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Corps study finds defects in Osprey

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WASHINGTON — A burst hydraulic line and defective computer software caused a V-22 Osprey aircraft to go out of control and crash in North Carolina during a training flight last December, a Marine Corps report says.

General Martin R. Berndt announced the findings of his service's Judge Advocate General Manual Investigation into the cause of the crash at an April 5 Pentagon press briefing.

Four Marines were killed Dec. 11 when their Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft crashed near Jacksonville, N.C. The twin-engined Osprey has

unique prop-rotors that can be moved to point forward for level flight like a fixed-wing plane or upward to provide helicopter-like maneuverability.

Reading from a prepared statement, Gen. Berndt, commanding general of the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, N.C., said the causes of the crash were twofold and weren't attributable to aircrew error.

"Aviation mishaps are seldom caused by a single factor," Gen. Berndt said. "This one was no exception."

He said a rupture occurred within one of the aircraft's three hydraulic systems used to move its engines and adjust the prop-rotors'

pitch or angle. He said bundled wire within the aircraft's left engine compartment had chafed or rubbed against a titanium tube carrying hydraulic fluid.

The report noted that "based on the location of the ruptured hydraulic line in the nacelle area, it would have been extremely difficult to see any existing chafing on the hydraulic line during a routine inspection."

"The wire bundle did not rub completely through the tubing," Gen. Berndt said, but enough chafing occurred to cause the tube to rupture under pressure. "This resulted in a total loss of hydraulic fluid in the No. 1 system in a matter of seconds. This hydraulic fail-

ure alone would not normally have caused an aircraft mishap."

Gen. Berndt said the loss of hydraulic pressure caused flight control warning systems to go on.

"The published procedure for responding to such a failure is to press the primary flight control system reset button," he said. When the pilot pushed the reset button, a software flaw caused "rapid and significant changes to prop-rotor pitch," Gen. Berndt said, causing the aircraft to speed up and then slow down. The pilot pressed the reset button several times, and the aircraft became increasingly unstable with each press.

"The accelerating and decelerating of the aircraft every time that

button was pressed was what caused the aircraft to stall and lose controlled flight," Berndt said.

Berndt said the Marine report recommends Naval Air Systems Command and Osprey contractors conduct complete reviews of hydraulic line clearances, wire bundle placement, and computerized flight control system. The report also called for possible redesign of the Osprey's hydraulic system.

Ospreys have been grounded since the December crash. Findings are pending for DoD inspector general crash investigation and a "soup to nuts" V-22 program study.

"We will fly the aircraft or not fly the aircraft depending on the results," Berndt said.

III MEF CG visits MCBH

Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.
Combat Correspondent

Last week, Lt. Gen. Earl B. Hailston, commanding general of the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force took time from the General Officer's conference to visit units under his command at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

For two days Lt. Gen. Hailston visited and spoke with the commanding officers of 3rd Marine Regiment, Combat Service Support Group 3 and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Aviation Support Element before visiting unit sections, and observing demonstrations given by junior officers.

After he visited the K-Bay units he participated in the two-day general officers' conference at Camp Smith. Initially, Lt. Gen. Hailston was to visit the Hawaiian units in late February.

"Lt. Gen. Hailston took time out to refresh himself with the personnel and the capabilities of his Hawaii-based units," said Col. Paul D. Adams, commanding officer of CSSG-3. "We were pleased to interact with and inform the III MEF Commanding General of CSSG-3 capabilities and its war fighting prowess."

Much of Lt. Gen. Hailston's time was spent listening to what section officers had to say about new programs and equipment.

The general paid close attention to the demonstrations and maintained his focus on what Marines had to say.

"The visit by Lt. Gen. Hailston went extremely well," said Col. Adams. "Marines and Sailors were chomping at the bit to showcase new initiatives and programs implemented since he was Commanding General of 3rd Force Service Support Group 3 in 1995."

Take that



Pvt. Iain A. Schnaible

Lance Cpl. Christopher D. Ashley, left, an administrative clerk with Headquarters Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, winces at the forceful blow thrown by his partner, Lance Cpl. Mike S. Kuhl, also an administrative clerk with HQ Co., 3rd Marines, Monday. The Marines were participating in the Martial Arts Instruction Course at Landing Zone 216.

MCBH Deputy Commander retires after 30 years

Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.
Combat Correspondent

A retirement ceremony brought the 30-year career of Col. Michael L. Olson, Deputy Commander of MCB Hawaii to an end today at Dewey Square.

Known for his intelligence, attention to detail and situational awareness this leatherneck began his long journey in the Marine Corps at the beginning of the 1970's.

In a time when the American popular opinion was against serving in the military, the young Col. Olson had already spent much of his life around the military and witnessed the

sacrifices made by servicemembers.

Born in Bremerhaven, Germany on February 10, 1948, Col. Olson's father, Marvin, served as a U.S. Army officer during World War II and the Korean War.

The middle child of five siblings, he had little problem adapting to the lifestyle that military family members endure with constant moves, changing schools and having to make new friends.

A built-in adventurous spirit and a constant positive attitude helped him spend his childhood experiencing cultures around the world.

"I've had the pleasure of seeing a lot of the world as a youngster and also as a Marine,"

said Col. Olson.

Colonel Olson graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration.

"It was the late sixties and the Vietnam conflict was in full swing," said Col. Olson. "I grew up watching the military 'up close and personal' as a kid and listening to my father, I believed everyone owed a debt to their nation. I thought one way to clear that debt was to serve in the military. I still believe that today."

His father pushed for his son to go to West Point, but Col. Olson liked the social atmos-

phere of the U.S. Naval Academy better.

"I just wasn't interested in going to an all-male school at the time," said Col. Olson. "I wanted to go to a co-educational school."

His choice to join the Marine Corps was largely influenced by the Marines he met from the various bases he lived on growing up, and also by Marines portrayed in Hollywood films.

"The Sands of Iwo Jima and The Flying Leathernecks had a huge influence on me while I was growing up," said Col. Olson.

But, Col. Olson attributed his decision to

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Base to add 50 more rooms to TLF

Pvt. Iain A. Schnaible
Combat Correspondent

A groundbreaking ceremony was held for a 50-room addition to the Temporary Lodging Facility near the main entrance to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay April 4.

The TLF currently has 24 rooms for use by servicemembers awaiting housing. When the facility is full, the government must pay for hotel accommodations and travel for the servicemembers. The addition, which will be named the "Lodge at Kaneohe Bay," will include 40 rooms with kitchenettes and 10 hotel-style rooms and will save the government an estimated \$1.1 to 1.6 million annually in reimbursement of permanent change of sta-

tion and temporary duty lodging expenses.

The lodge construction is scheduled to begin this spring and be completed in the spring of 2002. The \$6.7 million contract was awarded to Korte Construction Company of St. Louis, Mo. The new rooms will sport more comforts and conveniences for the occupants including key card security door locks, a new telephone system with call forwarding and voice messaging, extra phone lines to accommodate modems and portable computers, individual air conditioning systems and cable television with movie channels.

The funds for the project are non-appropriated funds provided by MCB Hawaii Marine Corps Community

Services which are earned through their many retail and entertainment activities. During the past 10 years Marine Corps Base Hawaii has received more than \$40 million in non-appropriated funds from the Marine Corps Central Construction Fund to improve the quality of life for base residents.

Funds generated through patronage of MCCS activities at bases throughout the Marine Corps contribute to the central fund, and money is distributed to the bases which need it the most. Marine Corps Base Hawaii has secured funding this year for a self-storage facility, an additional 7-Day store, enlisted and officer club renovations, dri-



Pvt. Iain A. Schnaible

From left: Mia Ng, Temporary Lodging Facility manager; Floyd Hollenkamp, vice president of the Korte Construction Company; Brig. R.E. Parker, Jr., commanding general, MCB Hawaii; Todd Korte, president of Korte Construction; and Lt. Col. Michael Williams, MCCS Hawaii assistant chief of staff, break ground at the site of the Lodge at Kaneohe Bay 50-room addition.

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MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

FAMILY APPRECIATION MEAL AT ANDERSON HALL

Anderson Hall Dining Facility aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, is scheduled to host a Family Appreciation Night meal April 20 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Servicemembers, their families and DoD civilians are welcome to attend. A discounted rate of \$2.65 for family members of E-4 and below will be charged at the door. All others will be charged \$3.20.

ALL HANDS A-76 BRIEFS

The next All Hands A-76 study meetings are scheduled for April 19 and June 21 at 7:30 a.m. at the base theater. For more information, call the Business Management Office at 257-3188.

LAST CHANCE FOR TAXES

The MCB Hawaii Tax Center will file late income tax returns up to April 15. To make an appointment or for more information, call the MCB Hawaii Tax Center at 257-1686.

BASE POST OFFICE EXTENDS HOURS APRIL 16

The MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay Military Post Office, building 835, adjacent to the Branch Medical Clinic, will be open until midnight, April 16 for last minute income tax filing needs and postmarking. For more information on tax season post office hours, contact Sgt. Kenneth J. Katkavich at 257-2008.

STREET CLOSURE

Traffic will be directed by flag crews Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. due to construction. Traffic coming onto the base from the H-3 gate will be delayed.

ANDERSON HALL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Anderson Hall Dining Facility will be on a holiday schedule for the Easter Holidays.

The following hours are effective beginning Friday morning through Monday evening. The satellite facility near the flightline will be closed. Normal hours of operation will resume Tuesday.

The morning meal will be served from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., evening meal from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

NAVY/MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY FUND DRIVE EXTENSION

This year's Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society fund drive has been extended for two additional weeks. It will now end April 20.

Almost a million dollars in interest-free loans and grants were provided to nearly 2,000 members of our Navy-Marine Corps family in Hawaii. To make a contribution, contact your N/MCRS unit representative, or call the Kaneohe Bay Auxiliary Branch of N/MCRS at 254-1497.

SICK CALL HOLIDAY HOURS

Due to the holiday schedule, there will be no routine sick call walk-in service at the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay Branch Medical Clinic Friday or Monday. Normal services will be available Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. For more information, or to make an appointment, call the BMC at 257-2145.

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SERGEANT MAJOR'S CORNER

AOR Tour brings up leadership points

Sgt. Maj. Stephen H. Mellinger
MarForPac Sergeant Major

CAMP H.M. SMITH — I apologize for being delinquent in submitting articles the last few weeks. Lieutenant Gen. Libutti and I just returned from visiting our Marines and military counterparts in the Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore and Australia.

A significant part of our frequent trips are spent in the air flying from country to country. Now if I loved flying, my job would not only be interesting, but fun as well. However, I personally hate flying. I'm a card-carrying member of the "White Knuckle Flyer Club."

Because of my flying phobia, I am constantly questioning (to myself) every little sound and bump while I'm in a plane. I know that I would be much more comfortable if all of my questions or complaints could be personally responded to by the pilot; the head bubba.

The problem with that though is if the pilot had to listen to all the silly questions, opinions and comments, then he wouldn't have time to fly the plane. I, and others like me, would simply be a major distraction to him. Though I would feel more at ease if the "top dog" (pilot) would personally console me, I realize my questions and concerns can be handled satisfactorily by the qualified flight attendant. Of

course, if I notice a crack in the wing, I'm sure the pilot wouldn't mind speaking to me face to face.

This brings me to discuss a parallel situation involving Marines and their chain-of-command. As I sat down to catch up on several weeks worth of e-mails, I discovered numerous e-mails (forwarded to me by the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps) from Marines who saw no problem writing either him, or the commandant, with matters that clearly do not fall under the commandant's policy on "Marine Mail" (their e-mail addresses for direct contact from all Marines).

Clearly these Marines are intentionally circumventing their chain-of-command for responses to personal complaints, comments and questions. Let me give you some examples:

- A lance corporal wants Sgt. Maj. McMichael to explain why he was not promoted to corporal along with his peers

- A sergeant wants to know why he can't make his Marines do push-ups when they do something wrong (even though there is a Marine Corps order telling him no because it's HAZING)

- A lieutenant wrote, giving HIS OPINION, that the Marine Corps promotion system is BROKE (because his gunny wasn't selected for master sergeant this year)

- A staff sergeant wanted to know if a Marine Corps order was causing him to do two consecutive deployments (in the fleet) before he could go back to the drill field.

- A master gunnery sergeant wrote that he was not satisfied with the punishment handed

down to Marines involved in a fist fight and wants Sgt. Maj. McMichael to intervene for the sake of justice.

I believe that each of those Marines (in the examples) deserve answers or responses to their questions and concerns. If it was important enough for them to seek responses, then it's important for each of them to get accurate and appropriate answers. However not one of these examples warrant personal responses from our Corps' "pilots!" Each of these Marines' chain-of-command held the appropriate answers.

One of our Corps' strengths is its commitment to doing the right thing for its Marines. And that includes taking care of any problem at the lowest possible level within its chain-of-command.

After 29 years in the Corps, I've found that the vast majority of Marines using their chain-of-command don't have to go too far up before they get satisfaction. Now many Marines may not get the answer or response they desired from their command, but most of the time it's accurate and on time.

In the case of all the aforementioned examples, each Marine got the correct information from their chain-of-command, but simply didn't want to accept what they were told.

When Marines misuse Marine Mail, it reflects negatively on their professionalism and personal discipline. It also shows disrespect and distrust in their command's leadership.

But more important is the fact that it distracts and wastes precious time of the commandant and his sergeant major.

I can tell you that both the commandant and sergeant major of the Marine Corps want to hear from their Marines through Marine Mail, but within its established guidelines and intent. MarAdmin 165/01 is a good source document for Marines to educate themselves on Marine Mail guidelines.

Remember, Marine Mail is not a "hotline" to our senior leadership for us to blow off steam, whine, complain and ask silly questions. If you're not sure if you should use it, check the MarAdmin and with your chain-of-command to see if it's appropriate for what you seek.

Like me and flying, Marines don't need to be pestering our Corps' "pilots" when its "flight attendants" can handle things at their level.

Now a note to our Corps' "flight attendants." In some cases Marines circumvent their chain-of-command simply because they're lazy and impatient. They don't have time for the system to work.

However in other cases, Marines jump their chain-of-command because they don't trust it.

Every leader must do everything in their power to ensure their Marines' trust and confidence.

Real flight attendants make it a point of really LISTENING to passengers under their care and not just paying them lip service.

Marines must truly feel they can come to their leaders for anything, both bad and good. It's not babying them. It's earning their trust that we care for them.

Marines deserve nothing less from their leaders.

Happy flying, Marines.

Deputy Inspector retires



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

Speaking to a group of 200 Marines, civilians and friends, Master Gunnery Sgt. Robert A. Flores, the MCB Hawaii deputy inspector, expresses his thoughts during his retirement ceremony at Dewey Square Friday morning. Flores, a Phoenix, Ariz., native, retired after serving 30 years in the Marine Corps.

DoD replaces ID card with Common Access Card

Staff Sgt. Ranston V. Harvey
U.S. Pacific Command Public Affairs

The U.S. Department of Defense is currently replacing DD Form 2, the U.S. Armed Forces Identification Card, department-wide with the DoD Common Access Card, which has smart card technology featuring embedded memory and a micro-processor circuit chip.

In Hawaii, select servicemembers and DoD civilians working at Pearl Harbor and Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, began receiving testing versions of the cards last week. Full implementation is currently scheduled to begin in mid-May. There is no plan for retirees and military family members to receive the new card at this time.

"We started issuing test cards at Pearl Harbor and Kaneohe as part of a beta test," said Brad Stonesifer, U.S. Pacific Command Smart Card coordinator.

According to Stonesifer, the Common Access Card will do more than just replace the current ID card. It is capable of combining several functions into one card. These functions include enabling access to buildings and controlled spaces, computer network and system access, and being the

main platform for Public Key Infrastructure, which reinforces information system security.

"With PKI, all DoD computers will have a device where users swipe or insert their cards to log on to their computers. This system allows for the encryption or encoding of email, and the ability to electronically sign documents. Business can now be conducted electronically with confidence in the integrity of the transmission of data and in the identity of the originator and recipient. The obvious goal of all this is additional security," said Stonesifer. "No one will be able to log onto your computer, even if they have your name and password."

Another benefit of the Common Access Card, according to Stonesifer, will be its positive impact on readiness. "Many paper-based processes will become automated, so what may have taken days, may now take hours," he said. "As technology matures, the Common Access Card will perform more functions."

According to Paul Brubaker, deputy chief information officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and

Intelligence, the deployment of the card moves DoD one step closer to a significant milestone in securing its information systems. What makes the card "smart," is the circuit chip, Brubaker said. The chip has the ability to read, write and perform various functions and operations on several thousand bytes of information.

Active duty military and DoD civilian employees will receive cards that are all white with differences noted in the description on the right side of the front of the card. Selected DoD contractors will have a green stripe on the front and foreign nationals will have a red stripe.

Cards will be issued at the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and Realtime Automated Personnel Identification System stations where ID cards have been issued in the past.

"Base exchanges, commissaries and local merchants can expect to see CAC cards presented as the main form of identification for active duty military and DoD civilian employees in the near future," said Stonesifer.

For more information on the Common Access Card, visit www.dmdc.osd.mil/smartcard/owa/security.link.

Veterans gather to remember POWs

Cpl.
Jacques-René Hébert
MarForPac Public Affairs

HONOLULU – With a slight spring breeze teasing the flags and cooling the brows of participants and onlookers, former prisoners of war and servicemembers still missing were honored in a remembrance ceremony Monday at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific here.

Former POW, retired Brig. Gen. Ernest Reid, Jr., delivered the keynote address under the vigilant eyes of the statue bearing the Abraham Lincoln quote, "What solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom."

The wisdom of this quotation was echoed in the words of Brig. Gen. Reid and other speakers, and throughout the mood felt by all present who remembered their living, missing, and fallen comrades.

The ceremony began with a comment from cemetery director, Gene Castagnetti, retired Marine colonel and former commanding officer of Headquarters and Service Bn., Camp H.M. Smith.

"Many of you have made the pilgrimage here – thank you," Col. Castagnetti expressed. "Americans have been held captive since the (American) Revolutionary war. Wherever they have fought, American POWs have always kept faith in bondage – and we owe it to them to have ceremonies honoring them, such as the one here today."

Colonel Castagnetti then went on to introduce the hon-



Cpl. Jacques-René Hébert

A former prisoner of war lays a wreath on the POW marker at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl Crater in Honolulu Monday.

ored guests, which included Brig. Gen. Reid; Hisashi Morita, former POW in the Korean War; Mazie Hirono, the Lieutenant Governor for the state of Hawaii; Joe Magaldi, a representative for the Mayor of Honolulu; the honorable Ji Doo Lee, Consul General of the Republic of Korea; and Lionel Parker, Veterans Service Officer for the Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Hawaii.

As the morning sun beamed down, heating the white stones inscribed with the names of those veterans who died in Pacific battles, the guest speakers weaved a tapestry of accolades for the heroes who suffered brutal prison camps, or never returned home at all.

"Freedom and democracy are ideas that the younger generation takes for granted," Consul General Lee reflected. "We must remember all the blood that has been spilled to preserve these ideals, by those who've returned, and those who have

yet to come home to the endearing arms of loved ones."

Midway through the ceremony, a moving musical performance was given by Alice Park, which included "God Bless America" among renditions of other patriotic pieces.

Colonel Castagnetti introduced Brig. Gen. Reid following the performance, saying, "They could take away his (Brig. Gen. Reid) liberty, but they could not take away his will to resist."

In his address, the retired brigadier general complimented the location of the ceremony, and current efforts to locate missing servicemembers.

"With remembrance gatherings such as these and an increased interest in MIA recovery," Brig. Gen. Reid said, "we've never been more enthusiastic on the future of finding our missing comrades."

Brigadier Gen. Reid also had the audience of veterans close their eyes, as his quiet but stern

voice described the horrors of a POW camp, taking those present back in time to when they served time in the prisons and camps.

"It's February 1951 and you're in a nine by 12 foot shack," the general described. "If you're over six feet tall, you're stooping because the ceiling is just under that height. Sixteen of your brothers spend day and night in this room, except in the rare case when the guard lets you go to the bathroom."

"Food is sparse – no more than 750 calories a day. Oh, we haven't had a bath in four months, either. As far as shaving, there are no razors. We can't even cut our hair," he continued. "We just had a class in a building that was below freezing. They were attempting to brainwash us with their communist theories."

After asking the heroic veterans to open their eyes, he requested they remember all they experienced for the benefit of their brethren that have been laid to rest, or are still MIA.

"Now that you have earned your recognition," Brig. Gen. Reid said, "I urge you to remember your fallen or missing comrades until your last breath. God bless the families of these unfortunate veterans – God bless America."

The ceremony concluded with a 21-Gun Salute conducted by Marines from artillery batteries from 1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment from MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, and words from Col. Castagnetti.

"A POW never has a good day," he reflected, "but a former POW never has a bad day."

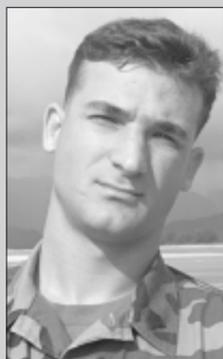
WORD ON THE STREET

Why did you join the Marine Corps?



"I joined the Marine Corps to get out and see different things in the world."

Lance Cpl. Billy Camposramazini
Food Service Specialist
HQBn., MCB Hawaii



"I joined for the glory of being a Marine."

Sgt. Mark S. Darmetko
Primary Marksmanship Instructor
MCAF



"It was a spur of the moment thing but it turned out to be the best decision I have ever made."

Staff Sgt. Timothy B. Hale
Career Planner
HQBn., MCB Hawaii



"I was in the U.S. Army Reserve and I wanted a bigger challenge so I chose the best."

Capt. Richard Hunte
Officer-in-Charge, Base Property Office
HQBn., MCB Hawaii



"I joined the Marine Corps to change my way of life and take on a more responsible lifestyle."

Pfc. Angel M. Merced
Weather Observer
MCAF



"I joined because I wanted the challenge, the opportunities, the benefits and the stability."

Lance Cpl. Rachel L. Riveira
Purchasing Chief
Base Property Office,
HQBn., MCB Hawaii

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Lent is a time of reflection, worship

Navy Lt. Diane Eller
MCB Hawaii Chaplain

The season of Lent is a time for reflection and renewal. The word lent actually means spring, a time of new birth and new life.

Coming from the Midwest, where winter could last six months, my brothers and I looked forward to spring—and the freedom of once again playing outdoors and exploring the woods behind our house.

It meant more to us, I suppose, because we had been cooped up inside for so many months. Going out to play was like a new life, a new birth for us. I'm sure my mother felt the same way.

During these 40 days of Lent, the church sets time aside for extra prayer, fasting and reflection. It is a solemn, holy season for the church, where we are invited to renew our hearts and deepen our spiritual life by imitating Christ's retreat in the wilderness, and preparing for a reemergence of new life, new hope, new possibilities.

Lent, if we could actually find the time to do it right, could be a wonderful time of retreat that restores our perspective and refreshes our commitment to serve God and one another in holy love.

In a few days the church will enter its last week of Lent, which we call Holy Week. It begins on Palm Sunday, also called the Sunday of the Passion.

On this day, we reenact the triumphant entry Jesus made into Jerusalem, when all the folks followed him waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna."

We end the service in the solemn remembrance that the same folks who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem just a few days later were ready to turn him over to the most horrific form of torture of the day—crucifixion. We identify with Jesus when we ourselves feel betrayed and abandoned by the very people who once claimed to love us and be our loyal friends and companions.

The man Jesus felt the same humiliation and betrayal we feel. The divine Jesus willingly chooses to take on this very human journey to identify with us in our own sufferings.

As Holy Week progresses, the church continues with its reenactment of Jesus' life with the remembrance of his Last Supper on Thursday evening. The Latin word for this day is Maundy Thursday because Maundy means "commandment."

On this holy evening, as Jesus both shared his last meal and prepared for his betrayal by Judas and his arrest by the Romans, he commanded his followers to love one another.

What an amazing moment of forgiveness

HOLY WEEK EVENTS		
Palm Sunday <i>Roman Catholic Mass</i> Saturday 5 p.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m.	7 p.m. Good Friday <i>Roman Catholic Stations of the Cross</i> 11:45 a.m.	<i>Mass</i> 5 p.m.
Protestant Sunday 8 and 11 a.m. Gospel of Holiness Sunday 1 p.m.	Roman Catholic Solemn Good Friday 5 p.m. Protestant Good Friday Service 1 p.m.	Easter Sunday Easter Sunrise Service 6 a.m. at K-Bay Range Facility Roman Catholic Mass Saturday 5 p.m. Sunday 9:30 p.m. Protestant Sunday 8 and 11 a.m. Gospel of Holiness Sunday 1:30 p.m.
Holy Thursday <i>Roman Catholic Mass</i> 5 p.m. Protestant	Holy Saturday <i>Roman Catholic Vigil</i>	

and mercy Jesus showed here, as he reminded his beloved friends and followers, that love is what matters most. No matter what happens, Jesus said, don't forget that the most important thing is love. Don't give in to revenge or mistrust or bitterness. Instead, continue to love and you'll make it through anything — even the death of a beloved friend.

Good Friday is, of course, the remembrance of Jesus crucifixion. Here his followers had to watch the torturous suffering and death of someone they not only dearly loved but also believed would save them from the Romans.

With Jesus' death, the men and women who depended on Jesus to overthrow the oppression of the Roman government now felt their own betrayal and disappointment. We can identify with the feelings of these first followers because we too know disappointments and betrayals of trust.

Holy Saturday is celebrated with a liturgy (worship service) that originated in the early Christian church and is probably the most beautiful and impressive experience of the whole church year.

Rituals and symbols abound as fire, candles, grain and water are all used to remember the life of Jesus and the meaning his life has for our life today. Often during this holy vigil (which can last several hours) those who have been preparing for baptism are now baptized.

The Vigil ends on Easter morning with a glorious celebration of the resurrection—the new life—of Jesus. It is a walk through the darkness of our own night of suffering and sorrow, into the brightness of a new day of hope.

The Easter Sunrise service is another opportunity to participate in this reenactment of death and resurrection. Out of darkness comes new life—and we celebrate that our

darkness does not go on forever, but with the dawning of a new day, our hope is restored, our life renewed, and we live once again to give glory and praise to God that he has not abandoned us, but rather gives us new life, new hope, new joy.

Easter Sunday is the greatest feast of the church year. Alleluias are sung with great joy—for out of death has come life, out of despair has come hope once again.

The Easter lily is used as a symbol of this death and resurrection. The bulb decays in the ground, yet from it comes new life in the form of a beautiful flower.

The butterfly is also a symbol of Easter, as while in the cocoon, it seems dead, but from death emerges a beautiful, colorful new creature, very much alive.

We color Easter eggs, because the egg too appears lifeless, but from it comes a live chick. The chick, which seems entombed in the shell, is compared to the dead who will rise at the end of the world.

The power of the season of Lent and Easter is that this season of the church is a confirmation and validation of the struggles we all face in our own life journeys. Along our path we will find pain, betrayal, disappointments, loss.

We will turn our backs at times on others, and wallow in our own darkness. At times darkness will be thrust upon us and we feel utterly alone and out of control of our lives.

Jesus' journey to the cross, his descent into hell, and finally, his resurrection to new life are an affirmation of the life we live and the hope God promises to us that the darkness will not last forever, that our hope will be restored, and that new life is ours with the dawning of the new day in Jesus Christ. You are invited to join us in this journey this week and let God touch your heart and your life once again.

Hawaii Marines train NJROTC cadets

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Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from the Big Island's Waieka High School joined cadets from Oahu's Kalaheo, Campbell and Radford High Schools when they came to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, for their spring camp March 23-26.

The camp is intended to teach cadets about the sea services, build their confidence, and give them experience at leading their fellow cadets, said retired Lt. Col. Paul R. Fields, Radford High School Naval Science instructor and NJROTC supervisor.

"We come to K-Bay because we get better training here," said Fields, Radford High School Naval Science Instructor and NJROTC commander. "The cadets also seem to really like the "oohrah" stuff we do here."

The Marine trainers also played a great part in the superior training, as they guided the cadets to the successful completion of possibly the greatest challenge they have had to face.

"The Marine trainers add a flavor that you are not going to get from any other service. All I have to do is tell them what I need done and Marine noncommissioned officers get it done," said Fields.

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Cadets with various NJROTC units from schools across Oahu, as well as the Big Island, test their mettle on MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay's Obstacle Course during training in March.

== MILITARY CHILD MONTH ==

Base children deck the mall

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It's a little bit of cake. It's a little bit of art. It's a whole lot of child appreciation. In an effort to honor children, April is devoted to Month of the Military Child and National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Paying homage to this keiki credo, Marine Corps Community Services' Child Development Center is hosting and taking part in a variety of family festivities.

What a better way to ignite the month-long celebration than with a few dignitaries, family, friends and a nice, rich piece of cake?

On April 3, the CDC held its 10th Annual Cake Cutting Ceremony with its guest of honor, MCB Hawaii's commanding general, Brig. Gen. R.E. Parker Jr. Brigadier Gen. Parker called the oldest child, 5-year old Selena Garber and the youngest child, 3 month old Malia Alcantar to help cut cake.

"We at the CDC are always discovering ways to involve parents, children and the community—this is a great way to accomplish that," said Kramer.

Eating cake isn't the only thing the young CDC natives have been occupied with.

Take a stroll through Mokapu Mall to monitor the latest keiki art exhibition. This "Mural, Mural on the Wall," showcases the many interpretations of family life through a child's eyes.

"It's certainly a nice addition to Mokapu Mall's interior," said Mokapu Mall Manager and MCCS Contracts Specialist, Jennifer Sherman. Throughout the year, Sherman coordinates with Kramer to showcase keiki holiday art inside Mokapu Mall.

"Kids have a very creative



Debbie Aisoff

An array of artwork adorns Mokapu Mall's walls as part of Month of the Military Child.

and unique way of expressing themselves, especially in art and MCCS is very proud to display their little works of art," said Sherman.

The murals will remain in the mall for the entire month of April.

The celebration continues this Saturday with the MCCS Celebrates Children event and a MarForPac Band Concert on April 27.

For more information on Month of the Military Child events, call 257-1388.

EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

Marines conquer frozen terrain

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HOKKAIDO, Japan — As Marines train around the world to win battles, they must be prepared to face all types of weather.

Lima Co., 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, based in Camp Lejeune, N.C., found this out when the company arrived here for training.

The Marines, currently deployed to Okinawa, Japan, as part of the Marine Corps' Unit Deployment Program, joined forces with the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force's 4th Co., 11th Infantry Regiment, 7th Division, to face the icy weather and frozen terrain of the JGSDF's Camp Chitose and to participate in Exercise Forest Light 2001.

The bilateral exercise, which began Feb. 20 and concluded March 6, offered both forces a chance to exchange tactical skills and learn about each other.

Many of the Marines learned skills from the JGSDF soldiers, who were masters at negotiating the snow-covered terrain on skis. Whether it was speeding down a steep hill or carrying a full load of gear while cross-country skiing, the JGSDF had a large hand in teaching the Marines what they needed to know in order to train efficiently in the unfamiliar environment.

"Back in Fuji, the Marines were taught the basic principles of skiing, and that definitely helped us when we got out here," said Lance Cpl. Brendon P. Landry, automatic rifleman. "The Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force soldiers went into more depth for what we were already taught. They are excellent skiers and teachers. Having the Japanese soldiers assist us really helped develop our skiing abilities quicker."

The Marines were also able to share their knowledge on different tactics concerning the engagement of enemies. The Marines demonstrated everything from squad rushes to using the different small arms weapons systems to the JGSDF soldiers.

"The Japanese forces were impressed by the Marines' ability to fire and maneuver at the same time," said Sgt. Ruben Ortiz, squad leader. "At first, trying to execute fire team rushes on skis and snowshoes slowed us down and made it difficult. We had to decide which would be more efficient in certain cases: to maneuver by foot or by skis. By the time we finished, we had perfected our schemes of maneuver and were able to display and share our abilities with the Japanese forces."

The tactical portion of Forest Light wrapped up during a three-day field exercise in which both forces worked hand-in-hand to make it through the demanding operation. Both forces negotiated the terrain by foot, ski and mechanized vehicles while achieving their goals, but according to most of the participants, no one would have accomplished their mission without being able to count on each other.

"The terrain and weather were unforgiving," said Cpl. Todd J. Rogers, squad leader, Weapons Plt. "No one individual, whether it is a Marine or JGSDF soldier, could have survived this evolution if we didn't all value the meaning of teamwork. Together we did what we

needed to do."

After a couple of days of recuperation, the Marines of 3/8 headed to the Republic of Korea to conduct mountain warfare training.



Cpl. Matthew Habib

A JGSDF soldier demonstrates frozen terrain tactics.

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ving range improvements, a beach pavilion, and a gas lane convenience store.

Additionally, \$11.5 million has been secured for fiscal year 2003 for projects including a youth activities center, a Marine Corps Exchange warehouse, and automated car wash, staff noncommissioned officer club and golf clubhouse renovations, and replacement of golf course cart paths.

“During the past couple of years, I’ve had the opportunity to preside over a number of these ceremonies,” said Brig. Gen. R.E. Parker, commanding general, MCB Hawaii. “One thing that has been made very clear to me is that here at MCB Hawaii, we are moving in the right direction when it comes to providing quality facilities for our servicemembers and their families.”

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The Marines also really appreciated the opportunity to help the cadets further themselves during the camp.

“It is great to help these kids gain more confidence and become more upstanding citizens,” said Sgt. Marc W. Mantha, a signals intelligence operator with Bravo Co., 1st Radio Battalion, who acted as the cadets noncommissioned officer-in-charge. “I couldn’t ask for a better body of leaders to be involved in shaping these kids. All

the Marines were great.”

Just as the Marines embraced the opportunity to help train the cadets, the cadets embraced the knowledge the Marines shared.

“The camp taught me a lot about leadership. I have learned a lot from the leadership styles of the Marines, and can now combine them to create a style that is right for me,” said Cadet Lt. Nick C. Strowmatt, the Kalaheo High School NJROTC company commander.

The camp was a huge success in the way it accomplished its mission

of helping the cadets to grow.

“You can’t measure the success, it’s off the page. We will reap the benefits of what these cadets learned and the confidence they gained throughout the rest of the time they are in JROTC,” said Fields. “The base was also great, the accommodations were outstanding, and the hospitality was great.”

Thanks to the efforts of Hawaii Marines, the NJROTC cadets have the training they will need to teach those they lead.

COL. OLSON, From A-1

go into aviation to a defining moment that came early in his career.

"I was in Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Va, and I was engaged to become a ground officer. We were on a long hump, and we were doing the hill trail," recalled Col. Olson. "The hump must have been 20 or 25 miles long. An aircraft flew over our formation. I looked up with sweat in my eyes, and the burden of a very heavy pack on my back, and thought to myself, 'that guy has to be having more fun than I am.'"

Coincidentally, Col. Olson's platoon was approached a couple of days later, and told that there was a shortage of aviators. When asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to go into aviation, Colonel Olson's quickly raised his hand.

Lieutenant Col. Aaron E. Aldridge, in 1985, was a young 1st Lt. in Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 269 when he first met Col. Olson.

Other lieutenants in the squadron told him not to work for Col. Olson, who was a major and operations officer, because he would end up standing as the operations duty officer, and never get to fly.

With his initial impressions completely off base, Aldridge soon learned Maj.

Olson was different than what he was told by peers.

"I soon learned that he was an extremely intelligent individual who was kind of quiet, but sure did know how to have a good time," said Lt. Col. Aldridge. "I also found out that he was the most respected major in the command, because he knew how to get things done."

The most memorable situation that Lt. Col. Aldridge says best describes a Col. Olson trademark characteristic came when Aldridge was a brand new lieutenant.

"The commanding officer had asked to have a massive flyover evolution, and everyone in the room looked to Maj. Olson for the plan," explained Lt. Col. Aldridge. "He briefed it and afterward, there were no questions asked."

His dedication to the Corps never got in the way of spending time with his family, according to Jane Olson, his wife of 13 years.

"He's done the best he can despite the deployments and being away for long periods

of time," she said. "He has a positive influence on the kids. He loves to run and we often run together as a family."

Since September 1998, Col. Olson has served as Deputy Commander of MCB Hawaii and has done so with the same dedication and positive influence as he has throughout his entire career, according to Brig. Gen. R. E. Parker, commanding general, MCB Hawaii.

"Colonel Olson's extraordinary leadership style has brought out the best of all our base personnel," he added. "This innate leadership ability, intellect, genuine care and concern for the Corps is what has made him such a valued leader throughout his 30 plus years as an officer of Marines."

"While he will be sorely missed, he has, through his mentorship and exemplary conduct of his responsibilities, insured that the Corps will be in good hands upon his departure. No one could ask for more," said Brig. Gen. Parker.

For Col. Olson, retirement offers the opportunity to do some activities he enjoys such as traveling, camping, biking, fishing and playing golf, but he plans to return to work after a short vacation.

"I'm going to take about a month and a half off," said Col. Olson. "I do plan on going back to work in some kind of job that I really enjoy doing."

After moving around every three years for much of his life, Col. Olson plans on finally setting his roots down here on Oahu at his recently purchased house in Kaneohe.

To sum up his thoughts on a career that has traversed four decades, Col. Olson thanks the Marine Corps for giving him a chance to be one of the "few and the proud."

"I am profoundly grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve in the Marine Corps for over 30-years," said Col. Olson. "It has been a privilege to make a small contribution to our nation's defense and serve with the best people America has to offer."