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MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII

Revolutionizing Readiness: Groundbreaking Manufacturing Initiatives at CLC-33

Story by Cpl. Cody Purcell

MARINE CORPS TRAINING AREA BELLOWS – Chief Warrant Officer 3 Joshua Creedon revealed the transformative initiatives underway at Combat Logistics Company (CLC) 33. Creedon, who oversees essential maintenance activities and pioneering projects, detailed how these efforts are revolutionizing Marine operations in remote and challenging environments.

"Our current capabilities allow us to prototype and manufacture essential components like nylon and Kevlar polymers directly at the site of need," Creedon explained. "In the near future, we aim to expand into metal

manufacturing, enabling us to produce even more robust parts."



The ability to produce parts on-demand is crucial for maintaining operational readiness. In combat situations, equipment failures can severely impact mission success. With advanced manufacturing, Marines can

quickly fabricate replacement parts, minimizing downtime and ensuring that critical systems remain functional. This capability is particularly vital in remote locations where traditional supply routes might be scarce.

However, additive manufacturing isn't limited to just producing parts. It also encompasses innovative communication technologies that enhance operational efficiency. Creedon highlighted the successful use of high-frequency data transmission for secure communications in remote settings. [Read More](#)

Burning Bright: Gunnery Sgt. David Waterfield, Jr., 2023 Marine Corps Fire Officer of the Year

Story by Sgt. Brandon Aultman



MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII – Along the vast, sun-bathed tarmac of Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, stands a lone fire station, readily awaiting the call to action. It is here that Gunnery Sgt. David Waterfield, Jr. has made his mark as the training chief for MCAS

Kaneohe Bay Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF). Waterfield's commitment to excellence has not only earned him respect in the eyes of his peers but also organizational-wide recognition as the 2023 Marine Corps Fire and Emergency Services Fire Officer of the Year.

"The ARFF training section is responsible for conducting, scheduling and properly maintaining records for all Firefighting, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Marine Corps related training events," Waterfield explains, "This includes sending Marines to advanced schools, professional military education, and conducting joint training with other

sister services."

As the training chief, Waterfield is responsible for the oversight of these programs, as well as ensuring seamless coordination with other sections and agencies.

Receiving the Fire Officer of the Year award left Waterfield feeling both grateful and humbled. "I didn't get to this point alone," he declares, recognizing the collective effort of all the Marines under his department. [Read More](#)

Police Week 2024: Strengthening Community and Police Partnerships

Story by Lance Cpl. Marcos Alberto Rocha

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII – Every May, communities across the United States honor the men and women in law enforcement during National Police Week. This annual observance at Marine Corps Base Hawaii serves to highlight the dedication and sacrifices made by police officers, acknowledging their indispensable role in maintaining public safety and upholding the law. It is a time for profound reflection,

heartfelt gratitude, and unwavering support for those who selflessly risk their lives each day to protect and serve our communities. the base held commemorative events and a parade to emphasize the importance and appreciation of law enforcement in the MCBH community.

"To protect and serve is not just a motto; it's a way of life for the men and women in blue who risk their lives every day to keep our communities

safe," said Lance Cpl. Timothy Phillips, a military police officer with MCBH Provost Marshal's Office.



Community Champion

Noah Marlow



Job at MCBH:
Warehouse Worker at MCX

Hometown:
Aviano, Italy

Favorite Ice Cream:
Mint Chocolate Chip

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MCBH DIGITAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



A U.S. Marine with Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, conducts pull ups during a Murph workout at MCBH, May 23, 2024. The Murph, named in honor of Medal of Honor recipient and Navy Lt. Michael P. Murphy, was started in remembrance of Lt. Murphy after he was killed in action in June of 2005. Headquarters Battalion conducted the Murph workout to honor all fallen service members for the Memorial Day holiday and to enhance camaraderie amongst its members. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Julian Elliott-Drouin) [More Imagery](#)



U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Skylynn Pence, left, a food service specialist with Headquarters Battalion, Bob Chong Gum, center, a cook with Anderson Chow Hall and Sgt. Maj. Joseph J. Caputo, right, sergeant major of Marine Corps Base Hawaii, pose for a group photo during a Chef of the Quarter competition at MCBH, May 16, 2024. Chef of the Quarter competitions offer an opportunity for food service specialists to hone their craft while fostering esprit de corps. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Tania Guerrero) [More Imagery](#)

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3d Littoral Combat Team Wins 2024 U.S. Marine Corps Annual Rifle Squad Competition

Story by 2nd Lt. Emily Zito

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, VA – A U.S. Marine rifle squad with 3d Littoral Combat Team, participated in the 2024 U.S. Marine Corps Annual Rifle Squad competition from April 29- May 3, 2024.

Top rifle squads from 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th Marine Division traveled to Marine Corps Base Quantico, to represent their respective units and compete to be named the best of the best. The U.S. Marine Corps Annual Rifle Squad Competition is a service level competition to determine, in a simulated combat environment, which Marine rifle squad most effectively demonstrates proficiency in their combat capabilities. Over the grueling 72-hour event, each squad was tested on marksmanship, decision-making skills, and their physical and mental toughness.

The Annual Rifle Squad

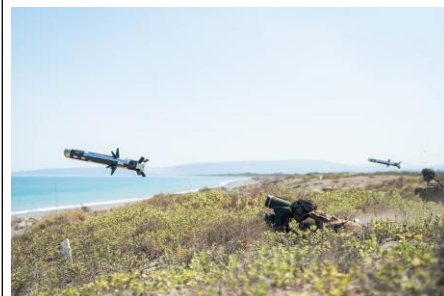
Competition consisted of 6 phases; each phase designed to test the organic capabilities expected of a Marine Rifle squad. The first phase was a Squad Skill Evaluation (SSE), an 11-mile course with 11 different stations along the way. Stations included assembly and disassembly of weapons, water survival, an obstacle course, basic infantry skills tests, and employing communications and weapons assets in tactical scenarios. In phase 2, with only 3 hours to execute, there was no margin for error as squads occupied defensive positions and generated sector sketches that are crucial to establishing an impenetrable and interlocking defense. The next three phases worked in tandem to evaluate the individual rifleman's marksmanship in the Infantry Marksmanship Assessment (IMA), and the squad's collective offensive tactics on two live-fire ranges including two day and two night attacks. In the phases that

included live-fire ranges, success was measured by the greatest number of effective rounds on the Trackless Mobile Infantry Targets (TMITs), an autonomous robotic target system used to provide a more realistic training environment. The 6th and final phase tested unit cohesion; Marines conducted 45 minutes of ground fighting while working through Tactical Decision Games (TDG) as a squad. Each squad gave their all but only one would emerge the champion.

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3d MLR DIGITAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



U.S. Marines with 3rd Littoral Combat Team, 3rd Marine Littoral Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, fire Javelin shoulder-fired anti-tank missiles as part of a counter landing live-fire exercise during Balikatan 24 at La Paz Sand Dunes, Ilocos Norte, Philippines, May 6, 2024. BK 24 is an annual exercise between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the U.S. military designed to strengthen bilateral interoperability, capabilities, trust, and cooperation built over decades of shared experiences. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Eric Huynh)

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MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 24

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MALS-24 Displaced Warrior

Story by 1st Lt. Isis Coty

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII – From April 8th to May 10th, 2024, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron (MALS) 24, Marine Aircraft Group (MAG) 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, executed a meticulously planned exercise, displacing a main body detachment of 59 U.S. Marines and equipment across Marine Corps Base Hawaii. The purpose of Displaced Warrior was to rehearse intermediate-level aviation logistics in austere conditions. An additional 48 Marines made up the second main body and rotated in to gain exposure to Mobile Maintenance Facilities (MMFs) without disrupting the ongoing flight operations at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

This exercise marked the beginning of a series of exercises MALS-24 will execute called the Warrior Series, designed to address challenges to the unit's



operations, deliver supplies and provide maintenance from a displaced location. During the exercise, MALS-24 partnered with other units, showcasing the importance of interoperability. MALS-24 employed a maintenance detachment supported by Marine Wing Support Squadron 174 for logistical movement and refueling capabilities, and Marine Wing Communications Squadron 18 for tactical communications, ensuring sustainment to MAG-24.

"This was the first time many of our Marines have been exposed

to displacing from our normal squadron environment," remarked Capt. Darren Palmore, the officer in charge of Displaced Warrior. "Displaced Warrior allowed us to focus on creating advantages, practicing signature management, operating in degraded communications and most importantly, brilliance in the basics.

Key events included the complexing of MMFs at landing zone (LZ) Eagle, aviation logistics communications, material deliveries in communication-degraded or denied environments, and maintenance repairs of flight equipment. Notably, MALS-24, in collaboration with 1st MAW Aviation Logistics Department, employed a prototype of the Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation (MCCRE) called a Performance Evaluation Checklist (PECL).

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MAG-24 DIGITAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Donald P. Kelly, left, oncoming commanding officer of Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron (VMU) 3, Marine Aircraft Group (MAG) 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW), receives the organizational colors from Lt. Col. Nicholas B. Law, off-going commanding officer of VMU-3, MAG-24, 1st MAW, during a change of command ceremony at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, May 17, 2024. Law relinquished command of VMU-3 to Kelly. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Julian Elliott-Drouin)

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