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Marine Raiders finally honored

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HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii — Hawaii Marines helped close a chapter in the story of the Makin Marines here Aug. 15, during a departure ceremony.



Cpl. Liz Herrera

U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye spoke of great heroism and honor attributed to the 13 Marines whose remains were returned from Makin Island after 59 years.

Thirteen of the 19 Marine Raiders killed in combat during World War II were sent in flag-draped coffins for burial at Arlington National Cemetery, 59 years after their deaths on Makin

Atoll.

The other six Marine Raiders were sent to their respective hometowns several months earlier for individual burials, upon their family's request.

Several guests attended the ceremony, including guest speaker U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye and Brig. Gen. John Castellaw, Deputy Commander, Marine Forces Pacific.

"Fifty-nine years ago, two companies of the 2d Raider Battalion staged a daring raid on Makin Island," said Inouye during his speech. "They succeeded in their mission objectives. The raid also succeeded in lifting the spirit of the American people. It revived our nation's patriotism and garnered support for our



Cpl. Liz Herrera

The remains of thirteen Marines killed on Makin Island are boarded onto a KC-130 Hercules at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii for transportation to Arlington, Va., where friends and family awaited their return. See page A-2 for related story.

troops."

Marines from MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay and Camp H.M. Smith stood in formation and saluted as funeral details escorted all 13 coffins into the KC-130 Hercules from Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152.

Marine bagpiper 1st Lt. Justin

Stodghill set the mood with a solemn rendition of "Amazing Grace," and the Marine Forces Pacific Band also played several musical pieces.

One family member, Terilyn Stephens, a great-niece of Cpl. Robert B. Pearson, one of the Makin Marines, was able to attend the ceremony.

According to Stephens, her grandfather, a Sailor, and Pearson, his brother, fought in World War II at the same time.

Stephens said her grandfather and his sister are awaiting their brother's return in Washington, D.C.

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Military, DoE partner to help Hawaii's schools

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HONOLULU — When sailors from the USS Louisville visited first graders at Princess Victoria Kaiulani Elementary School in Honolulu Aug. 2, they got a chance to see first-hand what the \$288,000 of Department of Defense funds from the Joint Venture Education Forum are being used for.

A brand new set of books was waiting to be cracked open, and the young students jumped eagerly at the chance to read them with their military visitors.

The Sailors — along with several other military representatives who were in the classroom — were led by the stu-

dents to tables where they read together. The students also relished the opportunity to try on the Sailors' headgear as they read with their military friends.

The books they were reading were bought with money provided by the JVEF, a cooperative program between the U.S. military and Hawaii Department of Education designed to enhance and maintain open dialog on education concerns and facilitate educational support of all children. This JVEF textbook initiative impacts 50 Hawaii public elementary schools in all seven school districts, including 11 schools on the neighbor islands

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Photographer's Mate 1st Class John Thornton

Adm. Dennis Blair (center), U.S. Pacific Command commander in chief, Dr. Paul LeMahieu (left), Hawaii Department of Education superintendent, and Herbert Watanabe, Hawaii Board of Education chairman, hold a \$288,000 check, which was presented to the Hawaii State BOE by Blair Aug. 2. The check represented U.S. military contribution through the Joint Venture Education Forum.

Regiment rocks Tonga

Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.
Combat Correspondent

VAVA'U, Tonga — The Tongan Defense Service conducted a live fire exercise at the Futo Estate, on the island of Vava'u Saturday morning under the guidance of Marines from 3rd Marine Regiment during Exercise Tafakula.

More than 30 TDS personnel participated in the exercise using Israeli-made Galil rifle under the watchful eyes of the Marines of 3rd Bn, 3rd Marine Regiment.

Under the supervision of Capt. Sal Viscuso, commanding officer of India Co., 3/3; the Tongan soldiers formed three 10-man squads, battle sight zeroed

their weapons, and performed squad live-fire maneuvers.

The TDS is a very small military force consisting of only 450 soldiers, and they only get to fire their weapons once a year, according to Viscuso.

Since the Futo Estate was not a standard military range, the assistance of two Australian Army combat engineers was used to create a BZO and squad maneuver ranges.

Safety was a major concern during the planning of the exercise. To address this concern a Position Safety Officer was placed behind each of the personnel dur-

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DoD officials plan review of 'No Fly Zone' policy

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Will the United States and its coalition partners patrolling the no-fly zones continue to play aerial "cat-and-mouse" with Iraqi anti-aircraft missiles and guns in the months ahead?

Stay tuned, a senior DoD official said.

"We have not forgotten about Iraq," Peter W. Rodman, assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs, said to reporters at the Pentagon Aug. 21.

Rodman noted that the Bush administration and several government agencies, including DoD, are now reviewing defense security policy and strategies concerning Iraq.

The basic issues are part of a review of the Iraq situation, Rodman said, adding that U.S. officials "haven't abandoned the sanctions effort."

"It is not for me to pre-judge how the president will decide these things or exactly when, but we're not through with the (Iraq) issue, that is certain," he said. "This is an issue that is being taken with utmost seriousness

and is being looked at with great care."

Pentagon officials noted that the Iraqis fired a surface-to-air missile at a U.S. Navy reconnaissance plane inside Kuwaiti airspace July 19 and another at a U.S. U-2 surveillance plane over southern Iraq July 24. On Aug. 10 and 14, U.S. and coalition aircraft struck Iraqi air defense systems that had been threatening coalition aircrews.

U.S. Central Command officials have noted that the Iraqis have fired missiles and anti-aircraft ar-

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MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

RESERVE OPPORTUNITIES

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Williams, Transitional Recruiter, located in Bldg. 218 is hosting Active Reserve classes every Thursday at 9 a.m.

The Active Reserve program gives Marines the opportunity for continued affiliation with the Marine Corps as an active duty member. The Marine serves from one reserve unit to another in an Instructor & Inspector capacity. At the end of an initial three-year tour, the Marine may PCS to another reserve unit and continue a career retiring with full Active Duty privileges at 20 years.

For details, call Staff Sgt. Williams at 257-1251.

MARINE CORPS SUPPORT NETWORK

An important asset is available to Marine families that are experiencing financial hardship resulting from deaths, fires, floods, or other catastrophic events. When hardships exceed the capability of local commands, leaders can turn to the Marine Corps Support Network, which maintains a database of organizations that provide support.

The MCSN can be accessed through certain Marine Corps Community Services personnel and through the Casualty Assistance Calls Officer.

For more details, refer to White Letter 01-01.

TOYS FOR TOTS VOLUNTEER BRIEFS

Volunteers will be meeting at the Bachelor Officer Quarters Conference Room, Bldg. 503, Sept. 5 and 12.

Toys for Tots volunteers are encouraged to attend at least one of the briefs to learn about the history and traditions of the Toys for Tots program. New volunteers will also be allowed to sign up during the briefs. Toys for Tots will accept volunteers all the way up until Christmas.

The Toys for Tots campaign provided more than 50,000 toys for children on Oahu and neighboring Hawaiian islands in 2000. However, this year's goal is to provide more than 55,000 toys for needy children.

Certificates of appreciation are provided for support, and Marines may qualify for the Volunteer Service Medal.

Contact Staff Sgt. Villarreal at 257-1077, ext. 233, to volunteer and provide hope to a child in your area during the Christmas holidays.

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Marine Corps gives final honors to WWII's Makin Raiders at Arlington

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ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, Arlington, Va. — On Aug. 17, 1942, two companies of Marine Raiders attacked the Japanese on the Makin Atoll, and 30 of them didn't return.

August 17, 2001, at Arlington National Cemetery, the Marine Corps paid its respects with a ceremony it had been waiting and hoping to give for 59 years.

When the Makin Raiders gave their lives, they proved that they were "always faithful to each other, always faithful to the Corps, and always faithful to their country," said the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones.

General Jones addressed a standing-room-only crowd of approximately 700 people in Ft. Myer Chapel during a service that preceded the graveside ceremony.

"Marines of today draw inspiration from the 'Greatest Generation,'" Gen. Jones said. "We learn from their courage."

General Jones recounted how the raid lifted American morale early in the war and reassured everyone that America was ready and willing to take

the fight to the enemy.

The "fog of war" was very much a factor during the raid. That's why 19 Marines disappeared for 57 years, nine Marines were captured and executed, and two Marines remain missing.

The remains of all of the Marines had seemed hopelessly lost, especially after an unsuccessful search in the late 1940s.

However, what Gen. Jones referred to as "the spirit of Semper Fidelis" is a two-way street.

When U.S. Army technicians got a lead in 1999 on where island natives might have buried 19 of the bodies, it was only a matter of time before this group of missing Makin Raiders would get their belated homecoming. They had been faithful to the Corps, and the Corps would be faithful to them.

The Army's Central Identification Laboratory, with assistance from many other government agencies, conducted exhaustive identification procedures at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii. Finally, the checks

were complete, and the time had come to show gratitude.

The families of six of the Marine Raiders

elect to have private burials. The remains of the other 13 Raiders arrived for burial at Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday. A

Friday's ceremony, which also featured the Marine



Sgt. M. V. Trindade

Body bearers from Marine Barracks 8th and I, Washington, D. C., raise the casket containing the group remains of the Makin Raiders above their heads before laying it to rest beside the other remains.

Marine Corps KC-130 transport plane flew the remains from Hawaii to Edwards Air Force Base in Maryland.

The Marine Band, more popularly known as "The President's Own," and a detachment of Marines from the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C., participated in a ceremony on the tarmac.

"Thank God they're home," said retired Col. Joe Griffith. Colonel Griffith is the oldest surviving participant of the Makin raid. He had just been promoted to captain at the time of the mission.

Colonel Evans Carlson was the architect behind the Marine Raider concept as well as the raid on Makin. His son, Evans Carlson, who retired as a Marine colonel, also attended Thursday's tarmac ceremony.

"I'm awfully glad to be here," Col. Carlson said. "For me, it's a very moving experience."

Colonel Carlson said his famous father would have been pleased as well. "Dad regretted every casualty, however they were caused, wherever they occurred," he said. "His feelings about this were extremely strong."

Friday's ceremony, which also featured the Marine

Band and a detachment from the Marine Barracks, showcased the appreciation the Corps has for its fallen warriors.

A 21-gun salute climaxed the ceremony for these Marines: Capt. Gerald P. Holtom, Palo Alto, Calif.; Sgt. Clyde Thomason, Atlanta, Ga.; FM1 Vernon L. Castle, Stillwater, Okla.; Cpl. Daniel A. Gaston, Galveston, Texas; Cpl. Edward Maciejewski, Chicago, Ill.; Cpl. Robert B. Pearson, Lafayette, Calif.; Pfc. William A. Gallagher, Wyandotte, Mich.; Pfc. Kenneth M. Montgomery, Eden, Wis.; Pfc. John E. Vandenberg, Kenosha, Wis.; Pvt. Carlyle O. Larson, Glenwood, Minn.; Pvt. Robert B. Maulding, Vista, Calif.; Pvt. Franklin M. Nodland, Marshalltown, Iowa; and Pvt. Charles A. Selby, Ontonagon, Mich.

Sergeant Thomason distinguished himself during the raid as the first enlisted Marine to earn the Medal of Honor in World War II.

Melvin D. Heckt, the president of the United States Marine Raider Association, had these words for the Raiders lost during the attack: "We salute you, comrades. We salute you as Raiders, as Marines, as Americans, as



Sgt. M. V. Trindade

(Left to Right) Karen Carlson-Loving, daughter of retired Col. Evans Carlson Jr. and his wife Regina Carlson watch the C-130 carrying the remains of 13 Makin Raiders as it taxis down the runway. Carlson Jr. is the son of Col. Evans Carlson who held command of the Makin Raiders.

K-Bay's military working dogs assist Maui police in search for missing person

Lance Cpl.
Luis R. Agostini
Combat Correspondent

A missing man was found in the mangroves of Molokai by the Maui County Police Department with the help of two military working dog handlers from the Military Working Dog Section, Military Police Co., MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, and their two military working dogs the morning of Aug. 3.

Maui County Police Department officials had been conducting searches for the missing man since July 21.

The MWD section received a request from the Maui County Police Department Aug. 2. Handlers Lance Cpl. James Davern and Lance Cpl. Dwayne Farris were sent with their MWDs, Britt and Roeska.

The missing person was an older man who went on a walk and got lost. When the person was declared missing, local residents and officials came together and started a search.

The Maui County PD requested the presence of military working dogs, and the two lance corporals, along



Lance Cpl. Luis R. Agostini

Military working dog handlers Lance Cpl. James Davern (left) and Lance Cpl. Dwayne Farris, along with their military working dogs, Britt and Roeska, assisted the Maui County Police Department in their search for a missing man in Molokai Aug. 3.

with their military working dogs, were sent to the scene.

Davern, Farris and their dogs arrived on the island of Molokai Aug. 3, and began the search at about 8 a.m.

They started at a local church and made their way down several roads. The MWDs led the two Marines to mangroves.

Davern and Ferris then contacted the helicopter and informed the pilot that they could go no further. Within minutes, the helicopter pilot respond-

ed to the Marines, informing them that the body had been found in the mangrove.

The search was over at 9 a.m., the area was blocked off, and Maui County PD set up a crime scene.

Despite the fact that MWDs are not trained to find missing bodies, the dogs still accomplished the mission they were called for.

MWDs are scouting dogs, not tracking dogs. They are trained to find people who are pursued by law enforcement officials, such as escaped prisoners or fugitives.

They are not trained to find missing or dead persons, said Davern.

The two Marines and their dogs went above and beyond the call of duty.

"We went out there optimistic, but the man had been missing for over a month," said Farris. "We were surprised that our dogs had led us to the body that quickly. We're proud of them."



Armed with an M-2 .50 caliber machine gun and M16A2 service rifles, Marines from CSSG-3 guard their fighting positions against all aggressors during Operation Caged Fury in Kahuku Training Area Aug. 16.

CSSG-3 attacks Kahuku Training Area in Operation Caged Fury

Story and Photos
by Lance Cpl.
Luis R. Agostini
Combat
Correspondent

A total of 481 Marines, comprised of cooks, clerks and mechanics, left the chow hall, the office and the motor pool, and made their way to the Kahuku Training Area for a week of combat training during Operation Caged Fury, which began Aug. 11.

This was the first time Combat Service Support Group 3 participated in an infantry-style training environment as an entire group in a long while, said Col. Paul Adams, CSSG-3 commanding officer.

"A lot of the Marines have not had a chance to train in the field since Marine Combat Training, so this is a good opportunity for them to hone their skills," said 2nd Lt. Jeff Wright, CSSG-3 adjutant.

During Operation Caged Fury, Marines from CSSG-3 participated in different exercises, such as squad patrols, security patrols, combat patrols, movement to contact, reaction to indirect fire, reaction to snipers, recon patrols, defensive ambushes, tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel, and CS gas attacks.

The mission of CSSG-3 is to provide full, complete service support to any



While on patrol, Marines from CSSG-3 Landing Support Co. stay keen of their surroundings and of the possibility of an ambush.

assigned unit in peace and war, anywhere, anytime, said Col. Adams.

"CSSG-3 are the roots and trunk of any Marine Air Ground Task Force. We provide the nourishment to the combat power of any Marine Air Ground Task Force," he added.

During CSSG-3's training, Marines of all genders fully participated in all of the operations during the weeklong infantry-style training.

Six out of the seven CSSG-3 companies were on hand at Kahuku. Supply Co., Landing Support Co., Medical Co., Maintenance Co., Headquarters Co., and Motor Transportation Co. participated in the exercise.

"Each company has their own functional service, operating under their own guidon," explained Col. Adams.

Operation Caged Fury was capped off with a final attack on CSSG-3 Headquarters Co. by the 40-man aggressor group, who had been attacking CSSG-3 throughout the exercise. Combat Service Support Group 3 re-

pelled the attack with guns ablaze.

Operation Caged Fury met its goals and proved to be a success.

"This operation has proved to be 110 percent successful. Every Marine and Sailor has given full and total energies to the successful completion of the unit and individual goals," said Col. Adams.

"It doesn't matter if you're an admin clerk, a mechanic or a cook. The purpose of this operation is to reinforce the fact that no matter what your military occupational specialty is, you are a basic rifleman," said Wright.

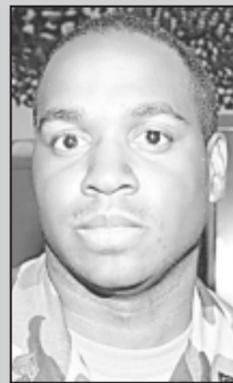
The next Combat Service Support Group 3 field exercise will be conducted in the spring of 2002 to further enhance combat service support and tactical skills.



A Marine from CSSG-3 Headquarters Co. guards his post against a simulated enemy.

WORD ON THE STREET

What does wearing the eagle, globe and anchor mean to you?

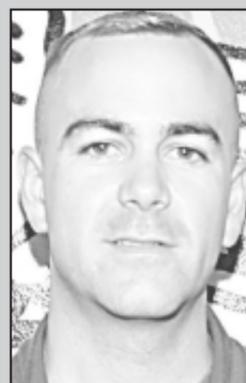
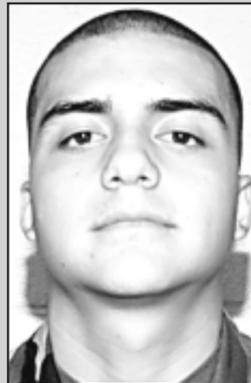


"A sense of pride, dignity and respect that no other military organization in the world has"

Sgt. Alvin C. Holloway
Intel Chief
HMH-463

"Being part of the best military service in the word"

Lance Cpl. Paul Zamudio
Protocol clerk
HQ Bn.

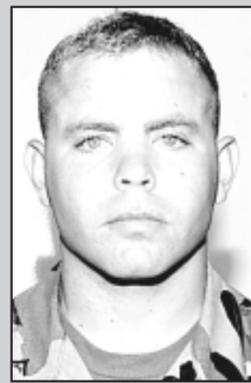


"Creates pride in knowing that I'm associated with Marines who came before me and paid the ultimate sacrifice"

1st Lt. Steve Jones
Pilot
HMH-463

"It's just a sense of tradition that separates Marines from other branches of service."

Lance Cpl. Gary Zito
Wireman
H&S Co.,
2/3



"Only a few men rate it."

Lance Cpl. Jeremy Vroman
Rifleman
Lima Co., 3/3



Lance Cpl. Isidro Cruz, heavy equipment mechanic, CSSG-3 Landing Support Co., leads the way on a security patrol.



Above — Two Marines from Kilo Co. 3/3 remember to hydrate in the hot Hawaiian sun during training at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows. Right — Lance Cpl. Jorge Valdounias, a squad leader for Kilo Co. 3/3, gives a class to Marines in the field.



3/3 drops its new Marines at Bellows to ready squads for PTA

Story and Photos by
Pfc. Jason E. Miller
Combat Correspondent

Nearly 60 Marines from Kilo Co., 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, were flown from MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, to the hills of Marine Corps Training Area Bellows Aug. 14 to train several new Marines who were just attached to the unit.

They arrived by helicopter at around 10:30 a. m. and began their three-day training schedule.

The company was divided into three platoons, and they set up bivouacs, went on patrols, set booby traps, did reconnaissance missions to find weak spots in enemy lines, and eventually attack an enemy platoon or defend a position.

"We're focusing mainly on squad-level tactics, basic assault and how to conduct a defense," said 2nd Lt. Avery Jeffers, 3rd platoon commander for Kilo Co.

Kilo recently received some new Marines who needed to acclimatize to Hawaii's weather before they go on to Pohakuloa Training Area for one of the biggest training events of the year.

"This platoon is pretty new. It really just got put together and people are just getting used to each

other. It was a little rough yesterday, but things are going a lot better," Jeffers said. "They're really showing that they can work together as a team now."

The temperature was high, and the training was very hard for the new Marines who have not had a chance to acclimatize in the field yet.

"The Marines are handling it pretty well. It's been pretty warm out here but no one is really complaining about it. Everyone is just out here doing their job," Jeffers said.

Not only did Kilo Co. have to adjust its new Marines to life in the field, the company also had to get several new squad leaders ready for their leadership roles.

"There's a lot of new squad leaders now, and all the Marines are just getting used to the changes that have recently been made. But things are definitely moving along," said Lance Cpl. Jorge Valdounias, squad leader for Kilo Co.

"The training out here is definitely going to be helpful for all the Marines. I think that the compa-



A Marine on patrol from Kilo Co. 3/3 moves toward a defensive position held by a rival platoon.



A Marine from Kilo Co. 3/3 sights in his Squad Automatic Weapon in wait for an attacking enemy patrol at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows.

Ecstasy creates short- and long-term impacts

Lt Jay Gehlhausen

Medical Service Corps, U. S. Navy

Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla. — Methylenedioxyamphetamine, MDMA or — as it is more commonly known — Ecstasy is a potent psychoactive drug.

Use of this drug has a high likelihood of resulting in serious long-term and short-term health consequences for the user.

Though the drug has been illegal for more than 15 years, it still carries the perception that it is a safe drug offering only desirable side effects.

MDMA is Harmful

Much has been presented in the popular media about "Rave" parties and the easy access to MDMA at these events.

The primary means of taking MDMA is orally, just like taking an aspirin or a vitamin. This easy access and non-invasive administration further enforces the perception that MDMA is safe.

It is not safe. It has a high potential to leave users unable to reliably perform tasks requiring short-term memory and concentration. This poses a serious problem for servicemembers working in situations where safety is dependent on the reliable functioning of others.

Users risk permanent brain damage and serious potential acute harm and side effects for desired highs that last for, at most, a few hours.

Impact Upon Metabolism

In the brain, MDMA produces effects by stimulating specific types of neurons (or brain cells) to release serotonin. Serotonin is a neurotransmitter or a chemical that some neurons use to communicate signals.

Not only does MDMA cause neurons to release all of their stored serotonin, it also blocks the mechanisms by which the nerve cells can remove serotonin from their surroundings. This results in a dra-

matic increase in serotonin levels in the brain and dramatic stimulation of these cells.

Since these types of neurons are in parts of the brain involved in memory and mood, this produces the effects that people report.

Though usually taken orally, MDMA can be smoked or injected. Either way, once the drug is in the body, the body begins to break down or metabolize the drug.

Enzymes, mainly in the liver, interact with MDMA molecules and transform them so they can be excreted from the body. This is one of the first risks to taking MDMA.

About 10 percent of the population (this varies for different ethnic populations) is genetically deficient in an enzyme called CYP2D6, which is involved in breaking down MDMA. In other words, a user has a 1 in 10 chance of not being able to metabolize MDMA properly and that dose of MDMA will have a greater impact and may lead to toxic side effects.

Impacts With Other Medications

Several medications (in particular fluoxetine) stop CYP2D6 from functioning.

Individuals taking medications as directed by their doctor, could be at risk of not being able to metabolize MDMA properly. They may experience toxic effects with smaller than expected doses of MDMA.

Even without problems with CYP2D6, MDMA has been shown to have what is referred to as "non-linear pharmacokinetics."

In other

words, the concentration of MDMA measured in the blood of volunteers went up more than would be expected for a given dose.

Again this means that smaller doses may have more effect and become toxic faster than can be predicted.

Acute Short-Term Effects

Ecstasy use carries with it significant risks of acute or short-term side effects, some of which can be life threatening. These may include increased blood pressure,

increased heart rate, seizures, muscle spasms, insomnia and possibly death.

These effects could easily leave individuals unfit to perform tasks that are a part of most military personnel's daily routine.

Once MDMA is taken and while the body is trying to metabolize the

drug, MDMA will have effects on the brain.

Approximately half an hour after taking a dose of MDMA, users report feelings of peacefulness, empathy and energy.

They claim to feel connected and energetic but not wired or edgy.

Self reported effects also include an increase in their ability to talk about anything.

In controlled studies, MDMA is found to produce heightened mood, increased self-confidence, moderate derealization and intensification of sensory perception.

It's also reported to be impairing or altering a user's psychomotor perfor-

mance, but not to produce hallucinations or psychoses.

Hazards Created

Dangerous acute or short-term side effects include a range of problems.

Users may be more prone to harm from much more common sources while under the influence of MDMA because they are not aware of hazards around them.

Impaired users are more likely to be in auto accidents (or prosecuted for driving under the influence of drugs) or assaulted.

Sleep deprivation both from the night out and from the let down from the drug puts users at risk for injuries on the job and again in auto accidents. Inability to sleep, edginess and paranoia can persist for weeks after taking the drug.

Since MDMA is illegal, the available drug has been illicitly produced. It is not manufactured in controlled circumstances regulated by the FDA. Users have no guarantee of the purity or identity of what they are taking. Users are at high risk of injury not only from the MDMA but also from bad MDMA preparations containing highly poisonous compounds or by-products of manufacture.

Manufacturers of MDMA are not concerned with the user's health; they are concerned with getting the user's money.

Long-Term Effects

Ecstasy has been shown to produce significant increases in blood pressure and heart rate as well as increases in circulating levels of stress hormones. These are all risk factors for heart disease and may increase the risk of heart disease in chronic MDMA users.

Though rare, MDMA itself can produce a dangerous side effect that is sim-

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National Institute of Health

The illegal drug Ecstasy is usually taken orally in pill form.

Harriers return to 31st MEU, operational pause ends

Lance Cpl. John Hoellwarth
31st MEU Public Affairs

CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, Japan — The 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit recently became the first forward deployed unit to harness the power of the AV-8B Harrier since the end of an operational pause brought on by engine problems.

Six Harriers and 138 Marines of Marine Attack Squadron-311 have been attached to the MEU to support its aviation combat element.

This is the first time in 18 months the Harriers have flown in support of a Marine expeditionary unit, according to MEU Commander Col. James M. Lowe.

VMA-311 is home-based aboard Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz. It will be attached to the MEU for six months, as part of the Unit Deployment Program.

According to Lt. Col. Stephen D. Hawkins, commanding officer, VMA-311, having



USMC Photo

VMA-311 recently teamed up with the 31st MEU's aviation combat element and began their first deployment in 18 months.

Harriers at his disposal will allow the MEU commander to have more depth in his battle space because of the aircraft's range.

Harriers will be able to conduct missions like interdiction, armored reconnaissance, helicopter escorts and close air support of the MEU's ground combat element.

During the Headquarters Marine Corps-directed operational pause, the MEU'S ability to launch aerial attack missions relied heavily upon its complement of AH-1W Super Cobras attached to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-265, the MEU's aviation combat element.

With the attachment of VMA-311, the MEU'S capability to employ airborne firepower has been bolstered considerably. The squadron's chief role, as part of the MEU, will be to bring a greater

amount of firepower to the table, Hawkins said.

"We load up as heavy as we can, get in fast and furiously, cause mass confusion and destroy the enemy's will to fight," said Chief Warrant Officer James C. Rose, ordnance officer, VMA-311.

The MEU's new compliment of Harriers can be armed with general-purpose bombs and cluster bomb units in addition to 500 and 1,000-pound high explosive bombs. The Harriers are also equipped with precision, laser-guided munitions and a 25mm gun that is capable of firing 6,000 rounds per minute.

"These weapons wreak havoc," Rose said. "They give the MEU the ability to destroy hard targets like bridges and airfields. Plus, the cluster bomb units can take out a lot of ground troops."

A Harrier squadron's ability to bring

heavy firepower to a MEU is directly reflective of its ability to conduct operations from the flight deck of a ship at sea.

"We can land and operate on the same shipping as helicopters because of our vertical/short takeoff and landing capabilities," Lt. Col. Hawkins said. "This allows us to fully integrate and deploy with a MEU and helps the MEU retain its self-contained posture."

Speaking on behalf of the Marines in his squadron, SgtMaj. Ernest J. Wylie, VMA-311, said his unit functions as a tight-knit team and are exceptionally proficient.

Wylie also said the team spirit and professional excellence displayed by his Marines has earned them the distinction of being the Marine Corps' Attack Squadron of the Year 2001, and they will serve the MEU well.



USMC Photo

An AV-8B Harrier of VMA-311 lands on the flight deck of the USS Tarawa during the unit's last deployment with a Marine expeditionary unit.

HAWAII SCHOOLS, From A-1

(Hawaii, Kauai, Maui and Molokai).

The JVEF provided \$20 per student for 14,400 students in Hawaii's elementary schools for new K-3 reading books. The Hawaii Department of Education pledged matching funds of \$148,000, for a total of \$436,000 for new books.

With the money Princess Victoria Kaiulani Elementary School received from DoD along with its own funds, the school was able to purchase a new reading series for the entire school—kindergarten through fifth grade. According to school principal Charlotte White, it was a unique opportunity.

"Usually, with limited funding, a school will purchase one or two grade

levels at a time and then the following year add a couple grade levels," White said.

White said the book series the school previously used was copyrighted in the 1980s, and it was time for them to be replaced.

Later that day, Adm. Dennis C. Blair, commander in chief of U.S. Pacific Command, formally presented a symbolic check from the JVEF to the Hawaii Department of Education for \$288,000.

"This check specifically buys books for more than 14,000 young kids at 50 schools," Blair said. "But in a general sense, it's truly about the Armed Force's putting its money toward a high priority — showing that we're good neighbors, with a focus on the education of children in Hawaii, military and civilian alike."

Paul LeMahieu,

Hawaii's Superintendent of Education, said the JVEF directly addresses two challenges: to provide current, high quality instructional support material that is aligned with standards and to support the board's literacy priority and Hawaii's schools' efforts to address it.

"(JVEF) has a growing track record of problem solving on behalf of mili-

tary children and their families as well as finding ways that our extensive military community can support our schools," LeMahieu said.

Cmdr. Jeffry Spencer, Pacific Command's Hawaii schools officer, said the JVEF came about after the military learned that several schools that military children attended needed extensive repair

work. In addition, there were concerns of academics, resources and the overall quality of education servicemembers' children were getting.

There are currently about 124,000 students enrolled in Hawaii's 261 public schools and of that, 14,500 — nearly 12 percent — are military connected.

At one point, Spencer said, the military's percep-

tion of the Hawaii education system became so low that many servicemembers were considering declining tours to Hawaii.

"Being a readiness issue, it was easier for us (PACOM) to engage," Spencer said.

Eventually, PACOM stepped in to coordinate duplicate efforts among the services and forged the alliance with the DoE.



Sgt. Bradley Rhen

A first-grade student from Princess Victoria Kaiulani Elementary School reads to Seaman James Francis of the USS Louisville Aug. 2. Sailors from the USS Louisville visited the school for the initial reading of a brand new set of books bought with funds from the Joint Venture Education Forum

ECSTASY, From A-5

ilar to a syndrome known as "serotonin syndrome". This is characterized by uncontrollable increases in body temperature and instability in blood pressure (either excessively high or excessively low). This is often accompanied by seizures and muscles rigidity.

Medical treatment attempts to control these symptoms, but this syndrome is often life threatening.

This action of the drug also produces what may be the most serious damaging effect of MDMA use: brain damage. The stimulation that results from the presence of high levels of serotonin exhausts neurons.

A brain imaging study supported by the National Institute for the Study of Drugs of Abuse found significant losses of serotonin transporters in individuals after MDMA use.

Growing evidence indicates that this brain damage is permanent. In other words, MDMA use may leave the user with a permanently impaired memory.

The short and long of it — ecstasy is an illegal and unsafe drug. It's nothing to "rave" about.

K-Bay Commissary to host a sidewalk case lot sale, Sept. 8-9

Defense Commissary Agency
Press Release

FORT LEE, Va. - Ask any military shopper which commissary special event they like best and they'll tell you: Case Lot Sales.

"When we hold commissary focus groups, 'when's the next case lot sale?' is a question the young active duty invariably ask," said Air Force Major Gen. Robert J. Courter, Jr., Director of the Defense Commissary Agency. "It's one of the things they associate with commissaries and it's really a big deal to them. When they tell us what they want, we listen."

Mark your calendars. From Minot, North Dakota, to Mannheim, Germany, commissaries worldwide will participate in a massive case lot sale on Sept. 8-9.

DeCA regions will select participating stores based on practicalities such as store location and size, but the majority of commissaries are expected to join in on the fun.

Commissaries that are normally closed on Sundays will be able to have their case lot sale on Sept. 7-8.

Already one of the top two military benefits, DeCA is taking its mission of sales and savings to the next level.

The worldwide case lot sale will feature everything from canned goods to paper goods, and a few items in between.

"We'll have diapers, cereal, juices, soups, and health and beauty items as well," said Robert Vitikacs, chief of DeCA's grocery buying division. "We're

just beginning to firm up the shopping list!"

According to the latest market basket survey, utilizing the commissary benefit saves shoppers 29.2 percent on their overall grocery basket.

Case lot pricing can increase the savings significantly. Participating manufacturers know they will sell a high volume of product in a short time, so they can offer lower-than-normal prices for case lot sales.

A recent five-day sale at Fort Campbell, Ky., resulted in major increases in the store's daily sales — and additional savings for military shoppers.

"We averaged \$292,000 a day in sales," says Store Director Gene Lantz. "That's pretty significant in a store normally averaging about \$180,000 a day!"

"Commissaries have been holding local case lot sales on a store by store basis for years and customers tell us they love them so we're excited about the possibilities for this worldwide event," said Vitikacs. "We're trying to attract new customers as well, particularly single servicemembers and Guard and Reserve members who might not be using their commissary benefit regularly."

"While shoppers are saving additional money during the case lot sale, we also want them to look around inside their commissary for all the improvements and conveniences we've added," said Maj. Gen. Courter. "We always offer a wide range of groceries on sale. We want our customers to know that the commissary isn't just their 'pay day' store - it's their 'every day' store!"



Sgt. David Salazar

Commissary shoppers aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, will have the opportunity to shop for items in bulk during the worldwide, massive case lot sale, Sept. 8-9.

11th MEU:

Marines eradicate foot and mouth disease aboard ship

USDA requires all vehicles, equipment to receive wash down prior to return from deployment

Sgt. Eric McLeroy
11th MEU Public Affairs

ABOARD USS BOXER – The 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) began an at-sea wash down of vehicles and equipment July 28 in preparation for a U.S. agricultural inspection before returning home from deployment.

Department of Defense policy requires military units to conduct an agricultural wash down of vehicles and equipment to meet the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service guidelines. These guidelines require the removal of all organic debris from vehicles and equipment before returning to the United States from foreign countries.

But before the MEU deployed, something was added to the already stringent guidelines, according to Gunnery Sgt. German Huichapa, embarkation chief, Command Element.

Following the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in Europe, the USDA issued specific guidelines for military units returning from infected regions.

To help prevent the accidental introduction of the disease into the U.S., a rigorous

cleaning/disinfecting policy for military equipment used in close proximity to contaminated areas was implemented, according to the US-DA.

Although the MEU began preparations for an in-depth wash down to remove organic material from all vehicles, equipment and gear, they were not expecting to clean vehicles and equipment aboard the ships, according to Huichapa.

"We planned on doing it after Exercise Infinite Moonlight in Jordan," Huichapa said. "We had three facilities set up. It would have taken about 10 days. It would take about four hours per vehicle – no more than that."

These plans were cancelled due to an unexpected change in the threat condition in the Arabian Gulf Region. This re-



Sgt. Eric McLeroy

Marines from 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) take part in an at-sea wash down aboard USS Boxer Aug. 6 in preparation for an agricultural inspection upon the MEU's return to the United States.

sulted in canceling the exercise and returning all personnel and equipment to the ships of the Boxer Amphibious Ready Group.

Unable to conduct a wash down ashore, the Marines began washing vehicles onboard the three ships of the Amphibious Ready Group. The ship-board wash down posed several challenges to include space, equipment and safety, according to Huichapa.

"This is not a typical wash down. (Space) is very limited aboard a ship," he said. "In order to conduct the wash down,

the entire ship has to (work together)."

Onboard the Boxer, Marines have used part of the hangar deck to stage vehicles before washing them on the two large elevators normally used to move aircraft from the hangar deck up to the flight deck. But finding space wasn't the only problem for the Marines, Huichapa

posed by the at-sea wash down, onboard all three ships, the Marines focused their efforts on meeting the inspection requirements of the U.S. Customs officials.

In anticipation of meeting these requirements, the MEU sent several Marines to a four-day agricultural inspector course in Otay Mesa, Calif. prior to deployment. Aboard the USS Boxer, Staff Sgt. Art Montejano, Battalion weapons assistant, Battalion Landing Team 2/1, served as a military agricultural inspector during the wash down.

"I'm 110 percent satisfied with the final results," Montejano said. "I have no doubt in my mind that when they (U.S. Customs Inspectors) come aboard, they will pass the gear I've inspected."

For the Marines washing the vehicles each day, the inspection process can be frustrating at times. Without ramps to drive the vehicles up onto, cleaning underneath the vehicles becomes extremely difficult, ac-

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said.

Water consumption was also a concern during the wash down. The Marines worked to conserve fresh water while accomplishing their mission, according to Huichapa.

After meeting the initial challenges

FOOT & MOUTH, From A-12

according to Huichapa.

"There's only about six inches to two feet of clearance under some of the vehicles," Huichapa explained. "The pressure washer sprayers are at least 20 inches long and some are up to seven feet long. That makes it difficult for the Marine on his back, underneath the vehicle. It really creates a problem, but on a ship, I wouldn't want to put a Marine under a vehicle that's on a ramp. It's too dangerous."

Because Marines must clean under the vehicles with little room to handle the pressure washers, on average, a vehicle is inspected two or three times before it is passed, according to Montejano.

"When I started inspecting these vehicles, I was told that I was inspecting too hard," Montejano said. "I think it's better to do it right, rather than pay the price later."

"If a vehicle fails its initial inspection, it's usually for sand or dirt in the ball joints. The sand sticks to grease," he added. "During each inspection, I target the same areas – the grease points."

After several weeks of washing, the Marines have grown accustomed to the schedule and the inspections. Although Marines may clean the same parts each day, it's still difficult to clean the hard-to-reach places even with a pressure washer, according to Cpl. Jeremy Willden, 24, Weapons Company, BLT 2/1.

"It depends on which pressure washer you get," the Clallam Bay, Wash. native explained. "You can get most of the dirt off with the good one, but the others are like garden hoses. You end up having to use a (toothbrush) or putty knife, and there are a lot of spots that you can barely fit your hands into. But if you can, you'll find dirt and that's how you know to keep cleaning. Half the time, you can't see all the dirt. That's why we keep getting reinspected," Willden said.

By the end of the workday, the Marines are soaked and their faces dirty with grease and grime. They work 12 hours a day, everyday in hopes of cleaning about eight vehicles per day, according to Lance Cpl.

Mark Haggblad, 23, Pensacola, Fla. native, Weapons Company, BLT 2/1.

"We try to get two vehicles washed, per team, each day. That's about eight vehicles a day. If we run out of time each day, oh well," Haggblad said.

"The work is hard," he added. "Underneath the vehicle, you need a flashlight to see what you're cleaning. My goggles fog up and mud and grease gets everywhere. By the end of the day, I'm pretty nasty. Grease, paint chips, mud – it's all underneath these vehicles."

There is good news for Haggblad and the other Marines who are washing

the vehicles. After coordination with higher headquarters, the MEU/ARG was directed to

Guam to complete the wash down of equipment and vehicles, according to 1st Lt. Scott

Bowman, public affairs officer, 11th MEU(SOC).

With the window of opportunity closing for the MEU/ARG before

they return home from a six-month deployment to the Pacific and Arabian Gulf Regions, the availability of wash facilities ashore allows the Marines and Sailors to breathe a sigh of relief.

This kind of wash down is difficult; use it as a last resort, said Montejano.



Sgt. Eric McLeroy

Sergeant Santiago Villalobos III, Golf Co., BLT 2/1, 11th MEU(SOC), cleans soil from the undercarriage of a Humvee during an at-sea wash down aboard USS Boxer.

'NO FLY', From A-1

tillery at U.S. and coalition aircraft in more than 1,000 separate incidents since December 1998.

Rodman was sworn into office July 16.

Under the direction of the undersecretary of defense for policy, he advises the secretary on the formulation and coordination of international security strategy and policy, with responsibility for East Asia, South Asia, the Middle East and Arabian Gulf, Africa and Latin America.

EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

CAX final engagement leaves enemy devastated

Cpl. Mike Vrabel
Combat Correspondent

TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. – Warriors of Marine Air Ground Task Force-2, battling a blazing sun and treacherous, rocky terrain completed their Combined Arms Exercise 9 training here Aug. 15 by defeating a notional enemy during the Final Exercise (FINEX).

After receiving a call for assistance from an allied nation, "Task Force Betio," 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, positioned itself north of the "port city" of Twentynine Palms to help clear enemy forces from the area.

In the three-day exercise, MAGTF-2 was able to destroy the 111th Mechanized Brigade by seeking out and destroying its advance units and staging a well-planned defense.

With protective screens by Light Armored Vehicles to the west and Kilo Company to the east, M1A1 Abrams Tanks, artillery, 81 mm mortars, combined anti-armor teams, and rotary and fixed wing assets conducted deliberate assaults on forward enemy artillery and reconnaissance elements. This allowed India and Lima companies, 3/2, traveling in Amphibious Assault Vehicles, to

complete the first day's mission of securing the task force's first two objectives.

Day two found the elements of the reinforced battalion dug in and awaiting the enemy's next movement south.

Throughout the day and night, combined arms pounded the advancing foes, reducing the threat to a mere fraction of its original strength. Finally, quiet fell on the battlefield as dawn made its approach.

As FINEX neared its conclusion, one task remained. Reconnaissance elements had identified platoon-sized enemy emplacements north-east of Betio's position. The task force mobilized, snaked through the rocky canyons and annihilated the unfortunate opposition with a final devastating blow from the MAGTF-2 and supporting elements.

Maor. Andrew R. Kennedy, the operations officer for MAGTF-2, said the task force used the terrain around them to help complete the mission.

"We found the best ground for the engagement, and turned it into a killing zone," said Kennedy, who hails from Mount Vinson, N.Y.

Kilo Company's protection of the task force's right flank was crucial to the success of the mission.

By securing a small road through Rainbow Canyon to the east, the Marines ensured that "Betio" would be able to conduct its fight without the threat of an enemy surprise assault.

A helicopter-borne assault positioned Kilo to begin taking their objective. While 2nd and 3rd platoons set up bases of fire, the Marines of 1st Plt., led by Staff Sgt. Otto Hecht, began their attack.



Cpl. Mike Vrabel

The warriors of 3rd Platoon, Kilo Co. charge out the back of a CH-46E Sea Knight, ready to seek and destroy the enemy during CAX-9 FINEX.

"While (the other platoons) covered us with machinegun and mortar fire, we secured the objective," boasted Hecht.

Kilo's mission didn't stop there. Setting up a platoon defense, the Devil Dogs waited for the enemy's counter attack.

They didn't have to wait long.

"Our next mission was to stop a mechanized platoon from advancing to the south," said Hecht.

With the Coyotes from Tactical Training Exercise Control Group here monitoring the assault, the company set about to protect their position. Help came from all directions in the form of artillery fire and close air support.

"It's a great experience for these Marines to train with the big picture – the fixed-wing close air and artillery support," added Hecht.

The mechanized platoon was destroyed, and soon the platoon was back to their "home" at Camp Wilson with time to reflect on their CAX experience before re-

turning to Camp Lejeune, N.C.

"All in all, it was pretty fun," said 1st Platoon's Cpl. John D. Yeaton, from St. Louis. "It's a good experience to see how everyone plays a role in combat," he said of the combined arms experience.

Playing a part of the big picture was also a good experience for Pfc. Michael B. Doyle, also with 1st Plt.

"It was definitely high-speed training," said Doyle. "It's all live-fire, no blanks. It was awesome to see everyone just hammering away at the targets."

Kennedy was quick to praise the efforts of the young Leathernecks on the battlefield.

"The entire spectrum did a really excellent job," said Kennedy. "Everyone was out there firing in support of each other in a combined arms theater."

As they return to Camp Lejeune, the boys of Kilo Co. will begin preparations for 3/2's December trip to Okinawa as part of the Unit Deployment Program.



1st Lt William F. Klumpp

As Lima Co, 3/2, assaults its objective during day one of FINEX, 60 mm mortar teams stand by to suppress the enemy with indirect fire

MILITARY POLICE BLOTTER

Traffic Court

The following blotter entries are for the week of Aug. 10 - 16.

There were 28 traffic citations issued for this period.

The Blotter

-A Marine reported that person(s) unknown entered his unsecured barracks room and stole various pieces of electronic equipment.

-A Marine reported that person(s) unknown gained entry to his unattended vehicle and stole various stereo equipment.

-A Marine was arrested driving under the influence of alcohol by the Honolulu Police Department. His blood alcohol content was .102 percent. Bail was set at \$250.

-A Marine reported that person(s) unknown gained entry to a vending machine and stole all funds contained inside.

-A Marine reported that person(s) unknown gained entry into his secured and unattended vehicle and stole various stereo equipment.

-A Marine reported that unknown person(s) struck his vehicle with theirs while it was parked and unattended.

-A Marine was arrested by HPD for an outstanding warrant. Bail was set at \$350.

Lost and Found

To contact Lost and Found, please call Cpl. Fernandez at 257-2103, ext. 325.

Neighborhood Watch

Crime Prevention is looking for neighborhood representatives to take

charge of local neighborhoods.

If you're interested, call 257-2103, ext. 314.

Crime Prevention

Contact Cpl. Gordon Scott at 257-2103, ext. 315.



Stamp of Approval



Sgt. Richard Wl Holtgraver Jr.

The children of Tuanekevali Primary School give the thumbs up to the camera and show their approval of the new restroom the Marines and Tongan Defense Services built for them during Exercise Tafakula. The Marines and Sailors of 3rd Marine Regiment are in Tonga conducting military training with the Tongan Defense Force and are also helping at local schools and hospitals. See next week's Hawaii Marine Newspaper for a complete story.

TONGA, From A-1

ing the squad maneuver range.

Although the majority of the personnel participating and monitoring the live-fire exercise were from the TDS, everything from the safety brief to the execution of the squad maneuvers resembled the way the Marine Corps conducts its exercises.

The reason for the resemblance, according to Viscuso, is because much of the leadership from the TDS has gone to The Basic School in Quantico, Va.

"I was very impressed with the way they performed on the squad live-fire maneuver range," said Viscuso. "The squad leaders communication was excellent with the troops

echoing the commands on down the lines."

The training proved an invaluable experience for many of the TDS soldiers with their enthusiasm, attention to detail and concern for safety during the exercise noted by the monitoring officials.

The TDS doesn't get the chance to do this type of training often, so it was a matter of pride for them to try and get it right the first time, according to Cpl. Petelo Soakai, a TDS squad leader.

Towards the end of the exercise, while they were cleaning their weapons, many of the soldiers talked of how the live-fire maneuver went and the knowledge they had gained.

Mostly the TDS soldiers listened to what the squad leaders had to say about their performance, but sometimes they were recipients of an occasional smile of satisfaction for a job well.

MAKIN RAIDERS, From A-1

"It was an honor for me to be here and represent my family," said Stephens. "It's comforting to know that the military would go through so many lengths to bring one of their lost ones home."

"This ceremony today is a testament that there is no statute of limitation on honor," said Sen. Inouye, a Medal of Honor recipient.

"It is never too late to do what is right — to accord the proper accolades upon our heroes who truly gave their all for the country they loved and died defending her honor. A nation that forgets or fails to honor her heroes is a nation destined to oblivion."

The following is a list of the Marine Raiders who were honored at the Hickam ceremonies on Aug. 15.

Capt. Gerald P. Holtom, Palo Alto, Calif.

Sgt. Clyde Thomason, Atlanta, Ga.-a Medal of Honor recipient

FM1C Vernon L. Castle, Stillwater, Okla.

Cpl. Daniel A. Gaston, Galveston, Texas

Cpl. Edward Maciejewski, Chicago, Ill.

Cpl. Robert B. Pearson, Lafayette, Calif.

Pfc. William A. Gallagher, Wyandotte, Mich.

Pfc. Kenneth M. Montgomery, Eden, Wis.

Pfc. John E. Vandegerg, Kenosha, Wis.

Pvt. Carlyle O. Larson, Glenwood, Minn.

Pvt. Robert B. Maulding, Vista, Calif.

Pvt. Franklin M. Nodland, Marshalltown, Iowa

Pvt. Charles A. Selby, Ontanagon, Mich.

