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Forward ... from the sea



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

One of four amphibious assault vehicles from Combat Support Co., 3rd Marine Regiment, enters the waters of Fort Hase Beach with a splash during Jayne Wayne and Family Day activities with Combat Service Support Group 3 recently. See story on A-3.

SecDef eyes changes in DoD's future

Sgt. Otto Pleil-Muete
MarForPac Public Affairs

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii - Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld shared his views of the military Monday when his plane landed here briefly.

Rumsfeld was returning to Washington D.C. after attending the Australia-U.S. ministerial talks in Canberra, Australia.

During his hour-long layover at Hickam, he welcomed questions from military journalists representing all branches of the armed forces.

Rumsfeld opened the interview by describing the slow, ongoing transi-

tion of members in President George Bush's new administration, as with any new administration, and described his general goals in reviewing the Defense Department.



Rumsfeld

Every four years, the President's administration looks to review the defense policy through the quadrennial defense review and President Bush has expressed his desire to take on several specific issues in the Department of Defense.

"The President wanted to do several things," said Rumsfeld. "One was to

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K-Bay's ARFF wins its third consecutive Airfield Rodeo

Cpl. Roman Yurek
Combat Correspondent

For the first time the West Coast Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Rodeo was held at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, where the defending champion Hawaii Marines successfully defended their title for the third time in a row.

This is third time that the K-Bay ARFF team has

participated in the rodeo, and they are the first unit to not only win three consecutive years, but also win by such a large margin.

"Usually it is very tight competition. Teams only win by one or two points," said Gunnery Sgt. Adrian Church, coordinator for the rodeo and truck master for MCB Hawaii's ARFF, before the competi-

tion kicked off.

His statement was reversed when the seven Marines from K-Bay's ARFF took on the three other teams from Camp Pendleton, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar and MCAS Yuma, Ariz.

"Hawaii is prepared. We're the champs, we're on top and everyone is trying to knock us down," Church added.

The first event that Marines endured was the fireman's carry. Three Marines lay on their backs, and more than 20 yards away were three rescuers. Each rescuer ran to a victim, hoisted them over their shoulders and sprinted back to the line.

Hawaii's own ARFF won by two seconds.

See ARFF, A-10



Pic. Jason E. Miller

Two team members from MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, AARF work together in the barrel cutting competition. K-Bay took first place in the event.

Mokapu Elementary to limit '01-'02 registration

Administrators hope to ease overcrowding with new plan

Public Affairs Office
Press Release

Parents planning to enroll their children in elementary school this year need to sign up as soon as possible to confirm which school their children will attend and to avoid having their children miss classes at schools which may already be in session.

Mokapu Elementary School administrators are registering all MCB Hawaii kindergarten through sixth grade students on a first-come, first-served basis at the Mokapu Elementary School office. The administration is attempting to assign all students of a given family to the same school and to keep students at the same school they attended during the 2000-2001 school year.

Some grade levels at Mokapu, however, are already full, according to school officials. The upper limit for Mokapu enrollment has been set at 800 this year, due to overcrowding at the school during the last two school years.

Once a grade level is full, additional students are being referred either to Kailua or Kainalu Elementary. Classes at these schools (both located in Kailua) started last week; classes at Mokapu Elementary start Monday, August 27.

Aikahi and Lanikai Elementary Schools start Aug. 23; Kailua's Intermediate (Grade 7), Aug. 24; and Kalaheo High, Aug. 24 (Grade 9 and new students) and Aug. 27 (Grades 10, 11 and 12).

Parents of unregistered students are encouraged to visit the Mokapu Elementary School office at their earliest convenience. For more information, call 254-7964.

Senate confirms Lt. Gen Hailston to lead Marine Forces Pacific

Sgt. Stephen. L Standifird
Combat Correspondent

OKINAWA, Japan - Leaving this small Pacific island to assume command of Marine Forces Pacific comes as a mixed blessing for Lt. Gen. Earl B. Hailston. While he is honored to be assuming command of the Marine Corps' only deployable component headquarters, he leaves Okinawa with a heavy heart.

"I truly love Okinawa. To stay here for another year or two would make me as happy as any man on the face of the earth," said Lt. Gen. Hailston, during the change of command. "I also understand the honor the

Commandant bestowed upon me when he nominated me for Marine Forces Pacific. And so while I'm sad to leave here, I'm proud to go to MarForPac."

Lieutenant Gen. Hailston quickly followed by adding what it was that helped him get where he is today.

"I know it's not because of Earl Hailston that I'm nominated to go to PAC, it's because of the performance of the 24,000 Marines that are in III MEF and the 17,000 in particular that are here on Okinawa, they are the ones that got me the job," he said proudly. "I don't look good. They made me look good. And I appreciate that greatly."

Lieutenant Gen. Hailston, who was also the

Commander, Marine Corps Bases Japan, turned over command to Lt. Gen. Wallace C. Gregson, the former Commanding General for 3rd Marine Division, in an evening change of command ceremony July 31. Lieutenant Gen. Hailston is scheduled to become commander Marine Forces Pacific during a change of command ceremony tomorrow.

The long Marine Corps career that Lt. Gen. Hailston has enjoyed started out like most Marines in Okinawa, at Parris Island. His first assignment was with 2nd Marine Division as an infantry rifleman before receiving his commission through the Enlisted Commissioning

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Lt. Gen. Hailston

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

CREDO TO HOST RETREAT

Open to all military and civilian base patrons and their families, the next opportunity for individuals to attend a CREDO personal growth retreat is Aug. 17-19.

Participants are encouraged to share their thoughts, values, dreams and feelings about their lives in a peaceful and safe environment — a setting of unconditional love and confidentiality.

CREDO will be held in Building 1368, which is between Waterfront Operations and the Hale Koa Campgrounds.

For more information, call Chaplain Scott Carlson at 257-1941, ext. 225.

MARINE CORPS SUPPORT NETWORK

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

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

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

TOYS FOR TOTS SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

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

Volunteers are needed from MCB Hawaii's major commands to help 4th Force Reconnaissance Co. reach its goal. Volunteers are needed to pick up or collect toys at various events and company parties.

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

Contact Staff Sgt. Villarreal or Staff Sgt. Smith at 257-1077, ext. 232 or ext. 233, to volunteer and provide hope to a child in your area during the Christmas holidays.

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— SERGEANT MAJOR'S CORNER — Gunnery Sergeants Rule

Sgt. Maj. Stephen H. Mellinger
*Marine Forces Pacific
Sergeant Major*

The ingenuity displayed by Marines, especially gunnery sergeants, never ceases to amaze me.

Gunnies, and particularly company gunnies, are the real experts in the Corps at making things happen to accomplish a task or mission.

Gunnies are the glue that holds the Corps together. What everyone else may view as impossible, the old company gunny simply sees it as just another challenge to keep the unit running smooth.

The remarkable thing is that they can make things happen, or appear or disappear almost effortlessly.

Gunnies are every leader's "Go To" Marine. Yes, when a unit is in need, they inevitably look to the gunny.

Now the important thing to understand, when you look to the gunny to make things happen, it's a NO NO to come back to him after he "saves your bacon" to ask any questions!

Smart commanders never ask their company gunny how they got the seemingly impossible accomplished. Nor do they ever ask the gunny where he came up with gear and supplies that the unit didn't possess the day before.

And when your unit is co-located with other service units, don't be sur-

prised if your gunny is heard saying something like, "this is like being a kid in a candy store." Again, don't ask what he meant. He or she would simply smile at you without offering any explanation.

I can't imagine how the Corps would ever accomplish a mission without having its gunnery sergeant.

One of my fondest memories of a gunny's "magic" happened during the Gulf War.

About 20 Marines from my unit and I were in Saudi Arabia and needed to get back to Bahrain that evening!

The plane scheduled to get us there was diverted to somewhere else.

A handful of officers and I were standing around complaining to each other of how "gooned up" the situation was.

We had no food, no water and nowhere to spend the night.

I didn't notice him missing, but our gunny had seemed to have vanished.

"Great," I said to myself. Not only are we stuck in Saudi, but also my gunny was lost.

I should have known better.

About 10 minutes had passed when a civilian bus pulled up and stopped right in front of us.

As its door flew open who do we see? It was our gunny with a big grin on his face.

"Get on board every-

one," he says. "And make sure you wipe your feet as you enter 'my' bus."

Knowing not to ask any questions, all of us hurried onto the bus to begin our trip.

About half way through the four-hour ride to Bahrain, my curiosity got the best of me. I had to know how the gunny pulled off this miracle.

I called him over and asked where the bus came from.

Being that I once was a gunny, I have the right to at least ask how he performed this act.

He explained that as "the gunny" he needed to take care of his unit's Marines. To do that he zeroed in on an empty civilian bus being driven by a Saudi Arabia local, who hardly spoke any English.

What the gunny did learn from the bus driver was that he was supposed to pick up a group of Air Force personnel and take them somewhere he (the bus driver) hadn't learned yet.

Knowing that the Air Force group wasn't there yet, the gunny began working his charm and magic on

the bus driver.

Although the gunny had no trouble convincing the

unsuspecting driver that we were the Air Force group he was there to pick up, it took his best effort to convince the driver he was suppose to take us to another country!

Once we arrived at our unit, we fed the driver a good meal and wished him

well on his return trip back to Saudi Arabia.

Being the caring gunny he was (always concerned for personnel), I recall his last words to the bus driver.

"Sir," he said to the bus driver, "I believe that there is yet another group of Air Force personnel waiting on you where you picked us up, whom also need you to take them somewhere."

Truly, our Corps' gunnery sergeants are our magical "go to" Marines.

For you younger Marines, that is the ultimate rank you should aspire to be.

As we all know, regardless if we are subordinate or superior (in grade) to a gunny, we know who's really running the show.

Semper Fi!



Mellinger

Marine Corps tests new electric car in Okinawa

Lance Cpl. Kenneth L. Hinson
Combat Correspondent

OKINAWA, Japan — In an effort to save money on maintenance and fuel, the Marines in Okinawa are testing the Nissan Hyper-Mini Electric Car.

The HMEC is a 120-volt battery powered vehicle, which costs less than a dollar per 60 miles to operate. This low cost is made possible by the Synchronous Motor, which is powered by four Lithium-Ion batteries. On a full charge, the vehicle can travel nearly 40 miles.

"Since the Marine Corps has to spend a lot of money on fuel for all its vehicles, this investment will be one that help the Corps immensely," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Keith Reid, base motor transportation fleet manager, Headquarters and Service Battalion, MCB Camp Butler. "The HMECs will cut costs and the Marine Corps will be able to use the money it saves for other mission related equipment."

The vehicle does not require oil, water or antifreeze and the parts are easy to access and replace. Such low maintenance will only continue to save the Marine Corps money, according to Reid.

The body and frame of the HMEC are made of rustproof and lightweight aluminum, which allows the vehicle to travel longer distances.

Other standard features of the vehicle include an anti-lock brake system, air conditioning, seating for two people, rear-wheel-drive and a weight capacity up to 400 pounds.

The maximum speed for the vehicle is 60 miles per hour.



Lance Cpl. Kenneth L. Hinson

The HMEC battery-powered vehicle is scheduled to make its debut aboard Marine Corps installations in Japan this Fall.

Safety features of the vehicle include dash-mounted voltage meters for the battery voltage and tire pressure.

The HMEC also includes dual airbags and can run on flat tires, which can travel up to 50 miles after being punctured.

"Vehicle safety is always an important factor when experimenting with new equipment," Reid said. "In the Marine Corps, we have to trust our equipment to be safe and dependable to help us with our mission."

Nissan engineers also developed the vehicle to be environmentally friendly. The batteries do not contain any acid and there is no carbon dioxide.

"The vehicles show the Marine Corps is doing its part to be environmentally safe," said Staff Sgt. Marla D. Edwards, roadmaster, Base Motor Transportation, H&S Bn., MCB Butler. "It's very important for us to take care of the environment in which we live, and this is the Marine Corp's way of helping out."

The Marine Corps plans to purchase 27 of the HMECs from Nissan. Marines should start seeing the HMECs around Okinawa by Spring 2002.

"The new vehicles are such a quality investment for the Marine Corps," Reid said. "It's just another way the Marine Corps is continuing to head toward the future."



Staff Sgt. Kenneth Canady, a radio supervisor for CSSG-3, motivates the Jane Wayners during his portion of bayonet skills training at CSSG-3's Jane Wayne Day.

CSSG-3 spouses learn about basic combat skills at Jayne Wayne Day

Story and photos by
Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.
Combat Correspondent

More than 40 people participated in Combat Service Support Group 3's combined Jane Wayne Day and Family Day event Saturday aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, at the rifle range and the Boondocker training area, and more than 300 people participated in the Family Day festivities at Risley field.

"Combining Jane Wayne Day and Family Day allows Marines, spouses and their families to come together and enjoy themselves," said Col. Paul Adams, commanding officer CSSG-3. "I believe events like these strengthen the Marine Corps family, and make CSSG-3 a stronger unit."

The day's events started early for the participants of Jane Wayne Day when they arrived at the Boondocker training area at 7:30 a.m.

After a quick brief they were broken into three groups that rotated between activities during the day.

Lieutenant Deborah Bornhorst, CSSG-3 Headquarters Co. commander, thinks the combination of the two events not only increases the knowledge of the spouses as to what the Marines go through on a daily basis, but it also offers the spouses an opportunity to meet new people, and make new friends.

"I think it's important for the spouses to interact with each other during these events," said Bornhorst. "When a Marine deploys from CSSG-3, this is a good way for spouses to strengthen their support network."

Jane Wayners ran the obstacle course, performed bayonet training, engaged in pugil stick sparring matches, conducted a leadership skills event and even fired weapons at the rifle range.

"By going through all the things my husband has to go through, it helps me understand what he is talking about when he comes home and describes his day to me," said Racheal Yepez.

After the three groups of spouses finished rotating to each section, they were massed together for one more event.



Linda Smith and Paulette Perhach square-off in a pugil stick sparring match during the Bayonet skills training.

Donned in Kevlar helmets, flak jackets and dummy M16's they loaded into four Amphibious Assault Vehicles from Combat Support Company, 3rd Marine Regiment.

The AAV's took the spouses to Fort Hase Beach. After assessing the safety of the surf it took the motivated participants out approximately 300-yards into Kailua Bay before returning back to the shore.

Once the water portion of the ride was complete the AAV's returned to the Boondocker training area where all the Jane Wayne participants roleplayed squad assaults after exiting the dry confines of the vehicles.

The final event of the day was a formation in which all the participants received a certificate, dog tag and an MRE for their efforts throughout the day.

Now that the Jane Wayne portion of the day was done, the wives and husbands of the Marines were able to go home and shower before returning to Risley field for the Family Day activities that had already started.

A children's water-balloon contest and an inter-company tug-of-war contest was held at the beginning of the Family Day events.

Static displays, a working dog show, face painting, high-mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicle rides and two "bouncy" houses were only some of the activities provided for Marines and their family members to participate in.

Two dunk tanks were set up with the commanding officers and senior enlisted members of each company providing eager contestants three chances to dunk them for only one dollar. The dunk tanks grossed more than and estimated \$300 that will go to CSSG-3's Marine

Corps birthday ball fund.

Horseshoe pits and the volleyball courts were open for those people who wanted to stay active during the day's events.

There was also plenty of food to go around with hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken being barbecued on four grills provided by Marine Corps Community Services.

The intent of combining Jane Wayne Day and Family Day for CSSG-3 was to strengthen the Marine Corps family team within the unit, according to Col. Adams.

By the look of the smiles on the children's faces, and the interaction between the parents and spouses who had gathered to enjoy the day's events it would seem the intent of combining the two events was an overwhelming success.



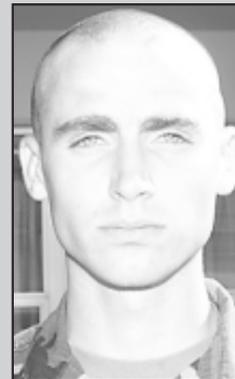
Linda Smith defends herself using a block with her M16A2 rifle from Petty Officer 2nd Class Christopher Cox during bayonet training skills at CSSG-3's Jane Wayne Day.

WORD ON THE STREET

What is the hardest aspect of being in the military?

"You never know what's going to happen or when. You're always wondering."

Lance Cpl. Jonathan Piel
Team leader
Lima Co., 3/3

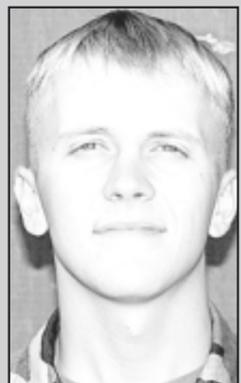
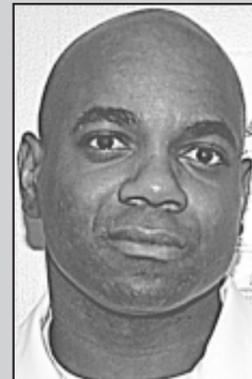


"Being away on deployment when you have a family is definitely hard."

Petty Officer 2nd Class Ryan Barker
Aviation warfare systems operator
VP-47

"Separation from family is the hardest part."

Petty Officer 1st Class Darryl Carter
Dispensing clerk
DK1

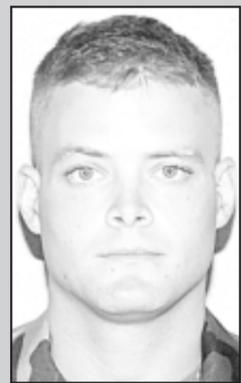


"It's hard watching people you came up with in the Marine Corps go above you in rank"

Lance Cpl. Cody Carver
Administrative clerk
CSSG-3

"Being in the Navy, it's hard having to adjust to the Marine Corps standards and way of life."

Seaman Stacy Savage
Corpsman
Lima Co., 3/3



"It's hard trying to find a place to train on the island."

2nd Lt. Stephen Walson
Platoon commander
Lima Co., 3/3



Jayne Wayne Day provided wives of Marines the opportunity to experience what their husbands do on a regular basis. Wives were able to negotiate the obstacle course, practice hand-to-hand combat and sample meals ready to eat.

Focus on Legal Issues

Choosing the right power of attorney can prevent abuses

Capt. Allison L. Daly
Legal Assistance Office

Legal Assistance generates hundreds of power of attorneys for servicemembers and their family members aboard MCB Hawaii. Usually customers stop at Legal to update a lapsed power of attorney or have been told by their command that "everyone needs a POA before deployment."

Powers of attorney can be a great vehicle to ensure that your family and business affairs continue during deployment; however, you should know about some of the limits of POAs and the potential for misusing them.

A power of attorney is an official document that appoints an "attorney in fact" — an agent for the principal or grantor.

In simple terms, you have the ability to name someone else to do certain things for you when you are unavailable.

Through this instrument, you give another person the ability to pay your taxes, ship your car or household goods, register your car, or care for your children. The document itself details the areas in which your agent may act for you.

Armed with the completed document, your agent has the authority to transact business just as if you were there yourself.

Different POAs accomplish different goals. You need to make preliminary dis-

inction between a "general" power of attorney and a "special" power of attorney.

First, a general POA is the broadest coverage and gives your agent the greatest power over your affairs. This form of POA allows your agent the ability to act in your name in almost any area imaginable.

On the other hand, a special POA designates a certain or limited act that your agent is authorized to accomplish for you, such as accepting government quarters.

Be forewarned. There can be shortcomings when your power is transferred to another person. The document is subject to the interpretation of the person or business asked to accept it. An overly broad reading of the POA may open up new problems which you did not anticipate. Additionally, a business is not required to honor a POA and could insist upon conducting transactions only with you being physically present.

Closely examine your needs before you come in the Legal Assistance Office for your next POA.

Here are the most important things to consider:

- Who to give it to?

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MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

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Monday - Friday
8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Note: Legal Assistance is not able to notarize real estate documents (per laws of the Hawaii State Attorney General) and is not able to certify copies (per Rothman, R.C. Notary Public, Practices and Glossary, p.26).

WILLS AND POWERS OF ATTORNEY CLASSES

Thursdays at 2 p.m. for all active duty and family members

Note: You must attend the Wills and Powers of Attorney class to execute a will.

TO SPEAK WITH AN ATTORNEY

Tuesdays or Thursdays
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By appointment only

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Wednesdays, by appointment only.

UNIT DEPLOYMENT BRIEFS FOR COMMAND REPS

Contact the Legal Assistance Office well in advance of deployment to schedule a brief.

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Obtain forms from the Pass & Registration Section of the Provost Marshall's Office at the front gate.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

257-2110/2160/0074, exts. 242 or 236

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257-1829

- What you want them to be able to do?
- How long?

The more you limit your POA the more you are protecting yourself from possible misuse or abuse of the POA.

POAs may be revoked or cancelled by destroying the document, informing the agent and notifying any other persons who may have been transacting business in reliance of the agent's power.

Powers of attorney can be very useful

tools, but they are not risk-free devices. Anticipate your needs and limit your risks by wisely choosing your agent and using a specific POA whenever possible.

Contact the Legal Assistance Office at 257-2110, ext. 242, for an appointment with a Legal Assistance attorney who can handle your individual legal questions.

(Editor's Note: The above article is intended to provide general information rather than specific legal advice. Consult an attorney for advice.)

Anti-computer virus efforts against 'worm' appear successful



Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — DoD efforts to protect military computers against the so-called Code Red 'worm' virus seem successful, so far.

Since July 31, DoD technicians have observed a "great increase" of activity on DoD computer servers, Pentagon spokesperson Navy Rear Adm. Craig Quigley told reporters Aug. 2.

"We attribute that to the Code Red 'worm,'" he said.

"We've taken a variety of ac-

tions to watch that very carefully, to mitigate the effect," Quigley added.

Some DoD network servers have been taken off line as a safety precaution, he noted.

Over the past several days, DoD computer technicians have installed special programs, or "patches," that prevent the virus from spreading, which can lead to the shutdown of entire systems.

"We think we've been largely successful in downloading and installing the patch," Quigley said. However, he noted, patches

don't stop virus "threads" from probing servers.

"You keep that up long enough, and you will 'crash' the server," he said.

The patch prevents department computers from becoming infected and unwittingly joining in on attacks against other servers.

"We don't know of any long-term damage, yet, that has been done. It is this volume of activity that has flowed into our servers," Quigley said. "We're watching it very carefully. We don't think we're out of the woods, yet."

K-Bay to tackle problems with pet litter, common courtesies

Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.
Combat Correspondent

According to officials at the Base Inspectors Office, there is a growing problem with MCB Hawaii residents not picking up after their pooches.

"We have received complaints from residents about people who are not picking up after their dogs," said Michelle Scott, lead investigator for the Base Inspectors Office. "People need to be more aware and conscious about picking up after

their dogs in order to be more courteous to other people."

"It is a privilege to own a pet aboard the base, and in order to keep that privilege pet owners need to be more responsible with the care of that animal," said Scott.

Marine Corps Base Order 5500.15A section 4002 article 2, paragraph H reads "Owners must remove animal feces at least daily from their quarters or yard. Animal feces deposited by animals in another yard, or on common areas must be removed by the owner of the animal immediately. Owners must carry a means to remove fecal matter from common areas when walking any pet."

Residents caught not picking up after their ani-

mal may be ordered to remove their pet from the base. If a pet owner receives written notice to remove their pet, they will have 24 hours to comply and they may be permanently barred from having any mammal as a pet aboard the base, according to the Base Inspectors Office.

Despite the legal ramifications of not picking up after a pet, there are also health concerns related to keeping the environment free of pet fecal matter.

One reason for cleaning up after pets is to prevent diseases that can be transmitted from pets to children, according to MCB Hawaii Veterinary Corps Officer, Army Capt. Rebecca Evans.

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Lance Cpl. Luis Agostini

Karin Finney, an MCBH Kaneohe Bay resident, remembers to pick up after her dog while on a stroll Monday. Owners must carry a means to remove fecal matter from common areas when walking any pet.

Local Marine bases continue to conserve water

Sgt. Robert Carlson
Public Affairs Chief

Marine Corps Base Hawaii is continuing its effort to lower water consumption, and although the base's per capita consumption is below the average on Oahu, the command needs everyone's help to further conserve the limited resource.

"Water is a limited natural resource, especially here on Oahu," said Bill Nutting, energy manager at the MCB Hawaii Facilities Department. "We have to depend on rain water here. When rainfall is below average, there's a possibility we will need mandatory water rationing if we don't conserve voluntarily."

The base buys water from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, and is the board's biggest customer.

The water bill for July was \$198,205, and the base averaged 2,784,000 gallons of water a day.

With more than 16,000 people living and working aboard K-Bay, the base has a significantly larger population than any other BWS customer.

"I'm asking that Base employees and residents review our water conservation measures published in current directives and strictly comply with those measures," said Col. John A. Lemoine, deputy commander, MCB Hawaii. "We do not have a separate water system aboard the Base. All of our potable water is obtained through the Board of Water Supply. If we waste water, we only aggravate the problem."

One of the biggest savings of fresh water

use came when the base began using reclaimed water again to irrigate the golf course.

Construction at the golf course required the use of fresh water for a time, but since the system has been switched back to reclaimed water, the base is saving between six and nine million gallons each month.

Other conservation projects include retrofitting thousands of fixtures at facilities and homes on the base with low flow faucets and toilets.

Water conservation efforts also include liming landscape irrigation and scheduling that irrigation during the early morning and evening hours to cut down on waste.

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MCB Hawaii's Water Conservation Policy

•**Valves and Faucets** – Don't open more than necessary to obtain the required flow. When closing, tighten only enough to stop water flow. Excessive tightening damages washers and causes premature leaks.

•**Leaks** – Do not use leaky hoses or fittings. Report leaks and defective/damaged valves to the Facilities Department trouble desk at 257-2380 (Windward) or 477-8800 (Leeward).

•**Cleaning Pavements** – Use brooms and mops, not running water, to clean work area decks, driveways, patios, decks, walks, etc.

•**Washing vehicles and equipment** – Wash vehicles and other equipment by rinsing with hose and nozzle with an automatic shut-off valve,

and by washing with solution sponged-on from pail.

Privately-owned vehicles shall not be washed on base unless the vehicle is owned by a base resident.

•**Irrigation** – Irrigation is permitted only for plantings – not for pavements.

Use care to minimize overspray.

Limit opening of valve/faucet to only enough flow to soak into the ground and avoid wind-blown overspray and surface runoff. Secure all valves when not in use.

Hoses must have an automatic shut-off nozzle. Do not leave sprinklers unattended.

Irrigation of landscaping is limited to the minimum necessary to ensure viability of the plantings. Though lawns may turn brown

during the dry season, they are still viable, and will turn green again when the wet season returns.

Watering is only authorized from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. or 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and only on days designated below.

Irrigation Schedule May through October

•Kaneohe Bay and Camp Smith:

Family housing addresses ending with even number – Tuesday and Saturday.

Family housing addresses ending with odd number – Sunday and Wednesday.

Other base tenants – Monday and Thursday.

•Manana and Puuloa: (Housing areas on the Leeward side are authorized an additional day due to drier conditions.)

Family housing addresses ending with even number – Monday,

Wednesday and Saturday.

Family housing addresses ending with odd number – Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Other base tenants – Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Irrigation Schedule November through April

•Kaneohe Bay and Camp Smith:

Family housing addresses ending with even number – Saturday

Family housing addresses ending with odd number – Sunday

Other base tenants – Thursday

•Manana and Puuloa:

Family housing addresses ending with even number – Tuesday and Saturday.

Family housing addresses ending with odd number – Sunday and Wednesday.

Other base tenants – Monday and Friday.

SALUTES

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Lance Cpl. Jozef F. Senna
 Lance Cpl. Hector C. Reyes
 Lance Cpl. Angel M. Merced

Promotions

Cpl Christopher S. Haase
 Cpl Ely S. Ross
 Cpl John M. Fish

Good Conduct Medals

Cpl Marcus B. Wasden
 Cpl Zachary J. Bixby
 Lance Cpl Roland Cortinas
 Cpl Jason P. Day
 Cpl Kenneth R. Oswood
 Lance Cpl Travis S. McCracken

The "Sikorsky Aircraft Maintenance Award"

Sgt Lee R. Clark
 Cpl Kenneth R. Oswood
 Cpl Marcus B. Wasden

Marine Corps Air Facility**Promotions**

Lance Cpl. Corey D. Hedgepath

Navy and Marine Corps**Commendation Medal**

CWO-2 Charles W. Thompson

Navy and Marine Corps**Achievement Medal**

Gunnery Sgt. John A. Hunt (third award)

Good Conduct Medal

Staff Sgt. Michael L. Seiner (fourth award)
 Sgt. Anthony M. Fontana (second award)
 Cpl. William L. Burger
 Cpl. Juan C. Manco
 Petty Officer 3rd Class Luis M. Santiago
 Lance Cpl. Pete Maingi

Letter of Appreciation

Petty Officer 2nd Class Timothy J. Keck

Letter of Commendation

Lance Cpl. Jonathan P. Aronica



EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

New tools teach threat recognition at CAX



Cpl. Mike Vrabel

Capt. David Nettles guides a BTR 60 prior to a foreign vehicle recognition static display here. Other vehicles displayed were the BTR 60 P/U, the BMP-2, the MTLB and the UAZ.

Cpl. Mike Vrabel
Combat Correspondent

TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. – At first glance, some of the machinery that rolled into Camp Wilson July 31 may have resembled flattened Amphibious Assault Vehicles, backwards Light Armored Vehicles, and a 1975 Volkswagen Bus.

Upon closer inspection, Marines participating in CAX 9 here discovered the unfamiliar tracked and wheeled contraptions to be foreign troop carriers and scout vehicles.

Eight of the mechanized war units were proudly driven and displayed by the Tactical Training Exercise Control Group, or Coyotes, for a “foreign vehicle recognition” exercise here. Marines in the area got the chance to climb on and in



Cpl. Mike Vrabel

A convoy of various foreign vehicles makes its approach to Camp Wilson. The mostly-Russian vehicles, acquired from a disbanded Army unit from Fort Erwin, Calif., are here to help Marines recognize potential enemies’ mechanized threat.

the armored hulks, all the while voicing their opinions on the enemy wheels.

“I’ve never seen anything like this before,” said Charlotte, N.C. native Lance Cpl. Mark McMurray, from India Company, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment. “I’d really like to get behind the wheel of one of these.”

The display was a first of its kind for a

Combined Arms Exercise. Hopefully, according to Capt. David Nettles, these training tools will keep moving for future exercises.

“This is a first for us,” said Nettles, the intelligence representative for TTECG. “If we can keep these around, it will be great training for these Marines.”

The purpose of displaying these “imports” is to

help CAX warriors learn about the enemy’s mechanized capabilities, and to help Marines in the field recognize a threat before it gets too close. According to Nettles, these vehicles will be used for more than the occasional static display.

“We’re taking these out to the field and letting units try to track us

See CAX, A-14



Pfc. Jason E. Miller

Hawaii Marines cut through a steel barrel in the Barrel Saw event, during the West Coast ARFF Rodeo Saturday. This was one of five events in which ARFF placed first, beating three other teams from the West Coast.

ARFF, From A-1

Their enormous victories didn't end with this event.

With sparks flying, two Marines spun a barrel, while another Marine had to cut the barrel in half using a K-12 rescue saw.

Again, the teamwork and speed of the K-Bay ARFF team earned them the win by more than five seconds.

"We've been practicing for a month for all the events" said Church.

One of the highlight events was the Make and Break race. This event consisted of each team putting a nozzle on a hose and linking three hoses together. Then the Marines sprinted off towards a road cone that they had to spray down.

This event did break some of the units, like MCAS Miramar, who had a disconnected hose as they ran towards the cone, losing valuable time making a repair.

Hawaii again had a

flawless performance and finished in 30.16 seconds, more than 16 seconds faster than any other team.

After five events, K-Bay's ARFF had 50 out of 50 points, but the confidence these Marines had couldn't help in the final event, the Barrel Squirt.

With a plastic barrel suspended more than 10 feet above the ground, each team had to squirt the barrel to the opposite side they were on. Hawaii was only able to make third place.

"This felt pretty good. We have a lot of rookies, except for the coaches, but



Pfc. Jason E. Miller

Camp Pendleton Marines didn't falter in the Make and Break event, running with three lengths of hose.

we still came out on top," said Cpl. John Brimm, one of the K-Bay coaches.

In the end, K-Bay won with a score of 55. Camp Pendleton followed with a score of 34 and third place was MCAS Yuma with 33 points.

After the competition, all of the teams attended



Pfc. Jason E. Miller

A K-Bay ARFF Marine races to his teammate during the Bunker Equipment Relay.

the barbeque hosted by K-Bay's ARFF.

The ARFF is looking forward to continuing their wins in 2002.

= MILITARY POLICE BLOTTER =

Traffic Court

There were 100 traffic citations issued for the week of July 27-Aug 1.

The Blotter

-A Marine was involved in a traffic accident after he was backing his vehicle and failed to maintain proper distance from another vehicle.

-A Marine was arrested by the Honolulu Police Department for driving under the influence of alcohol. His blood alcohol content was .178 percent. Bail was set at \$250.

-A Marine reported that person(s) unknown stole his unsecured and unattended bicycle from the 7-day store.

-A Marine was arrested by HPD for driving under the influence of alcohol. His BAC was .126 percent. Bail was set at \$250.

-A Marine's wife was involved in a traffic accident after she was backing her vehicle and failed to maintain sufficient distance from another vehicle.

-A Sailor reported that his daughter was bit by a

dog that was being walked by two unidentified females.

-A Sailor's husband reported that he observed two shopping carts roll into his vehicle, causing damage.

-A Marine reported that person(s) unknown entered his secured and unattended vehicle and stole his radio/compact disc player.

-A Marine reported that person(s) unknown entered his secured and unattended vehicle and stole his stereo equipment.

-A civilian was detained after she was stopped at the front gate during 100 percent Armed Forces I.D. check and was unable to produce a driver's license. Upon further investigation it was revealed that she did not have one.

-A Marine reported that person(s) unknown scratched his vehicle causing \$1,800 worth of damage.

-A Marine reported that person(s) unknown entered his secured and unattended vehicle and stole his stereo equipment.

-Two Marines were apprehended after one

Marine took the other Marine's vehicle without permission. Upon returning with the vehicle, the owner assaulted the driver.

-A Marine's daughter was involved in a traffic accident after she was backing and failed to maintain sufficient distance from another vehicle.

Lost and Found

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

Neighborhood Watch

Crime Prevention is looking for neighborhood representatives to take charge of local neighborhoods.

If you're interested in getting involved, call Crime Prevention at 257-2103, ext. 314.

Crime Prevention

For assistance with crime prevention or other police issues, contact Sgt. Kendra Gasper at 257-2103, ext. 314.

L.I.N.K.S. ladies



Pfc Jason E. Miller

L.I.N.K.S. Volunteer of the Month awards for June and July were presented to (From left to right) Anne Rosenthal, Pam Focht and Casey Stolsig. The awards were presented in a ceremony at the L.I.N.K.S. House Aug. 7.

WATER, From A-6

"When people water their yards during the hot part of the day, they lose a large amount of water to evaporation," Nutting explained. "Turning on the sprinkler before going shopping can also be wasteful because once the ground becomes saturated, the water begins to run off and down the drain."

Nutting also suggested base residents use the MCCA car wash facility because it uses a closed water system where there is less waste than with washing a vehicle with a hose.

The Facilities Department plans to continue incorporating water-saving design features into all base construction

projects, and retrofitting older buildings accordingly.

They also plan to upgrade the water treatment facility so they can expand the use of reclaimed water.

Residents can make a significant difference too, if they do their part to limit the usage of fresh water, according to Nutting.

"Everyone living and working on the base needs to be conscious of how their water use is effecting the entire supply," he said. "If everyone works toward conservation, and eliminating waste, there will be a big savings in the amount we spend for water, and there will be less of a possibility of water rationing during drought periods."

SECDEF, From A-1

take steps to improve the circumstances of the men and women in the armed services."

Rumsfeld mentioned the need for increased pay, housing funds and funds for infrastructure to improve the quality of life for servicemembers.

"There's no question that the central importance of the armed forces lies among the people, and we simply have to find a way to see that we have the things that attract and retain the people of the armed services," said Rumsfeld. "We're trying to find ways that we can better manage the various things that are important to servicemembers."

When asked about the possibility and effects of a two-war strategy for the military, Rumsfeld quickly explained the inability to use such a strategy, in which U.S. forces would be expected to fight two conflicts in separate hemispheres.

Instead, Rumsfeld expressed the need at looking to a more reasonable 3-point consideration – engaging here, repelling there, and participating in other smaller contingencies elsewhere.

"What we're doing is testing a construct which is more of a reflection of the year 2001 and a reflection of the kinds of things we've been doing," said Rumsfeld. "We're currently looking at the ability of the United States of America in engaging a major regional conflict anywhere in the world by occupying that country and prevailing on our terms. Nearly simultaneously, we must be capable of repelling an attack somewhere else in the world but not occupying that country, while also simultaneously engaging in some number of smaller scale contingencies around the world."

As an example, Rumsfeld said if war broke out in the Pacific and U.S. forces were deployed, America should also be able to repel any opposition in the western hemisphere, while still engaging in smaller contingencies elsewhere. The smaller contingencies may be similar to the cur-

rent operations in Haiti, Somalia, East Timor, Kosovo, Bosnia and Macedonia.

In response to questions regarding the ongoing or increasing number of deployed U.S. forces to such smaller contingencies, Rumsfeld said he does not like the idea of having forces deployed for several years, but their presence abroad is essential for the ongoing pursuit of peace and stability around the world.

Rumsfeld also expressed that there was no region-specific reasoning for the current restructuring of Army forces in Hawaii. Instead, he stated that it was an arbitrary sign of the ongoing transformation of military forces.

"Transition is a funny word. Many people think of it in terms of equipment, but transformation can also be in how the forces are organized," said Rumsfeld. "In life, you can't do everything at once, and it's not really that necessary that the complete force be transformed all at once either."

Upon wrapping up his final statements, Rumsfeld briefly summarized his view of the

changes in the military since his earlier days as a Navy pilot, and his previous position as the 13th Secretary of Defense from 1975-1977.

"The change over that period of time is amazing and breathtaking," said Rumsfeld as he depicted the numerous innovations and conditions. "What's basically the same, though, is the people. That is a very common thread that has run through all those years."

Unfortunately, along with numerous advancements, Rumsfeld expressed that there has been an increase in the bureaucracy, which makes changes in government take much longer than before.

Those are the kind of changes that can kill a business in the civilian world that cannot adapt quickly to ongoing challenges, according to Rumsfeld and his experience as a businessman.

According to Rumsfeld, the Department of Defense may be secured by the government, but its success and efficiency may depend on the Department's ability to quickly adapt to an ever-changing world.

HAILSTON, From A-1

Program in 1968.

He served with 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam and Headquarters Marine Corps where he served as Assistant Secretary to the General Staff. He also had a tour in Korea as the Combined Forces Command/U.S. Eighth Army Operations Plans Officer and also served as Commanding General 3rd Force Service Support Group.

The one thing that stayed constant in his career was his service in the Pacific with III MEF.

"I've served in III MEF at every single pay grade except major and major general," Lt. Gen. Hailston said. "Somehow or another I'd like to turn the clock back to do that all over again. It's been an absolutely fantastic part of my life."

As Lt. Gen. Hailston reflected on his life as a Marine, he felt the best thing for him was to enjoy every day he has with his Marines.

"I don't know anything else than being a Marine," he said. "The older you get the more fun it is."

DoD targets Ecstasy drug use

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — “Ecstasy” is the fastest growing abused drug in the United States, and the military is taking steps to ensure it doesn’t endanger servicemembers.

Ecstasy — chemical name 3, 4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine — is also called “X,” “XTC,” “Clarity,” “Essence” “Adam,” “Lover’s Speed” and “Hug Drug” on the street.

A drug with no known medical use, its abuse has exploded among young people, especially those between 18 and 21. Federal authorities seized 49,000 Ecstasy pills in 1997 — but more than 900,000

just two years later.

Defense officials said 1,070 cases of Ecstasy abuse in fiscal 2000 accounted for 5.6 percent of all positives in the DoD urinalysis program. This puts Ecstasy behind marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine as the most abused drugs in the military.

“This is a problem in the civilian world,” said Deborah Rosenblum, principal director for counter narcotics. “Anything that is as popular, in vogue — where there are misconceptions about it — in the civilian world, we certainly take note of it from a recruiting and readiness perspective.”

Abuses in fiscal 2001 have slowed, officials

said. Rosenblum said contributing factors are education efforts by the services and members’ growing awareness that the urine test can detect Ecstasy use.

The DoD plans changes in test protocols — weekend testing, for example, she noted. The services will also work together to see what messages resonate with servicemembers and what tactics seem to work, she said.

Ecstasy is dangerous.

Findings of a primate study announced at a mid-July research conference in Bethesda, Md., indicated monkeys given the human equivalent of four daily doses of Ecstasy showed brain damage and behavioral changes two weeks and 18 months after

the “binge.”

The effects noted are consistent with those observed in humans — memory loss and acute depression, among others.

Overall, the DoD counterdrug effort has been successful.

In 1980, surveys showed 28 percent of servicemembers said they had abused an illegal drug in the last month.

The 1998 survey put that number at 2.7 percent.

The department currently tests for marijuana, cocaine and amphetamines, which include Ecstasy. It also tests for opiates, PCP, barbiturates and LSD. The department will test for other drugs as the need arises, officials said.



Lance Cpl. Luis Agostini

Christine Oliver remembers to clean up after her pet during their daily stroll.

PETS, From A-5

“Children can pick up hook worm from a pet who has been living in, or playing around indisposed feces,” said Evans. “All a child has to do is pet an infected dog, and then eat some food and ingest the viruses and parasites that way.”

As if that is not a big enough concern there is the threat of dogs getting a virus called Parvo.

Parvo is a virus from old fecal matter that infects and kills dogs, according to Evans.

All it takes is one irresponsible pet owner who doesn’t clean up the yard to cause major health concerns for neighboring pets and children, said Evans.

“What’s more is that waste draws other forms of infectious animals such as insects, pests and rodents,” informed Evans.

No matter what the motivation to clean up after a pet is, the number one reason to act like a responsible pet owner should be respect for others. The health of a neighbor’s pet, a neighbor’s child and the basic common courtesy to keep the environment clean should motivate pet owners to comply with the base order.

It’s a menial job, but everyone’s got to do it.

CAX, From A-8

down,” explained Nettles. “We’re going to try to sneak up on ‘em.”

Nettles explained that TTECG obtained the vehicles from Fort Erwin, Calif., after the Army’s 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion’s Charlie Detachment was dismantled.

They were either going to be distributed to different bases or put in a museum.

“When we found that out, we did everything we could to snatch them up,” he said.

Another proposed plan was for a civilian agency to rent them to different units at cost per motor-hour. Nettles had a different idea in mind.

“We would like to rent them out to different Marine units, and not charge them anything,” said Nettles.

McMurray thinks this is a great idea.

“I would really like to train with these (vehicles),” explained McMurray.

Nettles plans on displaying his acquisitions during future CAXs, and would like to get similar machines and training programs to other Marine Corps bases such as Camp Pendleton.