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Family Advocacy gets accreditation

Pfc. Rich Mattingly
Sports Editor

Hanging on the program manager's wall, in MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay's Counseling Services and Family Advocacy Program, is a reproduction of a petroglyph with ancient, stony figures joined at the hands. The glyph serves as a reminder (for the social workers, coun-

selors, and those seeking guidance there) of that most important of structures that we never separate from: the family.

Soon, next to the glyph, equally representative of the importance of the military family, will hang an official certificate proclaiming Kaneohe Bay's Counseling Services and Family Advocacy Program as fully accredited, with honors, from the Council on

Accreditation, the leading international accrediting agency in the fields of health and science.

K-Bay's Counseling Services was the first of the Marine Corps Community Services programs to go through what is soon to be a Marine Corps-wide accreditation process, and it did so with honors.

"The Marine Corps decided that it was time to go through an official

process to ensure the quality of programs and counseling received by Marines, Sailors and their family members, as well as to help us get to the next level," said Arlene McCormack, program manager of Counseling Services.

McCormack said that Counseling Services had about four months to pre-

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2nd Lt. Pamela Marshall

Free fallin'

Members of Hawaii's 4th Force Reconnaissance Company free fall from 9,000 feet during a recent jump. The training jump also honored Sgt. Richard T. Therriault, a communicator who chose to take his re-enlistment oath just before his plunge out of the CH-53D Sea Stallion of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363. See page A-4 for the full story.

Marines ready for NBC attacks

Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle
Combat Correspondent

CAMP HUMPHREYS, REPUBLIC OF KOREA — On the modern-day battlefield, there is always a risk that the enemy will use nuclear, biological and chemical weapons against American troops fighting for freedom on the frontlines. It is up to the Marines who are trained for NBC attacks to ensure that all other Marines in their respective units know how to properly respond to an attack, if and when it ever occurs.

Marines specializing in the NBC field within Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, which is currently deployed here from MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, in support of Exercise Foal Eagle, are well aware of the fact that chemical attacks are always a threat to the security of Marines. With this in mind, they have recently established a new set of counter-chemical warfare concepts of operations.

Marines must understand the seriousness of an NBC threat said Cpl. Lisa White, NBC non-commissioned officer with MAG-24.

Within the new concepts, there are four different threat conditions titled with different colors. As the level increases, the seriousness of the threat does as well.

The first threat level is coded with the color green. This means that an NBC attack is not probable, but the enemy has the ability to employ chemical weapons. It is the responsibility of NBC Marines to ensure that 50 percent of all high-value assets are covered with plastic wrap to prevent chemical agents from contaminating the equipment.

Further, NBC specialists break an installation up into different zones. If a chemical hits a particular zone, only that zone is considered contaminated.

"The purpose of zoning off the base is to ensure that all the other zones that were not affected by the attack can still remain operative and allow missions to continue," said Staff Sgt. Brian

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CVIC deploys 'green machines' to Iraq

Lance Cpl. Jared Plotts
U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific

CAMP H. M. SMITH — The Combat Camera Unit from Marine Forces Pacific recently renovated and shipped five reproduction vans to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II on St. Patrick's Day. Previously, the vans had been lying dormant for nearly 25 years.

Five Marines from here will meet up with the vans, or "green machines," in Iraq and use them during their six-month deployment.

"We should get there about two weeks before the vans do," said Sgt. Chad Kiehl, a photographer with MarForPac Combat Camera. "Once they come in, it should take us another two weeks to set them up."

For two weeks, Marines worked 14-18 hour days coordinating with other units to replace wiring, air conditioning and camera equipment.

"It was pretty grueling," Kiehl laughed. He continued, "It was pretty much like putting together all new office spaces."

Even though the Marines worked extended hours to ready the vans, they said their time was well worth it.

"They are going to make our job a lot easier. For the first time, we'll have our own space out there. We won't have to use other units' equipment or get in their way,"

said Kiehl.

Other units, including 1st Marine Division, use similar transportation vans. Combat Camera's vans will stay in Iraq for 14 months. Afterwards, they will return to Camp Smith.

"We hope to use them on other deployments as well," Kiehl added.

The bus-size vans look a good deal like giant green boxes or a boxcar a young boy would craft in his father's garage — but these are no toys. These vans weigh close to 4,000 pounds each and will supply vital media for I Marine Expeditionary Force, including reproduction, video and combat camera assets in Iraq.



Lance Cpl. JonDior Ferrell

Marines from Combat Service Support Group 3, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, load the seven-ton truck with one of five refurbished vans headed for the Middle East in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

Chapel Posts Holy Week Events

The MCB Hawaii community is invited to attend the following Holy Week services in celebration of the events prior to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

•April 4, Palm Sunday

8 a.m., Protestant Liturgical Service
9:30 a.m., Roman Catholic Mass
11 a.m., Protestant Contemporary Service

6 p.m., The Living Last Supper

•April 8, Maundy Thursday

6 p.m., Protestant Service
7 p.m., Roman Catholic Divine Liturgy of the Eucharist

•April 9, Good Friday

11:45 a.m., Roman Catholic Stations of the Cross
6 p.m., Protestant Good Friday Service
7 p.m., Roman Catholic Solemn Good Friday Liturgy

•April 10, Holy Saturday

7 p.m., Roman Catholic Easter Vigil

•April 11, Easter Sunday

6 a.m., Protestant Easter Sunrise Service at the Rifle Range
8 a.m., Protestant Liturgical Easter Service
9:30 a.m., Roman Catholic Mass of the Resurrection
11 a.m., Protestant Contemporary Easter Service

April 7 Car Wash Funds to Aid Local Marine

Friends and supporters of a 3rd Marine Regiment sergeant who was severely injured in a recent helicopter mishap will hold a car wash fundraiser in his behalf, Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kaneohe Bay Enlisted Club parking lot (just beyond the H-3 main gate entrance).

All donations and collected car wash monies will be provided to the family to help offset their medical expenses. (Checks can be made to "cash.")

Volunteers are needed to assist with the car wash; organizers will provide lunch for volunteers. Call 257-1804 if you can commit to a time frame at the fundraiser.

The severely paralyzed Marine is making steady progress and improving daily.

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Drunk eyes don't lie

Lance Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Combat Correspondent

When Marines arrive at their first duty station, they must effectively learn every angle of their job in order to be proficient at what they do. The Military Police Department aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, is no different when it comes to training.

From the moment they arrive at K-Bay, military police experience hands-on training and instruction that allow them to gain experience and certification they will need.

March 15 - 17, Marines specifically learned how to recognize signs of a drunk driver, deliver a standardized field sobriety test and administer a Breathalyzer exam.

"The Marines sat through 16 hours of classes pertaining to alcohol-related incidents. Then after the classes, practical application was conducted to make sure they learned what they need to know," said Cpl. Jeremy J. Hoffman, operations noncommissioned officer for the Provost Marshal's Office.

According to Hoffman, the classes are designed to not only teach Marines how to administer the tests, but also are intended to build confidence. Several tests are administered to an individual to determine whether or not he or she is under the influence of alcohol.

Some of the indications that MPs look for after pulling someone over include slurred speech, dilation of an

individual's pupils and lack of coordination and concentration.

"The first test that is administered is the eye exam," said Staff Sgt. Matthew J. McGee, operations chief at PMO. "It is the best indicator of an individual's alcohol consumption because the eyes don't lie."

Procedure for the eye exam requires the intoxicated individual to follow a pen tip back and forth, from side to side, as well as up and down.

The Breathalyzer is the final step and is administered at PMO. The instrument used is the Intoxilyzer-5000EN; it is the latest version of Breathalyzer on the market.

The individual who is suspected of DUI must be under constant supervision for at least 30 minutes before the test can be administered, said McGee. He or she is not allowed to do anything during that time frame that may affect the reading of the Breathalyzer. The reading could be affected by activities such as eating, smoking, burping and puking.

"If an individual does anything to affect the reading of the Breathalyzer, then they simply have to begin the 30 minutes of supervision again," said McGee.

If a person fails to follow Breathalyzer procedures, he or she is automatically labeled as refusing to have the test conducted. That can be held against the individual in court, McGee explained.

During their training, military police also learned the effects, statis-



Lance Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Sergeant Steven M. Schram, training NCO for the PMO, demonstrates proper use of the new Breathalyzer machine.

tics and mathematical equations that are involved with drinking too much alcohol. They successfully completed training and graduated March 26.

The following day, many of the military police were administering the skills they had learned.

"It may take more than five times for a Marine to conduct a standardized field sobriety test before they are totally comfortable with what they are doing," explained McGee. "But we keep them up-to-date with the latest information and procedures during annual sustainment training, with the confidence that they will use the knowledge to the best of their ability."

Receiving Senatorial praise



Photo Courtesy of Dr. Diane Drigot

Hawaii State Senator Melodie Aduja (right) recognizes Dr. Diane Drigot, senior natural resources management specialist with the Environmental Compliance and Protection Department at MCB Hawaii, March 23. The Senate said that during her 21 years of service, Drigot's environmental efforts "have yielded remarkable results." Drigot secured more than \$2.5 million in projects and volunteers to clear 22 acres of invasive alien mangrove trees from the Nuupia Ponds, documented wildlife habitat improvements, mapped archaeological features, opened a nature trail, and recorded oral histories regarding Hawaiian landscapes, the award said. The State Senate praised Drigot's pursuit of "higher standards of living for all residents ... in the State," and recalled that Drigot was designated "Citizen of the Year" by the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board in December 2003.

CVIC spends \$.5 million on classrooms

Lance Cpl.
Michelle M. Dickson
Combat Correspondent

Marines and Sailors aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, will not be forced to seek out training classrooms and/or purchase audiovisual gear needed for training anymore. The Combat Visual Information Center has five

new state-of-the-art teaching facilities that base units can take advantage of.

"This has been a vision of ours to renovate these classrooms within three years," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 William Crow, officer in charge of CVIC. "It's amazing that we actually got it done so successfully in about 18 months. It would not have been possi-

ble without the assistance of Lieutenant Colonel [Jeffrey] Zeller, base controller, and the entire G-4 staff, and Facilities' maintenance department."

The cost of modernizing the CVIC rooms was more than \$500,000. That money was used for new paint, carpeting, construction, air conditioning, white boards, bulletins and more than \$125,000 in audiovisual equipment.

Four of the classrooms can comfortably accommodate 35 to 40 bodies. The fifth is significantly larger and can easily handle 90 bodies, with room for more if needed.

In case an even larger group needs to train, extra tables, chairs and an additional 10-foot screen are available too. Plus, a 50-inch plasma screen can be placed in a room for easy viewing pleasure.

"We wanted everything

to be perfect to fill the needs of all the commands," said Crow. "I honestly believe that these are by far the best classroom and conference facilities in the Marine Corps."

The classrooms are provided to Marines and Sailors on a first-come, first-served basis, said Gunnery Sgt. John Krumholz, staff noncommissioned officer in charge of CVIC.

The schedule of availability can be reviewed using the Range Facility Management Scheduling System, explained Krumholz.

"We hope to have the facilities full at all times. They're free," he said. "Marines just need to know that they're available for all to conduct their military training requirements."

For more on the CVIC classrooms and their availability, call 257-1365.



Lance Cpl. Nicholas J. Riddle

The Combat Visual Information Center spent more than \$500,000 on five new state-of-the-art classrooms.

Up for the challenge

U.S. devil docs practice 'dust-offs' with Army

Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle
Combat Correspondent

CAMP HUMPHREYS, REPUBLIC OF KOREA — When a helicopter crashes in the heat of combat, or a vehicle carrying several Marines overturns on the roadway, one thing is imminent: There will be several injuries in need of immediate medical attention.

It is up to naval hospital corpsmen to be among the first to respond and provide emergency medical assistance to Marines and Sailors who are injured in an accident.

Several hard-charging hospital corpsmen from various units in the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing arrived in the Republic of Korea on March 8 to support

Exercise Foal Eagle by providing medical support throughout the grueling exercise.

Upon arrival, the first task was to transport tens of thousands of dollars of medical equipment to the simulated combat zone here, and to establish a medical aid station.

"One of the hardest parts of this exercise was not just treating troops, it was transporting and being accountable for all the equipment to the training area, and [for] setting up a medical aid station," said Lt. Cmdr. Dean Asher, medical officer for the Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, 1st MAW, in Okinawa, Japan. "We had to set up all our equipment to support troops in the snow, and while the ground was

[still] frozen."

While battling the cold weather and treating patients, the devil docs took advantage of the chance to work with soldiers in the U.S. Army's 52nd Aviation Battalion, 8th Army, Republic of Korea. With the use of the Army's UH-60A Blackhawk helicopters, Sailors and Marines, who simulated being injured in the helicopter crash, practiced medical evacuations, also known as "dust offs."

A medical evaluation is needed when a service member incurs injuries such as massive hemorrhaging that cannot be treated in a medical aid station. He must therefore be taken to a local hospital for treatment.



Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle
Marines and Sailors work together to transport an injured service member during a simulated emergency evacuation as part of Exercise Foal Eagle.

Prior to simulating medical evacuations, however, the soldiers instructed the attentive Sailors on the proper way to load patients into the Blackhawk.

Afterward, Sailors strapped Marines onto stretchers and loaded them into the awaiting helicopters as demonstrated.

"This is the first time many of the hospital corpsmen have

been able to do training like this in a long time," said Petty Officer 1st Class Adrian Dunkerly, a hospital corpsman with the MWSS-172. "We managed to get everything set up expediently and conducted some valuable training.

"All the hospital corpsmen benefited from this, and it gave us a chance to work with another branch of the service."



Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Two CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopters from HMH-363 prepare to take off and support Marines on the ground during Exercise Foal Eagle in the ROK.

Red Lions ace Foal Eagle

Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle
Combat Correspondent

OSAN AIR BASE, REPUBLIC OF KOREA — It usually takes several motivated Marines three days to break down a CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter in order to pack it up for a deployment. Yet, when the Red Lions of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 were told they were going to the Republic of Korea to support Exercise Foal Eagle, they broke the CH-53D down in one night.

"Our mission was to come out and support Foal Eagle by demonstrating our combat readiness," said 1st Lt. Brad Khaner, maintenance material control officer for HMH-363. "I was impressed with the fact that the Marines left a climate with 80-degree weather and came to Korea where it is 30 degrees in the winter, but still managed to adapt and overcome as well as show some outstanding teamwork."

The Red Lions have come to Korea in support of Foal Eagle many times in the past. But this year, instead of deploying from Iwakuni, Japan, they came directly from their home base in Hawaii.

Breaking down all the necessary equipment and packing it into an aircraft indeed proved a challenge for squadron Marines, but when they arrived they real-

ized their challenges had only just begun.

Within 24 hours of arriving here, the HMH-363 Marines were required to ignore the cold weather and adapt to their new environment, all while managing to get their aircraft ready for a functional flight check, which is necessary before all missions within 24 hours.

"I gained a lot from this experience," said Cpl. Joel McCoy, airframes collateral duty inspector for HMH-363. "I learned more about my job on this deployment than I have in the last two years I have been in the fleet."

"We used the teamwork you learn about since the first day of boot camp. Every Marine was helping each other, and at no time did you see another Marine sit down until the job was finished," said McCoy.

With all the aircraft up and running, HMH-363 Marines were ready to start their missions to support the ground troops. At any given moment, the high-flying Red Lions are called upon to fly to other bases and provide troop transports to simulated combat zones, or to provide "heavy lifts," where they attach vehicles to the bottom of the CH-53D and transport them into the combat zone.

"With the success of this mission,

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Word on the Street

What was your best April Fool's Day prank?



"I told this girl my first name was 'Lance.'"

Lance Cpl. Carlos Suarez

Motor transport dispatcher
Headquarters Battalion,
MCB Hawaii



"I told my grandfather that his car had been stolen, and he ran outside in his underwear."

Sgt. Spencer Root
Heavy equipment mechanic
CSSG-3



"I told my mom I busted out a neighbor's window, and she freaked."

Lance Cpl. Todd Burton
Training NCO
Weapons Company, 3/3



"I met my wife on April Fool's Day, so that's a prank I pulled on her."

Staff Sgt. Bowie Cruz
Military policeman
Headquarters Battalion,
MCB Hawaii



"I'm not a funny person."

Cpl. Nicole Sneed
Motor transport operator
Headquarters Battalion,
MCB Hawaii

Reservist re-enlists 9,000 feet above sea

Lance Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson
Combat Correspondent

Marines re-enlist every day in the Marine Corps, and for some, that day should be just as memorable — or more so — as the first day they signed up.

Sergeant Richard T. Therriault, a communicator with 4th Force Reconnaissance Company, decided there couldn't be a better way than by free-falling from 9,000 feet above the earth. Thursday will mark Therriault's eighth year, and he said he originally joined the Corps for similar challenges.

"I came to visit my brother who was with the Hawaii Navy, and I absolute-

ly loved it here," he said. "I moved out here, and now it will be ten years in September."

Therriault said his father was in the Marine Corps and completed a tour in Vietnam. Therriault realized he didn't want to join any other branch and joined the Marine Corps Reserve in Hawaii.

His job area of choice was reconnaissance.

"All through high school, I thought really highly of reconnaissance," Therriault explained. "I wanted to go to college, and the more I thought about it, the better option [recon]

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2nd Lt. Pamela Marshall

Major Edward W. Novak (center) congratulates Sgt. Richard T. Therriault, a communicator with 4th Force Reconnaissance Company, on his commitment to the Corps.

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pare for the inspection that would determine whether or not it would receive accreditation.

"We had to go about our day-to-day work while we were preparing for this, and while we were getting examined, which resulted in more than 400 after-duty hours during the course of this process," she explained.

The Counsel of Accreditation, according to its mission statement, "partners with human service organizations worldwide to improve service delivery outcomes by developing, applying, and promoting accreditation standards."

All reviewers on the CoA team had 10-20 years of experience in the clinical counseling field, in addition to graduate degrees in Marine Corps-approved counseling fields.

Counseling Services had to pass muster in 43 separate categories of review; for example, it showed that it exemplified attributes of a strong and cohesive team, and demonstrated consistent services, respect and dignity toward Marines, Sailors and family members.

"They [CoA] are the experts in the

field of family counseling," said McCormack.

According to a statement issued by Jenice Staniford, head of the Marine Corps' Prevention and Intervention Section, the accreditation process will return many important benefits, the most important of which is the assurance that Marines, Sailors and their families are receiving consistent and high-quality services regardless of where they are stationed.

"Getting accredited is like getting a degree from an accredited school," added Camara Sharp, social service assistant. "It shows we know what we're doing, and it will bring a consistency throughout the Marine Corps."

To receive accreditation with "honors," a program must be judged to meet and surpass expectations of quality in 51 percent or more of the 43 categories. MCB Hawaii's Counseling Services was judged to need only minor improvement in only two categories.

"Their praise meant a lot to us; it was completely validating after all the work we'd done," said McCormack. "We're trying to help one family at time, to build greater harmony in our base community."

NBC, From A-1

Barksdale, NBC chief for MAG-24.

During threat level green, Marines must have their mission-orientated, protective posture gear available.

The second threat level is coded the color yellow, meaning an attack is probable. Green level conditions still apply, and Marines must further ensure that 75 percent of all high-value assets are wrapped in a protective layer of plastic.

Also, the placement of NBC detection devices around the outside of the compound is necessary, and Marines must assume MOPP level two, where they don their protective suit and gloves, all which is immediately available.

Threat level red, the third threat level, means an attack is occurring or is imminent. All personnel must assume MOPP level four by putting on their protective mask, gloves and boots. Marines are assigned different tasks that must be completed within five minutes after the level is established. For example, one task is to cut off all air-conditioning units outside of the tents in order to prevent a flow of chemicals into a con-

finer area. The remaining 25 percent of the vital equipment is then wrapped in plastic, and Marines then assume predetermined positions providing overhead cover.

After a set period of time, threat levels will then elevate to black. Survey teams are then sent out in MOPP level four to check the contamination markers to determine which zones of the base will be deemed inoperable. Marines in the zone(s) that are not hit will then decrease their MOPP level as instructed by NBC Marines.

"Since we have been deployed to Foal Eagle, we have had a chance to train with Marines from the Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 out of Okinawa, and exchange ideas with them on how to combat NBC attacks," said White.

"This is the first time that many of us in MAG 24 have had a chance to interact with our fellow Marines in the 1st MAW stationed in Okinawa," added Barksdale. "We are thankful that we had this opportunity to train with them during Exercise Foal Eagle."

Pace slows for Golden Swordsmen

Navy Lt.

Adam Johnston

*Patrol Squadron 47
Public Affairs Officer*

DIEGO GARCIA, BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORIES

— The Golden Swordsmen of Patrol Squadron 47 celebrated the midpoint of their deployment on March 8. The familiar milestone gave a chance for all to take some much-needed rest and relaxation in honor of the "over the hump" point. They honored the day in each of the squadron's deployment locations: with a dinner and talent show in Diego Garcia and with a squadron picnic in the Middle Eastern Kingdom of Bahrain.

"It was a great event to celebrate the success of the first three months and also a time to look ahead and focus on future operations," said Cmdr. Thomas McGovern, executive officer of VP-47. "It was impressive to see the hidden talents of the command. And [it was] a time when the squadron really needed to enjoy themselves."

McGovern emphasized that even when the pace of deployment slows, members of the command have to set specific goals to improve themselves.

For the men and women of the command, their interests have pushed them toward personal athletic or intellectual endeavors, and also into professional pursuits such as advancement or warfare qualification.

The diverse opportunities that are available have been one of the great benefits of this deployment and the Golden Swordsmen are taking full advantage.

Each service member can share a unique experience from the deployment. While in Diego

Garcia, many personnel cited the "over-the-hump" party as their highlight. Sailors were treated to a dinner organized by the Command Services Department as well as a slide show. Then the evening was capped off by a talent show that consisted solely of acts by members of the squadron.

The talent show was an extremely popular event. It featured both solo and group musical acts, as well as a catchy rhythm and dance routine.



Petty Officer 2nd Class Jennifer Bailey

Patrol Squadron 47 members perform their routine called "Steppin' Down" in the talent show at the squadron's "Over the Hump" party, while deployed in Diego Garcia.

In Bahrain, VP-47 Sailors spent their afternoon at the base's picnic area enjoying authentic Middle Eastern cuisine complete with shwarmas, tempura chicken and American hot dogs.

The detachment was entertained with a Sumo wrestling competition sponsored by Morale,

Welfare and Recreation, and participants also faced-off attempting to knock each other down in bulky and very cumbersome padded Sumo costumes.

"I haven't laughed that hard in a long time," said Lt. Cmdr. Corey Ray

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MarForPac Sailor wins RP award

Lance Cpl. Jared Plotts

U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific

CAMP H. M. SMITH — Navy officials gave the first-ever "Outstanding Religious Program Specialists of the Year Award" to four Sailors in four different categories.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Monica Kuhl, currently assigned with Marine Forces Pacific's Patient Tracking Team in Landstuhl, Germany, won the Junior Sea RP of the Year Award.



KUHL

Lieutenant Gen. Wallace C. Gregson, commander of MarForPac, handpicked Kuhl to aid and assist with injured service members traveling back to the states.

"RPs do a lot of work people rarely see, and it's usually after hours," said Master Chief Petty Officer Cindy A. Blankenship, Force religious

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Did You Know?

NAPS

Featurettes

Adding layers of protection may help prevent your car from being stolen.

According to The National Insurance Crime Bureau, "layers" include warning systems, immobilizing devices, tracking mechanisms, and, of course, common sense.

Layers may also include a simple tool such as a car cover. Car covers help keep a vehicle and its interior, including a stereo and packages, out of sight.



2nd Lt. Pamela Marshall

A 4th Force Reconnaissance Company Marine takes his turn on the static line after Sgt. Richard T. Therriault's re-enlistment ceremony March 16.

JUMP, From A-4

seemed to be."

The re-enlistment jump for Therriault marked the 31st free fall in his career. He went up with six others, who were more than happy

to share the moment.

"I was really happy that my section leader made it up there as well," said Therriault. "It's part of our job to jump for basic training, and it was great to have good people there with me."

The free fall lasted approximately 45 seconds after jumping from the helo, until the parachute was pulled at roughly 4,000 feet.

Therriault said he would like his Marine Corps career to continue in like fashion — soaring high.

RED LIONS, From A-3

morale is definitely high amongst the Red Lions," said Khaner. "Once again, they have gone above and beyond and accomplished difficult missions.

"During this exercise, we proved that we are capable of supporting our fellow Marines in the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and the [III] Marine Expeditionary Force."



Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Marines from HMH-363 worked diligently, day and night, to reassemble a CH-53D after they arrived in the Republic of Korea for Exercise Foa Eagle.

VP-47, From A-5

as he watched Lt. Cmdr. Mark Knollmueller topple Lt. j.g. Hamish Kirkland three consecutive times.

The evening was punctuated with a raffle boasting an X-Box and digital camera. Others enjoyed beach volleyball, but most just relaxed with their shipmates, sharing stories of families back home in Hawaii.

"This party is a great opportunity to celebrate the completion of the first half of deployment and to reflect on our Sailors' superb contributions to our squadron, our Navy and our nation," said Cmdr. Jay Lisenby, commanding

officer of VP-47.

Since departing their homeport at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, in late November of 2003, the Golden Swordsmen have logged more than 1,300 flight hours, including 947 hours in missions supporting Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and the global war on terrorism.

In the course of these operations, crews have visited the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar, Djibouti, Singapore and Australia. The squadron will return to Hawaii in June.

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program specialist.

She added that most people don't realize how much work is really involved. Outside of the regular workweek, RPs attend Bible studies, various church services and other religious holidays.

Kuhl's workday is rigorous enough in itself. She tracks Marines' and Sailors' orders, and updates Navy- and Marine-related Web sites.

When service members arrive in Germany, Kuhl is there to greet them and make sure they're taken care of. She also procures civilian

clothing allowances and grants from the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

Despite her busy schedule, Kuhl still finds time to attend school, where she hopes to receive her bachelor's degree in communications with an emphasis in public relations.

"I can't say that this is the job I've always wanted to do, but it definitely put me on the right track in growing as a person and finding out what I really wanted to do with my life.

"I think the things that make a good RP are also the things that make a good Sailor: integrity, honor and dedication to the mission," she explained. "Some other things are compassion and sincerity toward the people that you are dealing with."

Kuhl now holds a place in military history that few RPs do. No doubt, she is the first on what will be a long list to come of junior sea religious program specialists who stand out.

