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## Check your water use!

**U.S. Pacific Command**  
Press Release

**CAMP H.M. SMITH**  
— The U.S. Pacific Command, in partnership with the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, is calling for the assistance of all military people on Oahu to conserve water.

"I ask each of you to implement all practical water conservation measures at your activities," wrote Admiral Thomas B. Fargo, Commander, U.S. Pacific



Command, in a letter to facility directors. "While rainfall has replenished the island's aquifer, the dry seasons, for the past five years, have taken their toll, and we are yet to fully recover.

"As we head into the peak summer months, rainfall is expected to decrease while usage increases.

"The Honolulu Board of Water Supply will be asking all Oahu citizens to conserve water as much as possible during the

months ahead," Fargo wrote.

According to a Honolulu Board of Water Supply press release, it has requested residents to voluntarily restrict irrigation and limiting lawn and landscape watering to Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and asks residents to not water between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. These guidelines took effect Aug. 3.

Water conservation is voluntary now, but could become mandatory for

See WATER, A-2

## Facilities Dept. gives water usage tips



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

David Graves (in back), 14, and Bryan Koester, 7, comply with the Honolulu Board of Water Supply and restrict their water usage to early evening hours.

**Sgt. Estuardo J. Caceres**  
Energy Management, Base Facilities Department

Summer is here, and water resources need to be used wisely. Washing cars, watering lawns, and similar outdoor activities, can contribute to the wasteful usage of our limited supply of water on Oahu. The island has received less rainfall than in previous years.

Not conserving now means the island of Oahu could be forced to go on mandatory water rationing. For now, we are only being asked to use water

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## 2/3 on the prowl



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Lance Cpl. Jared Shaver, a scout sniper with Weapons Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, prepares to enter the field though enemy forces lurk all about. Using scout sniper tactics and techniques, Shaver blends himself in to the natural surroundings. See full story on page A-3.

## 'Spirit of Hope' award goes to former Oahu Marine

**Sgt. Joseph A. Lee**  
Combat Correspondent

The former staff noncommissioned officer in charge of Personal Services Division here is scheduled to receive the Spirit of Hope award for his local volunteer involvement in both base and community events.

Gunnery Sgt. Guss Lee Alexander Jr., a former substance abuse and addictions



ALEXANDER

counselor with the SACC, was named the winner of this prestigious award in an Aug. 18 letter from the Commandant of the Marine Corps to Mrs. Dolores Hope, spouse of comedian Bob Hope.

According to Marine administrative message 112/01, the "Spirit of Hope" award is presented to individuals who embody the values of the men and women of the military: duty, honor, courage, loyalty, commitment and integrity.

It states that the award is the highest and most prestigious award sponsored by the USO [United Service Organizations], which brings to mind Mr. Bob Hope who gave generously to

the military men and women for five decades.

The annual award, presented by the Marine Corps, is awarded to active duty, reserve, veteran, civilian Marines, and even individuals from the civilian sector who embody the values of the Corps.

"This is by far my greatest accomplishment," said Alexander after reading the message. "I am truly honored to receive the same recognition as people like Senator Strom Thurman, Walter Cronkite and Senator John Glenn.

"Though I haven't achieved what they have, it is an incredible honor to even be mentioned in the same breath of those outstanding individuals."

According to the commandant's letter, Alexander coordinated events for MCB Hawaii's 2002 BayFest event, securing the services of more than 60 volunteers and personally serving countless hours during this milestone event.

Alexander also served as the MCB Hawaii coordinator for the Hawaii Food Bank during its 13th annual food drive, and headed the Santa's Village program that provided holiday activities for more than 1,500 military family members during an especially tough holiday season.

Alexander, who is permanently changing duty stations to Camp Lejeune, N.C., is scheduled to receive the Spirit of Hope award Sept. 17 in Quantico, Va.

## Special Olympics extends 'mahalo' to MCB Hawaii

**Sgt. Joseph A. Lee**  
Combat Correspondent

Marine Corps Base Hawaii was recognized and awarded Sunday at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu, by Special Olympics Hawaii staff, for outstanding volunteerism throughout the past year.

Corporal Dominic T. Overton, 1st Bn., 12th Marines, legal chief, accepted the Outstanding Volunteer Organization of the Year Award on behalf of the base, at the Special Olympics Annual Leadership Awards Banquet.

The award is presented to a unique group, club or business whose efforts have significantly improved Special Olympics athletes' experiences on a local, area-wide or state level.

The base was cited as the group that provides more than 2,000 volunteers each year to support Special Olympics.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii supervised athletes at area events, coached and served on the area management team, and helped with logistics at the summer games at the University of Hawaii, and also hosted the Holiday Classic in December.

"Volunteers are essential in the success of the Special Olympics program," said Maj. Pete Hart, budget officer at Marine Forces Pacific, Camp H. M. Smith. "The Marines pull off amazing logistics wizardry every year to provide support for the program by way of trucks, supplies and manpower."

Overton, a frequent volunteer for MCB Hawaii, was chosen to accept the award for his active participation in the

Special Olympics and other community projects. He was presented with a plaque and lei from the staff of Special Olympics, and was personally praised for Marines' helpful participation.

"I feel honored accepting this award for the base," said Overton. "It feels great knowing that an organization I represent is so well appreciated for what they do.

"You know you have really helped someone out when you see them thank you face to face."

Many other special Olympians were awarded for their performance, and one was inducted into the Special Olympics Hawaii Hall of Fame.

To volunteer, contact Deanna Donaldson at 375-3726 or Staff Sgt. Brian Donaldson at 779-6300, coordinators for Windward Oahu operations.



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Corporal Dominic T. Overton, 1/12 legal chief, accepts the Outstanding Volunteer Organization of the Year award at the banquet Sunday.

## MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

### STATE ALERT SOUNDS TUESDAY

The State Civil Defense monthly test of sirens and the Emergency Alert System will be held Tuesday at 11:45 a.m.

The siren test is a steady 45-second tone, used to alert the public of any emergency that poses or may pose a threat to life and property. The siren signal alerts the public to turn on any radio or television for emergency information and instructions broadcast by civil defense agencies.

State Civil Defense tests are conducted simultaneously in cooperation with Hawaii's broadcast industry each month. Disaster preparedness information is located in the front section of the white pages of telephone directories in all counties.

### VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR KAPA'A QUARRY ROAD CLEANUP

Another Kapa'a Quarry Road clean-up has been scheduled for Saturday. During the past five months, nearly 100,000 pounds of stuff has been removed from the off-road areas alongside approximately half of the length of the road. Still more dumping needs to be removed from the overgrown bushes.

Volunteers are needed to support clean up efforts along a 2.6 mile stretch. Teams of 10 - 12 people are wanted to go into the bushes and pull out trash — from furniture to burnt-out cars. Equipment will be available for items too big or heavy for volunteers.

Interested individuals are asked to arrive at Le Jardin Academy at 7:30 a.m. Team assignments and a safety brief will be delivered then. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Volunteers should wear closed-toe shoes, a hat and lightweight, long-sleeved shirts. The affinity group that finishes first will win a pau hana pupu party at Pinky's Puppu Bar & Grill in Kailua.

For more information, contact Shannon or Jim Wood at 263-6001 or 223-5535.

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# The Base Recycling Center seeks 'supercharged' patrons

**Karen Balabis**

*Engineer, Environmental Protection and Compliance Department*

The MCB Hawaii Recycling Center installed a new "super baler" during the week of Aug. 3, designed to produce export-sized bales of cardboard in less time with less work.

According to Jim Sibert, Recycling Center manager, this new equipment creates a more efficient, cost-effective Recycling Center. Customers can now expect to spend less time waiting to drop-off their recyclable material.

The new baler allows the Recycling Center to use the old cardboard baler to process white paper exclusively, assisting the Recycling Center in saving MCB Hawaii hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in transportation and landfill disposal costs.

"Purchasing new equipment like this shows the commitment MCBH has in the recycling program and the environment," said Sibert.

Participation in the recycling program makes sense, not only for the environment, but economically. Ensuring that units and departments are diverting recyclable material out of the trash goes a long way in assisting the Recycling Center with its efforts.



Photos provided by Mr. Jim Sibert

**Marines are now using the Recycling Center's new "super baler," that produces export-sized bales of cardboard in less time with less work than their old baler. The new equipment is expected to increase productivity in the recycling center.**

Residents of the base are encouraged to pitch in and collect cardboard, white paper, newspaper, aluminum cans, glass and plastic. Everyone working together can make a difference in the world.

For assistance in establishing a recycling program within your unit or department, contact Mr. Jim Sibert at the Recycling Center at 257-4300, or e-mail him at sibertj@mcbh.usmc.mil.

## WATER: Board of Water Supply hopes to decrease demand by 10%

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Oahu residents if projected water levels aren't reached soon, according to the Honolulu Board of Water Supply.

Water conservation is an important issue for all island residents. It is a matter of concern for both commands and residents.

"We need the help of every single customer -

large and small to bring these numbers back down to reasonable levels, and to keep our aquifers healthy," said Clifford Jamile, the Honolulu Board of Water Supply Manager and Chief Engineer.

"Our goal is to reduce overall daily demand by 10 percent," said Jamile. "We are asking all water users to help us voluntarily reduce their consumption.

Cutting back on overall water demand will allow our wells to build up storage again.

"This hot summer season, combined with a prolonged drought and relatively dry winters, have taken a toll on our island's groundwater aquifers," he continued.

"Levels at key production sites such as Kaimuki, Beretania, Kalihi, Moana-

lua, Halawa, Kaluaao and Punalu'u are cause for concern," said Jamile. "All of these wells are down by almost two feet since May of last year."

For more about water conservation, visit the Board of Water Supply Web site at [www.hbws.org](http://www.hbws.org) or the Department of the Interior's U.S. Geological Survey Web site at <http://water.usgs.gov/>.

## TIPS: Residents must restrict watering to early morning or evening hours

*From A-1*

wisely, and not to waste it.

Therefore, when watering lawns — be wise. Watering a lawn during the daytime is the worst time. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the sun is at its highest and hottest; it is very potent and can burn grass and may waste water.

It is a better idea to water lawns during the evening hours or early in the morning so the water is absorbed into the ground and not evaporated.

Also, lawns don't need water every day. Your grass can give an indication of when it needs water, when the blades of grass are pushed down and they don't spring back up.

People also usually wash their vehicles on the weekend. The wise way to use water doing this chore is by using an automatic shut-off, adjustable nozzle at the end of the hose to prevent overspray and excess usage.

Another option is to use the Marine Corps Community Services' car wash facility (located just off "E" Street, near the Auto Skills Center). Water-use efficiency is built into the car wash facility.

Lastly, when planning a unit car wash on base, follow the advice above.

For more information about water usage and other energy-related topics, see Base Order 11300.13, "Utilities and Energy Conservation."



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

**Lance Cpl. Adam Barrett, a team leader with Echo Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, washes his gear at the base car wash. Residents are encouraged to use the base car wash for their vehicles and gear, rather than using their hoses at home.**



**Sergeants and below who dare to become Combat Correspondents and who would pride themselves in telling the Marine Corps story can seize the opportunity with a lateral move into the 4341 occupational field. Contact Gunnery Sgt. Rhys Evans at the Public Affairs Office, 257-8840, for complete details.**

# Weapons Co., 2/3, snipers dig in deep

"One shot, one kill" is the sniper's mantra when he shoots, moves and communicates

Story and Photos by  
**Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle**  
Combat Correspondent

The Marine Corps sniper has covered his face with paint that resembles the natural surroundings about him, and he is covered with grass from the field in which he is hiding.

Less than 300 yards away is an enemy considered to be armed and dangerous. The sniper must get even closer to him to get the perfect shot and eliminate the threat the enemy poses.

"One shot, one kill," he repeats in his mind as he zeros his sights in on the unsuspecting enemy.

Similarly, scout snipers with Weapons Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, could be within 50 yards of you, and you would never know — until it was too late.

They have endured countless treacherous realms of training in which they have had to lay dormant for hours on end battling the natural forces of blistering heat, creepy insects and sharpened thorns as they prove themselves worthy of the title "scout sniper."

August 20, these scout snipers from Weapons Co., 2/3, found themselves on the Waipia Peninsula conducting stalking exercises in an effort to keep their skills sharp and to give Marines coming from line companies the chance to have a first-hand look at the life of a scout sniper before they begin



**Lance Cpl. Jared Shaver, a scout sniper with Weapons Co., 2/3, keeps a low profile and moves slowly across a field as he attempts to move in close to the observers in order to fire off one deadly shot.**



**(Left) Sgt. Gerald Eggers, platoon sergeant for Weapons Co., 2/3, searches a field in front of him with binoculars for any possible snipers attempting to enter the area.**

**(Right) Lance Cpl. Jared Shaver, a scout sniper with Weapons Co., 2/3, knows how to disguise himself and blend in with his surroundings as he demonstrates the proper use of camouflage paint.**

the Scout Sniper School.

As the Hawaiian sun pounded furiously on the ground below, the Weapons Co., 2/3, scout snipers worked hand in hand with the trainees. They

demonstrated the proper way to approach enemy undetected.

Their enemy in the situation was another scout sniper who was playing the role of an observer. His eyes are trained

to catch the slightest unnatural disturbance in the environment around him.

Snipers moved within 200 yards of the observer's position and fired off one blank round

without being detected. After the sniper fired the round, the observer held up a miscellaneous object. It was identified by the sniper hidden on the ground below. His shot proved he could have actually taken a clear and focused aim on the trainee.

"We must conduct training like we did today at least once a month, and sometimes more than that, in order to keep the Marines' stalking skills sharp," said 1st Lt. Colby Barrett, scout sniper platoon commander with Weapons Co., 2/3. "We are also trying to get the Marines who are preparing to go to Scout Sniper School ready for what lies ahead. They are learning today that being able to stalk the enemy and go undetected is the hardest part of the training."

The following day, Aug. 21, the Marines' training continued as they divided into offensive and defensive teams. The defense sat in still positions and located offensive teams as they approached.

The defensive teams could not move, but they possessed two advantages in their favor — two observers who were looking over the area in which they were hiding.

The only way the offense could claim victory was if it could shoot both observers or locate the defensive teams and destroy them.

The defense had to locate the offensive team as it approached, or allow the offensive team's four-hour time limit to expire.

"This is even better training because they will not know the positions of any teams as they search the area for them," said Sgt. Gerald Eggers, platoon sergeant with Scout Sniper Platoon, Weapons Co., 2/3. "This is a challenge intended to sharpen their skills as snipers."

## Troops urged to attend to legal affairs before deploying

**Gerry J. Gilmore**

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — American service members have deployed to locales across the globe for months at a time since the advent of the war against global terrorism.

Therefore, it's important military members vigilantly ensure a constant state of legal readiness, Capt. Brian K. Keller, a Marine Corps lawyer, asserted during an interview with American

Forces Press Service.

Keller is the officer in charge of the Marine legal assistance office at Henderson Hall, Va. He maintains that service members should "take some time," long before a deployment becomes a possibility, to consult a military attorney for evaluation of their legal readiness, including the usual suspects — wills and powers of attorney — but also the laundry list of other issues.

Military legal assistance attorneys can help service members complete that list,

but once deployment comes into view, Keller noted, it often is too late to attend to the myriad of appointments, paperwork and actions needed to ensure legal readiness.

The military provides free legal assistance to service members and their dependents, Keller pointed out. Legal assistance attorneys handle traditional transactions like arranging wills and powers of attorney. They can also counsel service members on a wide range of topics, including insurance matters, con-

sumer and civil law issues, court hearings and child support obligations.

Powers of attorney, Keller noted, are powerful legal documents that authorize a designated representative to conduct specific transactions in the name of the absentee.

Yet, a general power of attorney without limits, he cautioned, may give holders "unlimited powers to do whatever they wanted to with your assets."

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## Word on the Street

*If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?*



"I would get rid of the hereditary cancer strain in my family."  
**Lance Cpl. Jamie Taylor**  
TMO Clerk,  
Headquarters Bn.,  
MCB Hawaii



"I would have finished school and become an officer."  
**Lance Cpl. Iniobong Ubiam**  
Anderson Messhall  
Headquarters Bn.,  
MCB Hawaii



"I would make it so we only had a four-day work week."  
**Petty Officer 3rd Class David Martinez**  
Airframer,  
HSL-37



"I would pursue my academic career more seriously instead of waiting till now."  
**Sgt. Bryan Sichley**  
Base Fuels  
Headquarters Bn.,  
MCB Hawaii



"I would make it so in order to lose weight you would eat more and exercise less."  
**Sgt. Jennifer Drummonds**  
Anderson Mess Hall  
Headquarters Bn.,  
MCB Hawaii

## Patrol keeps UFL safe

**Cpl. Luis R. Agostini**  
*Marine Forces Pacific*

**PALAN, Republic of Korea** — Marines take care of their own. Whether at Camp Smith, Kaneohe Bay, or even the Republic of Korea, Leathernecks from Marine Corps Base Hawaii Military Police Company take every step to ensure the safety and discipline of Hawaii-based Marines, home and abroad.

Coinciding with the beginning of Ulchi Focus Lens 2003, Marine MPs activated the shore patrol, and rotating teams of seven military policemen are now patrolling the streets of Osan, a favorite liberty destination for service members stationed in the Republic of Korea.

Osan Air Base provides military law enforcement in the town of Osan. The Osan AB Security Force has jurisdiction over service members staying within Osan AB's area of responsibility.

"Technically, we can't do anything," said Sgt. Steven Daniels, a military policeman with the shore patrol. "We are here to provide a presence and to ensure the safety and protection of our Marines and Sailors."

What a presence it has been.

"We walk into bars, and you see Airmen put down their drinks and sit rigidly," said Sgt. Steven Daniels, a military policeman with the shore patrol. "Even in the streets, they see our digital cammies, and the expression on their faces says it all."

Despite the difference in authority between the Shore Patrol and Security Forces, the two law enforcement groups have worked together very well, sharing information and even patrolling the streets together.

"There's been really good cooperation between us," said Daniels. "They've shown us the spots where we should be keeping Marines out of, helping us take care of them."

# CFC commander lauds CMFC's performance during UFL-03

**Cpl. Luis R. Agostini**  
*Marine Forces Pacific*

**PALAN, Republic of Korea** — Army Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, commanding general, Combined Forces Command, visited the Marines and Sailors of Combined Marine Forces Command here Aug. 24.

Accompanied by Lt. Gen. Wallace C. Gregson, commander, CMFC, and Republic of Korea Marine Lt. Gen. Kim In Sik, commandant of the R.O.K. Marine Corps, Gen. LaPorte made his way through the various CMFC sections, praising the efforts of the combined Ulchi Focus Lens-03 staff for their hard work.

"I am very impressed with CMFC and III MEF's brilliant efforts over the past year," said Gen. LaPorte.

Combined Forces Command had the confidence that Marines from Okinawa could get on high-speed vessels and engage in conflict early on, if conflict ever occurred, said Gen. LaPorte.

"[Lt.] Gen. Gregson and [Lt.] Gen. Kim provided the basis for that capability to deploy the U.S. and R.O.K. Marines on very short notice," said Gen. LaPorte.

Marines serving in the Combined Marine Force Command's area of responsibility can expect to see Korea a lot more than a couple months out of the year.

"We are going to try to have Marine training here every quarter," revealed Gen. LaPorte. "We don't know at what level, but there will be a Marine training event every three months."

Ulchi Focus Lens-03 exercised the higher headquarters' staffs of the U.S. and R.O.K. military services through computer-driven gaming scenarios, providing the CMFC and



Courtesy of Republic of Korea Marine Corps

**Army Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, commanding general, Combined Forces Command, met Combined Marine Forces Command staff during a visit to the Republic of Korea Marine headquarters here Aug. 24.**

R.O.K. staffs the ability to maneuver armies, corps, and Marine Expeditionary Forces on the computer-simulated battlefield.

The annual combined exercise took place in several locations across South Korea, including Seoul, CP Tango, Taegu, Pohang, Osan, Chinhae and here.

Combined Forces Command, the organi-

zation responsible for the overall direction and operation of UFL, reflects the mutual commitment of the Republic of Korea and the United States to maintain peace and security, and the willingness and capability to take that commitment into battle, if the need arises, according to [www.korea.army.mil/cfc.htm](http://www.korea.army.mil/cfc.htm), CFC's official web page.

## MARCENT wisdom helps prepare for UFL

**Cpl. Luis R. Agostini**  
*Marine Forces Pacific*

**PALAN, Republic of Korea** — It took several long, hard months of continuous preparation for the Marines of Marine Forces Pacific for the unexpected Operation Enduring Freedom, as well as Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Over the span of those 18-plus months, the men and women who served with Marine Central Command in Bahrain achieved victories, sacrificed losses, made mistakes and as a result learned many valuable lessons in preparing for future operations and exercises.

That wartime experience made the preparation process

for Ulchi Focus Lens 2003 flow a little more smoothly for many Marines and Sailors. From the operational level, in planning logistical support and unit movements, down to the tactical level, knowing what and how to pack expediently, the MARCENT experience made the OEF/OIF Marines and Sailors wiser.

Noncommissioned officers who deployed in support of OIF/OEF had a chance to work in a command staff environment, as well as gain valuable leadership experience.

"My time in MARCENT helped me develop a better understanding of what a general and his staff must do to ensure a war has favorable results," said Sgt. Sarah Myszka,

aviation planner, aviation logistics division, Combined Marine Forces Command.

The different duties required of a noncommissioned officer during the campaign varied, from multimedia support to enhanced job proficiency.

"I developed the confidence I needed to brief the general, and learned what my roles as an aviation logistician were in wartime," said Myszka.

The success of the insertion, or "embedding," of the mainstream media during Operation Iraqi Freedom broke new ground in the relationship between the military and the media. With the coordination of public affairs officers and commanders, members of the media were able to relay streaming images and reports to millions of Americans watching their television set.

In planning and

executing UFL, Col. Michael Daily, Marine Forces Pacific public affairs officer, commented on the value of the embedding process and the valuable lessons learned.

"The embedding lessons of OIF provided valuable discussion points and procedures for the R.O.K. Marine public affairs department," said Col. Daily. "The R.O.K. Marines are very curious to learn about our experiences with this process."

For many Marines, the absolute key to success for any deployment is the support of their friends, families and fellow devil dogs.

"We need to learn to understand and appreciate those around us, and also ensure that our young families are ready to be on their own while their Marine is away," said Myszka. "If Marines are not worrying about things back home, they'll be able to clearly focus on the mission at hand."

# Mortars blast through Australian training

**Sgt. Valerie A. Martinez**  
MCAS Iwakuni

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI, Japan** — A small detachment of Camp Lejeune, N.C.-based Marines returned from Australia recently after supporting Southern Frontier 2003.

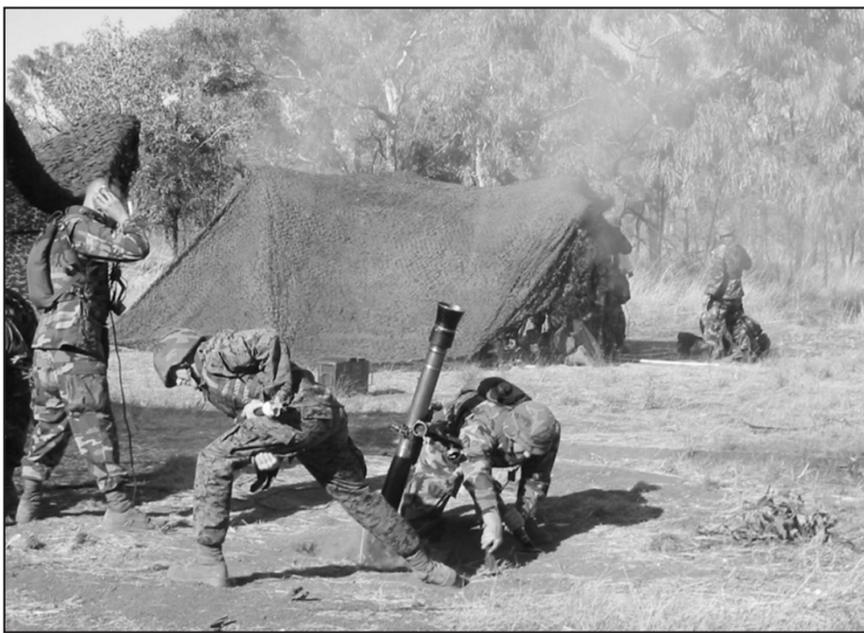
The 3d Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division unit, which is currently on an extended Unit Deployment Program in Okinawa, Japan, supported the second phase of the Marine Aircraft Group 12 exercise.

During their stay at Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin, Australia, the 19 Marines and one Sailor detachment provided critical support to Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 242 pilots as they conducted air-to-ground core competency training and close air support over the Delamere Range Facility.

Captain Geoffrey T. Tetterton, AV-8B pilot and detachment officer-in-charge, said his Marines provided air liaison to land forces and for the terminal control of aircraft while working as the Tactical Air Control Party.

With their 81 mm mortar high explosive and illumination rounds, the TACP Marines suppressed designated targets while F/A-18D Hornet pilots flew in for coordinated attacks.

"We mark the targets with illumination rounds so the pilots can easily find where they need to drop their bombs,"



Capt. Geoffrey T. Tetterton

**Sgt. Christopher Rosetti covers his ears as Pfc. Derek Schwartz backs away after dropping an 81 mm mortar at the Delamere Range Facility in Australia during Southern Frontier 2003. Both Marines are with 3rd Bn., 8th Marines, and worked as the Tactical Air Control Party.**

said Lance Cpl. Robert S. Smith, 3d Bn., 8th Marines, fire direction control coordinator. "At the same time we suppress notional enemy anti-air defense batteries on the ground so they don't shoot the jets as they fly over."

In between CAS missions each day, Tetterton said his Marines "have gotten

in a lot of their own training."

"It is very important for us to keep our proficiency up as a mortar team," said Staff Sgt. Alterreck K. Rainey, 3d Bn., 8th Marines, section leader, especially since there are not many places in the Western Pacific that this type of training can be done.

"We can do true combined arms here which is really great," said Tetterton. "At a lot of the places we train the pilots can simulate close air support, but we can't do it for real. Because of Australia's wide open spaces it is one of the few places we can do true CAS."

Australia's ranges also offered both the pilots and ground support Marines the opportunity to work with high explosive bombs, something that gave both parties a greater feeling of realism.

"All the rounds go off differently, and they all have a different effect on the target" said Smith. "It is more realistic when you see the real thing, because if you have never seen a 500 or 1,000-pound bomb explode, you don't know how you are going to react."

Similar training can be done with simulation rounds, added Tetterton, "but there is a greater feeling of satisfaction knowing it is the real thing. It also gives you a better idea of what the bomb can do and how it will affect the enemy."

Corporal Curtis R. O'Neal, 3d Bn., 8th Marines, forward observer, said this exercise "has been a great opportunity to work with the air wing. It has given everyone involved the opportunity to see the whole picture instead of only knowing what happens on their end."

The detachment was replaced by 1st Bn., 25th Marines, and is currently supporting Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 during the third phase of Southern Frontier 2003.

## All Hail to the Chief!

A young girl with an American flag in her hair sits above the crowd on the shoulders of a service member proudly displaying her patriotism during the president's visit to Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, Calif., Aug. 14.



All combat art illustrations by Sgt. Jack M. Carrillo, combat artist, Marine Corps Historical Division



# COMBAT ART



Gifted and creative artists — from combat photographers and illustrators to print and broadcast journalists, as well as the individual leatherneck, whether in or out of uniform — help to tell the Marine Corps story to all generations



## Depot's combat artist illustrates Marine Corps' historical legacy

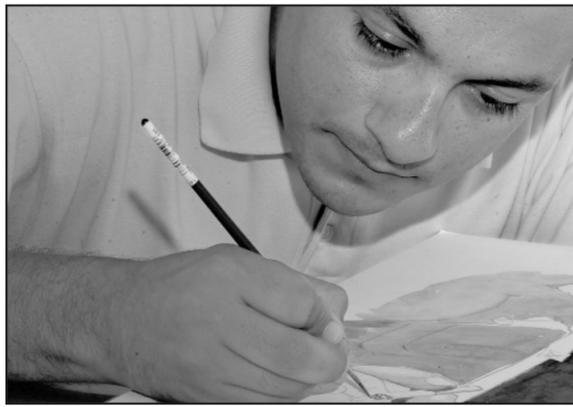
**Cpl. Ethan E. Rocke**  
*MCRD San Diego*

**MARINE CORPS RECRUITING DEPOT, San Diego** — Without the aid of any camera or high-tech broadcast equipment, one Marine completed a very unique mission during Operation Iraqi Freedom — telling the Marine Corps' story with nothing more than a sketch pad, pencils, some charcoal and a very deep love for art.

In America's most recent war, Sgt. Jack M. Carrillo, combat artist, Marine Corps Historical Division, was the first enlisted Marine assigned to the region with the specific mission of creating combat art.

"It was a huge honor to be selected for this mission," said Carrillo. "It was a dream come true to be able to use my art and ability to tell the Marine Corps' story and be a part of something that's bigger than me."

Carrillo, formerly assigned to the depot's Combat Visual Information Center, was



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**Sergeant Jack M. Carrillo, combat artist, works on an Operation Iraqi Freedom watercolor project for the Marine Corps Historical Division.**

augmented by Historical Division, Headquarters Marine Corps, for the distinctive mission in January, not long after becoming the first enlisted Marine to design Marine Corps uniform

plates. Carrillo made a name for himself within the small community of Marine combat illustrators after rendering the paintings of Marines wearing the Corps' new

combat utility uniforms. He headed to Kuwait in January anxious to let the inspiration flow and do what he says he does best: create art.

"It's like a nervous twitch," said the 32-year-old, brown-eyed Marine. "Some people tap their fingers or chew on pencils; I have to draw. It's something inside me that always has to get out. Any time, any place, any situation, I'll throw down [art]."

Prior to departing for Kuwait, Jack Dyer, curator of art, Historical

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Division, briefed Carrillo on the expectations of his mission.

"Jack told me he would not tell me what, how or when to draw, only that I was to be a hustler, get as close to the action as possible and document through art, the climate of any given situation. With those simple instructions, I set out to do exactly that," Carrillo said.

He arrived in Kuwait to find he was operating very much on his own. His mission became one of adaptation and improvisation as he slowly found the connections and resources needed to accomplish his mission.

By the time the war began, Carrillo had joined a team of Marine 'storytellers,' who fell under the same command as he did. A fairly well-equipped crew of Marine videographers quickly adopted Carrillo and formed a small combat visual information team.

The CVI team, still needing a parent unit to fall under, found itself attached to Delta Co., 1st Tank Bn., 7th Marine Regiment, for the operation to liberate Iraq.

It didn't take long for Carrillo to find himself completely absorbed in the front lines of the war with a constant barrage of inspiring images to "throw down."

"I tried to capture anything I thought was historically significant or things I just connected with as an artist," he said. "If I thought something had a good story, I tried to capture it and tell the story."

Carrillo said there were times when he became frustrated because he couldn't capture certain aspects of his surroundings, such as the smell of burning palms and twisted metal, or the sound of stray Iraqi dogs barking throughout the night.

Carrillo, whose art experience includes a lot of work in graffiti art, said he found himself driven by the fast-paced nature of



Photo courtesy of Sgt. Jack M. Carrillo

**Once a street artist painting graffiti murals as a specialty, Carrillo gets back to his roots during Operation Iraqi Freedom by taking a moment to tag a wall.**

his mission and environment and related it to the spirit of graffiti art.

"The spirit of street art inspired me," he said. "It's fast-paced, in-your-face, create-it-and-go art," he said. "Any graffiti artist has the potential to be a great combat artist. I love that spirit."

Carrillo channeled that spirit consistently, throwing down his art in various locations throughout Iraq. From Kuwait to Baghdad, and eventually further than that, he created more than 150 sketches of everything from female mechanics working to Iraqi prisoners to tank battles.

Like everyone else, Carrillo experienced the constant challenges combat presents. On the second day of the war, the Humvee carrying his equipment drove into a swamp and overturned during a fire fight in Al Basrah. The majority of his art supplies and equipment was damaged beyond salvation, but Carrillo overcame the mishap and carried on with five sketch pads, some pencils, graphite and charcoal.

"All my watercolors and paints were trashed, but in a way, it simplified the way I executed my mission," said the 6-foot Marine. "You have to adapt and overcome in that environment. That's just something we as Marines have ingrained

in us. We accomplish the mission no matter what it takes."

While he was accomplishing his mission, Carrillo found himself establishing strong bonds and friendships with the Marines he was serving alongside. It didn't take long for Carrillo to translate those bonds into his artwork.

"Marine tankers are a very tough crew to run around with," Carrillo said. "Those Marines became my brothers. We fought, served, prayed, sweated and stank together."

Despite the chaotic environment Carrillo was enduring, he stayed motivated and excited about his mission, and his true nature as an artist and instinct as a Marine first drove him to stay in Iraq as long as he could.

"When division finally caught up with me, I didn't want to leave," said the energetic Marine. "I wanted to keep drawing and doing what I love."

Carrillo eventually left Iraq for Kuwait and then headed back home to San Diego. Since then, he has been assigned temporary additional duty to 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

He is currently completing his pioneering combat art mission by finishing 10 paintings for the Marine Corps Historical Division to supplement the 150 sketches he already rendered in the war, and according to Historical Division officials, they are pleased with his efforts.

"Sgt. Carrillo is a talented, vigorous and productive combat artist," said retired Capt. Charles Grow, assistant curator of art, Historical Division, and former combat artist. "He is a good Marine, and I think he's going to do good things for the Marine Corps combat art collection."

Carrillo's artwork will tell the Marine Corps story for decades to come, and those who observe it can hear Carrillo speaking to them through the art that served as his voice during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Art is everywhere at any time. It's something I have to do. It's a man's creative voice," Carrillo said. "Art is how I cope in life, and to be a part of the combat art legacy is an amazing feeling."



## Drinking & Driving Doesn't Pay

Cpl. Roderick Allen of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment was arrested for driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level content of .125%. His License was suspended Aug. 16, his decal was removed from his vehicle, which was removed from base Aug. 18.

Lance Cpl. Miguel Castillo of Headquarters Co., 3rd Marine Regiment was arrested for driving under the influence while under age with a blood alcohol level content of .145%. His License was suspended Aug. 16, his decal was removed from his vehicle, which was removed from base Aug. 18.

# The "Golden Eagles" give DEFY a lift



Courtesy of VP-9

A DEFY member gets a hand from a member of Patrol Squadron 9 as he tries to overcome the obstacle course aboard MCB Hawaii.

**Lt.j.g. Lauren Ihrig**  
Patrol Squadron 9

The "Golden Eagles" of Patrol Squadron Nine are proud to have some of its sailors participating as mentors in the Marine Corps Base Hawaii's DEFY Program.

The Drug Education for Youth Program provides military dependents between the ages of nine and 12 with life and leadership skills to deter the use of illegal substances.

Goal setting, team building, conflict resolution, and decision-making are all taught through various lessons and activities to instill a positive focus within the children.

One of the "Golden Eagle" volunteers, Petty Officer 2nd

Class John Goo, is not only a DEFY mentor, but also the DEFY Camp Director aboard MCB Hawaii.

He first became involved with the program while stationed in Point Mugu, California. Goo was absolutely impressed with the program and its impact on children.

At present, he has become one of the program's biggest advocates, encouraging others to lend their time as well.

This year, there are 44 children enrolled in DEFY at MCB Hawaii.

Throughout the year, the children will be engaged in a two-phase process. Included in Phase I are multiple field trips, as well as the President's Fitness Challenge.

Phase II, which occurs during the school year, is comprised of workshops and mentoring sessions.

According to the Golden Eagle mentors, DEFY is hard work, but extremely rewarding.

They build and strengthen relationships all year long and are most pleased when the children begin using the DEFY skills on their own.

"DEFY is such a great program. It gives the next generation the necessary tools needed to live an effective and meaningful life," said Goo. "I believe in this program and I'm grateful for all the support our command has provided for us to meet the high demands of DEFY's curriculum."

# Recruiters truckin' to meet yearly quotas

**Sgt. Cheryl A. Mann**  
12th Marine Corps District

**RECRUITING STATION ORANGE, Calif.** — The Marines' newest drill team rolled in and flanked the competitors in a larger than life display. Two Marine Corps wrapped tractor-trailers commanded the attention and awe of those in attendance.

"These are great — this is a brand new truck," said Sgt. Wesley Michalk, recruiter, Recruiting Substation Redondo Beach, Recruiting Station Orange. "This is better than a billboard; these can go everywhere."

The trucks appeared at the West Coast National JROTC Drill Competition in El Segundo, Calif. The meet in Redondo Beach, Calif., was held at the Raytheon facility and was attended by teams from 36 California high schools.

This year, in addition to the aircraft and tactical vehicle displays, the Marines had the added benefit of a few good trucks, as the backdrop for their recruiting booth.

Currently there are 50 trucks wrapped with the images of the Marine Corps drill team on one side, the Mamaluke sword on the other, cruising the roadways of Orange and Los Angeles coun-

ties in California.

According to Tom Flynn, owner and operator of Y3K Grafix, Inc., GI Trucking of Torrance, Calif., provided two of their 13 wrapped trucks for the event.

The concept for the rolling billboards was born out of an initiative to wrap the tour buses for the Marines of Marine Barracks 8th & I, Washington, D.C.

Since the birth of the concept, Flynn has devoted most of his efforts to bringing the Corps' vision to fruition.

"It's been pretty consuming," Flynn admits. But he says it's a passion born of his conviction that he's providing a great asset to America's fighting forces. Since the project's inception, he's committed himself to everything from reviewing applications from trucking companies who want to participate, to analyzing the routes traveled to ensure the Corps is getting maximum exposure.

As a member of the American Trucking Association, his experience has provided him the expertise to ensure that the Marine Corps' reputation for quality is evident in the selection of companies to carry their message.

"I'm the one they're depending on to produce and install the wraps, and contract with the trucking companies. I only want the best quality — any rust on a



Staff Sgt. Cheryl A. Mann

The Marine Corps' truck wrap program is a coast-to-coast advertising blitz. Two of the newly wrapped trucks made their debut appearance at the West Coast National JROTC Drill Competition in El Segundo, Calif.

truck means their application won't be accepted," Flynn explained.

There seems to be no shortage of trucks — they're lining up to be one of the few and the proud.

"It's a win-win situation; they love the exposure," he said of the trucking companies and their drivers. He tells several stories of drivers actually being asked to stop so someone could get a picture with the giant Marine display.

Although he says this project has pretty much consumed his business flow,

Flynn says he wouldn't have it any other way. His belief in what he's doing is reaffirmed each time he sees his handiwork driving by.

"It's the right thing to do," Flynn says of his devotion and sacrifice. "My fulfillment comes from them being used. They've been great for the Marines."

With 275 trucks already completed nationwide and 640 more scheduled for completion in May, his goal of 1,000 wrapped trucks cruising across the country is almost a reality.

## LEGAL, From A-3

Depending on the situation, authorizing general powers of attorney can "be a terrible thing to do," Keller pointed out. Instances of misuse of powers of attorney, he noted, have been known to occur during and after deployments. Therefore, he recommended that powers of attorney should be limited "to about a one-year time span," and should be given sparingly and only to trustworthy and financially responsible individuals.

When deployed overseas, Keller noted that service members will find it's difficult to

revoke powers of attorney. To effectively revoke powers of attorney, he explained, "You not only have to give the revocation to the holder," but also to anyone that may rely on the power of attorney such as businesses, banks or mortgage lenders.

To mitigate possible misuse of powers of attorney, Keller said it's a good idea "to have a special power of attorney that's limited to a certain amount of time" and that spells out exactly what the holder is authorized to do.

For example, he noted, powers of attorney can be written to only authorize the issuance of checks in specific amounts and

to pay specific bills.

A will, Keller noted, is another important legal document that service members should periodically review and update as needed, typically due to circumstances such as new members to the family, divorce, changes in assets and other factors.

Divorced or separated service members with child support payments, or other financial obligations, should ensure that such monies continue to be provided to the appropriate agency or person, to include during periods of deployment, he added.

If child support obligations

will become exceedingly financially burdensome or impossible to meet during deployment, service members must request a decrease of the court-ordered amount well before deployment, Keller pointed out. Waiting too long, he noted, may waive any possibility of a decrease.

All in all, keeping up with legal affairs — especially before being deployed — benefits both individual service members and military readiness, Keller emphasized.

Service members with their legal affairs in disarray, and hard pressed to effectively tackle those problems, often become

overwhelmed and consequently "can't do their jobs appropriately," Keller noted.

And in the long run, "they'll incur more financial damage," Keller pointed out, "if they don't set up preventative [legal] measures beforehand."

The need for service members to attend to legal readiness issues is no less important than carrying the proper homeowner's or automobile insurance policies, Keller said.

Because "there's no way the military can verify each service member's legal readiness," he pointed out, "the onus of [legal] preparedness" falls on the individual [service member].

## COOK OFF

## Anderson Hall chefs compete for culinary crown

Story and Photos by  
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*Combat Correspondent*

Top food preparation specialists at the Anderson Hall dining facility competed Thursday in a culinary exhibition to designate one Marine as the Chef of the Quarter.

Guest of honor Brig. Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, commanding general of MCB Hawaii, presented the top chef at the competition — Lance Cpl. Brian S. Hopkins of Headquarters Co., 3rd Marine Regiment — with an abundance of prizes for winning the culinary battle.

"I assumed the winner would receive a trophy, but I was amazed when the gifts kept coming," said Hopkins.

The gifts Hopkins received included multiple culinary knife sets, dinner for four, a dinner cruise for two, as well as a plaque and an apron.

Though the five competing cooks all provided excellent dishes, according to Brig. Gen. McAbee, the point totals at the end declared a single winner — a Southern-inspired dinner course prepared by Hopkins.

Hopkins, who also provided the largest variety of dishes, offered his meal of K.C.-style barbecue ribs, slow-simmered sweet corn, southern-style collard greens, barbecue-smoked baked beans, oven-browned potato skins, sweet golden brown rolls, fresh-tossed green salad

on the side, and a lemon pie dessert.

"I think the ribs and the collard greens were the key element," said Hopkins. "The ribs were slow-cooked for four-and-a-half to five hours, so they were quite tender. My grandma's recipe for collard greens was prepared perfectly, and they are what I grew up on, and I've always loved them."

The panel of judges, which included Sgt. Wilfred Castillo, of 1st Bn., 12th Marines, agreed that the competition was very hard to judge.

"It was extremely close," said Castillo. "Some of the Marines offered mediocre presentations while serving a delicious meal, while others went all-out in their presentation."

"Hopkins provided a good combination of both style and taste that we found to hit the spot."

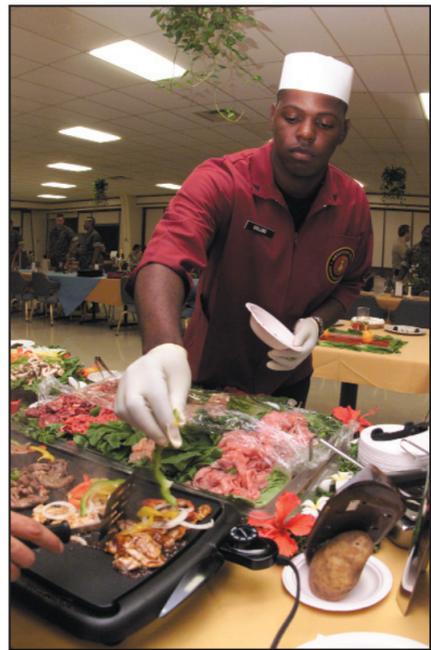
A chef since the young age of 15, Hopkins has cooked for the past eight years in various places, to include the Cordon Bleu Culinary School in Texas.

"This type of competition is a little different, because you are cooking your



**Above — Lance Cpl. Brian S. Hopkins presents his meal, complete with K.C. style barbecue ribs, sweet corn, potato skins, collard greens and baked beans.**

**Right — Lance Cpl. Rafael Collins, with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, assists with the presentation of Lance Cpl. Brandon Gonzalez's Mongolian barbecue dish.**



dishes right next to everyone else, so they can see what you are preparing," said Hopkins. "Of course, every Marine wants to one-up the next guy, so it turns into an all-night event."

Like most of the other chefs in the competition, Hopkins began preparing his meal approximately 20 hours before the event and worked through the night to ensure everything was prepared perfectly. According to Anderson Hall food services administrator Gunnery Sgt. Laura White, the culinary exhibition was the final stage of a three-step process conducted every quarter to determine the Chef of the Quarter.

"The competing Marines are given a 50-question written exam and are exposed to an oral exam based around current events, military knowledge, as well as food services knowledge to determine the top five competitors who will compete in the exhibition," said White. "At the end of the year, all of the Chefs of the Quarter will compete for the title of Chef of the Year."

According to White, all bases in the Marine Corps do not regularly hold a Chef of the Quarter competition, and she believes it is an event more bases should initiate to give recognition to their top culinary professionals.

