.



Lance Cpl. Knapp, aims high to cover the windows and roof of the building. This way he can take out an enemy target that dares to stick his head out in Knapp's sights. Dragons Platoon, Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, conducted MOUT training recently. Get the story on A-6.

Cpl. Roman Yurek

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SERGEANT MAJOR'S CORNER

Sergeants major looking for ideas to improve Corps

Sgt. Maj. Robert W. Holub
Marine Forces Pacific Sergeant Major

CAMP H.M. SMITH — Well, Marines, it's that time of year again when I solicit your ideas and recommendations to submit to the 2000 Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Symposium. As you know, once a year in August about 50 of the major command sergeants major travel to Washington D.C. to meet with the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps and discuss those topics that affect the warfighting and well-being of our Corps.

This year Sgt. Maj. Alford McMichaels instituted a website to send your agenda items directly to after we discuss them as a Force before the symposium meets so that the Branch Heads at Headquarters Marine Corps can start working on them even before we arrive for the conference. This should speed up the process of getting an answer on the topic submitted.

How do you get your ideas into the Symposium?

It is really quite simple. All you have to do is either e-mail, type or write longhand your idea, recommendation or agenda item to your sergeant major via your company first sergeant in the following format: Topic, Discussion, and Recommendation.

That's it.

What will then happen is that your unit sergeant major will compile



Holub

all his agenda items and submit them up the chain till they reach one of the sergeants major in the Force who will be attending the Symposium. For Marine Forces Pacific, that will be the following sergeants major:

Sgt. Maj. Robert Holub, MARFORPAC; Sgt. Maj. Harry Brown III, MEF; Sgt. Maj. Carlos Ramirez, I MEF; Sgt. Maj. George Amos III, 3rd MarDiv; Sgt. Maj. Royce Coffee, 1st MarDiv; Sgt. Maj. Michael McClure, 1st MAW; Sgt. Maj. Manuel Sanchez, 1st FSSG; Sgt. Maj. William Hartley, 3rd FSSG; Sgt. Maj. Donald Franklin, 3rd MAW; Sgt. Maj. Stephen Mellinger, MCB Hawaii; Sgt. Maj. Ira Lott, COMCAB-WEST; Sgt. Maj. Felipe Pinon, MCB Camp Butler; Sgt. Maj. Markewicz, MCB Camp Pendleton; Sgt. Maj. William Bulkley, MCAGCC.

As you can see, this list allows you ample opportunity to submit your ideas no matter where you are stationed in the Force. Once your idea reaches one of the above sergeants major, he will compile them and, at a date to be determined, we will meet via video teleconference and discuss them. What I do as the Force sergeant major is list the top ten issues that affect the entire Force and submit those as my Marine Forces Pacific agenda items. The rest go in as agenda items from those subordinate commands of MARFORPAC. The bottom line is that all your ideas reach the symposium. The only way it does not is if two or more Marines submit the same topic. When that happens, we will vote for the submission we think most clearly articulates the topic and sub-

mit the best idea or suggestion.

Anyone can submit an agenda item. If any of our officers want to submit one, hey, no problem, we sergeants major are everyone's representatives. Fire away. If any of our Sailors in the Force has an idea, please submit it.

"Marines, I have been honored to attend the last four symposiums and I can tell you I have seen your great ideas and suggestions become a reality in our Corps."

*Sgt. Maj. Robert W. Holub
Marine Forces Pacific Sergeant Major*

The bottom line is no one Marine, Sailor, enlisted or officer in MARFORPAC has the market cornered on good ideas. We are looking for things to make our Corps better and those ideas can come from anywhere.

If you want to work on an agenda item as a class going through the Corporals, Sergeants, Career or Advanced Course, please send it in. If your fire team, shop, office or whatever has an idea, please send it in.

We need your great ideas to make our Corps even better in the future.

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Let's make the first Sergeant Major of the Marines Corps Symposium of the new millennium one that will set the stage for progress in the new century. All it takes is for you to put pen to paper and submit your great ideas.

Don't let an idea die around the bar just because you were too lazy to write it down and submit it. Let's get busy. I look forward to seeing your ideas.

Semper Fi.

Highly motivated officers needed for joint service education program

Naval War College
Public Affairs Office

NEWPORT, R.I. - A search is underway to find a number of highly motivated officers to represent the United States Marine Corps in a joint service education program being sponsored by the U.S. Naval War College. In this program, professional faculty will conduct evening seminars once weekly over the course of an academic year which runs from late-August to late-April. Three different courses are offered each year: National Security Decision Making, Strategy and Policy, and Joint Maritime Operations. Each of these courses has been accredited for up to seven hours of graduate credit toward a master's degree. There are no tuition fees, and all books and study materials are provided at no cost.

Seminar groups consist of 15-18 students each, and a mix of students from all services is highly desirable to ensure that each topic is analyzed from a joint service perspective. Completion of the entire three-course sequence earns students an Intermediate Service College diploma and Phase I Joint Professional Military Education certification.

Classes are conducted on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings (5:30-8:30 p.m.) at the Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific (Bldg. 1262) at Subase Pearl Harbor.

A total of six officers in the grades of O-3 through O-6 are being sought for classes which will commence in August 2000. Applications are invited from Active and Reserve officers.

To obtain additional information, visit the NWC website at www.nwc.navy.mil or contact the College of Continuing Education at

(401) 841-6518 or 6519. You may also contact the Navy College Office at Subase Pearl Harbor at (808) 473-1278 or the NWC Liaison Officer, BMC Thomas Haegle at (808) 471-2921.

At the conclusion of each academic year, letters of recognition from the President, NWC, will be forwarded via the chain of command to acknowledge the participation of the officers selected to undertake this unique joint education program. While it is desirable, students do not have to commit to the completion of all three courses.

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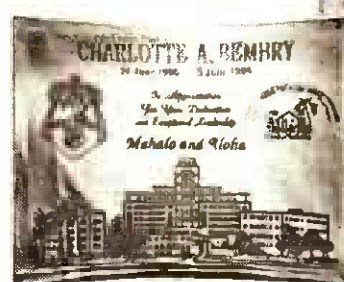
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President proclaims May Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

Presidential Proclamation

Over the last two centuries, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have contributed immeasurably to the richness of our dynamic, multicultural society. Whether recent immigrants or descendants of families who have been here for generations, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders embody many of our Nation's core values, including devotion to family, commitment to hard work, and pride in their heritage.

The people of this diverse and rapidly growing community have contributed to every aspect of our national life — from engineering and computer science to government, the arts, and sports. For example, Vinod Dahm helped to revolutionize computer technology through the invention of the pentium chip. Governors Benjamin Cayetano of Hawaii and Gary Locke of Washington have devoted their lives to public service. The talents of novelist

Amy Tan have delighted readers across our Nation, while architect and sculptor Maya Lin's stirring memorials to the Vietnam War and the Civil Rights Movement have uplifted and inspired all who have experienced them. And diver Greg Louganis and football star Junior Seau have thrilled sports fans everywhere with their skill and athleticism.

While many Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders today are thriving, others are still struggling to overcome obstacles. Because of oppression in their countries of origin, some new immigrants have arrived without having completed their education; once here, some have encountered language and cultural barriers and discrimination.

Pacific Islanders, too, must overcome barriers to opportunity caused by their geographic isolation and the consequences of Western influences on their unique culture. For these and other reasons, too many Asian

Americans and Pacific Islanders face low-paying jobs, inadequate health care, and lack of educational opportunity.

To assist this community in meeting these challenges, last June I signed an Executive order establishing the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The Initiative's goal is to improve the quality of life for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders by increasing their participation in Federal programs — including health, human services, education, housing, labor, transportation, economic, and community development programs — which may not have served them in the past.

My Administration remains dedicated to building an America that celebrates and draws strength from its diversity. Let us use this month to reflect on the many gifts Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have brought to our nation and embrace the contributions that Americans of all backgrounds

make to our increasingly multicultural society.

To honor the accomplishments of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and to recognize their many contributions to our Nation, the Congress, by Public Law 102-450, has designated the month of May as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month."

Now, therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 2000 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this occasion with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-fourth.

William J. Clinton

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The battery started off with Exercise Crocodile '99 in Australia. They also trained at Schofield Barracks and Pohakuloa Training Area before ending with a short visit to Twentynine Palms, Calif., for a combined arms exercise.

"The more we can be in the field the better we're going to be," Robinson said. While deployed to Okinawa, the battery is going to have plenty of opportunities to train in the field. Two weeks into the deployment, they are going to Yausubetsu, Japan, to practice firing for a month. The battery will also be training at Camp Fuji, located on the bottom of Japan's tallest mountain, Mt. Fuji.

Firing in new environments will force the Marines to adapt their knowledge of artillery to the challenges of new terrain, Robinson said.

"We do the majority of our training at P.T.A.," he said. "It likens to a desert."

Adding jungles, mountains and cold can only make them better. "They have to be able to make split second decisions based on terrain alone," said First Sgt. Aaron Banks, battery first sergeant.

This will be good training for many of the Marines, he said, considering that many of them are junior Marines who haven't had a chance to go on a long deployment yet. "This time we have a greener crew (than past deployments)," Banks said.

With all the training the battery is doing, Banks said they should be far from green by the time they return in December.

Dear Brigadier General Parker:

I would like to express my appreciation to the Marines of Marine Corps Base Hawaii for participation in the Kokua@Kailua 2000 Beach Clean-Up coordinated by my office. Your Marine's dedication and willingness to clean up was greatly appreciated.

I would also like to commend Marine Corps Base Hawaii for the myriad other community events that it supports annually. Marine Corps Base Hawaii is an invaluable partner in our efforts to keep the Windward community and Kailua Beach a special place for families.

Thank you for civic-mindedness. Thank you for your service to the country.

Mahalo nui loa,
David A. Pendleton
Representative, Kailua-Kaneohe

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Marketing Yourself

The deputy director of the Officer Placement Service for the Retired Officers Association, Jerry Crews, will be at the base theater, MCBH on Friday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. to talk to officers, senior NCO's, and civilians, about second careers." In this 2 1/2 hour presentation, he will introduce many career enhancing ideas and realities. For more information and to register, phone 257-7790.

The Power of the Vote

Voting, just like good manners, is a practice that is seldom exercised. If you're not located in your state, you can vote absentee. You may acquire an absentee ballot request form by logging on to www.fvap.ncr.gov or visiting the Legal Services Center, Kaneohe Bay. This is not only for military members, but also for family members. Election day is November 7.

Memorial Day Safety

There will be a Memorial Day Safety awareness stand down May 25 from 7:30 - 9 a.m. The event will take place at landing zone 215, across from building 216. The event will include presentations from various safety organizations to include the base safety center, Honolulu Police Dept., and the Honolulu City and County Lifeguard Dept.

Windward Federal Credit Union

The Windward Community Federal Credit Union's 46th annual business meeting is scheduled for May 19. The meeting will last from 4 to 7 p.m. It is opened to all members at no charge. There will be free food, entertainment and door prizes. Radio personality and comedian Rodney Villanueva will be the emcee and will perform at the end of the meeting.

Mokapu Elementary Carnival

Mokapu Elementary will have their end-of-year carnival Friday, May 26 from 4-8 p.m. There will be game booths, bouncy houses, a giant slide, shaved ice, cotton candy and more booth items. For information, contact Friends of Mokapu at 254-7964.

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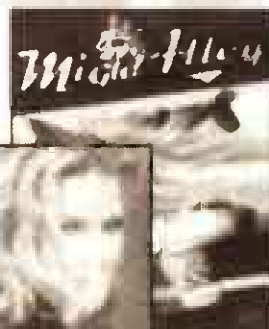
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HMX-1 looks to K-Bay for new talent

Sgt. Richard W. Moltgraver
Combat Correspondent

Representatives of Marine Helicopter Squadron 1 visited Marine Corps Base Hawaii from May 4 through Monday to inform Marines and Sailors of their mission and to recruit them to fill their ranks.

This visit to K-Bay was part of an annual tour of air facilities throughout the Marine Corps to search for personnel who would be interested in joining the HMX-1 team.

"We're here to give aviation Marines, supply Marines and Navy personnel information about what HMX-1 does throughout the world," explained Master Gunnery Sgt. Joe B. Townley. "We support (with aviation transportation) the President, Vice-President, heads of state, foreign dignitaries and the Commandant of the Marine Corps."

The high-profile unit has more than 700 personnel and certain Military Occupational Specialties that need to be filled regularly.

One particular billet that has a high turnover rate is Aviation Crew Chief, according to Townley. There is no one MOS that HMX-1 is out to recruit. There is an immediate need for 6112 CH46

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The HMX-1 representatives briefed and screened nearly 100 applicants during their five-day visit.

Once those Marines and Sailors made it through the screening process, they had the opportunity to talk to a monitor, who accompanies the HMX-1 recruitment team during their annual tours.

"HMX is a unique opportunity to see the world, work along side the best people and do a lot of different things that you don't normally do out in the fleet," said Townley.

"I think HMX would be interesting to become a part of," said Pfc. Lawrence D. Blackwell, a fiscal clerk for Combat Service Support Group 3. "This is an opportunity to do something prestigious and hopefully help my career in the future."

Marines and Sailors who think they have the "right stuff" to compete and perform their duty to their country, in a unit that demands the best, can talk to their career planners for information on how to apply for service in HMX-1.



Marine One takes off from the front lawn of the White House. Marine One, a VH3D, is one of four types of aircraft that HMX-1 uses to complete its mission.

VP-47, MCB Hawaii instruct students on difficult life situations



Representatives of Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii, explain the roll of the K-9 Unit to students at Pahou High School in Hilo, Hawaii as part of a Drug Awareness Program visit on 28 April.

VP-47
Press Release

On April 28, Sailors from VP-47 and Marines from Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii, were transported to the Island of Hawaii to participate in a Drug Awareness Program at Pahou High School in Hilo. The Sailors and Marines were transported by a CH-53 helicopter flown by Col. Michael Olson, deputy commanding general of Marine Corps Base, Hawaii and Lt. Col. James Murtha, commanding officer of Heavy Marine Helicopter Squadron 363.

The aircraft circled, then landed in the center of the football field as the students watched in amazement. Upon landing, the Sailors and Marines disembarked to greet the students and form into information stations. The stations included drug awareness and

substance abuse, physical fitness, teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, a K-9 unit and a question and answer station.

As student groups went to each station, the participants introduced themselves, giving a brief description of their job in the military, before engaging in their topic. The K-9 unit seemed to be the big hit, while the topic of teen sex, STD's and pregnancy was a somber subject. Lunch was hosted by the school and held in the cafeteria to continue the interaction. The day continued with the Junior Class and ended with the Senior Class.

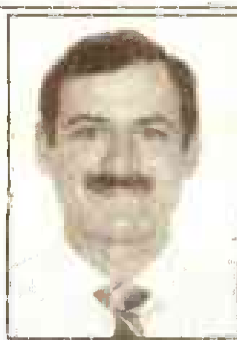
The consensus of the day seemed to be that even if a couple of students took to heart any of the information presented, the time was well spent. These Navy and Marine Corps instructors put forth a selfless effort and are true credit to the Navy and Marine Corps team.

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Fox 2/3 fills its time underwater

Sgt. Richard Moltgraver
Combat Correspondent

Finding recreational activities for junior Marines to do when unit operational tempo is low is always a challenge for leadership.

Last week Fox Co., 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, offered its Marines with time on their hands the opportunity to take discounted scuba classes at Ocean Concepts here on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

"We had to task a lot of Marines to go on working parties when we're not in the field," said Sgt. Johnny Herridge, platoon Sgt. Fox Co. As a result, the unit gave Marines an alternative to working parties — scuba classes. Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus diving classes proved to be the key to solving this problem.

"Our commanding officer arranged for our Marines to get their scuba certification instead of going on working parties, or having to clean weapons," said Herridge.

"We wanted to provide our Marines with an opportunity to participate in a recreational activity that would be adventurous and fun," said Capt. Carol Joubert, commanding officer of Fox Co.

Later this month, Fox Co. will deploy to Australia for Gold Eagle 2000, and in cooperation with Ocean Concepts, they arranged discount prices for open-water certification classes. This will give the Marines an opportunity to dive in the waters around Australia,

including the Great Barrier Reef.

"We're going to Australia soon and some of the best scuba diving in the world is at the Great Barrier Reef there," explained Joubert. "We already have arranged liberty tours there for our Marines who are scuba qualified."

In December, Fox Co. will deploy to Okinawa for seven months and the scuba certification is a preemptive strike against boredom overseas, according to Joubert.

"I think its an excellent idea on the part of

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Scuba diving also gives Marines a different type of physical training, according to Yee. Maneuvering underwater requires divers to primarily use their legs. This provides divers an intense, cardiopulmonary exercise. Also, divers must battle shoreline currents and tides that can provide resistance for someone who wants to head in a certain direction.

Joubert sees other long-term benefits scuba diving will have for his Marines: education and job opportunities. Marines who upgrade their certification by taking further scuba classes learn advanced skills in rescue and first aid. A motivated diver can learn to become a scuba instructor and get paid to teach people how to scuba.

In addition to offering group discount rates for units that take scuba classes together at Ocean Concepts, the shop also offers free classes to Marines and Sailors who are recognized by their unit for Marine or Sailor of the Quarter. The recipient needs to take his certificate to Ocean Concepts and they will register him for the next class.

"All we ask from anybody taking classes is that they have their own snorkel, mask, fins and

boots," informed Yee.

"Younger Marines should go out and do something instead of staying in their rooms, playing video games, cleaning weapons or field daying," said Herridge. "They should go out and learn how to scuba." So far, more than 20 Marines have seized the opportunity.



Sgt. Johnny Herridge a Fox Co. platoon sergeant clears his mask after filling it with water while his scuba instructor, Mike Gorman, makes sure that it is done properly.

the commanders and first sergeants," said Bob Yee, manager of the Kaneohe branch of Ocean Concepts. "It gives (Marines) another activity to do during their off-duty hours, not only in Hawaii, but in other countries as well."

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2/3 charges through military operations in urban terrain

Story and photos by
Cpl. Roman Yurek
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This is what transpired when Dragons Platoon, Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, assaulted the Military Operations in Urban Terrain site at Schofield Barracks May 4 through Monday.

Even though the ability to shoot at an enemy with live rounds was not available, the Marines were still able to conduct their training through scenarios and the use of blank rounds.

"Everything went well," said Cpl. Alejandro Santiago, a team leader with the platoon. "We only do MOUT training once or twice a year."

Training in a MOUT environment with large four-story buildings and open car-repair garages is the type of battlefield that these Marines could face.

Keeping the training fresh in a Marine's mind and allowing that Marine to practice will allow him to stay combat ready, explained Santiago.

While training, the Marines had six buildings to use. The scenarios they came up with were as real as they could make them.

"Let's all go up to the roof like we were dropped in by helicopter," said one of the corporals.

After clearing a building with no enemies, three of the noncommissioned officers took off their gear and entered a building as aggressors. The mission for the rest of the platoon was to clear the building.

"I got you!" yelled Lance Cpl. Andrew Kelley, a machinegun team leader for the platoon, as he was firing his SAW through an open window at an aggressor who decided to peek his head out of the window.

Firing at an enemy who can be seen during the day is easy compared to the second part of the Marines MOUT training.

The second part of training consisted of the same operations, but in the hours of darkness.

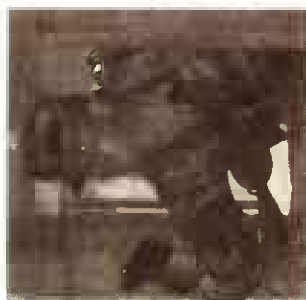
All the Marines had to put on night vision goggles and walk down the hallways and stairs the same way as before.

After familiarizing themselves with the procedures needed to clear a building of enemy targets both during the day and at night, the Marines had a better understanding of teamwork, explained Santiago.

Completing the exercise, the Marines of Dragons Plt, Weapons Co., are now better prepared for combat in urban terrain.



Above — During MOUT training, Dragons Plt., Weapons Co., 2/3, simulated that they were dropped on the top of a building by helicopter and told to secure the building.



Right — Marines from Dragons Plt. point their weapons at various locations along a building, in case an enemy target decides to pop his head out of a window.

Left — Lance Cpl. Andrew Kelley, a machine gun team leader, sticks his head down a hatch to ensure the bottom of the ladder is clear.



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Sgt. M.C. Miller

13th MEU Combat Correspondent

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — An ominous squad of Marines double-timed in formation to the front of the food distribution site, and the rioting crowd suddenly stepped back. A wall of shields stood between the crowd and the Marines. The intimidating Marine Force, clad in shields, facemasks and leg-pads is the Corps' answer to resolving low-intensity conflict.

"React Up!" shouted SSgt. David McColgan, the 13th MEU's non-lethal platoon commander.

The 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit's non-lethal force, A Battery 1/11, Battalion Landing Team 3/1, was employed for the Humanitarian Assistance Operation April 17-19 during the MEU's Composite Training Unit Exercise 00-2.

If the rioters had continued to test the Marines, McColgan could have announced through his bullhorn, "Shotguns tap down!" and four shields would lower with shotguns peering over the top. The shotguns can fire non-lethal ammunition, such as bean bags, rubber pellets and rubber slugs, which are intended to stop or injure someone instead of kill. The platoon also has four

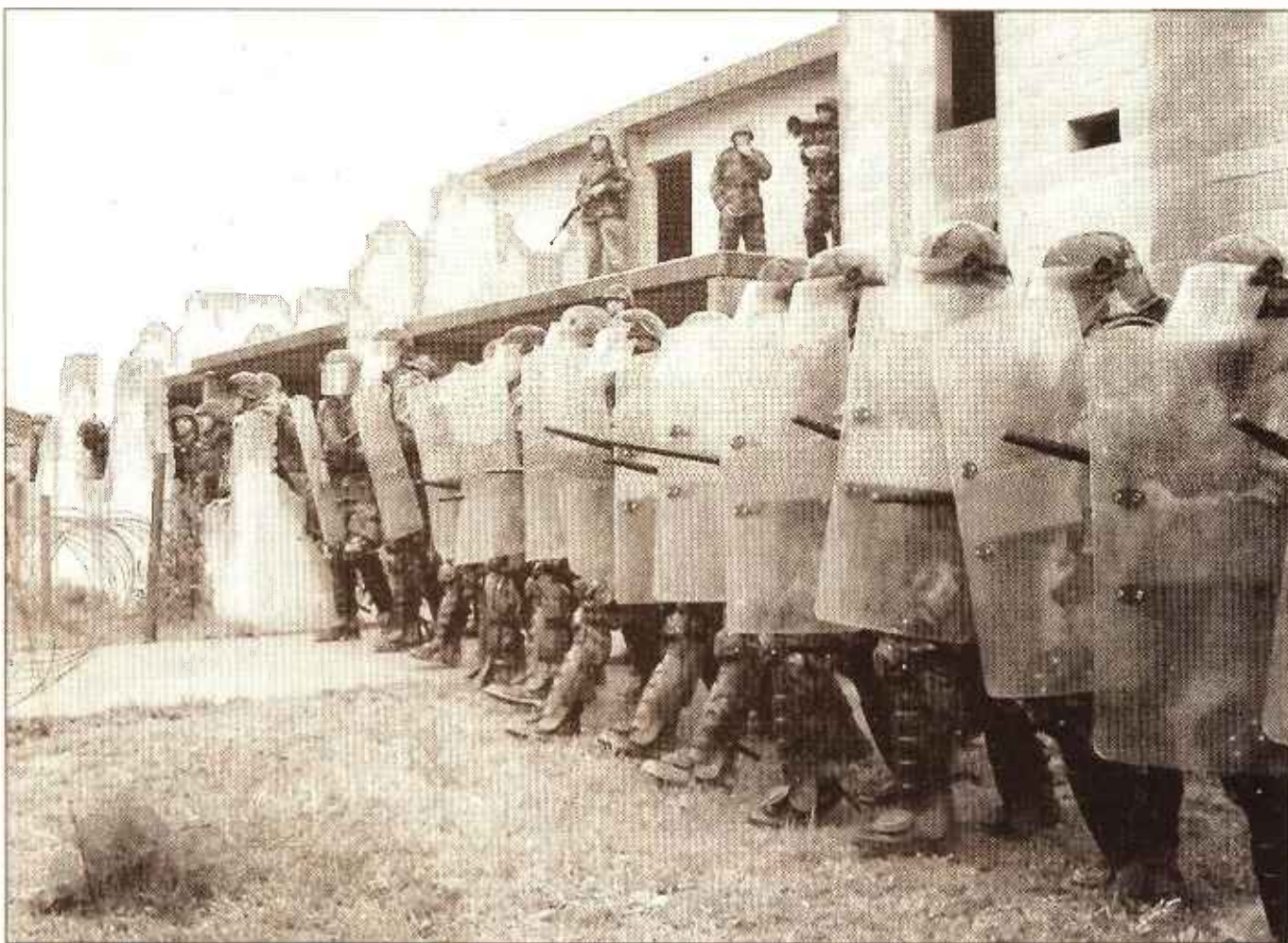
M-203 grenade launchers with non-lethal ammunition at their disposal.

"Even though, as Marines, we are trained to kill," explained Sgt. James Campbell, squad leader, "sometimes it is better just to keep people from injuring you, especially when you are trying to keep the peace."

"When we go into a friendly area, these tactics allow us to push the rioters back without seriously injuring or killing them."

If it becomes necessary to use lethal force, however, the platoon is prepared. "Just because we are called a 'non-lethal' unit, doesn't mean we are not allowed to use lethal force," said Capt. Louis Palazzo, A Battery 1/11 commander. The rules of engagement in each situation help determine when lethal force is authorized. Whether it is lethal or non-lethal, most of the tactics and procedures are new to the Marines of A Battery, explained Campbell. "In artillery, we aren't used to seeing front-line combat; we are usually farther away. Now we are thrust into the thick of it."

"Although we will probably only be employed in this way during a HAO, any situation can easily turn into combat," said McColgan. "That is one of the reasons we are here, to try to stop a peaceful situation from turning into a hostile one."



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The 13th MEU's non-lethal force hits the side of shields and walks forward to the beat to intimidate the aggressors.

Tougher is better:

Revised enlisted courses eliminate overlap, focus on career advancement

Sgt. Jim Goodwin

MCB Quantico Public Affairs

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. — Marine Corps University has "upped the ante" on the Corps' Enlisted Professional Military Education programs.

Stemming from a two-year review of the needs of the staff non-commissioned officer ranks, a new curriculum known as "Enlisted PME 2000" has been designed to focus more on practical application vice written examinations and to avoid topic overlap between resident and nonresident courses.

The last time the resident professional military education courses were reviewed was following the Gulf War, said Master Sgt. Steven Gregory, non-commissioned officer-in-charge of the Enlisted Education Branch at MCU. The new curriculum, which has been taught for several months now, is the

result of an extensive study involving about 1,200 Marine staff NCOs. All six of the Corps' staff NCO academies, including Quantico's, will validate the new curriculum for two more courses to ensure all course materials are "streamlined."

"We've corrected all 135 lessons or so," explained Gregory. "We want to ensure that a Marine going through a course in Camp Lejeune, N.C., is getting the exact same instruction as a Marine going through the same course in Okinawa, Japan."

The new curriculum is also intended to familiarize Marines with new technologies, and to "enhance the professional development ... in the areas of warfighting and leadership through instruction and evaluation."

Now, Marine NCOs are required to apply what they've learned from both their nonresident and res-

ident courses, not just regurgitate information on written exams.

"We were in this habit where Marines were just studying ELOs (enabling learning objectives)," said Gregory. "Now they're required to do more performance evaluation. It's a harder curriculum."

In addition to the new, streamlined, tougher curriculum, a valuable reward may be earned as the program develops: a degree.

According to Gregory, a future goal of the Enlisted Education Branch and MCU is to gain accreditation for the new Enlisted PME 2000 courses, just as the university's Master's program of Military Studies for officers was accredited last December.

"From the Sergeant's Course all the way through the completion of the Advanced Course, the Marines will be nearer a degree completion," said Gregory. "They might just be an English or math class shy of their degree in military studies."

Long-gone are the days of completing a nonresident program through Marine Corps Institute, only to find the same information covered in the subsequent resident course.

In conjunction with Marine Corps University, Marine Corps Institute will begin publishing revised editions of the NCO and staff NCO distance learning education programs later this year to coincide with the new Enlisted PME 2000 resident program.

Now, distance education programs offered by Marine Corps Institute are prerequisites for resident courses, said Gregory. Using a "building blocks" method of learning, the distance learning programs establish a "core of knowledge and skills on which

the performance-based classroom instruction builds."

Resident courses such as the Sergeants, Career and Advanced courses will expand upon information taught in nonresident programs.

When a sergeant attends the Sergeants Course, he or she will be given a pre-test at the start of the course on material covered in the nonresident distance learning books. If Marines score low on elementary map skills, for example, then they must re-study their nonresident books because those basic skills won't be re-taught in the resident course.

In the past, there was a 90 to 95-percent overlap between the resident and nonresident courses. Now it's about a 10 to 15-percent overlap, where it should be, said Gregory.

"This is real-world stuff, we're not just performing book knowledge anymore," said Gregory. "We're actually making Marines go out and perform the tasks."

For example, sergeants will learn to conduct training on non-judicial punishment. Staff sergeants are required to perform advanced land navigation using new technology, such as the Global Positioning System. Gunnery sergeants are required to write an entire drill package, such as those used during parades and ceremonies. Instead of performing land navigation, gunnery sergeants will set up a land navigation course.

In the past, Marines either passed or failed courses strictly on written examinations. Under Enlisted PME 2000, approximately 60-percent of Marines' grades are accumulated from practical application of the knowledge they've learned.

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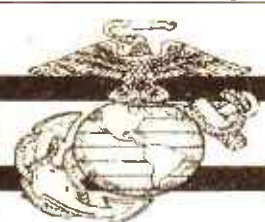
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Joint Forces Command to test revolutionary combat concept

Jim Garamone
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U.S. combat forces of the future will be quick, they will be lethal and, most important, they will fight jointly.

But how will this happen and what changes must happen in the military? Joint Vision 2010 has been the blueprint. Detailing exactly how U.S. forces will make that vision reality is the question the U.S. Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Va., is working toward answering. This summer, JFCOM planners will begin experimenting with Rapid Decisive Operations — their first “integrating concept,” said Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen. Henry Shelton.

“Rapid Decisive Operations emphasizes critical functional concepts, including attack against critical, mobile targets, which focuses on near-simultaneous sensor-to-shooter data flow and high-speed, long-range weapons,” Shelton testified April 26 before the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Dave Ozolek, the senior engineer adviser for the Joint Experimentation Directorate at JFCOM, said during a recent interview that Rapid Decisive Operations is meant to deal with the operational challenges posed by small-scale contingencies.

“We have overwhelming military capabilities,” Ozolek said. “But in some recent operations, we have not been as quick or decisive as we need to be.” He said the concept boils down to “how we, in a matter of days instead of months, project sufficient military capability across global distances, and incapacitate a capable regional power.”

JFCOM officials looked at the operations the United States participated in during the past decade and made some conclusions about future foes. Under this scenario the regional power would outnumber U.S. forces, have the “home field” advantage and field a competent information operation program. Two important aspects about each foe the United States has confronted in the 1990s have been their willingness to inflict and sustain significant military and civilian casualties, and their ability to learn “with absolutely no time constraints on how long it takes them to accomplish their goals.”

The Rapid Decisive Operations concept marks a sea change in joint operations. “What we’re attempt-

ing to do is exploit the asymmetric capabilities that are unique to our nation and to be able to conduct an operation on terms that we dictate, as opposed to having to react to terms the enemy dictates,” Ozolek said.

New geostrategic relationships, new technologies and a better understanding of operations drive the new concept.

“Today, when we conduct a campaign, it is very deliberate,” he said. “We do a sequential build-up, a deployment build-up, breakout, linear attack.

“Higher headquarters writes an order, passes it down to the next headquarters, which analyzes it, briefs back a concept, then writes an order that it delivers to its subordinate headquarters,” he continued. “This goes on down the chain and the time available to each commander at each level gets less and less as it rolls downhill.”

In Rapid Decisive Operations, instead of conducting campaigns sequentially, the military would conduct them simultaneously — “move while we’re planning and plan while we’re moving,” Ozolek said. So, instead of moving into an area and building up, as U.S. forces did during Desert Shield, they would move directly to the application of decisive effects against the enemy.

The concept would also put all commanders at all levels on line at the same time.

“This would capitalize on the subordinate commanders’ detailed knowledge of the battlespace and integrate that knowledge with the senior commander’s broad vision,” he said.

The goal of the forces also changes. Rapid Decisive Operations shifts the goal from the attrition of the enemy to attacks on the coherence that makes his military forces effective.

“We will apply the principles we’ve developed in Rapid Decisive Operations into a scenario that requires us to do rapid force projection, deep operational reach and deal with a very rigorous threat,” Ozolek said of this summer’s tests.

JFCOM experts will examine what happens if they put today’s force in that scenario.

“Then we’ll explore three alternatives that will look at elements within Rapid Decisive Operations that may provide us with alternatives to our current programs,” said Ozolek. “The intent is to see if an alternative gives us a higher degree of capability.”

“I anticipate that we will find elements in each of these alternatives that will give us specific capabilities. We will then integrate them into a consolidated version of Rapid Decisive Operations,” Ozolek said.

Commandant of the Marine Corps visits with Marine Forces Europe

Maj. K.D. White and Fred Carr
Marine Forces Europe and Marine Corps News

BOEBLINGEN, Germany — While attending the change of command ceremony at U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, the Commandant of the Marine Corps took time to brief Marines assigned to Marine Forces Europe on recent and planned events in the Corps.

General James L. Jones used the May 2 event, in which Army Gen. Wesley K. Clark passed the mantle of leadership to Air Force Gen. Joseph W. Ralston as Commander in Chief, European Command and NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe, to illustrate the continued and increasing importance of U.S. presence in the region.

“As we step forward into the 21st century, this is a good theater to be engaged in ... It’s unique, I think, in military history to have armed forces of a nation so far away, so welcome for so long on foreign soil. And it’s in our interest that we are here.”

General Jones’ familiarity with the region stems from spending his formative years in France, and then returning as a brigadier general in 1992 to serve as the Deputy Director, J-3, U.S. European Command. During that tour, he was reassigned as Chief of Staff, Joint Task Force Provide Promise for operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Macedonia.

The Commandant told the Marines that the Corps’ increasing level of

involvement in Europe began in early 1993. “Right around that time is when the Marine Corps really started playing continually major roles in this theater,” he said. He also recounted a discussion from a recent conference in Munich when a retired general from another nation’s military said, “If you [Americans] weren’t over here [in Europe] we wouldn’t be having this discussion, because you still provide the umbrella by which we can talk about these things without any fear of one of the other European countries becoming more powerful than another country ...”

Speaking about his experiences since becoming commandant last July, Gen. Jones said, “The strength, the health, the morale, and the accomplishments on a day-to-day basis of Marines worldwide are enough to grip anybody and motivate them throughout the day. This is a great job. It is so much fun and a matter of such enormous pride that I can only say ‘thanks.’”

But he did share his deep concern over the safety of Marines. “Sad days for me are defined as serious injuries and loss of life of our fellow Marines. Whether it’s training, or whether it’s on the highways,

or in any other capacity, I will tell you frankly that I struggle with that. The reason that’s important is that the Marine Corps leads this unenviable category in DoD by a large measure.”

Citing the Marine Corps’ youthful force as one explanation of the safety

term retention. “We’ve had 58 consecutive months of making our recruiting quotas, officer and enlisted, in both quality and quantity. I can’t tell you what a boost that is when I go into any meeting in the Pentagon on manpower issues, and before they start wringing their hands about recruiting and retention they say, “...with the exception of the Marine Corps.” I really don’t have to do too much, except take a bow.”

Recent improvements in retention rates also please the commandant. “After cries of alarm earlier this year about our first-term retention, we directed a Corps-wide standdown for 48 hours working with our commanders directly to ensure they understood that they were going to tackle this issue, add to their health, and their focus. They did that and, in 30 days, we went to going from 10 percent down to just about parity.”

Seeking input from Marines of all ages and ranks is another of the general’s priorities. Referring to the recent NCO Symposium (the Corps’ first) hosted by Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Alford L. McMichael, Gen. Jones said, “It was a powerful and rewarding

experience. I took a debrief with the sergeant major at the end and I can tell you that it was easily one of the better things that we’ve done and we’re going to standardize it every year.”

Continuing his focus on the quality of life for his Marines and their families, Gen. Jones told the Marines, “Some of the best housing you’ll ever see is being built on our major stations. Is it fast enough? No. Is there enough? No. But what we do have is quality, and we continue to invest in it as much as we can.”

General Jones concluded his remarks by putting the Marine Corps’ contributions to national defense in perspective. “The Marine Corps today, among all the active forces, contributes 20 percent of the infantry battalions in the United States, 20 percent of the fighter-attack squadrons, 17 percent of all attack helicopters, and 33 percent of the combat service support for ground forces. So we are not bit players, we don’t back up to the table, we don’t occupy the cheap seats. We stand tall, we sit up with strength and conviction, and we know that we can make a huge contribution.

“Finally, I would say that if imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, then we should feel pretty good about ourselves. The only thing they can’t duplicate is our culture. They can’t duplicate the things that make us so different and so unique, and so well respected by your Commandant, and in the United States, and elsewhere.”

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Navy News Service

WASHINGTON D.C. — Over the past several years, different commands within the Navy and Marine Corps have tried to keep up with the technological revolution by building up computer networks with needed capabilities such as e-mail and Internet access. As a result, the Navy created a conglomeration of stand-alone systems that many times are incompatible, can't talk to each other and have different levels of security.

The Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) is an effort to remedy that problem. It is a strategic approach that will enable individual units and the entire Department of the Navy to effectively communicate in the modern age. The goal of NMCI is to replace the department's numerous shore-based networks with one secure interoperable network that provides voice, video and data services to all Navy and Marine Corps personnel.

NMCI is the shore-based counterpart of the Navy's Information Technology for the 21st Century (IT-21) and the Marine Corps' Tactical Network (TDN). NMCI and these initiatives will link the Marine Corps and Navy afloat units with commands ashore.

By awarding a contract to a private contractor to build, maintain and upgrade shore-based information technology (IT), the

Navy can focus on its core mission and avoid playing "catch-up" with technology. Several companies are in the final competition phase for the five-year contract that will be awarded this summer.

Through a multi-year service contract, NMCI will deliver comprehensive, end-to-end information services. This will significantly enhance security, improve interoperability and increase access to information.

"The reason for the contract is simple," said Cmdr. Jay Caler, Shore Network Requirements officer for the Navy's Department of Space, Information, Warfare and Command and Control (N6). "Experts in commercial industry are developing the real cutting edge technology," he explained. "NMCI will allow the Department of the Navy to acquire new and improved capabilities faster through commercial development." Each installation will purchase IT services in much the same way as it does telephone service, electricity or any other utility. The installation, or "customer," will be charged a fixed price per user, or "seat."

The NMCI service contract will provide a basic service to all users, allowing for tailored upgrades and added capabilities to be purchased on an individual basis as line items on the contract. Some customers might require classified and unclassified Internet access but would have no need for video teleconferencing. They get what they pay for. It's all

integrated by a single prime contractor.

Several areas of IT are to be handled by the NMCI, according to Caler. They include initial implementation; refresh rate; training; consistent look and feel everywhere you go; and contractor-maintained infrastructure.

"Technology changes over every 18 months," said Caler. "One of the prime contractor's responsibilities will be to keep the technology up-to-date, or 'refreshed,' saving the base CO the headache and the funds he would've spent in the first place."

"This new initiative should allow personnel who are serving out of their rate/MOS to return to that specialty, increasing their prospects for advancement," added Cmdr. Nancy Doss of the Program Executive Office (Information Technology). She also explained that since all the IT will be coming from one source, it will have a consistent look and feel everywhere you go, minimizing the time it takes someone to learn a new system.

Another advantage NMCI will provide is computer maintenance and repair. "That can be a real burden for some commands," explained Caler. "That burden can be even worse if the only guy that understood the software or maintained the computers just transferred. 'You need that computer to do the job,' he explained, "but if you don't have a LAN (local area network) administrator at your command, you're in trouble."

The real big thing about NMCI is that the service will be available to you. You don't have to rely just on yourself to keep your system running. So it will remove a lot of the frustration from the Sailor or Marine and the CO."

The size of data "pipelines," or bandwidth is another critical aspect of IT enhanced with NMCI. The contractor will maintain and upgrade the pipelines as technology changes. Once ships tie up in port, they can "plug in" to NMCI and take advantage of the increased bandwidth for all kinds of voice and data services.

NMCI will improve the quality of life for Sailors and Marines, both ashore and at sea, by improving access to and interoperability with existing and future web-based information and personnel related services throughout the Department of the Navy. The transition to NMCI will begin this summer. Basic services are planned to be up and running for all users by the end of 2001, with full service in place by the end of 2002.

To learn more about NMCI and how you will fit into the overall plan, go to <http://www.peoit.navy.mil>.

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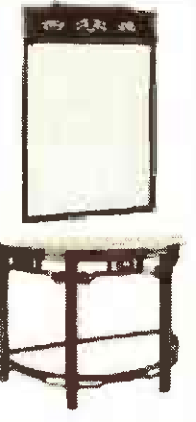
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Kosovo mission successful, but still dangerous

Linda B. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

MUNICH, Germany — The American people appreciate the sacrifice U.S. service members and their families make and recognize the danger troops face in places like Kosovo.

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen carried that message May 1 to U.S. troops at Camps Bondsteel and Monteith in Kosovo. Cohen met up at Camp Bondsteel with Army Gen. Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to talk with U.S. military leaders and visit troops.

About 42,000 international troops are in the Kosovo area of operations, including about 6,100 Americans. The United States heads the eastern multinational brigade sector, one of five in Kosovo. France heads the north, Germany the south, Italy the west, and Great Britain the central section.

Camp Bondsteel, a complex of newly built wooden structures atop rolling farm fields, forms the heart of U.S.-led Multinational Brigade Command East. Bondsteel currently houses about 4,000 personnel, including about 3,000 Americans. Another 2,000 personnel, including about 1,000 Americans, are based at Camp Monteith, about an hour's drive away.

The U.S. contingent of the peacekeeping mission, primarily Army, includes command, engineer,

reconnaissance, air assault, infantry, armor, artillery, aviation. Special Forces, civil affairs, support and a mobile hospital unit. Some Navy and Air Force personnel also support Task Force Falcon.

Shelton and Cohen praised the NATO-led Kosovo Force for helping bring peace, stability and security to the people of Kosovo. Shelton stressed the importance of the mission and expressed the nation's gratitude to U.S. troops assembled at the Bondsteel theater.

"Your success in maintaining a safe and secure environment under very difficult, complex circumstances has made it possible for the people of Kosovo to continue to rebuild their lives," the chairman said. "Your efforts have also provided the international community with an opportunity to find the long-term solution for Kosovo and provide it as a matter of fact."

Now, Shelton said, it's time for the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to establish an effective police force, stand up civil institutions of government and restore the economy "so that we can leave behind a long-term self-sustaining peace."

Cohen said the military men and women from 28 nations participating in Operation Joint Guardian are contributing their time to give the Kosovo people an opportunity to live in peace and harmony.

But, he pointed out, "It's going to take some time."

"I frequently have to testify on Capitol Hill and they want to know, 'How long? How long is it going to take before these wounds heal?' You know from your experiences, it's not going to be easy," he said.

"The passions that still reside here are still pretty high and they're likely to remain high for some time to come," he said. And while many people say the international community hasn't done enough, at the least NATO stopped the killing and reversed what was done just a year ago, Cohen added.

"A year ago, we were in the middle of the most successful air campaign in history of the world. We reversed something we never thought we'd see again in the 20th century — a whole program of ethnic cleansing," he said.

Now the NATO-led peacekeepers are helping to stabilize the region so people can see the benefits of peaceful interchange rather than the exchange of hatred that leads to more graves, he said.

Cohen pointed out, however, that Pentagon leaders oppose proposals to create a peacekeeping force for these types of missions. "This is still a very dangerous place, as you know better than any of us," he told the troops. "You know how quickly it can go from a peacekeeping mission to a warfighting mission."

"Peacekeeping to warfighting — you are trained

to carry out all those missions," Cohen said, "and frankly, as much of a burden as that puts on you, we don't want to see that change. We like to say that you are, in fact, the best trained, the best led, the best equipped, most capable military in the world. We want to keep you exactly that way."

Now, he said, the leadership is working on housing and healthcare. "The chairman and I want to make sure that those of you who have to live off base don't have to come up with money out of your pocket. The last study we had, showed that you have to come up with 19 percent. That's not good. We're going to change that."

Cohen said he has put about \$3 billion into the budget over the next four-and-one-half years to make sure service members who live off base and those living on base are treated equitably.

Healthcare is another area of concern, the secretary said. TRICARE doesn't work as well as defense officials had hoped it would, and a number of changes are in the works.

From Kosovo, Cohen and Shelton were slated to attend change of command ceremonies at U.S. European Command in Germany and at SHAPE in Belgium before returning to Washington. The ceremonies welcome USAF Gen. Joseph Ralston as the new commander in chief of European Command and NATO supreme allied commander Europe.

COURTS MARTIAL

• A private first class from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment was tried on May 1 for violation of Article 86, unauthorized absence, and Article 112a, wrongful use of marijuana. The accused was sentenced with confinement for 60 days, forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for one month and reduction to pay grade E-1.

• A lance corporal from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment was tried on May 1 for two violations of Article 86, unauthorized absence, and a violation of Article 87, missing movement through design. The accused was sentenced with a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 68 days, and reduction to pay grade E-1.

• A corporal from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, was tried on April 24 for violation of Article 86, unauthorized absence, and sentenced with a bad-conduct discharge and confinement for 26 days.

• A private from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment was tried on April 26 for violation of Article 112a, wrongful use of marijuana and sentenced with a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 120 days and forfeiture of \$600 pay per month for four months.

• A private first class from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, was tried on April 25 for violation of Article 86, unauthorized absence, violation of Article 121, larceny, and violation for Article 134 for unlawful entry. The accused was sentenced with a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 150 days, forfeiture of \$670 pay per month for 3 months and reduction to pay grade E-1.

• A private from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, was tried on April 26 for violation of Article 112a, wrongful use of cocaine, and sentenced with a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 60 days, and forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for 2 months.

• A corporal from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, was tried on April 24 for violation of Article 86, unauthorized absence, and sentenced with a bad-conduct discharge and confinement for 26 days.

• A private from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, was tried on April 20 for violation of Article 112a, for wrongful use of marijuana, and sentenced with a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 75 days, and forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for 3 months.

• A lance corporal from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment was tried on April 19 for violation of Article 86, unauthorized absence, violation of Article 92, disobeying a general order, and violation of Article 112a, wrongful use of marijuana. The accused was sentenced with a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 6 months, forfeiture of \$670 pay per month for 6 months, and reduction to pay grade E-1.

• A private first class from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, was tried on April 19 for violation of Article 86, unauthorized absence, violation of Article 91, failure to obey a lawful order, and violation of Article 112a, wrongful use of marijuana. The accused was sentenced with a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 100 days, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for 3 months and reduction to pay grade E-1.

• A private first class from 1st Radio Battalion was tried on April 20 for violation of Article 112a, wrongful use of marijuana. The accused was sentenced with a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 90 days, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for 3 months and reduction to pay grade E-1.

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• A private first class from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, was tried on April 20 for violation of Article 86, unauthorized absence, violation of Article 89, disrespect to a superior commissioned officer, violation of Article 92, violation of a lawful general order, violation of Article 112a, wrongful use of marijuana, violation of Article 128, battery, and violation of Article 128, assault. The accused was sentenced with a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 120 days, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for 3 months, and reduction to pay grade E-1.

• A lance corporal was tried on April 17 for violation of Article 121, larceny, and violation of Article 134, wrongfully obtaining services. The accused was sentenced with a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 180 days, forfeitures of \$670 pay per month for 4 months and reduction to pay grade E-1.

• A staff sergeant from Headquarters and Service Battalion, Camp Smith, was tried on April 3 for violation of Article 92, violation of a lawful general regulation, violation of Article 128, assault, violation of Article 134, adultery. The accused was sentenced with a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 120 days, and reduction to pay grade E-1.

• A private first class from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, was tried on March 21 for violation of Article 86, unauthorized absence. The accused private first class was sentenced with confinement for 57 days.

• A lance corporal from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, was tried on March 28 for violation of Article 86, unauthorized absence. The accused was sentenced with confinement for 89 days and reduction to pay grade E-2.

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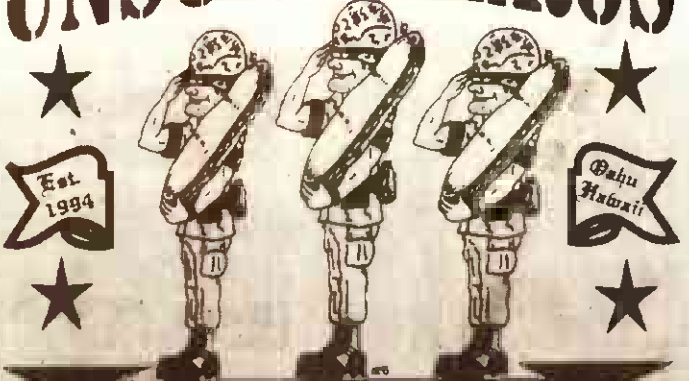
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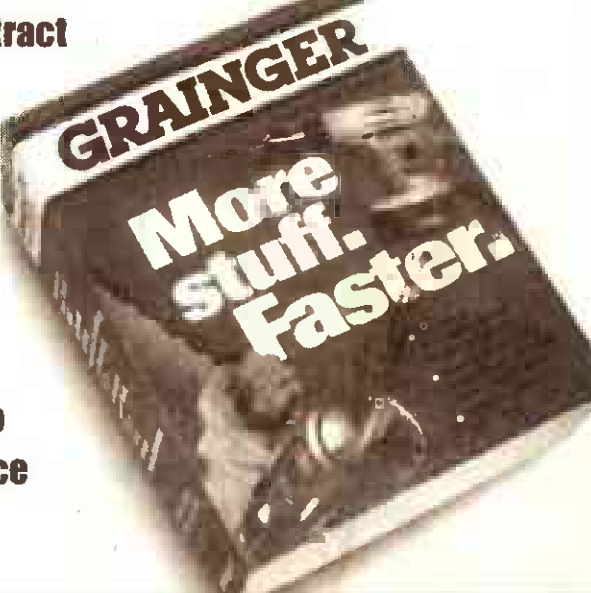


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Hanauma Bay:

A site of history, sand, surf, and snorkeling

Story and Photos by
Cpl. Roman Yurek
Combat Correspondent

When touring around the island of Oahu, there are many scenic stops one can make, such as Waikiki, Diamond Head and the North Shore. All these sites are big for tourists, but there is one that might be overlooked.

Hanauma Bay is a clear-water, fish-infested cove on the island that was made famous by the 1961 Elvis Presley movie, "Blue Hawaii."

Hollywood is not the only organization that has used the bay. In 1941, the U.S. Army used Hanauma Bay as one of its many defensive positions on Oahu, against further attacks by the Japanese during World War II.

Since then, on any given weekend, the bay is filled with curious snorkelers, divers, and other beach-goers who enjoy the scenic cove, located just off of Kalaniana'ole Highway.

The history of Hanauma Bay dates back to 1927, when a road was constructed in the early days of Oahu, when it was held by the ali'i, or royal

family, connecting Honolulu to Mokapu.

This is when the popularity of the bay increased. Now, locals visit the bay, along with mainland and foreign tourists visiting the island.

As at many beaches on the island, one can tan on the white sand, swim in the clear blue water or relax under the shade of a coconut tree, but at Hanauma Bay, guests can also rent snorkeling gear for less than \$10.

Almost immediately after entering the water, visitors will find themselves within inches of a wide variety of fish. The further out you swim, the more extravagant and abundant the fish are. If you are fortunate, a sea turtle might swim past you as you swim around the living coral.

Visitors should be aware of the rules of the bay in order to protect the fragile ecosystem. Guests are asked to stand only on the sand, not the living coral.

To enjoy the underwater scenery of Hanauma Bay, one must first get down to the beach. There are two ways to do that: walking, or taking the Hanauma Bay Tram. The tram ride

down to the beach is 50 cents. To get back up to the top, guests pay \$1.

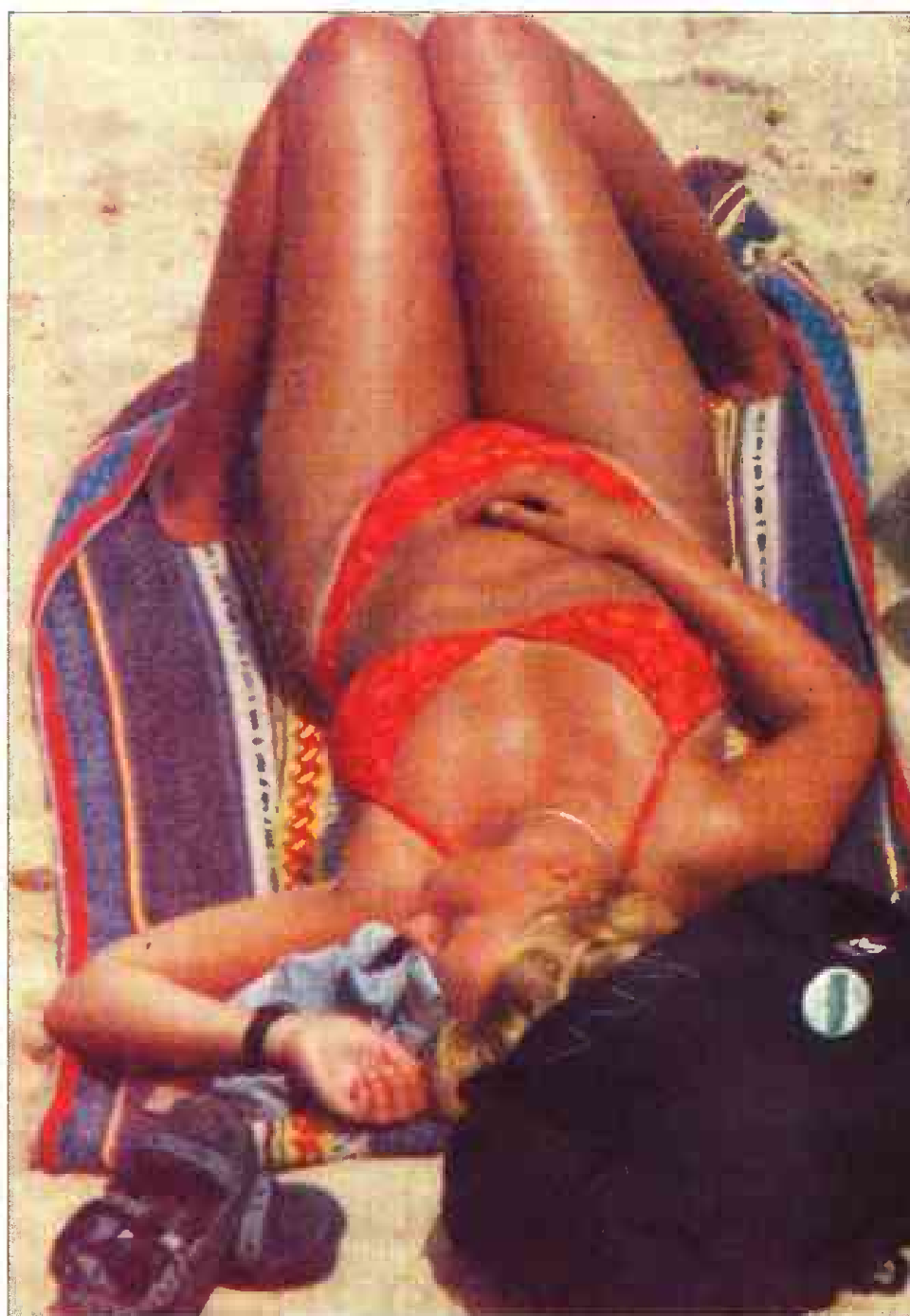
Going to Hanauma Bay can also be an educational experience. The Marine Life Conservation District has posted historical, safety and environmental facts about the bay at its entrance, along the beach and on the hill overlooking the bay.

Those visitors who want to learn a little more about Hanauma Bay can also visit the educational center.

Fossils that have been found in and around the bay are displayed there.

To enjoy the beach and water at Hanauma Bay, there is a price. Parking is \$1 and admittance is \$3, but for all Kama'aina, the fee is waived. If you are interested in going to Hanauma Bay, it is recommended that you leave early, because the parking lot can fill up fast during the weekend and then the lot is closed once it is full.

In the park, you can expect a day in the sun, a swim with Hawaiian reef fish and a bit of knowledge about the island of Oahu and Hanauma Bay. The park is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Monday.



This Hanauma Bay visitor decided to take advantage of the opportunity to catch a few rays of sun in between snorkling sessions..



Visitors may find it hard to stay on their towels when they could rent snorkeling gear for less than \$10.



If someone doesn't feel like walking up or down the hill to get the the Hanauma Bay Beach, there is the Hanauma Bay Tram. The cost is 50 cents to travel down hill and \$1 to go back up the hill.

Single Marine/Sailor Cinco de Mayo 5K



Photo by Cpl. Charles E. Moore

Participants in the Single Marine/Sailor Program Cinco de Mayo 5K Run leave the starting line near Pop Warner Field aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Friday morning. Results of the run are shown at right.

5K Results

Top Finishers

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Anthony Rahatt	17:02	Clifford Weingart	26:10
Peter Hamann	17:04		
Joseph Galvin	17:05		
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Women		Mike Olson	21:54
Angela Judge	20:48		
Nayda Mannle	23:25		
Cara Arledge	23:56		
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		Kimberly Johnson	24:11
		30-35	
		Maria Soria	31:00
		36-39	
		Cindy Kauffman	26:42
		40-44	
		Denise Poirer	36:53
		45-49	
		Heidi Bisanz	29:59

15th Annual Hawaii Military Appreciation celebration to kick off Friday in Honolulu

Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Mueta
Combat Correspondent

Hawaii's aloha spirit will center in on military servicemembers and their families from May 12-22 as the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii presents the 15th Annual Hawaii Military Appreciation Week.

The ten-day celebration honors Hawaii's military servicemen and women for the time and dedication they give for their country to maintain peace and order in the Pacific and around the world.

Totalling 25 percent of Hawaii's population, the combined military-related population has made multiple contributions to the state in terms of national security and local community efforts, according to Stanley Hong, the President and Chief Executive Officer for The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

Thanks to contributing businesses and individuals, several scheduled events during Hawaii Military Appreciation week will help recognize military servicemembers efforts and bring them closer together with the rest of the people of Hawaii.

Friday, May 12 (Opening Day Festivities)

1 p.m.-A special ATM "Boat Days" ceremony to celebrate the arrival of the U.S. Navy's newest guided missile destroyer, the USS O'Kane, at Pier 9. A welcoming committee along with a fire boat escort and flower drop from a passing helicopter will extend a warm aloha to the crew of the USS O'Kane. There will be Hawaiian entertainment and music played by the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band. Public tours of the USS O'Kane follows from 2-5 p.m.

1:30 p.m.-Members of the Pacific War Memorial Association will display a scaled bronze sculpture of the National Iwo Jima Memorial at the site of the Opening Ceremonies (flag raising scene on Mount Suribachi).

2 p.m.-The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and BOH sponsor the public Opening Ceremonies at the base of the Aloha Tower to thank the military and their families for all they do to make Hawaii a safer and better place. The Lieutenant Governor

and Mayor will deliver proclamations to the Commander in Chief of the U.S. Pacific Command, who will accept on behalf of the men and women of the Armed Forces in Hawaii. Program will feature music by the Royal Hawaiian Band. Atlantis Adventures joins with BOH to host the military. The Hawaiian Airlines sponsored Military Appreciation Week Discount Coupon Book will be distributed to military members.

2 p.m.-USS O'Kane open for public tours. Military and civilian guests invited to tour the ship. 5 p.m.-Pau Hana Friday Festivities. The Aloha Tower Marketplace, its merchants and restaurants host a Hawaiian-style "E Komo Mai" to the military and their families to join with local residents in celebrating the start of Hawaii Military Appreciation Week.

7 p.m.-USO Canteen Dance at the Pier 10 Terminal. A lively dance hosted by the USO Hawaii open to all military and local residents. Dance to the swinging music of the 25th Infantry Division Swing Band and Hawaii's dance band. Hula Joe and the Hutjumpers with singing sensation, Ginai. A great opportunity to greet, meet, network, and dance the night away to some great music. FREE.

Saturday, May 13

10 a.m.-Public tours of the USS O'Kane until 5 p.m. and discounted tours for military families at the Hawaii Maritime Museum.

Noon-Members of the Hawaii Military Vehicle Preservation Association will display eight vintage military vehicles from World War II through the present day along with members of the Hawaii Historic Arms Association dressed in vintage military uniforms. Veterans can reminisce, others can learn about the vehicles and how they were used. Includes performance by the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band in the Marketplace atrium and strolling clowns, magicians, and face painters for families.

Noon-Members of the Pacific War Memorial Association will display a scaled bronze sculpture of the famous National Iwo Jima Memorial.

1 p.m.-Military Arm Wrestling Contest at Hooters. Each service branch is encouraged to send their champions to determine the BEST. A

first class contest complete with an official arm wrestling table and judges.

5 p.m.-Discounted luau dinner show for military families at Paradise Cove in Kapolei. Opening events begin at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6:45 p.m. followed by a Polynesian revue. Contact MWR ticket offices for ticket information.

Sunday, May 14

Noon-Public Tours of the USS O'Kane until 5 p.m.

5:30 p.m.-Air date for "Hawaii's Kitchen" TV show on KHON TV-2 featuring Navy cooks from the nuclear submarine USS Cheyenne based at Pearl Harbor.

7 p.m.-Combined Military Band Concert at the Hawaii Theater sponsored by Corporate Sponsor AT&T Hawaii and hosted by the U.S. Army. This FREE public concert will pay tribute to Hawaii's Korean War veterans. Includes top musicians from the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and the Hawaii National Guard. Tickets available through The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii at 545-4300 from May 1.

Monday, May 15

5:30 p.m.-Discounted luau for military families at the Hale Koa Hotel. Includes a luau dinner and show presented by Hawaii's Danny Couch and a Polynesian revue. Contact Hale Koa Hotel and your MWR ticket office for ticket information.

Wednesday, May 17

Noon-Annual Hawaii Military Appreciation Week Luncheon at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel sponsored by Corporate Sponsors First Hawaiian Bank and A&B Hawaii/Matson Navigation Company. Open to the public. Contact Lynna Bautista at 545-4329 for ticket and registration information.

Thursday, May 18

9 a.m.-Military Spouse's Reception at the Hawaii Maritime Museum. A special tour for military spouses on the discovery of the island by early voyagers. See artifacts, models, and other museum pieces. Visit one of the earliest ships to Hawaii,



The Falls of Clyde, and see a replica of a voyaging canoe used by the Polynesians. Seating is limited. Call 257-8838 for reservations. 5:30 p.m.-Finals of the Military Karaoke Contest at Center Stage of the Ala Moana Shopping Center. The live filming of the contest finals on the "Hawaii Stars" TV show stars Carole Kai and Kimo Kahoano. The semi-final for the contest was hosted by Rumours.

Saturday, May 20

7:30 a.m.-American Red Cross 2nd Annual Bike-A-Thon at Bellow Air Force Base. 15K and 8K. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. Contact Harriett at 449-1488 for details. Public invited to participate and test their bicycling skills.

7:30 a.m.-4th Annual Triathlon/Duathlon at Marine Corps Base Hawaii hosted by Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS). Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. Contact Joann Yow-Fairchild at 254-7653 for details. Public invited to participate in the event to raise funds for MCCS.

10 a.m.-"Living History Day" at Ft. DeRussy (U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii). Featuring displays of various Polynesian groups. Dinner at 5 p.m. followed by show at 6 p.m., featuring the Fire Knife Dance Contest and the world famous Polynesian revue. Contact your MWR ticket office for discount tickets.

Sunday, May 28

6 p.m.-Air date for "Hawaii Stars" TV Show on KHON TV-2 featuring the finals of the military karaoke contest.

The USS Missouri Memorial at Ford Island, Atlantis Submarine, Waimea Falls Park, and Sea Life Park: Military families will receive extra special discounts throughout the entire month of May. Information provided by the Military Affairs Council of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

Form more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii at 545-4300.

Chaplain's Corner

Take time to thank, recognize mothers' sacrifices

CMDR Carl F. Cummings
MCBH Chaplain

Bill Cosby says it never fails to amaze him. The typical American father buys his son his first football when the boy is still in the maternity ward. When the boy begins to take his first steps, the father is telling everyone his son is going to be a famous football player. When the boy is old enough, the father plays catch with him every day. All through school, the father attends faithfully each game to lend moral support. All this time, Junior is lifting weights, getting more muscular and eating his parents out of house and home. But does his father mind? Not a bit because his son will be a star. The lad goes off to college where his father not only gives moral support but financial support as well. After college he is drafted for professional football and makes it through training camp. His first football game is to be nationally televised on Monday Night Football. His father is so happy he invites 20 of his friends over to the house to watch the game. Sure enough, on the opening kickoff, Junior grabs the ball and runs 95 yards through the opposing team and scores a touchdown. As his father's chest swells with pride at Junior's success and he tells everyone within earshot, "That's my boy and I

taught him everything he knows about football," the T. V. camera zooms in on Junior who waves and says "Hi, Mom!"

This weekend we say "Hi, Mom" and salute our mothers for all they've done to raise us and give us a good home. Their sacrifices were many and came in all shapes and sizes, many of which we were not aware of at the time or simply took for granted as our natural rights.

Today more than ever we need to recognize their importance in society and the home, especially when radical feminism holds up career women as the ideal and laments homemaking as a wasted unfulfilled life of drudgery. We need to reaffirm that what a woman does at home for her family is far more valuable than the money she earns at a job or in a career. She supplies the love, support, encouragement, and tenderness that each family desperately needs and no amount of money can buy. In short, the mother is the heart of the family.

The last point was well made by the great French church historian Henri Daniel-Rops in his History of the Church. When he talked about the Dark Ages, he stated that three categories of people were responsible, after the collapse of the Roman Empire, for helping to civilize Europe. They were the bishops, monks, and Christian

women. The bishops were among a small minority of educated people so they became administrators of the cities - responsible for laws, fortifications, hospitals, and the poor.

The monks set up their monasteries in remote and uninhabited areas. They cleared the land and set up schools so that the people gathered around, cleared more land, and received some education.

The nice Christian maidens were often married to barbaric kings. When they went to live with their husbands, they would usually take a priest so they could worship and receive the sacraments. After a while, the love, gentleness, and faith of these women won the hearts of their husbands, civilized them, and led them to Christianity. When these barbaric kings and princes turned to Christianity, so too did their subjects. As a result, Europe became less barbaric and more civilized. In these days of increased violence, tougher laws and more spouse and child abuse, law enforcement officials cannot alone solve the problem. We need help in the families and at home. We need good loving mothers.

Thanks to the mothers who have raised your children; we offer you prayers of thanksgiving. For those of you still raising your children we offer you prayers of support and perseverance. God bless all of you on Mother's Day.

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June 3rd - Drug Awareness Fun Run/Walk - for entire community to make a statement about the prevention of drug use. At the conclusion of the walk there will be a stand up comedian, Hawaiian band, dancers, refreshments, other drug prevention organizations, K-9 Dog Demo, McGruff, Health Fair, etc. The first 1,500 people will get a free T-shirt.

June 5th-9th - Free Sailing Lessons for E5 and below. Limit of 10 students.

June 11th - Paintball Blast for the first 26 people. The cost is \$20/person and includes equipment, 400 paintballs and CO2. Prizes will be given.

June 18th - 3 on 3 Basketball

Tournament for E5 and below or singles. 3 players with one substitute. Cost is \$5/team.

July 14th - 16th - BayFest
July 29th - Hawaiian Waters Park Trip for E5 and below and singles. The cost is \$15/person.

August 19th - Dinner Cruise on Ali'i Kai Catamaran & Wakiki night out. The cost is \$32/person. This is for E5 and below. Following the dinner cruise participants will be able to hop around to locations in Wakiki and catch a ride back to K-Bay or Camp Smith with us at 2:30 a.m.

Paintball in MACS-2 for all authorized patrons. The cost is \$33/person for equipment, CO2 and 400 paintballs or \$10 if you have your own equipment. Paint is \$4/100 or \$65/2,000.

MCBH Paintball Club forming - It is free to enter. Special rates for team and individual training, discounts at area stores, frequent visit cards - for every 3rd visit get a free rental or walk on if you have equipment, and involvement in tournaments all over the island.

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Ticket to Fun

By JoAnne Yow-Fairchild, MCCS Marketing

Job Fair

The 4th Annual Job Fair is this Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon at the E' Club Ballroom. More than 45 companies and government agencies will be opening their doors with job opportunities for everyone. Here are a few tips to prepare yourself for the fair:

- dress professionally
- bring copies of your resume
- bring a list of references
- bring a pen, note pad and a planning calendar

Admission is free, however, participants must present their military ID cards to enter. Due to the professional nature of this event, children are not allowed. The fair is jointly presented by MCCS, Personal Service, Family Member Employment Assistance Program and held in celebration of Military Spouses Day. For more information, call 257-7790 or 257-7798.

Mother's Day Brunch

K-Bay's two most popular restaurants - Fairways Restaurant and the O'Club - will be offering good food and great prices for Mother's Day Brunch this Sunday.

At Fairways, you can enjoy generous servings of delicious breakfast and lunch entrees, including a salad bar, breakfast

meats, omelet station, crab legs, Seafood Newburg, BBQ pork ribs, prime rib carving station, chicken stir fry, potatoes, rolls, a dessert bar packed with a selection of delectable cakes and pies and much more. The brunch is \$16.95 for adults, \$8.50 for children ages 5-11 and free for keiki 4 and younger. Seating times are 9:30 a.m. and noon. Tickets are going fast and seats are limited. For reservations and information, call Fairways at 254-5592 or 254-5481.

O'Club will feature a lavish brunch with a fresh fruit and salad bar, an omelet station, country fried potatoes, an assortment of rolls, breakfast meats, eggs benedict, Crab Legs with Drawn Butter, Silky Whisked Eggs, Seafood Newburg, BBQ Pork Ribs, stir fry chicken, a prime rib carving station and much more. The meal for members are \$14.95, \$7.50 for children ages 6-12, \$3 for 5-3 year olds and free for keiki under 3. (Non-members are \$17.95, \$8.95, \$3 and free respectively.) Seating times are 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. For reservations and information, call the O'Club at 254-7650/7649.

Free Bowling for Moms

On May 13 and 14, moms (active duty dependents only) will receive three free bowling games at K-Bay Lanes when

accompanying bowler plays three paid games. Present your military ID for the free games. For more information, call K-Bay Lane at 254-7693.

Trunk Show

Take a sneak preview this Saturday, May 13, on Dr. Marten's latest styles of footwear at the Main Exchange, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The representative of this popular shoe fashion designer will be showcasing more than 50 new designs not available anywhere else. During the show, special orders will be accepted and all purchases on existing merchandise will receive a 20% discount and a gift, while supplies last. Drawing for a free pair of shoes will be held during the event. Be sure you fill in your entry form. For more information, call the Exchange Customer Service at 254-3890.

Sprint Triathlon/Duathlon

Some of the Island's best triathletes will be competing with Marines and Sailors for best time and trophies at this year's 1st MAW ASE Sprint Triathlon/Duathlon. This May 20 event offers participants a choice of a duathlon (2-mile run, 11.1-mile bike, 3.5 mile run) or a triathlon (800-meter swim, 11.1-mile bike and a 3.5-mile run). The race starts at 7:30 a.m. at the Marina Pier. Registration fee is \$20 for active duty military and \$25 for civilians. Triathlon teams for three persons are \$60. A \$5 late fee will be charged for registration received after this Friday, May 12. A beautiful Bianchi Campione Racing Bike, valued at \$1,000, courtesy of Island Triathlon & Bike and MCCS will be given to a lucky participant at the end of the event. Awards will be given to the top three overall finishers in men's and women's divisions and in each age category. The first three teams to cross the finishing line will also receive awards. Bicycles used for the race must pass a bike inspection provided by Island Triathlon & Bike from 6-7 a.m. at the race site. Refreshments, door prize drawing and military static display will all be part of the race's festivities. The Sprint

Triathlon/Duathlon is presented by Military Nutrition and sponsored by IT&B. Do the Dew, Running Room, Bianchi, Domino's Pizza, Crystal Geyser, Gatorade, 24 hour Fitness and Island Demo. For more information, call Athletics at 254-7590/7597.

Dance Recital 2000

Dance Movement Academy and Youth Activities will be presenting a Spring Dance Recital on May 20 and May 27, noon at the Base Theater. Aspiring dancers ages 3 to adults will be performing in ballet, tap, jazz and street dancing/hip hop. Admission is free. For more information, call Youth Activities at 254-7610.

Day on the Docks

Day on the Docks has been re-scheduled for May 21. This fun-filled family fishing tournament, themed "Get Hooked on Fishing, not on Drugs," has a load of activities planned for everyone. The fishing tournament starts at 9:30 a.m. and the cost is \$10 for the first child and \$8 for each additional child. The fee includes a t-shirt, lunch and bait. Keiki will also enjoy casting contest, bouncy house, fish & face painting, fish pond and shark toss game, boat rides, "pin the tail on the turtle" game and RNR wakeboard demo. The information tent will have booths for National Marine Fisheries, pollution awareness, D.A.R.E. Programs and water safety. Ocean Concepts and RNR Surf & Ski will be holding a sidewalk sale in conjunction. The event is presented by IZUO Brothers and sponsored by the Single Marine & Sailor Program, United Armed Forces Association, BayView Golf Park, Hana Pa'a Hawaii and Nanko Fishing Supply. For more information, call the Base Marina at 254-7667.

The Rebirth of Midway

The Base Library will be presenting a historical and environmental presentation on the "Rebirth of Midway" on May 23, 7 p.m. at the Base Theater. Historian Daniel Martinez and Naturalist Nancy Weyand Hart are invited to give a lecture and a slide show on the military history and the fish and wildlife of the Island. This program is designed for adults, but mature young adults are also welcome. For more information, call the Base Library at 254-7624.

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Commentary

Soldier's and Sailor's Relief Act to the rescue!

Capt Ian D. Brasure
OIC Legal Assistance Office

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act (SSCRA) is one of the most powerful tools that Marines and Sailors have when it comes to legal matters. Many servicemembers, however, have never heard of the SSCRA or do not realize what this federal act can do for them. This article serves only as a general overview and highlights a few of the many areas covered by the SSCRA.

Purpose
The SSCRA was enacted to protect servicemembers "who have been obliged to drop their own affairs to take up the burdens of the nation," as noted in one important case. The SSCRA attempts to recognize the sacrifices and hardships of the military's worldwide commitment, by postponing certain legal and financial obligations until the servicemember can adequately respond or comply.

The SSCRA does not, however, release servicemembers from their obligations or permit servicemembers to shield themselves if their ability to respond or comply with a civil requirement is not materially affected by their military service.

6 Percent Interest Cap
If servicemembers have entered active duty and has debts that have been incurred prior to active duty service, the SSCRA may provide them with tremendous protection. Where military service has



materially affected your ability to pay pre-active duty debts, the SSCRA permits you to reduce your interest rate to 6 percent on those debts.

Whether you know it or not, this may save you hundreds or thousands of dollars in one year, depending on each individual case.

Most credit cards, loans, and other debts, with the exception of government student loans, all fall under the expansive scope of the SSCRA. This process can be accomplished quickly by contacting the Legal Assistance Office.

Stay of Proceedings
Often, military servicemembers who are at sea, deployed, or actively involved in an important operational exercise receive notice they are being sued or otherwise required to appear in a civil court hearing or case.

In these cases where a servicemember is materially affected in such a way that it would be very difficult to appear at a particular hearing, the SSCRA may provide relief by granting a "stay" of that proceeding.

Simply put, a stay is a temporary halt that is placed on a proceeding or hearing for a limited time. If applicable to the individual circumstances, this SSCRA provision may provide the servicemember additional time to comply with court appearance requirements.

Remember, this article only scratches the surface of the SSCRA's broad application to many servicemember-related problems.

To find out more about the SSCRA and what it can do for you, please call the Legal Assistance Office at 257-0074/2110 ext. 236 or 242, or visit our website under the Staff Judge Advocate section of www.mcbh.usmc.mil.

Tattoo tips can help save health, careers

Cpl. Roman Yurek
Combat Correspondent

After many Marines and Sailors graduate from their basic training, they take their first paycheck to a nearby tattoo parlor and have a symbol of their dedication etched into their body.

Before giving upwards of \$50 to the first person with some ink and a needle, there are some factors one should consider so that dedication to service doesn't turn into an infestation of disease.

"I would say that about 25 percent of my Marines have tattoos," said 1st Lt. Louis Bush, Heavy Weapons Platoon commander, Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment.

For these Marines that have tattoos, knowing what to look for may not help

them since they have already been marked, but if they plan on future ink marks, they might want to do some research on the parlor of their choice.

One of the biggest factors in determining if a tattoo parlor is safe and sanitary is if it has been certified through the Hawaii Department of Health Sanitation Branch.

Before being certified, and to keep that certification, a parlor must keep many sanitary habits in effect.

Well before a tattoo parlor begins tattooing, the building is inspected. It must be clean and have non-absorbent floors. Also, each working station must have a sink so that the tattoo artist can wash his hands before tattooing, according to the state rules in title 11, chapter 17.1 on tattoo artists.

All equipment this is designed for one-time usage must be discarded after being used on one person. Also, all dyes and pigments must be non-toxic.

A way Marines can check for this is to watch an artist finish a tattoo and see if he throws out the needles and tubes.

Another rule that parlors are required to do is keep records, according to the state.

The date, person's name, design of a tattoo and the artist's name are some of the information that needs to be recorded.

According to the state, a parlor that fails to meet these requirements can be fined upwards of \$100 for each offense. For specifics on the rules, one can look up the Department of Health website at <http://www.state.hi.us>.

Besides looking at the parlor for

safety, one can also request to view pictures of the parlor's work.

Many Marines have tattoos; some even keep them hidden. At Fox Co., 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 1st Sgt. Robert Nowell, company first sergeant, said that he has seen close to 20 percent of the company with tattoos.

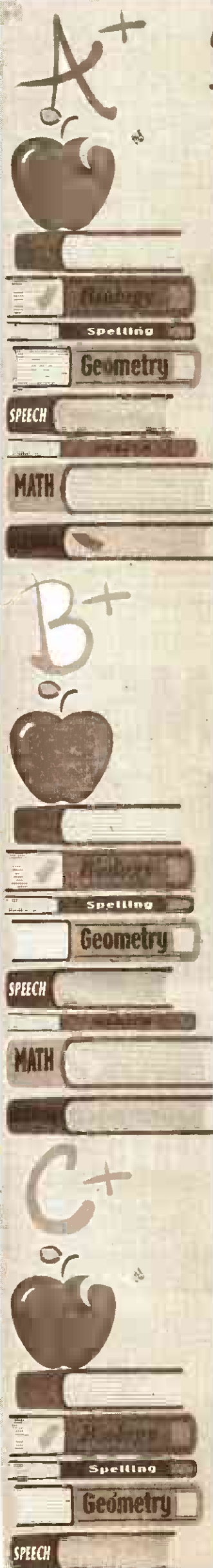
"That is only what I see," said Nowell. "I am sure that there are more (Marines) that have tattoos that I can't see."

Tattoos are permanent, so you should be positive that you want a tattoo. Once the decision is made, look around for the right tattoo, for the right price, and in a safe shop.

Most people get tattoos to represent a loved one or part of themselves, but something so permanent should be enjoyable, not a nuisance.

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Base kicks off hurricane season awareness

Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Mueto
Combat Correspondent

Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, geared up for the hurricane season with a two-day exercise Monday and Tuesday, which tested plans for taking care of base residents in the event of a hurricane, while also maintaining units' ability to complete their mission.

The exercise was part of a state-wide effort, known as Makani Pahili 2000, to increase hurricane preparedness among Hawaiian residents for the June-November hurricane season.

The exercise on K-Bay showed base residents what to expect in case of a hurricane, and helped to update the plans and procedures unique to the base community, according to Master Sgt. Juan Rivera, base operations chief.

During the first day of the exercise, the base's objective was to test plans already in place, and go through possible courses of action. It involved several personnel on base to include those from Base Operations, Installation and Logistics, and Communication System Departments, as well as Base Legal, the Public Affairs Office, Military Police, medical, and fire personnel.

The most noticeable part of the exercise for base residents was on the second day when personnel carried out their procedures for a simulated storm evacuation scenario, said Rivera. It included evacuation to shelters, shelter management, and response and recovery operations. Just like in a real evacuation, residents were afforded the opportunity to ride in government busing to their respective shelters.

Only one of the four residential shelter zones on base was used for the

exercise, and the results were used to update and improve the efficiency of the current base order on Emergency Response Management Program, said Jacques Freeland, the project officer for MCB Hawaii.

Residents using shelters on base can bring any necessary supplies they need for 24 hours, such as food and water. Shelters will provide food and water after 24 hours if necessary.

Base procedures are conducted according to Conditions of Readiness. Condition 4 is the first phase of action used to notify residents of an approaching storm. Condition 3 and 2, activated 36 and 24 hours respectively before the predicted strike of a storm, gears residents to take further precautions for the storm. Evacuations and all final preventative measures are taken during Condition 2 and Condition 1, activated 12 hours before a storm hits.

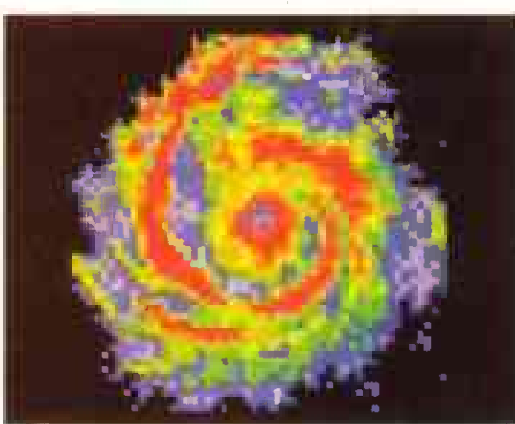
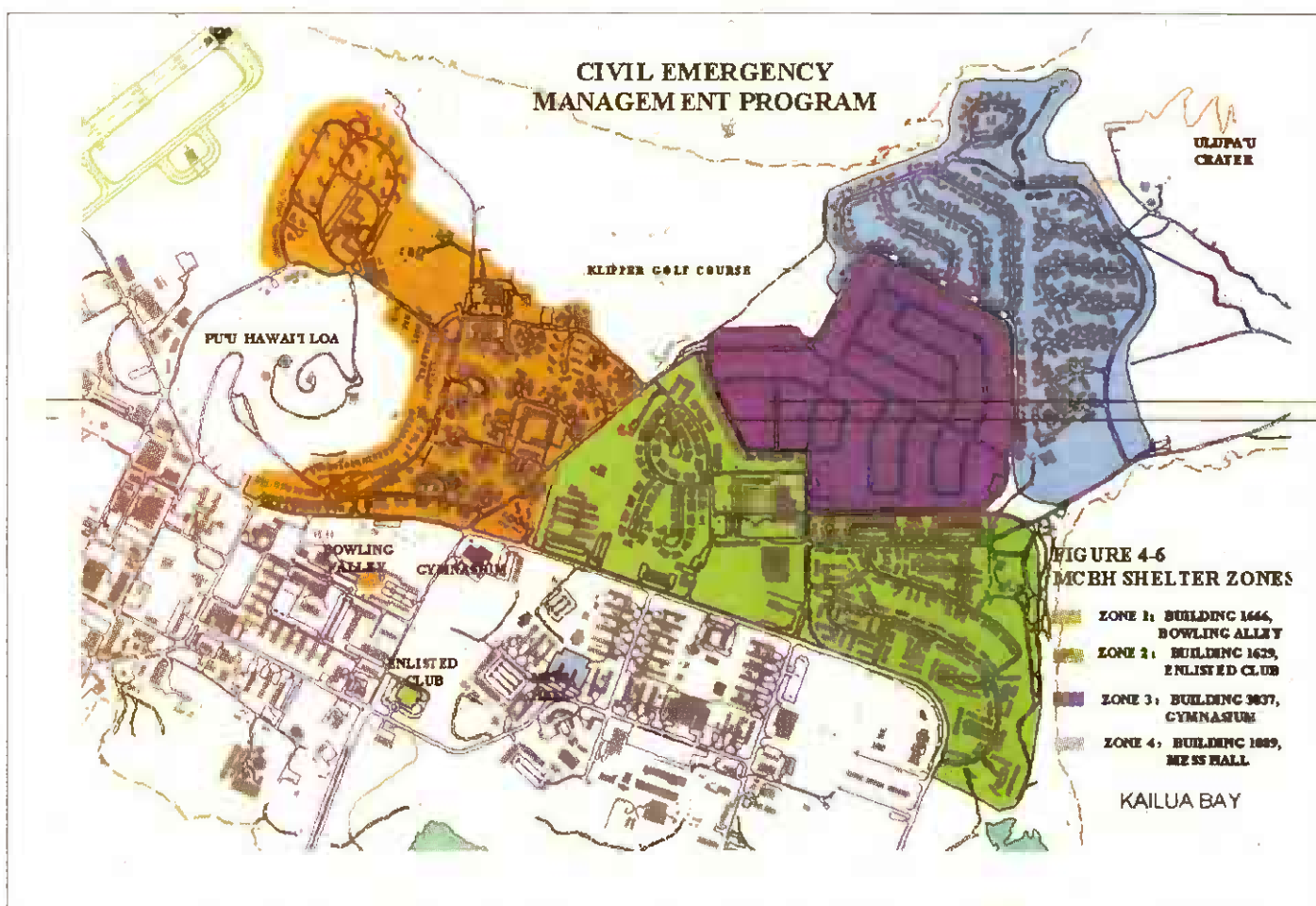
Although the program's primary concern is to save lives, it also outlines the procedures taken to keep the base running after a hurricane has hit. General considerations for hurricane preparedness include the supply of food and basic necessities, and the proper management of shelters. The four shelters on base for K-Bay's residents are K-Bay Lanes, the Semper Fit Center, Anderson Hall Dining Facility, and the Enlisted Club. Each one shelters base residents according to their corresponding zone, while barracks provide shelter for single servicemembers.

Servicemembers who live off base, with or without family members, are encouraged to find the nearest designated shelters in their area.

The base is scheduled to continue disseminating hurricane information to base residents throughout the hurricane season.

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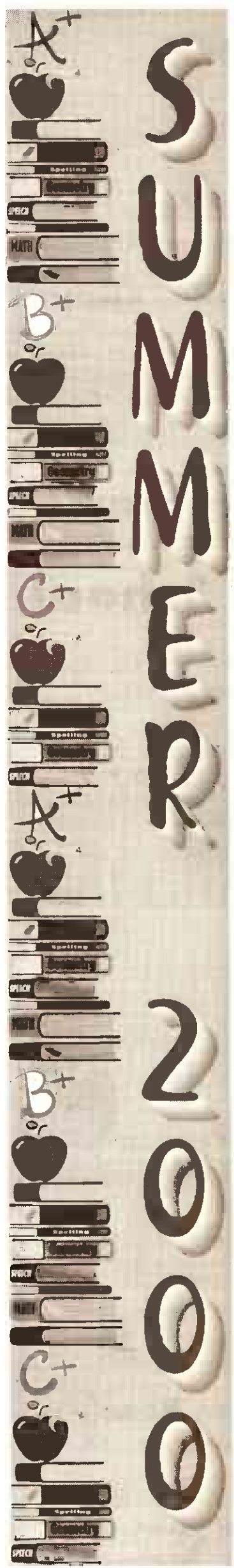
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The USS Belleau Wood leaves the pier here for the last time enroute to San Diego. The "Big Dawg" is scheduled to be replaced by the USS Essex in July.

USS Belleau Wood leaves Okinawa waters for San Diego

Cpl. E.M. Thorne
MCB Okinawa Public Affairs

WHITE BEACH NAVAL PORT FACILITIES, OKINAWA, Japan — Marines and Sailors of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) bid farewell to the "Big Dawg" as local tug boats pull USS Belleau Wood (LHA-3) from this pier one last time.

Since 1992, the 31st MEU has embarked aboard USS Belleau Wood for Amphibious Ready Group

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In November 1998, the 31st MEU received the call to deploy to the Arabian Gulf. In 96 hours, the "Big Dawg," along with the other vessels of the

Amphibious Ready Group, was on-loaded with the 31st MEU and all her equipment and set sail. While in the Gulf, the Marines and Sailors participated in Operations Desert Fox and Southern Watch.

Less than one year later, in October of 1999, the Belleau Wood embarked with a task-organized portion of the 31st MEU and set sail for East Timor in less than 72 hours. While in the region participating in Operation Stabilise, more than one and one-quarter million pounds of cargo were transported in

support of the Australian led International Forces in East Timor. The Marines of the 31st MEU recently bid a fond farewell to the Belleau Wood as they disembarked after SOCEX 2000, knowing it would be their last "trip" aboard. In July, USS Essex (LHA-2) will set sail for Japan to replace the "Big Dawg." The Belleau Wood will set sail for San Diego, Calif. in August.

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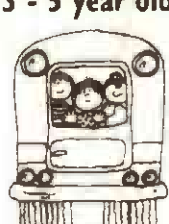


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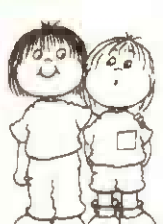
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Red Cross 15K Bike Ride

The American Red Cross is sponsoring a 15K bike ride May 20 at 7:30 a.m. at Bellows Air Station Recreation Area. The regular entry fee is \$25 and the sponsored entry fee is \$30. The entrant who raises the most money for the Red Cross will win an interisland trip. The entry form is available at the Red Cross office, Bldg. 216. Phone 257-8848 or 449-1488 for more information.

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Photo by Sgt. Richard Holtgraver

The Marine Corps Base Hawaii colors wave in the background as a worker positions himself to cut limbs from a 50-year-old Mesquite tree. The aged tree had to be removed because it was falling over due to dead roots and wind. The tree has been a fixture in front of Bldg. 216 since the early 40's. The Mesquite tree is not indigenous to Hawaii, and was planted by landscapers because of its ability to grow in harsh climates.

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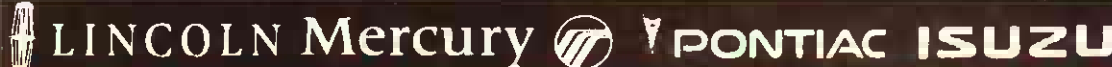
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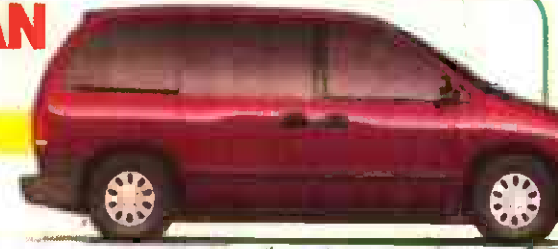
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Why Hawaii Is Lucky To Host U.S. Military

By JACK DANILEWICZ

Alan S. Lloyd has always maintained an active appreciation of the military. As a seven-year old, he watched the attack on Pearl Harbor from Makiki Heights. "It sort of awakened me," says Lloyd.

people make big sacrifices on our behalf. They provide our security, and I'm amazed at the work individual members of the military do for our civilian organizations."

Lloyd did not serve in the military, but his sentiments as a civilian are much in the spirit of Hawaii's Military Appreciation Week.

Aloha Tower and will continue through May 21 with a variety of events.

"The bottom-line is that they're good community citizens; they care," says Irving Lauber, President of Aloha United Way. "They contribute money to our programs and services in the community. They volunteer at agencies, get involved in community efforts."

Just how significant is the presence of Military in Hawaii? Numbers tell part of the story.

The Military is second only to tourism in bringing the state 5.2 billion dollars of income (or 15 percent of Gross State Product).

The United States Department of Defense contributions, meanwhile, total \$636 million (or 19 percent of State Tax Revenues).

The number of active duty military members, their families, and civilian employees totals 121,000, with an additional 131,000 spread out between National Guardsmen, reservists, military retirees, and veter-

ans. In all, 25 percent of Hawaii's residents are affiliated with the military.

"The impact the military has on Hawaii economically is substantial," says Charles M. Ota, Director of Military Affairs for the Chamber of Commerce as well as a retired lieutenant colonel of the Air Force. "But they do more than that. They contribute freely to community projects. They help the local schools out; they help with local churches and clean-up campaigns."

Hawaii is unique in that each branch of the service — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard — is represented. The 5,000-plus member Honolulu Council of the Navy League, of which Lloyd is a member, is the largest in the U.S.

"They are here to provide security for our nation and, while the military takes care of their own, we have an impact as well," Ota continues. "Military appreciation week is basically to let

the military know we appreciate all that they do for us in terms of national security, what they do for the state economically, culturally and socially. And they've been a part of our community for a hundred years."

And hopefully for at least another hundred years.



Navy photo

The USS Arizona Memorial — seen here during a fly-over of P-40 Warhawks — is a testament to our military's willingness to sacrifice

Today, as a National Director of the Navy League of the United States, Lloyd's support of the Armed Services remains a priority.

"In a small way, by being in the Navy League, I get a chance to say 'thank you,'" says Lloyd of the all-civilian organization set up to support the military. "These

Established by The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii in 1985, the annual Military Appreciation Week is a way to recognize members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families for contributions to the community. This year's program will begin Friday, May 12, with an opening day ceremony at the base of the

Mahalo Plenty

RFD Publications, which prints *MidWeek* as well as weekly newspapers for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines, is again proud to be part of Hawaii Military Appreciation Week. We encourage our readers to take this opportunity to say thank you to our armed forces for defending our freedom and for serving our community so well.

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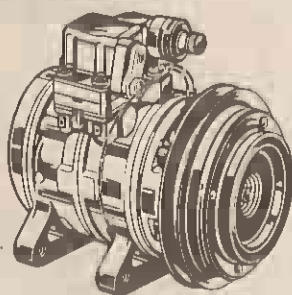
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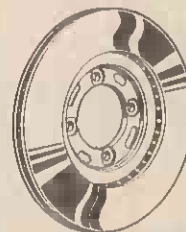
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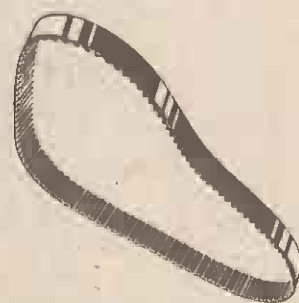
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Victor Awarded Medal For Heroic Deed

By JO2 Gregory
Cleghorne
Hawaii Navy News

Postal Clerk 3rd Class Shannon Victor, assigned to *USS Paul Hamilton* (DDG 60), was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for saving lives at the risk of his own following the fatal rock slide at Sacred Falls State Park on Mother's Day, May 9, 1999. The slide claimed eight lives and injured more

as he could" to assist the injured.

"I really wasn't thinking about my own safety at the time," Victor recalled. "I was trying to help keep the victims alive."

Victor credits his Navy training and his mother, who works in a hospital, for his being able to handle the crisis situation.

"It was a pretty bad scene," he recalled. "First, I

broken limbs together with our hands," Victor said. "A team of people and I helped keep the little girl alive as long as we could, but on the way out, she went into shock and stopped screaming."

Danielle later died.

Victor couldn't remember

how many people he assisted, treated or consoled, he said it was kind of a blur. But, after doing all he could, he quietly went home.

"When I helped the last person I could, I didn't wait around," he said.

And when asked if he

thinks he's a hero, he modestly said no, in a soft-spoken tone.

"I could have turned and left, but I didn't because I knew I could help," he reported. "I don't think I'm a hero, I was just there and did what I could."



Navy photo

Postal Clerk 3rd Class Shannon Victor wears his medal proudly

than 40 others.

Rear Admiral John W. Townes, III, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Commander, Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific, presented the medal to Victor on *Paul Hamilton's* flight deck in front of the ship's crew and local media representatives during a command awards ceremony.

The medal is among the Navy and Marine Corps 10 highest and is awarded to active duty Sailors or Marines who distinguish themselves for acts of heroism, not involving actual conflict, at the risk of their own life.

Victor, a 21-year-old Houston, Texas native, was approaching the falls when he heard the thunderous sound of car-sized boulders rumbling and crashing to the ground on and around frightened visitors a few hundred feet in front of him. The rumble was horrifically followed by the shrill screams of the injured and the shocked caught in the path of the fatal slide.

Rather than turn and go, Victor selflessly "ran as fast

helped move the injured people to a safer area away from the slide."

Several smaller rockslides occurred after the fatal slide. Those assisting the injured believed there might be another major slide.

"We helped a little girl first [7-year-old Danielle Williams]," Victor recalled. "Her mom, who was in shock, was still holding her. I was able to pick the little girl up - she was yelling and screaming. I carried her in my arms to a safer site and carefully placed her under a tree. She was hurt pretty badly. We tried to calm her down because she was moving around a lot and we were worried that she would injure herself more."

Moving with urgency, Victor began making tree-branch splints, wrapping them around broken bones with strips of cloth made from the shirt he was wearing. With what was left of his shirt, he used to make field bandages, then administered CPR.

"Sometimes we had to try to stop the bleeding [of the injured] by holding their

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But Search and Rescue missions are only one of the many ways the Coast Guard serves the community in Hawaii. From protecting Hawaii's shores and seas from pollution, to making sure ships can safely navigate into and out of Hawaii's ports, to coaching youth athletic league teams and mentoring students, serving the community is more than just a job for the members of Coast Guard District 14, it's a way of life.

Here are some highlights of the Coast Guard on the job in Hawaii:

- Since last May, the Coast Guard has saved 31 lives in and around the waters of Hawaii, assisted 340 people, and saved over

\$3.3 million in property

- Last year, Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Honolulu responded to 139 oil spills in the Hawaiian Islands and inspected over 800 commercial vessels.

- Coast Guard units in Hawaii conducted 1,290 boardings last year to ensure boats navigating Hawaiian waters are in compliance with federal safety and environmental regulations.

In addition to their service in the air and on the sea, members of the Coast Guard are also active on land serving their neighbors in Hawaii:

- Over the past two years, Coast Guard Integrated Support Command Honolulu and Group Honolulu units including Engineering Support Unit Honolulu, Aids to Navigation Honolulu, Station Honolulu, and the cutters *Assateague*, *Washington*, *Kukui*, and *Walnut* carried out a partnership with Kalihi-Waena Elementary school. The Coast Guard sponsors approximately 620 students in grades K through 5 by visiting classrooms to help the children with their studies.

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Coast Guard photo

Coast Guard Petty Officer Kevin Towery assists Boy Scout Clayton White from a jacob's ladder into a small boat returning to Pearl Harbor

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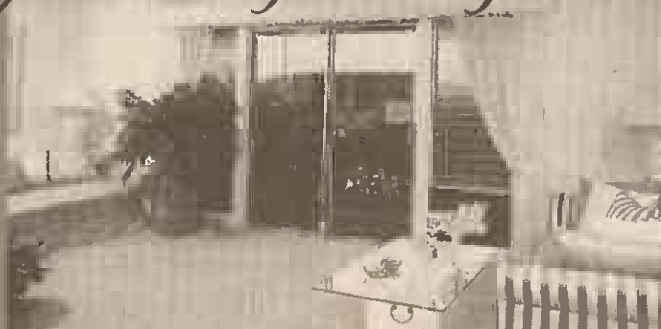
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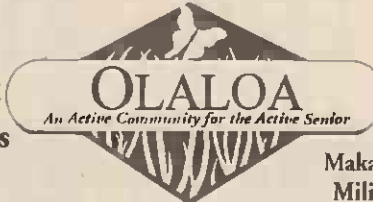
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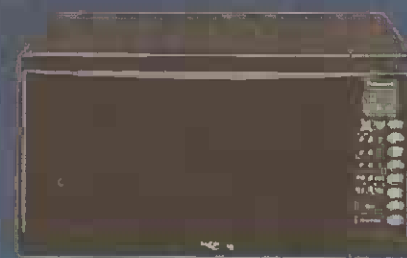


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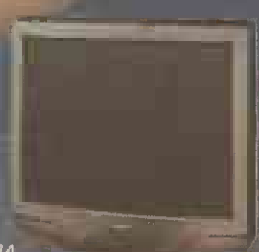
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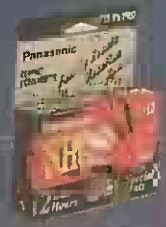
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Fighting Flames Across Hawaii

By Sgt. Denver Beaulieu-Hains

For more than 15 years Army pilots have been extinguishing flames around the Hawaiian Islands. The cooperative effort between the Army and civilian firefighters has saved the local community thousands of dollars while giving Army pilots the opportunity to perfect flight skills.

"For us, this is our real world mission," said Capt. Jodi Eppler of Company B, 214th Aviation Regiment at Schofield Barracks, who has flown at least six firebucket missions aboard Army CH-47 helicopters.

It happened again recently when Army crews were called by the Federal Fire Department to help fight a blaze along a slope north of Lualualei Naval Magazine in the Waianae Mountains. Army flight crews dumped bucket after bucket of ocean water over the fire, which had scorched about 100 acres.

The Army aviation unit is on standby year-round to help civilian firefighters fight blazes on Hawaii's mountain peaks and steep slopes.

"In this fire the local firemen would have had a quarter of a mile hike up the mountain, and we're able to reach areas they aren't able to reach," said Capt. Eppler.

Army's Air Ambulance

By Spc. Lauren Reader

Army, state and county officials recently signed an agreement to extend for another two years the military's role in responding to civilian medical emergencies.

The Military Assistance to Safety and Traffic (MAST) renewal was signed by Maj. Gen. William E. Ward, commanding general of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii; Gov. Ben Cayetano; and a representative for the mayor of the city and county of Honolulu. Since 1974, Army helicopters have flown more than 5,000 mis-

sions and transported more than 6,000 patients to area hospitals. Ward said the program has helped save the state \$4.8 million in 25 years. "It's very important in serving our neighbors and communities," he said. MAST crews supplement local civilian emergency medical services by providing patients with inter-hospital transfers and premature childbirths and provide quick delivery of vital medicines and blood. MAST helicopters, each of which carries a flight surgeon and medical technician, also evacuate patients from remote or otherwise inaccessible areas.

While it's the pilots who get the helicopters to the blaze, it's the flight engineers — in this case, two on each aircraft — who ensure the fire buckets are filled while over the ocean and that the water is dropped directly onto the fire. The engineers lay prone over an opening in the center of the aircraft, watching as the bucket is lowered into the ocean. Once the mammoth, 2,000-gallon capacity bucket is filled, the engineers radio up to the pilots to head for the fire. Once over the fire, the engineers, still watching from the opening in the middle of the chopper, release the lever that opens the bottom of the bucket.

"The fire department calls us on the radio and gives us grid coordinates, and once we fill our bucket with ocean water, we head for the location," said Sgt. Larry Mills.

"Once we get about 20 yards from the fire we open the bucket releasing the water. Then we start all over again."

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Photo courtesy of the U.S. Army Sgt. Denver Beaulieu-Hains

The firebucket douses flames on a mountainside near Waianae

Hickam Helps HFD

The Hickam Fire Department stands ready to respond to the call for help in the local community, when help was needed.

Most recently, Hickam fire fighters showed they are a good neighbor when the Honolulu Fire Department asked for an assist during the Interstate Building high-rise fire on King Street last month.

Hickam dispatched fire captain Thomas Suster and Hickam firefighter-engineers Bret McCurtain and Paul Sugita, who assisted for more than seven hours.

Hickam firefighters played a major role by reserving more than 200 high-pressure air cylinders using their mobile air resupply system, which allowed Honolulu firefighters to work inside the intensely smokey building to extinguish the blaze.



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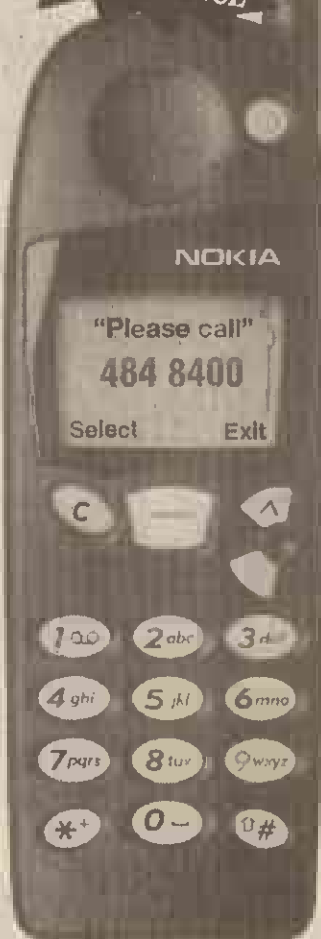
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Hawaii Military Appreciation Week Events

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FRIDAY, MAY 12

Opening Day Festivities sponsored by Corporate Sponsor Bank of Hawaii and hosted by the Aloha Tower Marketplace. The public is invited to join with the military community in kicking off the 15th Annual Hawaii Military Appreciation Week.

1:00 P.M. — A special "Boat Days" ceremony to celebrate the arrival of the U.S. Navy's newest guided missile destroyer, the USS O'Kane, at Pier 9. A welcoming committee along with a fire boat escort and flower drop from a passing helicopter will extend a warm aloha to the crew of the USS O'Kane. There will be Hawaiian entertainment and music played by the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band. Public tours of the USS O'Kane follow from 2:00-5:00 P.M.

1:30 P.M. — Members of the Pacific War Memorial Association will display a scaled bronze sculpture of the National Iwo Jima Memorial at the site of the Opening Ceremonies (flag raising scene on top of Mount Suribachi).

2:00 P.M. — Opening Ceremonies at the base of the Aloha Tower. Public ceremony to thank the military and their families for all they do to make Hawaii a safer and better place. The Governor and Mayor will deliver proclamations to the Commander in



Navy photo

The USS O'Kane, the Navy's newest and most advanced guided missile destroyer, will be docked at Aloha Tower Marketplace and open for free public tours Friday (2-5 p.m.), Saturday (10 a.m.-5 p.m.) and Sunday (noon-5 p.m.). The 504-foot O'Kane carries a crew of 318. Built at a cost of \$900 million, O'Kane was launched in 1998. It is powered by gas-turbine engines similar to those used in jet aircraft

Chief of the U.S. Pacific Command, who will accept on behalf of the men and women of the Armed Forces in Hawaii. Program will feature music by the Royal Hawaiian Band. The Hawaiian Airlines sponsored Military Appreciation Week Discount Coupon Book will be distributed to military members.

2:00 P.M. — USS O'Kane open for public tours. Military and civilian guests invited to tour after reception.

5:00 P.M. — Pau Hana Friday Festivities. The Marketplace and its merchants and restaurants host a Hawaiian-style "E Komo Mai" to the military and their families to join with local residents in celebrating the start of Hawaii Military Appreciation Week.

7:00 P.M. — USO Canteen Dance at the Pier 10 Terminal. A lively dance hosted by the USO (United Service Organizations) open to all military and local residents. Dance to the swinging music of the 25th Infantry Division Swing Band and Hawaii's hottest dance band, Hula Joe and the Hutjumpers with singing sensation Genai. A great opportunity to greet, meet, and network, and dance the night away to some great music. Bring the gang over.

SATURDAY MAY 13

Family Fun Day at the Aloha Tower Marketplace. The public is invited to tour the USS O'Kane at Pier 9 and see

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Talking Security, Economic Development

These are excerpts from a speech by Thomas S. Foley, United States Ambassador to Japan and former Congressman, to the Pacific Basin Economic Council in Honolulu recently:

People everywhere seek security and prosperity, and their governments in most cases claim to pursue these same general goals. How to achieve them is the real question. To do so is anything but simple, and international relations theory is replete with analysis of the relationships between security and economics. I would like to share a few observations about the most salient features of this link in the Asia-Pacific region.

Security and Economic Development

In my view there is no question that positive trends in security and prosperity are mutually reinforcing. It is also true that economic setbacks, which are inevitable from time to time, can put stability and security at risk unless there is something in place to prevent the development of a negative spiral.

Stability fosters growth through several means: a reduced need to military expenditures frees up more resources for consumption and investment; stability is a key factor in domestic and foreign capital investment decisions; businesses involved in international trade and collaborative arrangements need to be able to rely on their counterparts without worrying about interference from security problems. Most economies of the Asia-Pacific region, which for the past several decades have achieved some of the most remarkable economic growth rates in the world, have absorbed these lessons and continue to prosper as a result.

The goal of American diplomacy in the Asia-Pacific region is to develop a positive dynamic in which a stable security environment enables economic development to flourish unhampered by the threat of war. Economic growth, in turn, contributes to the maintenance of peace. True stability arises when we progress beyond merely deterring

aggression, to reducing the underlying causes of conflict. Nevertheless, credible deterrence remains the indispensable foundation for a stable environment.

Therefore, I feel very strongly that we should resist the notion that the amount of resources we devote to security should fluctuate with our economic fortunes, rather than be based on an assessment of what we need to do to ensure stability. The United States will sustain its commitments to the peace and stability of this region, backed up with the necessary resources and personnel, regardless of the changes that our electoral and business cycles bring. But the U.S. is not, and cannot be, the sole source of stability in the Asia-Pacific.

Uniquely Important Role of the U.S.-Japan Alliance

Japan, in the context of well-established constitutional and political constraints, plays a vital security role through its partnership with the U.S. For this Japan deserves recognition, credit, and support. The U.S.-Japan security tie is the most important in the region, I would argue, for fostering the lasting security we all seek.

With the two largest economies in the world, supporting the largest defense budgets, bound together in a peaceful alliance, the people and governments in this region, as well as those interested in trading or investing here, have come to rely on the resulting stability. The sustained stabilizing effect we have enjoyed over the years has come to seem to be a natural part of the Asia-Pacific environment. But security doesn't just happen. It is the result of solemn commitments, considerable resources, and extraordinary efforts and sacrifices by dedicated individuals.

Japan deserves great credit for its steady contribution to regional peace and stability. By providing to U.S. forces access to areas and facilities and bolstering that with a generous host nation support program, Japan has been a staunch, reliable supporter

of peace and stability. Our alliance is in great health, and we are moving forward to strengthen our cooperation by implementing our Defense Guidelines, undertaking joint Theater Missile Defense research, and expanding the scope of joint training and exercises.

These days a number of Japanese thinkers, in looking at Japan's international security role, have begun to propose more active participation and/or capability in various areas, such as peacekeeping operations, humanitarian relief, non-combatant evacuations, and maritime intercept operations. Japan's political process is addressing these proposals in a deliberate manner. While we must respect the democratic decision-making process underway, I would say that such steps would be welcome additions to Japan's current contributions to peace and stability. Over the years, Japan has and humanitarian relief in financial terms; certainly we would also welcome a

greater Japanese role on the ground.

Conclusion

When we talk about a positive dynamic between security and economic development, we are really talking about developing a true Asia-Pacific community. To be fully successful, this Asia-Pacific community must embrace a set of fundamental human values; respect for democratic governance, human rights,

open trade, and cultural diversity. It must be inclusive, based on shared interests rather than on a common threat. These are values that characterize the U.S.-Japan relationship and it is my belief that our alliance with Japan and the strong economic ties between our countries will be the critical catalyst and foundation for the emergence of this broader Asia-Pacific community.

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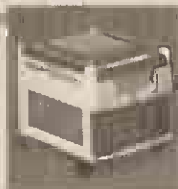
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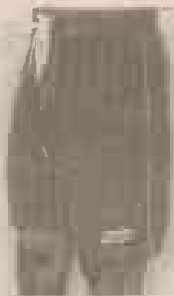
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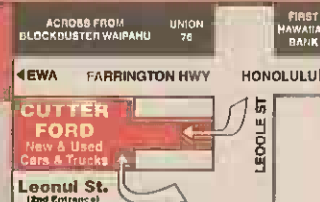
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The Marines Lend Hau'ula A Hand

By Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Muete

Marines extended their spirit outside their Kaneohe Bay community to help out at the centennial celebration at Hau'ula Elementary School.

Marines from the Single Marine and Sailor Program, along with the program's coordinator Dawn Williams, helped kick off the three-day school celebration with an afternoon full of athletic events.

Several prizes such as small toy planes were given to children who did well in their respective events, but the games were mainly intended to let the students have a day of fun while recognizing the school's 100-year history.

The Marines guided the children through a basketball shoot, a hand and knee crawl, and a climb across the monkey bars, among other things.

"I had a good time," said

Cpl. Mike Wright, a Marine volunteer from 1st Radio Battalion who helped students cross the monkey bars. "Just seeing a little kid come up to the monkey bars, afraid to go across, and then making it across. I could tell how happy they were by their smiles and it made me feel good."

The students also cheered one another as they ran through a modified obstacle course. They had to carry a football between their thighs, touch their forehead to the top of a standing bat and rotate around for a "dizzy-izzy," hop and skip on top of hula hoops, and back crawl with their hands and feet.

The laughs and excitement continued on to a final event in which each child had one hit-or-miss opportunity to throw a water balloon at one of three Marines standing a dozen feet away.



Marine Corps photo

Marine Cpl. Savang Amphay applies camouflage paint to Hau'ula Elementary School students

In addition, volunteers offered to paint the children's faces - Marine style.

"It was funny watching them all run to get their faces painted," said Cpl. Savang Amphay, one of the Marine volunteers from 1st Radio Battalion who applied the "cammie"

paint on the eager children.

The event was not only advantageous for the more than 300 children, but also the Marine volunteers.

"This is one good way to get Marines and Sailors out into the community to meet new people. Many of

these volunteers will have children of their own some day," said Cpl. Jeremy Riclesberger, president of the Single Marine and Sailor Program.

"Being around 75 kids with smiles on their faces can really change your outlook on life."

Marines Improve Maunawili Trail

By Lance Cpl. Roman Yurek

Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, overcame the muddy Maunawili Falls Trail recently to assist the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources in finishing some stairs on the trail.

"Marines use these trails on the weekends for recreation and we (G Co.) use them for training," said Capt. Patrick Keane, commanding officer for the company. "We want them to stay like they are for others to use."

The pounding of hammers on stakes, gravel pouring out of buckets and axes plummeting into the ground, echoed up and down the trail as more than 80 Marines worked.

Armed with shovels, Lance Cpls Donald Phillips and Mike Seats, both of whom are avid weekend hikers, filled buckets with gravel on top of one of the hills.

"This is good. We're making Hawaii look better and conserving the environment," said Phillips. Added Seats: "It also makes a better name for the Marine Corps, by getting rid of the bad boy image people have for us"

Several passers-by showed their gratitude. "Thank you, guys," said one hiker as he passed a group of Marines hammering spikes to hold up the sides of the stairs.

A five-minute downpour of rain made the trails muddier than they were before. After a day of sliding down muddy trails, getting stuck by thorns and sweating profusely, the Marines returned to base.

"I think we are all more aware of the environment and the fact that it needs to be taken care of," said Lance Cpl. Daniel Cassinelli, a rifleman with the company. "The unit tries as often as possible to help out the community in projects like this."

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Hawaii Military Appreciation Week Events

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a very special display of vintage military vehicles from World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, to the present day.

10:00 A.M. — Public tours of the USS O'Kane until 5:00 P.M. and discounted tours for military families at the Hawaii Maritime Museum.

12:00 P.M. — Display of eight vintage military vehicles from World War II through the present day. Veterans can reminisce, others can learn about the vehicles and how they were used. Great photo opportunity for all. Includes military band concert in the Marketplace atrium and strolling clowns, magicians, and face painters for families.

12:00 P.M. — Members of the Pacific War Memorial Association will display a scaled bronze sculpture of the famous National Iwo Jima Memorial (flag raising scene on top of Mount Suribachi). Interact with members of the Pacific War Memorial Association.

1:00 P.M. — Military Arm Wrestling Contest at Hooters. Each service branch is encouraged to send their champions to determine the BEST. A first class contest complete with an official arm wrestling table and judges.

SATURDAY MAY 13

5:00 P.M. — Discounted luau dinner show for military families at Paradise Cove in Kapolei. Opening events begin at 5:00 with dinner served at 6:45. Then sit back and enjoy a fantastic Polynesian revue. Contact MWR ticket offices for ticket information.

SUNDAY MAY 14

12:00 P.M. — Public tours of the USS O'Kane until 5:00 P.M.

5:30 P.M. — Air date for "Hawaii's Kitchen" TV show on KHON TV-2 featuring Navy cooks from the nuclear submarine USS Cheyenne based at Pearl Harbor.

7:00 P.M. — Combined Military Band Concert at the Hawaii Theater sponsored by Corporate Sponsor AT&T Hawaii. This free public concert will pay tribute to Hawaii's Korean War veterans. This is a rare opportunity to listen to a combined band comprised of top musicians from the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and the Hawaii National Guard. The concert is hosted by the U.S. Army. Tickets available through The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii at 545-4300 from May 1st.

MONDAY MAY 15

5:30 P.M. — Discounted luau for military families at the Hale Koa Hotel. Enjoy a complete luau dinner and a wonderful show presented by Hawaii's Danny Couch and a Polynesian Revue. Contact the Hale Koa Hotel and your MWR ticket office for ticket information.

WEDNESDAY MAY 17

12:00 P.M. — Annual Hawaii Military Week Luncheon at the Sheraton Hotel sponsored by Corporate Sponsors First Hawaiian Bank and A&B Hawaii/Matson Navigation Company. Public invited to this gathering of business, government, community, and military leaders as we pay tribute to

the U.S. Navy and the other military branches in Hawaii. Contact Lynna Bautista at 545-4329 for registration information.

THURSDAY MAY 18

9:00 a.m. — Military Spouses' Reception at the Hawaii Maritime Museum. A special tour for military spouses on the discovery of this island paradise by early early voyagers. See artifacts, models, and other museum

pieces. Visit one of the earliest ships to Hawaii, The Falls of Clyde, and see a replica of a voyaging canoe used by the Polynesians. Contact Base Public Affairs Office for information.

5:30 P.M. — Finals of the Military Karaoke Contest at Center Stage of the Ala Moana Center. Cheer on your favorite singer at this live filming of the contest finals on the ever popular "Hawaii Stars" TV show starring Cor-

ole Kai and Kimo Kahoano.

SATURDAY MAY 20

7:30 A.M. — American Red Cross 2nd Annual Bike-A-Thon at Bellows AFB. 15K and 8K. Registration begins at 6:30 A.M. Call 449-1488. Public invited to participate.

7:30 A.M. — 4th Annual Triathlon/Duathlon at Marine Corps Base Hawaii hosted by Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS). Registra-

tion begins at 6:30 A.M. Contact Joann Yow-Fairchild at 254-7653 for details. Public invited to participate in this fun event to raise funds for MCCS.

5:00 P.M. — Discounted dinner show at the Polynesian Cultural Center. Dinner at 5:00 P.M. followed by show at 6:00 featuring the Fire Knife Dance Contest and world famous Polynesian Revue. Contact MWR for discount tickets.

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The second annual Military Karaoke Contest semi-final was held before an SRO crowd at the Rumours Night Club in the Ala Moana Hotel on Thursday, April 13 — and it proved to be a welcomed signal of expectations for this year's appreciation week festivities. Chamber of Commerce members and guests were joined by a large group of military members in an evening mixer that featured 23 talented contestants in the semi-final for this year's karaoke contest. And what a terrific evening it was for everyone.

The Ala Moana Hotel staff did a super job in hosting this event for the second year, and our Chamber members and guests were true ambassadors of goodwill in welcoming the military to an evening of song and dance. Master of ceremonies Greg Hammer of radio station I94-FM and contest judges Tiny Tadani of Oceanic Cable and Dita Holifield, Hawaii's leading female country singer, took time from their busy schedules to entertain the audience with their zany antics and upbeat singing that brought the crowd to the dance floor. And to add a vital touch of professionalism, we were most grateful to have Julie Malin, the coordinator of the ever-pop-

ular "Hawaii Stars" TV show, serve as one of the judges.

This is the theme for this year's presentation of Hawaii Military Appreciation Week, placing focus on civilian and military participation in bringing together a celebration that recognizes and honors the U.S. Armed Forces for all they do to make Hawaii and nations in the Pacific Rim a safer and better place. We will feature events inviting the public to join with our military neighbors in celebrating yet another anniversary of a unique and remarkable partnership that has endured for nearly 100 years. As the start of this new millennium brings on new challenges for everyone, continued military presence in Hawaii even more critical than in years past in maintaining peace and order in the Pacific region.

This year, the opening weekend will feature events that are open to the public. As you will note as you review the Schedule of Events listed in this special section, the public is urged to attend and participate in numerous events scheduled through the 10-day period.

It all begins with a variety of events on opening day, Friday, May 12, at the Aloha Tower Marketplace.



U.S. Marines photo

Jeremy Riclesberger, the Single Marine and Sailor Program president, supervises students as they compete in the hand-and-knee crawl event

The Navy's newest guided missile destroyer, the *USS O'Kane*, will be greeted by a Boat Days arrival ceremony at 1:00 P.M. Then at 2:00 P.M., the official opening ceremony for the 15th Annual Hawaii Military Appreciation Week will be held at the base of Aloha Tower, followed by Friday

Pau Hana festivities at the Marketplace starting at 5:00. At 7:00 P.M. the Hawaii Chapter of the USO will host a USO Canteen Dance at Pier 10 of the Marketplace. This big-time dance is open to everyone — free — and will feature the Army Swing Band and Hawaii's hottest swing

band, Hula Joe and the Hutjumpers with vocalist Ginai. We invite office groups, dance clubs/groups, couples, friends, military and civilian, to venture down to the Pier 10 Terminal with your dancing shoes and dance the night away.

Then we follow with Family Fun Day on Saturday, the Combined Military Band Concert on Sunday, a golf tournament at the Leilehua Golf Course on Monday, a big luncheon honoring our military partners on Wednesday all open to the public. Military spouses get a special treat on Thursday, and on Saturday, May 20th, the public is invited to enter two exciting fitness events at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii and Bellows Air Base. Sprinkled in are exciting opportunities to attend luaus and shows, visit Waimea Falls Park and Sea Life Park, take a dive on the Atlantis submarine.

Plan to participate in the numerous activities, and bring along a group of friends to as many of the events as possible.

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Armored vehicles provide safe passage

Hawaii National Guard armored vehicles were pressed into service to assist civil authorities with a hostage standoff in Pearl City's Pacific Palisades, the Xerox Shootings and more recently the hostage stand-offs on the Waianae coast.

During the standoff in Pearl City, the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) requested the dispatch of Hawaii Army National Guard armored recovery vehicle and two kevlar (bullet-resistant material) humvees. The HPD was the lead agency on scene and the military vehicles were used in a defensive role. The humvees transported 30 of the grade school students from a private children's school, to safe locations where they were reunited with their parents. The humvees also evacuated three area residents, who needed medical attention, from their homes. The armored recovery vehicle was available if it became necessary to evacuate police negotiators and/or civilians from the area.

Engineers save communities money

Hawaii National Guard engineers are always in demand for community service projects on all islands. Two examples are the constructed a pavilion and bathroom at the Kalama'ula homestead's Ki'owea Beach Park on Molokai, and renovation of the Farrington High School track.

Soldiers from the 298th Engineer Detachment construction of pavilion and bathroom, which will service the more than 2,000 Hawaiians living in home-

steads on Molokai. "The support of the National Guard is one of the key reasons this project is a reality," said Gregory G. Helm Sr., Hawaiian Home Lands-Molokai district supervisor. "They are not only helping to build the facilities but also saving the homesteaders' money to complete other community projects."

In these tight budget times, the Hawaii National Guard brought welcome relief to the State Department of Education's Wallace C. Farrington High School. A local news article noted that Farrington leads the state public schools with facilities needing more than \$10.1 million in repairs.

The Farrington High School track received a major face lift thanks to the Hawaii National Guard engineers. For three weeks in June, Army and Air Guard members made the trip to the Kalihi high school and resurfaced its cinder track.

The Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Civil Engineer Squadron cleared the grass and excess dirt off of the track and graded the existing surface during the first week. For the next two weeks the Hawaii Army National Guard's 298th Engineer Detachment cleared off the last of the grass and filled and graded the cinder surface until it was fully functional for the Farrington student athletes.

Hawaii aircraft search, rescue, assist our neighbors North, South

From Johnston Atoll to Antarctica, Hawaii Air National Guard aircraft have traveled to assist those in need from natural or human caused disasters.

A C-130 Hercules Cargo aircraft from the 204th Airlift Squadron, 154th Wing, was credited with spotting a missing fishing vessel with four fishermen near the Micronesian island of Chuuk.

A 203rd Air Refueling Squadron KC-135R Stratotanker supported a mission of mercy to an isolated Antarctica location last summer. The Hawaii Air Guard tanker provided midair refueling of a C-141 Starlifter flying medical supplies to Dr. Jerri

Nielsen, 47, who discovered a lump in her breast and couldn't be evacuated until October. She is one of more than 40 men and women at the National Science Foundation's Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, which is 3,200 miles from New Zealand. The successful drop of six pallets of medical and other supplies took place in minus 80 degree cold.

A Hawaii Guard C-130

aircraft was among the military aircraft used to evacuate 1,054 people to Honolulu from Hurricane Dora endangered Johnston Atoll in August. Another Hawaii Guard C-130 flew chemical reconnaissance and assessment teams back to Johnston to check out the damage the hurricane may have caused. The 204th Airlift Squadron was part of a team of Air Force and Navy aircraft to fly 150 personnel

back to the 2-mile-long national wildlife refuge and chemical weapons disposal plant, located 824 miles southwest of Honolulu.

The Hawaii National Guard continues helping those in need throughout the world with the more traditional homegrown food and clothing drives, special community service organizations' fundraisers, and adopt a school, highway or community programs.

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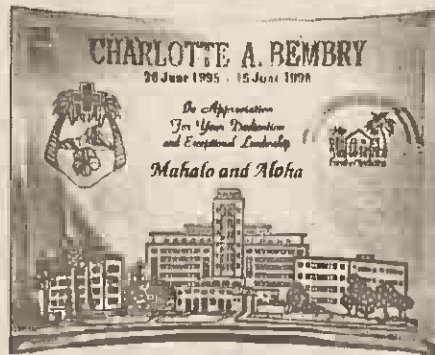
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Protecting Human Lives And Marine Life

By PA3 Jacquelyn Zettles

There's more to the U.S. Coast Guard than saving human lives and boats. The Coast Guard is also responsible for protecting 23.1 million square miles of the Pacific Ocean from pollution. Based in Honolulu, the Coast Guard's 14th District Marine Safety Division keeps an eye on the environment in Hawaii, Guam, Singapore, Japan, American Samoa and Saipan.

In the Hawaiian Islands, an endangered Laysan albatross flies over the beach in search of food for her newborn chicks. But she mistakes a small piece of plastic for food and carries it back to her nest.

"Adult birds ingest plastic, particularly cigarette lighters and toys, while foraging on the ocean's surface for their chicks," says Raymond Boland of NMFS.

"They feed the contents of their stomach to their young and give them whatever they have, including plastic bits. The chick will fill up on the plastic and without tak-



Coast Guard photo

Coast Guard volunteers remove abandoned fishing nets from Hawaiian reefs and beaches

ing in nutritious food it will eventually become dehydrated and die."

Plastic debris in the environment poses a serious threat to wildlife, as well as mariners. At least 267

marine species are known to become entangled in or digest marine debris. Plastics in the water can also disable vessels by wrapping around propellers or clogging cooling water intakes.

In response to this problem, the Center for Marine Conservation established the National Marine Debris Monitoring Program (NMDMP). The Coast Guard became involved in

the program in 1998, when a volunteer group from the 14th District staff cleaned Kahuku Point, said Cmdr. Paula Carroll, chief of marine response for the district's Marine Safety Division. Nearly 5,500 pounds of debris was cleared from an area just a quarter-mile long.

Last year, another group from the staff returned to a different beach next to Kahuku Point. An estimated 4,000 pounds of garbage including nets, bottles, net floats, milk crates, ice chests, and flip-flops was hauled away.

"By documenting what we find we will be able to go to our policy makers with evidence and data that support this global issue," says Christine Woolaway of Sea Grant of Hawaii.

Although the results of the program won't be seen for a few more years, immediate benefits are evident. The environmental and navigational threat that plastics and other debris pose to wildlife and mariners is greatly reduced.

The Navy And Aquarium Team Up

By Bill Roome

The United States Navy recently joined forces with the Waikiki Aquarium to promote marine awareness and education.

The aquarium is one of 11 Coastal America Ecosystem Learning Centers across the country.

The Navy will support the Learning Center with expert speakers, exhibit information, educational publications, teaching materials, audiovisuals, field trips and field data from around the country.

Rear Admiral John W. Townes III, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Commander, Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific spoke at the dedication ceremony and explained to the audience that the 44,000 Sailors, family members and civilian employees who make up the Navy Ohana in Hawaii are firmly committed to protecting Ameri-

ca's coastal ecosystems.

"The Navy brings to the partnership a shared interest, a track record of innovation and a desire to do the right thing for the environment," he said.

RADM Townes presented the center with recordings of marine mammal sounds on compact disk, educational brochures, posters and a videotape about the Navy's environmental programs.

He also invited the public to tour homeported ships at Pearl Harbor to see "first hand" the environmental initiatives undertaken by the Navy.

"We are really excited about this partnership," explained Mr. Clyde Yokota, Navy Region Environmental Coordinator.

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Hawaii's Leaders Salute Our Military

Key to security

It is my sincere pleasure to express my appreciation and commendation to the members of the armed forces in Hawaii.

Hawaii is proud to be the home of U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force bases, as well as the headquarters of the Commander in Chief of the Pacific Command (CINCPAC), which is, perhaps, the most strategic operation in the U.S. military. CINCPAC, combined with the forces of the Hawaii bases, command more than 300,000 uniformed personnel.

These men and women are part of the most powerful military in the world, and are responsible for regions in the Pacific that represent the largest threat to U.S. security. Hawaii's importance as a military installation is understood by leaders throughout the world. As a consequence, Hawaii's Pearl Harbor was the target of an enemy attack during World War II. That assault on Pearl Harbor was the first since the Revolutionary War. Clearly, the work of the military in Hawaii is key to securing global peace and stability.

Hawaii's military personnel fulfill their solemn charge with integrity, duty, discipline, courage, and compassion. To each of them and their families, please accept my heartfelt appreciation for their service and sacrifice.

Too often, I am afraid, we take for granted the freedoms and democracy we enjoy.

So I am extremely pleased that a week has been set aside for each of us to remember those who put their lives in harm's way so that others may enjoy life and liberty. It is my hope that Americans everywhere will always remember that their right to speak, worship, think, and work is protected by the men and women in military uniforms.

I also want to thank military personnel for their sincere concern for their communities. Time and time again, these soldiers, marines, airmen, and naval men graciously volunteer



Navy photo

After spending several months at sea, a Sailor and his family enjoy a happy reunion at Pearl Harbor

countless hours to charitable causes, disaster assistance, school projects, and mentoring programs. Their involvement is specially commendable since Hawaii's people, lifestyle, and culture are foreign to many of them. Many have never before lived in multicultural communities, tasted our exotic foods, or lived so far away from home. I applaud them for accepting and often adopting our ways.

It is my hope that this week will reinvigorate Hawaii's residents to extend their hand of friendship and express their warm appreciation for the members of our nation's armed forces.

Daniel K. Inouye
United States Senator

Good partners

On behalf of the City and County of Honolulu, I am very pleased to salute the men and women of the armed forces in Hawaii.

We are fortunate to have these dedicated and hard-working men and women among us, defending our country and enriching our society. These are our friends, neighbors, co-workers and community partners, and they are an integral part of the fabric of our communities.

The military contribution in Hawaii goes far beyond

armed protection and defense of our country. Hawaii's economy is highly dependent on the military, and we also benefit from the many good works of military

personnel including their involvement in civic activities such as the City's Adopt-a-Stream, Adopt-a-Park and Adopt-a-Reef programs. Members of the

military participate in charitable and community organizations, coaching our youngsters, volunteering in our schools, raising money for our needy, and assisting our fire and emergency personnel with local emergency medical and rescue operations.

Military Week provides an occasion for us to formally and collectively express our gratitude to the members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard as well as to their families. We acknowledge and appreciate their service to America during times of war and peace as well as their many contributions to Hawaii.

Jeremy Harris
Mayor of Honolulu

A safer place

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Since the first contact with soldiers stopping in Hawaii en route to and from the Philippines during the Spanish American War, The Chamber has been the community leader in fostering good relations between the community and the military and their families. We welcome the military as a part of the Hawaii ohana.

The men and women of our armed forces stationed in Hawaii capably fulfill their mission on a regular basis. They are the finest sons and daughters of America and manifest all the best qualities of good friends, neighbors and citizens. Let us never forget that each of these men and women would selflessly sacrifice their own lives in defense of our nation.

In addition to capably fulfilling their primary mission of national defense, in recent years our military friends have helped restore Kauai after the damage wrought by Hurricane Iniki, provided thousands of emergency medical evacuations by helicopter at no cost to the state (including at last year's tragic landslide at Sacred Falls), and Kamehameha Highway at Waimea would still be closed without the assistance the military provided in constructing the temporary bypass road. These are just a few of the many crises the military responds to.

The Chamber also recognizes the many regular benefits the State of Hawaii reaps from the military presence in our islands. Jobs, revenue, environmental and social programs, are all supported in great part by the military.

Though we can never return all the military has done for Hawaii, The Chamber is particularly concerned with providing a good quality of life for military personnel and their families. Military Appreciation Week is our most important community outreach in support of this effort.

I encourage everybody to reflect on how the military has helped make Hawaii a safer and better place, and to find some appropriate expression of mahalo and

aloha during this important week.

*Stanley Hong, President
Chamber of Commerce*

A constant vigil

I am deeply proud of the members of our armed forces. In this week-long celebration to honor Hawaii's military and their families, I take this opportunity to express my mahalo to each and every man and woman in uniform. As protectors of our security, they maintain a constant vigil in the Pacific as ready responders to the needs of our country.

Our military and their families are also active members of our community who have contributed greatly to the welfare of our state. Called upon in times of emergency, committed partners in our local charities and public service initiatives, they are our neighbors, friends and coworkers who have as their primary responsibility, our defense so that we may enjoy the peace and security of this great country.

To the members of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserves, to you and your families, I salute you for your dutiful service to our state and country.

On the occasion of this eight-day celebration to honor and express our thanks to you, I join in expressing my mahalo in appreciation for the important roles you play in Hawaii's community.

*Daniel K. Akaka
U.S. Senator*

Aiding civilians

The five services — the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard — each provide a vital component of our nation's defense. Hawaii's geographic location and importance as the base of the U.S. military in the Pacific requires that each of the services be well represented in our islands. We in Hawaii are grateful for the dedicated service the men and women of the military provide to our nation and state.

A major contributor to our state's economy, the military is an important employer and consumer of goods and services provided by Hawaii's businesses. The Federal funds brought into

the state due to the presence of the military have helped sustain the state and many local industries through these tough economic times.

The military provides a wealth of services and assistance to Hawaii's civilian population, including medical emergency air transport, search and rescue operations on land and sea, programs for at-risk youth and technical assistance on public works projects by the Army Corps of Engineers, to name just a few. Individually, the men and women of the services are well represented in community service and charitable organizations. I join the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii in extending my warmest Aloha to all the members of their military and their families.

*Patsy T. Mink
Member of Congress*

Economic boost

The men and women of the armed forces and their families are an integral part of our community. Military activity in Hawaii provides direct and indirect employment for thousands of our

residents. The health of virtually every sector of our economy, from retail trade to construction, depends to a great extent on the military. Through good times and bad, the military has been a mainstay for countless island families. As a member of the House National Security Committee, my priority is to ensure that military commands are equipped with modern facilities and technology that allows them to remain ready to meet whatever challenges come their way.

We acknowledge the unique demands of a military career on service people and their families. They are often called upon to put themselves in harm's way. We salute our men and women in uniform and their families for their patriotism, devotion, and offer congratulations for a "job well done." *Neil Abercrombie
Member of Congress*

Pro Bowl assist

During the Pro Bowl, the National Football League announced that the game would continue to call Hawaii home through the 2005 season. This was won-

derful news to football fans and to those who appreciate the \$100-million in revenues this annual event generates for our island economy. Our success in extending our relationship with the NFL was attributable to a strong partnership that includes the U.S. Armed Forces.

The U.S. Navy was extremely generous in opening Ford Island for parking and permitting shuttle bus service to and from Aloha Stadium. Richardson Field was open for related events.

The Marine Corps Station at Kaneohe Bay was the site of a football clinic for children with NFL All-Stars. Military personnel served as security during the game. The U.S. Army's Golden Eagles parachuted into Aloha Stadium and U.S. Navy fighter aircraft performed a fly-over on game day. A military color guard opened the ceremonies.

The members of the U.S. Armed Forces richly deserve the gratitude of the entire community for their willingness to embrace the Pro Bowl and help to keep it in Hawaii for years to come.

*Mufi Hannemann
Pro Bowl Host Committee*

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Ceremony Marks Start Of Epic Film

By JO1 Gerard Sekerak

A wreath ceremony held at the USS Arizona Memorial signaled the start of the production for Touchstone Pictures/Jerry Bruckheimer Films' epic drama, "Pearl Harbor."

Adm. Thomas Fargo, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet echoed the Navy's enthusiasm in supporting the project by proclaiming what an excellent opportunity it is to tell the story of Pearl Harbor to a new generation of Americans and people around the world. "Through this epic story we will ensure that the courage and sacrifice of these valiant Americans lives on the minds of generations to come. Thanks for honoring our shipmates. Good luck and God bless you all," said Fargo.

Represented at the ceremony were Richard Cook, Chairman of the Walt Disney Motion Pictures Group, Producer Jerry Bruckheimer, Director Michael Bay, Hawaii Gov. Ben Cayetano and senior Navy officials.

Additionally, five survivors of the 1941 attack, as well as cast members Ben Affleck, John Hartnett, Kate Beckinsale and Cuba Gooding Jr., were present at the ceremony.

"The wreath ceremony is very touching for those of us who are here today," said Pearl Harbor survivor Ralph Lindenmeyer a guest speaker at the ceremony. "On behalf of the Pearl Harbor Survivors' Association, we thank all of whom are taking part in remembering the 2,335 young men who died in this harbor 58 years ago."

Inclement weather, which threatened participants with rain and drizzle both before and after the ceremony, broke just long enough to allow the 45-minute event to go on unscathed.

The wreath ceremony which took place on the main deck of the USS Arizona Memorial, featured a fly-over of four P-40 Warhawk aircraft in the "missing man" formation as a salute to the "heroes" of

Pearl Harbor.

The four planes were part of the dozens of vintage aircraft slated for use in the filming of the epic production. The ceremony concluded as participants took flowers from three wreaths and tossed them into the water through the memorial's well area before moving into the shrine room to observe a quiet moment together.

At a press conference on the Visitor Center's Waterfront Lawn immediately following the ceremony, local and national media had their chance to ask questions to the ceremony participants.

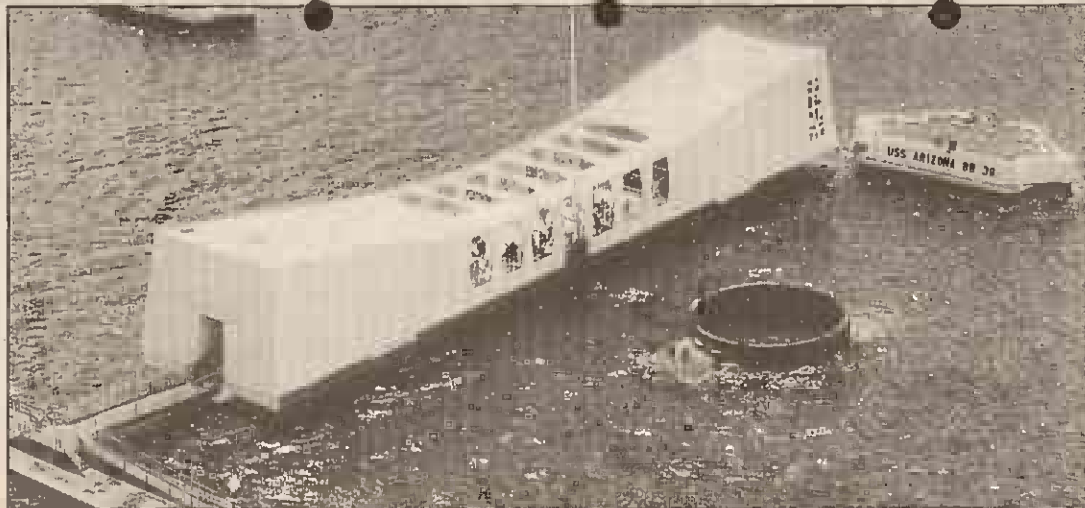
When asked how he felt to be at the Arizona Memorial and to realize the history of the role he and his counterparts were about to play, actor Ben Affleck responded: "It was really a very moving, very humbling, very profound experience."

"I had not visited the memorial before; and I had obviously done quite a bit of research about the attack, but to see it in the first person was really astonishing. It was just an added reminder, that with this movie, we owe a great debt to the men and women who died in the attack, the men and women who survived the attack and the men and women who have served and are now serving in the United States military."

Pearl Harbor survivor Ralph Lindenmeyer, who has been involved with the production since last July, said director Michael Bay sent him the script for the movie and asked him to make critiques. In his feedback, Lindenmeyer asked Bay to make the film as accurate as possible.

"I was stationed at Ford Island as an Aviation Machinist Mate 3rd Class, so I had little knowledge (at that time) of what had happened aboard ship, but I could see it with my eyes, I knew what happened, I could see the chaos; and I tried to impress the movie producers of that angle," said Lindenmeyer.

The film is slated to open on Memorial Day 2001.



Navy photo

The 'heroes' of Pearl Harbor were honored during a wreath ceremony at the USS Arizona Memorial

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Soldiers Have A Blast At Great Aloha Run

By Sgt. Denver Beaulieu-Hains

At sunrise more than 4,500 soldiers started running, the unified beat of thousands of feet and the sounds of military cadences echoed in the streets during this year's Great Aloha Run. Soldiers and family mem-

bers shared the spirit of ohana, once again during the 16th annual 8.15-mile run through downtown Honolulu.

More than 22,000 runners and walkers participated in the event, which celebrates health, well-being and the true meaning of Aloha — sharing and working togeth-

er as a community.

The charity event raised and distributed more than \$4.5 million to organizations ranging from local debate teams to Girl Scout troops and contributions assisted some larger organizations like the American Lung Association and the American Cancer Society.

Last year, the Army's Morale, Welfare and Recreation program received

\$7,513 from race organizers, said Vera Ross, project manager for the military runners.

This year, Ross estimates that MWR will receive about \$6,000.

The Great Aloha Run Military Division was named in honor of the cadences heard as soldiers run in formation.

It serves as a reminder that when those sounds are

not heard or the roar of aircraft is absent in Hawaii, it means the soldiers are far away fighting for freedom.

"The soldiers had a lot of energy and were very respectful when they passed by. I was very impressed," said Camille Aea, an on-duty police officer at Arizona Memorial Place along the run route. "I was excited just watching them pass by."



Army photo

Soldiers from the 65th Engineer Battalion make their way along the Great Aloha Run

Airman Lands Role As Pageant Escort

By Melissa Hartle

It's an hour before showtime and he has just received instructions for this detail. The short practice time does not make him nervous. In fact, pulling off a detail with minimum preparation time has become commonplace for this young airman.

Hickam Honor Guard member Senior Airman Shawn Knight was selected to represent Hickam Air Force Base and the United States Air Force as an escort at the 1999 Mrs. America Pageant's fashion show luncheon.

"I'm used to finding out what I am supposed to do right before it happens," said Knight, a Korean linguist with the 324th Intelligence Squadron. "I've done so many details, I just go with the flow."

Although this detail was far different from other details Knight has been a part of, his job was still the same — to represent the Air Force.

"I am extremely happy to have been selected," Knight said. "I am glad they considered me worthy enough for it."

The actual Mrs. America Pageant, scheduled for Sept. 14, is expected to receive national coverage.

Throughout the pageant, portions of the fashion show luncheon are expected to be aired and, for Knight, this means publicity for the Air Force.

"This detail has given the Air Force extra publicity and many opportunities for myself," he said. These opportunities included a potential local modeling job and an opportunity to play an extra on a syndicated television show.

For Knight, the opportunities are just a bonus. "Image is important to me. The Honor Guard sets the standards of the Air Force and everybody else follows."

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Air Force Turns Students On To Computers

By Staff Sgt.
Christopher Haug

The U.S. Air Force recently donated more than 300 computers to 12 Oahu public schools.

The donated computers, which came from Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, were worth more than \$300,000. They came at a time when many of the Hawaii school budgets have been reduced and computer upgrades and purchases were cut completely.

Some of the donated Macintosh Power PCs replaced school computers that were 15 years old, according to technicians who worked on the project.

Adele Wilson, a librarian at Kailua High School, said the three computers she received enabled her to network her other computers. This made it possible for students to use centrally managed databases for research projects and to access the Internet.

"The computers given to us were very powerful Macs," Wilson said.

She said the only way she can get computers for her school is through grants or by donation. Had the school bought the computers, the three computers donated would have cost more than \$6,000, which is approximately one-fourth the librarian's annual budget.

"Children expect to find the same level of computers they have at home in their schools," Wilson said. "But our budget doesn't allow us to provide that kind of service."

"Some of my computers are so old it takes 90 seconds just to update one record in the card catalog," she said.

Wilson heard about the headquarters' donation through a friend who knew about the program.

At Ka'ala Elementary School, the donated computers replaced Macintosh computers that didn't have networking capability and didn't allow users to save their work anywhere but on a floppy disk, according to Greg Nakasone, the computer center director.

"We get to use the Internet and make slide shows with sounds," said Michael Oshiro, a fourth-grade student at

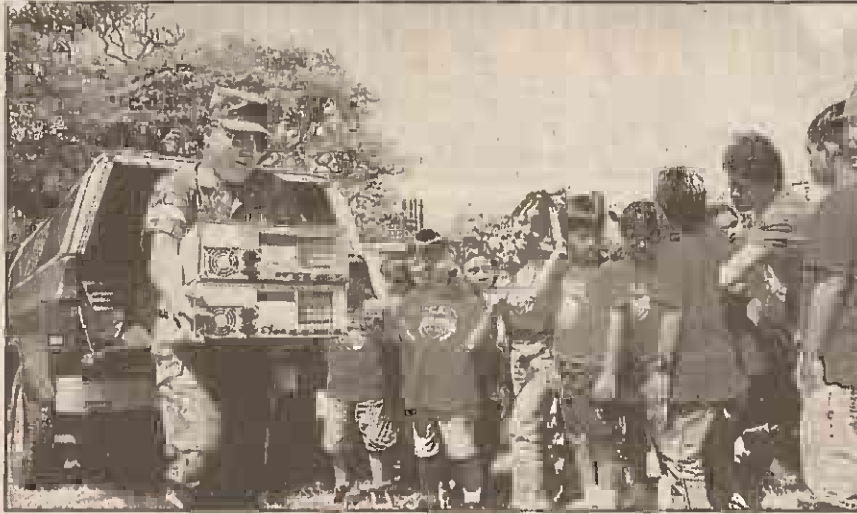


Photo courtesy of 1st Class Stephen Lum

Senior Master Sgt. Irving Yoshino delivers computers to Royal Elementary School

Ka'ala. "My friend got to make a movie for his class and save it on the computer."

"These computers are much faster than what we used to use," said Makana Marle, a fourth-grade student in the gifted-and-talented class at Ka'ala. "The other computers didn't have the cool programs this one has."

"We were very happy we got these computers," Nakasone said. "Especially this year because our computer budget was completely cut and we expect the same to be true next year." Normally the school gets about \$4,000 per year to maintain and upgrade their computers.

The first distribution of computers by the headquarters began two years ago when the headquarters converted some of its operating systems from Macintosh to Microsoft NT. The last distribution was made to Pearl City Elementary School Jan. 7.

The headquarters made the switch in operating systems to come in line with what is now an Air Force standard for computer operating systems.

Schools receiving computers were: Aiea Intermediate School, Aiea; J.B. Castle High School, Kaneohe; Nanakuli High and Intermediate School, Waianae; Hickam Elementary, Hickam; Nimitz Elementary, Hickam; Theodore Roosevelt High School, Honolulu; Aikahi Elementary School, Kailua; Linapuni Elementary School, Honolulu; Kailua High School, Kailua; Ka'ala Elementary School, Wahiawa; Moanalua Middle School, Honolulu; and Waipahu High School.

Navy Also Feeling Generous

By Karen Spangler

The Navy Aloha Center (NAC) Pearl Harbor played Santa Claus recently when

Finding new "homes" for the older computers gave the Navy the opportunity to help schools in the local community and other military organizations.

The donation of the computers couldn't have come at a better time for St. Elizabeth School.

"I had a vision for our school and this came at the perfect time for us to fulfill that. We're very grateful. The timing is unbelievable,"

it donated computers to local schools and military organizations.

The computers were part of the equipment that had been used at the old family housing office location. When the organization moved to its new building at Moanalua Shopping Center, new computers and equipment were provided.

said Ms. Patricia Souza, assistant principal.

She explained that with the donation of the computers from the Navy Aloha Center, each of the school's classrooms will now have three computers for students to use and will be able to get rid of old "dinosaur" computers that they have been using.

Approximately 75 computers from the Navy Aloha Center were donated to schools and military organizations.

Other organizations that received computers included Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) and Information Technology Service Center. Computers were also donated to Tripler Army Medical Center to assist them in the implementation of their new mammogram software.

The donated computers serve as valuable assets - as learning aids in schools, support systems in the field of medical technology, and/or to increase computer capabilities in other areas.

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31-1050R15	\$129.96
LT215/85R16	\$130.96
LT225/75R16	\$134.96
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P205/70R15	\$141.96
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- Includes:
- Radiator drain & fill
 - Pressure test cooling system & radiator cap
 - Inspect water pump
 - Inspect belts & hoses

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- Includes:
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 - Leak test all components & connections
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- Free Brake Inspection/Estimate
- Brake Systems are complex. No one can estimate cost without an inspection. Brake Re-line Limited Warranty - 12 months or 12,000 miles whichever comes first. Brake Overhaul Limited Warranty - 24 months or 24,000 miles whichever comes first. Call for appointment.

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- Includes:
- Replacement of fluid, pan gasket and filter (if equipped) (Special gaskets or filters extra, if needed) Limited Warranty - 12 months or 12,000 miles, whichever comes first.

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\$49.96

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For routine scheduled maintenance.

- Includes:
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