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Hangin' around



Photo Courtesy of Seaman Ryan C. McGinley

A chief petty officer selectee swings over a water pit at the Fleet Marine Force Challenge. The FMF Challenge included a confidence and obstacle course, leadership reaction course, pugil stick training and a general purpose tent pitch for chief selectees at MCB Hawaii. U.S. Navy Sailors who are selected for promotion from E-6 to E-7 voluntarily submit to six weeks of arduous physical training, practical team building and leadership exercises that will prepare them for their new duties and responsibilities. See A-3 for the whole story.

Two snipers saluted for OEF actions

Sgt. Joseph Lee
Press Chief

Two Marine snipers from 3rd Marine Regiment were awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" here recently for actions during Operation Enduring Freedom.

On July 29, Cpl. (now Sgt.) Seth M. Stanton and Cpl. (now Sgt.) Andrew K. Jones distinguished themselves with valor in a firefight with an element of the Abu Sayyaf Guerrilla terrorist organization while conducting security operations in support of the Naval Construction Task Group on Basilan Island, Philippines, during OEF.

The Marine Security Element platoon "Husky" was conducting force protection operations on June 17, 2002, with the Special Forces Operational Detachment Alpha Team 111, on an access road near the village of Maligue, Basilan Island, Philippines.

The scout sniper team of Stanton and Jones, accompanied by an Armed Forces of the Philippines Soldier of the 55th Infantry Battalion, was tasked with establishing over-watch positions on a seabee work site along the road. Specifically tasked with observing trails and roads that may serve as key avenues of approach for enemy forces trying to ambush the construction site, the team moved to occupy the dominating high ground overlooking the work site to the south.

While moving along a trail to their position, they noticed fresh footprints heading east

toward the work site. The three-man team decided to move back to the work site. Approximately 150 meters down the trail, Stanton, the point man, heard human voices and gave the hand and arm signal to freeze.

"I couldn't tell what was there, but I knew something was coming," said Stanton.

Stanton observed two men, later determined to be an ASG patrol, walking up the trail in his direction, both armed with assault rifles.

"There was nowhere to move, because there was thick brush on both sides of the trail," said Stanton. "The slightest move would have given away our position."

The team did the only thing they could. Stanton hastily moved them off to the side of the trail, and the unidentified men moved within 10 feet of Stanton, and the team was spotted.

"When the first guy saw us, he was about 10 feet in front of me," said Stanton. "When he reached for his weapon, I lit him up."

With rounds cutting through the jungle all around him, Stanton noticed approximately 10-15 enemy soldiers further down the trail who then opened fire in the direction of the scout team.

In an attempt to cover his team member, Jones immediately moved into a shooting position along the trail and began firing into the ranks of the enemy force. Jones instructed the team to initiate their "break-contact" drill.

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Marine hailed for AAV save

Sgt. Joseph Lee
Press Chief

On Oct. 29, 2002, the Assault Amphibian Vehicle Platoon was tasked with demonstrating an amphibious landing at Fort Hase Beach, here.

Two vehicles were designated to splash in the ocean, conduct approximately an 800-meter swim, and return to shore. Surf conditions were extremely rough, with several indicators only slightly below training condition limits.

Due to the rough surf conditions, Staff Sgt. Timothy S. Allison, platoon sergeant, Combat Support Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, and the platoon commander chose to ride in the lead vehicle.

"Two rehearsals of the landing went according to plan," said 2nd Lt. Houston V. Evans, platoon com-

See *ALLISON*, A-4

'Medical week' stresses casualty care

Lance Cpl. Bernadette L. Ainsworth
Marine Forces Pacific

Ten Marines from 3rd Radio Battalion's Radio Reconnaissance Platoon learned to efficiently stabilize casualties during Trauma Combat Casualty Care training taught by their corpsmen Aug. 16 - 20.

Radio reconnaissance teams deploy with Marine Expeditionary Units. Prior to deploying, they go through a four-month training cycle called the Radio Reconnaissance Instructional Program.

During "medical week" of the RRIP, the Marines utilized TCCC for the first time, to assist them in learning to properly wrap wounds using a life-size dummy and other Marines within their teams. The dummy, dressed in a flak jacket and green shorts, has numerous wounds that were identified during the training. He is also used for evacuation purposes, for the



Lance Cpl. Bernadette L. Ainsworth

Lance Cpl. Anthony B. Flamme (left) and Cpl. Israel P. Garduno, both of 3rd Radio Battalion Radio Reconnaissance Platoon, carry a casualty out of harms way after an ambush during Trauma Combat Casualty Care training.

Marines to practice giving him shots in the chest.

Each Marine also got practice giving and receiving intravenous lines.

"Due to the sensitive nature of their job, radio reconnaissance teams require a security clearance.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Register to vote

Below is a list of helpful Web sites providing information about voting:

www.manpower.usmc.mil, select "Personal and Family Readiness," then select "Voting."

www.fvap.gov

www.vote-smart.org

www.republicansabroad.org

www.democratsabroad.org

www.fvap.gov/comm/communicating.html

www.fvap.gov/pubs/howtoinfo.html

www.fvap.gov/pubs/faq.html

State Alert to Sound Wednesday

The State Civil Defense monthly test of sirens and the Emergency Alert System will be held Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. The siren test is a steady 45-second tone, used to alert the public of emergencies that pose or may pose a threat to life and property.

CG Invites Input

The commanding general of MCB Hawaii would like to hear comments regarding:

•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?

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If you don't have an e-mail account, you can fax your suggestions to 257-3290, or you can mail them to:

**Commanding General
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Your suggestions can also be dropped off in person on base at the Adjutant's office in Building 216, Room 1.

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New CG returns to Hawaii with vision

Pfc. Rich Mattingly
Combat Correspondent

The name has changed on every newly polished plaque, and there's a new picture on top of every unit's command board. Base residents have



TRAUTMAN

noticed their new commanding general touring the base, talking to his Marines, Sailors, and families, and taking notes.

Completely aware of the responsibilities he takes on in his commanding role, Brig. Gen. George J. Trautman, III, commanding general, MCB Hawaii, recently shared his enthusiasm for taking the helm at Kaneohe Bay with the Hawaii Marine.

"I was very happy with this assignment. It's a great assignment, because I have my foot in two camps. I'm the base commanding general and I'm also the deputy commanding general of Marine Forces Pacific, so

that lends an operational flavor to the job," said Trautman in a recent interview.

No stranger to MCBH, Trautman first came aboard in 1977 when he served with Marine Aircraft Group 24, and subsequently deployed twice with a Marine Amphibious Unit.

His connection to K-Bay goes even deeper. Not only is his wife, Zoe, a graduate of the University of Hawaii, but his Marine father is buried in Punchbowl Memorial Cemetery, overlooking Honolulu where he owned and operated a real estate business for more than 20 years after retiring from the Marine Corps as the base sergeant major at Camp H.M. Smith.

With his connection to Hawaii solidified by his latest assignment, Trautman plans to make his time as commanding general impactful, with a clear and direct, three-part vision of the base's purpose and mission.

"The first part of my vision is making sure this is a world-class training facility in the context of what we can do here. After all, our job is to train and prepare Marines to deploy," said the general. "It's increasingly important that our Marines are ready to serve wherever and whenever the President and Secretary of Defense need us to serve."

His next objective will be on environmental issues.

"Job two is the environment. Because of my relationship with Hawaii, I fully realize the land and the ocean are a resource the Hawaiian people cherish greatly. Their tolerance for us to be here would become limited very quickly if we were not seen as good stewards of the environment," he said.

"It's not only the right thing to do, but environmental awareness is something we must do to preserve my first objective," he added, citing the important strides already made by the MCB Hawaii community in the fields of environmental conservation and awareness.

"My third objective is to insure Marines, Sailors and their families have the best quality of life that they can have because the services we provide on base are as good as we can make them," continued Trautman.

"Obviously, resources are not unlimited, so we have to take on the challenges we face incrementally with a good overall vision, which I'm glad to say we have. My objective is to maintain the high standards I've observed since my arrival."

In fact, Trautman shared he was

See *TRAUTMAN, A-4*

Manners still matter for Marines

**Master Gunnery Sgt.
Billy D. Stewart**

Commentary

A poll taken by ABC News states many believe America's "manners" are poor and have declined significantly during the past 20 years. This poll was taken roughly two years ago, and I have made it a point to monitor the use of manners in the Corps since the poll was completed.

I constantly ponder the current state of our Marine Corps concerning this very issue, and I can say proper manners are still an issue for our Marines.

Surely, one would hope Marines would never compromise themselves by displaying bad manners. To say Marines constantly set the example when it comes to good and proper manners would be a false statement. This would imply that we are in no need of improvement. As Marines, we are required to know ourselves and seek self-improvement on a constant basis.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines "manners" as the socially correct way of acting. In addition,

"manners" describe the social conduct and norms of a specific society, period, or group. Using this definition, it should be fairly simple to recognize our responsibility as Marines and individual ambassadors of our country.

As an institution, the Marine Corps serves as a form of society, and the words honor, courage, and commitment firmly establish the bedrock for our social conduct. This is not only

true toward our fellow Marines, but to anyone we come in contact. The reputation of the Marine Corps is often determined by the first impression of a Marine's manners, both on and off duty.

There are countless ways Marines can im-

prove their manners. However, I think if a few basic rules are followed, better manners will just come naturally.

First and foremost, treat others, as you would like to be treated. This will set the stage for the improvement of your manners. I can think of no person who doesn't enjoy kind and respectful words or actions bestowed upon them once in a while.

A good start is to begin by saying "please" and "thank you" in your

daily conversation. This alone would improve the manners, attitudes, and demeanor of both you and those around you. In the aforementioned ABC News Poll, 83 percent stated that the world would be a much better place if people would just say "please" and "thank you" once in a while.

Second, respect elders and people or positions of authority. Often times this is a hard pill for many Marines to swallow due to foolish pride, over inflated egos, and selfishness. As a child my grandmother set a great example of respecting authority having worked 20 years at a laundry company for management much younger than her. My grandmother used the words "Sir" and "Ma'am" equally towards everyone. We as Marines, should have a deep respect for authority and our elders. This is what our nation expects of us.

Finally, set the example. Imagine your manners are being recorded and used as an example for today's young people. Whether as parents, authority figures, or just as friends, we took on the title of "role model" the minute we earned the title "Marine."

Marines of all ranks hold a responsibility to display manners above and beyond the social norm. Our desire to set the example and our level of self-discipline are hallmarks of our Corps. I believe our nation deeply desires good manners and courtesies, and expects nothing less from each of us.

Remember this maxim, "the example you set today may be the example you receive tomorrow." Semper Fi.

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SALUTES

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DUIs are career killers



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

Congratulations MCB Hawaii. No DUIs were reported for the week of Aug. 16 – 22.

Non-judicial punishment results:

- Aug. 16, Lance Cpl. Philip J. Licastris of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 was convicted of DUI as a result of a Aug. 14 incident. Licastris was reduced in rank to PFC, and received other

punishments including: 45 days extra punishment duty, 45 days restriction, forfeiture of half of a months pay for two months (\$1,336 total) and suspension of base driving privileges for remainder of his service in 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

Swingin' into action

Fleet Marine Force Day 'initiates' chief selectees with Corps training

Story & Photos by
Pfc. Rich Mattingly
Combat Correspondent

As dawn was breaking over Kaneohe Bay, more than 160 Sailors gathered at Landing Zone Boondocker to begin a unique day in their chief petty officer transition process.

The Third Annual Fleet Marine Force Challenge, started by the FMF chiefs, serves to educate the soon-to-be chiefs on how to improve their leadership and team building skills, while giving them a taste of Marine Corps training.

The chief selectees raced against the clock through the obstacle course, confidence course and leadership reaction course. They worked together to erect general purpose or "GP" tents, and battled it out in tug-of-war and pugil stick events.

"Today is a snapshot of the FMF experience. It teaches them [Sailors] confidence and how to work together," said Senior Chief Petty Officer, Daniel Forburger, command senior chief for Combat Service Support Group 3.

The chiefs of the FMF in Hawaii wanted other Navy chiefs, especially those pinning on the anchors for the first time, to really understand part of what it means to wear the FMF pin and go through training that will better prepare them to "put on the hat" as a Navy Chief.

"We have the whole spectrum here: technicians, mechanics, drivers as well as some 'green' sailors serving with the FMF," added Forburger. "Now they know what corpsmen go through, and they get a taste of Marine Corps training. You can hear them cheering and yelling and having a good time. Nothing in the Navy comes close to this kind of training."

Upon arriving at the Boondocker, the chief selects were warmly welcomed by Col. J.J. Patterson, commanding officer, 3rd Marine Regiment, who recalled the time-worn and honored phrase of "ask the chief."

Patterson related a story from his midshipman days when, during an incident where no one knew how to react to an overheating boiler, a chief calmly stepped in and took care of the situation with a sledgehammer and some carefully applied physics.

"Chief is the first rank that tells you what you are and what you do. You were selected because of who you are and what you can do," said Patterson to the group. "You are the 'Big Kahunas' of the Navy, and

under and through every task set before them.

"I didn't realize how much teamwork it took to do the obstacle course. This really makes me realize why the Marines do some of the things they do," said Petty Officer First Class Jim Dziendziel, ship superintendent, Pearl Harbor Shipyard.

Other participants agreed, including Chief Petty Officer Adrian Dimla, who, prior to his current assignment to Naval Medical Center, Pearl Harbor, spent nine years with the Marines as a corpsman.

"They [chief selects] will understand the Marine mindset when they are on a ship with Marines, and they know they can learn something from the way they train and interact," said Dimla.

In the past three years, participation has nearly tripled in the FMF challenge. The Chief Petty Officers of the FMF hope the event continues to grow. As Forburger points out, the traditions of a chief's initiation has changed dramatically over the years, and the FMF challenge is a positive and healthy way to continue that change.

"The chief's initiation had a lot of negative connotations to it. This is a way of still doing [the initiation], but doing it better and without humiliating the chief selects," explained Forburger.

Currently, Hawaii's FMF chiefs are the only chiefs hosting an event like the FMF Challenge.

you have a two-fold responsibility. You now have to train your junior sailors and train your young officers."

Most of the Sailors present at the FMF challenge were muddy and exhausted, but spirits were high as winded Sailors helped each other over,

Right — A chief petty officer select swings across a mud pit during a portion of the obstacle course during "Fleet Marine Force Day."



Chief petty officer selects tackle the obstacle course during "Fleet Marine Force Day" Friday. More than 160 chiefs-to-be, in teams of six from across Hawaii, gathered to

compete in events usually reserved for Marine Corps training, such as the leadership reaction course and the confidence course.

Word on the Street

What are two things you would need to survive?



"My Lord Jesus and my family."

Sgt. Tanner Wuthrich
Administration clerk
3rd Radio Bn.



"I'd want a Will Smith CD and a picture of family and friends."

Sgt. Terry Stallings
Motor transport operator
Headquarters and Service Co., 2/3



"I would want my friends and my family."

Nick Karnes
Age 9
Family member



"I would want some drinks and my wife. That would do it."

Lance Cpl. Louis Jensen
Machinegunner
Lima Co., 3/3



"I would need some compact discs — I love music — and a picture of my family."

Sgt. George Ricondo
Clarinet player
Headquarters Bn.
Marine Forces Pacific Band

MARINE CORPS FACT FILE

M82A1 Sniper Rifle

Caliber:	.50
Magazine:	10-shot detachable box
Barrel length:	29 inches
Overall length:	57 inches
Weight:	28.5 pounds
Maximum effective range:	2,001 yards
Unit Replacement Cost:	\$7,795



M40A1 Sniper Rifle

Caliber:	.308
Magazine:	5-round, built-in
Barrel length :	24 inches
Overall Length:	44 inches
Weight:	14.5 pounds
Maximum effective range:	1,000 yards
Unit Replacement Cost:	\$2,105

ALLISON, From A-1

mander of Combat Support Company, 3rd Marine Regiment. "On the third landing effort, our vehicle experienced severe difficulties."

Shortly before turning around and heading for the beach, the vehicle's nose submerged in the water. A failure in the vehicle's air intake system, caused by the crashing waves contributed to the vehicle's flooding, according to Evans.

"[The vehicle] was turned sideways and its flank was fully exposed in the middle of the secondary surf zone. There was every risk that it would flip upside down,"

said Allison.

Allison emerged from the vehicle's driver station and ordered the rear crewman to take his place in the driver's seat. He moved to the rear of the vehicle and began one of many desperate attempts to recover the vehicle.

The recovery vehicle, which quickly came up to support the disabled vehicle, moved into a position where ropes could be thrown to it. During the ensuing recovery attempts, Allison was swept off his vehicle a total of five times — several times sandwiching him perilously between the recovery vehicle and his own.

However, Allison, driven by the reality that if his vehicle

SNIPERS, From A-1

"It was the biggest adrenaline rush of all time," said Jones. "Immediate action drills saved our lives, there's no doubt about that."

The three-man team continued their break-contact drill for approximately another 30 meters before conducting their movement to an unimproved road two kilometers to the west of their position, as per an established escape and evasion plan. Stopping 500 to 1,000 meters from the engagement site, the scout team established a hasty defensive position and informed their platoon commander there was an enemy force between them and the work site and not to send the established Quick Reaction Force toward their position.

Joint Task Force aerial assets were immediately dispatched to assist the scout team. The scout team moved to the camp of Bravo Company, 55th IB AFP, two

kilometers from the engagement site, at which time they were recovered by JTF HH-60 Blackhawk helicopters.

"The action of the scout team deterred a possible ambush of the construction site, protecting the lives of up to 30 Marines, seabees, and Filipino personnel," said Capt. Robert A. Kleinpaste, commander of Headquarters Company, 3rd Marine Regiment.

According to Kleinpaste, Stanton and Jones maintained an unbelievable presence of mind throughout the voluminous close-in enemy fire.

"The minute you let your guard down, is the minute something happens," said Stanton. "Out on patrol, you have to do everything you can to remain engaged in your current activity, and when the [rubber meets the road], you just react how you have been trained."

Unofficial reports indicated the two killed eight and wounded four Abu Sayyaf Guerrilla terrorists.

the ropes snapped.

"The last rope had to be doubled up, and it was our last hope of saving the vehicle," said Allison.

Ultimately, the recovery operation was successful and both vehicles and crews were saved.

Allison was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal July 29, for his courageous actions. He is currently serving as the Director of Regimental Schools here.

"There is no doubt in my mind that the vehicle would have sunk had he not made the decision to remain with the vehicle despite the extremely perilous conditions," said Evans. "By doing so he saved the vehicle and the embarked crew."

TRAUTMAN From A-2

impressed with what he had seen during his first week on base.

"Having been on this base on and off for almost thirty years — I don't think I've ever seen it in better condition. I go around the base and I see cheerful people going about their business, being good neighbors, trying to make the best days for themselves they can. I'd like to see that continue. I think the way it continues is by having communication and a willingness to share constructive criticism with those who can make a difference," he said.

The new commanding general also shared how important communication is to his command process.

"My door is open and the use of my staff as a sounding board is something I hold dear. I've told my staff that our reason to be here as a base is to serve our customers. Our customers are easy to identify. They are the operating forces who are our tenants here, they are the families that live and work here and they're the local community who we really need to have in our court to continue to serve here. If we serve our customers and we're open-minded and we communicate with them, things will continue on an upward trend, and it certainly has been an upward trend as far as I can tell."

Trautman plans to keep a positive attitude toward his transition into command here, and to lead from the front while staying receptive to his subordinates and their concerns at all times.

"I've been doing more listening than talking since I arrived on the island, and I intend to keep listening my entire time here," he said.

The general arrived from an assignment at United States Central Command, where he was the Deputy Director of Plans and Policy. His son, Michael, who has just completed his first year at Penn State, currently joins him for a semester before returning to school in January. Trautman said he eagerly awaits the arrival of his wife, a professional educator, who is busy getting his daughter, Katherine, into her freshman year at the University of Virginia.

CASUALTY, From A-1

That is a huge factor as to why corpsmen are not directly attached to the teams," said Sgt Harold L. Wing, Radio Reconnaissance Platoon training chief. "Because of this, these Marines need to be able to apply proper medical techniques."

Before TCCC training was implemented, only basic first aid and the life saving steps were taught to the reconnaissance teams.

In the past, much of the medical instruction wasn't geared around combat, whereas TCCC is designed specifically for that purpose. The training is much more applicable to real world deployments where these Marines have the potential to encounter combat situations, said Wing.

"The most challenging aspect of this evolution is making the training as realistic as possible," said Navy Lt. David L. Callaway, the battalion surgeon.

"Recreating the chaos of actual combat and still being able to effectively teach and have the material stick to memory is very challenging," said Wing.

The incorporation of mission scenarios into the training is also new to the medical training.

"We included mission scenarios such as short patrols to get the Marines thinking about their mission, then we would have them react to a medical scenario. Using physical activities [foot patrols], conducting the training

at 3 a.m., to get the Marines a little tired and then conducting the medical scenarios was very effective," said Wing.

With any training, instructors often wonder if their lessons are being learned. With the combination of classroom lectures and practical application, these Marines were able to demonstrate the lessons taught in an efficient manner.

"The Marines operate in six man teams — but at any time, any one of them could be called

on to apply life saving steps. During the training, one way to see if they are learning the material is to simply pick a random Marine, give him a medical situation and see if he reacts correctly," said Wing.

"Even though this was the first time conducting TCCC with Marines, the training evolution was very successful. All the Marines passed the written exam and did very well on the practical application," said Callaway.