

# LIFESTYLES

## A reel good time

### Deep sea fishing serves up ocean adventure, excitement

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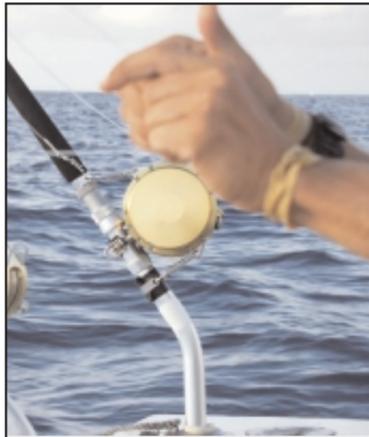
**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii** — Never before did the snapping sound of a rubber band sound so good. "Fish on!" he screamed as the rubber band tied to the tag line broke, letting everyone on board know a fish was in tow.

Excitement raced across the deck as the fight to reel in the first catch of the day began.

The battle ended with a 20-pound ono, or wahoo, on board the Sea Hawk and six amateur fishermen soaring with pride and bubbling with anticipation over the next chance to show off newly-learned fishing skills.

Next in line to sit in the single wooden fisherman's chair on deck, I waited patiently to try my luck with whatever sea creature caught the line. This first-time deep-sea fisherman was determined to have the biggest catch of the day, and I would have bragging rights for weeks.

I watched each of the poles, willing a fish to catch hold and commence my adventure. Hour after hour I waited for another fish to challenge man, growing ever more tired and dismayed with the whole profession as morning crept into afternoon.



A deep sea fisherman twists a rubber band around the tag line.

I passed the time sitting with the skipper and deck hand, who both eagerly shared "war stories" about the biggest, best fishing experiences they'd known. I became thrilled with the idea that I too might catch an 800-pound marlin, as another novice fisherman visiting Hawaii from Poland had done the day before my first trip out on the beautiful blue waters surrounding Oahu.

Mike Rush, the 29-year-old fisherman and deck hand originally from New Jersey, has lived in Hawaii for four years. His descriptive story telling and obvious love for his job, kept me entertained and somewhat unconcerned that no fish were biting.

He began the trade at 4-years-old, but says "he was still in the womb" when he first rode on a boat and experienced the sport.

Rush spends his days trolling across the ocean sharing his stories, meeting what he refers to as "a spice of life" and assisting many in proper fishing techniques.

A deck hand by trade, Rush prefers to think of himself as "a fish slayer." As he puts it, "fishing is the last hunting occupation in the world."

A sign in the gallery of the boat reads, "Crew works for fish and tips."

The tanned and thin Rush is quick to dispel this, and says, "I don't work for



Deckhand, Mike Rush, teaches Spc. Larry Angel, a rifleman for Co. A, 14th Infantry Regiment, proper reeling techniques at the start of the day to bring in the big catch.

the tips, I work because I love to fish."

It was then, as patience was wearing thin, five-and-a-half hours after the first catch, that we all stared out to sea, hoping another fish would accommodate our desires, then it happened.

The rubber band snapped, everyone screamed, I jumped into the chair, grabbed the pole, and began to reel.

It was much harder than I expected. The force and the fight on the other end of the line was as intense as the one I waged.

I reeled harder and faster, pulling the fish closer and closer, until finally I saw him! A three-foot long, 25-pound ono approached the back of the boat and I continued to reel, continued to pull, until finally he was on board.

I had won and so far, he was the biggest fish.

At that moment, I understood Rush's love for his job. I understood the need to do it again and again, and more than anything, I understood why patience is a virtue.

I hadn't expected to feel the exhilaration I had, or expected the rush to be so intense.

I couldn't wait for another fish to grab hold and give the others aboard the chance I had just experienced. And it didn't take long. Within an hour, two more got the opportunity to sit in that same chair. One won the battle catching a gorgeous Mahi Mahi, another won "the fish that got away" story of the day.

The 10-hour trip wrapped up with three fish on board, an unbelievable amount of excitement and six new fishermen proud of themselves.

Mine did end up as the biggest catch of the day, just for a matter of record, but the real prize in all of it was certainly and simply the experience.

In what I expected to be just a fun-filled day at sea, basking in the Hawaiian sun, I found what may just become a life-long hobby.

To schedule a deep-sea fishing trip, call the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Marina at 254-7666 or Information Ticketing and Registration, Schofield Barracks at 655-9971.



Rush checks the lure before casting it out into the water in hopes of bringing in a large catch.



Army Sgt. George Bonnell, a team leader for Co. A, 1st Bn., 14th Infantry Regiment, proudly displays the first catch of the day.

# MCCS

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## POSSIBILITIES IN PARADISE

By Debbie Aisoff, MCCS Public Relations

### A Common Playground Concert

The grounds may be common, but the concert is not. The Child Development Center invites the entire MCB Hawaii community to enjoy the sounds of the Marine Forces Pacific Band during their Concert and Family Picnic Party, Friday from 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Hosted on the common playground, all families are encouraged to pack a picnic and gather with friends and family for an evening of quality family time. For more information, call the CDC at 257-1388.

### A Gambling Good Time

Feeling lucky? All staff noncommissioned officers are invited to put their "funny money" to the test during the Staff NCO Club's Casino Night, Saturday from 7 - 9:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for only \$15. The cover charge grants patrons \$200 of funny money, plenty of pupus and a DJ to keep the party rolling. Casino Night guests

may use their funny money to bid on prizes during the 9:30 – 10 p.m. auction.

The Vegas-style party will continue with a late night dance party until 1 a.m. For more information, call 254-5592.

### Coach Connection

Youth Activities is seeking to make a volunteer flag football and cheerleading coach connection during the Windward Federal Credit Union's Youth Flag Football and Cheerleading season that runs Sept. 29 – Nov. 17.

Practice begins Aug. 27. Anyone interested in a volunteer coaching position should contact the Youth Sports Specialist, Clark Abbey, at 254-7611.

### Athletic Feel-good Footwear

You're invited to attend an athletic shoe clinic Saturday inside the Marine Corps Exchange's Shoe Department from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Athletic shoe representatives from Nike, Reebok and Asics will be onsite to assist guests with questions and to demonstrate the latest in athletic shoe technology and style.

All guests will receive 20 percent off Nike, Reebok and Asics products during this event (Not to include clearance, 99 cent ending and shoes that are already at a percentage off. Discounts will be taken at the register). For more information, call 254-7522.

### Wrappin' up the Right Way

The Base Library's Summer Reading Wrap-up Party kicks off Saturday at the Base Theater at 10 a.m.

Party highlights will include McDonald's very own posh, purple monster, Grimace, who will charm the crowd; a Polynesian Show; awards for top reader; certificates for all Summer Reading Program participants; and a drawing for free books.

The Summer Reading Wrap-up Party is a family event and guests may attend regardless of Summer Reading Program participation. For more, call the Base Library at 254-7624.

### Stately Celebration—Hawaiian Style

Have you experienced

the true "Aloha" spirit?

The O'Club is confident you'll get your "Aloha fill" during their Statehood Celebration Hawaiian Luau, Aug. 25. Cocktail hour begins at 5 p.m. and dinner starts at 6 p.m.

This enchanted Hawaiian evening will include a lei greeting, poolside entertainment, a Hawaiian History comic briefing, a Polynesian Review and fine dining ala-Hawaiian-style buffet.

Reservations for members and guests are required. Ticket prices are \$19.59 adult, \$8 children 4 – 11 years. For more information, or to make your reservation, call 254-7649.

### Here's to Your Health

Living a healthy lifestyle is much more than counting calories.

In honor of National Men's Health Month, the MCCS Health Promotion sector is hosting jointly with Sandlin & Associates a Men's Healthy Lifestyle Expo Aug. 29 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. inside Anderson Hall.

All active duty military are invited to attend the Men's Healthy Lifestyle Expo. Featured health-re-

lated stations will include cholesterol, diet and nutrition, fitness, safe sex, drunk & drugged driving and more. Get the facts and get healthy. For more, contact the Health Promotions Coordinator, Dan Dufrene, at 254-7636.

### Semper Fit Shorts

The Semper Fitness Gymnasium turns on the heat four nights a week.

The 30 and Over Basketball League plays Monday and Wednesday nights starting at 6 p.m. Plenty of volleyball bumps, sets, and spikes ignite every Tuesday and Thursday also beginning at 6 p.m.

If you'd like to get involved or merely request more information, call Sports Coordinator, Jason Enrique, at 254-7591.

### The Personal Services Melting Pot

They're always confidential and always free. And the best part is, classes, workshops or events are ideal for someone in your family.

Personal Services is located in Bldg. 216 and committed to providing MCB Hawaii with the

most comprehensive, effective resources. Here's what's upcoming:

**Friday** — Resume Workshop, Bldg. 267, Room 2 from 9 – 11 a.m. Call 257-7790.

**Tuesday** — Federal Employment Workshop, Bldg. 267, Room 2 from 9 – 11 a.m. Call 257-7790.

**Tuesday - Thursday** — L.I.N.K.S. Morning Session, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the L.I.N.K.S. House, Bldg. 3074. Call Nico Duncan at 257-2368.

**Tuesday** — Stress Management, Bldg. 216, Room 57 from 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. Call 257-7787.

**Wednesday** — Interviewing Workshop, Bldg. 267, Room 2 from 9 – 11 a.m. Call 257-7790.

**Wednesday** — Armed Services YMCA Play-morning Trip to the Honolulu Zoo, 10 a.m. Adults are \$4, Children 6 – 12 years, \$1. Kids five and under are free. Call Jodie Westin at 254-4719.

**Aug. 23** — Sponsorship Training, Bldg. 3096 from 2 – 3 p.m. Call 257-7790.

**Aug. 28 - 30** — Combined Key Volunteer Training, 8 a.m. – noon at the KV Center, Bldg. 579. Military spouses are invited to attend and refreshments will be served. Call

## SM&SP



(All events are open to single, active duty military personnel.)

### Mahalo

Many thanks are extended to the Windward Community Federal Credit Union for making the SM&SP activities, trips and sporting events possible.

### Hawaiian Hop

Make your Labor Day an adventure with a Big Island Adventure Trip, Sept. 1 – 3. The cost is \$235 per person, which includes airfare, shared accommodations and a rental car. Hike to the lava flows, visit the black sand beaches and more. Space is limited so call 254-7593 today!

### Upcoming Events

Sept. 15: Star of Honolulu Dinner Cruise, \$30.

Sept. 29-30: Fall Softball Classic Tournament

Oct. 13: Deep Sea Fishing Trip

Oct. 31: Halloween Formation Run

Nov. 17: 3 on 3 Food Drive Tournament

Nov. 21: Holiday Bash

Dec. 14: Shank & Slice Golf Tournament

Dec. 30 — Jan. 1: Outer Island Trip

For more info, call the SM&SP Manager at 254-7593.

## K-Bay's JEC has made lifelong learning a reality

Debbie Aisoff  
MCCS Public Relations

By most standards he's already a success. He's a Marine, a husband and a father of two. While he gallantly dons the eagle, globe and anchor, and adores his family, Sgt. Jason Sheridan of 1st Radio Battalion yearns for more.

And it is precisely his yearning coupled with a Marine's discipline that will carry him through long hours of study time, early morning hours researching and writing papers and basically bypassing a social life. And all for what?

The answer lies in "Lifelong Learning." Through the Marine Corps Community Services Personal Services' Joint Education Center, "Lifelong Learning" provides educational opportunities, counseling, testing and scholarship information for Marines, Sailors and their adult family members.

Sheridan, like many servicemembers and their families aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, quickly grasped that utilization of the JEC's resources was the most efficient means



Marine and Sailor students work hard to earn their degrees during a school session at the base Joint Education Center.

to obtain and meet educational goals.

For Sheridan, his sacrifices and academic tenacity will help secure a spot on the California Highway Patrol someday.

"I have 13 months left in the corps," noted Sheridan. "I will have my Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Chaminade University in March 2002.

A Marine of six years, Sheridan strongly advocates to his fellow Marines and Sailors to take advantage of the JEC benefits.

"Are you kidding? Making my initial JEC appointment for the tuition assistance brief was the best move I could have made—tuition assistance pays 75 percent of your classes," said Sheridan.

Sheridan's success story is one of many aboard K-Bay. According to the JEC Education Officer, Loretta Cornett-Huff, 204 on-base degrees and certificates were earned thus far for fiscal year 2001. Further JEC statistics indicate that both military personnel and civilian students earned 31 Associate's degrees, 58 Baccalaureate, nine Master's, one Doctorate, six GED high school diplomas and 99 Military Academic Skills Program Certificates from on-base colleges: Chaminade University, Coastline Community, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical, Hawaii Pacific University, Wayland Baptist University and University Southern California.

To provide high quality, off-duty education for military personnel is a strategic JEC goal that Cornett-Huff and her staff are committed to. Allegiance to this goal is exemplified in the various services the JEC offers such as Tuition Assistance briefings, obtaining official Marine and Sailor Military Occupational Service transcripts, scholarship resources and testing.

MCCS Personal Services Director Captain Douglas Kuhn views the JEC as a vital sector of MCCS and strongly encourages each Marine and Sailor to take advantage of the educational prospects aboard MCB Hawaii.



Sergeant Jason Sheridan, a Marine with 1st Radio Bn., studies long and hard at the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Joint Education Center.

"As a conduit for reaching personal and professional goals, Marines and Sailors will find the JEC to be there for them every step of their educational ladder — from benefits to choices to graduation," said Kuhn.

The JEC also prides itself on incorporating the human touch. Nowhere is this demonstrated better than through the resourceful on-base college staff members as well as unit Education Officers.

If you're ready to make your "everything good-to-go," call the JEC for an appointment at 254-2158 or log on [www.mccshawaii.com](http://www.mccshawaii.com) under the Personal Services / Education portion to discover college hot links, resources and schedules.

Unofficial transcripts may be obtained by visiting <http://smart.cnet.nvay.mil>.

## MOVIE TIME

Prices: Adults (12 and older) \$3, Children (6 to 11) \$1.50, Children (5 and younger) free. Matinee prices are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Parents must purchase tickets for "R" rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 years old and younger.

For E-5 and below, admission is free to the second show on Friday and Saturday evenings only. Sunday evenings, the price is \$1 for all patrons. Please show your ID at the box office. Phone 254-7642 for recorded info.

Crazy / Beautiful (PG-13)  
Atlantis (PG-13)

Laura Croft: Tomb Raider (PG-13)

The Fast and the Furious (PG-13)

Dr. Doolittle 2 (PG)

Crazy / Beautiful (PG-13)

Kiss of the Dragon (R)

Friday at 7:15 p.m.

Friday at 10 p.m.

Saturday at 7:15 p.m.

Saturday at 9:45 p.m.

Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday at 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday 7:15 p.m.

# Hawaii MARINE SPORTS

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## MCAF G-Force swings to victory

**Lance Cpl. Luis R. Agostini**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Marine Corps Air Facility G-Force mounted a powerful attack to defeat

Marine Aviation Logistic Support Element Kaneohe Longballs, 25-12, to take the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Intramural League Softball Championship, Saturday evening, at Annex Field.

This was G-Force's second trip to the K-Bay championship, losing last year to Camp Smith Xtreme.

The champions averaged more than 20 runs per game during the playoffs.

We went into the game with a confident mindset, after winning four straight games in the playoffs, said G-Force coach Eric Showalter.

G-Force brought their heavy bats to the game. Left-center fielder Ricky Lehr belted two home runs, catcher Barry C o w a r t

smashed a three-run homer, and third baseman Aaron McKinney hit a two-run shot.

After the game, awards were given to the Longballs for finishing second. G-Force was presented with the championship trophy, and Aaron McKinney was awarded the Most Valuable Player award.

McKinney was quick to deflect all praise to the rest of the team.

"It was a team effort. We won this together, and we couldn't have won without each other. I'm proud of not only my efforts but of the team's efforts as well," said McKinney.

The Longballs did not let the loss damper a good season.

"We just want to have fun," said Longballs coach Curtis Maddox.

The championship victory did not come surprisingly to G-Force.

"We knew what our mission was from the beginning. We wanted to go undefeated and take the championship, and we did," said Showalter.



Lance Cpl. Luis R. Agostini

G-Force left-center fielder Ricky Lehr blasts one of two homeruns to contribute to G-Force's victory over the MALSEK Longballs.



Lance Cpl. Luis Agostini

Tim Tyler, pitcher for G-Force, led the defensive efforts by pitching six innings to secure the victory.

# MARINE MAKEPONOS

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## Autos

**1999 Pontiac Sunfire**, red, 4DR, AM/FM radio, power locks, manual windows, great condition, \$9,000 OBO. Call Heather at 254-5145.

**1974 Mercedes**, blue, must sell, moving soon. Best offer. Call Pete at 256-5753.

**2001 Honda CBR 600 F4I** silver/black, 375 miles, fender kit and cover included, \$7,400 OBO. Please call Ryan at 780-5024.

**1991 Ford Exploer Sport** 4X4 loaded — in beautiful condition, \$4,500. Call 778-3198 or 254-9458,

## Appliances

**Washer and Dryer**, good condition, \$50 each. Call 282-2048.

**Air Conditioners**, two, \$250 and \$175. Whirlpool Dryer, heavy duty, super capacity, seven cycles, four temperatures, includes cord and ducting, \$250. Nelcor sewing machine, \$125. Call 253-0090.

## Carpet

**Carpets**, cocoa color, total of five in various sizes from runner to 19'5: to 13'6". For all \$350. Call 253-0090.

## Miscellaneous

**Scuba Gear** to include an Oceanic Dive Bag with wheels; a new, medium-sized Oceanic wetsuit; a small Aeroskin-Neoprene wetsuit; a medium Oceanic Farmer John wetsuit; a small Dacor BCD; and a Sequest regulator with octopus, dive knife and dive light. Will sell all or partial. Call 782-6311 or 261-8354.

**Char-Broil Gas Barbecue** Grill with gas-filled canis-

ter, \$50. Call 253-0090. **Roadmaster tricycle**, assembled, \$15; Magna 12: bicycle, black with training wheels \$25, Tandem Kolcraft stroller, navy and white with two canopies, \$45. Call 253-0090.

**Bass car speaker** for sale. Quality sounding car speaker. Asking \$150 OBO. If interested call 254-2007.

## Yard Sales

**Just moved in**, too much stuff. Good things must go. Saturday dawn to dusk, 6448 B Webb Ct., off of Cochran, across from the new construction site.

## Furniture

**Infant wooden crib** and mattress. Excellent condition, \$50. Call Debbie at 254-7570.

**Bedroom set** includes two nights stands, one chest, one dresser with mirror, brown, \$300. 32 inch Bush TV stand, black with glass door and two shelves, fits 36 inch TV for \$500. Computer desk, dark wood laminate, \$15. Call 253-0090.

## Child Care

**Needed a part-time** babysitter for afternoons, two to three hours. Two kids, 34 months and 20 months. If interested call 254-2007.

**Wanted** loving and caring person to babysit 30-month-old child at your Kaneohe Bay home. Please call 375-1410 and leave a message.

## Real Estate

**Room for rent**, female preferred, three bedroom condo in Makiki (which is near Waikiki and

Punchbowl), with pool and jacuzzi, \$400 per month. Room is available Sept. 1. Call 528-1095, during the evening.

**Studio**, large, quiet valley

cul-de-sac, near mountains, ocean views, utilities included, no down payment, 10 minutes from H-3, \$550 per month. Leave number at pager, 287-4215.

*The deadline for submitting Marine Makeponos ads is 10 a.m. Friday the week prior to publication.*

*Makepono ad forms may be filled out Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the MCB Hawaii Public Affairs Office, located in Bldg. 216.*

*Ads must be submitted in person and will be accepted only from active duty and retired military personnel, their family members and MCB Hawaii civil service workers.*

*Ads are free and will appear in two issues of the Hawaii Marine.*

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