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2/3 engages in firefight

Sgt. Robert M. Storm
Combat Correspondent

JALABAD, Afghanistan — On Nov. 12 through 22, Marines and Sailors of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, attacked to disrupt Anti-Coalition Militias during Operation Sorkh Khar (Red Donkey). The Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, unit is deployed to Afghanistan where it is supporting Operation Enduring Freedom VI.

In the battalion-wide operation, Marines, Sailors and soldiers teamed with Afghan National Police and Afghan National Army and entered three separate valleys. The forces established vehicle checkpoints to cordon the areas and prevent the enemy from fleeing. The three valleys: Korengal, Matin and Dewagal (ChowKay), are notorious for enemy activity against coalition forces.

"This is what we do. We train hard, and then we come out here and do whatever we need to do to find the enemy," Said Sgt. Andrew K. Nguyen, TOW missile man, from Corsicana, Texas. "It's a good thing when we can come out here and do our part against terrorism."

The onset of winter and the accompanying severe drop in temperature usually forces the ACM to limit its activity. Since Marines and Sailors were trained and conditioned to operate in freezing temperatures, they capitalized on their capabilities and attacked the insurgents when they were most vulnerable.

"The weather was not as much of a factor as we anticipated. The Marines and Sailors of the battalion were well prepared, and we didn't spend as much time above the snowline as we were ready to — primarily because the enemy was not up there," Lt. Col. J.E. Donnellan, commanding officer, from Old Bridge, N.J.

By conducting actions against known enemy ambush sites, Marines detained six enemy personnel and recovered five enemy weapons caches. After the Marines shifted from cordon and containment operations, they took to

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Sgt. Robert M. Storm

A Marine fires a tube-launched, optically tracked, wire-guided missile against Anti-Coalition Militia forces during Operation Sorkh Khar. The Marines were attacked with rocket-propelled grenades and machine-gun fire, but quickly responded and gained fire superiority over the insurgents. The Island Warriors had set up a vehicle checkpoint in order to cordon an area of operations and were attacked on Nov. 18 in the Asadabad Province.

K-Bay Shore Sailor of the Year hails from MCAF

Sgt. Joseph A. Lee
Combat Correspondent

At 8, a young Biloxi, Miss. native knew exactly what he wanted to be when he grew up. He couldn't really place a finger on why, but he knew that military service was the place for him.

Today, 23 years later, and 12 years of sea service behind him, Petty Officer 1st Class Rodney H. Love is not only living the life he always knew he wanted to live, he is doing it in such a way as to garner recognition for achievements in his field.

Just recently, Love was selected as Shore Sailor of the Year for Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

"I just always had a drive to join the military," said Love. "I saw the military as a group of people who got to be a part of the shaping of history. I wanted to be one of those people. I wanted to be more than just the average Joe. When the Navy recruiter pitched his deal, I was sold before he started talking."

Love is the leading petty officer for the Air Traffic Control tower, Marine Corps Air Facility. Known around the shop as the "go-to-guy." Love's achievements won him the honor of being chosen as Sailor of the Quarter earlier in the year.

"As I've come up through the ranks, I've learned to lead by example, and I always try to present myself in a professional way, while on and off duty," said Love. "The military molds people in a certain way, and that is what I joined for — to be cast in that mold, and maybe one day to become the mold."

According to Love, his decision to join the military didn't surprise his parents much, and both of Love's parents were happy to see him take his life in a positive direction.

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Sgt. Jereme L. Edwards

Petty Officer 1st Class Rodney Love, leading petty officer for the Air Traffic Control tower, Marine Corps Air Facility, keeps a watchful eye on the flightline as incoming aircraft make their final approach. Love was recently named Shore Sailor of the Year for Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Mortars pull weight in Afghan terrain

Sgt. Robert M. Storm and Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph T. DePrisco
Combat Correspondents

JALABAD, Afghanistan — All maneuver units use indirect fire assets to assist in the accomplishment of their mission. The ground commander is responsible for the employment of indirect fire provided by mortars. Marines and Sailors of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, sleep well under the constant protection of the battalion's indirect fire assets. The mortar teams have continually proven how versatile they can be under the extreme conditions of a combat zone.

"The main difference between 81 millimeter mortars and field artillery is a higher angle of fire. The artillery round has a flatter trajectory, while the mortar round has a very steep arc. "You don't have to see the target to fire at it. Mortars can fire over hills, buildings and rivers, which makes them really useful out here in Afghanistan because of all the mountains," explained Lance Cpl. Reynaldo M. Gonzalez, mortarman, from Austin, Texas.

Mortars were designed to aim an explosive in a high-angle arc so the rounds will land in narrow enemy trenches. The mortar round is propelled almost straight up and falls straight down. The mission of the 81 mm mortar platoon is to provide indirect fire support for the infantry.

Besides the tactical advantage of its high trajectory, the 81 mm mortar can be broken down into three sections: the bipod, the barrel and the base plate. The plate is used to make it easier to carry the mortar long distances.

Even though the weapon system is carried in different pieces, a crew can assemble the weapon in as little as 15 seconds. Assembly and disassembly are practiced routinely during training. The key to survival for many units is the ability of the mortars to quickly engage and suppress the enemy. Mortars use a variety of rounds: high explosive, white phosphorous, and even illumination rounds for night operations.

"We just completed a three-day mission with the Army in Operation Backblast. We fired illumination rounds at night so that the Afghanistan forces that were joined up for the mission would be

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Variety of Christmas trees, wreaths for sale on base



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Aaron Clark, store worker, Marine Corps Annex, straps a Grandis tree to the top of a vehicle. A variety of trees are for sale across from the Annex, aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Prices range from $18 to $75 at lot across from MCX

Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson
Combat Correspondent

It has been known for years as "Black Friday." The day after Thanksgiving is supposedly the largest shopping day of the year, and a true indication that Christmas is extremely close.

Black Friday is so called because it is the one day of the year that merchants, who may not be doing well with sales and are "in the red," have the opportunity to make huge profits from sales, thus taking them into the "black." Thus, Black Friday was born.

However, it is also the one day of the year that shoppers overcrowd stores in hopes of getting the ultimate deal on their Christmas gifts.

This Black Friday, some families were able to get into the Christmas spirit while shopping closer to home. At 6 a.m., Christmas trees were being sold across from the Marine Exchange Annex aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

"We have 1,008 trees this year that will be available to families," said Mickey Delahunty, divisional sales manager, Hard Goods, Marine Corps Community Services. "There will be a variety of kinds of trees available, along with wreaths, Christmas tree stands, and tree maintenance supplies."

Among the trees available for sale were Douglas Commercials, Noble Sheared, Fraser Sheared and Grandis, all of which vary in price.

The Douglas Commercial trees have thin, soft needles that grow from all sides of its branches and hold a strong forest aroma.

Noble Sheared needles are thick and grow in rows on each side of the branches. The branches and trees themselves are known for strength and ability to stay strong for long periods of time.

Fraser Sheared tree branches tend to point upward, creating a compact look and the needles have a flat and dark green appearance.

The Grandis is similar to the Fraser and has a strong, distinct fragrance.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Liberty Bus Service Cancelled

The Marine Corps Base Hawaii's Liberty Bus service will not be available today or Saturday due to the Special Olympics.

For more information call Peggy Hunnings at 257-2171, ext. 262.

KOCS Tour of Homes Cancelled

The Tour of Homes scheduled for today has been cancelled. If you have purchased tickets, please contact your unit representative, kosc_mcbh@yahoo.com or 254-5158 for reimbursement. The Kaneohe Officers' Spouses Club sincerely apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Lane Closure Near Front Gate

The right lane, from the corner of 3rd and G streets up to the static displays (toward the H3 gate), will be closed from Monday until Dec. 22 to complete an additional driveway to the Marine Mart.

For more information, call George Kelsey at 254-7689, or Ken Takeya at 254-7539.

Safety Standown goes Tuesday, Wednesday

Dr. Mark Rosekind, chief scientist of Alertness Solutions, will be speaking at the Base Theater, Tuesday and Wednesday, during a Safety Standown.

Rosekind will speak about managing alertness and safety in our 24-hour-a-day society.

Volunteers Needed for USS Arizona Service

In addition to the annual Dec. 7 observance of the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, the Navy and the National Park Service will also have a separate interment ceremony for a USS Arizona crewmember.

The interment ceremony honors a USS Arizona crewmember in his final resting place aboard the Arizona Memorial and is a wonderful opportunity for our military personnel to pay their respects to the very few Arizona survivors.

Approximately 20 volunteers from each branch of service who will observe the event as a member of the audience are needed for this ceremony. This is not a military tasking but a call for volunteers to attend a special ceremony.

Personnel interested in volunteering should contact Grace Hew Len at 473-3958 or 473-2888.

Post Office Extends Hours

The Base Post Office will have extended hours from Monday to Dec. 23 for the holiday season. Beginning Monday, the Base Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Base Post Office will be open Dec. 24 for parcel pickup only.

For more information, contact the Base Post Office at 257-2008.

MMEA Returns in December

The Manpower Management Enlisted Assignments Branch from U.S. Marine Corps Headquarters, Quantico, Va., will conduct briefings at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Dec. 12 at the Base Theater and at Camp H.M. Smith on Dec. 13.

About 25 monitors representing more than 100 military occupational specialties will be available. Appointments are on a first-come basis and will be kept to 10 to 15 minutes to allow for maximum participation.

Marines should contact their unit Career Retention Specialist for additional information.

Important Phone Numbers

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Military Police	257-7114
Child Protective Service	832-5300
Fraud, Waste, Abuse & EEO	257-8852
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EOAs, recruiters wanted

Staff NCOs needed to fill openings in equal opportunity program

Master Sgt. Milton D. White
Equal Opportunity Advisor

The Marines Corps is looking for staff noncommissioned officers — excluding first sergeants and sergeants major — to be equal opportunity advisors.

Advisors provide an important service to all of the Marines and Sailors who are serving with our Corps. EOAs are assigned as special staff members to commanders at major Marine Corps installations and coordinate and execute the command's Equal Opportunity program. In addition, they provide instruction, assistance and advice on all EO matters. Their efforts promote teamwork and understanding among Marines and Sailors.

In the Commandant's Equal Opportunity Statement, Gen. Michael W. Hagee speaks of creating an environment that molds individual Marines and Sailors into a unit. The EOA educates Marines and Sailors so that they gain an understanding about different backgrounds, beliefs and values. Understanding the individual differences that were brought together at boot camp and officer training school and molded into a common heritage as U.S. Marines and Sailors creates the awareness that every Marine and Sailor is an integral part of a unit. All are valued equally as members of the team, making the Corps better and stronger as it continues to win our country's battles at home and abroad.

Commanders should encourage Marines who possess the ability to take up the challenge of becoming an EOA. Marine Corps Order 5354.3B provides the standing operating procedures for EOAs and the application process. Marine Corps Admin 482/05 provides additional information regarding application submission.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. White, Marine Corps Base Hawaii's EOA, at 257-7720 or the Senior EOA at Headquarters Marine Corps, Master Gunnery Sgt. R.D. Whitney at DSN 278-9371, or commercial (703) 784-9371.

Iowa, Nebraska seek Marines for recruiter's assistance

Press Release
Marine Corps Recruiting Station

DES MOINES, Iowa — Squared-away Marines eager to join in the recruiting fight in Iowa or Nebraska, while earning promotions and being close to home for up to 30 days, are encouraged to volunteer to be recruiters' assistants.

Just for referring two people who enlist, privates and privates first class will be promoted. Lance corporals and corporals can earn up to 100 promotion points for referrals, 20 for each.

In order to qualify, Marines must have good military service and appearance, be personable and be able to honorably represent the Corps in the civilian community.

Duties will likely include representing the Marine Corps as a proof source to applicants in their hometown, conduct assorted administrative tasks, and assist recruiters at public events and school visits.

Marines will be given permissive temporarily additional duty orders that are of no cost to the government but will not count as annual leave.

Eligible Marines must contact their unit first sergeant and chain of command for permission.

Once permission is received, Marines should contact the recruiting substation within Recruiting Station Des Moines where they would like to work, or call (515) 253-9347.

Service members warned not to fall for new fraud attempts

1st Lt Jason Lee
Legal Assistance Office

Nicholas Cage, in the movie "Matchstick Men," plays a con man adept at pulling off scams.

A scam is described as a fraudulent business scheme, an illegal operation, or dishonest plan.

Although not as intricate as scams portrayed in Hollywood movies, several scams designed to defraud Marines by stealing either their money or personal information; i.e., identity theft, have already been discovered on the mainland, and Marines and their family members in Hawaii could be targeted next.

Postal money order scams

Criminals looking to steal your cash have started using a new scam that has already hit a few Marines at Camp Lejeune, Jacksonville, N.C. In the last few months, the FBI has noticed an increase in the use of counterfeit U.S. postal money orders. Authorities indicate that a substantial percentage of these attempted rip-offs come from overseas, mostly from Nigeria, Ghana, and Eastern European countries. Often, the victims are contacted by e-mail, and are tricked into accepting the fake U.S. postal money orders, which are usually worth several thousand dollars, as payment for items the victims are selling — sometimes on eBay — or conned into cashing the U.S. postal money orders in return for a fee.

In the cases from Lejeune, Marines were contacted via the Internet, and asked to cash several U.S. postal money orders, keep a percentage for their services, and wire the balance via Western Union back to the sender. Had the fake money orders been discovered as frauds after they were cashed, the Marines would have been on the hook for the whole amount of the money orders. The U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. Postal Service Inspector General are being notified about this case.

The print quality of such fake U.S. postal money orders can be quite good and difficult to distinguish from the real thing. but here are ways to tell the difference. Genuine U.S. postal money orders have a watermark which, when held up to the light, reveals an image of Benjamin Franklin. They also have a security strip running alongside the watermark, just to the right. When held to the light, a microfiber strip will show the letters "USPS" along its length.

Common sense is a strong ally against fraud. Strangers from foreign countries do not mail out valuable money orders and just hope that the money would be wired back unless there is a scam involved. Marines should be extremely cautious in such cases, as with all of their financial transactions. Carelessness can lead to substantial financial loss, and other serious legal problems.

Tips for postal customers

•Be skeptical of anyone asking you to wire money to overseas bank accounts, or to cash money orders, or checks, on their behalf.

•Know who you are dealing with. Never give out personal or financial information to anyone you don't know.

•Familiarize yourself with postal money order security features.

•Never wire funds to anyone unless you're sure the money order or check they gave you was cleared by your bank and the funds were released.

CLEP scam

Interested in earning college credits through the College Level Examination Program? If you are, then you may be a target of companies that offer to sell study material for CLEP tests. To entice people into buying their product, salespersons for these companies may make representations that are false. For example, the salesperson may claim that once you pass these tests, enough credits will have been accumulated for a college degree, or that a person's GI Bill will recoup the costs of the study materials being sold. Both of these assertions are false.

What those interested in the CLEP test should know is that educational material to prepare for the tests are available for free. The same or similar study guides for CLEP tests are available at the Kaneohe Bay Base Library and the Camp Smith Base Library. Also, all active duty service members may sign up for a free online account with Navy Knowledge Online, where they can access a comprehensive list of study materials available on the NKO Web site.

Finally, active duty service members can register to take CLEP tests at the Joint Education Center — at no cost.

The following are useful Web sites and points of contact:

•About the CLEP: www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/examinations/CLEP.htm

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ICE lets customers provide feedback

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Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, is a participant in an Office of Secretary of Defense sponsored Interactive Customer Evaluation System. This program is Web based and may be accessed from any computer. The ICE site allows customers to provide feedback, whether positive or negative, regarding the services provided by any service provider aboard K-Bay.

The ICE system, also used by the Army, Navy and Air Force, is designed to improve service as well as to provide leadership with timely data on customer service and satisfaction.

Patrons are encouraged to submit an online comment card regarding the service they received from providers. Customers rate the services that they receive, and their feedback is used to determine how to improve upon the quality of service.

Completing these comment cards is a convenient and efficient method for customers to express their opinions about the service they receive from providers.

Because each service provider has a manager who is responsible for answering or responding to comment card notifications, customers receive feedback to their submissions.

In addition to commenting on services at MCB Hawaii, customers can also rate service providers on other DoD facilities located anywhere around the world.

The ICE home page allows customers to choose the organization and installation they are looking for and navigate to the appropriate service provider with relative ease.

Customers are invited to log on to http://ice.disa.mil to fill out a comment card, at a time that is convenient to them.

Weekend weather outlook

Today



Day — partly cloudy skies; light and variable winds at 7 mph

Night — partly to mostly cloudy conditions; light rain showers; light and variable winds at 7 mph

High — 81
Low — 71

Saturday



Day — partly to mostly cloudy conditions with rain showers, light winds out of the northeast

Night — mostly cloudy with temporary partly conditions and light rain over the mountains

High — 81
Low — 72

Sunday



Day — mostly cloudy conditions with rain showers; southwest winds out of at 12 mph

Night — mostly clody conditions with evening rain showers; southwest winds out of at 12 mph

High — 81
Low — 72



Wired up

1/12 Marines set up communications

Story and Photos By
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Combat Correspondent

Pfc. Jose Fuentes III, radio operator, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, sets up radio communications, Nov. 22, during a training exercise, on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.



Marines assigned to 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, set up communications during a training exercise, Nov. 22, on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. The training was conducted so that the Marines could work on their speed and proficiency on setting up and establishing lines of communication.

Imagine being in a combat situation where the unit is under heavy enemy fire. The specific location of the enemy fire is unknown; the only thing known is the general direction from which it is coming. Who would you call in for support? You would call in artillery — that's who.

One thing that ensures the firepower of the artillery batteries is the skill of communication. Without good lines of communication, batteries would not have proper coordinates, and no good can come out of that.

On Nov. 22, Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, went to various spots on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, to practice setting up equipment and establishing lines of communication between different headquarters.

"What we want to do here today is work on our speed and proficiency on setting up and establishing our communications," said Staff Sgt. Lamar A. Burrs, battery gunnery sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 1/12. "The key thing we are looking for today is proficiency."

The 35-year-old Gastonia, N.C. native went on to say that the unit's main focus during the training was communication with Fire Direction Control — one aspect of field communications that prepares Marines to communicate while using computers in the field.

"The computers communicate with all the batteries, guns, and forward observers," said Burrs. "Digital communication achieves firing data a lot faster these days. We can get all the coordinates faster and tell the batteries where to fire."

During the exercise, the Marines raised antennas, set up radio connections, pitched tents that held intelligence information, and established communications with different headquarters.

The first place the Marines set up their communication site was at Landing Zone Eagle. After they made all the necessary connections, they moved to the Boondocker to set up again to try to establish communication there and to practice convoy operations during the all-day exercise.

"This is great training for us because we're kind of training twice, since we're going to be setting up in two different locations," said Burrs. "Marines are always practicing for war, and this training is very useful for us because we're practicing a few things at once. What we really want is proficiency here, in case we are ever in a combat situation."

Another use for this training, according to Burrs, is to have the new Marines, who have recently checked in, retain the knowledge they have learned at their occupational school.

"We always get new Marines," he said. "Like anything else that you would do, if you don't keep on practicing, then you will lose the knowledge that you have learned. With the jobs that we, as Marines, have, losing the knowledge that will give us an advantage in combat can be fatal."



Marines assigned to 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, set up a communications tent during a training exercise they conducted in order to enhance their speed and proficiency, Nov. 22, on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.





Left — Marines assigned to 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, test radios and record data during a communications training exercise.

Above — Pfc. Joel Yanez runs with an antenna pole to set up communication during a training exercise.

On the skyline ... with 1/3

by Sgt. Joe Lindsay



On the Skyline is a weekly column written by Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Combat Correspondent Sgt. Joe Lindsay. Lindsay has recently returned to K-Bay with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, from California, where they trained to prepare them for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Bronze Star awardee gears up for eighth deployment

Like hail during a thunderstorm, the bullets landed all around the Marine as he simultaneously fired two M-16 service rifles, one in each arm. His own weapon and the weapon of his platoon sergeant, who was busy carrying another wounded Marine on his back to safety, continuously erupted as he methodically emptied magazine after magazine into the insurgent position.

The four Marines were in an open field in Fallujah, Iraq, with no cover. It was later called a miracle that any of them survived, especially considering that two rocket-propelled grenades had also been fired upon them, the shrapnel going every which way but inexplicably missing their flesh.

For his actions that day, and throughout Operation Iraq Freedom II, while serving in an officer's billet as the platoon commander for 1st Platoon, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Staff Sgt. Ralph Scott was awarded the Bronze Star with the "V" device — authorized for acts or service involving direct participation in combat operations.

But that medal only begins to tell the story of Scott, a man with an unyielding sense of duty toward his fellow Marines, according to his platoon sergeant who served with him that fateful day — Sgt. Michael Chambers of Lexington, S.C.

"When Staff Sergeant Scott first came to us in Charlie Company, all he said to us was, 'My whole entire job — I don't care if it takes my life — is to bring you all home,'" said Chambers, recalling his initial meeting with Scott. "I'm here to tell you that he stood behind his word."

Nine of the 14 Marines in Charlie Company's 1st Squad from 1st Platoon were wounded that day in Fallujah, but all of them survived, and are alive today, either directly or indirectly because of Scott's leadership and actions, noted Chambers.

"Anybody from that platoon, seeing what he did …" started Chambers, his words drifting off into the contemplative reflection of a man who has seen things others care not to imagine. "My words can't do him justice," continued Chambers. "All I can say is you won't meet another man like him. Every battle we were in, while Marines would naturally and instinctively hit the deck when the first barrage would hit, Staff Sergeant Scott would be there standing, already simultaneously returning fire. We would follow his lead. There's no finer man, no fiercer warrior that the Marines have ever sent into battle than that man. I would go back to combat with him in a second."



Photo Courtesy of Staff Sgt. Ralph Scott

Staff Sgt. Ralph Scott, a native of Tallahassee, Fla., stands in front of a burning building in Fallujah, Iraq, during Operation Iraq Freedom II. Scott was recently awarded the Bronze Star with combat "V" for his heroism in Iraq while serving in an officer's billet as the platoon commander for 1st Platoon, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment.

Chambers may get his chance, as both he and Scott are slated to deploy with 1/3 on its upcoming deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, although Scott, who currently serves as the 1/3 assistant operations chief, is no longer in Charlie Company.

"In my heart, I'm still with Charlie Company," said Scott, a Tallahassee, Fla., native who joined the Marine Corps at the age of 17, soon after graduating high school. "Whatever job the Marine Corps gives me, I will do it to the best of my ability, but I'd be lying if I said I'd rather be here than back with the grunts."

The men of Charlie Company said they felt the same way, in particular, the ones who served with Scott in Fallujah.

"Staff Sergeant Scott is one of those Staff NCOs who you can tell cares about his Marines," said Lance Cpl. William Duffield, a 1/3 rifleman from Ridgway, Pa. "I saw with my own eyes the way he was over in Iraq. It would be hard for me to pick a particular day where he distinguished himself, because he was distinguishing himself every single day, every single battle. It makes me proud to know I served with him."

"I got hit with 13 pieces of shrapnel from my legs all the way up my back in Iraq," added Lance Cpl. Christopher Harris, a 1/3 rifleman from Jasper, Texas. "There were other Marines who got shot up worse than me that still lived. Sometimes I feel lucky to be alive. Marines like Staff Sergeant Scott are a big part of the reason we are still here, still breathing. He would never leave another Marine behind. We were like a big family over there. Staff Sergeant Scott knows what it's like. He was raised in the grunts."

Indeed, just two years into his first enlistment, Scott found himself in Iraq during the Gulf War in 1991, but he characteristically downplays the numerous accomplishments throughout his Marine Corps career.

"I wake up every morning, and I come to work," said Scott. "Whether work happens to be behind a desk in Hawaii or on a battlefield in Iraq isn't really the point. The point is to do your best and give your best effort at all times and in all situations."

According to Maj. Michael Miller, 1/3 executive officer, Scott's philosophy is one he respects.

"Nobody goes out and says, 'Hey, I'm going to get the Navy Cross today or the Bronze Star today,'" said the Boalsburg, Pa., native. "You just stumble into a bad situation, and the only way to make it go away is to prevail over your foe. It is an exceptional person who steps up above and beyond what is considered normal duty — and those types of Marines have prevented some catastrophic events due to their personal actions."

There is no argument among the Marines in Charlie Company who served with Scott in Iraq that he is one such Marine.

"He (Scott) stepped up to the plate in Iraq," said Lance Cpl. Justin Deleon, a 1/3 anti-tank assaultman from Marquez, Texas. "He was holding an officer's billet. He was an underdog, but he stepped up and delivered. Under his leadership, we all formed a bond in Charlie Company that can never be broken."

"If Staff Sergeant Scott gets a mission, it gets done. Simple as that," added Lance Cpl. Chris Berggren, a 1/3 rifleman from Lincoln, Neb. "Seeing with my own eyes what he did over in Iraq, it doesn't surprise me at all he was awarded the Bronze Star for valor. He deserves it."

As Scott prepares to deploy to Afghanistan, he reflected back to his days in Charlie Company.

"When I look back and think about Fallujah, I don't think about the things I did," remarked Scott. "I think about the things the Marines did. One of my squads was pretty much decimated from a casualty perspective, but they still kept fighting. Only by the grace of God, nobody was killed."

According to Sgt. Maj. Michael Berg, 1/3 sergeant major, men like Scott are a breed apart.

"Most people hear gunfire and they run away from the danger," said the Plymouth, N.H., native. "Marines don't have that luxury. Marines run directly into danger, and Marines like Staff Sergeant Scott lead the way."

Scott, a 1989 graduate of Amos P. Godby High School in Tallahassee, Fla., is currently in the process of writing a book about his experience in Iraq. He also plans on completing his degree in criminal justice from Florida State University before attending law school at FSU after he retires from the Marine Corps.

"I had two dreams as a kid," said Scott. "The first one was to be a Marine. The second was to graduate from law school. I don't know if I'll ever be a practicing attorney, but I want to have the option."

According to Scott, after retirement, he plans on settling down in Florida. Though he plans

See SCOTT, A-7

Marines attack with 'everything'

Sgt. Robert M. Storm
Combat Correspondent

JALABAD, Afghanistan — Marines and Sailors of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, recently displayed effective use of "combined arms" during Operation Sorkh Khar, which took place in the Korengal Valley. The Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, unit is in Afghanistan supporting of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The concept of combined arms goes beyond having the optimal weapon system at the right time to do a particular mission. It involves the simultaneous use of weapon systems that complement each other to achieve results the systems cannot obtain independently, according to the Warfighter Planning Course.

During two separate attacks throughout the operation, Marines coordinated the use of air support, indirect fire (artillery), and light and heavy infantry weapons.

"As soon as the enemy attacked the second time, we called in air support — we called in 105 millimeter artillery. After that, we used an AC-130 (U.S. Air Force gunship) to engage with its 40 millimeter cannon, and then we dropped two JDAMs (Joint Direct Attack Munitions, a 2,000-pound bomb)," said Capt. Casmer J. Ratkowiak, forward air controller, from Panama City, Fla.

Combined arms is the art of using all the different weapons systems in the Marine Corps with each other in an overwhelming way.

An example of combined arms would be combining tanks and infantry. Tanks are vulnerable to infantry armed with rockets. In an urban environment, tanks are especially vulnerable because of all the places infantry can hide. A person inside a tank has very poor visibility that can be exploited. Tanks are powerful, well armored and armed with a cannon and machine guns, but infantry needs to protect tanks from enemy infantry.

However, when tanks and infantry work together, they are a formidable team. Infantry can neutralize other infantry and the tank can destroy targets that are too tough for the infantry.

"When we engaged the enemy after they fired at us it looked like the fourth of July," said Lance Cpl. Karsten A. Machado, infantryman, from Norman, Okla. "They hit us with RPGs (rocket-propelled grenades) and machine-gun fire, we hit them with everything, from machine guns to missiles to artillery to bombs."

The Marines in Afghanistan typically use combined arms with artillery and air support. Light infantry engages an enemy to pin them down, then the Marines call in all the other assets like artillery and air support to engage. The insurgents are left with no viable options. If they move from under cover, they are visible from the air and vulnerable to artillery strikes. If they stay, Marines will close in and engage.

Marines train extensively in this tactic and many consider them to be specialists in their ability to integrate arms.

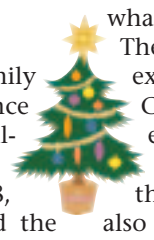
"When they first attacked, I couldn't believe it. I didn't think I would see any combat since I wasn't a grunt, but since the Marines train you to think — 'Every Marine is a rifleman' — I just did what I had to do," said Lance Cpl. Marc I. Rahman, motor vehicle operator, from Hamden, Conn. "It was crazy. At one point, I looked up and saw a Marine get knocked down when an RPG landed near him. I thought he was dead, but he turned out to be fine."



Sgt. Robert M. Storm

Sgt. Larry H. Courdle, a machinegunner from Willacoochee, Ga., pops smoke to indicate friendly forces to air support, after an attack by Anti-Coalition Militia forces during Operation Sorkh Khar. Marines often use combined arms methods to complete missions.

TREES, From A-1



Whichever tree the family prefers, there is a chance that it is one that is available at the tree sale.

"The trees start at $18, and go up to $75," said the Queens, N.Y. native. "It all depends on the height and what type of tree is preferred. The Noble tree is the most expensive while the Douglas Commercial is the cheapest."

According to Delahunty, the Christmas wreaths are also on sale for $19 each, tree stands and tree maintenance supplies are also available.

LOVE, From A-1

Since joining the Navy, Love has served at sea and ashore, and though his career field has had him on shore duty, his true passion is the sea.

"If all goes well, I hope to get stationed aboard ship in Japan," said Love. "I hope to make my next rank soon, and hopefully get a chance to deploy to the Gulf."

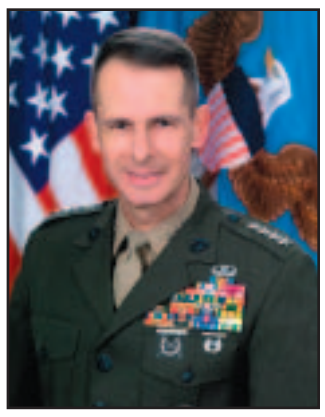
In his free time, Love enjoys his hobby of photography and travels around the island taking a variety of landscape photographs.

"I just got into photography a couple years ago, but I really enjoy being stationed in a place like Hawaii because it allows me to practice and enjoy my hobby."

In December, Love will go to Norfolk, Va., where he will vie for the title of West Coast Shore Sailor of the Year, competing against the Shore Sailor of the Year from a shore command in Washington State. If selected, Love will then move on to compete against Shore Sailors of the Year from around the fleet for the top slot as the Navy's Shore Sailor of the Year 2005.

Pace supports white phosphorous use

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service



PACE

WASHINGTON — White phosphorous is a legitimate military tool, but U.S. forces have been highly judicious about using it to avoid harming civilians, Marine Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told Pentagon Tuesday.

Pace defended use of the substance, which U.S. forces use primarily as a smokescreen, to mark targets or to flush enemy combatants out of protected positions. "It is well within the law of war to use those weapons as they are being used for marking and screening," he said.

U.S. troops used limited white phosphorous munitions against legitimate targets during Operation Al Fajr in Fallujah, Iraq, last year, defense officials confirmed. However, officials refuted recent news reports that U.S. forces have used the substance as an incendiary weapon. White phosphorous can cause serious burns if it comes into contact with skin.

U.S. forces have never used white phosphorous to target innocent civilians, officials said, and have taken great pains to avoid doing so.

Just as with any other weapon, troops use a variety of factors to determine the appropriateness of using white phosphorous, explained Air Force Maj. Todd Vician, a Pentagon spokesman. These include the target vulnerability and location, available munitions, and the potential risk to civilians and friendly forces, he said.

"No armed force in the world goes to greater effort than your armed force to protect civilians and to be very precise in the way we apply our power," Pace said.

"A bullet goes through the skin even faster than white phosphorous does. So I would rather have the proper instrument applied at the proper time as precisely as possible to get the job done in a way that kills as many of the bad guys as possible and does as little collateral damage as possible," the chairman said. "That is just the nature of warfare."

White phosphorous was commonly used during the Vietnam War, where it garnered the nickname, "Willie Pete" among troops.



A Marine assigned to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, takes cover and searches for targets against Anti-Coalition Militia forces during Operation Sorkh Khar. The Marines were attacked with rocket-propelled grenades and machine-gun fire, but quickly responded and gained fire superiority over the insurgents. The Island Warriors were en route to a suspected weapons cache when they were attacked, Nov. 17, in the Asadabad province.

Sgt. Robert M. Storm

WARRIORS, From A-1

the offense by conducting searches and finally by attacking the ACM forces as they attempted to respond. In several situations, the enemy did not go quietly. Nine attacks were made against the Island Warriors involving small arms or rocket-propelled grenades.

"We were attacked, and we relayed a radio message for indirect fire support. The Marines fired their machine guns and M-16s to quickly gain fire superiority and keep the enemy from moving, then it was just a matter of letting artillery do its work," said 1st Lt. Ryan B. Cohen, platoon commander.

"Overall, Operation Sorkh Khar was a big success. The Island Warriors gathered intelligence about the terrain, weather and enemy that will benefit them in future operations in Kunar Province," said Donnellan. "I'm incredibly proud of the way the battalion performed these past 10 days. It really taxed our flexibility at a lot of levels, to go from containing the enemy to going on the offensive. The spirit of the Marines and Sailors is what enables us to do that."

SCAMS, From A-2

•Joint Education Center: 257-2158, www.mccshawaii.com/jec.htm
•Base Library, Kaneohe Bay: 254-7624, Building 192
•Base Library, Camp Smith: 477-6348, Building 1
•Navy Knowledge Online: www.nko.navy.mil

Jury duty scam

Not all scams are designed to take your money. Some scams, such as the jury duty scam, try to steal your personal information, also known as identity theft. In its simplest form, identity theft is the crime that occurs when a thief obtains some piece of your sensitive personal information and uses it without your knowledge to commit fraud or theft. The types of information that identity thieves use to commit these illegal acts come from the bits of personal information that you reveal about yourself during your everyday transactions; i.e., your name, address, phone numbers, Social Security number, savings and checking account numbers, income, etc.

In the jury duty scam, the scammer calls the residence or office number of the victim and identifies himself as an officer or employee of the local court or jurisdiction. The scammer then announces to the victim that he has failed to report for jury duty, and that a bench warrant was issued against the victim for his arrest. The scammer eventually assures the victim that if this is all just a mistake, all the scammer needs to do is verify the victim's information with a few simple questions.

It is then that the scammer obtains name, Social Security number, date of birth, and will also solicit credit card or bank account numbers, claiming that the information will be used by their credit bureaus to verify the victim's identity.

Service members, civilian employees, and their adult family members, must be on the lookout for identity theft scams. Legitimate court employees will never call to solicit information and would send any official notifications by standard mail delivery.

Tips to protect against identity theft

•Avoid giving personal information out via the phone, internet, or regular mail — unless you have positively identified the other party with whom you are dealing.

•Deposit your outgoing mail in secure U.S. postal mailboxes as opposed to the personal mailbox at your residence.

•Keep your SSN card in a secure location and only reveal your number when absolutely necessary. Ask to use other types of identifiers, if possible.

•Set up passwords on your credit card, bank, phone and computer accounts. Avoid using easily identifiable passwords like your SSN, birthdate, or mother's maiden name. Change passwords at fluctuating intervals.

MORTAR, From A-1

able to see and maneuver at night," said Lance Cpl. Jeremy D. West, mortarman, from Anza, Calif.

"We have some interesting stories, too. During the mission, we had to set up a position in a field of marijuana; it was a good two-mile-long field," laughed West.

The Marine Corps has repeatedly demonstrated the effectiveness of mortars with the use of combined arms tactics. Combined arms tactics utilizes mortars to suppress the enemy, while the infantry moves closer to the enemy position. When the infantry is close enough to the objective, the mortars cease their suppression, and the infantry finishes its assault through the objective.

By using mortars on the enemy, the Marines and Sailors are exposed to less enemy fire while the enemy is exposed to a greater volume of fire. The indirect fire provided by the mortars inhibits the enemy's ability to mount an effective response.

Since many enemy fighters are entrenched in built up fortifications, the rapid, high-angle, plunging mortar fire is invaluable against enemy troops and targets in defilade, which are not normally vulnerable to direct fire attacks.

"We are able to put rounds pretty much wherever we want. When someone calls in a request for fire on a specific grid, we plot trajectory, elevation difference, distance, wind, and all types of other factors in order to get the round within 25 meters of the target," said West.

"Even though we're mortarmen, we have to be adaptable, because we do all the other infantry jobs as well — machinegunner, security; guard force," said Gonzalez. We have done just about everything out here. We're the mutts of the battalion."

SCOTT, From A-4

on doing some traveling with his wife Ingrid, including a trip to Europe, he said after seven deployments — Afghanistan will be his eighth — that he is ready to stay put for a while.

It was a deployment, however, that led to Scott meeting the woman who would eventually become his wife.

"I was on a goodwill float to South America in 1993 and was on liberty just walking around," recalled Scott. "It was God's will that we even met. We struck up a conversation, and after I returned to the U.S. we started corresponding, then dating, and eventually we married. It was the best thing that ever happened to me."

For her part, Ingrid, a professional language translator, said she is proud of her husband's accomplishments, but worries about him just the same.

"Before my husband left for deployment, I had the chaplain bless him," said the Valparaiso, Chile native. "Having your husband deployed to combat is very stressful. I couldn't find the words enough to describe the stress you go through; how you become a slave to the news — not knowing who's dead — waiting endless hours for the knock at the door. It's something that can really tear you apart."

Ingrid said her faith in God and the emotional encouragement she has received from the 1/3 key volunteers has been a blessing.

"It helps so much, having the support of the other wives from 1/3," commented Ingrid. "It makes you know that you're not alone — that you're not the only one going through it."

As Scott gears up for another combat deployment, he speaks with the confidence of a man who knows what he's headed for.

"I've never been to Afghanistan, but I've been to war before," said Scott. "I can tell you 1/3 is ready. I'm ready. The Marines will always be ready. That's just a fact. Our commanders are the best infantry commanders in the world. They're ready. They got a game plan. I'm excited — not for the purpose of loss of life, because I know Afghanistan is going to be hazardous — but from the perspective that I know we are ready to accomplish the mission. I feel totally confident."



Sgt. Joe Lindsay

Staff Sgt. Ralph Scott, assistant operations chief, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, stands with his wife, Ingrid, after he was awarded the Bronze Star with combat "V."

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Above — Scores of mo-peds are available for rent in Waikiki and rates are somewhat consistent from business to business. To rent a mo-ped, riders must be at least 18 and have a valid driver's license. All the controls on a mo-ped are hand operated, including the gas and front and rear brakes.

Left — Leann Gutkowski, administrative clerk, Installation Personnel Administration Center, Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, sits atop the mo-ped she's chosen before riding on the busy streets of Waikiki.

Scootin' about town

Low-powered mo-peds are one of the easiest and cheapest ways to go sight-seeing

Story and Photos By
Lance Cpl. Roger L. Nelson
Combat Correspondent

HONOLULU — Imagine cruising down the street with your hair blowing in the wind, adrenaline rushing through your veins as you zip by cars at speeds of up to 40 miles per hour. Suddenly, you realize that your time has run out, and you decide to take one last ride into the sunset before you return the rented mo-ped to the shop.

"I've been stationed here for a while and every time I go to Waikiki, I see people speeding by on these scooters," said Lance Cpl. Leann M. Gutkowski, administrative clerk, Installation Personnel Administrative Center, Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. "I always wanted to rent one for the day, but never had anyone to do it with, because my husband was in Iraq."

Leann explained that it was her first time riding a mo-ped, and a bicycle was the closest thing she has ridden to a mo-ped.

"I was kind of nervous, because I had no clue how to drive the thing, and it looked like you had to have skill to ride one," said the Illinois native. "After the guy who worked there explained how to drive the thing to me, it didn't seem that hard."



The throttle on a mo-ped is equivalent to the gas pedal on a car and is used to make the vehicle accelerate.

Lance Cpl. Chad E. Gutkowski, motor transport, Combat Service Support Group 3, MCB Hawaii, K-Bay, explained that ever since he returned from Iraq, his wife wanted to go rent the mo-peds for a day, but their work schedules would not allow it.

"We wanted to rent them for the whole day, because it's a better deal, so time was always a reason why we couldn't go," said Chad, a Wisconsin native. "But we had a four-day weekend, so I figured I'd take her on one of our days off and spend the whole day riding around town on the mo-peds."

Chad said some of the people who went with them had trouble with the mo-peds.

"One girl that went with us had the hardest time on the mo-ped. She could just not grasp the concept of how to ride it," said Chad. "When she would stop, she would forget to take her hand off of the gas while she was hitting the brake, so we thought we may end up having to make a run to Tripler (Army hospital) before the end of the day."

In Hawaii, mo-ped riders must have a valid driver's license, be at least 18 years old, and possess a credit card for the deposit required to rent a mo-ped.

"It was a really good price to rent them. I was expecting to pay a lot more," admitted Chad. "It was $25 to rent the scooters from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and $35 to rent them for 24 hours."

Leann said that riding the mo-ped was one of the most fun things she has done since she's been stationed in Hawaii.

"I had an awesome time on the little mo-peds," said the 20-year-old. "It seems like it wouldn't have been as much fun if we wouldn't have had a lot of people with us. So, the more people the better, I think. We looked like some kind of little mo-ped club or something — cruising around the strip."

Leann said she hopes to rent mo-peds again sometime in the near future.

"It was awesome, and it was a lot scarier then I expected them to be," she admitted. "They go a lot faster than I thought they would, and we weren't wearing helmets, so I was cautious and didn't drive too fast. I was happy with my cruising speed."

Chad said the cost to rent the mo-peds is basically the same at all of the mo-ped rentals.

"There's like a hundred places in Waikiki to rent mo-peds, and all of the prices are pretty much the same, so I would just pick the first place you find and rent from there," said the 23-year-old.

"Any way you look at it, it's a lot of fun and it's something all of your friends can go out and do on the weekends for a reasonable price."



Lance Cpl. Leann Gutkowski rides through Ala Moana Beach Park on a rented mo-ped. Gutowski said she can't wait to take another ride on a mo-ped because she enjoyed herself so much on her first ride.

Special evening sales sure to surprise

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Marine Corps Community Services Marketing



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Holiday shopping will be a breeze when you take advantage of the Men's and Ladies' nights sales at the Marine Corps Exchange taking place on Dec. 7 and 14, respectively. These two events are the perfect opportunities to shop for opposite-gendered friends or relatives with the assistance of savvy MCX staff.

It is common knowledge that men and women have differing shopping styles. Most men will go to the closest or most popular store known to carry the item they need, they'll grab the first one they see and head to the cashier right away. The deed gets done in record time.

Women, on the other hand, are comparison shoppers, for the most part. They will find out what stores carry the item they need, check the newspaper circulars to see if the item is on sale that week, and they may still shop around to make sure that the sale price listed is indeed the lowest price. Some women might even spend more money on the gas as they drive around to other stores to research the potential savings on their needed items.

In the end, the item may be researched, purchased, returned, repurchased and then re-returned in case it goes on a bigger sale the following week. In other words, women tend to take a longer approach.

Regardless of what shopping style you practice, the reality is that we all need to shop for the holidays, finish in a timely manner (preferably before Christmas, or during Hanukkah or Kwanzaa celebrations), and save money in the process.

Just as importan is the element of surprise. With families shopping together, sometimes it can be difficult, if not downright impossible, to buy gifts for those family members who are accompanying you.

So what is the solution? Men's and Ladies' Nights at the Marine Corps Exchange.

These special sale events are designed to offer an opportunity for family members to buy gifts privately without the spouse or opposite gendered relative peeking at that special gift with which you plan on surprising your family member.

Men's Night kicks off the series on Dec. 7. From 6 to 10 p.m. Only male patrons will be allowed to shop to their heart's content for all sorts of goods ranging from clothing to household goods and jewelry.

Ladies' Night follows on Dec. 14 with items that are sure to please the men in their lives, as well as treat female shoppers with a few gifts for themselves. Doors will also open from 6 to 10 p.m. and will feature a different variety of items at discounted prices not offered at any other time of the year.

Staff will also be on hand to offer advice and recommendations on items customers may not be familiar with. For example, men may need advice on ladies' sizing and styles, and women may need input on technical features and technological trends.

While the MCX will offer other sales during the remainder of the holiday season, this is one surefire way of making sure that you have a little privacy to surprise your intended gift recipient, a lot of help choosing the best items to please your spouse or relative, and just the right pricing and discounts to make this a shopping event not to miss.

For more information on this and other upcoming sales, call 257-3890.

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Possibilities in Paradise

Kahuna's Sports Bar & Grill

254-7660/7661

Live Entertainment — December would not be off to a good start without some live entertainment.

Today, drop by the club for the popular sounds of One World Tribe. This band starts performing its original beats at 10 p.m.

Monday Night Football — Get ready to cheer on your favorite team at Kahuna's Monday Night Football.

A special menu, which will be offered on Saturday, will be available at 6 p.m. National Trivia Network QB1 will also be available for those of you who are psychic enough to call the next play.

Catch this week's game when the Seattle Seahawks match might with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Bosses' Night with Hosted Karaoke — You know your boss can holler, but can he or she sing? Find out, Tuesday, by inviting him or her to this special Bosses' Night featuring Island Mobile Productions Karaoke from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Complimentary pupus will be available and MCCS Football Bash prizes will be handed out, including MCCS gift certificates, soft drink company merchandise, grills and more.

E-6 and above are welcome, but must be in the uniform of the day.

Hot Country Nights — Country music is hotter than ever. This week Dita Holifield and Red Handed will come to Kahuna's for an evening of chart-topping sounds and some old-fashioned classics.

Dita begins her performance at 8 p.m.

Staff NCO Club

254-5481

Monday Night Football — This is the place to be to get into the football state of mind. Special menus will be available at the Rocker Room with half-price specials for members, 6 to 8:30 p.m., or at the end of the halftime.

In addition to Sticky Man races, you can compete to become the King or Queen of the Quarter for the opportunity to sit in the best seat of the house — a plush recliner — for a whole quarter. Ask the staff for details. Sorry, a remote does not come with the recliner.

This week's game features the Seattle Seahawks against the Philadelphia Eagles. Don't miss it.

Family Night — Come one, come all, this Thursday night for the entire family to enjoy at the Staff NCO Club. From 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. bring your little ones, your parents, and anyone else who is a part of your ohana to this evening featuring fun, finger food, games and good times.

The children's buffet will feature macaroni and cheese, fish sticks, pizza, and more children's favorites. The adult buffet line will offer chicken stir-fry, meat loaf and green bean casserole among other popular selections.

No family night would be complete without some entertainment. Young ones and those young at heart will be delighted to find balloons, board games and face painting among the various activities that will make this evening one worth repeating.

Club members pay $9.95 for adults, $7.95 for children ages 7 to 12, and $5.95 for children 2 to 6. Nonmembers should add $1.50 to the prices above. There is no charge of children younger than 2.

For more information, call 254-5481.

Officers' Club

254-7650/7649

Holiday Buffet — Starting today, and throughout the month of December, make plans to come by the club to celebrate the spirit of the holidays with our Holiday Buffet.

The buffet will be available Fridays and Saturdays starting at 5:30 p.m. and will feature entrées such as steamed filet of fish à la Chinatown, sautéed chicken breast a la millanaise, snow crab legs and carved roast prime rib, among others.

Cost for members is $26.50, while nonmembers can enjoy their meal for an additional 20 percent.

Army-Navy Game — Cheer on the Navy Midshipmen as they face-off against the Army's Black Nights in this highly anticipated match that takes place this year at Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Field on Saturday.

Watch the game at the club's Lanai Ballroom, downstairs. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m., giving everyone plenty of time to get there for the kick-off at 9:30 a.m.

Enjoy the pre-game festivities, coffee, Danish pastries and fresh fruit. And at halftime, partake in the hot dogs, chili, rice, and a crudités tray with dip and chips. The bar will be open as well.

Champagne Sunday Brunch — With the beautiful vistas of the beach, the mountains and the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course, you can't go wrong booking your party for Champagne Sunday Brunch at the club from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Among the items from which to choose are teriyaki beef, eggs Benedict, snow crab legs, bacon, Portuguese sausage, and much more.

Member pricing is $17.50 plus $3 with champagne, while nonmembers price is $19.95 plus $3 with champagne. Children 8 to 12 pay $6.95, children 5 to 7 pay $3.95, and there is no charge for brunch for children 4 and younger.

Reservations are highly recommended. Be sure to call ahead for seating arrangements.

Seafood Buffet — Enjoy this once-a-month treat. Come down to the club Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. for a buffet that features seafood selections.

Menu items include snow crab legs, carved black Angus prime rib, peel 'n' eat shrimp, south of the border ahi poke, and much more.

Members pay $23.50 and nonmembers pay $26.95.

All Hands

Special Olympics Holiday Classic — Head out today and Saturday to cheer on the 2005 Special Olympics Hawaii Holiday Classic State Games' participants who will be competing in basketball and bowling tournaments at the Semper Fit Center and K-Bay Lanes Bowling Center, respectively.

This annual multi-level competition provides participating athletes with continuous opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and share their talents and friendship with their families, fellow Special Olympics athletes, event volunteers and others.

The mission of Special Olympics Hawaii is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition on a variety of Olympic-type sports for persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities, 8 or older.

For game schedules and other information, call 254-7664 or 254-7597.

Autograph Session — If you're into surfing, drop by the Marine Corps Exchange Saturday for the Quicksilver Pro-Surfer Autograph session featuring the hottest icons of this sport.

The session runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Store-bought surfing apparel or personal items will be autographed by the pros.

For details, call the MCX at 254-3890.

Auto Auction — A silent auction will begin Monday at the Auto Skills Center, Building 3097, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, for bids on the vehicles listed below.

Bids will be taken by placing a sealed ballot in the box provided at the Auto Skills Center. Bidding will close at the close of business on Dec. 19.

The boxes will be opened the day after closing and the persons with the highest bids will be notified.

Year	Make/Model	Min. Bid
2000	Pontiac SunfireGT Excellent condition	$2,500
2000	Chevy Malibu Excellent condition	$2,000
1997	VW Jetta Runs, needs electrical work/inter	$500
1997	Dodge Caravan Bad motor, body damage	$100
1996	Mazda Miata Parts only, under carriage damaged	$100
1994	Ford Thunderbird Runs, need repairs	$300
1994	Toyota Tercel Runs, needs TLC	$200
1994	Ford Mustang Bad motor, body damage	$100
1994	Ford Mustang Parts only	$100
1993	Chevy Blazer Not running, blown head gaskets, seats missing	$100
1992	BMW 3 series Runs, needs electrical work/inter	$100
1991	Mitsubishi Eclipse Runs well, needs TLC	$300
1991	Honda Accord Runs well, needs clutch work	$200
1990	Cadillac Sedan Runs, possibly needs head gaskets	$100
1988	BMW 750IL Runs, needs repairs, has small body damage	$100
1986	Ford Ranger Not running blown head gaskets	$100

For auto info, call 254-7674 or e-mail carl.cabrera@usmc-mccs.org.

Dad's Baby Boot Camp/Mom's Basic Training — Expectant mothers are invited to the Key Volunteer Center from Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. where they will be taught the fine art of becoming a great care provider for their baby.

The training will cover childbirth education and infant care classes for expecting moms and soon-to-be dads.

For more details, call 257-8803.

Sponsorship Training — This class, scheduled for Thursday is mandatory for all personnel assigned as sponsors for inbound service members. It provides a complete outline of sponsor's duties.

For more information, call the Relocation Assistance Program at 257-7790.

Dual Service Couples Informational Presentation — This workshop discussed situations that are faced by couples who are both in the military. Personnel from Base Legal and Installation Personnel Administration Command will discuss the administrative, pay and legal issues common to these couples.

The presentation will take place Thursday at the Bachelor Officers' Quarters Conference Room from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Child care will be provided at the LINKS House, Building 3074.

For more information, call 257-7777.

Camp Smith Holiday Craft Fair — Drop by the second deck of U.S. Marine Forces Pacific's Headquarters Building 4 to start your gift shopping at the annual Camp Smith Holiday Craft Fair scheduled Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Outside the Pollock Theater you will find everything from homemade and seasonal craft items to baked goods.

Items offered during this popular fair sell out quickly, so come by early for the best selection.

For more information, call 477-5143.

Winter Adventure Registration — The Youth Activities program is currently accepting registrations for its Winter Adventure Program, which runs from Dec. 19 through Jan. 6, 2006. There will be no sessions on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

Call Youth Activities for information on programs available and fees at 254-7610.

Ongoing

Safety Inspections Available at the Auto Skills Center — Wondering where to go for that safety inspection required for your vehicle registration? Look no further than the Auto Skills Center's certified personnel.

This service is available Monday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. or until openings are filled.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call the Auto Skills Center at 254-7675.

MOVIE TIME

Prices: *For Friday and Saturday shows at 7:15, prices are $3 for adults, 12 and older; $1.50 for children 6 to 11. Matinee prices are $2 for adults, $1 for children. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16-years-old and younger. Prices for Sunday, Wednesday shows at 6:30 and Friday and Saturday shows at 9:45 are $2 for adults and $1.50 for children. Show your ID card when purchasing tickets. Entry is free for children 5 and younger.*

Sneak Preview Policy: *One hour and 45 minutes prior to the movie, tickets will be issued to first priority patrons waiting in line, then second and third priority patrons.*

In an effort to prevent piracy, the following security measures will be enforced on base for sneak preview screenings: bag checks, confiscation of cameras or cell phones with picture taking capability (items will be returned after screening), magnetometer wanding, audience scanning with night vision goggles during screening.

The Base Theater and film companies thank you in advance for your cooperation and hope you will enjoy the show. For recorded information, call the Base Theater at 254-7642.

Elizabethtown (PG-13)	Today at 7:15 p.m.
Two for the Money (R)	Today at 9:45 p.m.
Wallace and Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G)	Saturday at 7:15 p.m.
A History of Violence (R)	Saturday at 9:45 p.m.
Elizabethtown (PG-13)	Sunday at 2 p.m.
Domino (R)	Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
Two for the Money (R)	Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Wallace and Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G)	Friday at 7:15 p.m.
A History of Violence (R)	Friday at 9:45 p.m.

Personality Features

Tech takes career one step at a time

Pfc. Edward C. deBree
Combat Correspondent

He quietly sits alone, waiting to board a C-130 transport plane that is heading to the mainland to participate in a one-month training exercise at Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz., with the rest of his unit, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463.

The young aviation technician will train in a desert environment to prepare for an upcoming deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"My thought on deploying to Iraq is that they asked us to go, so we're going," said Sgt. Zachary Pilon, HMH-463. "I've been deployed to a few places before, but this is my first one to a combat situation."

Pilon has been deployed to Japan, twice, and four times to Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, to prepare for deployments to combat zones. Now he has the chance to show that all the training he has completed so far was well worth the effort.

"I'm not really afraid of going to Iraq, because that's my job," said the 25-year-old, Myrtle Beach, S.C. native. "It needs to be done, so I have to do what I have to do."

Pilon joined the Marine Corps after graduating from high school. He said that he knew after finishing high school that college was not in the cards for him.

"I joined because I didn't want to go to college," said Pilon. "I wasn't ready for college, because I was basically done with school and the whole education environment. Being 18 years old at the time, I had to do something or else I was going nowhere."

Pilon decided to join the Marine Corps because the Marine recruiter showed more interest in helping him decide what to do after high school. The Marine recruiter's influence was one aspect that helped him decide to join the Marine Corps in June 1998. But it was also an easy decision because he knew the other services weren't going to suit his needs.

"I knew I didn't want to join the Navy, because I didn't want to go on ships, which is ironic because I ended up on ships," he said. "I didn't even talk to the Air Force, and I didn't join the Army because of my stepfather. He was in the Army, and he told me a lot of war stories of when he was in the Army, and I completely shut out the Army because of that."

When Pilon walked into the recruiting office, he was hoping to get a job that dealt with computers. Instead he got one that dealt with helicopters, something that he has since learned to enjoy.



Pfc. Edward C. deBree

Sgt. Zachary Pilon, aviation technician, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, waits for his squadron to leave the Marine Corps Air Field at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, for Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz., Nov. 15, where they will train prior to deploying to Iraq.

"When they told me my job, I didn't know what it really was," he said. "I did have a general idea, so I knew that I had to go to the school with an open mind. I have no complaints with the job I have."

Being stationed at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, gave Pilon the opportunity to meet the woman that would eventually become his wife of almost four years.

With his hectic work schedule and spending time with his wife, Pilon still finds time to attend Chaminade University on base. Pilon already has earned an associate's degree in criminal justice and is currently working on his bachelor's degree. Even though he has a degree that will help him when he leaves the Marine Corps, Pilon said he is undecided about what he will do after he gets out, or even if he will get out.

"I have thought about getting out before, but then I reenlisted," he said. "I think the best thing I can do is take my career in the Marine Corps one enlistment at a time."

Boatswain balances humor with reality

Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson
Combat Correspondent

When asked what was one of the main things that made the Washington, D.C. native as successful as he has been in his life, he sat back in his seat and simply said, "Mentorship.

"Allow people to share their experiences with you to gain knowledge for yourself," said Ensign Marc Tinaz, officer-in-charge, Waterfront Operations, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. "Then, in time, be a mentor to the young and share your experiences for them to learn."

Standing strong as the only Bos'n (boatswain's mate) stationed aboard K-Bay, his responsibilities include search and rescue, environmental and water security, and assisting the offices of the Provost Marshall and Land and Resources. Along with other duties and responsibilities, Tinaz still manages to make time for his family and has maintained a good sense of humor throughout his Navy career.

"Ensign Tinaz is probably one of the funniest people I have ever met," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Cheryl Sanchez, senior hospital corpsman, also assigned to Waterfront Operations. "It's great, because he is very approachable and easy to talk to. He's really taught me the traits of what kind of leader I would like to be."

Growing up in a household with two older sisters, Tinaz attended Paul VI Catholic School in Fairfax, Va., and spent the majority of his time as a lifeguard at a residential pool. After graduation in 1988, Tinaz attended Northern Virginia Community College, but grew restless, knowing there was something more he wanted to do with his life.

"I had no inspiration in my life," said the 35-year-old. "Then, when Operation Desert Shield/Storm came about, it inspired me to do something. So, I joined the military."

Tinaz informed his parents of his decision to join the Navy approximately a month before attending basic training in Great Lakes, Ill., in 1991. Although neither parent had been in the military, they were enthusiastic about his choice.

After graduation from boot camp, Tinaz attended the Navy's Quartermaster School in Orlando, Fla., where he went through six weeks of navigation training. His first duty station took him to the combat stores ship USS Mars (AFS-1), homeported in Oakland, Calif., where he remained until 1994. During his tour there, he held the billet of junior navigator and traveled to places such as Djibouti, Somalia, Thailand, Bali, Singapore and Japan.

"My time in the Navy has definitely been a positive experience," said Tinaz. "My family and I are very lucky to now be stationed in Hawaii."

Tinaz met his wife, Cori, in Pleasanton, Calif., and married her in 1995. They now have two sons together, D.J., 5, and Dylan, 2.

"I crush my two savages with love and attention, when I'm not at work," said Tinaz. "Being on 48-month tours makes you miss a lot in their lives. I want to make up for that lost time."

Tinaz chose to remain in the Navy and arrived in Little Creek, Va., and was assigned to patrol coastal boat USS Firebolt (PC-10) where he was a combat coxswain until 1998.

"I applied for the class to be a combat coxswain, got screened and got accepted," said Tinaz."

His last two duty stations before deciding to accept a commission kept him in Virginia. One was the Naval Medical Hospital Center in Portsmouth, Va., where he held the billet of substance abuse counselor. He served his final billet there as the assistant navigator aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Normandy (CG-60), homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Even though he had reached the rank of senior chief petty officer during his career as an enlisted Sailor, Tinaz decided to move to the officer ranks

See TINAZ, B-7



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Ensign Marc Tinaz, officer-in-charge, Waterfront Operations, stands on one of his safe boats docked at MCB Hawaii, K-Bay. Tinaz uses a balance of humor and reality to get the day-to-day mission accomplished.

MOVIE REVIEWS

Editor's Note: In a recent survey, Hawaii Marine readers asked for movie reviews. So, in response to your request, Cpl. Megan L. Stiner, press chief, and Lance Cpl. Roger L. Nelson, combat correspondent, present Movie Reviews.

NOW PLAYING

Just Friends



'Just Friends' is just too funny to miss

Romantic comedy is worth time, cash

Lance Cpl. Roger L. Nelson
Combat Correspondent

So, you get off work and finally get up the nerve to call the girl who has been running through your mind all day, and as you wait anxiously for her to answer, you think about what you're going to say when you hear her voice. She answers, and you ask, "So, you want to go to the local ice-cream shop and get a tutti-frutti ice-cream?" She replies with the answer everyone dreads to hear from the person they're in love with, "Sure, but just as a friend. Right?" So you say, "Yes," and then call back 10 minutes later with a made-up excuse as to why you can't go. Actually, maybe that's just me.

This situation is the scenario that Chris, played by Ryan Reynolds, is in with his high school dream girl, Jamie, played by Amy Smart, and it makes for a very funny movie.

We are first introduced to the two in "Just Friends," directed by Robert Kumble, just as they've graduated from high school in 1995. The dynamic duo have been good buddies for years now, but always just pals. Jamie is a "hottie" who almost any guy would love to have as a girlfriend, but Chris, on the other hand, is quite rotund and may have a bit of an obesity problem that prevents him from confessing his love to Jamie.

During a party to celebrate their graduation, an obnoxious bully reads, out loud, the note Chris wrote to Jamie in her yearbook, for the whole party to hear. After being humiliated, Chris takes off on his bike and leaves town.

Ten years fly by and the audience is introduced to the present-day Chris who is now a successful music business executive in Los Angeles, has dropped a couple hundred pounds and is now a fit, "love 'em and leave 'em" womanizer.

This high roller gets a new gorgeous girl just seconds after he kicks the old one to the curb.

On a business trip to Europe, one of Chris's music talents, Samantha James, who just so happens to be a somewhat psychotic druggie, played by Anna Farris, sets the plane on fire, forcing it to land in New Jersey, where Chris was once humiliated and had sworn never to go back to due to the embarrassing note-reading episode.

While in New Jersey, Chris takes Samantha to a bar where he sees his high school love, Jamie, serving drinks behind the bar.

As it turns out, this newfound womanizer still has a weak spot for his high school sweetheart and proves that he's not as slick as he makes himself out to be to all of the other girls who fall madly in love with him.

What happens with Chris and Jamie? I guess you'll have to see for yourself. Does she miss Chris, the cuddly teddy bear, or does she fall for his newfound arrogant player ways.

There are a lot of movies coming out this holiday season that all look pretty promising, but I think a lot of the movies are going to have a problem competing with "Just Friends."



In my opinion, I think you should all put your military discounts to use, and pay the $6.25 to see this romantic comedy.

You won't be disappointed.

Funny but predictable comedy falls short

Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Press Chief

A fat guy turned pimp, a pretty girl looking for love, multiple fight scenes and a happy ending — what more could you ask for in a movie? Well, how about an ongoing story line? "Just Friends" is a romantic comedy that is funny and touching but not as much as it could have been.

Most everyone has been devastated by the old cliché, "I just want to be friends," but this movie takes it to the next level, when funny guy Ryan Reynolds dons a fat suit in order to play the role of Chris, a lovable chubster who is head-over-heels in love with Jamie, played by Amy Smart, his best friend as well as the most beautiful and popular girl in school.

The beginning of the film takes viewers back to 1995, when Jamie and Chris had just graduated high school. Chris had chosen to let his feelings be known at her party, but things got out of control and he ends up being humiliated and riding away on his bicycle, not to be seen again in his town for 10 years.

The film then skips to present-day Chris who managed to slim down, become a successful record company executive and morph into a selfish womanizer.

The movie swerves into the comedy zone when superstar and drama queen, Samantha James, played by Anna Faris, is introduced.

Chris' boss gives him a mission to sign Samantha with his company. In order to seal the deal, Samantha drags Chris on a trip to Paris. Along the way, she manages to gain the hatred of the viewers as well as Chris, with her lovey dovey, smoochy pookey, overly dramatic and under-talented singing.

I have to give Faris credit though, how anyone could manage to play that role so well is beyond me. It was quite disturbing.

After foiling the plane trip to Paris, Samantha and Chris end up in New Jersey with a downed aircraft and a couple of headaches. But it just so happens they are close to Chris' neighborhood and the two end up spending the night in his old house.

The unexpected arrival introduces hilarious character number three, Chris' mother. Although she is not in the film much, the scenes she is in tend to gain laughs from movie-goers.

Being back in town foreshadows Chris and Jamie's meeting once again. And when they do meet, it is a life-altering moment for both. Chris falls for the blonde beauty once again, and Jamie takes every opportunity available to hang out with him, until she realizes he has changed into a devious, boring pig.

Chris makes time to pursue his love by leaving Samantha at home with his lustful little brother, Mike, played by Christopher Marquette, who makes it his mission to get her to fall for him.

Soon after Jamie reaches the conclusion that Chris is no longer the friend he once was, another nerd-turned-attractive sweetheart, Dusty, played by Chris Klein, steals Chris' thunder and gains Jamie's attention.

The love pentagon among Chris, Jamie, Samantha, Mike and Dusty, plays out for the rest of the movie, draining the energy from the film and causing it to drag.

The arguing/fighting scenes between Chris and Mike tend to be quite enjoyable. They may actually be the saving grace for the film but, unfortunately, they aren't enough to cloud viewers from the film's slow descent into a "just okay" movie instead of a "hilarious must see" flick.

I would recommend seeing this film, but I think I would wait until it comes out on video or DVD rather than seeing it on the big screen. If you have a sense of humor, it will make you laugh, and probably hard, but alas, the ending falls short, and its predictability causes it to lack greatness.

Luncheon brings excitement

Thanksgiving meal gives children at CDC something to talk about

Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson
Combat Correspondent

Even though the official Thanksgiving dinner celebration isn't usually until the 24th of the month, the Child Development Center aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, had an early Thanksgiving lunch on Nov. 22 at the CDC, inviting parents and children.



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Akiko Jenks and her 4-year-old son Andrew make their way down the food line at the CDC's Thanksgiving Day lunch, Nov. 22.

The luncheon is held every year, and more than 75 percent of families participated in the festivities, said Cathy English, assistant director, CDC.

"Not only do we have parents attend the luncheon," said the Groton, Conn. native. "We also have extended families who are willing to come and have lunch with the children as well."

Planning the event took roughly two weeks with food preparation provided by the CDC representatives who began cooking the night prior to the luncheon, said English. The CDC provided the turkey, stuffing, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy. Families were welcome to bring desserts at their own discretion.

"The children always seem to be really excited about the event and talk about it days in advance," said English. "I think just having the children have a Thanksgiving meal with their parents and their friends around them is the best thing."



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Caden Copeland, 22 months old, partakes in the food at his first Child Development Center's annual Thanksgiving luncheon, Nov. 22. Sitting with him is his mother Claire, and 4-year-old brother Jackson.

This is the second year that Claire Copeland brought her son Jackson to the event and the first year for her youngest son of 22 months, Caden.

"I have to juggle where to go today because my sons are different ages and in different classrooms," laughed Copeland. "We will eat dinner together in this classroom and have dessert in the other one, I guess."

The Rhondda Valley, Wales native has been living in Kailua for roughly a year and a half and said the turnout and effort that the CDC and families put into the event was great.

"We don't celebrate Thanksgiving in Wales, but I think it's really good for the children to learn about traditions here," said Copeland.

"Jackson was really excited about coming here today, and I think having events with parents involved is great. I've always been happy with the events the CDC puts on. It's always a good show."

The CDC holds a variety of events for the holidays throughout the year. A Halloween parade was held earlier this year, and the next event will be the Holiday Parade on Dec. 15.

"We want to keep doing all of these events each year, because the children all really seem to have a good time," said English. "Even if only a couple of times a year, it's great to be able to get everyone together."



Pfc. Edward C. deBree

Seaman Devin Ortega warms up before the pool tournament that took place at the Single Marine & Sailor Program's Thanksgiving Bash Nov. 23, at Kahuna's Recreational Center here. The event offered Marines and Sailors free food, drinks, movies and game tournaments the night before Thanksgiving.

SM&SP holds free Thanksgiving bash

Marines and Sailors relax with free food, movies and games

Pfc. Edward C. deBree
Combat Correspondent

Marines and Sailors gathered at Kahuna's Recreational Center aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Nov. 23, to take part in the annual Thanksgiving Bash, sponsored by the Marine Corps Community Services' Single Marine & Sailor Program.

During the bash, Marines and Sailors were treated to free food and beverages and took part in tournaments such as Texas Hold 'em, spades, and pool. They were also treated to movies such as "Radio."

The bash kicked off at 6 p.m., starting with approximately 20 people who participated in the Texas Hold 'em tournament. After Texas Hold 'em, a Spades tournament consisting of four teams of four participants was held. At approximately 8 p.m., eight people signed up for the pool tournament.

"There was an overall good turnout," said Gabby Black, coordinator, Single Marine & Sailor Program. "We had people sign up for the Spades tournament who had never played the game before. It was just a good, fun time."

Prizes were awarded to the winners and participants of the tournaments. Winners of the tournaments won gift certificates to Planet Hollywood, brunch at a hotel, and 100-minute calling cards. Gift bags were also given away to people who participated in the events. The gift bag included items such as Bo Dog hats, playing cards, CDs, gift certificates from Dave and Buster's, and coupons redeemable at McDonald's. "Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves," said Black. "Most people pretty much hung out and watched movies.

"The thing that made it so cool and worthwhile is that I had six people come up to me and thank me for putting it all together and giving them a place to hang out during the holiday."

The Single Marine & Sailor Program provided the food for this event and the volunteers were a mix of SM&SP representatives and Marines and Sailors from various units. Though people seemed to enjoy themselves, the 29-year-old Palmdale, Calif. native said she hopes that there will be an even bigger turnout next year.

"Not as many people showed up as I was expecting, but we're going to try to put this event together every year, and hopefully more and more people will show up," said Black, who has assumed the role of coordinator in March.

"I worked at the Single Marine & Sailor Program in Yuma, Arizona, in 2002, and this base has just been great to me. There are slight differences between the two, but on this base, more people seem to show up to events."

The next scheduled SM&SP event is a Christmas party that is scheduled to take place at Camp Smith, Dec. 16. The next event to take place aboard K-Bay is a Halo 2 tournament set for January 2006.

For more information, call 254-7593.

On the Menu
at Anderson Hall

Today
Lunch
Seafood Platter
— Fried Fish Nuggets
— Fried Shrimp
— Fried Scallops
— Breaded Oysters
Lasagna
Baked Ravioli
Macaroni and Cheese
Simmered Asparagus
Italian Mixed Vegetables
Chewy Nut Bars
Yellow Cake Layer w/Butter Cream Frosting
Fruit Pies

Dinner
Roast Pork Loin
Barbequed Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Wild Rice
Simmered Broccoli
Corn on the Cob
Dinner Rolls
Applesauce
Chewy Nut Bars
Yellow Cake Layer w/Butter Cream Frosting
Fruit Pies

Saturday
Brunch/Dinner
Herbed Rock Cornish Hen
Grilled Strip Loin Steak
Rice Pilaf
Mashed Potatoes
Herbed Green Beans
Simmered Carrots
Applesauce Cake
Fruit Pies
Chocolate Chip Cookies

Sunday
Brunch/Dinner
Yankee Pot Roast
Baked Ham
Mashed Potatoes
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Simmered Mixed Vegetables
Simmered Pinto Beans
Chocolate Layer Cake w/Chocolate Cream Frosting
Fruit Pies

Monday
Lunch
Baked Meatloaf
Creole Pork Chops
Mashed Potatoes
Noodles Jefferson
Boston Baked Beans
Simmered Peas and Carrots
Apple Crisp
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Fruit Pies

Dinner
Baked Turkey and Noodles
Baked Fresh Fish
Steamed Rice
Simmered Corn
Simmered Brussels Sprouts
Apple Crisp
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Fruit Pies

Tuesday
Lunch
Beef Sukiyaki
Pork Chop Suey
Egg Foo Young
Chinese Fried Egg Rolls
Steamed Rice
Chicken Fried Rice
Stir Fry Vegetables
Simmered Broccoli
Show Mein Noodles
Sweet and Sour Sauce
Fruit Pies
Chocolate Pudding

Dinner
Creole Macaroni
Honey Ginger Chicken Breasts
Mashed Potatoes
Noodles Jefferson
Simmered Green Beans
Cauliflower Au Gratin
Fruit Pies
Chocolate Pudding

Wednesday
Lunch
Barbecue Spareribs
Country Style Steak
Red Beans and Rice
Mashed Potatoes
Southern Style Collard Greens
Simmered Corn on the Cob
Fruit Pies
Oatmeal Cookies

Dinner
Baked Chicken
Beef Pot Pie
Boiled Egg Noodles
Mashed Potatoes
Southern Style Squash
Simmered Peas w/Mushrooms
Brownies
Fruit Pies

Thursday
Lunch
Baked Lasagna
Veal Parmesan
Mashed Potatoes
Simmered Carrots
Italian Mixed Vegetables
Pizza Slices
Garlic Toast
Brownies
Fruit Pies

Dinner
Chicken Vega
Simmered Corned Beef
Parsley Buttered Potatoes
Buttered Egg Noodles
Simmered Carrots
Fried Cabbage
Mustard Sauce
Apple Pie
Oatmeal Cookies

WORD TO PASS

Washington Place Holds Holiday Open House

The tradition of opening Washington Place for the holidays was begun in 1858 by Mary Dominis, who invited 100 children to see the first decorated tree in her home.

The tradition continues as the former Hawaii governor's residence will be open to the public today from 5 to 8 p.m.

Lt. Gov. Duke Aiona and his wife Vivian will greet guests. Showcased will be trees decorated in Victorian fashion, Christmas music and caroling by the studio artists of Hawaii Opera Theatre.

Admission is free.

Washington Place was converted into a museum in 2002 when a second structure, built to house future governors and their families, was completed. Gov. Linda Lingle is the first governor to occupy the new residence.

Museum Hosts a Vernissage

An old European art tradition, a vernissage was always known as a preview or private viewing and signaled the ceremonial start of an art exhibition at such prestigious venues as the Royal Academy in France.

The community is invited to attend a vernissage on Saturday to celebrate the grand opening of the Academy's suite of renovated and newly designed galleries devoted to the display of Western art. The community vernissage, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., offers free admission, refreshments while they last, and ongoing entertainment in Central Court.

The seven-month renovation project provided the Academy with the opportunity to reinstall major parts of its Western collection in a more chronological and conceptually cohesive fashion, beginning with Western antiquities.

For more details, call 532-8700.

Honolulu Academy of Arts to Hold Free Lecture

Dr. Genshitsu Sen is the father of the present grand Tea Master Shoshitsu Sen XVI of the Urasenke School of Tea and the oldest son of the 14th generation Grand Master Tantansai. Dr. Sen has devoted his life to the goal of sharing a bowl of tea with others in the hopes that the spiritual experience will offer people everywhere a means toward attaining international brotherhood and understanding.

He will present a free lecture and demonstration on Saturday at 10 a.m. in Doris Duke Theatre at the Honolulu Academy of Arts. Seating is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more info, call 532-8700.

Disneyland to Hold Auditions for "Aladdin"

Auditions will be held for the Disneyland production of "Aladdin" on Dec. 11 from noon to 6 p.m. and Dec. 12 from 11:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Ballet Hawaii Studios in the Dole Cannery.

The open call is for the title role of "Aladdin" at age 18. Disney is looking for a good-looking male who has great charisma, a good physique and is a baritone/tenor to portray Aladdin. A female is also needed to play an 18-year-old "Jasmine." She should be an exotic, feisty soprano with a classic Disney princess sound. Also sought is a male to portray "Genie." The actor must be able to play ages 26 to 40s and is a great celebrity impressionist/improvisational actor who can carry a tune and quickly transform from character to character. The role of "Jafar" also needs to be filled by a male who can portray ages 35 to 55, is at least 6 feet tall, is a bass/baritone and is a great actor/singer with a commanding and menacing presence.

Auditioners should bring a photo and résumé, and be prepared to sing appropriately for the role sought.

For more details, call 732-7733.

Volunteers Needed for Marathon Aid Station

Compadres Bar & Grill in Ward Centre is sponsoring its annual aid station to give out refreshments to runners in the Honolulu Marathon on Dec. 11, and the call has gone out for community volunteers to participate.

The water station is on Ala Moana Boulevard, fronting the Ilikai Hotel, and requires hundreds of volunteers to assist with set up, cleanup and distribution of water to the marathon participants.

Volunteers are asked to assemble at 2:30 a.m. After handing out water and seeing the front-runners go by, volunteers will be invited back to Compadres in Ward Centre for a fiesta breakfast and celebration with restaurant owner Rick Enos in attendance.

For more information, or to sign up, call Compadres at 591-8307.

Academy Presents a Childrens' Christmas Celebration

Ho, ho, ho! Christmas at the Academy means holiday entertainment and a visit with Santa Claus.

On Dec. 18, enjoy live performances that include young talented dancers from The Movement Center and Suzuki Method Violin students. Children can enjoy Parasol Puppets' presentation of The Animals' Christmas. The Oahu Civic Orchestra will also return to the Academy for a Christmas concert. In addition, children can craft a jingle-bell necklace or Christmas decoration for their home.

Take a break from the mall and share the holiday spirit with art lovers of all ages. Mark your calendar for upcoming Bank of Hawaii Sundays.

Admission is free and includes entrance to the museum, a gallery hunt related to the theme, live entertainment, a children's art activity and light refreshments.

DeCA Accepts Scholarship Applications

Children of active duty, Reserve, Coast Guard, retired and/or survivors of deceased military personnel may apply to the Scholarships for Military Children Program.

The Defense Commissary Agency intends to award at least one $1,500 scholarship that each commissary DeCA operates, to dependent, unmarried students from 21 to 23.

Applications are available now at www.militaryscholar.org. The deadline to apply is Feb. 22, 2006. Students should turn in their completed form to their local commissary.

For more information, call Scholarship Managers at (856) 573-9400 or e-mail militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com.

Toys for Tots Collection Sites in Place

This year, in addition to striving to reach millions of needy children nationwide, Marines will strive to bring the joy of Christmas to the thousands of children whose families lost everything due to the hurricanes this year.

Toys for Tots collection barrels are situated at various sites throughout Oahu. Those who wish to donate can place new, unwrapped toys in these barrels.

These toys will be collected, examined, sorted and sent to the appropriate agencies — including local government agencies and charitable groups — that distribute the toys to disadvantaged children.

New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at:

- AIG Hawaii offices
- Army Hawaii Family Housing
- Bank of Hawaii
- Elements Spa & Salon
- Hawaii Telcom
- Hickam Community Housing offices
- JN Chevrolet/Mazda
- KB Toys
- KMart
- Longs Drugs
- MCB Hawaii Self-Help
- Marine Corps Exchange Annex
- Navy Federal Credit Union
- Price Busters
- Subway shops
- Toys R Us
- UPS stores
- Windward Community Federal Credit Union

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TINAZ, From B-3

and was selected under the Chief Warrant Officer/Limited Duty Officer Commissioning Program in February 2004.

"I wanted to get the opportunity to make policies, not just enforce them," said Tinaz. "Through this program, there is no college degree necessary. The Navy seeks technical experts in different fields."

Tinaz attended what he calls the "Mustang University" in Pensacola, Fla., for six weeks. There, he perfected leadership/management curriculum after he was commissioned in March 2005 and arrived at K-Bay, where he took on the role of the OIC for Waterfront Operations.

"Since Bos'n Tinaz arrived here in May, he has easily gained everyone's respect who works for him," said Sanchez. "I've been in the Navy 7 1/2 years, and he taught me things about leadership that none of my other leaders had. He is one of those people that you will never forget. He truly cares about all of us and our well-being, and I hope to run into him again one day in the future."

Before eventually retiring from the Navy, Tinaz said he plans to earn a bachelor's degree, but until then, he plans to just live in the moment and enjoy his time here.

"Don't take yourself too seriously in life," said Tinaz. "Use the balance of humor and reality to get the mission done."

King of the Grill



Staff Sgt. Daniel G. Newcomb (right), postal chief for the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Post Office, displays the plaque he received after winning the Command of the Grill competition, Nov. 19 held at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Newcomb's Portobello mushroom steak gave him the win, with Gunnery Sgt. Steven M. Burkett (left) placing second and Maj. Kevin McCollough coming in third. As Command of the Grill winner for K-Bay, Newcomb not only won a gas grill for himself and another for his unit, he also won a trip to New York City to compete against other Command of the Grill winners from around the Corps, during the Navy's Annual Fleet Week celebrations.

Lance Cpl. R. Drew Hendricks

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Camp Smith outscores Dirty Third, but will not see championship game

Complied by Public Affairs Staff
Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay

The Camp Smith Howlin' Mad Dogs faced off with 3rd Marine Regiment, Headquarters Company Monday in a semi-final Intramural Football playoff game at Pop Warner Field aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. The game ended with neither team advancing to the championship.

Camp Smith used their usual plan of attack, running the ball play after play, with a few passes mixed in to keep Dirty Third's defense honest.

Jonathan "Big Jon" Kahapea, Mad Dogs' fullback, put the first six points on the board, as he bulldozed through Dirty Third's defensive line with six minutes to go in the first quarter.

The remainder of the first half was wasted away with turnovers and penalties.

It was in the final seconds of the half that things got intense.

With the Mad Dogs in possession of the ball, running back Rodney "Mac" McCullough continued to pound the ball up the field, every yard hard earned.

On a reverse-run play, Mac went up the left side, diving into the end zone to boost the score to 13–0. Quarterback Marlon Cummings ran out of options and scrambled right, rolling into the end zone for a two-point conversion, making it 15–0.

The half seemed to be over with only five seconds on the clock, but Dirty Third's quarterback Taurean Smith hurled the ball deep, connecting with his receiver, Rick Almeida. The ball was almost stripped, but Almeida came away with it closing the score to 15–6 after a missed extra-point attempt.

Early in the fourth quarter, Dirty Third recovered a fumble and marched down the field with solid passing and running by Smith.

It was third and 10 for Dirty Third when Smith tossed up a pass that was tipped by Brenden Villa'hashimoto, Mad Dogs' safety, but still caught in the end zone by Dirty Third.

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Lance Cpl. J. Ethan Hoaldridge

Rodney McCullough dives into the end zone to boost the score to 13–0 on a reverse-run play in the second quarter. The Camp Smith Mad Dogs beat the Dirty Third, 21–6.



Lance Cpl. J. Ethan Hoaldridge

Jonathan "Big Jon" Kahapea, Mad Dogs' fullback, put the first six points on the board as he bulldozed through Dirty Third's defensive line with six minutes to go in the first quarter. The Intramural Football game, Howlin' Mad Dogs vs. Dirty Third, took place at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Steel Reign put Barnyard Dogs on short leash



Lance Cpl. Ryan Trevino

Steel Reign pitcher Gary Schmidt takes a big cut at a pitch. The Reign's high-powered offense was the key to their 17–3 victory over the Barnyard Dogs in Monday night's game.

Lance Cpl. Ryan Trevino
Sports Editor

The 1st Battalion, 12th Marines' Steel Reign put a muzzle on the Housing Barnyard Dogs, 17–3, in Winter Intramural Softball action, Monday, at Annex Field aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. The Steel Reign improved their record to 5–15 heading into the playoffs. The Barnyard Dogs continue their losing streak and fall to 1–20 for the season.

The Steel Reign won the coin toss and decided to bat first. Reign pitcher Gary Schmidt, hitting for his team, started with a leadoff single. Schmidt later crossed the plate, off a teammate's double, for their team's first run. Another double by shortstop Wesley Ferguson sent two more runners across the plate, which put the Reign up early, 3–0.

Schmidt was hot on the mound, going in the bottom of the first with two strikeouts. The Dogs couldn't get any momentum going at the plate and didn't score a run in the first inning.

Joseph Taitingfong hit a liner up the middle for a single to start off the top of the second for the Steel Reign. Marco Norman advanced Taitingfong to third with a line drive of his own. A sacrifice fly to deep center field allowed Taitingfong to walk home and made the score 4–0. Kevin Enlow kept the hitting streak alive with a two-run-scoring hit. Ferguson stepped back up to the plate and nailed a deep fly ball over Barnyard Dogs' center fielder David Janke's head. He crossed the plate after another Steel Reign hit and made the score 9–0 in the top of the second.

The Barnyard Dogs needed something to happen this time at the plate if they were to have any chance of winning the ball game. After a hit from Brian Wallace and a few walked batters, the Dogs found themselves with the bases loaded. Schmidt walked the next batter up and allowed a run to walk in from third base, which finally put the Dogs on the board 9–1.

The Steel Reign saw this as a threat and came out swinging in the top of the third. Rob Adams smashed a ball to the outfield, which scored two runs for the Reign. A sacrifice fly from Schmidt scored another run and increased the Reign lead to 11–1. Enlow knocked a ball to center field for his second double of the night and scored another run. Enlow was three for four at the plate during the game.

The Dogs tried to rally in the bottom of the third, starting with two back-to-back singles from the top of the line up. The Reign saw that the competition had stepped up their game, offensively, and countered that with a display of solid defense. Taitingfong hurled a ball from shallow

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Base Sports

Dec. 11

Military Pricing for Honolulu Marathon — All active duty service members who are interested in participating in the Honolulu Marathon, Dec. 11, take note: If you enter by Dec. 10, entry fee is $15. Entry forms are available from at the Kaneohe Bay Semper Fit Center or at the MCCS Athletics Office, Building 219.

Need transportation? Not a problem. MCCS will provide free bus transportation the day of the event, leaving the Semper Fit Center at 3:45 a.m. and returning to Kaneohe Bay at 3 p.m. There will be a joint-service hospitality tent with MCCS on site at the event to give away fruit, water, soda and Gatorade.

For more information, call Stacy Barkdull at 254-7590.

Ongoing

Youth Basketball Now Registering for 2006 League — Register youths 6 through 17 for MCCS' Youth Basketball, coming in February 2006. Since practice begins in January 2006, YA is now accepting registrations.

The cost is $50 for YA members and $60 for nonmembers. The league is open to all authorized patrons, including active duty and DoD civilian family members (a photocopy of a military identification card is required at registration).

Volunteer coaches are needed for this league, so if your child is participating, join in on the fun. Or, if you've been looking for that perfect volunteer opportunity, here's your chance.

To register, or for more information, call 254-7611.



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Dragon and the Lightening youth basketball team members look up at a shot taken from the outside, and prepare for a rebound during the final game of the 2005 season. Youth basketball is currently taking registration for the 2006 league.

Semper Fit Seeks Applications for Armed Forces Bowling — The Armed Forces Bowling Championships will be held Jan. 6, 2006 through Jan. 14, 2006 in Reno, Nev., so get your game face on and get ready to hit the lanes.

Service members interested can submit applications to the Semper Fit office located in Building 219 by Dec. 15. Applications must contain written proof of your current bowling average, which, for men, must be at least 215 and at least 160 for women. Applications are available online at www.usmc-mccs.org/sports or at the Semper Fit office. Think you can cut it?

For more information, call Stacy Barkdull, MCCS Athletic Sports coordinator, at 254-7590.

Semper Fit Seeks Applications for All-Marine Boxing Trials — All-Marine Boxing trials will be held at Camp Lejeune, Jacksonville, N.C., Jan. 7, 2006 to Feb. 5, 2006. The Armed Forces Boxing Championship will be held Feb. 6, 2006 to Feb. 11, 2006 at Naval Base Ventura, Calif.

Marines who are interested in competing need to submit an application no later than Dec. 10 at their local Semper Fit office. Applications are available online at www.usmc-mccs.org/sports and must include information on past boxing experience, numbers of bouts, and the results from the past two years.

For more information, call Stacy Barkdull at 254-7590.

Semper Fit Seeks Applications for All-Marine Wrestling Trials — The All-Marine Wrestling trials will be held Feb. 1 through March 16, 2006, at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va. The championship will be held March 16 through March 19, 2006 at Camp Lejeune, Jacksonville, N.C.

Marines interested in competing must submit applications by Jan. 13. Applications must contain information on past wrestling experience, weight class, numbers of matches, and results from the past two years of competition.

Applications are available online at www.usmc-mccs.org/sports or at the local Semper Fit office. Marines must send their applications through the Semper Fit Athletics office.

For more information, call Stacy Barkdull at 254-7590.

Parents for Fitness — This cooperative babysitting effort is available at the Semper Fit Center for children 6 weeks and older.

All active duty service members and their families may participate; however, PFFP participants are required to volunteer baby-sit three times per month.

For more information, call 291-9131.

Okinawa Kenpo Karate — Every Tuesday and Thursday, join MCCS Youth Activities' contractor for Kenpo Karate Kobudo classes, held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Building 1391, located behind the old 7-Day Store.

Adults and children are welcome. Costs for classes are $35 for adults, $25 for children, and $20 for additional family members. For information, call MCCS Youth Activities at 254-7610.

Massage Therapy — Massage therapy, by certified massage therapists, is available at Kaneohe Bay and Camp Smith. Massage therapy will help relieve your mental and physical fatigue and improve overall circulation and body tone. Choose from Shiatsu, Swedish, Lomi, deep-tissue and even hot-rock therapy.

For appointments, call the K-Bay Semper Fit Center at 254-7597 or Camp Smith at 477-5197 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Paintball Hawaii — Nestled behind the Lemon Lot, stands Paintball Hawaii. Shoot over for the great deals and have a blast with your friends.

Cost is $25 per person and includes one air refill, equipment and the field fee. The field is open on weekends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Call 265-4283 for appointments.



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Robert Carrick Jr. sprints with the flag during a paintball tournament earlier this year. Paintball Hawaii is located near the Lemon Lot aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, and is open on weekends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fishing Charters Available at MCB Hawaii — Spend the day aboard the Bill Collector fishing charter boat.

Check out the new boat, especially built for charter fishing at its finest, and then spend your day with family and friends off the coast of Windward Oahu, catching some of the ocean's most exotic and tasty fish.

For more information, stop by the Base Marina located in Building 1698, across from Hangar 101, or call 254-7666/7667.

Inexpensive, Fun Entertainment — Look no further for economical entertainment, Mondays through Thursdays, at the K-Bay Lanes where all E-1 to E-5 can receive free rental shoes and discounted games at only $1.50.

For more details, call 254-7693.

Color Pin Special — Every Wednesday, when you roll a strike and a colored pin is in the headpin position, you can win up to three free games of bowling. All patrons are welcome to take advantage of this deal. If you make the play, you win!

For more information, call the K-Bay Lanes at 254-7693.

Personal Trainers Available at Semper Fit — For those looking to get into a tailored exercise regiment, or for those just looking for some good advice on weight management and weight control, the Semper Fit Center offers free personal training consultation.

You can schedule an appointment with a trainer who will take body-fat measurements, blood-pressure and heart-rate readings.

They will do all this and tailor a program, based on your physical needs and ambitions.

For only $5 per workout, a professional trainer will actually work with you to ensure maximum efficiency.

Pick up a personal training appointment card at the Semper Fit Center now, or call 254-7597.

Campground and Picnic Sites — For picnic and campsites, Marine Corps Base Hawaii offers some of the most scenic beaches on the island.

Three of those beaches, Pyramid Rock, Hale Koa and Fort Hase are available by reservation from dawn to dusk for picnics and parties. Hale Koa Beach may be reserved for overnight camping.

Reservations are required, call 254-7666 for Kaneohe or 477-5143 for Camp Smith.

Semper Fit Center Offers it All — The Semper Fit Center has an aerobics class for anyone and everyone who is trying to meet that New Year's resolution.

Check out as many of the following programs as you would like; yoga, cycling, tai chi, cardio kick, gut cut, step challenge, water aerobics, pilates, marathon training and much, much more.

For more information, call the Semper Fit Center at 254-7597.

Intramural Softball Standings

VP-9	17-2
2-2	19–5
MAG-24	19–7
CSSG-3	15–6
HQBN	14–6
VP-4	13–10
HSL-37	12–12
CSSG-3 Maint.	10–11
1/12	5–16
3rd Marines	2–17
Barnyard Dog	1–22

Standings are current as of Monday

Community Sports

HTMC Plans Advanced, Novice Hikes

Join the Hawaiian Trail and Mountain Club on hikes Sunday and Dec. 10 to burn off those holiday treats.



Sunday's trek takes hikers on a 14-mile, advanced, contour hike near Pearl City. This trail doesn't go on forever, it just seems that way. The wide and graded trail lulls you into steadily continuing on, mile after mile, and rewards you with a view of Kahaluu and the beautiful Windward coast. Wear comfortable shoes so you can enjoy your walk back.

Contact coordinator Clayton Kong at 545-2467 for details.

Dec. 10, adventure-seekers can tackle a four-mile novice hike along Kaena Point. Although, kaena means oven, at this time of year Kaena Point can be a very mellow, windy, wild coastline hike taking you past the famed jumping-off rock of the spirits into the netherworld, finishing at the northernmost point with a lone automated lighted beacon beneath Peacock Flats.

For more information, contact coordinator Phil Booth at 488-1161.

Hikers should meet at 8 a.m. on the mountain side of Iolnai Palace.

A $2 donation is requested for each nonmember age 18 or older. A responsible adult must accompany children younger than 18. Bring lunch and water on all hikes and wear sturdy shoes and appropriate clothing. Firearms, pets and radios, or other audio devices, are prohibited on hikes.

For more information, check out the HTMC Web site at www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/3660

State Offers Outdoor Education

The Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources is offering education classes to the public. Subjects covered include firearms and archery safety; survival and first aid; wildlife identification; and conservation, regulations, game care and outdoor responsibility.

Attendance at two sessions is required for certification. Classes, open to anyone 10 and older who enjoy the outdoors. The sessions are ideal for hunters, campers, hikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts.

The next two-day session is Dec. 16 from 5:45 to 10 p.m. and Dec. 17 from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Classroom A-212A at the Nimitz Business Center, 1130 N. Nimitz Highway. Drive up the ramp to the classroom, which is the first room on the right. A picture ID is required for entry to the sessions.

For more information about outdoor education, or to sign up for this course, call 587-0200 or visit www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/welcome.html.

Half Marathon Runs Over Maui

The 2nd Maui Surf and Sand Half Marathon will take place on the Valley Isle, Jan. 15, 2006.

The 13-mile course runs from Kapalua to Lahaina along the coast on Honoapiilani Highway.

Cost for the race is $60 and includes a T-shirt and finisher's medal. First-, second- and third-place finishers will receive $500, $250 and $100, respectively.

Athletes wishing to participate can register by printing a form from www.mauisurfsandhalf.com/indexMain.html or by visiting www.active.com.

Run to the Sun Heads up Haleakala

Run to the Sun is a 36-mile ultra marathon starting at sea level and climbing to the 10,023 foot summit of Haleakala, legendary "Home of the Sun," and will tak place March 25, 2006. This challenging course, is not for the novice marathoner. Entrants must be 18 years or older and rigorously prepared to meet the challenge of the strict 10-hour time limit.

Detailed course and event information will be sent to each entrant upon receipt of application form and fee. Relay teams of three persons may also enter Run to the Sun. There will be no race-day registration.

Entry fee is $95 for individuals and $150 for relay teams if registered by March 17, 2006.

Runners wanting to participate can enter by mailing in a form available at www.virr.com/run_2_sun.html or by registering online at www.actice.com.

Bellows Offers Adventure Programs

Whether you are spending a few weeks or just visiting for the day, check out any of the following weekly Bellows Outdoor Adventures programs on their Web site: www.bellowsafs.com.

For information, call the Turtle Cove office at 259-4112 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

•*Saturdays at 8 a.m., Morning Paddle:* Take the guided kayak tour to the Mokulua Islands, which offers the opportunity to see birds up close in their natural habitat. Cost is $14. Advanced skill level is required.

•*Sundays at 8:30 a.m., History Tours by Bike:* Ride mountain bikes for an extensive seven-mile, three-hour, guided tour of Bellows Air Force Station. Wear closed-toe shoes. Cost is $15 for bike and helmet rental.

•*Mondays at 8:30 a.m., Hike to Makapuu:* Take a moderate 2 1/2-mile round-trip hike to the Makapuu Lighthouse. Hikers will be rewarded with awesome views of Koko Crater, Diamond Head and Waimanalo Bay. Wear closed-toe shoes. Cost is $8 for adults and $5 for children 12 and younger.

•*Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30 a.m., Snorkeling Tour:* Discover the magnificent underwater world of the ocean at a nearby undisturbed reef. Transportation, instruction and snorkeling equipment are included. Cost is $15 for adults and $8 for children 12 and younger.

•*Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m., Kayaking Lessons:* Master ocean-kayaking skills, including water safety and efficient paddling techniques in this two-hour class. The class is free with a day kayak rental.

•*Thursdays at 9 a.m., Beach 101:* See fascinating natural phenomena as you wade across seaweed-covered reef flats and rock tide pools.

This is an educational experience for the whole family. Be sure to wear comfortable footwear, a hat, swimsuit, sunscreen, and bring water. Cost is $8 for adults and $5 for children 12 and younger.

•*Thursdays at 8 a.m., Free Aloha Breakfast in the Recreation Center Lanai:* Find out about all the exciting programs and specials happening at Bellows. Enjoy a free continental breakfast and sign up to win door prizes.

•*Fridays at 1 p.m., Bodyboarding Lessons:* Learn how to catch and ride the waves. Free day rental of boogie board is included in the $5 fee.

Miniature Golf: One of the miniature golf courses on the island is the Bellows Mini-Golf Course. It is lighted and open for night play.

Driving Range: Next to our mini-golf course is a driving range. Clubs and buckets of golf balls are available for rent.

For more information, log on to www.bellowsafs.com.

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THE BOTTOM LINE

Editor's Note: This week, "The Bottom Line" introduces its newest sports aficionado, Lance Cpl. Ryan Trevino, a native of Texas who will therefore be referred to as "The Texan." Hawaii Marine welcomes "The Texan," and looks forward to his verbal bouts with "The Cheese" — the other half of our famous "The Bottom Line" team. And, as a reminder, our readers are welcome to get in on the action by sending your "Reader's Strike Back" comments to editor@hawaiimarine.com. Tell us what you think about what our sports duo is peddling by sending an e-mail, 250 words or less. If selected, your voice will be heard because your comments will be published in the upcoming edition.

Who's in Heisman Trophy contention?

Kristin Herrick
The Cheese

For one night in mid-December, the best of the best college football players will trade in their jerseys and helmets for suits and ties. The tradition dates back to 1935 and to win the heavy bronze-cast trophy up for grabs means only one thing — the recipient is the year's best player in college football.

Only one man — Archie Griffin — has won the Heisman Trophy twice, and that was 30 years ago. The only thing that stands in Matt Leinart's way of repeating Griffins' accomplishment is his USC teammate, running back Reggie Bush.

This shouldn't be a tough column to write. There are really only three or four athletes worthy of the Heisman — as usual — but they are all good in their own way and comparisons are difficult.

I'll start with the underdog — Ohio State's A.J. Hawk. With a name like that, he's gotta be good. A big reason the Buckeye linebacker made the list is because of the old saying "Defense wins games."

The Cheese truly believes this.

Hawk, the Big 10 Defensive Player of the Year has some stellar stats, 109 tackles, 7.5 sacks and he blocked a punt and returned it for a touchdown. If it weren't for the overly impressive offensive of USC, Hawk would have this competition wrapped up behind the line of scrimmage.

With one Heisman in his trophy case, Matt Leinart should be able to relax and enjoy some champagne during this year's award dinner. Not that winning two wouldn't be nice, but I think the judges will want to spread the wealth around a bit.

Bottom Line: As much as The Cheese would like to see a defensive player get the Heisman, the judges are zeroed in on southern California again for this year's winner. Junior Reggie Bush will take top honors and have a new bronze statue to take home in a couple weeks. Scoring 16 total touchdowns on the season is impressive enough, but remember that if Bush were on a team with a less talented QB, he'd probably have a few more.

Lance Cpl. Ryan Trevino
The Texan

Well, being that I'm from Texas, and I have been watching the Longhorns play at Royal-Texas Stadium since M.C. Hammer was cool, I have to go with my boy, University of Texan Longhorn's quarterback Vince Young, for my prediction for this year's Heisman Trophy winner. On top of being a huge Longhorn fan, I've been watching Young dis defenses since he was playing quarterback for Madison High School back in Texas, and was the top-rated high school prospect in the nation, according to Sporting News.

Yeah, I know the experts on the sports talk shows and the newspaper columnists want to label him as an excellent rusher, average passer, and that he throws side-arm instead of over the top, but come on people, don't believe the hype. They said the same thing about Michael Vick, and look how he proved them wrong. It's about to be 2006 and with growing aggression of college defenses, speed at the QB position is where it's at.

Yeah, I know looking at this year's statistics of Young compared to University of Southern California's QB Matt Leinart, a more traditional QB, it's hard to make my argument. But, there is one stat that people don't seem to notice. Young has thrown a total of 72 less passes than Leinart, but only has one less touchdown pass. That's a tie-breaker right there, and on top of the that, Young gets the job done on the ground with 815 yards rushing. Besides, Leinart won last year, and nobody has been deserving of the honor of winning twice since Archie Griffin did it back in 1974-75.

The Heisman Trophy should be given to the player who contributes the most to his team's success during the season. Vince Young may not be the best player, statistically speaking, but he has taken charge, almost single-handedly, and lead his team to the top of the Big XII Conference, the hardest in my opinion, and will continue the charge straight to the Rose Bowl. Let's not forget that he's only a junior.

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Cheese

Atlanta @ **Carolina**
Buffalo @ **Miami**
Cincinnati @ **Pittsburgh**
Dallas @ **N.Y. Giants**
Green Bay @ Chicago
Houston @ **Baltimore**
Jacksonville @ Cleveland
Minnesota @ Detroit
Tampa Bay @ New Orleans
Tennessee @ **Indianapolis**
Arizona @ San Francisco
Washington @ **St. Louis**
Denver @ Kansas City
N.Y. Jets @ **New England**
Oakland @ **San Diego**
Seattle @ Philadelphia

The Giants-Cowboys game is going to be one to watch. New York will pull it off if Jay Feely gets back on track. Pittsburgh will have just enough drive to stop the Bengals and tie up the AFC North. Monday night total score: **29**

Week 12 Picks

To play, clearly circle the teams you think are going to win. Drop your picks off under the door of Room 19 in Building 216 or e-mail your picks to kristin@hawaiimarine.com by Saturday at midnight. The person who has the most correct picks will get to boast in the Hawaii Marine and fill us all in on their following week's predictions. The closest to the total score for Monday Night's game, without going over, will determine the winner in the event of a tie.

Atlanta @ Carolina
Buffalo @ Miami
Cincinnati @ Pittsburgh
Dallas @ N.Y. Giants
Green Bay @ Chicago
Houston @ Baltimore
Jacksonville @ Cleveland
Minnesota @ Detroit
Tampa Bay @ New Orleans
Tennessee @ Indianapolis
Arizona @ San Francisco
Washington @ St. Louis
Denver @ Kansas City
N.Y. Jets @ New England
Oakland @ San Diego
Seattle @ Philadelphia

Monday Night Tiebreaker (Seattle @ Philadelphia): _____ points.

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Texan

Atlanta @ Carolina
Buffalo @ **Miami**
Cincinnati @ Pittsburgh
Dallas @ N.Y. Giants
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Washington @ St. Louis
Denver @ Kansas City
N.Y. Jets @ New England
Oakland @ **San Diego**
Seattle @ Philadelphia

It's getting to be crunch time heading to the playoffs. I'm looking for some upsets this week. The game to watch is Atlanta vs. Carolina. I think Vick has what it takes to overcome Smith and the Panthers to make the NFC south interesting. Monday night total score: **34**

Marine finds niche in bodybuilding

Sgt. Robert M. Storm
Combat Correspondent

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — Sgt. Marvin K. Walker, supply clerk, from Bronx, N.Y., finds his niche in the Marine Corps and bodybuilding.

"I joined the Marine Corps about a year after high school. I originally joined for school money, but I immediately took to it and plan on being a lifer," said Walker. "Since I started bodybuilding, I changed my focus on school to get a degree in kinesiology."

Walker is assigned to Combat Service Support Group 3, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, that is supporting 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

When not on duty, Walker works out in the gym for three hours a day. When he was in Hawaii, he has entered and won fist place in an amateur bodybuilding competition on Maui. Walker let out a small depreciating laugh and a shook his head as he talked about how he started taking bodybuilding seriously.

"Everyone has a story of why they started. I don't. I always worked out, but one day I just decided I wanted to start bodybuilding seriously, so I did," said Walker who appears slightly embarrassed with being the center of attention. "There was no rhyme or reason, but when I started, I took to it. I even used to get into fights with my training partner when he tried to be lazy."

Walker is currently serving his eighth year in the Marine Corps and claims that before he started bodybuilding he only weighed 160 pounds. He now tops out at 205 pounds and bench presses more than 400 pounds.

Although Walker is in better shape than ever, he admits that there are some drawbacks to being a body builder.

"I was always a 300 PFT (referring to the Marine Corps physical fitness test, 300 being a perfect score), but now my run time lost about a minute. I still try to maintain a 60/40 ratio between building muscle and staying lean," said Walker.

Among other things, Walker also admits that the diet for a bodybuilder is a difficult one. Most of the foods are high protein — chicken, green vegetables, rice, protein shakes, and water. There is no room for cheating on this diet, no salt, sugar, soda or anything else.

Walker said people always ask for his advice on how to start out. He tells those who ask that one of the biggest assets is a dedicated partner.

"It makes it easier by having someone there to push you when you just don't feel like working out. You support and push one another," said Walker.

After he completes his tour in Afghanistan, Walker will go on to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, where he will be a drill instructor ."I know it will be tough to still work out as much and to compete, but I'm self motivated and very dedicated," said Walker. "It'll be alright."



Sgt. Robert M. Storm

Sgt. Marvin K. Walker, supply clerk, assigned to Combat Service Support Group 3 flexes for the camera. He is currently serving in Afganistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

SPORTS AROUND THE CORPS



Cpl. Martin R. Harris

Pfc. Freddy Davis hugs a Japanese soldier after the Japan Ground Self Defense Force and Marine Corps sports day on Camp Naha Nov. 15. The daylong activity was to help promote friendship and camaraderie between the Japanese soldiers and the Marines of III Marine Expeditionary Force. Davis is a warehouse clerk for Material Readiness Company, 3rd Material Readiness Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group.

Marines, Japanese soldiers bond during sports day

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CAMP NAHA, OKINAWA, Japan — The United States' 32nd president Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."

The future is exactly what the soldiers of the 1st Combined Group, Japan Ground Self Defense Force, had in mind when they invited Marines from III Marine Expeditionary Force to Camp Naha for a day of sportsmanship as they hosted sports day Nov. 15.

"The JGSDF officers and sergeants major have a great relationship with the Marine officers and sergeants major, but our young soldiers and Marines never get the opportunity to interact," said Sgt. Maj. Hideki Akamatsu, JGSDF liaison to III MEF. "It's very important for the young soldiers and Marines to start a good relationship at a young age. Hopefully, when this generation becomes sergeants major, they will be even more familiar with each other and are true friends."

Marine Corps Community Services' Single Marine Program sponsored the JGSDF and Marine Corps sports day, which was held on the JGSDF base. The 110 Marines, representing nearly all units of III MEF, participated in several different sports with approximately 75 Japanese soldiers.

Starting out the day under a bright cloud cover the soldiers

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REIGN, from C-1

center to home plate to gun down a base runner and prevent an easy score for the Dogs. The Dogs still were able to get one run off a single from Wallace, which brought the score to 12–2.

The Reign came out strong with a four-run bottom of the fourth. After two quick outs at the beginning of the inning, the Reign pulled out the big bats and started to finish off their opponents. Ron Nordan smashed a double off the pitcher, and after some confusion in the infield over how many outs there were, a runner slipped, unnoticed, across the plate for an easy score. Schmidt scored Norman with a two out single, which brought the score to 14–2.

The Dogs didn't have an answer for the Reign's two-run top of the fourth and kept the score at 15–2, as the Reign came up to the plate for the last time in the game.

After a double by Taitingfong that scored two runs, the Reign put down their bats and picked up their gloves to take the field one last time to crush any comeback hopes the Barnyard Dogs may have had.

A single by Janke, followed by another single by Jason Wallace that scored a run proved too little, too late for the Dogs, and the game ended at 17–3, Steel Reign over the Barnyard Dogs.

"We played amazingly well," said Gary Schmidt, simply describing his team's performance during the outing.

Catch more Winter Intramural Softball play every Monday through Wednesday at Annex and Risley Fields aboard K-Bay.



Lance Cpl. Ryan Trevino

Barnyard Dogs short stop Jason Wallace turns two, early in Monday's game. The Dogs' defense had problems containing the high-powered offense of the Steel Reign and allowed 17 runs to score during Monday's Intramural Softball game played at Annex Field aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.



Lance Cpl. J. Ethan Hoaldridge

The half seemed to be over with only five seconds on the clock, but Dirty Third's quarterback Taurean Smith hurled the ball deep connecting with his a receiver for a touchdown. The intramural football game ended with the score 21–6, Mad Dogs.

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The touchdown was called back because of penalties, and Dirty Third's frustration increased.

"It's a tough fought game, but these penalties killed us," said Almeida.

To no surprise, Camp Smith continued the running game, keeping the ball out of the air.

Fullback Sinapao Roberts stuck the dagger in Dirty Third with a third quarter touchdown with six minutes left.

The remainder of the third and fourth quarter was consumed with interceptions and turnovers on downs by both teams.

With 10 seconds left in the game, Camp Smith Mad Dogs' quarterback takes a knee to run the time off the clock. It should have been a semi-final intramural football championship win over the Dirty Third at K-Bay, but due to the unsportsmanlike conduct at the end of the game, it was all for nothing.

"All the players from both teams have been suspended for the remainder of the season due the altercation at the end of Monday's game," said Joe Au, the MCBH intramural sports coordinator. "The game scheduled for December 5 has been cancelled."

The final score for the ill-fated game on Monday, was 21–6, Mad Dogs.

The championship game was played, Wednesday, between HQBN and CSSG-3. Read Hawaii Marine next week for highlights of the championship game.



Lance Cpl. Ryan Trevino

For 'love' of the game

Jack Thibault, 10, a member of the Marine Corps Tennis Academy Junior team, Twelve and Under Division, returns a serve from Team Kailua's Jessica Gambrell during their match, Saturday, at the tennis courts aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. The Marine Corps Tennis Academy currently holds second place in the league and have qualified for sectionals play, Dec. 17, in Central Oahu Regional Park, Waipio.

BONDING, from C-4

and Marines were reminded by the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps why their friendship will be important in the future.

"Keeping the friendship between our countries strong will help us to ensure peace and stability in this part of the world," said Sgt. Maj. John L. Estrada.

After the sergeant major's words, the service members broke into six small groups. Four of the groups played softball while the other two played Japanese-style dodge ball, pitting Marine teams against Japanese teams.

After the softball and dodge ball games, a tug-of-war tournament tested the strength and stamina of the Marines and soldiers until lunch was served.

Provided by the Single Marine Program, lunch consisting of hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the fixings was served along with Japanese somen, a type of cold noodle.

After finishing, the soldiers and Marines competed in an egg toss and dizzy izzy races, which were the highlight of the day for Pvt. Samantha Meade.

"The dizzy izzy was by far my favorite event of the day," said Meade, a radio operator with III MEF, 7th Commications Battalion, B Company.

"We got to really interact with the Japanese soldiers. They are very funny, always laughing and making jokes."

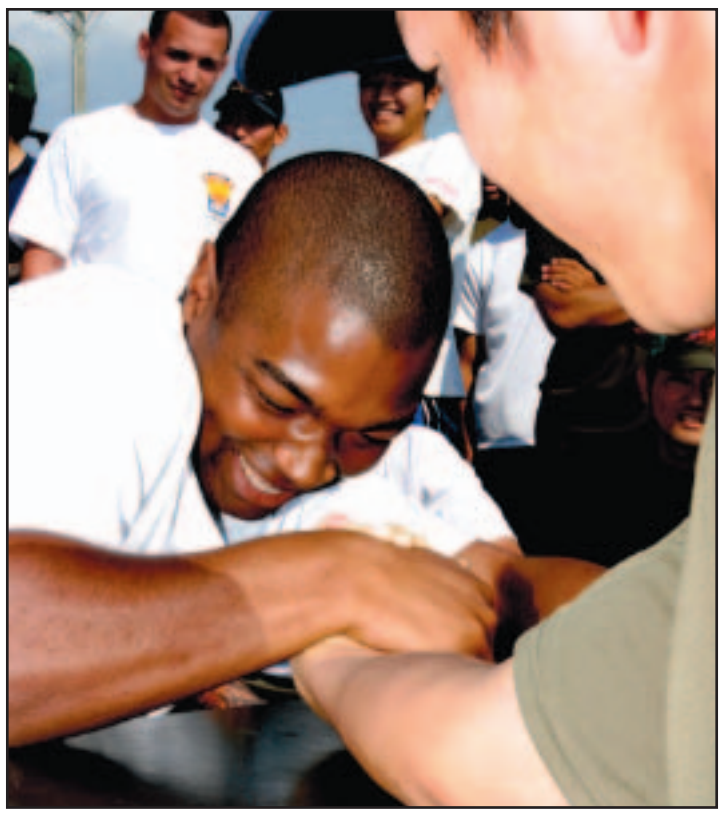
The event's activities came to an end after Marines and soldiers bulged their biceps during an arm-wrestling competition. Both Japanese and Marines seemed to have found a new respect for each other's relentless pursuit of arm-wrestling victory.

The day of camaraderie and friendship through sports was a great way for the Japanese soldiers to get to know Marines first hand, said Sgt. Maj. Michael E. Tuttle, Camp Hansen sergeant major.

"I think it's important for us to show the Japanese soldiers that we do good things," said Tuttle.

The Japanese soldiers enjoyed their time with the Marines, and felt it was extremely important to build a strong relationship, on and off the battlefield.

"It was quite fun and new experience for me today because there are no opportunities on a regular basis for us to play sports with foreigners," said Pvt. Tomohiro Yoshida, a member of the 1st Combined Group. "If we have more chances to interact with each other to strengthen our ties, we can better work toward the same goal to defend our countries."



Cpl. Martin R, Harris

Lance Cpl. Charles P. Hodges grits his teeth while trying to finish off an arm-wrestling match. Arm wrestling was one of the many activities the Marines and soldiers participated in.



Slap shot happy

Christian Ramsey, 10, sets up to deny a shot as his teammate, Justin Snyder, 10, skates toward the net with the puck during hockey practice, Monday, at the Inline Skating Rink aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Their team is in the "Squirts" Division, which consists of players from the ages of 10 and under, of the Oahu Inline Hockey League. Teams in the Squirts Division play every Saturday at the rink. The regular season is coming to an end, and the playoffs are scheduled to start Dec. 10, with the Championship Game on Dec. 17.

Lance Cpl. Ryan Trevino

TEXAN, From C-3

Leinart is a great QB and all, but he's got the help of Reggie Bush in the backfield. The two of them paired together is what makes USC a great football team, not Leinhart alone.

Leinart or Bush wouldn't even be my second choice. What about defense? The only thing more fun to watch than an explosive offensive attack, is a defensive shutdown late in the game.

I think Ohio State linebacker A.J. Hawk is a phenomenal player that will do great things in the NFL. The man has 60 solo tackles and 7.5 sacks for the Buckeyes this season. The only defensive player to ever win the award was Charles Woodson in '97, but that's only because he returned kickoffs and punts, and was able to generate some offensive numbers. Defense is just as important as offense, and always has been, and it's time we start giving the most prestigious award in college football to players who make things happen on the other side of the ball.

Bottom Line: Vince Young deserves this award more than Leinart or Bush combined. He breaks the mold on what people think a quarterback should play like, and he's doing things now, as a junior in college, that veteran quarterbacks in the NFL still can't do. Also, I wouldn't lose any sleep if Hawk took the award and finally earned some credit where credit is due, the defensive player.

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Makahiki participants parade with the akua loa toward Pyramid Rock Beach aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii to mark the beginning of the Makahiki season. A warrior near the front of the procession periodically blows on a conch shell to call everyone within hearing distance to the opening ceremonies. The Makahiki season coincides with the Hawaiian star-calendar new year and is a celebration of the harvest.

'There is a season'

Makahiki — a time for peace, celebration

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Though the modern lights on the flight line at Marine Corps Air Facility were flickering in the dusk, the scene that unfolded last weekend between the Hale Koa and Pyramid Rock beaches could have taken place centuries ago.

With a long, low drone from a conch shell and the raising of the cloud-like akua loa, the earthly representation of the Hawaiian god Lono made of two long pieces of white fabric attached to koa wood staffs, a ceremonial procession of traditionally clad Hawaiian warriors followed by women and children paraded toward Pyramid Rock to signal the opening of this year's Makahiki season aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Almost identical to the ceremonies which countless generations of Hawaiians have performed on the Mokapu peninsula, native Hawaiians joined military service members and visitors from the local community at Pyramid Rock, also known as Kuau, to celebrate the beginning of the Makahiki season.

They also presented offerings to the Hawaiian god Lono, traditionally the god of the sky and agriculture, in a celebration of life and peace.

"From ancient times, the Makahiki season has been a time for peace, reflection, games, festivals and planning," said Donna Ann Kamehaiku Camvel, Ahupuaa Restoration Council of Heeia chairman and a member of the third generation of her family to preside as Makahiki event coordinator aboard MCB Hawaii since the 1970s.

"The presence of Lono — the god of clouds, thunder, lightning, rain, agriculture and fertility — during the four months of Makahiki signifies to us that there will be no war or fighting among the Hawaiian people during this time," continued Camvel.

Lono is also represented by the rising of the constellation Na Huihui O Makalii, known also as the Pleiades or "Seven Sisters." The constellation is in the night sky for approximately four months every year, giving rise to the traditional length of the Makahiki season.

With torches flickering, the celebrants remained at Pyramid Rock for hours, singing traditional Hawaiian songs and sharing the spirit of aloha well into the night.

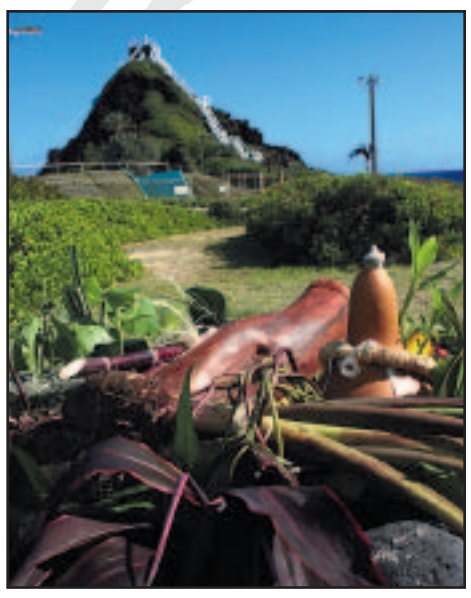
The next morning brought the "Makahiki Games" to Hale Koa Beach, known also as Kahananui, which is considered sacred land by many Hawaiians.

The games included Hawaiian wrestling, bowling and spear-throwing competitions between several young warriors who looked the part in their traditional garb.

"I love it. I've been here for four years, and I'm disappointed I've missed out on this for three. If I'm on the island next year, I'll definitely bring my family back to this," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Eric Halles, loadmaster with Fleet Logistic Support Squadron 51, a Navy reservist who was experiencing his first Makahiki opening ceremony.

The Makahiki season will end in March, with celebrations held at the Hale Koa Beach.

Camvel said Marines, Sailors and their families would be welcome once again to participate in the festivities and games as they have been every year.



Offerings are presented to the Hawaiian god Lono, god of rain, agriculture and fertility, during the opening ceremonies of the Makahiki season.



Jordan Suapaia, 6, plays a game he describes as Hawaiian checkers, or "Konane." It is a game of strategy similar to checkers and widely believed by historians to be a game that was used as a tool to instruct warriors. The object of the game is not so much to take your opponent's "papumu," or gamestones, than it is to isolate your opponent's papumu and prevent your opponent from being able to make a move.

Below — Hula dancers perform for Makahiki celebrants at the base of Pyramid Rock during Makahiki opening ceremonies last week. The dancers sang traditional Hawaiian songs as well as a few festive new tunes, all in Hawaiian. The sunset ceremony lasted well into the night as groups performed and participants "talked story" for hours.



An opponent is thrown off his feet, losing the match. In this variation of wrestling, opponents are allowed the use of only one leg as they hold the other while trying to throw each other off balance. Hawaiian wrestling matches were held during the Makahiki opening ceremonies at Hale Koa Beach. The various matches pitted young men against one another in feats of strength and quickness. Other games played included an ancient version of bowling and the ever-popular spear-throwing competitions.

