

Hawaii Marine



ABOVE: Marines with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Maritime Raid Force participate in a leadership reaction course aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, May 18. In this obstacle, the Marines had to get all personnel, gear, equipment and the barrel over the bridge without letting the barrel touch the wood. This course is designed to make sure everyone can work as a leader and work with a team.

RIGHT: Lance Cpl. Zane Harmon fast ropes from a tower aboard MCB Hawaii, May 12. Harmon is part of the 15th MEU's Maritime Raid Force security element. These Marines practice fast roping to ensure they are prepared for any type of mission during deployment.



15th MEU's MRF conducts sustainment training

Cpl. Anna Albrecht
15th Marine Expeditionary Unit

Marines with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Maritime Raid Force participated in sustainment training aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii and Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, May 8 through 20.

This training was the last opportunity for Marines to train on land before de-

ploying to the 5th and 7th Fleet Areas of Responsibility. The training included marksmanship, diving, helocasting, and small unit leadership.

The first two days were spent on a live-fire range. There, they qualified with their rifles and pistols, ran buddy rushes, fired from unknown distances and on sniper ranges, and practiced proper house-clearing techniques. This gave them the opportunity to focus on

the basics of marksmanship and tactics. The following training days consisted of fast-roping, helocasting, operating and broaching Combat Rubber Raiding Craft and diving.

"For us to be effective and stay up to date on our qualifications, we need a lot of time behind our weapons and also doing the high-risk insert capability training," said Cpl. Jake Warden, a member of the MRF. "If we do not sustain those

skills and qualifications, a lot of guys can get hurt because of the high intensity things that we do."

Practicing insert capabilities by CRRC and helocasting is essential to the MRF's mission.

"That is ultimately what we're called to do as the MRF," said Lance Cpl. Nathan Kraus, a member of the MRF. "We need

See SUSTAIN, A-7

HSM-37 'Easyriders' adopt MH-60R, retire SH-60B

Ensign Mckenzie Brannon and Petty Officer 2nd Class Greg Kahofer
Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 37

On May 11, the helicopter maritime strike community and the Naval Helicopter Association celebrated the sundown of the SH-60B in San Diego. An aerial demonstration by a SH-60B and a MH-60R was performed with the traditional maneuver of the new aircraft overtaking the old aircraft on its final flight. Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 37 and the rest of the fleet are now comprised solely of MH-60R aircraft.

On Feb. 3, the "Easyriders" of HSM-37 celebrated the final flight of the SH-60B in Hawaii with the return of Detachment 3 embarked on USS Halsey in support of Commander Task Force 74 operations. This milestone marked the close of 23 years of flying the SH-60B and completed the full operational transition to the MH-60R.

Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 37 was established on July 3, 1975 aboard Naval Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii as the very first operational Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System squad-

ron. On Feb. 6, 1992, HSL-37 became the first U.S. Navy Helicopter squadron to transition from the SH-2F Seasprite to the SH-60B Seahawk. As the only LAMPS squadron in the Middle Pacific region, the Easyriders have completed more than 100 SH-60B deployments. While HSL-37 traditionally only deployed on smaller air-capable ships to conduct independent tours, the Bravo has been called upon many times to support carrier strike group operations. The Bravo's legacy at HSL-37 is one of excellence showcased by its more than 110,000 mishap-free flight hours.

At the height of its use, the SH-60B was the most versatile aircraft in the Navy's arsenal. Its primary missions include surface warfare and anti-submarine warfare. The SUW load out includes RADAR, a forward-looking infrared system, a GAU-16 or M240 machine gun, and four Hellfire missiles. The ASW load out includes 25 sonobuoys, 3 torpedoes, and a Magnetic Anomaly Detector trailed by the helicopter to detect the magnetic presence of a submarine. The Bravo is also capable of conducting search and rescue and medi-

See MH-60R, A-7



A SH-60B Tail Bird sits outside of Hangar 103 on the flightline at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.



Glenn Fawcett | Department of Defense
Secretary of Defense Ash Carter delivers remarks at the change of command ceremonies for U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Pacific Fleet in Honolulu, Wednesday.

Carter urges peaceful resolution of South China Sea disputes

Terri Moon Cronk
DoD News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — The United States will continue to remain the principal security power in the Pacific region for decades to come, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said in Hawaii Tuesday.

The secretary also urged countries to work toward a peaceful resolution to territorial disputes in the South China Sea region.

Change of Command

Carter made his remarks during change-of-command ceremonies at U.S. Pacific Command, the U.S. Pacific Fleet, and at the retirement of outgoing Pacom commander Navy Adm. Samuel J. Locklear III at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Honolulu.

Former U.S. Pacific Fleet commander Navy Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr. will

take over as the Pacom commander from Locklear, while Navy Adm. Scott H. Swift, formerly assigned to the Pentagon as the Navy Staff director, will command PACFLT.

"We come together at Pearl Harbor, 70 years after the end of World War II, to mark the change of command at PACOM, our oldest and largest combatant command," Carter said. "Pacom's leaders — and all who serve under them — are charged with protecting the nation while assuring the peace that's been the hallmark of the Pacific region for many, many years."

As PACOM's commander, Locklear inspired and led DoD's rebalance to the Asia-Pacific region, said Carter, adding that the admiral commanded 350,000 military and civilian personnel, nearly 2,000 aircraft and 180 naval vessels to meet commitments made by President

See CARTER, A-7



Reading for summer
Base summer reading program kicks off, **A-6**



A light for loved ones
Lantern Floating Hawaii 2015 Ceremony held at Ala Moana Beach Park, **B-1**



Hawaii Marine

www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil
www.hawaiimarine.com

Commanding Officer Col. Sean C. Killeen
Base Sergeant MajorSgt. Maj. Gregory L. Hall
Public Affairs Chief..... Staff Sgt. Matthew Orr
Combat Correspondent..... Cpl. Brittney Vella
Combat Correspondent..... Cpl. Khalil Ross
Combat Correspondent..... Cpl. Adam O. Korolev
Combat Correspondent.....Lance Cpl. Harley Thomas
Photojournalist.....Christine Cabalo
Photojournalist..... Kristen Wong
Graphic Artist..... Jay Parco

Hawaii Marine is an authorized publication for members of the Department of Defense. Hawaii Marine is published by MidWeek Printing, Inc., a private firm in no way connected with the U.S. Marine Corps, under exclusive contract to the U.S. Marine Corps. Contents of Hawaii Marine are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the United States Government, the Department of Defense or the U.S. Marine Corps.

The appearance of advertising in Hawaii Marine, including inserts and supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the DoD, Department of the Navy or the U.S. Marine Corps of the products or services advertised. Everything advertised in Hawaii Marine shall be made available for purchase, use, or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation, or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron. Editorial content or public service announcements (i.e., all content other than paid advertisements) is edited, prepared and provided by the Public Affairs Office aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Opinions expressed are not to be considered an official expression of the DoD, DoN or the USMC. Hawaii Marine is a free publication available at stands on Marine Corps Base Hawaii and neighboring businesses. If you are interested in obtaining copies by mail, please contact MidWeek Printing, Inc. at 529-4700. Submit items for Hawaii Marine to the managing editor no later than noon on the Friday prior to publication, using this address:

*Hawaii Marine, Box 63062, Building 216,
MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii 96863
Email: HawaiiMarineEditor@gmail.com
Fax: 257-2511, Phone: 257-8837*

This week in Corps history: May 29, 1991: Elements of a joint task force that included the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade departed the Bay of Bengal off the coast of Bangladesh after nearly two weeks of disaster relief operations following a devastating cyclone. The joint task force delivered tons of relief supplies using helicopters, C-130s, and landing craft in Operation Sea Angel.

- U.S. Marine Corps History Division

JOINING FORCES WITH THE COMMUNITY

KANEOHE BAY AIR SHOW

OCTOBER 17-18, 2015

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII

Featuring the *Blue Angels*

Aerobatic Performances

Taste of Oahu

Carnival • Demos & more

Gates open at 9:00 a.m.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FREE GENERAL ADMISSION & FREE PARKING

PREFERRED SEATING TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Grandstands • Box Seats • Chalets

www.KaneoheBayAirShow.com

and Military Ticket Offices

I’m an American

Scott Hubbartt (Air Force retired)
Reader Submission

Despite what you were — you are now an American.

One night, lying in bed next to my Peruvian born wife and reminiscing on all the dozens of trips and ventures I’ve made to Peru, I said to her: “¡Yo Soy Peruvaro!” (I am a Peruvian).

Met with silence, it occurred to me that no matter how much time I spent there, no matter how well I knew that wonderful country, and despite the fact that I might someday obtain my much coveted Documento Nacional de Identidad, (my national identity card), I will never be a Peruvian. No matter what, I would always be a gringo in Peru.

I was born in Hawaii and am certainly not a Hawaiian. I live in Texas ... the great state of Texas. Some call it the Republic of Texas, with pride and good reason. I’ve been here for 13 years now and

will probably never leave. Still, I cannot imagine ever calling myself a Texan.

I have two daughters who were born in Panama and technically have Panamanian citizenship, but I would never consider them Panamanian, nor do they.

I grew up in California but left at 17 years old, and, even though I went back three times to live and work for more than a combined eight years, I never think of myself as a Californian.

So what am I? More importantly, what are you?

My point is this ... I can never be a Peruvian, a Texan, a Hawaiian or a Californian. However, I am an American. Anyone can come here, go through the legal process of becoming a citizen, and can proudly claim to be an American. Anyone can be an American. That’s the dream-come-real. And that’s just one more unique thing about this GREAT nation.

Yo Soy Americano — and I am proud to be so.

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII EVENTS

FUTURE EVENTS

The Survivor Teen Dance is scheduled for tonight from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Kulia Youth Center. The cost is \$3 in advance for Children, Youth and Teen Program members, and \$4 for non-members. At the door: \$6 for Children, Youth and Teen Program members, \$8 for non-members. For more information, call 257-2030.

Now through Sunday, or until teams are filled, youth basketball registration is available at the Semper Fit Center from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Practice begins June 1, and games are scheduled from July 11 through Aug. 29.

Youth basketball is open to children of active duty, Department of Defense and Marine Corps Community Services families, born between the years 2000 and 2006. The \$65 registration fee includes uniforms and participation trophies. For more information, call the youth sports coordinator at 254-7473.

The Single Marine & Sailor Program is offering a volunteer opportunity at the Hawaiian Humane Society for June 14, at 8 a.m. Sign up by June 9.

The opportunity is open to all single/unaccompanied Marines and Sailors. Assist with the dog running program, as well as other duties. Transportation will be provided. Call Karley Peterson at 254-7593.

The next Library Book Club meeting is scheduled for June 10 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the base library. This month's book is “A Light Between Oceans” by M.L. Steadman.

The club is open to adult members of the MCB Hawaii community. For more information, call the base library at 254-7624.

The 101 Days of Summer Swim Meet is scheduled for June 12 at 7 a.m. at the base pool. Earn points for your unit. The swim meet is open to all active duty personnel. Register by June 10 with Health Promotions at 254-7636 or call the Substance Abuse Counseling Center at 257-8377. For more information, call Beckie Page at 254-7636.

The next Spouses Transition Assistance Readiness Seminar is scheduled for June 13 from 7 to 10 p.m. Reduce the unknowns at this free workshop. Get information on various topics, including Veterans Affairs benefits, budgeting, and relocation. For more information or to register, call 257-7097.

The next Lifestyles, Insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills for Spouses class is scheduled for June 16 from 5 to 9 p.m. in the conference room of building 244.

This event is provided by spouses for spouses to help acquire the knowledge and develop the skills to successfully meet the challenges ahead and make new friends.

The class is open to all active-duty Marine Corps and Navy spouses. Reservations are required. For more information, call Marine Corps Family Team Building at 257-2657.

All ranks are welcome to play in the Commander's Cup Golf Tournament, scheduled for Aug. 7, from noon to 5 p.m. The format is a four-man scramble.

There will be prizes for first through eighth places and more. Team registrations will be accepted at the Klipper Pro Shop until close of business, Aug. 5. For more information, call the Pro Shop at 254-1745.

TODAY

The Provost Marshal's Office is recruiting children and volunteers for the Drug Education For Youth Phase 1 Summer Leadership Camp and Phase two yearlong program 2015 to 2016. The deadline to sign up for both programs has been extended to today.

The nationwide program is sponsored by the Department of Defense. The DEFY program builds self-esteem and teaches leadership and teamwork skills, goal-setting, drug awareness and prevention, and deglamorization of “gang mentality” for children 9 to 12 years old. Participants will go on excursions to places like Sea Life Park, Bishop Museum and Kualoa Ranch.

Phase 1 Summer Leadership Camp is a non-residential, eight-day program

that runs from June 22 through June 26 and June 29 through July 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phase 2 is the third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. until May 2016. Kids will meet every morning at building 1095. Parents will pick-up children at 4 p.m. at the same location. Transportation, DEFY gear, snacks and lunch are free.

The DEFY program is seeking eight adult volunteer mentors (18 and older) and five teen volunteer mentors (ages 15 to 17) to assist in the program. All volunteers are screened and attend mandatory DEFY staff training. For more information or to apply, call Jessica Burns at 257-8312 or email jessica.burns@usmc.mil.

The Marine Corps Base Hawaii post office has Click-N-Ship pamphlets available for patrons. The pamphlets contain websites and instructions how to prepare packages at home to ship. Patrons are able save money and print postage from usps.com, as well as order free shipping supplies. For more information, visit the base post office or call 257-2008.

MONDAY/TUESDAY

Headquarters Marine Corps Special duty Screening is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday at 8 a.m. in the base theater. End time to be determined at a later date. Please see Marine Administrative Message 177/15 or contact your career planner for more information.

The Marine Corps Embassy Security Guard screening is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday at 8 a.m. in the base theater. End time will be determined at a later date.

WEDNESDAY

The Personal Financial Management Program is offering a class on how to plan your retirement, Wednesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in classroom G of building 220.

Learn more about retirement options at the Education Center. For more information, call the PFMP at 257-7783/1232.

THURSDAY

The New Arrivals Orientation is scheduled for Thursday from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Enlisted Club in Kahuna's Community Ballroom.

The orientation provides important information about Marine Corps Base Hawaii policies, services and programs.

Service members and family are welcome to wear appropriate civilian attire. There is open seating — no reservations needed.

The next New Arrivals Orientation is on July 2. For more information, call the Family Member Employment Assistance Program & Relocation Services at 257-8354.

The deadline to enter the 101 Days of Summer Horseshoe Tournament is Thursday. The tournament is scheduled from June 9 through 19, Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Earn points and cash for your unit. The event is open to all active-duty personnel. Register at Health Promotions Department or Substance Abuse Counseling Center. For more information, call Health Promotions at 254-7636 or SACC at 257-8377.

Single or unaccompanied Marines and Sailors are eligible to sign up by Tuesday for the Single Marine & Sailor Program volunteer opportunity at the Institute for Human Services, June 6 at 8 a.m. Volunteers will assist with the donation pantry at the soup kitchen. For more information, call Karley Peterson at 254-7593.

The Single Marine & Sailor Program is offering a volunteer opportunity for single or unaccompanied Marines and Sailors June 6 at Waikiki Aquarium. Assist with picking and sorting invasive algae along south shore coastline. Transportation will be provided.

Volunteers will meet at Kahuna's Recreation Center at 7:45 a.m. Remember to bring extra clothes, snorkel and mask, sunscreen, swimwear, towel, water socks, or reef shoes. For more information, call Karley Peterson at 254-7593.

AROUND THE CORPS

Your weekly guide to what’s happening around the Corps

East Coast



Cpl. Justin T. Updegraff | II Marine Expeditionary Force

Marines and Sailors roll the flag back up after the Memorial Day Ceremony at Pier 86, New York City, May 25. Residents of New York, active and reserve service members and veterans came together at Pier 86 the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, to remember those who have perished on September 11th, and the men and women who served on the U.S.S. Intrepid, when it was active, during Fleet Week New York.

See <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/164474/sacrifice-and-valor-remembering-those-who-did-not-return#.VWS-FmRVhHw> for full story

West Coast



Sgt. Raquel Barraza | Marine Corps Air Station Miramar

Brig. Gen. Edward Banta, Marine Corps Installations West commanding general, makes a presentation during the Marine Installations Board on Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., May 19. The board serves as an opportunity for commanders to advise each other on Marine Corps wide concerns.

See https://www.dvidshub.net/news/164013/mcas-miramar-hosts-marine-installations-board#.VWS_wWRVhHw for full story

Overseas



Staff Sgt. Jared N. Gehmann | U.S. Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa

Marines assigned to India Battery, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, show Moroccan Royal Armed Forces artillerymen their howitzer's capabilities during Exercise African Lion 15, May 17, 2015, near Tan Tan, Morocco.

See https://www.dvidshub.net/news/164387/us-moroccans-test-artillery-skills-build-partnership#.VWY_OGRVhHw for full story

MASP offers crash course math, English

Cpl. Khalil Ross
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

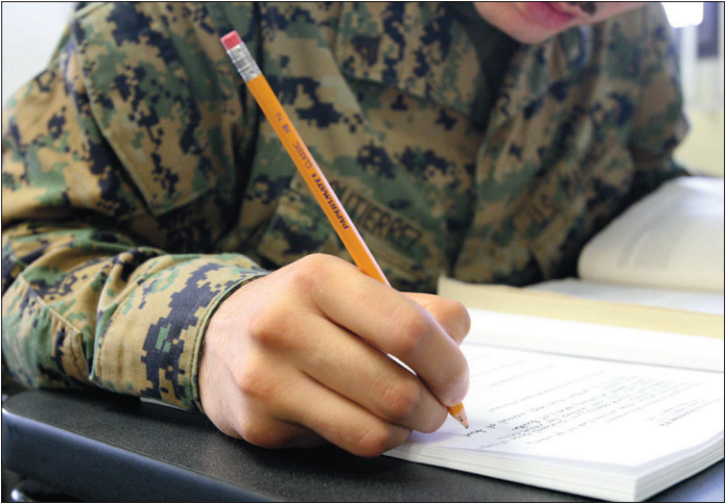
Not feeling quite as prepared for college as you wanted? Students who felt that way have taken a Military Academic Skills Program class to better prepare themselves for college since 1996.

As of May 22 the Education Center has graduated 15 students from the MASP course.

MASP is a four-week course that helps anyone with a general technical, GT, score below 100 get a higher score so they can be prepared for college courses.

Active-duty Marines have a priority position in the class but Sailors, Coast Guardsmen, wounded warriors and spouses can attend the class as well. An average of 10 to 12 students take the class at a time.

“Overall (the class) went great and a lot of the (graduates) are going to start using tuition assistance,” said



Lance Cpl. Ronald Stauffer | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

The Military Academic Skills Program is a four-week course offered primarily to active-duty Marines, but also open to Sailors, Coast Guardsmen, wounded warriors and spouses.

Thaiha Vo-le, an education and career specialist. “Now they are ready (for college courses) because they completed the MASP course.”

The course consists of eight-hours of math and English classes a day with a 90-minute

lunch break. Students will primarily take the Test of Adult Basic Education to gauge their academic strength. At the end of the class the students take a harder version of the same test to see the progress. In order for students to graduate they need

to score a 10.2 or higher on the test, Vo-le added.

Craig Lockwood, the education services officer, said the students make considerable leaps and bounds during the course.

“All of our students consistently improve throughout the MASP classes,” he said. “We might have a student start out at a level eight but by the end of the class they come out with a score of 11 or better.”

Lockwood said the program has very qualified instructors who can help the students either one-on-one or in a classroom setting. Students have homework as well but have study hall to help answer any questions the students may have, Lockwood said.

Vo-le said any Marine can take MASP courses any time in their career.

“The classes consist of Marines who are staying in and ready to use (TA) and Marines who are separating

from the Marine Corps,” she said. “For those getting out, (MASP) prepares them so they can take college courses once separated.”

Students need to be able to attend every class while in the program.

There have been a few times students have had to go on a deployment or train, but students need to be able to commit to the whole course, Lockwood said.

“We take the accountability of the Marine very seriously,” he said. “The Marines need to come ready to work hard and not fool around. We understand the mission comes first. The skills they receive will help them and (helping Marines) can only strengthen the Marine Corps.”

The next MASP course starts Monday at the Education Center. For more information, visit mccshawaii.com/edcenter/ or call the Education Center at 257-2158.



Photos by Cpl. Brittney Vella | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

ARFF MARINES VISIT AIKAHI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ABOVE: KAILUA, Hawaii — A group with Aikahi Elementary School poses with Cpl. J.A. Vega, a Marine with Aircraft, Rescue and Firefighting, Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, May 21. The ARFF Marines visited the school, where students tried on firefighting suits and sprayed water from the fire truck hoses. The children also played with Sparky.

RIGHT: Aikahi Elementary students give Sparky the Fire Dog a giant hug.



Preventing a ‘ruff’ PCS

Bringing a pet to Hawaii

Kristen Wong

Hawaii Marine

Caesar has flown across the Pacific three times — and his family hasn’t even changed stations yet. With 70 days remaining of his quarantine in Virginia, the black and white husky with bright blue eyes needed to board a plane bound for Hawaii with his owner, Elizabeth Martin.

“When my husband was given his orders to Hawaii, we didn’t get them (with) enough time to finish his 120 days of quarantine,” Martin said.

At 3 a.m. on the day of the flight, Martin found out that Caesar’s crate was one inch too tall and he was ineligible to fly with her. Martin had to put her dog on a separate flight, which cost more money. However, when her mother brought Caesar back to the airport the next day, he was again ineligible to fly due to the weather.

“They refused to fly him because it was too cold and he needed a note from the vet approving him to fly,” she said.

Caesar finally flew to Hawaii the following day, and finished his remaining 70 days of quarantine in the islands — at full price.

Before arriving in Hawaii, service members can prepare by researching pet regulations for their destination state and new duty station. Certain animals are not allowed to reside on the islands. A list of prohibited animals can be found at the State of Hawaii Plant Industry Division website. To inquire about a specific animal, call the Plant Quarantine Branch at 832-0566.

In addition, certain animals are not allowed on military installations. Pet policies for Marine Corps Base Hawaii are available at mcbhawaii.marines.mil. Visit the brown “Welcome Aboard” tab, then the “Family Housing” tab. On the right hand side, click on the black “Family Housing” tab, then “Pets in Hawaii.”

FLYING

Check your airline’s website for specific instructions when preparing your animal for flight. Some dogs and cats are brachycephalic, which means they have smushed-in faces. These animals, including those that are overweight, may have a harder time breathing when on a plane, according to Dr. Laurel Rhodes, a veterinarian at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii veterinary treatment facility.

Martin recommends that families come to the airport four hours in advance, and to check that every connecting flight can fit the pet’s crate.

“Always expect something to go wrong and have at least two backup plans,” Martin said. “If possible, try to do a test run.”

QUARANTINE

Dogs and cats must usually be quarantined either upon arrival in Hawaii for 120 days, or prior to their arrival. There are different forms of quarantine, such as one specifically for animals already residing in Hawaii, located on the Hawaii Department of Agriculture’s website. Owners can pick up their pets at the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. For more detailed information about the quarantine process, there is an information brochure available to download at hdoa.hawaii.gov/ai/aqs/animal-quarantine-information-page/.

Pets can complete their 120-day quarantine before they fly to Hawaii, and be released at the airport upon ar-



Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Martin

Caesar, a husky, has flown from Virginia to Hawaii twice and back once. All animals moving to Hawaii must go through a quarantine process.

rival, provided they have all the necessary paperwork and procedures in order.

Owners must also ensure an accredited veterinarian issues an original health certificate for the animal. Animals must also have a microchip, all their necessary vaccinations, and be registered with an approved Hawaii veterinary hospital.

Because Hawaii is a rabies-free environment, two unexpired rabies vaccines and a blood test are required for pets before they arrive. The pet needs to have had two rabies vaccines in its lifetime, with 30 days between each vaccine. The pet needs to wait a minimum of 90 days after a vaccination before they can be brought into the state. Pets entering Hawaii require a microchip, which is implanted into the animal for identification purposes, and must be properly treated for ticks.

Owners must also make sure their pets pass an OIE-FAVN rabies blood test, which is tested at the Department of Defense Food Analysis and Diagnostics Laboratory in Texas. The blood test results can be checked at the Department of Agriculture’s website. Pets cannot arrive in Hawaii until 120 days after the initial blood test, and the test is only valid for 36 months.

Owners must wait at least 14 days after the most current rabies vaccination before the blood is pulled, or the dog may not pass the test because the body has not yet responded to the vaccine. Several documents are required, including a completed Hawaii AQS-278 Dog and Cat Import Form (downloadable at the Department of Agriculture’s website, to be completed at least two weeks prior to arrival), two certificates of rabies vaccinations, health certificate completed by a veterinarian and payment.

The health certificate must be completed within 10 days of departure or it will not be valid. All pet owners or

those authorized to pick up the animal should be listed on the form. The documents are to be sent to the Animal Quarantine Station in Aiea, Hawaii. All necessary documents must be original, and not photocopies.

Christine Rossen, a certified veterinary technician at the base VTF, encourages service members and families to do as much research as they can from sites such as the USDA website and to ask their command sponsor for assistance.

“It’s helpful to contact a command sponsor,” Rossen said. “(It’s) really helpful to talk to people that have done it before.”

REGISTRATION

Dogs and cats have specific requirements to live on base. Service members living on MCB Hawaii with pets are required to report their pets to the base Game Warden’s Office within two days of arriving. Residents living at Camp H.M. Smith and Manana Housing must also come to Kaneohe Bay to register their pets. Pet registration is conducted Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. at the office, located across the flightline in building 3099.

Robin Cabilao, an animal enforcement technician with the Game Warden’s Office, said it is important to register dogs and cats on base, because it helps the staff reunite owners with lost pets. In addition, although each incident is handled on a case-by-case basis, an unregistered dog that has bitten someone can potentially be removed from the base.

Dogs must have a valid City & County of Honolulu license when they are at least 4 months old. The Hawaiian Humane Society and satellite city halls have dog license tags available. The closest satellite city halls for Camp Smith, Manana Housing and K-Bay residents are in Kaneohe and Aiea:

Windward City Shopping Center
45-480 Kaneohe Bay Dr.
Phone number: 768-4100

Pearlridge Satellite City Hall
98-1005 Moanalua Rd. #244B
Phone number: 768-5000

The Windward City Satellite City Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and only accepts cash and checks. The Pearlridge Satellite City Hall is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Owners should bring a registration form, available at the Hawaiian Humane Society’s website, and a completed veterinary certificate. They must have a microchip and have received all of their vaccinations, including rabies, DA2PP and leptospirosis, before turning 16 weeks old.

Cats must have a microchip and have received all of their vaccinations, including rabies, feline viral rhinotracheitis, calicivirus, panleukopenia and leukemia, before they turn 16 weeks old.

Owners may obtain temporary registration for animals younger than 16 weeks old.

Additionally, service members living in Forest City housing must also register their pets with the Forest City office. Forest City residents are only allowed to have two pet mammals in their house.

Finally, all pets residing aboard MCB Hawaii must be registered with the base VTF. To register a pet, families are asked to come to the facility Monday through Friday between 8 and 11 a.m., with a military identification card. They do not have to have their pet present.

For more information, visit the Game Warden’s Office in building 3099 or call 257-1821. The base VTF is reachable at 257-3643.

Editor’s Note: This is Part II of a two-part series on how to PCS with a pet.

Reading isn’t only for school but for fun too

Cpl. Khalil Ross
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

When Lance Cpl. Keith Morrison walked into the base library Wednesday with a few of his buddies, he was surprised to find more than he expected.

The unmanned aerial vehicle maintainer with Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 3, was trying to pick up his old reading habit.

“Reading has become a lost art in this day and age,” he said. “I haven’t read since I joined the Marine Corps and I want to get back into it.”

Marine Corps Base Hawaii’s library is offering a chance for patrons like Morrison as well as children to dive into the world of books through the annual summer reading program, which kicks off June 13, and runs through July 25.

With a theme of “Read to the Rhythm,” MCB Hawaii is joining other installation libraries in having participants read and log books over the summer for prizes. In addition, the library has planned several activities for children and a closing party at the end of the program.

Anyone with library privileges for MCB Hawaii’s library is able to join the program and read throughout the summer and even the year, Meri Healey, the supervisory librarian of the base library said.

During the summer reading program participants also have a chance to win prizes. The raffle is for any ages from birth to adults. Children in the birth to pre-kindergarten category can participate with help from their parents. They receive one raffle ticket for every 10 books read, up to 50 books total. All other participants receive one ticket for each book they read.

“The (raffle) is to encourage people to read over the summer,” Healey said. “Everyone is encouraged to read but particularly kids are targeted during the program.”

Healey said the youth is targeted because it’s more of a challenge to stay motivated to read on summer break.

“Reading (improves) language and communication skills as well as inspiring children and feeding their imagination,” Healey said. “There are so many things reading builds like critical thinking and problem solving.”

She also said that reading could help the children learn about life experiences even from reading books. The goal of the summer reading program is to help children learn to like reading so when they grow up they can be informed citizens.

Morrison said that reading is important for him as an adult because it’s a link to the past that needs to be known.

“Without reading we wouldn’t know about the lost civilizations, battles or knowledge except from some stories told,” Morrison said. “The stories people tell can change and but once its written down that’s it.”

Healey said that it doesn’t have to be something checked out from the library to get a ticket for the raffle, any book will do so long as it is logged for the contest.

For more information about the summer reading program call the base library at 254-7624 or visit www.mccshawaii.com/library/.

Sometimes people are so busy they can’t find the time to read but the summer reading program will help them finally take that first step or help them get back into reading, Morrison said.

“Reading isn’t only for the summer either,” Healey said. “Come by anytime (of the year), we have books for all tastes.”



To register for the 2015 summer reading program, visit <https://usmc.evanced.info/kaneohe/sr/homepage.asp> starting June 13.

CARTER, from A-1

Barack Obama when he announced the U.S. rebalance to the Asia-Pacific.

Outgoing Commander’s Legacy

Locklear was a diplomat, strategist and leader who recognized the importance of people, Carter said. Locklear’s legacy will make the rebalance a reality, the secretary added.

“But along the way, he also taught so many of us, including me, about America’s enduring interests and commitments in the Asia-Pacific,” Carter said. “Sam has advised a generation of government and military leaders — secretaries of defense, national security advisors, and the Joint Chiefs — and we’re going to remember those lessons and build on his legacy as we enter the next phase of our rebalance.”

But as Locklear knows, Carter said, the region’s security is rooted in something deeper and more fundamental: a commitment to shared values and principles, such as a commitment to the rule of law, to resolving disputes through diplomacy instead of coercion, and maintaining freedom of navigation and overflight in the region.

“The United States, DoD, and PACOM have always stood up for those principles and we always will because they’ve assured the Asia-Pacific’s peace and prosperity for decades,” the secretary said.

South China Sea

Carter said he wants to be clear about the United States’ position on the South China Sea, where several Asia-Pacific countries, including China, have been engaged in territorial disputes.

“First, we want a peaceful resolution of all disputes and an immediate and lasting halt to land reclamation by any claimant,” the secretary said. “We also oppose any further militarization of disputed features.”

Carter added, “Second, and there should be no mistake: The United States will fly, sail, and operate wherever international law allows, as we do all around the world.”

And, “with its actions in the South China Sea, China is out of step with both international norms that underscore the Asia-Pacific’s security architecture, and the regional consensus in favor of noncoercive approaches to this and other long-standing disputes,” he said.

China’s actions “are bringing countries in the region together in new ways,” Carter said. “And they’re increasing demand for American engagement in the Asia-Pacific. We’re going to meet it. We will remain the principal security power in the Asia-Pacific for decades to come.”

MH-60R, from A-1

cal evacuations. One such lifesaving mission occurred during the Rim of the Pacific Exercise when a Sailor aboard a Canadian submarine had to be evacuated in a litter via the Bravo’s rescue hoist. The litter had to be vertically hoisted out of a 3-foot-wide opening in the submarine’s hull while underway in rough seas.

During the final days for the SH-60B, Det. 3 deployed onboard USS Halsey from July 2014 through February, participating in several multinational exercises, including Cooperation and Readiness Afloat Training Singapore, Silent Banshee, Valiant Shield and Keen Sword.

These missions consisted of ASW, SUW, High Value Unit screening, and Cross-Deck Landing Operations. They were performed with three different partner nations, the USS George Washington and USS Carl Vinson. These operations helped to foster and sustain cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring the security of sea lanes and the freedom to navigate the world’s oceans. Additionally, Det. 3 supported Commander Seventh Fleet operational objectives by conducting vital ASW tasking and presence operations in the East and South China Seas.

These missions are but a small example of the support the “Easyriders” have provided to fleet commanders throughout the past 23 years with SH-60B deployments

SUSTAIN, from A-1

to be proficient at inserting with every amphibious capability we have and make sure we’re up to date with all of our capabilities so we can be proficient in anything we’re called to do.”

Together, the 15th MEU’s Force Reconnaissance Detachment and a security element with enablers provided by other elements throughout the MEU make up the MRF. The Force Reconnaissance Detachment also took this time to familiarize the security element on the basic fundamentals of CRRC and helocast insertion.

“We did a lot of training with CRRCs and taught the security element how to work and broach them in case they tip over,” Kraus said. “We try to teach them everything we know to better the whole MRF.”

“When the security element comes out to support our missions, say they’re going to be doing a CRRC raid, they’re going to need to know how to start up those engines and what their responsibilities are on the boat,” Warden said. “Just in case we come up to the shore and one guy gets taken down, they can fill in that spot and be efficient in that position.”

The experience in Hawaii built a

relationship and confidence between each of the Marines. They also ran through a leadership reaction course to ensure the Marines can effectively work together and solve problems as a team.

At the LRC, the Marines were taken out of their usual teams and put into four to five-man teams comprised of both Reconnaissance and security element Marines. They were given different tasks to complete with limited time and equipment.

“This makes sure everyone can work as a leader and everyone can work with a team,” Warden said. “It doesn’t matter if it’s your team or a team that you end up getting attached to. You can become a leader, use critical thinking, and be able to come up with solutions to a problem.”

The sustainment training in Hawaii gave the Marines a break from the high intensity environment they have been working in for the past year working up to the MEU, and a chance to slow down and get back to the basics.

“Having a warm, calm environment to work in, solve problems, sit down, and talk through certain situ-

and are representative of the squadron’s ability to meet every challenge. “It has been a unique opportunity to be a part of HSL-37’s past with the SH-60B and its future as we begin operations with the MH-60R,” said Lt. Cmdr. Bill Miente, who served as a junior officer in HSL-37 as a first tour pilot and returned three years later, for a second sea tour at the onset of the transition from Bravos to Romeos. On Oct. 1, 2013, HSL-37 was redesignated Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 37 and transitioned to the MH-60R.

“The combat capability of the MH-60R is leaps and bounds ahead of our legacy aircraft. We’re in an exciting time for naval aviation as we approach the final phase of transition in the helicopter community from seven to two type/model/series aircraft,” said Cmdr. Brannon Bickel, the commanding officer of HSM-37.

HSM-37’s last two SH-60B aircraft flown by Det. 3 have been transported to the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Aviation museums throughout the U.S. display the “Venerable Bravo.” Most notably is the SH-60B on display at the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial in Mobile, Ala., which was flown during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and credited with more than 250 lives saved.

The “Easyriders” carry on the legacy rooted in SH-60B operations supporting naval operations worldwide as the Navy’s largest MH-60R expeditionary squadron.



Cpl. Anna Albrecht | 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit

Marines with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit’s Maritime Raid Force ride a combat rubber raiding craft ashore aboard Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, May 15.

ations and (standard operating procedures) is definitely beneficial to us,” Warden said. “We had time to refine everything that we’ve been doing and training up to so far and were able to perfect those small, minute details such as digging our corners. We can go slow, repeat when necessary and take our time.”

After wrapping up their training in Hawaii, the Marines joined the rest of the 15th MEU aboard the Essex Amphibious Ready Group’s ships to continue on the transit through the Pacific. As they sail towards 5th and 7th Fleet, they say they feel prepared to take on any task sent down from higher.

Sports & Lifestyle



Photos by Cpl. Brittney Vella | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Families and friends of those who have passed away line up in the waters off of Magic Island at Ala Moana Beach Park with decorated lanterns to release for the Lantern Floating Hawaii ceremony held Monday. A local Buddhist sect of Shinnyo-en has organized the Memorial Day event since it first started in 1999.

For those lost: Deceased honored in ceremony

Cpl. Brittney Vella
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

HONOLULU — Tens of thousands gathered at Ala Moana Beach Park to honor the fallen during the annual Lantern Floating Hawaii ceremony held Monday.

This event offers its attendees a way to honor their loved ones.

"I lost my daughter when she was only two years old," said Lei Xei, an Osaka, Japan native. "I have (been coming) to this event for the last two years (because) it helps me accept that she has found peace and is no longer hurting. Being surrounded by people also dealing with similar situation makes me realize I'm not alone."

The ceremony was officiated by Her Holiness Shinso Ito, the head priest of Shinnyo-en and presented by Na Lei Aloha Foundation. The lantern floating tradition originated in Japan. At the end of summer,



One of 6,000 lanterns float in the water at Ala Moana Beach Park, Monday. Each lantern represented someone who has passed away.

lanterns were released to conclude the Obon season, during which the Japanese people honored their ancestors.

Beginning in 1999, the lantern floating ceremony coincided with the American traditions of honoring the fallen on Memorial Day. Now the event not only honors the military, but all lost loved ones. The cross-cultural ceremony has

spread throughout the world; In 2015 there will be Shinnyo-en lantern floating ceremonies in New York City, Taiwan, Berlin and Yamanashi, Japan.

"This event brings together so many different people from such a large span of cultures, with one thing in common — we lost someone important to us," Xei said. "It's wonderful that other places around the world are taking on the same tradition. I hope to eventually visit the one in New York because that is where (my daughter's) father is from."

This year's theme was "Many Rivers, One Ocean." The 6,000 candle-lit lanterns symbolize a vow to work collectively toward a harmonious and peaceful future. After the ceremony, the lanterns are collected and cleaned, to be used again for the following year.

"Although the world may never find peace, I have found comfort in the fact that my baby girl has," Xei said.



Before the lanterns were released, Her Holiness Shinso Ito, the head priest of Shinnyo-en, officiated a special ceremony for the occasion.

PASS REVIEW

Your weekly guide to the best aspects of entertainment

Using our breakthrough four-point scale system, you can quickly decipher what is worth your time and what isn't, or read the full review for an in-depth analysis and explanation of the rating. The rating system uses ammunition and range terminology, so if you're not familiar, here's a quick breakdown of the ratings ...

1/4 — No Impact, No Idea

Horrendous. Among the worst of the worst in its genre. Dedicating time to this is not only wasteful, but unforgivable. Avoid at all costs.

2/4 — High And To The Right

Mediocrity at its best. Lacks a few things that might have made it really good. A decent time waster, partake only if there's nothing better to do.

3/4 — On Target

Praiseworthy. A great endeavor, not quite an instant classic but still very entertaining. This is a sound investment of your time.

4/4 — Confirmed Kill

Genius. In the top 10 percent of its genre. This is the stuff legends are made of. Missing out on it would be a disservice to yourself.



Better Know A Critic

Kristen Wong admits she sometimes has to be dragged to movies that she later finds to be outstanding. She loves movies that make her care about the characters and sympathize with their plight. She enjoys action, fantasy, comedy and dabbles in horror.

**THIS
WEEK'S
RATING:**



(Confirmed Kill)

'Poltergeist' remake guides plot through funnier, spookier dimension

Kristen Wong

Hawaii Marine

After the first "Poltergeist" left the taste of black tar and worms in my mouth (foreshadowing), I headed to the theater alone on opening day hoping for a miracle.

Well, I was almost alone. There was an older lady sitting a few rows in front of me.

The 2015 "Poltergeist" is PG-13, which is already an indication to me that it's not going to be that scary. It wasn't. But let me explain why it's a "confirmed kill."

First things first: Let's introduce the movie. Eric Bowen (Sam Rockwell) has lost his job and is forced to move his wife, Amy (Rosemarie DeWitt), and their three children Kendra, Griffin and Madison, into a cheaper home.

Madison immediately begins speaking to someone no one else can see. Soon, the family finds out why the house's price had "a lot of wiggle room."

Unlike 1982's "Poltergeist," the beginning of this version wasted no time. Madison was already acting strange as soon as they entered the house, but anyone could have brushed it off as a child's imagination. It was a nice little appetizer for what was to come.

Unlike with the Freeling family in the original, the stakes are much higher for the Bowens. They were already having problems before they entered the house.

The ghosts begin harassing the family while Amy Bowen struggles with a stalled writing career, Eric Bowen becomes depressed being unemployed, and Griffin Bowen struggles to adjust to the new house because he is afraid of everything.

The "scary clown" is a plot element in this version, but makes sense. They give a better reason as to why the clowns are in the house.

Unfortunately, the "creepy" tree was once again given the spotlight in the new movie. It was the first thing my eyes locked on when the family parked outside the

house, to which I began cursing. Not that insufferable tree! This time the tree was a little less fake and much more menacing.

What I appreciated most about this version of "Poltergeist" was its frequent use of humor. It's as if writers understood that there is an inescapable corny legacy that the first movie left. So why not roll with it?

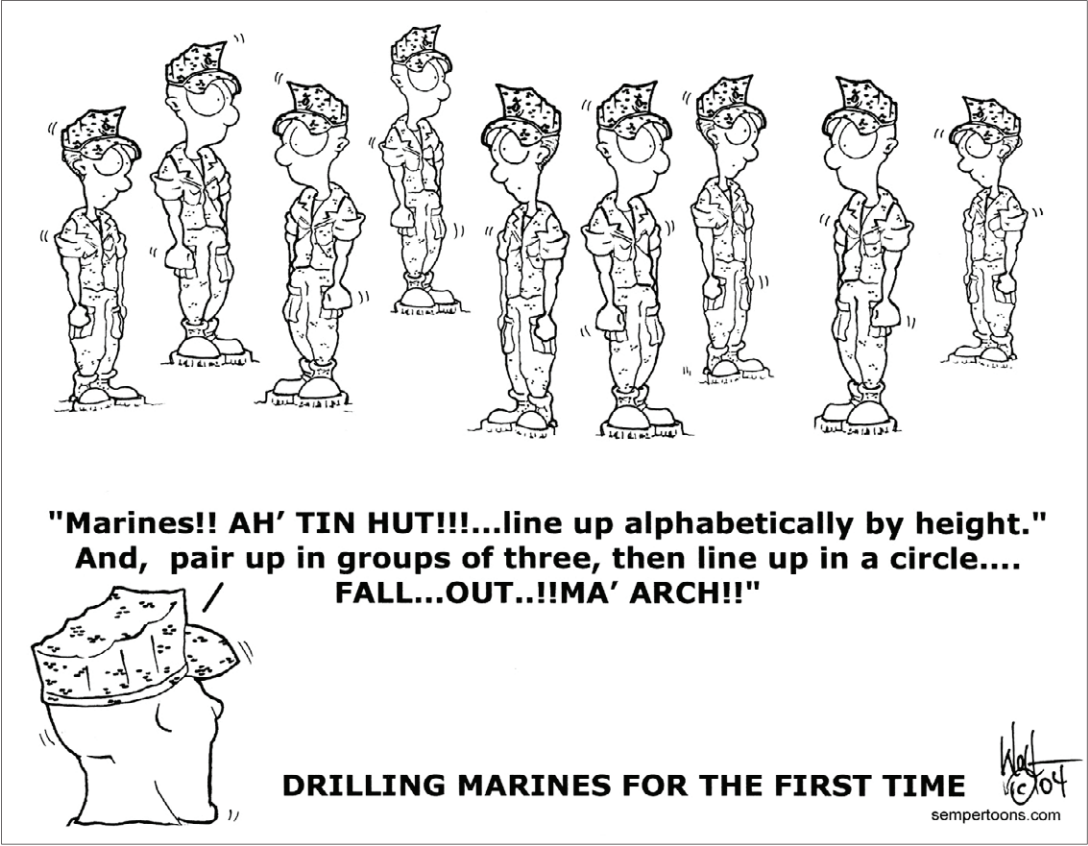
The movie is child's play compared to the classic horror movies — no pun intended. So having a lot of laughs throughout the movie was a plus.

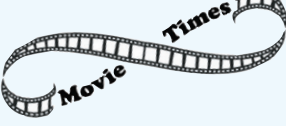
But don't get me wrong. It stands up for itself quite nicely. The clowns do more than stare. The corpses do more than bob in a pool and pop lifelessly out of closets like cheap haunted house decorations. Madison's interaction with the "the lost people" is more two-sided. In one instance, Eric Bowen has a creepy encounter in Madison's closet, which made the hairs on my neck stand straight up for a tense second. Raimi, who produced 2015's "Poltergeist," also produced 2004's "The Grudge," which scared the living day-lights out of me.

The climax was much more exciting. I was on the edge of my seat, rooting for the family, hoping against hope they would prevail.

The end, like its predecessor, was also good for a chuckle. Make sure to stay behind during the credits for just a few minutes. There's an extra clip.

Overall, I left satisfied with the results. If you want to be scared out of your wits, this may not be the movie for you. But if you want a movie that's humor sprinkled with creepiness, you should indulge yourself in "Poltergeist."





"The Age of Adaline" PG-13 Today | 6:30 p.m.
"Ex Machine" R Today | 9:15 p.m.
"Avengers: Age of Ultron" PG 13 Saturday | 6:30 p.m.
"Little Boy" PG 13 Saturday | 9:15 p.m.
"The Age of Adaline" PG-13 Sunday | 2 p.m.
"Ex Machine" R Sunday | 6:30 p.m.
"The Age of Adaline" PG-13 Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.

Prices: All shows are \$5 for adults and \$3.25 for children. All 3-D shows are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. For ticket pricing, the base theater box office defines an adult as a patron 12 years and older and defines a child as a patron from 6 to 11 years old. Children 5 and younger are admitted free of charge. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 and younger. Patrons must present their military identification card when purchasing tickets.

SUDOKU

8								
		3		4				8
1			2	3			9	
		7			4			
		6					1	5
	2		9	7		4		
2				1			4	
7			8			3		9
	5							

Level: Advanced

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

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!

1	7	8	3	2	4	9	5	6
6	2	5	9	6	8	7	1	4
9	4	6	7	1	7	8	3	2
3	8	4	7	2	6	1	2	9
5	1	5	7	1	8	9	6	4
2	9	6	6	4	5	4	7	8
7	6	9	8	3	2	5	2	1
8	5	8	4	1	2	6	7	3
4	3	4	1	3	4	6	2	8

ANSWER:

Get your feet wet with Surf & Turf 5K

Press Release

Marine Corps Community Services

Splash into summer with the Marines at the Surf & Turf 5K run scheduled for June 20 at 6:30 a.m., aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

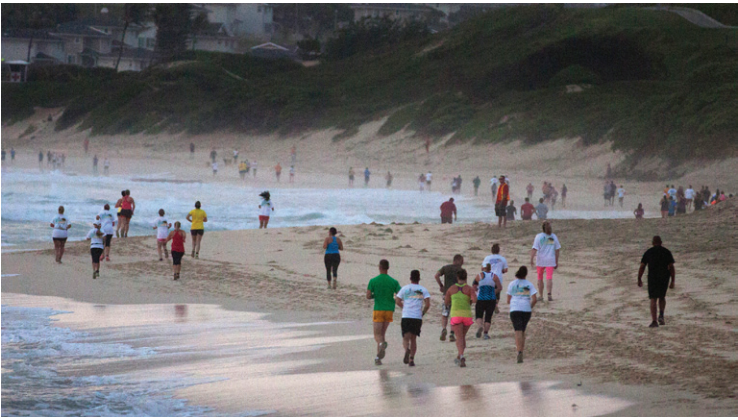
Open to the public, the 5K race, starts and finishes across from The Officers’ Club and features a morning run across a portion of the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course and along Pyramid Rock and North beaches.

Online registration is available until June 16 at 11:59 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time. Entry is \$25 per runner, with a late fee of \$10 per person for all registrations received after June 12. Runners registering after June 16 must do so at the Semper Fit Center and will not

be guaranteed a race T-shirt. Onsite registration on the morning of the race will be \$35.

Winners will be awarded in 10 age divisions. The top three male and female finishers from each age division will be recognized. The categories range from 14 years and younger to 55 years and older. Awards will also be given to the top three male and female finishers of the overall race.

Race packets for civilians will contain special event passes for race day and will be available for pick-up June 18 at the H-3 main gate pass house parking lot between noon and 5 p.m. Military members can pick up their race packets, June 18, at the H-3 gate, June 19 at the Semper Fit Center, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Packets will also be



Lance Cpl. Matthew Bragg | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Participants run along the beach during the Surf and Turf 5K event on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, April 6, 2013.

available for pick-up the day of the race at The Officers’ Club.

This family-friendly event is part of the Commanding Officer’s Fitness Series and provides runners across the

island an opportunity to mingle and compete with Hawaii’s Marines and Sailors. For more information, contact the Semper Fit varsity sports coordinator at 254-7590.

Celebrate freedom during Runway Run in July

Press Release

Marine Corps Community Services

Get a running start to your Independence Day celebration at the Marine Corps Community Services’ Runway Run 5K scheduled for July 4 at 6:30 a.m. at Hangar 104.

Runners, walkers and strollers statewide are invited to come down for a morning lap along the flightline.

Interested runners can register online now through June 30 for the run. The race is \$25 per person and includes a guaranteed race T-shirt for all those who sign up before June 26. A \$10 late fee per person will be included for all registrations received after June 26. Runners registering after June 30 will need to register at the Semper Fit Center or onsite the morning of the race. Onsite registration on race day will be \$35.

The top three male and female finishers from 10 different age divisions will be crowned at the race. The categories range from 14 years and younger to 55 years and older. Awards will also be given to the top three male and female finishers of the overall race.

Civilians can pick up their race packets and special event pass at the H-3 gate pass house parking lot July 1, from noon to 5 p.m. Military



Lance Cpl. Janelle Y. Chapman | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Runway Run 5K participants sprint along the flightline at Hangar 104, July 4, 2014.

tary members can pick up their race packets July 1, at the H-3 gate or July 2 at the Semper Fit Center, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Packets will also be available for pick-up the day of the race at Hangar 104.

As a part of the Commanding Officer’s Fit-

ness Series, the race encourages competition using Marine Corps Base Hawaii’s many facilities with the base’s Marines, Sailors, family members and civilian staff. For more information, contact the Semper Fit varsity sports coordinator at 254-7590.

COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEER BRIEFS

Guest readers coming to library

For Better Hearing and Speech Month, guest readers from the Hawaii Speech, Language, Hearing Association will present a 45-minute family story-time, Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Hawaii State Library. Along with stories and a craft for keiki, they will present information on speech and language development. Learn about screening, detecting problems early and taking steps to ensure that a child’s speech and language development is on target. The program is for ages 3 and older. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. For details, call 586-3510.

50th State Fair launches this week

The 50th State Fair starts Saturday and continues each weekend through July 5 at Aloha Stadium. There will be circus acts, a petting zoo, live entertainment, rides and more. For details, visit ekfernandez.com.

WCS to perform free concert

The Windward Choral Society has scheduled a free concert, “I am in Need of Music,” June 5 at 7 p.m., with a repeat performance June 7 at 4 p.m. at St. John Vianney’s Parish on 920 Keolu Drive in Kailua. For details, visit thewindwardchoralsociety.org.

All-Military Surf Classic rolls in

The All-Military Surf Classic is scheduled for June 6 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at White Plains Beach in Ewa Beach. The competition is open to active duty, retirees, reservists, Department of Defense civilians and dependents. Entry deadline is Saturday. For details and entry forms, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Build basketball skills for free

The Kailua Basketball Player Development Program offers free youth bas-

ketball coaching with tips to improve game performance. Girls and boys in 7th through 11th grade are welcome to play. Participants play in four-on-four teams at half court. Practice runs from 9 to 11 a.m. every Saturday at the Saint Anthony School basketball courts in Kailua. For details, call 282-6949.

Battle of Midway honored during museum discussion

The Pacific Aviation Museum is commemorating the Battle of Midway June 6 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The museum marks the 73rd anniversary of the turning point of World War II with a special Midway program. U.S. Naval Academy Professor Emeritus Craig. L. Symonds, author of “Battle of Midway,” will speak and lead a discussion on the significance of this battle. The event is free with museum admission. For details, visit pacificaviationmuseum.org.

Find a treasure at craft, gift fair

The Celebrations Craft & Gift Fair is scheduled for June 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2810 Paa St., in Honolulu. The event features more than 40 vendors and various types of items. Admission and parking are free.

See free movies during film fest

The University of Hawaii “Kids First!” Film Festival starts June 7 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Art Auditorium at UH-Manoa campus in Honolulu. The first film in the series is entitled “Maya the Bee.” Admission is free, and on a first come, first serve basis. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. The next movie, a French live-action film called “Belle and Sebastian,” is scheduled for June 12. For details, visit www.summer.hawaii.edu/kidsfirst.

Help restore Heeia Estuary

Hui o Koolaupoko is looking for volunteers for the Heeia Estuary Restoration

Project, June 13, from 9 a.m. to noon at Heeia State Park on 46-465 Kamehameha Highway in Kaneohe.

The project is aimed at improving water quality and increasing habitat for native aquatic animal species by removing invasive plants and replanting native Hawaiian species along a portion of the Heeia Stream estuary.

This year’s remaining workdays are the second Saturday of August, September, October and December. Participants under age 16 must have adult supervision. Participants under the age of 18 attending without their parent or legal guardian must bring a signed waiver. All others will sign the waiver upon arrival.

For details, visit www.huihawaii.org/get-involved.html.

What to bring:

- closed-toe shoes (required)
- attire to get wet and muddy
- water bottle
- sun/rain protection
- towel
- change of clothes, bag for dirty clothes

ESPN 1420 5th Annual Sports Festival set for June 27

The fifth ESPN 1420 Sports Festival is scheduled for June 27 at the Neal Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall. This family-oriented festival will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., offering free admission to attendees of all ages. There will also be activities, demonstrations and booths. For details, visit www.espn1420am.com.

Find fun at Windward Art Festival

The inaugural Windward Art Festival is scheduled July 4 from noon to 4 p.m. at Kailua Elementary school in the cafeteria and lawn. Admission is free. There will be crafts for sale and performances by various organizations including the Windward Choral Society and the Shriners Potentate Band. For more information about the event, see the website hawaiiwag.com.

Hawaii State Farm Fair returns

The 53rd annual Hawaii State Farm Fair is scheduled for July 11 and 12 at Kualoa Ranch in Kaneohe. Visit July 11 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and July 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The event is free for children and students with a valid student identification card. There is a small fee for general admission. Free parking is available. There will be food, a pie making contest, livestock on display, rides and more. For details, visit www.hawaiistatefarmfair.org.