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Afghan ammo cache seized

Capt. Brendan G. Heatherman
Assistant Operations Officer

DADO, Afghanistan — "This town has no bad people, there is nothing here to worry about, no Taliban," said a visibly nervous Abdul Razim, police chief for the town of Dado. However, the Marines of India Company, Third Battalion, Sixth Marine Regiment suspected differently.

The Camp Lejeune, N.C. based unit was on the first day of a three-day patrolling operation in the town located approximately twenty kilometers northeast of Ghazni in central Afghanistan. Their mission was to ensure Taliban forces were unable to operate in the area and disrupt humanitarian efforts and elections.

The patrol, augmented by a squad of soldiers from the Afghanistan National Army, continued on with their mission. The police chief, drenched in sweat, reluctantly allowed two of his officers to join the patrol. Minutes later, the patrol came upon a stereotypical family compound, which consisted of a high mud and brick wall surrounding several buildings with a well and a courtyard, typically occupied by ten to fifty people. The only features differentiating this compound from every other typical compound in the country, were the two white flags.

Unlike the common perception of the white flag in the United States, these were not flags of surrender.

"We came upon a compound that had two Taliban flags flying in it," said 1st Lt. James Moran, India Company Executive Officer. "As we were cordoning off the compound, the men inside were obviously scared because they started taking the flags down in a hurry."

Within minutes, the patrol had surrounded and entered the compound. The occupants of the compound had no time to resist, only time to deny.

"They denied having anything to do with the Taliban," said 1st Lt. Nick Zetz. "It was funny because we had just seen them pull the flags down."

The Marines searched the premises, confiscated some weapons, and continued on with the patrol. In the back of their minds however, they couldn't help but think of the police chief who claimed there were no Taliban in the area.

"The guy definitely didn't give us a good vibe," said Moran. "He was nervous and acted like he wasn't telling us the truth." The next morning, the Marines headed back to the police compound.

"It took us three meetings with him before he allowed us to search the compound," said Moran. During their search of the compound, the largest ammunition cache found by the battalion to date was discovered.

Inside the compound the Marines

See AMMO, A-5



Pfc. Rich Mattingly

Maj. Gen. Parami Kulathunga (right of center), Director Gen., Gen. Staff of the Sri Lanka Army, accompanies Lt. Gen. Wallace Gregson, commanding general, Marine Forces Pacific, watches ceremonial drummers and dancers welcome them to the opening of the Non-Lethal Weapons Seminar 2004. Lt. Gen. Gregson spoke to the heads of Pacific militaries Aug. 4 and visited with III MEF Marines, training with SOTG and the Sri Lankan Army and Police Special Task Force for the past two weeks.

Gregson drums up non-lethal weapons training in Sri Lanka

Pfc. Rich Mattingly
Combat Correspondent

KUKULEGANGA TRAINING CAMP, Sri Lanka — Flown in for the opening of the 2004 Non-Lethal Weapons Seminar Aug. 3, the Marine Forces Pacific Commanding General, was greeted by the Command Staff of the Sri Lankan Army.

Lt. Gen. Wallace C. Gregson was greeted by tabla drumming and traditional Sinhalese dancing courtesy of the Sri

Lankan Army upon arriving at the conference site.

After the lighting of a ceremonial oil lamp, a Sinhalese custom derived from Buddhist tradition, by the command representatives of the 13 countries participating in this year's NOLES, Lt. Gen. Gregson thanked everyone for their attendance. He also shared his belief the United States could learn from the experience of many of the nations attending the seminar.

"We're only the latest nation to become

thoroughly entangled in this war against dedicated separatists and insurgents. We learn much from many of our colleagues among the armed forces of the Pacific nations and especially from Sri Lanka who has been fighting against an insurgent movement for a very long time," said Lt. Gen. Gregson.

The general briefly touched on the history and development of non-lethal tactics from operations during the United

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Marine gives CPR

Cpl. Danielle M. Bacon
U.S. Marine Forces Pacific

CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii — It was a hot day at Turtle Bay Beach, Hawaii in March, and all Gunnery Sgt. David Jenkins wanted to do was play volleyball.

However, plans changed for the 3rd Radio Battalion Marine who answered the call to duty by attempting to save a man's life and in return received an award for heroism

JENKINS

Tuesday, from the Honolulu Police and Fire Departments.

"There was a woman screaming for someone to call 911 and a man lying in the sand turning purple with blood coming from his mouth. I didn't jump in right away because I wanted to give room for someone with more medical background. The

woman asked if anyone knew [cardiopulmonary resuscitation]. That is when I realized no one else was helping and I stepped in after telling my wife to call 911," said Jenkins, a crypto analyst. "All I knew was my Marine Corps first aid."

He added there were more than 20 people standing around watching as he checked the victim for a pulse, took another breath and continued CPR. Before the fire department could respond, Jenkins had the victim breathing again.

"We got him breathing, but it was very labored. We had to hold his tongue down with the end of a hairbrush. He stopped breathing as the emergency medical personnel got there," said Jenkins a Dayton, Ohio native.

"You have to assess the situation. I knew my capabilities. If there was someone there with more medical experience I would step aside," said Jenkins who joined the Marine Corps

See CPR, A-5

Joint recovery team deploys to N. Korea

JPAC Public Affairs
Press Release

HICKAM AFB, Hawaii — Joint recovery teams from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, deployed Aug. 1 to conduct investigation and recovery operations in the Chosin Reservoir and Unsan county, North Korea, in order to recover the remains of U.S. personnel missing in action as a result of operations conducted during the Korean War.

In Unsan, the 8th Calvary Regiment, 1st Calvary Division underwent an attack from Chinese forces Nov. 1-2, 1950 after being sent on a mission to relieve the military members of the 12th Republic of Korea. Thirteen U.S. service members are missing as a result of

the attack.

In the West and East side of Chosin, Communist Chinese Forces also attacked the 1st Marine Division and 31st Regimental Combat Team of 7th Infantry Division on Nov. 27, 1950.

Field investigative teams deploy to locations like Korea with three goals in mind: to document and survey potential recovery sites, to generate leads that may result in future recoveries and to assist in the planning of future recovery selections. After information is collected and analyzed, the recovery mission begins. Recovery operations, range from 35-60 days, often in difficult terrain.

"The job is very fulfilling," said Staff Sgt. Gary Smith, a U.S. Marine and

See JPAC, A-7

NEWS BRIEFS

Mokapu Elementary Starts School

Even though Monday, Aug. 23 is a faculty and staff planning day, Mokapu will have available Holiday Child Care offered by Kamaaina Kids A+ program.

The cost is \$25 per child and hours of operation are from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Mokapu Elementary cafeteria and playground areas. You may also register for the A+ program at the same time.

News for the parents of new kindergarten students: Kindergarten Orientation will be held on Aug. 24 at 8:30 a.m. with the principal in the cafeteria, followed by a meeting with the teachers at 9 a.m. in your child's homeroom. Group A Kindergarten students will begin their school experience on Aug. 25 and Aug. 26 from 7:50 a.m. to noon with lunch served in the cafeteria.

Group B Kindergarten students will begin on Aug. 27 and Aug. 30 from 7:50 a.m. to noon also with lunch served. Both Group A and Group B children begin their first full day of school on Aug. 31 from 7:50 a.m. to 2:10 p.m.

CFC helps Oahu's Animals

Each fall, military and federal personnel can make a difference in the lives of animals in their community by donating to the Hawaiian Humane Society through the Hawaii-Pacific Area Combined Federal Campaign (code 9134).

"Your pledge is essential to our many worthwhile programs," says Pamela Burns, president and CEO of Hawaiian Humane Society. "Many military service men and women have been able to find long-term foster care through the society's Pets of Patriots program." Pets of Patriots pairs community volunteers with deployed military in an effort to promote a life-long bond between people and pets.

For more on the Society, visit www.hawaiianhumane.org.

Intelligence Specialists Needed

The Marine Corps needs male sergeants and corporals to make a lateral move from any military occupational specialty (MOS) to the counterintelligence specialist field MOS 0211. Applicants must have a minimum GT score of 110, have 36 months of obligated service remaining, and must be 21 and over. For details call 477-8903 or e-mail osbornda@mfp.usmc.mil.

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IN THE CG'S MAILBOX



BRIG. GEN.
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Comment submitted by Navy Capt. Gary Prose

"The number of cases of identity theft is on the rise; and an individual's social security number is one of the key pieces of information"

Sir:

I have a question regarding MCCS's requirement for writing social security numbers on checks. I have witnessed this at several locations on the base, primarily at the exchange, the cashier's office at the exchange and also at the club.

I am concerned about this policy/requirement. The number of cases of identity theft is on the rise; and an individual's social security number is one of the key pieces of information, perhaps THE key piece of information, that is used to steal an identity. The police, financial advisers, financial institutions, etc., advise everyone to protect their social security number, and specifically advise people to not write it on their checks, or have it pre-printed on their checks.

I have visited the exchanges at Hickam, Pearl Harbor and Schofield Barracks, and cashed checks at all of them, without having my social security number written on the check. They enter the number into the cash register, but it is not printed or stamped on the check itself. The Navy MWR has a check cashing card, that you can use when writing a check at their facilities. They use the number on the card, instead of the social security number.

Is there anything that can be

done to change the policy of writing social security numbers on checks?

Thanks for your time.

V/R,
Gary Prose
CAPT DC USN
Force Dental Officer
MARFORPAC

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Dear Capt. Prose,

The commanding general asked me to respond to your e-mail dated Aug. 4, because your concern falls within my staff responsibilities. He appreciates that you took the time to participate in the CG Mail program.

Let me assure you that we share your concern. MCCS is currently in the process of implementing a new automated check control system that will eliminate the need for SSN's on checks cashed at MCCS facilities. MCBH is scheduled to receive this new system in November. In the interim, MCCS employees will continue to do everything possible to protect the identity of each customer's SSN during the handling of negotiable instruments. I am pleased to inform you we have never experienced a case of SSN identify theft attributed to MCCS check handling

procedures.

MCCS cashes hundreds of checks each day at the many MCCS program and service facilities, of which approximately two percent are returned. During 2003, returned checks totaled \$333,190 for insufficient funds and closed accounts. The SSN on these returned checks enabled us to collect almost all of this debt to MCCS, and for those who failed to redeem the checks, the SSN enabled us to pursue collection of the debt through the Department of Defense U. S. Treasury Offset Program.

MCCS provides check-cashing services as a convenience for eligible patrons. Many MCCS facilities also provide ATM machines and accept charge or debit cards for transactions. Since I expect the SSN issue to be resolved in November, we do not plan to implement a separate check-cashing card.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to inform you about what is being done to resolve the SSN requirement for checks cashed at MCCS facilities. Again, thank you for participating in the CG Mail program.

Sincerely,
William B. Lindsey
Assistant Chief of Staff
MCCS

(Editor's Note: Letters of any length may be edited prior to publication.)

The commanding general invites input from the base community via C.G. Mail on the fol-

lowing topics: What are we doing that we shouldn't be doing? What are we not doing that we should be doing? What are we doing that we should be doing better?

C.G. Mail letters should include a recommendation that will help solve the problem and must include the writer's name and return address.

Teens overcome obstacles



Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

After working up an appetite on the obstacle course, members of the Hawaii Youth at Risk Program talk to Marine mentors.

Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle
Community Relations Clerk

When children are growing up, it may take only one positive role model to make a world of difference in their lives and set them on a path to success.

Unfortunately, there are many children without such a person to look up to and they fall to the way-side.

A handful of the "few and the proud" aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, spent their morning and afternoon Aug. 7 with several children participating in the Hawaii Youth at Risk Program to help them learn to trust on the Leadership Reaction Course here.

"This program has helped me change my life," said one of the youth during the obstacle course negotiation. "I have learned to be more humble and

See YOUTH, A-5

Wearing her heart on her sleeve Bracelet maker raises awareness, support for deployed troops

Pfc. Rich Mattingly
Combat Correspondent

Usually only young Hollywood stars can brag about being on the Tonight show, The Early Show, CNN and MSNBC, much less say that they've received letters of appreciation from the President of the United States.

For 12-year-old Jenessa Largent, the appearances and accolades don't mean she's a budding young star, it means that her message of love, support and respect for deployed American service members in the

form of a simple, beaded bracelet is spreading to a wider audience than she ever imagined.

Now, after garnering national media coverage, Largent is coming to Mokapu Mall aboard K-Bay today to make bracelets and show Marines, Sailors and their families how they can make their own bracelets showing support for troops in the Middle East.

The Harm's Way 4 Kids bracelet, now known affectionately as the "Freedom Bracelet," was her way of saying thank you and supporting her uncle Michael

who is currently serving with the United States Army in Iraq.

When Largent, "Nessa" to her friends and family, started Harm's Way 4 Kids in March of 2003 she hardly believed that just over a year later, she and her family would have made over 100,000 bracelets and have orders for thousands more from troops and well wishers around the world.

"I designed the Harms Way 4 Kids bracelet in honor of the troops and their families. The yellow beads represent that someone you love is 'in harm's

way.' The red, white and blue hearts represent our love and patriotism. My bracelet will rest safely on my arm until my uncle Mike safely returns home," said Largent on her Web site.

All of the bracelets are offered for free, and donations are accepted to help Largent and her family pay for new supplies and postage. The clay used in making the heart bead is generously donated by Polyform Products.

For more information, visit www.harmsway4kids.com.

'Eyes against the enemy'

Scout observers train for every possible situation

Story and Photos by
Lance Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Combat Correspondent

To fully understand the job of a Marine Corps scout observer, one must put himself into a highly stressful and consciously pessimistic situation. Such as the position of Jack (Keanu Reeves) in the hit movie "Speed."

Pop quiz: If your estimated survival rate in a combat environment is less than five minutes and an entire battalion relies on you for information, what do you do?

"I train harder to know my job better," said Lance Cpl. Danny R. Thomas, scout observer with Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment.

Scout observers form one third of a forward observation team. The rest of the trio is comprised of a forward observer and a radio/telephone operator. The three individuals form a tactical force, which acts as the "eyes" of an assault unit.

They search for the enemy, figure out coordinates for artillery fire and send information to the artillery unit who relies on the team because they cannot see the enemy. The unit then fires on the enemy, while keeping in close radio contact with the trio in case of enemy movement, in which case the team sends new coordinates.

"No one can shoot what they can't see," said Thomas, a Detroit, Mich. native. "We are the 'eyes' against the enemy."

The enemy reacts by focusing on taking them out of the fight as soon

as possible, which has built them a reputation as having the quickest death rate in a wartime situation.

Although combat situations may seem extremely difficult, the scout observers are sent to specialty schools to train for whatever they may encounter throughout their military careers.

Thomas said Marine scout observers are trained to be able to attach to any military branch of service if they are needed.

"We are sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for field artillery training," said 21-year-old Thomas. "Then we go to (Naval Amphibious Base) Coronado, Calif., for naval gunfire spot training."

During school, scout observers learn to call for and adjust artillery and naval gunfire, as well as learn how to use the radio equipment and read a map. Although their military occupational specialty schools thoroughly cover their job responsibilities, one area Thomas said he would like to train more with is land navigation.

"We do training exercises for land navigation," he said, "but it is so essential for my job, I wish we could do more of it."

Thomas said he loves his job and loves training with different units. He has had the opportunity to work with Marines from the Republic of Korea and Thailand. He has traveled overseas to places such as Okinawa, Thailand, Yausebtsu and Korea.

"It is just a lot of fun to be able to do something you like," he said. "I am looking forward to wherever the Marine Corps takes me."



Forward observers and radio operators use radio equipment to transfer coordinates through both voice communication and the more recent digital communication. Advances in communication such as the digital pocket-sized forward entry device or PFED, allow the Marines to communicate easier and quicker.



Danny Thomas, scout observer with Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, types coordinates into a pocket-sized forward entry device or PFED, which is a relatively new piece of equipment for the battalion. The device replaces a much larger version and provides a digital way of communication for radio operators.

Word on the Street

What is the weirdest thing that has ever happened to you on Friday the 13th?



"I will not go out on Friday the 13th because I hear all kinds of rumors that bad things happen."

**Petty Officer 2nd Class
Allen Almonte**
Aircraft mechanic
HSL-37



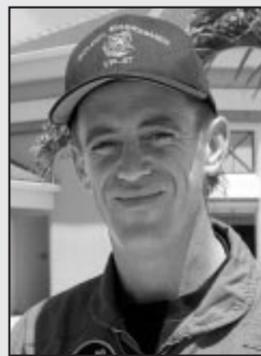
"I was driving here on Mokapu Road and this bird ran straight into my car. I guess it was flying low. That was weird."

**Petty Officer 1st Class
Arbie Bernardo**
Aircraft mechanic
HSL-37



"At nighttime on Friday the 13th, I sleepwalked all the way from my room to my parents room and I had no idea! It really freaked me out!"

Trent Charnock, age 9
Family member



"That is the odd thing — nothing has ever happened to me. It has always been horror movies and stuff that has freaked me out."

**Petty Officer 1st Class
David Hansen**
Flight engineer, VP-47



"My birthday fell on Friday the 13th once, so my parents pretended to forget my birthday, and scheduled my party really late."

Sgt. John Thomas
Data chief
Headquarters Co., 1/12

Dressed for 'success or total failure'

EOD techs' lives are on the line every mission

**Mongoose Group:
Alvin, Anna Kay, April,
Leonard, Llana, and Raja
Campbell High School**

They are the people you don't know exist until a crisis happens. They work with the Secret Service, the FBI and the CIA. They risk their lives every day to save ours.

They are the Bomb Squad; a team of highly professional Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians who work around the clock to make the world a safer place.

The typical job of an EOD technician includes taking care of everything that can explode almost anywhere in the world. They sweep every building that foreign dignitaries attend, conduct dynamic entry operations and training with Marine Expeditionary Units (Special Operations Capable) in extremist hostage rescue, and direct action platoons. They take down bridges, explode railroad lines, clean chemical areas, and provide support for humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.

Enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps is the first step in becoming an EOD technician. It takes anywhere from eight months to a year-and-a-half of schooling in the following courses: Core Division, Demolition Division, Tools/Methods Division, Bio/Chemical Division, Ground Ordnance Division, Air Ordnance, Improvised Explosive Devices, and Nuclear Ordnance Division.

Now, why would anyone want to have such a hard job? Chief Warrant Officer



Photo Courtesy of Campbell High School

Alvin Kam, a Campbell High School student, tries on the 80-pound bomb suit with assistance from Chief Warrant Officer Scott Murphy, a 15-year EOD technician.

Scott Murphy, a 15-year EOD technician claims he enjoys the new technology, taking things apart and figuring out how they work, and it's just plain exciting.

"The best part of the job is that there is a variety of everything. Every call, every mission; it's all different," said Murphy. "Who else can say 'Hey, I get to go to work and blow something up?'"

Murphy described his first explosion, how the flare shot up and the rest of the explosion formed a beautiful flower. At that moment, he knew this was what he wanted to do for the rest of his life.

But, with his passion comes a huge risk.

According to Murphy, several members of his team have been married several times, due to the pressure the job puts on wives and family.

"I go to work to save peoples' lives, and put my own in danger, so any day I do my job could be my last," said Murphy. "My wife never realized that reality until the day she saw me come out of a building with a bomb in my hands, and that's when it hit her."

But they have compromised a way around this: She doesn't want to hear anything about his job except what time he'll be home.

Murphy has three kids, Angie, 12; Valerie, 11; and Scotty, 9, who have a

chance to learn and try new things since their father teaches them electronics and lets them try out his new gadgets such as the Segway and the robot, Andros. And though Murphy is sometimes gone for several months per year, they still spend plenty of time with their father. However, he's happy with his job, and would never change it for anything.

The job is dangerous, according to Murphy, but only as dangerous as you make it. As long as you're careful it'll be okay, said Murphy.

Every time EOD technicians are away from work they have as much fun as they can, but once it's back to the job, they become extremely serious. There are no second chances, so they have to do it right. "Success or total failure," is the Bomb Squad's motto, because any day, everything could go unexpectedly wrong.



Staff Sgt. Demetrio J. Espinosa

An empty shell is uncovered in a field near Camp Kalsu, Iraq. Marines from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Explosive Ordnance Disposal section removed the shell for area residents.



Photo Courtesy of Campbell High School

Chief Warrant Officer Scott Murphy, gives Campbell High School students a tour of a variety of dummy bombs, grenades, missiles and artillery in addition to the equipment used to neutralize the dangers caused by them.

SALUTES

Corporals Course 8-04

Honor Graduate

Cpl. R.E. Woodward

Second Place

Cpl. N.E. Cacurk

Third Place

Cpl. J.B. Spears

Gung Ho Award

Cpl. K.C. Lashley

3rd Radio Battalion

Navy and Marine Corps

Achievement Medals

Gunnery Sgt. P. Scholz

Staff Sgt. S. Baker

Staff Sgt. R. Marshall

Petty Officer 1st Class J. Granlund

Sgt. R. Graham

Sgt. J. Naves

Cpl. T. Honneffer

Lance Cpl. D. Kennedy

Navy and Marine Corps

Commendation Medal

Chaplain J. Han

Gunnery Sgt. J. Voutour

Staff Sgt. V. St. Peter

Meritorious Service Medal

Chief Warrant Officer J. Knight

Maj. J. Stanton

Gunnery Sgt. C. Zimmer

(Units wanting to submit information for "Salutes" should send an e-mail to

editor@hawaiimarine.com or call 257-8836.)

AMMO, From A-1

stood in front of the cache, behind them a visibly embarrassed and nervous police chief. All weapons and ammunition were removed from the compound. Among the weapons removed were several AK-47 assault rifles, Samozariadnyia Karabina Simonova assault rifles, shotguns, hunting rifles, a rocket-propelled grenade launcher and two medium machine guns.

The Marines spent the next few hours unloading

thousands of rounds of machine gun ammunition and small arms ammunition.

"It seemed like it would never end," said Gunnery Sgt. Aaron MacDonald. "The never-ending stream of Marines poured out of the compound hauling propellant charges, chemical protective suits, and grenade charges used to make improvised explosive devices."

The real success story is the Marines of 3/6 detained several suspected militants and confiscated weapons and ammunition without any injuries or a firefight.

CPR, From A-1

22-years-ago.

And step aside is exactly what he did when the fire department and paramedics arrived.

"When we got there, we went straight to the victim. He was our main priority. When I finished, I heard about Jenkins from the head of security for the Turtle Bay Resort," said Fire Capt. Gary Pardy, the fireman who nominated Jenkins for an award. "When I looked around I didn't see Jenkins, but I wanted to nominate him for the heroism award, because he had total

disregard for his own life."

Jenkins was still there, but he had gone to the water to wash the blood off.

"It happened so fast. I was just amazed," said Karen, Jenkins' wife. "David was so calm. He didn't even think about the fact that he had that man's blood all over his face."

Pardy added, it takes a brave caring person to do and do what Jenkins did — unprotected mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Jumping in to help isn't something new for Jenkins, although this is the first time it came down to saving someone's

life.

According to Cpl. Jeremy Link, Jenkins said don't tell your Marines to do something you wouldn't do yourself. "He gives us something that needs to get done, shows us a way to do it and then says, if you can think of a better way to do it — let me know."

Despite the risk taken by Jenkins, the victim died later in the week.

"We need more people who are willing to do what they can before trained medical personnel arrive on the scene," said Pardy, who added that being CPR trained would help.

YOUTH: Hawaii's at-risk teens learn how to trust from Marine Corps mentors

From A-2

to trust people that are offering to help me."

Some of the youth are working on anger management issues while others are working on getting past substance abuse issues with the help of volunteer mentors within the community.

Upon arrival, they were challenged with four different field exercises. They were instructed to assist one another to get from point "A" to point "B," without touching certain parts of the obstacle course representing booby traps.

"All the youth were successful in negotiating the obstacle courses," said Larry Biggs, principal of Mokapu Elementary School and director of HYAR.

Besides doing fun-filled activities such as the obstacle course in the presence of their mentors, the youth come together once per week with their mentors to acknowledge successes and work on their mistakes from the previous week.

"We mostly want to stress to the youth to believe in endless possibilities as well as believing in themselves," said Biggs. "Some of these youth never believed

they would graduate high school, but now they have 3.0 grade point averages with the assistance of their mentors helping them with their school work."

During the course, the youth were able to meet several Marines who were interested in becoming mentors.

"I think helping youth with problems is one of the best things I can do with my spare time," said Pfc. Jesus Garcia, a motor transport operator with Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment. "The Corps has a reputation of being leaders not only at work, but in the communities as well. We all need to

do our part to help."

After being challenged with various obstacle courses, the youth, along with their mentors and the Marines, proceeded to Mokapu Elementary School and had lunch while talking about future goals and recent successes.

Currently, Biggs is looking for volunteers interested in helping a youth make positives changes in his or her life.

Those interested are encouraged to attend the orientation for possible volunteers at Castle High School in room 37, Thursday, Sept. 9 and 25 and Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

21st Dental makes your mouth happy

Cpl. Jessica M. Mills
Sports Editor

Believe it or not, skipping your regular dental check-ups can make you nondeployable.

"Being a Class Four means that a Marine or Sailor has not had a dental exam in the last year," said Lt. Carlen Blume, DDS, a general dentist for the 21st Dental Company here. "If we haven't seen you, we don't know what is going on. You could have something more serious going on than you know, like problems with your wisdom teeth, cavities, or gum disease," he continued. "Problems like these can affect your combat readiness, and without a dentist in the area, they could develop into a much larger problem."

The mission of 21st Dental is to provide comprehensive den-

tal care and dental readiness for Marines and Sailors aboard MCB Hawaii.

"We provide just about anything that our patients may want or need in terms of dental care," said Blume. "From cleanings to fillings, to orthodontics and aesthetics, we are ... self-sufficient, but we are limited to surgeries that do not require intravenous sedation.

At the moment, braces are also not an option through military dentists. According to Blume, there is no orthodontist on the island for active duty at this time. So, those interested in braces must see a civilian orthodontist for appliances and care, but 21st Dental Co. is still equipped to supply and care for retainers.

"We are here to ensure top quality care to our service members," said Blume. "We really do care.

"Sometimes our service members are forced into the chair by requirements, or their command. This can cause a stressed relationship between patient and doctor," she continued. "We realize this and want to give them the benefits they deserve, mixed in

with the requirements they need."

That is why 21st Dental also offers cosmetic services such as veneers, which alter facial shape, gum surgery for "gummy smiles," and repairs and/or adjustments to oral disfigurement and implants. Limitations depend upon deployment or permanent change of station schedules.

According to Blume, patients should not assume that they will receive inferior care just because they see military doctors.

"All naval dentists have gone to independent dental schools, the same schools that civilian dentists attend. We are usually recruited while in that school, and choose to sign up once we graduate," Blume explained. "We are as diverse and well-trained as any dentist outside of the military."

At the moment, the unit is comprised of nine doctors and 25 dental technicians and hygienists. A doctor is always scheduled in the office from 6 a.m. until 4 p.m. for emergencies. Marines and Sailors can schedule appointments between the hours of 6 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and hygienists are available for cleanings until 4 p.m. A doctor is on-call 24 hours a day for emergencies, even on weekends.

Those interested in ensuring their dental readiness can come



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Lt. Carlen Blume (right), a general dentist for 21st Dental Co., completes the drilling of a tooth for Lance Cpl. Andrew Geronime, a motor transport operator for 3rd Marine Regiment, prior to filling.

to sick call from 6 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., or call 257-3100, ext. 1, to schedule an appointment.

"Sick call is for anything from exams to toothaches, or screenings for specialty procedures," said Blume. "Our specialty doctors are in the building, so referrals can be screened on the same day."

The 21st Dental

Co. can make special arrangements for units about to deploy, scheduling an entire unit in one day to ensure readiness.

Doctors and technicians can also present pre-deployment briefs or pass on information about dental readiness and field care. For more information, contact Petty Officer 2nd Class Josiah Maika at 257-3100.



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Members of 21st Dental Co. work to make sure service members receive quality dental care.

GREGSON, From A-1

Nation's withdrawal from Somalia to the present.

In the 1990s, the Marine Corps was named executive agent of the Department of Defense for non-lethal weapons, shortly after the DoD became engaged with developing tactics to deal with insurgents during wartime as well as missions other than war.

Since then, the Marine Corps' Special Operations Training Group has steadily been developing non-lethal tactics, techniques and procedures, many of which have been taught to Sri Lankan Army and Police Special Task Force units over the past two weeks.

Following the seminar's opening remarks, Lt. Gen. Gregson and other country's representatives were shown an elaborate static display of various improvised explosive devices used against Sri Lankan forces during a 20-year campaign against the Tamil Separatist movement.

"The [Improvised Explosive Devices] they've discovered here are the same as we're seeing other places," said Lt. Gen. Gregson. "We might be fighting the students, but they're fighting the professors here. The relationship you build while you're teaching will be exceptionally valuable because there is a lot we can learn from the Sri Lankan forces."

The general also addressed the Sri Lankan forces about the importance of non-lethal tactics in modern warfare.

"What the terrorist is trying to do is portray our side as the ones killing innocent people," he said. "A lot of the things we can do with non-lethals involve separating the innocent bystanders and human shields from the people who are causing harm."

"We want to have an exchange of views this week, and I ask you to push my Marines hard, make them work!" continued Lt. Gen. Gregson enthusiastically.

DUIs are career killers



(Editor's Note: Per the commanding general of MCB Hawaii, those arrested for driving under the influence [DUI], driving while intoxicated or drug-related offenses shall be publicized in the Hawaii Marine newspaper.)

The Military Police Department added the following names to the DUI roster, suspended the license of the driver, and removed his or her vehicle and its DoD decal from the installation.

- Aug. 3, Seaman Ira J. Lewkowicz of Patrol Squadron 4, for driving under the influence and reckless driving with a blood alcohol content of .11 percent.
- Aug. 3, a Kailua civilian, for DUI, with a BAC of .10 percent.
- Aug. 7, Cpl. Fabian Trujillolesmerado of Alpha Co., 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment for DUI with a BAC of .17 percent.

Purple pride



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Boy Scouts of America from Troop 216 unveil the new monument, dedicated to Purple Heart awardees, at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Saturday. The monument states: "Dedicated to all men and women wounded in all our wars. My stone is red for the blood they shed. The medal I bear is my country's way to show they care. If I could be seen by all mankind maybe peace will come in my lifetime."

JPAC, From A-1

air operations staff non-commissioned officer from Queens, NY. Smith said each mission is unique, in that it enables service members the opportunity to work with people from around the world.

"It's rewarding to see the start of the planning process through the end product of the redeployment phase," Smith said.

More than 1,100 Americans missing from our nation's military campaigns have been accounted for since 1973. There are still approximately 120 Americans missing from the Cold War and more than 8,100 missing from the Korean War.

The U.S. government, the

Department of Defense, and the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command are committed to scientific excellence and the fullest possible accounting of all Americans still missing as a result of our Nation's conflicts. JPAC service members continue to fulfill our nation's promise to the POW/MIA families and those Americans still waiting to come home.

UPDATE:

Two sets of human remains believed to be fallen Americans from the Korean War were repatriated from the Chosin Reservoir area and Unsan County, North Korea to Pan Mun Jom, South Korea today.

Two teams from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, headquartered at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, recovered the remains while excavating in North Korea during the 34th Joint Recovery Operation. This was the third of five scheduled missions this year to bring back remains of U.S. servicemen lost during the Korean War.

The remains were turned over to United States Forces Command Mortuary at the Demilitarized Zone and were taken to the USFK Mortuary, Youngsan Garrison for processing.

The JPAC teams will escort the remains to Hickam AFB where JPAC's Central Identification Lab will begin analysis for identification.