

Hawaii Marine

REMINDER: Power outage for east side of base • Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Lance Cpl. Olivia Ortiz | Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C.

Marine Capt. Katie Higgins, the first female pilot with the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, or Blue Angels, speaks with media aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C., April 9. The Severna Park, Md. native, is now the newest pilot of “Fat Albert,” a C-130 Hercules flown by the Blue Angels.

Higgins takes flight, makes history

Lance Cpl. Harley Thomas
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Since 1946, the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, or Blue Angels, has performed jaw-dropping shows all across America. However, in the nearly 70 years the squadron has been around, there have been several females on the team who were out of the cockpit during the performances — that is, until now.

Marine Capt. Katie Higgins, the newest pilot of “Fat Albert,” a C-130 Hercules flown by the Blue Angels, has become the first woman in history to perform with the squadron.

“I am so glad I get to be a part of the 130 team members who are the best in their field,” said Higgins, a Severna Park, Md., native. “I came to the Blue Angels because I wanted to be a part of the elite team dedicated to precision and expertise. I didn’t come out here thinking I was going to be breaking barriers; I simply wanted to do my job to the best of my abilities.”

Higgins said it’s a great honor to fly for the Blue Angels, but it should feel like this for everyone on the team, male or female. As one of the squadron’s 17 officers, she said she is not treated any differently because she’s female.

“The Blue Angels are a family and

they have supported me all the way, always being there for me when I need them,” Higgins said. “I wouldn’t be here without the support of the team. We’re all cogs in a machine and without just one of those pieces, it wouldn’t function properly.”

Higgins said she was greatly influenced by her family’s legacy of aviation, her pilot grandfathers, uncles and father played a key role in her decision to fly.

“I am a third-generation pilot,” Higgins said. “I am also the first female and the first Marine. My family was

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WWII souvenir unearthed at Presidential Cottage

Lance Cpl. Adam O. Korolev
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Mokapu Peninsula, the area of land on which Marine Corps Base Hawaii rests, is an archeological gold mine where at any point relics can surface.

One of those relics is an anti-aircraft gun mount, which was discovered beneath the driveway of the Presidential Cottage on Jan. 13.

Mokapu Peninsula is host to a wide variety of historic findings, whether it’s ancient artifacts from early settlers on the peninsula, or vintage military equipment.

Due to the possibility of stumbling upon these souvenirs from the past, an archeologist oversees military projects requiring excavation. Artifacts such as the gun mount are not always found during excavations. However, in the chance that something is found, the precautions are put in place.

“Whenever we do any construction or repair that involves moving earth, we always have (an archeologist) on staff because you never know what you’re going to find,” said Raymond E. Rippel, director of the Unaccompanied Personnel Housing Division and a Detroit native. “This time, we were sure (there was) absolutely no reason (for an archeologist), but low and behold, within a couple hours of digging, we had discovered the gun emplacement.”

The find was a surprise for several on site, including Patrick M. O’Day, an archeologist who was monitoring during the discovery.

“(The) Battery No. 7 gun mount is very significant as it was thought to have been destroyed,” said the



Photo courtesy of Ray Rippel

Workers discovered a World War II-era gun emplacement, Jan. 13. The mount was accidentally unearthed after the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Presidential Cottage’s driveway was being renovated.

San Clemente, Calif., native. “There were numerous coastal defense batteries built on Oahu, however many have been destroyed or are undocumented.”

O’Day works with Garcia and Associates, a cultural and natural resources consulting firm.

According to Garcia and Associates, the gun mount is 14 feet in diameter, and contains a 32-inch hole that is surrounded by 16 bolts. Bordering the northwest side of the bolts is a rectangular conduit hatch that measures three feet long and two feet

wide. Based on all of the specifications of the emplacement, the feature is an M3 fixed mount for an M1 90mm gun.

During the outbreak of World War II, about 225 of these weapon systems were installed between 1943 and 1946, and were a part of anti-motor torpedo boat batteries. The M1 90mm had a range of up to 11 miles, and was capable of firing 30 rounds, each weighing 23 pounds, per minute. The system was used as an anti-aircraft and submarine defense system.

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Taking care of their own: Veterans help veterans in treatment court

Kristen Wong
Hawaii Marine

HONOLULU — Cameras flashed, families and friends applauded, tears were wiped away and hugs were shared as the first class of the Hawaii Veterans Treatment Court graduated in a ceremony at the State Supreme Court, April 17.

Four former service members each received certificates of merit and graduation, as well as a challenge coin. Standing beside each graduate was a fellow veteran, a source of support along their journey — their volunteer mentor.

Veterans Treatment Court exists to support former service members who have engaged in criminal activity, and are trying to resolve challenges they face, such as substance abuse and mental health problems. U.S. Vets and Salvation Army Addiction Treatment Services staff members provide evaluation and treatment for the veterans. Each defendant has a mentor, who has also served in the military, to help them along the way.

First Circuit Judge Ed Kubo initiated the Hawaii Veterans Treatment Court in 2013. There are treatment courts nationwide.

“The military service (members) and their families were there for us in our time of need,” Kubo said. “Now it’s our turn to say thank you and give back to (the service members) and get them back on their feet (with) the tools that they need toward a successful future.”

In addition to the mentors, defendants in the program receive support from two treatment dogs. Kubo said through working with the Hawaiian Humane Society, a boxer named Athena and a poodle named Popo attend court on Fridays.

“It’s becoming almost like a superstitious regimen,” Kubo said. “(The defendants) pet the dog and they stand before me and they report. After they report, finish their case, they pat the dog and they (leave the court).”

Kubo said the average age of the mentors are around mid-50s, several of which served during the Vietnam War. However, he said, it would be beneficial to have younger mentors in the program to match the younger defendants.

Veterans Treatment Court was first established in 2008 by Judge Robert Russell in Buffalo, N.Y. There are now more than 100 courts nationwide. Melissa Fitzgerald, the senior director of Justice for Vets, a division of the nonprofit National Association of Drug Court Professionals, attended the ceremony to offer congratulations to the graduates and praise for all who had a hand in the Hawaii program.

“To the volunteer veteran mentors, thank you for continuing to serve your country by being of service to your fellow veterans,” Fitzgerald said. “You are what we like to call the ‘secret sauce’ of veterans treatment court. Today millions of veterans stand ready and willing to continue to serve their nation right here at home. The volunteers in this room and in veterans treatment courts across the country prove that there is no bond as strong as the one that exists among those who wore the uniform ... that bond is turned into healing and empowerment.”

Ron Cayetano has volunteered as a mentor with the treatment court for more than two years. A native of Pahoa, Hawaii, Cayetano was an active-duty Marine from June 1965 through 1969. Cayetano has ties to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, having served in the Vietnam War with the now-inactive Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Marine Regiment, and Marine Aircraft Group 24.

“The most rewarding (aspect of vol-

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WORDS FROM THE BASE INSPECTOR

Why do I see pit bulls on base? Aren’t pit bulls one of the breeds prohibited by the Marine Corps on base?

The bottom line is all service members must register their dogs with its correct breed.

In accordance with Base Order 5233.2, Pets and Wildlife, full or mixed breeds of pit bulls, defined as an American pit bull terrier, Staffordshire terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier, rottweiler, canid/wolf hybrids or any other dog with physical characteristics similar to this breed, are prohibited.

In the absence of formal breed identification (e.g., certification by a civilian organization such as the American Kennel Club) a determination of “majority breed” will be made by a Veterinary Corps officer or a civilian veterinarian.

Some civilian veterinarians are “generous” in the determination of majority breed. These doctors provide a letter to a dog owner stating the animal is not a prohibited breed.

When the base identifies an animal that appears to be a prohibited breed, the Veterinary Corps or the game warden, regardless of previous determination of breed, conducts the determination of majority breed. If the animal is determined to be a prohibited breed, the base inspector issues a debarment letter for the animal and the service member must remove the animal from Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

The base does not conduct house-to-house searches for prohibited breed pets. As stated in last week’s article, “It takes a whole community to maintain standards.” If you know of an animal residing on base that appears to be a prohibited breed, contact the game warden at 257-1821 or the base inspector at 257-8861 and report the animal. If you know any information about the owner, such as their name or address, please provide that information.


Reportedly, some service members who reside off-base have brought their prohibited breed dogs to on-base dog parks and recreation areas. This is a violation of Base Order 5233.2. Call the game warden or Provost

Marshal’s Office, if you see a prohibited breed dog on base. The other option is to politely inform the animal’s owner about the regulation, provide a brief reminder that these regulations exist for everyone’s benefit and encouraging the person to abide by the regulations.

Please ensure all members of our military community may enjoy Marine Corps Base Hawaii by complying with the base regulations and behaving responsibly.

If you have a question for the inspector, please contact us at KBAB_HQBN_INSP@usmc.mil.

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This week in Corps history: On April 21, 1951, Marine carrier-based airplanes made their first aerial contact with enemy planes over the Korean front lines. Capt. Philip C. Delong shot down two YAK fighters and 1st Lt. Harold D. Daigh destroyed one more and damaged another in the heavily defended Pyongyang-Chinnampo area. Both pilots were with VMF-312 flying from the USS Bataan.

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ICE COMMENTS

COMMENT: I have been working aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii as an Army contractor since 2012. I am also a member of the U.S. Army with a Department of Defense Army common access card that allows me to enter all military bases in Oahu without a base decal on my private vehicles. I have been showing my DoD Army CAC at the main gate daily when entering MCB Hawaii for the past three years with no hassle or problem. Today, I was told to get a decal for my vehicle if I want to enter MCB Hawaii regardless of my official DoD Army CAC. Why is MCB Hawaii denying me as a member of the U.S. Army with an official DoD Army CAC to enter the installation? Also, other military installations in Oahu have done away with decals for force protection reasons with today’s homegrown threats against military personnel vandalizing private vehicles with military decals. Military decals only attract threats to military personnel on the island. I ask that you take this force protection with consideration for the safety of DoD personnel. There should be an exemption for those who have the proper credentials with official DoD CAC to enter MCB Hawaii without decals. Thanks for your time in taking my comments. I await your valid response.

RESPONSE: Thank you for taking time to complete the Interactive Customer Evaluation comment regarding the Department of Defense decal issue policy. I apologize for the delayed response as I’ve been on emergency leave the last several weeks. Marine Corps Base Hawaii does not have the option to discontinue the use of DoD decals. Headquarters Marine Corps directs their continued use, regardless of the policies of other services. The requirement for DoD decals can be found in Marine Corps Order 5580.2b, paragraph 8103, which states, “All privately owned vehicles of personnel assigned to installations are required to be registered with a DoD decal within 30 days of assignment or purchasing the vehicle.” Until HQMC rescinds this requirement, we will continue to enforce the order. I am in the same situation as yourself. I am a retired Marine who is employed on the base as a civil servant and I am required to register my vehicle and have a DoD decal.

*Note: ICE comments may have been edited for space and anonymity

Interactive Customer Evaluation is:

- A web-based tool for collecting feedback about the services provided by various organizations throughout the Department of Defense.
- Allows customers to submit online comment cards to rate the service providers that they have encountered at military bases and related facilities around the world.
- Allows service providers to collect customer satisfaction data in a standardized format which is stored in the ICE database.
- Provides customers with a convenient and efficient method to express their opinions to service providers and receive feedback.

ICE is NOT:

- To be used as a sole source to report safety concerns. **Base Safety should be contacted directly at 257-1830.**
- Intended for use to submit complaints regarding fellow employees or management, to spread rumors, to threaten or to make public announcements.

Visit the ICE site at <http://ice.disa.mil>. For ICE FAQs, visit mcbhawaii.marines.mil, then click Departments, Business Performance, then ICE FAQs.

CLARIFICATION: In the April 3 article “Taking Flight: Mokapu dedicates statue” it was reported the statue was funded by the “Art in Public Places” program, which is run by the Hawaii state legislature. The Hawaii state legislature established the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, who oversees the “Art in Public Places” program. “Hawaii Marine” newspaper staff strives for accuracy and consistency in its reporting.

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII EVENTS

FUTURE EVENTS

Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Organization Hawaii is conducting the following workshops: Marriage Resiliency Workshop on May 1 at The Officers’ Club, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Couples will learn new ways to enhance communications while fostering fun and friendship. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. There is a 10-couple limit. The Marriage Date Night Workshop on May 15 at Sam Choy’s Seafood Grille (Hickam side), 6 to 9 p.m. Couples will experience new techniques to share their individual and shared appreciations, concerns, and goals for their future. Dinner will be provided. There is a 10-couple limit. To register, contact CREDO at 473-1434 or credohawaii@navy.mil. Upon receiving registration information, we will reply with a confirmation email. In addition, we ask for an E-7 or above command endorsement acknowledging your registration for these events as your appointed of place of duty.

The Island Activity and Travel Expo is scheduled for May 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mokapu Mall. Learn about island activities & military appreciation month discounts from local vendors offering the best deals of the year. For more information, call 254-7563.

The Keiki Koa Kai Sprint Tri is scheduled for May 2 at 7 a.m. at the base pool. The fee is \$25 for children 7 to 10 years old and 11 to 14 years old. The race is open to the public. For more information and to register online visit: www.mccshawaii.com/races. For more information, call 254-7590.

The Koa Kai Sprint Tri is scheduled for May 3 at 6:30 a.m. at the sea ramp in front of Hangar 103. The registration fee is \$50 for service members, \$60 for civilians, \$70 for military relay teams and \$90 for civilian relay teams. This race is open to the public. For more information or to register, visit www.mccshawaii.com/races or call 254-7590.

TODAY

The base post office will be closing at noon today. The Camp H.M. Smith post office will be closing at 11 a.m. today. Both facilities will resume normal business hours on Monday.

SATURDAY

A power outage is scheduled for Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. The east side of Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay will be affected. All buildings and structures east of the Nuupia Stream, including Mokapu Gate, the 3rd Marine Regiment building, Combat Logistics Battalion 3, 3rd Radio Battalion, Operations and Training Directorate, Marine Corps Community Services and east-side housing.

The Facilities Department, Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay, along with the Resident In Charge of Construction, are in the process of upgrading the main electrical power service to the base. This extremely important work is required in order to adequately support both existing and new facilities on base by installing additional electrical service cables into the base power grid. Additionally, major work will be

accomplished across the base to support myriad projects and contracts involving maintenance, repair and surveys. For more information, call the duty officer at 330-9636.

Archery hunting for feral pigs aboard Marine Corps Training Area Bellows is now open for authorized personnel who meet the requirements on Saturday and Sunday. Per Base Order 1711, all applicants must have a valid state of Hawaii hunting license and a base hunting permit to sign up for hunting. State licenses may be obtained online or in person at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, 1151 Punchbowl St., Room 325 in Honolulu. To receive a base hunting permit, applicants must successfully pass a written exam on the base order (open book) and archery shooting proficiency exam administered by Operations and Training Directorate and Range Control. Exam sessions will be held at Ulupau Crater Range Training Facility. This will also be the opportunity to sign up for the Saturday and Sunday hunting dates. For details, call Range Control at 257-3180.

MONDAY

Middaugh Street is closed during the weekdays through May 1, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. There will be a complete closure of Middaugh Street between Harris Avenue and Fort Hase Beach for new sewer construction work. Motorists should find alternate routes around the closed section. Both lanes will be re-opened after 3 p.m. daily. Call Philip Lum at 257-6900 with questions.

The base theater’s air conditioning

system will be inoperable through May 17 due to upgrades. During this period, regular show times will continue and all movies will be free of charge. For current movie listings, visit www.mccshawaii.com/theater. For details, call 254-7638.

TUESDAY

The Hawaiian Culture In the Park event, the last of the “In the Park” series, is scheduled for Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Riseley Field. The series was created in honor of the Month of the Military Child. The events are open to all active duty, family members and Department of Defense civilians. For more information, call 257-0372.

Sign up by today for the Spouse Transition & Readiness Seminar, scheduled for Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon. Location is still to be determined. Reduce the unknowns at this free workshop. Get information on subjects such as Veterans Affairs benefits, budgeting and TRICARE. For details, call 257-7097 or visit www.mccshawaii.com/trpworkshops.com.

THURSDAY

The Strike Out Abuse event is scheduled Thursday at K-Bay Lanes. Free, open cosmic bowling will be available from 4 to 8 p.m., as well as tournament-style bowling. All bowling is available on a space-available basis. There will be bumpers available for children 10 and under, a parent/child tournament and a unit tournament (four-person teams). Face painting with arts and crafts offered. Marines, Sailors and their families are welcome. For details, call 257-7776.

AROUND THE CORPS

Your weekly guide to what’s happening around the Corps
East Coast



Lance Cpl. Immanuel Johnson | II Marine Expeditionary Force

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Pfc. John McGraw, a rifleman with 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division and native of Ashland, Ky., collapses during the initial blast of an improvised explosive device during a training exercise aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., April 15. Marines with 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division participated in practical application lanes of the counter-IED lanes to prepare for an upcoming Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard Camp Lejeune.

See <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/160729/marines-with-1-6-watch-something-out-ordinary#.VTcBJWZ979I> for full story

Overseas



Cpl. Reba James | Marine Rotational Force-Darwin

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE DARWIN, Australia — Marines with 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, stationed out of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., arrived April 12 at the Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin, Australia. The Marines arrived to begin the fourth evolution of Marine Rotational Force-Darwin 2015. MRF-D is the deployment of U.S. Marines to Darwin and the Northern Territory, for approximately six months at a time, where they will conduct exercises and training on a rotational basis with the Australian Defence Force. The fourth rotation of MRF-D will showcase and exercise the combined interoperability of a battalion-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force while operating with the ADF.

See <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/160010/marines-arrive-down-under-train-with-australian-counterparts#.VTcBbWZ979I> for full story

West Coast



Lance Cpl. Medina Ayala-Lo | Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — Diego Sanchez, professional fighter, Ultimate Fighting Championship, practices fighting techniques with Capt. Shiek Faruk, Combat Center Aide-De-Camp, at the West Gym during the UFC Clinic and Fight Night Viewing, Saturday. Headquarters Marine Corps Single Marine Program and Marine Corps Community Services hosted an Ultimate Fighting Championship Clinic and Fight Night Viewing at the West Gym and Sunset Cinema. The event, which was open to all Combat Center Marines and sailors, began at the West Gym and ended at the Sunset Cinema. There were five UFC fighters who came as part of the event. Three of them, to include Uriah Hall, Diego Sanchez and Joe Lauzon, taught different mixed martial arts techniques. Following the demonstrations, there was a meet and greet with the fighters.

See <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/160652/marines-sailors-participate-ufc-clinic-and-fight-night#.VTcBs2Z979I> for full story

CLB-3 awarded unit, volunteer of year

Kristen Wong
Hawaii Marine

Combat Logistics Battalion 3 is the 2015 Volunteer Unit of the Year and had one of their own chosen as 2015 Volunteer of the Year at Marine Corps Base Hawaii's annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony in the Fairways Ballroom at the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course, April 16.

This is the third year in a row CLB-3 was chosen as the MCB Hawaii Volunteer Unit of the Year, and the second consecutive year an individual from their unit was chosen as the MCB Hawaii Volunteer of the Year.

The unit, which was credited with logging more than 6,500 hours of service last year, was awarded a plaque, \$250 in discretionary unit funds and a commanding officer's certificate of commendation.

The Marines and Sailors of CLB-3 volunteered at various locations in the community, including Waimanalo Elementary School and Oahu Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The unit also sends service members to participate in activities with Maunawili Elementary School in Kailua, Hawaii, from playing soccer with the children to building them an obstacle course.

Maj. Matthew James, the executive officer of CLB-3, said the unit was pleased to receive the award.

"It is quite an honor to receive the award," he said. "I think it speaks volumes to the quality of men and women we have not only serving at CLB-3, but at Marine Corps Base Hawaii as a whole."

James noted that there were many worthy nominees whose accomplishments were highlighted during the ceremony.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Caroline W. Joel, a logistics specialist with Medical Logistics

Platoon, CLB-3, received the Volunteer of the Year plaque, a \$75 dining certificate from the Hale Koa Hotel and a certificate of commendation.

Joel, of Merrimack, N.H., has volunteered for several organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics Hawaii and Sierra Club. She said she tries to volunteer at least once every two weeks.

"I volunteer because I love it," she said. "It's my way of 'partying' because I feel thrilled when I am in a position to help someone in need or just put a smile on their faces."

Joel said she was not expecting to receive the award, and it has motivated her to volunteer even more.

"It's such an honor to receive this award," Joel said. "It is worth every drop of sweat (and) ounce of sleep (lost). Quoting the late Nelson Mandela: 'We must use time wisely, and forever realize that time is always ripe to do right.'"

In second place was Petty Officer 2nd Class John Eugenio, a religious program specialist with 3rd Radio Battalion, who received a certificate of appreciation and \$50 dining certificate from the Hale Koa Hotel. In third place was Sgt. Jonathon McDonald, a training noncommissioned officer with U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, who received a certificate of appreciation and \$25 dining certificate from the Hale Koa Hotel.

"We have a mission and a heritage of taking care of our own," said Col. Eric W. Schaefer, commanding officer, MCB Hawaii. "You are the ones (who) have stood up and taken care of our own, so I stand here humbly telling you thank you for what you've done and for who you are."



Photos by Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

Col. Eric W. Schaefer, the commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Hawaii, poses for a photo with Petty Officer 3rd Class Caroline Joel, a logistics specialist with Medical Logistics Platoon, Combat Logistics Battalion 3, after the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony in the Fairways Ballroom at the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course, April 16.



(From left to right:) Maj. Matthew James, executive officer of Combat Logistics Battalion 3; Schaefer; Petty Officer 3rd Class James Sasso, hospital corpsman, CLB-3; and Joel pose for a photo after the ceremony.



Cpl. Khalil Ross | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Students in grades 3 through 6 are taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment, a standardized test for elementary students, starting Monday. The online testing will continue for five weeks.

Mokapu Elementary moves ahead of power curve

Cpl. Khalil Ross

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Mokapu Elementary School put their new fiber optic cable, which was installed April 11, to use with the new standardized tests that started Monday. Instead of the normal din that hundreds of elementary students can cause, the school is quiet and serene as the testing is conducted.

“Before (the upgrade), if all the teachers wanted to use digital components (in the classroom) it would slow the internet down so much,” said Keoki Fraser, the vice principal of Mokapu Elementary. “(Now) the benefit to the kids is going to be tremendous.”

The children, of which 99 percent are Marine and Navy offspring, will now be able to fully access their online testing without the traditional lag in the system they normally experienced, the Waimanalo, Hawaii, native said.

Stanley Nihei, the project manager from Time Warner Cable, oversaw the coax cable upgrade project completed by his team in Mokapu Elementary School.

“This particular project allowed us to replace the (old) cable with a new combination coax fiber optic cable for (a better) cyber connection,” he said. “The difference (in speed will be) dramatic.”

Paula Evans, the technology coordinator for Mokapu Elementary School, said the new fiber optic cable played a huge role in the new testing.

“Before we had a lot of connectivity issues, capacity issues and speed issues,” she said. “(Now), we haven’t had any (students) get dropped from this testing which (is) a big load on the network.”

This is because the school liaison officer made the proper connections between the right people in time for the new testing, Evans said.

“When the school on base has concerns that fall outside their realm of doing business they contact me,” said Amy Solomon, the school liaison officer for MCB Hawaii. “I see what I can do to help facilitate the work to get done.”

Evans worked with Solomon for years and said she has always been extremely helpful.

“(The school liaison officer) has been an integral part in connecting (the school) with commands on base and even third party companies off base.”

Solomon was able to connect the school with Marines from Communications & Information Systems Directorate along with a third party network company off base.

“The base was instrumental in planning to make sure the construction could happen and clear any hurdles that were in the way,” Fraser said. “The school liaison officer helped connect the right people to the job (in order for it to be completed).”

After the change in cables, network performance can increase from 10 megabits to one gigabit, depending on the need of the school, Nihei said.

“I think the cables are magnificent,” Evans said. “as testing and tech coordinator for this (test) I had nightmares about (students) getting kicked off the network, but this hasn’t happened and I don’t foresee it happening in the future.”

Taking care of service member’s families gives them one less thing to worry about, Solomon said.

“In order for the Marine to be ready (for combat) their family needs to be ready,” she said. “I see my role as assisting the readiness of the Marine by letting them know their most precious resource, their child, is cared for.”

MCB Hawaii honors service members in colors ceremony



Lance Cpl. Adam O. Korolev | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Marines raise the flag during the quarterly colors ceremony at the base flagpole aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, April 17. After the invocation from Chaplain Don Rogers, five Marines, two sailors and four civilian workers were recognized for service to the public and the military. After the awards were distributed, Col. Eric W. Schaefer, the commanding officer for MCB Hawaii, gave a speech.



Petty Officer 2nd Class Joshua E. Walters | Patrol Squadron 47 Public Affairs

Cmdr. Matthew Rutherford, outgoing commanding officer of the “Golden Swordsmen” of Patrol Squadron 47, salutes the side boys during a change of command ceremony for VP-47, Wednesday. VP-47 is conducting naval operations in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations in support of U.S. national security interests in Europe.

‘Golden Swordsmen’ hold change of command ceremony

Petty Officer 2nd Class Joshua E. Walters
Patrol Squadron 47 Public Affairs

SIGONELLA, Sicily (NNS) — The “Golden Swordsmen” of Patrol Squadron 47 held a change of command ceremony at Naval Air Station II in Sigonella, Sicily, Wednesday.

Cmdr. Matthew Rutherford, commanding officer of VP-47, was relieved by Cmdr. Erik L. Cyre.

Navy Capt. Steve Newlund, commodore of Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2, said that since he has been in command of the air wing, he has seen nothing but excellence from VP-47.

“When Skipper Rutherford asked me to be here a month ago I had one word for him and that was absolutely,” Newlund said. “I jumped up for the opportunity not because of how well I was impressed of VP-47’s performance during a difficult home cycle but how strongly I knew about Rutherford’s performance with being VP-47’s

commanding officer for the past year.”

Rutherford deployed as the VP-47 executive officer to Sigonella in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 4th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility in 2013. He assumed command in 2014. He deployed again to Sigonella conducting naval operations in the U.S. 6th Fleet AOR in support of U.S. national security interests in Europe in 2015.

During his farewell address, Rutherford expressed how grateful he was to serve as the commanding officer of such an awesome bunch of Sailors.

“Words can’t (express how) honored I am to serve as your commanding officer,” said Rutherford. “You guys have inspired me each and every day with your pride, professionalism and performance.”

During the ceremony, Newlund presented Rutherford with the Meritorious Service Medal for his exceptional leadership during his tour as commanding officer.

“I’ll miss the warm sun on a cool morning during foreign object damage walk down(s), the sound of props turning as a mission is being launched,” Said Rutherford. “But mostly I will miss all of you.”

While Rutherford will be missed Cyre will take the knowledge he learned from him and excel as VP-47’s new commanding officer.

“It’s been a distinct pleasure for me to benefit from the mentorship and leadership from Cmdr. Rutherford, one of the finest naval officers you will ever meet,” said Cyre. “I can’t think of a better person to have mentored me while being an executive officer. He has shown me the right way to do this job, the right way to inspire and motivate such a talented group of individuals standing before me.”

VP-47 is currently deployed to Sigonella, Sicily; Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti; and Souda Bay, Greece, conducting naval operations in the U.S. 6th Fleet AOR in support of U.S. national security interests in Europe.



Navy Capt. Steve Newlund, commodore of Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2, presents Cmdr. Matthew Rutherford, outgoing commanding officer of Patrol Squadron 47, with a Meritorious Service Medal during a change of command ceremony for VP-47, Wednesday.

BLUE, from A-1

supportive of my decision to commission, and they were all excited when I told them I was going to be flying. My father was especially excited, being able to share that side of his life with me — it’s like officers gathering to talk about Officer Candidates School or enlisted (Marines) talking about boot camp. We got to share stories of our time in aviation, and it was our common bond.”

Marine Capt. Corrie Mays, a squadron naval flight officer and events coordinator with the Blue Angels, said it’s only a matter of time before it is common for women to hold more and more prominent roles.

“Capt. Higgins’ becoming a pilot is a reflection of what the military has been doing for decades and it shows the public that women are filling roles and

it is actually happening,” said Mays, a Marstons Mills, Mass., native. “For any women who think their goals are too much of a challenge or they aren’t possible, I hope they go for it. We are here to inspire a culture of excellence, that’s what we stand for.”

Mays said being a part of something bigger than oneself means it’s no longer about being a man or a woman because everyone is held responsible.

“I’ve always taken (that) seriously and I hope women throughout the military know they each represent all of us, not just themselves,” Mays said. “From the moment I put on that eagle, globe and anchor, I no longer only represented myself as a woman, but the Marine Corps as a whole. Oftentimes, we have to work harder just to be equal but we know what we’ve signed up for, so that shouldn’t be a surprise. We are Marines

because we’ve earned it, just like anyone else.”

Mays said she might differentiate herself from others due to rank or title, but she doesn’t view herself differently because she is a woman.

“If I did that, it would just be a distraction,” Mays said. “I’m here to do the same job as my male counterparts, gender doesn’t factor into what we do. We’ve had females (on the team) for years, but overall, the squadron has been successful and America has loved this team because of the teamwork we’ve put in to provide the shows that we do. Male or female, it takes all 130 of us to make that happen.”

Higgins said she hopes women keep pushing toward breaking down barriers because that is the team’s mission — to inspire people to excellence.

“I hope women in the military and

civilian worlds know they are capable of anything they put their minds to,” Higgins said. “For those who may think women don’t belong in any particular position, give them a shot. Let them show you their skills and abilities, that they can exceed the standard. Give them the benefit of the doubt and don’t be quick to judge because of their gender, skin color or religion.”

Higgins said people shouldn’t limit themselves based on the opinions of others and they shouldn’t give up on their goals because something easier comes along.

“No matter what obstacles or hardships you are facing, persevere through it,” Higgins said. “Whatever path you choose, be excellent and don’t settle for mediocrity. If you strive to be the best, nobody can question you or your capabilities.”

VET, from A-1

unteering) for me is when you receive a call from your mentee and he wants to talk because he is depressed, angry at something or someone and wants to talk about the issues,” Cayetano said. “Now I know he will succeed because he did not go back to his old habits when faced with obstacles.”

Don Wood, a native of Long Beach, Calif., was recruited as a mentor while attending a Veterans of Foreign Wars State Convention in 2013. Wood served as a hospital corpsman in 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment.

“As a mentor, it is at times overwhelm-

ingly emotional,” he said. “But you have to remember that is the veteran that is making the change only because they finally realize that someone actually cares and believes in them and that they do have value to society. The big payoff is that they finally believe in themselves.”

Wood said he finds it particularly rewarding to see the veteran make changes. To the friends, family and treatment court staff, he said, it is evident when a veteran is changing for the better.

Before becoming a mentor, Kubo encourages veterans to visit the court to get a feel for the program. Court occurs every Friday from 2 to 3 p.m. in Courtroom Five at 777 Punchbowl St. in Honolulu.

BATTERY, from A-1

While at the site, O’Day mapped out the gun mount’s location and documented the discovery.

Since the preservation of the emplacement is critical for historical reasons, steps were taken to conserve and highlight its significance.

Base officials are working on plans to install an informational sign near the site at the cottage.

In the future, when people pass by the area, they will have the chance to read more about the history of the gun mounts on Oahu and their role in defense when the sites were built during the 1940s.

Rippel said the gun mount reminds people who were a part of MCB Hawaii’s history. He also added that the find is a historic feature to the Presidential Cottage, making it a unique stay for its visitors.

“It could have been a real obstacle repaving the cottage driveway, but instead what we have done is we’ve turned it into something that makes it kind of special, and different than any other cottage we have here,” Rippel said. “We’re very pleased that we were able to do something to honor some pre-World War II work, and its just something that points out the tremendous amount of history that has taken place on this peninsula.”

Sports & Lifestyle



Marines, Sailors give back to community

An athlete with Special Olympics Hawaii gets excited as she crosses the finish line during and 25-meter race at Kamehameha Schools, Saturday.

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Marine Corps Base Hawaii

HONOLULU — Members of the base's Single Marine & Sailor Program spent their Saturday cheering and supporting the athletes of Special Olympics Hawaii at Kamehameha Schools' pool and track. The service members helped escort athletes to their events and were responsible for timing them as they competed.

"The SM&SP is great because it provides (service members with) the opportunity to not only get involved and participate with their military community but also the local community," said Cpl. Rebecca Ernhart, an Indonesian linguist with 3rd Radio Battalion, and SM&SP unit representative. "The program is a (good) way to get out (of the barracks), meet new people and get involved."

The program's goal is to enhance the quality of life for single or unaccompanied service members E-5 and below through community involvement and recreation. Those who utilize the program have opportunities to travel to neighboring islands, and do volunteer work such as dog walking, serving food at shelters and cleaning beaches.

"I (have been) in the Marine Corps for four years and never heard of the SM&SP until I came to Marine Corps Base Hawaii," said SM&SP President Sgt. Ruben Diaz, a truck master with Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay. "I became the representative for



Service members with the Single Marine & Sailor Program pose for a photo while they wait for athletes to start competing, Saturday. They were responsible for timing the athletes while they compete.

my unit and have loved every event (offered)."

Diaz and Ernhart said they both find self-satisfaction knowing they're spending their time helping less fortunate people, giving back to their community and having fun at the same time.

"What I loved most about volunteering with the Special Olympics was interacting with the athletes," said Ernhart, a Buffalo, Minn., native. "It's an overall rewarding experience knowing you've made a difference, no matter how small. You get to help others through the simplest of actions — (giving) your time."

Diaz suggests the eligible Marines and Sailors give SM&SP a try and take advantage of all it has to offer.

The program helps service members make the best out of their time in Hawaii, he said.

"As a military member, I think it's important to show your community that you're invested in it and the people who live in it," Ernhart said. "It gives you a sense of understanding of other people's ways of life."

SM&SP has many upcoming events such as volunteering at Hospice Hawaii, dog walking at the Hawaiian Humane Society and a trip to Kauai. For more information on the program, visit mccshawaii.com/smsp/, call Karley Peterson at 254-7593, or visit the program's office located at building 1629, inside the Kahuna's Recreational Center.



Emily Keane, a Special Olympics athlete with the Goodwill Ohana team, waves to the crowd as she races at Kamehameha Schools, Saturday.



Participants warm up before the 25-meter swim at Kamehameha Schools, Saturday.

AT EASE

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Meat and Potatoes of Life: No day like tomorrow

Lisa Smith Molinari
Submission

My column was late this week.

A spaceship wasn’t hovering ominously over Rhode Island. Our base house didn’t burn down. My computer did not seize up with “the blue screen of death,” although that did happen back in ’07 just after my husband deployed to Djibouti. None of our kids came down with double pneumonia. Miraculously, I wasn’t arrested for fraud after filing our tax returns.

Nope, I don’t have one decent excuse for my column being late. Truth be told, I procrastinated.

Normally, I submit my column to newspaper editors on Fridays for publication the following week, so that I can spend the weekend watching the kids’ sports, barbecuing with the neighbors and walking the dog along the water.

Come Monday, I know it would be smart to write 200 words on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; leaving Thurs-

day for rewrites and editing, and Friday for polishing and final submission.

But that makes way too much sense.

Friday is eons away, I think to myself. Today, I’ll get laundry done, mop the floors and wash the minivan. Getting housework done will free me up to write more tomorrow. But between the puppy being afraid of the vacuum cleaner, the hourlong call from my mother, the search for missing socks under the kids’ beds and that riveting episode of “Cops” I had to watch until the end, I barely managed to defrost the pork chops.

On Tuesday, I wake with a purpose. I’m going to make some headway on that column ... as soon as I think of an idea. What will I write about this week?

My notebook in hand, I sit in a sunny spot in the backyard to let the dog sniff around while I search for inspiration.

Hmmm ... the beds could really use a bit of weeding. Three hours later, there are piles of garden debris out by the curb, my

fingernails are packed with dirt, and I’m on my way to Home Depot for grass seed, tomato cages and annuals.

On Wednesday, I determine that, if I spend the day in front of my computer, I can turn out 600 words and still have Thursday for editing. All I need is a subject. I troll the Internet, looking for topics, current events, some nugget of news that might feed an idea.

Let’s check Facebook to see what’s trending.

Big mistake. An hour later, I have scrolled all the way down to 2012, got sucked into a comment debate over proposed basic housing allowance cuts and watched a string of YouTube videos of dogs with human voiceovers.

I figure I’ll switch out the laundry and try again after lunch, but the afternoon brings a case of the sleepies. I convince myself that a 20-minute catnap on the couch will do wonders, but you can probably guess how the day goes from there.

Thursday I wake up stressed, which should provide adequate motivation to meet my 24-hour

deadline. But by dinnertime, I have done everything BUT my column. I organized the junk drawer, swept out the basement, clipped my toenails, put our National Geographic magazines in chronological order and dug the fuzz out of the keyboard with a toothpick.

I plan to let my editors know on Monday, I just can’t do this anymore.

Friday and Saturday pass in hopeless defeat. But on Sunday, I notice that the sky did not fall. The Earth did not implode. I am still breathing. My editors probably haven’t even noticed that my column is late. I realize that my fear of failure has caused me to create conditions where success is impossible. With the dangerous awareness that I could play this cat and mouse game with myself every week if I so dared, I finally sat down and tapped out this column about procrastination.

I hit send and promise myself: I will put an end to this self-destructive habit, and I’ll do it first thing — tomorrow.



Lisa Smith Molinari is an award-winning syndicated columnist, author, blogger and speaker. After earning a coveted spot on the Law Review and graduating cum laude from law school, Molinari was on top of the world, envisioning a future that included promotions and partnerships. What she didn’t know was that she would fall in love with a military man, have a bunch of kids, move all over the world, and neglect her legal career to manage their hectic military life. One of her essays got published in “The Washington Post,” and the rest is pretty much history. Molinari and her family are currently stationed at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I.

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

Pookela defeats CLB-3 at Annex Field

Lance Cpl. Adam O. Korolev
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

The Pookela intramural softball team defeated Combat Logistics Battalion 3, 15-7, Monday night at Annex Field.

The game began with CLB-3 up to bat first, but to no avail, and within a few minutes, found themselves fielding after they struck out.

By the end of the first inning, the score was 2-0, in favor of Pookela.

Another inning passed, and after a few base hits for CLB-3, their scoreboard remained null. They attempted to play defensively, but in no time, Pookela had scored six more points.

“The game went excellent, we got up big early, and then we kept putting them on,” said Bobby Owens, a player for Pookela, and a Marine with 3rd Marine Regiment.

Each team, including the CLB-3 team, is comprised of service members from different units, ranging from 3rd Marine Regiment to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24, Department of Defense civilians and dependents.

“The (intramural league) is a good thing (for anybody in the MCB Hawaii community), said Owens, a Conneaut, Ohio, native. It helps build camaraderie (within the community).

As the game progressed, players from both teams became less aggressive, and the game transformed into a more candid pick up game, rather than a competition. By the time the game was cut off by the buzzer at the sixth inning, the final score was 15-7, with Pookela defeating CLB-3.

According to Romeo Ibrao, Pookela’s head coach and player, the ultimate reason for competing in events like



Lance Cpl. Adam O. Korolev | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Andrew Gates, a player for Combat Logistics Battalion 3, attempts to slug a softball, Tuesday at Annex Field aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii. The CLB-3 team, which is comprised of dependents and service members from different units, lost to the Pookela team, 15-7.

softball intramurals is for health reasons, and for bonding with others associated with the MCB Hawaii community.

“We like to stay active, and try to stay healthy,” the Waialua, Hawaii native said. “This sport brings people all together. We have Navy, reservists, guys from (1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment), dependents, it just shows you that people just want to play ball. (We) play as a team, have fun and get some exercise.”

Kings of Battle ride to victory, 14-4

Cpl. Khalil Ross
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay’s Flashpoint lost against 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment’s Kings of Battle in an intramural softball game with a score of 14-4.

The game was back and forth as both teams fought to stay ahead of the other. The score was 4-4 at the top of the fourth inning until the Kings got a hitting streak.

“We had a good run,” said Kenneth Epps, the first baseman for the Kings of Battle. “We batted to run in the 4th inning and which gave us a 10-run lead going into the fifth inning.”

Epps said at the beginning of the game the bats just weren’t connecting like they wanted.

“The hits were intermittent,” Epps explained. “But once we got the bats going everyone started hitting to the outfield.”

Flashpoint third baseman Dalton Stice said his teammates were battling hard while both teams were neck and neck.

“We played really well but we got down (on ourselves) a little,” he said. “This team was just really good.”

Epps said it’s these softball games that really bring the unit together.

“(Softball) brings together all the different ranks,” said the South Boston, Va., native. “It’s not too often you see master sergeants



Cpl. Khalil Ross | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Scott Fisher, the shortstop of 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment’s Kings of Battle, regains his feet after he rounds third base after a deep ball into the outfield Monday at Riseley Field. Fisher was able to recover from his fall and score a run for the team.

running around with lance corporals (playing a game). We all get to know each other in a way we don’t get a chance to do at work.”

Stice, a Grantsville, Utah, native said that softball is a game that is fun.

“It’s a pretty good escape,” he added. “You get to go out and play softball (and) there isn’t a rank barrier (in the game).”

The intramural softball league is a huge part of the base, Epps said.

“This is the biggest sport we have on base,” he concluded. “We have 17 teams of 12 to 20 players on each softball team. We prepare all year and talk trash for the intramural season and I’d (even) like to see two seasons a year.”



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ABOVE: Catherine Robesch (left) and Alexis Goodell collect scavenger hunt items.

LEFT: Curtis Anderson III designs a craft out of recycled material. The children made arts and crafts from recyclable items such as plastic bottles, bottle tops and cans.



ABOVE: Staff Sgt. Joshua Campbell, the small ensemble leader for the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band, demonstrates how to play a snare drum for children during Eco-Friendly In the Park at Riseley Field, Tuesday. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Addison Guelich writes her name on her artwork. **BELOW RIGHT:** Isaiah Spearman takes an inventory of his scavenger hunt items to receive his prize. The “In the Park” series highlights the Month of the Military Child with events every Tuesday through April. Representatives from the MarForPac Band, Game Warden’s Office, Environmental Compliance and Protection Department and Marine Corps Community Services came together for the event, which included arts and crafts, a scavenger hunt and music.



Lance Cpl. Harley Thomas | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

MCBH PARTICIPATES IN DENIM DAY

Marines with the Communications & Information Systems Directorate work wearing denim for their civilian attire to create a virtual server, allowing the Marines to train without interfering with their network Tuesday, in building 208 aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii. The unique uniform of the day was in support of Denim Day, created to help raise awareness about sexual violence, myths and misconceptions. In 1992, an 18-year-old rape victim took her attacker to court but the Italian High Court overturned his conviction. They insisted the victim must have willingly participated because she wore “very tight jeans” and the instructor could not have removed them himself. Women of the Italian Legislature protested the decision by wearing jeans to work, and as news of the decision spread, so did the protest.

CUT A RUG WITH DADDY



Photos by Cpl. Brittney Vella | Marine Corps Base Hawaii



1. Guests dance together at the 16th Annual Father Daughter Dance at the Officers' Club, Saturday. 2. Capt. Donald Kelly shares a moment with his daughter. 3. Lt. Col. Michel Monbouquette lets his daughter, Sophia, rest on his shoulder during the dance. 4. Staff Sgt. Jonathan Nepaulsingh, the Work Center staff noncommissioned officer in charge at Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24, gives his daughter a turn on the dance floor. 5. Gunnery Sgt. Michael Curbow, analyst training staff noncommissioned officer in charge with 3rd Radio Battalion and his daughter cut a rug. 6. Gunnery Sgt. David Puente, the S-6 cyber systems chief with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and his daughter dance together. The theme for this year's dance was "Under the Sea." The Armed Services YMCA's Father Daughter Dance stressed the importance of a father-daughter relationship and gave them an opportunity to spend quality time together.



COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEER BRIEFS

Bishop Museum hosting Grow Hawaiian Festival

The Grow Hawaiian Festival is scheduled for Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bishop Museum.

The festival offers crafts, children’s activities, a farmers’ market, food, games and entertainment. Learn how to make lei, weave lauhala, print kapa and craft traditional Hawaiian items.

Festival admission, which includes Bishop Museum’s exhibits, is free to Hawaii residents and military families with valid identification.

Call 847-3511 or visit www.bishop-museum.org for more information.

Call 356-2206 or email education@hawaiianhumane.org.

‘I Love Kailua’ Town Party coming

The 23nd annual “I Love Kailua” Town Party is scheduled to be held in Kailua Road Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kailua residents to walk for the pedestrian-friendly event.

There will be crafts and plants for sale, a keiki fun zone with rides and other activities. Castle Medical Center hosts a mini health fair and a several community groups will be out sharing information.

Animal KINGdom event scheduled in Kaneohe

Animal lovers, pets and families are invited to the “Animal KINGdom: Be Kind to Animals” event, hosted by King Intermediate School in collaboration with the Hawaiian Humane Society. Join in Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at King Intermediate School in Kaneohe. No entry fee. Includes dog and kid agility courses, veterinarian and dog trainer booths and more.