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Base residents urged to conserve energy

Sgt. David Salazar
Editor

Energy problems similar to those faced by California residents are now plaguing MCB Hawaii.

Currently, MCB Hawaii's monthly energy bills have been approximately one million dollars — at that rate, the base's funds allocated to pay utility bills will be exhausted well before funds are replenished next fiscal year, according to Bill Nutting, the MCB Hawaii Facilities Department energy branch manager.

The largest portion of the increased cost of the utility bills is due to increased prices in oil, which Hawaiian Electric Co. depends on to produce nearly all of Oahu's power.

"Since last year, there has been a 15 percent increase in power rates, largely due to increased oil prices," Nutting explained. "The Hawaiian Electric Co.'s generation of power is 97 percent dependent on oil."

The skyrocketing value of petroleum isn't the only reason the bases' energy funds are running short.

"There has also been a 13 percent increase in the consumption of electricity on base," Nutting said. "This is due to several factors: the increased construction on base — replacing the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters and Family Housing units with newer units that are fully air conditioned — increased operational tempo on the base, and wasteful practices by base residents."

Nutting attributed the "wasteful practices" to the fact that servicemembers who reside and work on base do not see the utility bill every

month like they do their monthly cable and telephone bills. "The individual member is not paying the bill," Nutting said. "They don't see the numbers month-to-month."

In March 2001, the Base dished out more than \$850,000 for February's 28-day electricity bill, according to Jim McFarland, a Base Facilities Dept. energy specialist.

To help remedy these financial setbacks, the Base Facilities Dept. has implemented several energy-saving devices around the installation, including energy-efficient lighting in housing units and oper-

ational areas. Despite the Base Facilities Dept.'s efforts in implementing these devices, base residents must still be conscious of the amount of energy they use throughout the day, said McFarland.

Although base residents and workers do not face as bad a fate as California residents, funds may be pulled from other programs to augment the ailing energy allocations, explained Maj. Jeffrey Zeller, MCB Hawaii assistant chief of staff, comptroller.

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Base traffic precautions lead to safety

Pvt. Iain A. Schnaible
Combat Correspondent

Not taking proper precautions in situations involving motor vehicle traffic can have very costly effects including injury or even death. These effects not only take a heavy toll on servicemembers and families, but can also greatly impact force protection and readiness.

Between 1998 and 2000, 339 Marines and Sailors were killed in traffic-related mishaps, enough servicemembers to man more than one and a half infantry companies. Sadly, many of these fatalities could have been avoided by simply following state and military rules regarding automotive safety.

Of the 339 fatalities, 41 percent involved servicemembers not wearing seat belts, a simple, lawfully required safety precaution. A survey conducted aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii showed that 15 percent of drivers do not comply with regulations regarding the wear of seatbelts.

According to Marine Corps Order 5100.19E, the wear of seatbelts is mandatory for all personnel on or off of military installations. Violations of this order could not only result in tickets and citations, but also disciplinary action such as non-judicial punishment or court martial, bringing punishments that may include loss of rank, forfeiture of pay and allowances and restricted liberty status.

The use of child safety restraint seats is another required safety precaution that is not properly adhered to.

"There is probably a 100 percent misuse rate," said Dan A. Martyniuk, a traffic safety specialist with the Base Safety Center. "even if people have child restraint seats, they aren't being used correctly."

In April 2000, the Base Safety Center inspected 78 child restraint seats and none of them were installed correctly. To help correct this problem, the Safety Center is accepting appointments as a fitting station for the seats. They also plan to hold quarterly check-ups, the first taking place at Mokapu Mall April 14 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Marine Corps Order requires child seats to be used for all children under 4 years old and weighing less than 45 lbs. Parents are encouraged to keep children up to the age of 7 in booster seats, said Martyniuk.

A great potential for injury also lies in servicemembers speeding and running stop signs. The Base Safety Center frequently receives complaints of drivers passing through housing areas at excessive rates of speed, said Martyniuk. On

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Pfc. Damian J. McGee

When providing security, concealment is a must. Lance Cpl. Lucas Powell, 2nd Platoon, Fox Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, buries himself deep into the jungle while providing security for the final GAIT exercise in Okinawa, during the battalion's Unit Deployment Program.

2/3 Marines undergo GAIT in Okinawa

Pfc. Damian McGee
MCB Okinawa Public Affairs

CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa — The ability to bring all of its components together to support various missions is something the Marine Corps has done successfully for years. The reasons for this vary, but one is the continued practice through exercises like the Ground Air Integrated Training Exercise that recently took place on the island.

The exercise combined Marine Corps air units with the Marines of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines. The 2/3 Marines, here from Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, as part of the Unit Deployment Program, usually work solely with CH-53 helicopters when training at their base. In addition to working with the CH-53s here during the

exercise, the Marines were also able to practice things like calling in air strikes to AH-1W Cobra attack helicopters from Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron-267.

Being able to use the various aircraft was extremely beneficial in the Marines' training and showed them how essential the various aircraft could be during an operation, according to 2nd Lt. Todd M. Sanders, a platoon commander with Company F, 2/3.

"There are several ways to insert Marines into a situation," Sanders said. "Helos give us a chance to make a quick strike, and we want our Marines to understand what a great weapon the helos are."

During the final portion of the exercise, CH-53E Sea Stallions from Marine

Heavy Helicopter Squadron-361 flew the Marines into a simulated peacekeeping scenario, in which the objective was to retrieve civilian and American hostages.

In addition to adding to the wide variety of situations the Marines are prepared to combat, the exercise assisted them in working on small-unit leadership skills, according to Sanders.

"In this type of scenario, the unit is spread out considerably and the leaders must ensure there is always perfect accountability and situational awareness," Sanders said.

Company F was responsible for the security aspect of the operation, as Company G Marines raided the designated area and Company E played the part of

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MCB Hawaii services offer relief for families affected by strike

MCB Hawaii Public Affairs
News Release

Editor's note: The information in the following article is the most up-to-date information available at press time.

Members of the Hawaii State Teachers Association, which represents the Department of Education's public school district, unanimously voted March 14 in favor of striking if negotiations with the State do not produce an acceptable contract.

The HSTA announced the proposed strike date is set for today.

Marine Corps Community Services Children and Youth Programs have been working on contingency plans to assist parents in the event a strike does occur.

"One plan will not work for every family," said Susan Cleveland, MCCS Children and Youth Programs manager. "The plan must consist of a variety of options implemented by parents, commands, and MCCS."

Parents who have thus far not

planned for alternate child care in the event of a strike may still have options.

"Regulations support parents assisting each other during a short-term teacher strike," Cleveland added. "Regulations for the Family Child Care Program authorize individuals to provide child care in their base quarters without being certified if the child care is offered on an intermittent, irregular basis for less than 10 hours per week, or for more than 10 hours per week during an emergency.

"If a teacher strike does occur, it would certainly be classified as an emergency situation," she continued. "We want to encourage parents to help each other."

Commands can help prevent a crisis during a teacher strike by considering flexible work hours, leave, or setting up a "Child Care in Unit Setting" program.

With a CCUS, parents and children are in the same or adjacent building, and the parents retain responsibility for their children. In a CCUS, volunteers or hired child

care professionals care for the children, and the parents would be nearby in case of an emergency.

Marine Corps Community Services will set up a contract with Kama'aina Kids, the same organization that provides the A+ after-school program at Mokapu Elementary School, to provide extended care for up to 200 children.

The Youth Activities Center and the Family Gym will be used as the child care locations because

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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 16 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.

Menu items are scheduled to include steak, king crab legs, southern fried chicken and more. For more information, call 257-1621.

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 TO FILE 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 15

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, the base postal inspector, at 257-2008.

AESC SCHOLARSHIP

All Enlisted Spouses' Club 2001/2002 Scholarship applications are currently available at MCCS Personal Services offices, the Base Library and the AESC Thrift Shop.

The deadline for applications is April 15. For more information, call Michelle at 254-0551 or Trisha at 254-2642.

HABILITAT SEEKS HELP

Habilitat, a non-profit, non-sectarian substance abuse treatment program, is seeking donations of camouflage utility trousers for their work crews. For information about making individual or unit donations, contact Staff Sgt. Sean Flanary at 257-8824.

EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE

As part of Holy Week Services, the MCB Hawaii Chapel will hold its annual Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Ulupau Crater near the Kaneohe Bay Range Facility at 6 a.m. For more information, contact the base chapel at 257-3552.

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MPD	257-7114
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Child Protective Services	832-5300
Fraud, Waste, Abuse & EEO	257-8852
Business Management Hotline	257-3188

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Commandant's Child Abuse Prevention Month Message

April is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The theme this year is "Nurturing Today's Children Builds Tomorrow's Leaders." Each of us has a responsibility to play an important role to end child abuse and celebrate the joy of childhood.

The Marine Corps is actively involved in making life better for children throughout the world. The Marine Corps has targeted domestic violence prevention efforts at parents, children and caregivers. These prevention efforts are carried out through programs such as the New Parent Support Program, Adventure Based Experiential Learning and Second Step. We should reflect upon the dedication and accomplishments of child advocates, who have raised the consciousness of our nation.

The challenge is for all hands to become proactive with the education and training provided at all levels of the Marine Corps. It is our mission to make certain children are safe and nurtured.

Contact your installation Marine Corps Community Services Children and Youth Staff or Family Advocacy Prevention Specialist for additional information.

JAMES L. JONES
GENERAL, USMC
COMMANDANT, U.S. MARINE CORPS



Gen. Jones

Brig. Gen. Parker's Child Abuse Prevention Month Message

I declare April 2001 "Child Abuse Prevention Month" for Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Our theme this year is "Nurturing Today's Children Builds Tomorrow's Leaders."

Children are our future, our most precious resource and the leaders of tomorrow. We need to nurture children, protect them, defend them and see in them all the hope of our communities and our country.

We are committed, through civil and military laws and regulations, to take an active role in making sure that child abuse and maltreatment is eliminated. Abuse and neglect hurt children and undermine the potential for leadership in the nurturing of future generations.

Protecting children starts with the family but cannot end there. Everyone has a responsibility to play a part in preventing child abuse and neglect.

Our military and civilian professionals have specific responsibilities to assure the safety of children. Only concerned communities can produce caring, competent children.

Each child is special and deserves a chance to be part of a peaceful world.

Therefore, I encourage you to protect our children; protect our future.

R. E. PARKER JR.
BRIGADIER GENERAL, USMC
COMMANDING GENERAL, MCB HAWAII



Brig. Gen. Parker

Former 'Ugly Angel' returns to old unit

Cpl. Roman Yurek Combat Correspondent

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362 "Ugly Angels," were visited March 22 by a Vietnam Veteran and former crew chief for a class on the history of the squadron and Marine Corps during the Vietnam War era.

Bill McNair flew with the squadron on many medical evacuation for the "Ugly Angels" from 1967 to 1971, when the squadron was a medium helicopter unit and flew the UH-34D "Dog," which was an assault, utility helicopter.

McNair hasn't seen the squadron in thirty years, but the squadron ensured that most of the Marines attended his talk about the Vietnam history of the unit.

"I remember our sister unit, the Red Lions (Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 363) and the rivalry we had with them," said the 52-year-

old veteran. The commanding officer for the squadron, Lt. Col. Carl Fosnaugh III, added afterward that the friendly rivalry still exists.

McNair told stories of some firefights, medical evacuations and reunions that he has been to since.

"The worst non-combat related medivac I had to do was when a truck fell off a hill and injured a few Marines," said the former corporal. "At my last reunion, we had some reconnaissance Marines show up. They were everything to us and many came to thank us for saving their lives by evacuating them."

McNair told the squadron that before he enlisted at the age of 18, he was a troublemaker and probably would have been in jail. Since his parents worked a lot, McNair was on his own growing up, but he always wanted to serve his country.

"I remember that in 1949, all

you would see were war movies, so I wasn't interested in school," said McNair. "I just wanted to join".

So in 1967, McNair enlisted. Due to the Vietnam War, he was pushed through boot camp, school and shipped off to HMM-362, now HMH-362.

Once he got to Vietnam, his unit did mainly medivacs, but the "Dog" was capable of being an assault craft.

According to McNair, the unit would take Marines to an area, drop them off, haul in supplies and return for medivacs. After a fight, the helos would also carry prisoners of war.

While a helo was flying many different missions, it had the chance to go through enemy fire. Since the enemy had to aim at the belly of the aircraft, the bullets would damage the fuel cells.

"We were always replacing the fuel cells under the plane," said McNair. "We were shot at

and usually the rounds would hit the bottom of the bird and would eventually break through the armor and hit the fuel cells."

Another major change from the Vietnam era unit to today's "Ugly Angels" is the Marines. Now, there are not only female mechanics, but also female pilots. McNair said he would have never guessed that females would fly, but it didn't surprise him.

After his talk, Sgt. Matthew Cummings, a maintenance control clerk, showed him around the hangar.

Before McNair's three-hour visit to the squadron ended, he gave one last parting comment on the importance of their contribution to the Marine team.

"Here (on base) other Marines may call you airwingers and wingnuts, but they never say that on the way home, because they realize the importance of you to their trip home," said the veteran.

Camp Smith flag-raising ceremony honors veterans

Colors ceremony brings Marines from past and present together to share history

Cpl. Jacques-René Hébert MarForPac Public Affairs

CAMP H.M. SMITH – As the American flag waved proudly against an azure Hawaiian sky, the Marines and Sailors of Marine Forces Pacific recognized veterans and a retiree in a flag ceremony here March 30.

The honored guest, retired Navy Lt. Cmdr. James J. Gill, was joined by a number of other veterans who served during World War II and Korea.

Gill, an Oklahoma native, enlisted at the age of 20 in the U.S. Navy on Nov. 22, 1927 and went to recruit training in San Diego. The next two years would be spent as an engineer aboard numerous submarines, including the USS Nautilus.

The retired lieutenant commander was assigned to the USS Argonaut in 1936, and in following years, he advanced in the ranks from chief to ensign.

On Dec. 7, 1941, the Argonaut was on a night battery recharge two miles south of Midway Island while Gill and his fellow Sailors were topside enjoying the night air and coffee.

The calm quickly turned to calamity as two Japanese destroyers started firing 5" shells at the submarine while it was dead in the water. Though the ship and her crew survived the attack, the Argonaut became the first American submarine to brush shoulders with the Japanese Imperial Navy.

In one of the most famous attacks of WWII, the Argonaut and her sister ship, the Nautilus, set out for the Makin Atoll with a 252-strong force of Marine Corps Raiders, led by then Lt. Col. Evans Carlson and Maj. James Roosevelt, son of President Franklin Roosevelt. In one of the first U.S. offensive maneuvers in the



Cpl. Jacques-Rene Hebert

Lieutenant Cmdr. James J. Gill, formerly assigned to the USS Argonaut, which saw combat in WWII, speaks to Marines at Camp H.M. Smith during a flag-raising ceremony last week as his wife Frances looks on.

Pacific region, the Marines overtook Butaritari Island and destroyed the Japanese occupying force there. Besides being a major tactical and strategic victory, the triumph on Butaritari was an enormous morale boost to the American public in those early days of World War II.

In December of 1942, Gill was transferred to Mare Island Navy Ship Yard to commence engineering duties for new submarines. Three weeks after leaving the ship, the Argonaut was sunk with all of her 105 men while on a patrol near

Bougainville after attacking a Japanese convoy. Gill spent the remainder of the war in sub rework and repair operations.

After 30 years of serving as an engineer, navigator, executive officer and commanding officer aboard numerous naval vessels, Gill retired on April 1, 1958.

Gill personal decorations include the World War II Victory, Good Conduct, Yangtze Service, China Service, American Campaign, Navy Occupation, American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign and Nation Defense medals.

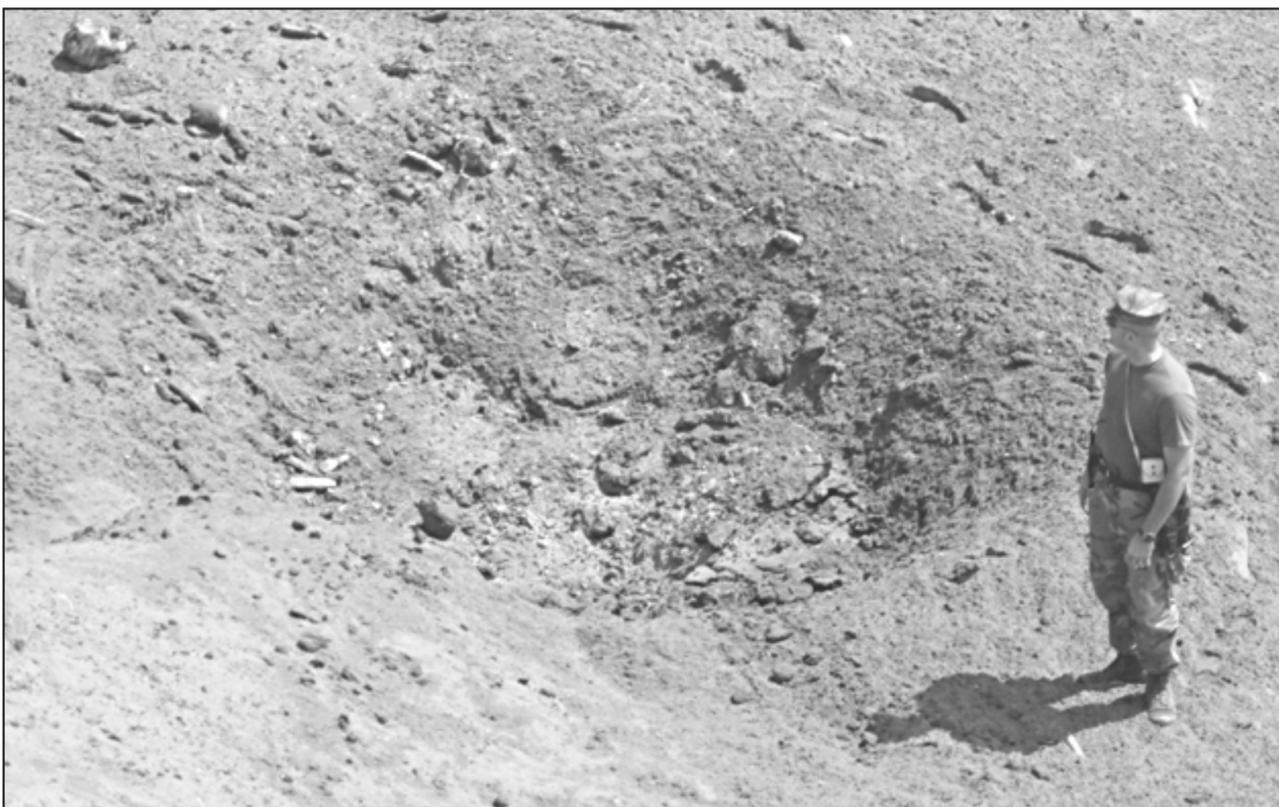
KABOOM!



A blast disposes of more than ten pounds of live ammunition at Ulupau Range aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, last week.



Ground ordnance technicians prepare the live rounds for disposal, by turning the rounds to face the earth.



A ground ordnance technician observes the impact area of an ordnance disposal.



Base ground ordnance technicians disposed of hundreds of rounds of ammunition ranging from these 9mm rounds to mortars during their training last week.

Marines undergo some EXPLOSIVE training

Story and Photos by
Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.
Combat Correspondent

More than ten ammunition supply personnel from various units around MCB Hawaii sharpened their skills as ground ordnance technicians at the Ulupa'u range last week during their semi-annual emergency destruction training.

Safety was the training highlight during this two-day evolution, as ground ordnance technicians often need to dispose of unserviceable ammunition.

"Ammunition demolition is inherently dangerous. The continuous sustainment training is vital because it is a perishable skill," said Gunnery Sgt. Jeff L. Norris, an explosive ordnance technician for MCB Hawaii.

The list of ammunition to be destroyed consisted of .22 caliber blanks, 7.62 tracer rounds, 9mm rounds, 40mm high explosive projectiles, 60mm mortars, smoke grenades and diversionary charges were all on the list of ordnance to be destroyed.

"These Marines may be called upon to destroy an ammo dump one day, and they have got to do it right the first time," said Norris.

Holes dug to a depth of approximately 36 inches were filled with the unserviceable ammunition and then covered with a layer of sheet-like explosive called data sheets.

Additional composite 4 explosives were added to the data sheets to ensure all of the ammunition was destroyed.

The holes were filled carefully with sand, after the blasting caps and detonation cord had been connected, until there were heaping mounds over the ammo and explosives.

"We were using electric blasting caps, and they are more sensitive than the standard blasting caps," said Staff Sgt. William S. Keith, ammunition supply point chief. "The Marines needed to be wary of static electricity, not only from the environment, but from their bodies as well."

Keith guided the Marines through the process of attaching blasting caps and hooking up detonation cord throughout the day with periods of instruction and practical application.

When it came time for detonation, the Marines moved to a safe distance a couple hundred yards away upon a ridge.

With a warning shout of, "Fire in the hole! Fire in the hole! Fire in the hole!" the explosives were detonated.

For two days the group of Marines disposed of 230 pounds of ordnance.

The total number of detonations, or shots, came to 16 for the training session.

Each of the shots were done without any safety violations, and each shot had its own different characteristics for proper disposal.

"We're taught this information once in school, but we don't get to use this knowledge that much out in the fleet and sometimes you forget the details," said Lance Cpl. Scott A. Wicks, an artilleryman with Alpha Battery, 1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment. "It is also motivating to see the impact of the demolitions we use. It makes us aware of the dangers involved in the job."

WORD ON THE STREET

What is the best April Fool's Day prank you've ever seen?



"I had one of my Marines believing he was going to PCS to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba."

Sgt. Eric S. Rock
Administration Chief
Base Property HQBn., MCB Hawaii

"Sergeant Rock told me I was going to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, but once I figured out it was a joke, I told everyone in my office that I had broken up with my girlfriend because I was leaving. They all went ballistic and kept trying to get in touch with her until two days later when I told them I was joking."



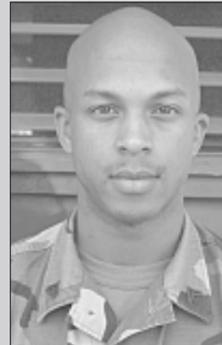
Lance Cpl. Israel Ausua
Purchasing Clerk
Base Property, HQBn., MCB Hawaii



"We took apart a professor's car and put it on top of the 14-story University of Southern California physics building."

1st Lt. Michael G. Carter
Maintenance Management Officer
HQ Battery, 1/12

"In school, our platoon's gunny told us that the whole class was going to Okinawa, Japan. The joke was that he was telling the truth."



Cpl. Michael R. Winbush
Supply Admin Clerk
HQ Battery, 1/12



"My mother said I was due on April 1, but I wasn't born until April 21. I guess that was a good one on her."

Staff Sgt. Scott L. Schuster
Manpower Information System Support Analyst
HQBn., MCB Hawaii

It's Story Time!

Library tech's smooth story telling service soothes tots

Debbie Aisoff
MCCS Public Affairs

She must be magic. She must cast some kind of spell over these one, two and three year olds.

How in the world does she tame these incredibly active little people with such short attention spans?

She's Lori Zuttermeister, a Base Library Technician who is in the midst of StoryTime, a weekly program for parents and their small children. Every Thursday, the Base Library at Kaneohe Bay hosts StoryTime from 10 – 11 a.m. According to head librarian Murray Visser, the library has offered StoryTime since 1982. This program presents an opportunity for parents and their children to develop an awareness and appreciation for books, as well as to initiate and stimulate quality time between parents and kids.

"StoryTime introduces young children to the pleasure of reading and it entices them to use the library. The idea is that children who like to read also have a tendency to do better in school," said Visser.

Not only do the children enjoy sitting on the brightly colored floor cushions, intently



Debbie Aisoff

Zuttermeister reads a host of children's books during story time.

listening to the week's adventures, but they also take part in a craft project Zuttermeister prepares in advance to correlate a project with some theme from the story she reads that day. Today the children are enthralled with the tales from "The Wind Blew," "Where Does the Garbage Go?" and "Cold Little Duck Duck Duck" and will then create a mini kite from recycled materials. The dynamic here intertwines notions of recycling and Earth Day. Intertwining notions? The kids don't care about that. They're having fun; little do they know they are learning as well.

"We're really expanding the right side of the brain," said Zuttermeister. "The crafts allow the children to interact with each other and you'd be surprised how well the kids do listen to our stories."

Under Zuttermeister's direction, StoryTime does not follow a set agenda. It all depends on how the kids are responding to the day's stories. Sometimes they may read two, three even five books from "The Magic Box."

"Sometimes the kids are really into the books, and other times, they're off wandering around and talking with each other and I tell the parents who are usually mortified, 'Don't worry about it, they're only kids,'" said Zuttermeister.

Zuttermeister's easy-going demeanor is clearly felt by the StoryTime children who affectionately refer to her as "Auntie Lori." Auntie Lori consistently conjures a creative, stimulating and entertaining story hour each Thursday.

StoryTime is only one of many free features the Base Library offers. You may also take advantage of the automated book catalog, many collections that are available on CD-ROM and Microfiche, as well as a paperback "book swap." Once inside, browse through the Hawaiian section, discover the



Debbie Aisoff

Children and their parents listen attentively as Zuttermeister reads during story time.

Marine Corps section featuring the Commandant's Professional reading collection or enjoy one of the many on-going historical exhibits. With over 160 magazines in the reading room, you're sure to find something to fit your interest.

The Base Library is also on line with the Hawaii State Library, University of Hawaii, Hawaii Pacific University, Chaminade and Sgt. Yano (Army Library). Computers are also available for word-processing use.

In honor of National Library Week, (this week) the Base Library is currently holding a Design a Bookmark Contest sponsored by Domino's Pizza and Dave's Ice Cream. Children of all ages are invited to stop by the

library to pick up an official entry form and create one of five official Base Library Bookmarks. This year's theme is "@ Your Library." One winner will be selected from five age categories. All entries must be turned in at the library no later than 3 p.m. on April 7. The winners will be announced during the MCCS Celebrates Children event scheduled for Saturday, April 14 at Mokapu Mall.

Currently Auntie Lori is about to wrap-up another successful StoryTime as one excited patron breaks out into the "I'm a Little Tea Pot," song. Apparently the ambiance is invigorating.

If you would like more Base Library information call 254-7624.

Camp Smith Marine delivers message through music

Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Muete
MarForPac Public Affairs

CAMP H.M. SMITH — Until recently, most “rappers” and their music have gotten a bad rap due to negative lyrics and lifestyles of gangster-type rappers.

Fortunately, thanks to one Marine here, local community youth are enjoying rap music in a positive light.

Christian rapper “2-Holy,” also known as Cpl. Jeremy Loftis, has combined his passion for rap music with a special purpose to serve his community.

Loftis is one of the few rap artists around that mix the latest popular rhythm and beats among today’s youth with a positive message.

“There is positive and negative rap music,” explained the 23-year old supply clerk from Headquarters

and Service Battalion, Marine Forces Pacific. “Like any musical lyrics, rap can inspire and encourage people to have either a positive or negative outlook on themselves and life in general.”

The La Marque, Texas, native awakened to Christian-style rap lyrics while at church at the age of 16. It was then that he found a greater enjoyment and self-gratification through rapping a positive

message to his audiences during church functions.

According to the energetic singer he was immediately drawn to Christian style rap after listening and watching fellow church youth perform it at his church. “Rapping inspires me,” said Loftis. “My rapping (lyrics) is positive. It’s always intended to be an encouraging message of hope to those who hear it.”

In November 1996, Loftis took a break from his rapping to follow the sounds of a Marine Corps drill instructor’s cadences.

Loftis completed his basic training and was assigned to his supply shop at Camp Smith, Hawaii. Now he is continuing his rapping during his spare time.

“Hip Hop and Gospel Rap is a great tool to use in bringing people off the streets and into church,” said Loftis. “As Christian rappers we choose to encourage people to stay away from things that will harm them, such as drugs. Our rap message is entertaining people and, hopefully, at the same time letting them know someone cares what happens to them.”

Loftis’ audiences show their appreciation of his fresh uplifting rap as they stand, clap and move to his rhythmic messages during performances.

Loftis continues to perform at community rallies and youth functions on Oahu from the beaches of North Shore to the Ala Moana Shopping Center and University of Hawaii. During one memorable Christian gathering, Loftis performed in front of New York Nick’s basketball star Charlie Ward at the North Shore and also got to personally speak to him. He has also performed at local high school stadiums and Christian functions at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

“It’s good to see a Marine like Loftis doing something positive here in the community,” said Sgt. Edward J. Madriz, warehouse chief for Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Forces Pacific. “I think the rap he does in his off-duty time positively influences young people and it also keeps Loftis motivated, where he works. He’s always upbeat at work, just like his music and is a pretty nice guy to be around.”

“My rapping is positive. It’s always intended to be an encouraging message of hope to those who hear it.”

Cpl. Jeremy “2-Holy” Loftis,
Supply Clerk, H&S Bn.,
MarForPac



Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Muete

Corporal Jeremy Loftis, a supply clerk with Headquarters and Service Bn., MarForPac, also known as Christian rapper “2-Holy,” performs at a Christian youth function at the University of Hawaii.

General curiosity



Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Muete

Lieutenant Gen. Frank Libutti, commander, Marine Forces Pacific, takes a look at a SAR 21, the weapon of choice of the Singapore military, during his Pacific Area of Responsibility Tour which ended March 28.

EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

11th MEU(SOC) embarks Oahu

Sgt. Eric McLeroy
11th MEU Public Affairs

KAHUKU TRAINING AREA — The Ch-46E Sea Knight helicopter jerked as dried grass and straw from nearby sugarcane fields swarmed the Marines inside. Their 20-minute flight was over, enough time for Cpl. Guillermo Sosa to take pictures of the Pacific island. It was his first time in Hawaii.

The 26-year-old training noncommissioned officer from Alviso, Calif. and other Marines and Sailors from Golf Co., Battalion Landing Team 2/1, landed here March 20 to practice patrolling through jungle-like terrain.

The scenario: raid a platoon-size force and conduct security patrols of the surrounding area.

Once on the ground, they started their search for the enemy platoon. Sergeant Jorge Jacinto, 27, machine gun section leader, Weapons Plt., stood on a hilltop looking for a reinforced platoon carrying small caliber weapons and machineguns. "It beats being on ship," he said as he watched waves crash against the shore from his hilltop perch.

The company departed San Diego a week ago aboard the USS Boxer en route to the Pacific and Arabian Gulf Regions. Battalion Landing Team 2/1 along with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 268 (reinforced), MEU Service Support Group 11, and the Command Element comprise the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable).

The MEU's stop in Hawaii was for sustainment training. It was the first port visit of its six-month deployment.

After landing, 2nd Lt. Otto Betz, platoon commander, led his Marines up a winding, gravel road. Third Platoon was the first to tackle the thick, Hawaiian brush and loose pine needle floor.

Sweat dripped from their camouflage-painted faces as the sun climbed over the island's mountains and battled the wind. The sun seemed to suck the air from the wooded hills.

Their packs held enough supplies to last them a night - the time allotted for training, but seemed heavier under the blanket of humidity rising from the Hawaiian vegetation.

"It was a physical test of endurance, you had to be alert out here," Lance Cpl. Francisco Navarro, 20-year-old Los Angeles native, 2nd Fire team, 2nd Squad, said. "This gave me a different perspective of terrain and land navigation."

Third Platoon disappeared into the dense pines, abandoning the clearly marked path. They stopped moments later and hunkered behind red, clay mounds. Corporal Anthony Polley, 24, 2nd Fire Team leader, 2nd Squad, lay still and stared

at the sun-beaten road ahead. The platoon sergeant, Staff Sgt. Ronnie Smith, ordered the Marines into defensive positions while squad leaders scouted a possible patrol base.

The company trained using tactics that pitted the platoons against each other.

"This was better than attacking a fake objective," Lance Cpl. Milton Gonzales, 21, 2nd Fireteam, 1st Squad, said. "That's good training, but here we had to watch our step so we didn't make any noise, or we could have gotten shot."

Bugs zipped through the air and pine-needles crackled under them as they adjusted their rifles. Their bodies rose and fell with every breath. The scouts returned from the tentative patrol base just as gunshots pierced the tranquil scene.

"We've got contact!" the squad leaders shouted in unison.

Shots rang out, and the Marines leapt to their feet hustling toward the rival platoon. In the midst of a firefight of blanks, Sgt. John Lucero, 2nd Squad Leader, yelled to the Marines.

"Break Contact!"

"Get down the hill!"

Quickly heeding the order, the Marines raced down a steep embankment behind them. The pine-needle floor gave way sending the Marines sliding over rocks and roots hidden under the soil.

"It was like sliding off a roof," Polley, a Nelsonville, Ohio native said of the quick getaway. "This was good training and a lot of fun. We rarely get to do training like this."

At the bottom of the earthy slide, the platoon climbed into a ravine and claimed it as their patrol base. The dead arms of fallen pine trees kept it hidden during the day and the loose, steep terrain made it difficult to find at night.

"This is pretty realistic," Lance Cpl. Milton Gonzales, 21-year-old Miami, Fla. native, said. "We actually learned to defend our patrol base and sent out patrols to find the enemy."

During patrols, small unit leaders held the reigns. The training refreshed infantry skills, but the focus on noncommissioned officers fostered unit cohesion.

"The squad leaders used the time to refine little things like hand and arm signals, cover, concealment, and proper wearing of camouflage," Sgt. Miguel Bolanos, 27, platoon guide, said. "The time also helped NCOs mold the leadership style of the junior Marines."

Team leaders crouched in the ravine between patrols studying maps. They drafted patrol routes and prepared situation reports after every outing.

"This gave the small unit leader a chance to make decisions on his own," Lucero said. "We didn't have to worry about impressing anyone. We just came out here and did what we had to do."



Sgt. Eric McElroy

Lance Cpl. Chad Lining, 23, Portland, Ore. native, rifleman, 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, scans the area for the "enemy" March 20 while Golf Co., Battalion Landing Team 2/1, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) practiced patrolling through the jungle-like terrain of the Kahuku Training Area.

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Palm Sunday
Roman Catholic Mass
 Saturday 5 p.m.
 Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Protestant
 Sunday 8 and 11 a.m.
Gospel of Holiness
 Sunday 1 p.m.

Holy Thursday
(April 12)
Roman Catholic
Mass
 5 p.m.
Protestant

7 p.m.
Good Friday
(April 13)
Roman Catholic Stations
of the Cross
 11:45 a.m.
Roman Catholic Solemn
Good Friday
 5 p.m.
Protestant Good Friday
Service
 1 p.m.
Holy Saturday
(April 14)

Roman Catholic Vigil
Mass
 5 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.

STRIKE, From A-1

schools will not be open for the A+ program while the strike is happening.

The program will operate from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and the cost will be \$17 per day for children enrolled in the A+ program, and \$20 per day for all others. Lunch is included in the fee, and registration began Monday.

The HSTA had still not announced if it will strike at press time.

Parents are urged to stay informed by following local news broadcasts, reading perti-

nent articles in local daily newspapers, and checking for updated information on the DoE website.

Working as a team, parents, commands, and MCCS can avoid a crisis April 5. Cleveland stressed that, "It is imperative that parents begin planning for their specific child care needs now."

Parents with further questions or concerns regarding MCB Hawaii preparedness or programs may contact the Children and Youth Program Resource and Referral Office, at 257-7430, for more information.

MCB Hawaii Points of Contact

Children and Youth
Program director
 Susan Cleveland
 257-7430

Childhood Resource and
Referral
 Kealli Becera
 257-7430 or 7340

Youth Activities Center
director (K-12)
 David Kawada
 254-7610

Youth Activities Center
 Marlana Kelly
 254-7610 or 7612

Child Development
Center
 Coralie Kramer
 257-1388

CDC Hourly Care
 Kelli Allen
 257-8354

Family Child Care

Provider (in-house)
 Jacqueline Rose
 257-5525
 or 7030

Family Readiness
 257-2410

Key Volunteers
HQBn., MCB Hawaii
 257-5634

1st MAW ASE
 257-3273

Information on co-ops, and a list of certified Family Child Care providers, is available at the Resource and Referral Office in Bldg. 244. Call 257-7430 for more information.

For Manana Housing residents, Hickam Air Force Base will also contract with the Kama'aina Kids program, at rates the same as at K-Bay. To register, call Hickam

Youth Services at 449-3354.

Youth programs at Kaneohe Bay and Manana will offer open recreation with special activities for teens and pre-teens 10 years old and up. Kaneohe Bay's open recreation will be at the Teen Club, Bldg. 477, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Manana Youth Center will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Pearl Harbor Job Fair slated for April 19

MCCS TAMP Office Press Release

The Hawaii DoD Transition Assistance Program will be conducting a job fair April 19 at The Banyans Club in Pearl Harbor from 3 to 7 p.m..

Recruiters from mainland companies and federal/state/county government agencies will be recruiting to fill their job vacancies.

At the present time, 20 companies are confirmed and will be recruiting for all

types of positions from entry level to highly technical and professional.

This is the perfect opportunity to talk to recruiters, drop off your resumes, pick up applications, and talk to company representatives—all in one place.

Come dressed for success and be prepared to take advantage of this opportunity. Bring copies of your resume, your appointment calendar and pens and pads to take notes.

If you need assistance in writing a resume, the centers

listed below have classes and counselors to help you, but call now to give yourself sufficient time to be prepared.

Hawaii DoD Job Fair 2001 is open to all military ID card holders. This includes family members, active duty personnel, retirees and their eligible dependents and reservists.

You must present your military ID to gain entrance and no children will be admitted.

For more information call the MCB Hawaii TAMP Office at 257-7790/7787.

ENERGY, From A-1

"More than likely, money will be taken from maintenance and repairs funds to help pay those bills," Zeller said. "Instead of using that money to fix up and paint that building, it will be used to pay the power bill for that building."

Nutting said it is up to residents of the base to ensure that this does not happen.

"It's up to the individual — when they leave their office or work station, they should make an effort to turn off the lights, (room) air-conditioners, computer monitors and anything else that does not need to be on while they're gone," Nutting explained.

Those responsibilities are also extended to base residents after working hours.

"Whatever it is — lights, A/Cs, irrigation — just be moderate and conscious in your use," Nutting urged. "Just be a good citizen and realize that getting your utility bill paid for is one of your benefits — don't abuse that benefit."

The following tips may help base residents aid the Facilities Dept. in conserving energy:

o Don't take long showers; Five minutes in the shower will get you clean.

o Make sure your sprinkler is not on too long, following local regulations.

o Check toilets periodically for leaks; get them repaired promptly.

o Avoid sprinklers that spray a fine mist, wind may carry water beyond area to be watered.

o When doing laundry, adjust the water amount to the size of the load or wait until you have a full load.

o If you are washing dishes in your dishwasher, run your dishwasher when it is full.

o Shut off lighting when leaving a room.

o Wash and dry clothes only when you have a full load.

o Keep all doors and windows closed when running air conditioning at home or work.

o Turn off air conditioning during unoccupied times.

o Ensure air conditioning in workspaces is set at 78 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.

o Ensure recreational lighting is on only as needed.

o Turn on lights in storage areas only when stock is being handled.

For more information on energy conservation, contact McFarland at 257-2171 ext. 284, or by email at mcfarlandjd@mcbh.usmc.mil.



SAFETY, From A-1

the other hand, the center also receives numerous complaints from drivers of children running into or playing in the streets in residential areas.

Drivers need to be mindful of the fact that there are children in housing areas and parents need to be mindful of their children, commented Martyniuk. "It is just a matter of a little common courtesy between residents and drivers."

Another situation of great concern to the Base Safety Center involves pedestrians, runners and bicyclists.

Base Order P5500.15A requires the wear of reflective clothing or accessories by all pedestrians, joggers, runners and individuals conducting any form of physical exercise during the hours of darkness.

Following an article in the Hawaii Marine in May 2000, compliance with the order increased, but due to the amount of personnel transferring, compliance has slowly decreased since, said Martyniuk.

An area of particular concern is the stretch of Middaugh Rd. along Ft. Hase Beach, said Martyniuk. Runners frequently run along that road without adequate reflective equipment.

Another area that requires a lot of safety precautions pertains only to a small number of motor vehicle operators, those who ride motorcycles.

In order to make riders safer, the safety center runs a basic riders course that is required in order to operate a motorcycle on base.

Motorcycle riders are also required to take many safety precautions whether riding on or off of the base. Riders must wear a Department of Transportation approved helmet, shatter resistant goggles, reflective clothing, closed-toed shoes with heels, long pants, full-fingered, leather gloves and long sleeves.

There are many small steps that can be taken to improve safety on the roads, and when put all together, they may prevent injuries or even save a servicemember's life.



Pfc Damian McGee

Marines with Golf Co., 2/3 board a CH-53E Super Stallion during GAIT trainin.

GAIT, From A-1

the enemy. While every company played a different role, none felt it was losing anything during the training.

"This is a team effort; you can't have one without the other," Sanders said. "Exposure to any portion of this exercise is good training."

For the Marines of Golf Co., it was a change of pace in their usual combat training scenarios, according to Capt.

Patrick J. Keane, commanding officer, Company G.

"This type of operation involves us going into a setting where friendly and unfriendly personnel are intermingled," Keane said. "Unlike most operations, our goal during this one is solely to save lives."

The Marines involved in the exercise saw the benefits of this training and how it could be used tactically.

"I think we should definitely continue doing this

type of integrated training," said Pfc. Jeremy Phillips, infantryman, Company F. "It makes the situations we train for more realistic."

This type of realism is something Phillips said he takes very seriously.

"When you watch the news, it is clear that there are various missions happening all the time," Phillips said.

"By doing various missions, including this one, we can maintain our combat readiness and superiority."

= SALUTES =

LINKS to the stars

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363

Promotions

Staff Sgt. Everette J. Cooke
 Staff Sgt. Joseph A. Mosley
 Sgt. Lisa M. Spring
 Cpl. Edwin A. Algarin
 Cpl. Luke T. McGurl
 Cpl. Barbara A. Green
 Cpl. Anthony T. Saverino

Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Staff Sgt. John L. August
 Sgt. Larry R. Learn
 Sgt. James E. Pineau
 Sgt. Rober C. Ranstadler

Certificates of Good Conduct

Staff Sgt. Robert J. Spangler
 Staff Sgt. Kenneth E. Jenks
 Lance Cpl. Barbera E. Green

Certificates of Commendation

Staff Sgt. Darren L. Deain
 Cpl. Rebecca A. Dionne

1st Radio Bn.

Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Lance Cpl. Peter L. Pohl

Certificates of Commendation

Cpl. Phillip A. Mitchell
 Cpl. Christopher S. Fikany
 Lance Cpl. Katrina Lovejoy



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

Lieutenant Gen. Earl B. Hailston, the III Marine Expeditionary Force commanding general, congratulates Mary Montgomery, a Lifestyles, Insight, Networking, Knowledge and Skills team leader from MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, after presenting her with a Commanding General's Certificate of Commendation Tuesday afternoon at the Officers' Club. Montgomery was presented the award for her superior performance of duties while serving in her current billet with L.I.N.K.S. from May 2000 to May 2001.

First lady asks troops to teach

Petty Officer 1st class Scott Sutherland

Special to the American Forces Press Service

NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO — With the USS Shiloh and USS Decatur as a backdrop, first lady Laura Bush asked retiring service members to start a second career in teaching.

“You answered the call to serve your country in the finest armed forces in the world,” she said to more than 1,000 Sailors and Marines here March 23. “As you prepare to leave the military, we ask you to turn your attention to the home front, to Uncle Sam’s classrooms, where we need your service as teachers.”

“America’s schoolchildren need you,” the first lady told the military audience. “I’m here to enlist or, rather, re-enlist your help through the Troops to Teachers Program.”

Established in 1994, the program was designed to give servicemembers and civilian employees of the Department of Defense and Department of Energy affected by military downsizing new opportunities to pursue new careers in public education. Program funding for fiscal 2001 is \$3 million.

The first lady said her husband “intends to boost funding for Troops to Teachers from \$3 million to \$30 million to help skilled professionals continue to serve our country — this time in our classrooms.”

Bush, a former teacher and librarian with a lifelong passion for reading, has long been an advocate of education. White House officials say she intends to continue to focus on this area that plays such an important role in our nation’s future.

“Over the next 10 years, schools in our country will have to hire thousands of teachers to keep up with our growing student population,” she said. “As many of you know already, there’s a teacher shortage, particularly in underserved, inner city and rural areas. As we confront this need, we turn to former military personnel for their help.

“My husband thought I was kidding when I told him I was going to call in the military,” she noted. “But he supports me 100 percent, and he supports you 100 percent. Troops to Teachers is designed especially for you, as you move from the battleships to the blackboards as America’s newest teachers.”

The program helps former service members earn their teaching credentials. Once

certified, the program helps them find teaching positions in their home states, or wherever they decide to live after retirement.

“We’re looking for the best and brightest minds to serve in our classrooms,” the first lady continued. “We want people like you, who have qualities that make excellent teachers - - an ability to thrive on overcoming challenges, a drive to achieve results and a commitment to reaching every goal you set.”

Nearly 4,000 former servicemembers have joined the ranks as teachers under the Troops to Teachers Program. Bush said many of them have science, math and engineering degrees, “disciplines and subjects that our children and our schools definitely need.”

“Beyond that, you’re tremendous role models, with a sense of duty, honor and country that our children need to emulate,” she said. “The challenge is different, but the reward is great.”

The first lady said her commitment to the Troops to Teachers Program is to make sure no child is left behind.

“This naval station is a training ground,” she said. “Skills are sharpened and refined here. Men and women become true leaders here, and when you’re not deployed, you’re teaching and learning from one another. It’s this kind of duty that translates into a career in teaching.”

Bush saluted retired Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Anthony Reese and others who’ve made the switch from troop to teacher. Reese, a fourth-grade teacher at San Diego’s Audubon Elementary School, said his 30 years in the military give him credibility in the classroom.

Reese said he’s been teaching since he joined the Marine Corps at age 17. “So I was able to deal with people, understand people and care for them, with a firm yet fair hand,” he said. “I think we bring that into the classroom, and I think our children really appreciate that.”

Troops to Teachers is a “vital and instrumental program in getting quality people into the educational system,” he stressed. “It’s an opportunity for military retirees and those looking forward to retirement to pursue something that I feel is important — the education of our children - - and our children are the future of the world.”

For more information on the Troops to Teachers Program, go to voled.doded.mil/dantes/ttt.