

# Hawaii MARINE

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## Clearing obstacles made easier

**Cpl. Jason E. Miller**  
Combat Correspondent

Combat technology is always evolving. For the Marines of MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, technology has just added another tool to help them better accomplish war fighting tasks that could lie ahead.

The Anti-personnel obstacle breaching system made its debut aboard K-Bay's Range Training Facilities Aug. 15, where military members and local media witnessed a demonstration of the system's capabilities.

The APOBS is designed to help Marines by allowing them to clear obstacles such as concertina wire and anti-personnel mines that would otherwise hinder possible movement on the battlefield.

A 150-foot, linear charge, which trails behind a small rocket, fired by the Marines, is launched and

settles on top of the target area.

Seconds later, the line charge detonates and clears away a 2-foot-wide path for the length of the charge.

The blast provides a path wide enough for any number of Marines to safely move through an area, provided they stay on the cleared path.

Carried by two Marines, the system is deployed some 35 meters from the target area. This concept provides a vast improvement over subsequent systems that require a much shorter distance between the Marines and the obstacles to be cleared.

The demonstration provided Kaneohe Bay Marines a live-fire show of how the system works.

The large explosion caused by the APOBS was of particular concern to key base personnel and required many briefs on how the events would unfold. Public affairs representatives for the base were on hand with local community members to outline and explain the day's events.

"This just gives us some additional capabilities," said Joel Shively, of Marine Corps Systems Command. "It's a very useful tool that will help these Marines to operate more effectively. Another tool in the toolbox."

Once the rocket was fired, everyone in attendance waited anxiously for the ensuing explosion. Local Media members and Marines watched a television placed on the range specifically for the day's event. The charges detonated, and cleared away the path just as it was supposed to.

The noise from the blast wasn't as loud as previously expected. Residents of the base and nearby Kailua were not stirred by the explosion.

Once the Marines from Explosive Ordnance Disposal gave the word, most of those in attendance ventured down to the blast site.

Most were amazed at the accuracy and effectiveness of the new system.

Media members left with an exclusive story of the new weapon for the Marines, while the Marines themselves left better prepared for any combat situation they could see in the future.



Lance Cpl. Gavin Powers



Left — An anti personnel obstacle breaching system rocket is launched at the K-Bay Range. Right — The charge explodes and clears a two-foot path.

## K-Bay rappel tower repaired

**Cpl. Jason E. Miller**  
Combat Correspondent

The rappel tower at the Boondocker Training Area on MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay has been in a state of needed repair for a number of years, but will soon again be open for Marine training.

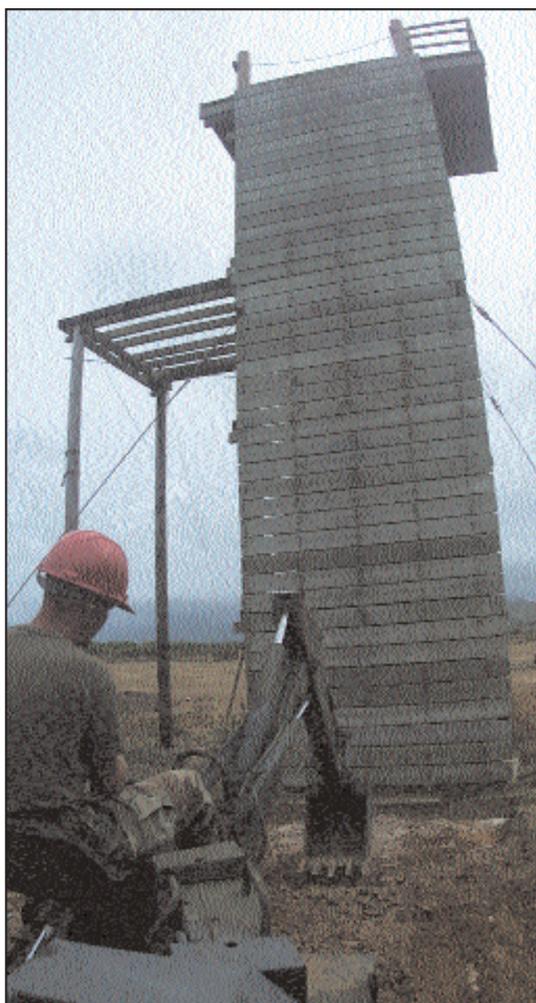
Marines from Combat Support Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, supplemented with Royal Australian Army combat engineers from the 1st Royal Australian Regiment took on the task of restoring the tower to a usable state.

Much of the tower had become weathered due to Hawaii's tropical climate.

The CSC Marines replaced handrails, cement near the base of the tower, ladders, stairs, framework near the bottom and the entire top deck of the rappel tower.

"Some of this stuff was in pretty bad shape," said Sgt. Reggie Stewart, 1st squad leader at CSC. "Once we're done here though, everything will be safe and ready to go. Marines can get out here and start to get some good training."

See RAPPTEL, A-5



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Lance Cpl. Caleb Ward, a combat engineer with Combat Support Co., 3rd Marine Regiment, clears away debris at the bottom of the rappel tower.

## Marines transition out of the Corps easier with TAP

**Cpl. Jason E. Miller**  
Combat Correspondent

From Marine-green to corporate-gray, are you ready to make the transition?

Getting out of the military can be a tough choice for service members when they approach their end of active service date or become ready to retire from active duty.

Luckily, the Transition Assistance

Program, offered by Marine Corps Base Hawaii's Personal Services Center gives those on their way out a place to go for help and information.

The TAP is a three-day course where departing military members receive classes in several areas to make the transition easier.

Courses are given on many areas including resume writing, networking

See TAP, A-5

## Spin out



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Bayfest 2002 aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, brought service members, base residents and civilians from all over Oahu together for a weekend of fun and excitement as attendees hopped on rides provided by E.K. Fernandez events and watched live musical acts brought by MCCS. See B-1 for more.

## MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

### MARINE FOR LIFE PROGRAM

Whether you are retired, serving in the reserves or served way back when for one tour of duty, if you have a photo of yourself in uniform and one of yourself post active-duty, Marine For Life is looking for "before and after" photos for a promotional video currently in production.

The video will be shown to Marine Corps leadership, Marine-affiliated organizations, transitioning Marines and Marine-friendly employers.

Photos must be received by Aug. 30. Electronic copies are preferred. Email them to [MarineForLife@MarineCorps.com](mailto:MarineForLife@MarineCorps.com). Please provide only two photos per email.

All Hardcopy photos will be returned:

Marine For Life  
3280 Russell Road  
Quantico, VA 22134  
Attn: Video photos

For more information, contact Maj. Whitney Mason at (703) 614-4309/784-9140 or e-mail [masonw@hqmc.usmc.mil](mailto:masonw@hqmc.usmc.mil).

### MARINE CORPS MARATHON

For 24 years, the All-Marine Marathon Team has competed against the British Royal Navy/Marines at the Marine Corps Marathon. The team that wins the challenge wins the coveted Challenge Cup. In Addition, the All-Marine team competes against our sister services in the Armed Forces event. This year, the Marine Corps is determined to beat the British Royal Navy/Marines and take back the Challenge Cup and also the Armed Forces title. We are looking for male runners with a sub 2:55 marathon time, and female runners with a sub 3:30 time, to try out for the All-Marine Marathon team. Marines should visit the Marine Corps Community Services web site at [www.usmc-mccs.org/running](http://www.usmc-mccs.org/running) for more information.

### MOKAPU GATE CLOSURE

Mokapu gate will be closed for thru traffic between 9 - 11:30 a.m. on Monday.

Mokapu Road will also be closed to traffic beginning at the intersection of Harris and Mokapu.

This road closure is due to the new family housing ribbon cutting ceremony.

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

On-Base Emergencies	257-9111
Military Police	257-7114
Crisis Hotline	521-4555
Child Protective Services	832-5300
Fraud, Waste, Abuse & EEO	257-8852
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## CG'S MAIL BOX

"...there should be a mandatory clean up of all the beaches once a week."



BRIG. GEN.  
MCABEE

Submitted by Tina Yount, MCB Hawaii family member

Good afternoon Sir,

I would like to inform you of an incident that happened on a Saturday in May.

My family and I were walking along Fort Hase Beach and I noticed a dead animal lying on the sand close to the construction site.

When I got up close to it, I had noticed that it was a decomposing dog (but only by it's teeth). My husband and our daughter had followed up behind me and passed me to get to the call box to report it to the MP's.

My husband had called my name to come to him, and had shown me that our two-year-old had picked up what was a bent needle of a syringe about 10 feet from the dog. And then found the cap on the way to the call box.

After the police had come and disposed off the dog, and the needle. We were walking back home being that we decided not to swim there after all that.

I had noticed a sign posted on the beach that stated (No Dogs Allowed On The Beach). Then a couple of weeks later I received the Hawaii Marine and noticed that a photo was taken off a dog running on that beach.

I have noticed that service members are cleaning the area every so often.

I think that because of this and the children that play there, that there should be a mandatory clean up of all the beaches once a week. That way we don't have to worry about our children getting hurt or even getting diseases from incidents such as this one!

Thank you for taking the time to read and evaluate this concern of mine.

— Tina Yount

Dear Mrs. Yount

I have been asked by the Commanding General to research and respond to your email of July 10, since your concerns fall within my staff responsibilities. He appreciates that you've taken the time to participate in the "CG Mail" program.

We all certainly want to see our beaches kept clean for everyone to enjoy. Each of us can help in keeping MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay clean. We have begun to inspect beaches regularly for cleanliness and are sending a weekly working detail to ensure that they are kept clean. If a beach patron finds trash or any hazardous material on any one of our beaches, they should immediately contact PMO or my office at 257-7718/8824 and we will get a crew out to clean it up.

Additionally, all of the base beaches will receive a thorough cleaning during the semi-annual Base Beautification Program, tentatively scheduled for the end of August. We hope that many will participate.

Family pets are not allowed on any our beaches except for North Beach, and there, only during the hours from sunrise to 10 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to sunset. This policy lets all of our patrons, including pet owners, enjoy the use of our beaches and the beautiful surroundings. As is the case anywhere on MCB Hawaii, pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. If any patron observes a pet on any unauthorized beach or area, they should immediately contact PMO.

Thank you again for taking the time to participate in the "CG Mail" Program.

Sincerely,  
Major Bob Baggett, Base Inspector



Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora

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*(Editor's Note: Letters of any length may be trimmed and edited in the interest of good taste and brevity.)*

The commanding general invites input from the base community via C.G. Mail on the following 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?

Responses should include a recommendation that will help solve the problem and must include your name and return address so that staff may respond.

For more information about how to send C.G. Mail, see the MCB Hawaii C.G. Mail page at [www.mcbh.usmc.mil/command/cgmail.htm](http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/command/cgmail.htm).

## A visit from "Down Under"



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

The honorable Paul Robilliard, Consul-General, Australian Consulate Honolulu, Brigadier General Jerry C. McAbee, commanding general MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, and other staff members visit the cross-training between Marines from 1st Battalion 3rd Marine Regiment and the 1st Royal Australian Regiment at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows on Aug. 13.

# School bus rules will keep keiki safe

**Press Release**  
National Safety Council

The season for new clothes, school supplies and children catching a ride on a big yellow bus, is a sign that all drivers must be alert and slow down aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

For some 22 million students nationwide, the school day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus. Unfortunately, each year many youngsters are injured and several are killed in school bus incidents.

School bus related crashes killed 164 persons and injured an estimated 18,000 persons nationwide in 1999, according to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System and General Estimates System.

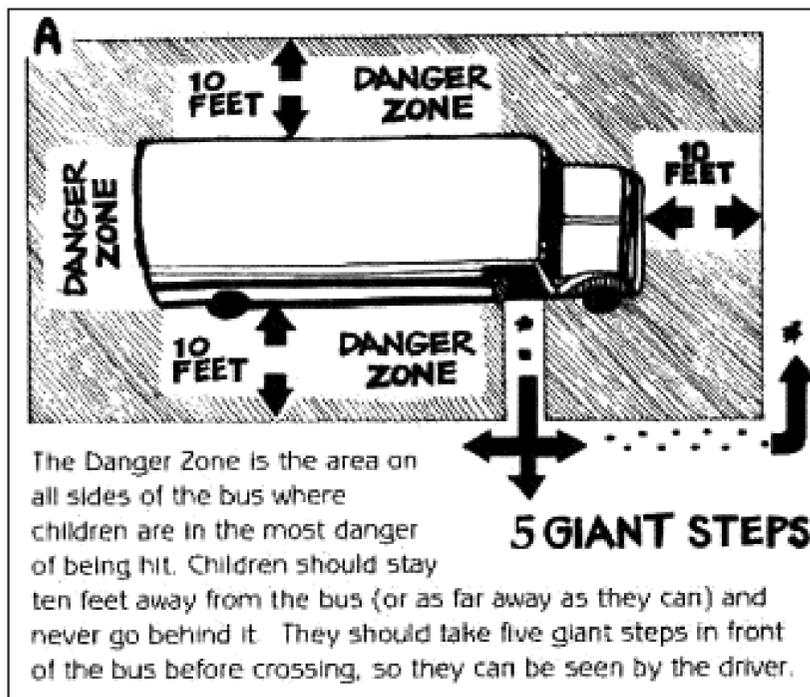
Over the past six years, about 70 percent of the deaths in fatal school bus related crashes were occupants of vehicles other than the school bus and 20 percent were pedestrians. About 4 percent were school bus passengers and 2 percent were school bus drivers.

Of the pedestrians killed in school bus related crashes over this period, approximately 77 percent were struck by the school bus.

Of the people injured in school bus related crashes from 1994 through 1999, about 44% were school bus passengers, 9% were school bus drivers, and another 43% were occupants of other vehicles.

Drivers on base are required to stop when school bus lights are flashing. When a bus is stopped caution should be heightened for drivers when the loading or offloading of students is present.

Children need to be educated of the dangers of vehicles around a bus. The National Safety Council encourages parents to teach their youngsters these rules for getting on and off the school bus:



- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness. Do not stray onto streets, alleys or private property.

- Line up away from the street or road as the school bus approaches. Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.

- Use the hand rail when stepping onto the bus.

- When on the bus, find a seat and sit down. Loud talking or other noise can distract the bus driver and is not allowed. Never put head, arms or hands out of the window.

- Keep aisles clear — books or bags are tripping hazards and can block the way in an emergency.

- Before you reach your stop, get ready to leave by getting your books and belongings together.

- At your stop, wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up

from your seat. Then, walk to the front door and exit, using the hand rail.

- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk at least ten feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road, until you can turn around and see the driver. Make sure that the driver can see you. Wait for a signal from the driver before beginning to cross. When the driver signals, walk across the road, keeping an eye out for sudden traffic changes.

- Do not cross the center line of the road until the driver has signaled that it is safe for you to begin walking.

- Stay away from the bus' rear wheels at all times.

The Council also suggests that parents review with their children the correct way to cross the street.

- Youngsters should always stop at the curb or the edge of the road and look left, then right, and then left again before crossing.

- They should continue looking in this manner until they are safely across.

- If students' vision is blocked by a parked car or other obstacle, they should move out to where drivers can see them and they can see other vehicles — then stop, and look left-right-left again.

Some other rules from the local bus service, Roberts Hawaii School Bus system for MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay:

- Students shall always present their bus passes to the driver on a daily basis, failure to do so, will result in driver denying service.

- Students shall not eat or drink on the bus.

- Driver has the right to arrange seat assignments.

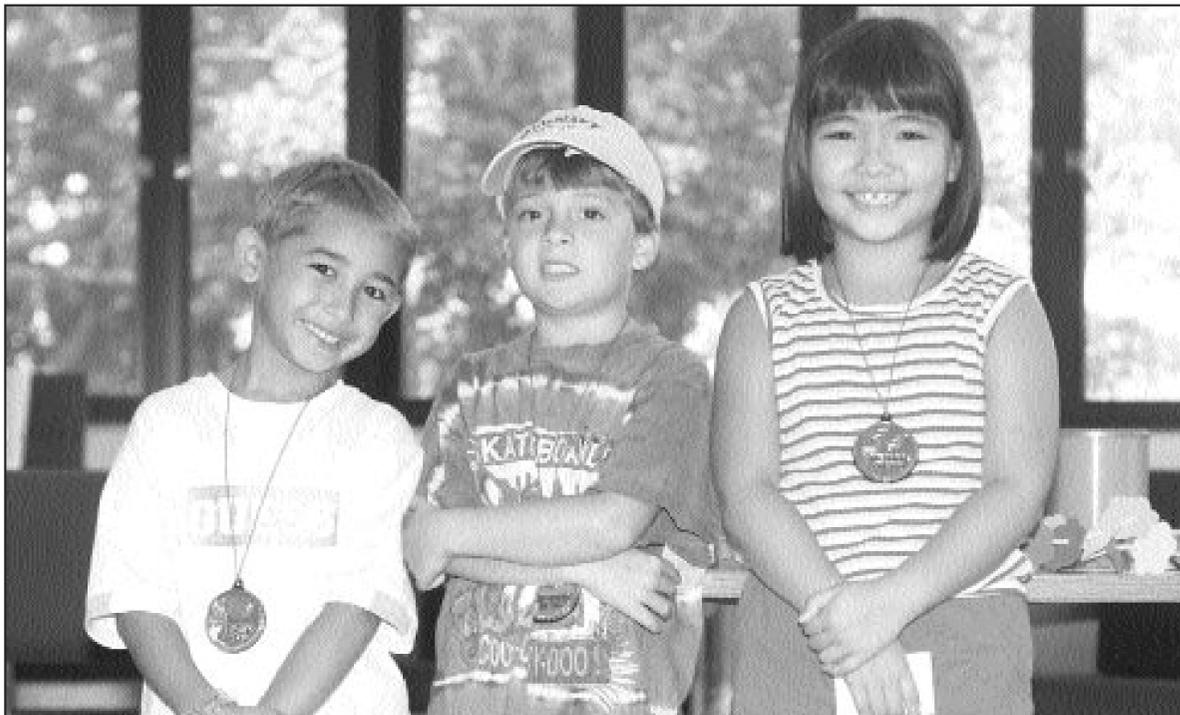
For more information on the rules, contact the school or call Roberts Hawaii at 832-4886.



Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora

Air brakes engaged, red lights flashing, yellow doors swing open, and little happy keiki line up in a column waiting their turn to board a Roberts Hawaii bus Wednesday, in a safe and orderly fashion, aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

## Brilliant minds read alike



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Summer Reading Program participants Chauncey Keohulua, 6-years-old, Sage Gerbers, 5-years-old and Mackenzie Chum, 7-years-old, read more than 400 books during the summer and were awarded with medals at the Base Library, Aug. 15, for having read the most books of any children in the reading program.

## WORD ON THE STREET

*"What did you like most about BayFest?"*



"I think all of BayFest was very entertaining. The different mix of music was appealing to all cultures."

**Joshua F. Aberilla**  
Firefighter, Station A, Federal Fire Department

"I think the star-spangled banner performance by Hoku was very motivating and one of the best performances there."



**1st Lt. Harry A. Bailey**  
Operations Officer, HQBN, Military Police Co.



"I liked the roller coasters and the strong man competitions."

**Sgt. Leigh Cotterell**  
Flight line mechanic, HMH-363

"My favorite thing about BayFest was Collective Soul and the fireworks. They were outstanding. I can't wait till next year."

**Lance Cpl. Joel Paula**  
Administration clerk, 1st Radio Bn.



"I enjoyed the family atmosphere the most. It was a great and safe place to spend time with my family."

**Senior Chief Petty Officer Roland Manahan**  
command senior chief, CSSG-3

# EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

## Space-A travel: A benefit that you have earned

**Sgt. Jose E. Guillen**

*Camp Pendleton, Public Affairs Office*

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — Vacationing cross-country or internationally via commercial airplane, ship, train or car can be expensive - but thanks to the comforts of military jumbo cargo planes helmed by Air Force pilots, you can travel across the world without spending a dime.

"It's absolutely free-of-charge, and you can eat a lot for a few dollars - it's the Air Force," said 1st Lt. Russell W. Becker, 5th Marine Regiment's former morale officer.

Through extensive research and personal experience, Becker learned to navigate the military Space Available Air Travel program designed to transport service members and their families free of charge.

Becker has organized or flown on approximately 20 military flights - all successful, except one where the Marine didn't follow the rules.

Aircraft space is limited, so Space-A travel is on a first-come, first-served basis. So planning your departure, return and contingencies is important.

The Space-A handbook provides postal and electronic addresses of military air terminals, telephone and fax numbers.

"You have to fax your leave papers to the Air Force bases where you think you may land and keep the fax

**"The worst you can do is not prior-plan. If you do your research, you'll get to where you want to go"**

1st Lt. Russell W. Becker,  
*Veteran space-A traveller*

receipts," said Becker. "Fax receipts are like reservations - it just puts you ahead of the line."

For example, if your final destination is Ramstein Air Base in Germany, with a departure from California, leave papers should be faxed to Travis Air Force Base [45 minutes from Sacramento] and Ramstein as soon as your leave begins.

Once you arrive at Travis for check-in, it's important that terminal personnel are aware of your final destination.

Chances are, the plane will make one pit stop prior to landing in Germany. Find the location of that air base and fax them your leave papers to cover possible rerouting.

For security reasons, passengers may only retrieve flight schedules in person at the terminal or via

telephone.

Becker suggested investing in a copy of "Military Space-A Air Opportunities Around the World" and the "Military Space-A Air Opportunities Air Route Map."

"The worst you can do is not prior-plan. If you do your research, you'll get to where you want to go," said Becker.

Traveling via military aircraft requires flexibility and patience because it's unpredictable.

"Sometimes flights are canceled, which compels you to wait or reroute. Things change day to day," said Becker.

Family members may fly; but be careful. If a dependent is authorized on the first flight, he or she may not be cleared for the connecting flight and could get left behind.

"A soldier and his wife flew from Ramstein, Germany, to Dover, Del., then tried to get a separate flight from Dover to their final destination - Travis," said Becker, explaining the consequences of poor planning.

"Travis airport told the soldier's wife she can't continue on the Dover-to-Travis flight with her husband. They were in tears the last time I saw them."

Becker recommends traveling out of season or on non-holidays to avoid standby.

"Flights are smooth overall and Space-A works - just plan your trip and be patient," said Becker.

## Marine Corps shutterbugs 're-focus' on combat skills

**Cpl. Matt Preston**

*Marine Corps Recruit Depot,  
Public Affairs Office*

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT/EASTERN RECRUITING REGION, Parris Island, S.C. — Every Marine is a rifleman, but a special breed of Marine shoots with more than just a weapon, as two Depot Marines proved.

Lance Corporal Jared Hanson and Lance Cpl. Joseph Sarabia, Combat Visual Information Center photographers, ventured to Camp Lejeune, N.C., to train with other combat photographers and videographers on how to adapt their photographic and video techniques to a combat environment.

The Marines took advantage of the chance to take their skills into an actual training scenario.

"You can only take classes for so long," said Sarabia.

The first day consisted of classes on patrolling and other Marines' experiences in combat. The subject of when to put down the camera and when to pick up the rifle was an important one. Combat takes precedence over taking pictures, according to Sarabia.

"They told us, 'Drop your camera and worry about your rifle. When you kill the enemy, then take pictures,'" said Sarabia.

Another important lesson that the Marines learned was flexibility.

"In combat, some of the simplest

things become difficult," said Hanson. The ability to reload both film and ammunition under fire can become a challenge.

The second day consisted of practical application. The Marines conducted a Military Operation in Urban Terrain, or MOUT, as part of the exercise. They were issued standard 782 gear, Kevlars, flak jackets and simunitions (training rounds used to simulate being hit by live fire.)

Hanson appreciated the opportunity to participate.

"It gave me a better grasp of what's expected of me in a combat environment," said Hanson. "You tend to see things differently when you're under fire. It's a good learning experience."

Both Hanson and Sarabia were hand-picked to attend the training.

"I felt they would represent Parris Island in a good light," said Gunnery Sgt. Ray Glover, CVIC photo chief. "They had the motivation."

One of the Marines wanted the training bad enough to miss out on some potentially higher pay. Hanson was originally scheduled to compete in the Meritorious Corporal Board for Headquarters & Service Bn., but he elected to participate in the training instead.

The best evaluation may not come from boards, but from the confidence that others place in them.

"They're the ones I'd take into combat with me," said Glover.

## Gas! Gas! Gas!

The Marines from Nuclear, Biological, Chemical, Headquarters Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, completed a five-mile conditioning march in which they were provided a simulated NBC hazard or threat and therefore wore Mission-Oriented Protective Posture. They started the march wearing MOPP level 0 and gradually added more gear as the NBC threat condition level enhanced.



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

### *RAPPEL, From A-1*

The project, which is nearing completion, has taken the Marines and Australian Soldiers more than two weeks of hard work.

If all goes well, the tower will open for training within the next month.

In the near future, MCB Hawaii also hopes to improve training across the base by improving existing sites and even building new structures to better suit the needs of units here.

"MCB Hawaii is working to meet the training facility needs of the tenant warfighters," said Maj. John Claucherty, assistant deputy, G-3, MCB Hawaii. "The rappel tower is a good example. The repairs to the current tower are being paid for by G-3. All the work is being done by 3rd Marines.

At the same time, MCB Hawaii facilities engineers are designing the much-improved, new rappell tower to be built at the Boondocker during fiscal year 2004."

### *TAP, From A-1*

skills, interviewing skills and financial planning.

The class is open to all Marines and Sailors retiring. For those approaching their EAS, a full year is open to attend the course.

"We want people to come out and get involved in this as soon as they can," said James Gardner, transition services manager at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. "We don't want anyone waiting until the last minute because this shouldn't be a burden. It's here to help them. If they wait too long, they could potentially miss out on benefits available to them."

Family members can also attend the class with their active-duty spouse.

Attendees of the class, whether military or dependent, must register with their unit's transition assistance counselor.

The counselors and instructors of the TAP course are truly unsung heroes for service members who are getting ready for the civilian battlefield.

These workers dedicate time into helping military members transition back into the civilian way of life, finding a job can be difficult in a competitive market and many things are different.

For more information on registering for a TAP, contact Personal Services at 257-7787.

# Anderson Hall opens doors to family

**Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Families in the naval service make many sacrifices to adjust, adapt to life in the military and support their Marine or Sailor through their endeavors.

That's why Anderson Hall Dining Facility aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, hosted a Family Appreciation Night from 5 to 7 p.m. on Aug. 14.

"We need to show appreciation to these families that support the Sailors and Marines who defend this country," said Staff Sgt. Raul Pina, chief cook, Anderson Hall.

Additionally, this gave families the opportunity to take a break from cooking at home and enjoy quality time together.

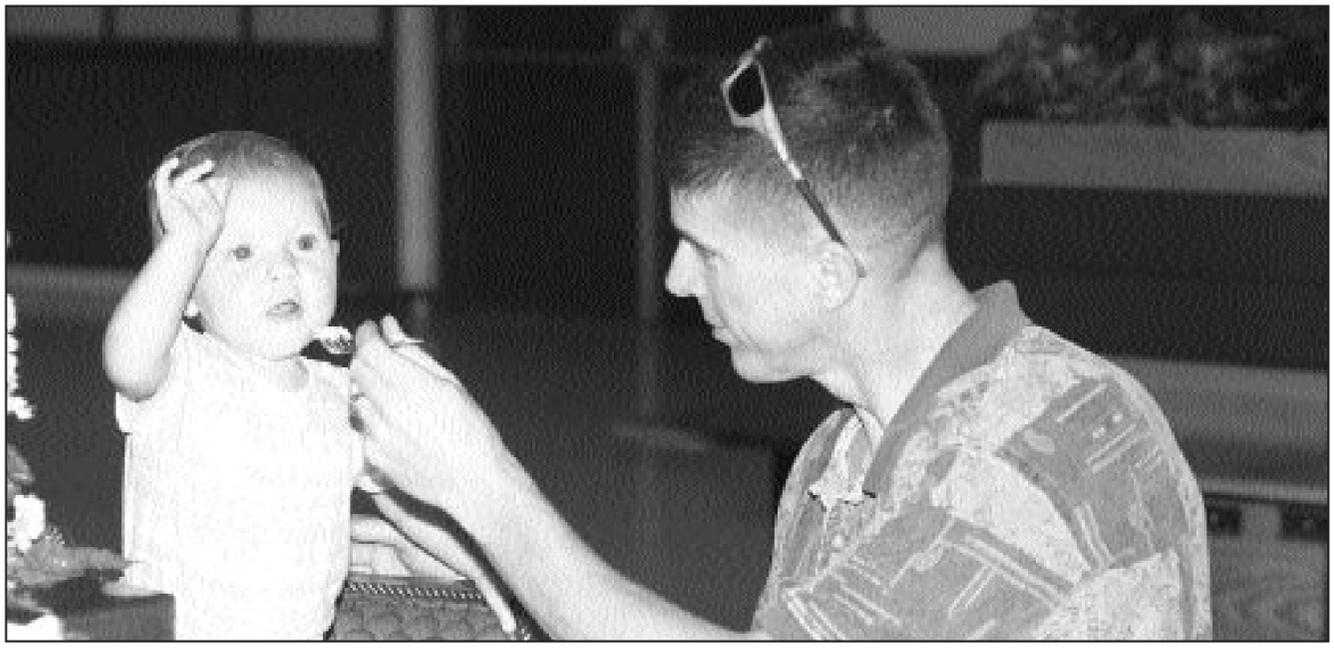
"Events like this bring families together," said PFC Corrine Youngbar, food service specialist, Anderson Hall. "Also, They get to enjoy a delicious meal at a low price."

The Warriors from Anderson Hall treated their guest to a myriad of eating options.

They served king crab legs, grilled boneless rib eye steak, shrimp fried rice, mashed potatoes and a wide variety of veggies.

Also, guests devoured some mouth-watering deserts. They included pineapple upside down cake, blueberry pie, lemon meringue pie and cheesecake with strawberry topping.

"The food was great," said Cecile Ortiz, a 12 year-old family member who attends Kailua Intermediate. "I specially



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

**Above — Master Sgt. Joseph Taylor, a career retention specialist with 3rd Marine Regiment, feeds his 11-month-old daughter, Audrey, some delicious Anderson Hall chow. Below — Aryam Rodriguez, a two-year-old family member, chomps down on a chicken nugget during the Family Appreciation Night.**

enjoyed the king crab legs."

Additionally, a night of family appreciation couldn't be complete without the relaxing sounds of the Marine Forces Pacific Band's electric trio, who played till the end of the event.

All in all, this event wouldn't have happened the way it did without the hard work and dedication of the Anderson Hall Marines.

"These Devil Dogs really impressed me today," said Staff Sgt. Raul Pina, chief cook, Anderson Hall. "There was a larger amount of people eating here than the chow hall is used to, but the Marines were able to keep the chow lines moving while still maintaining an almost spotless facility."



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero