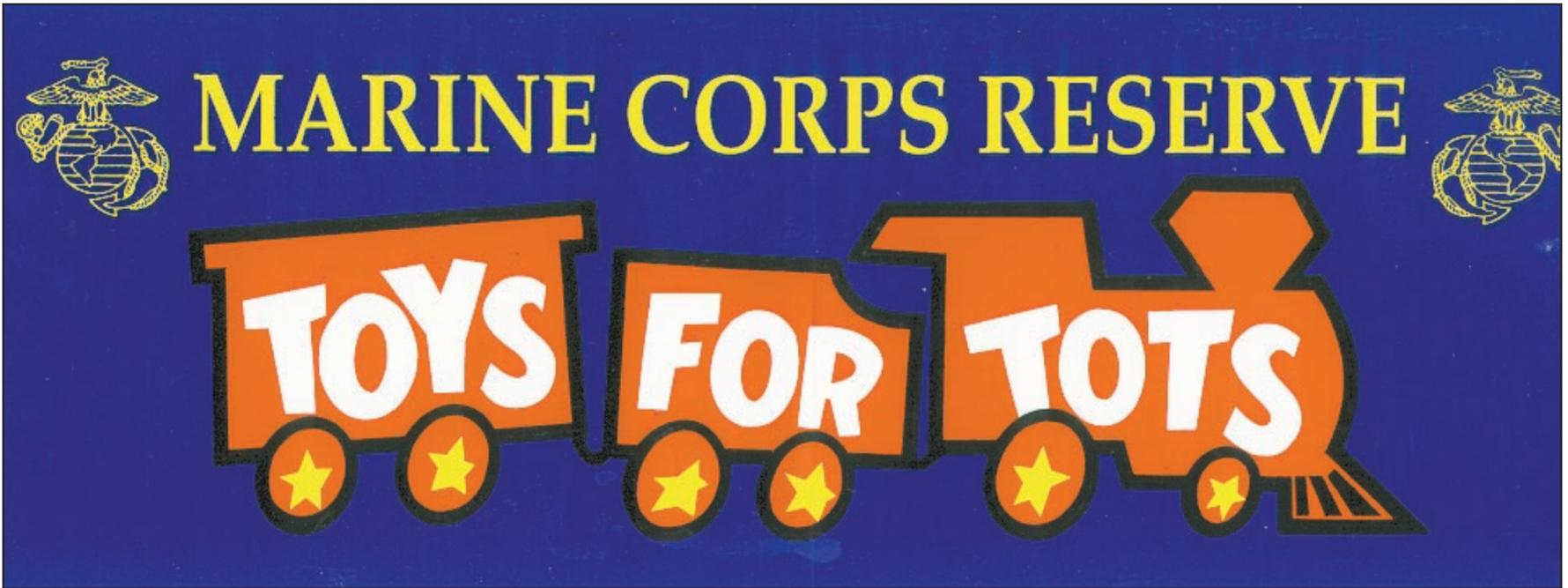


LIFESTYLES



U.H. Warrior fans 'stuff the bus'

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

AIEA, Oahu — The Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program held a "Stuff the Bus" campaign here Saturday, during the University of Hawaii — Brigham Young University college football game.

The festively decorated bus was placed outside an entrances to the stadium to accept toy donations from fans attending the game.

The Oahu Transit Service had donated the bus and driver for the day.

"Stuff the Bus" was an event that the Toys for Tots program developed to boost its campaign to gather toy donations for deserving children during the holidays.

After several hours, the toy count reached more than 1,000 short of the goal of 6,000 toys. But according to Staff Sgt. Ruben E. Villarreal, MCB Hawaii Toys for Tots representative, the program is well ahead of schedule to collect and distributed its goal of more than 64,000 toys this year.

"This was a pretty good turnout, considering it was a first-time event," said Villarreal. "We're ahead of schedule this year, because we've had some very generous donations from individuals and organizations from around the islands."

Twenty Marines volunteered their time to help stuff the bus by collecting toys from various drop-off locations around the stadium.

People donated everything from board games to action figures to the charity event. Many just walked up to the bus to drop off their toys.

Toys for Tots representatives handed out free concessions like bumper stickers and pens.

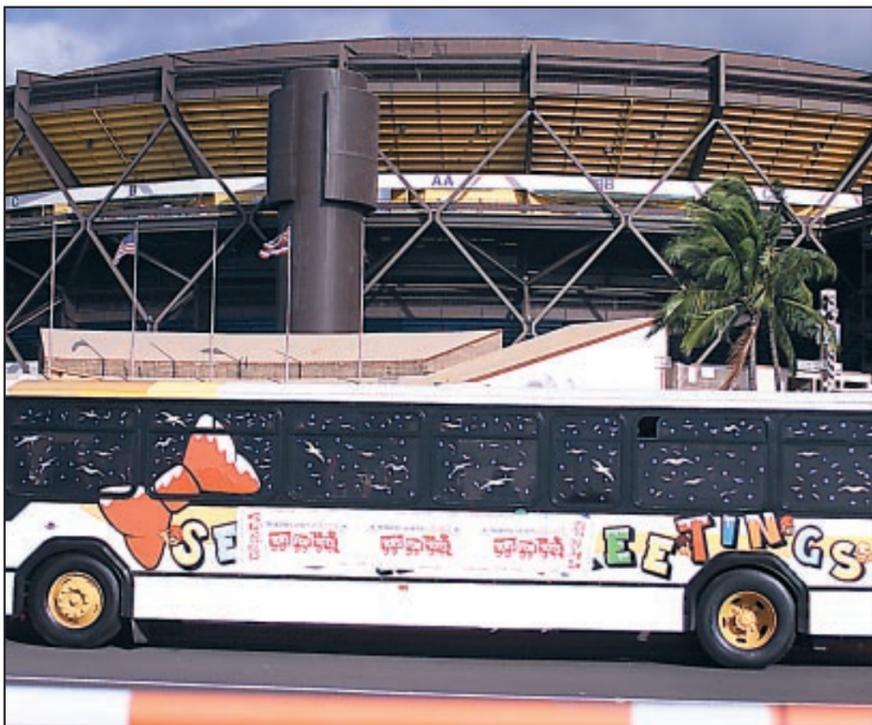
"When they asked for volunteers for this, all the Marines who volunteered knew they weren't getting anything out of this except the joy helping," said Lance Cpl. Rodney A. Hopper, a finance technician for Headquarters Bn.

"We're just here to help, that's all we're here for," he said in the spirit of Christmas.

For more information on how you can help the Toys for Tots campaign meet its goal, call Staff Sgt. Villarreal at 257-2531, ext. 233.



Toys for Tots sponsored the "Stuff the Bus" campaign at the big UH vs. BYU game on Saturday.



"Stuff the Bus" is parked outside of Aloha Stadium to accept Toys for Tots donations.



Lance Cpl. Rodney A. Hopper, a finance technician for Headquarters Bn., is not boarding the bus to go home. He is loading a donated toy during the "Stuff the Bus" campaign for the Toys for Tots program at the UH vs. BYU game on Saturday.

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POSSIBILITIES IN PARADISE

By Debbie Baker, MCCS Public Relations

Here Comes Santa Claus

Main MCX at 254-3890.

SEMPER FIT SHORTS...

It's your last chance to catch a glimpse and visit with St. Nick before he heads back to the North Pole.

Bring the kids and your camera to meet Santa Claus at the Marine Corps Exchange Annex, tonight from 6 – 8 p.m.

Santa will also make one more appearance at the Main Marine Corps Exchange Saturday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

For more details about Santa's visit, call the MCX Annex at 254-7616 or the

Mount Olympus — MCB Hawaii Style

All major MCB Hawaii commands are invited to participate in the 2001 Commander's Cup Field Meet, Jan. 11, at Pop Warner Field from 7 a.m. – noon.

This meet will be the last chance for commands to earn cumulative points to claim ownership of the Commander's Cup Trophy and the Commanding General's Fitness Series Trophy.

Eager and athletic competitors may engage in track relay races, sand volleyball (6-person teams), horseshoes (4-person teams), Jungle shot-put (4-person teams), wheel barrel races (6-person teams), Fireman's Carry races (6-person teams), Kip pull-ups (10-person teams) and tug-o-War (10-person team, or 11 with a female).

Commands are challenged to enter one team

in each of the events, and unit members may only participate in two events.

For more information, or to inquire about current command point standings, call Steve Kalnasy at 254-7590.

Take 'em out the ball game

Fill their days with a diamond of dirt, double-headers and double plays.

The Windward Federal Credit Union and Youth Activities invite all MCB Hawaii youth (ages 5 – 12) to sign up for Hawaii Youth Sports League's Youth Baseball.

Registration will run now through Dec. 31 at Youth Activities, Bldg. 5082.

The Youth Baseball registration fee is \$30 for club members and \$40 for non-members.

For additional grand slammin' baseball buzz, contact Youth Sports Coordinator Clark Abbey at 254-7611.

Sleigh Bell Breakfast

Buffet at Fairways

He's ditched his sleigh for a surfboard. He's foregone the chimney for Fairways.

He's Santa, and he's inviting all MCB Hawaii patrons to corral their keiki and join him for an all-hands, "Breakfast with Santa," at Fairways, Bldg. 3088, Saturday from 9 – 11 a.m.

Tickets are available at Fairways. Adult tickets are \$9.95, children 6 – 12, \$5.95 and children 5 and under eat free.

Seating is limited.

Bring your camera and tell the kids to prepare their Christmas wish lists. For more information, call Fairways at 254-5592.

Holiday Shimmer

'Tis the season to shine and to shimmer and The Cut Haircare located in Mokapu Mall can help you dress the part.

Book a Holiday Shimmer appointment to receive \$5 off any high-light or color service. You

may also take 20 percent off your favorite hair product.

The Holiday Shimmer special runs Dec. 18 – 24. Walk-ins are welcome.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call The Cut Haircare at 254-6585.

The Twelve Days of Video

Forget about the partridge in a pear tree — Mega Video has blockbuster — and lots of them.

Hurry to Mega Video, located in the Mokapu Mall Courtyard, and discover "The Twelve Days of Video," special running Dec. 16 – 24. Yuletide savings are what you'll unwrap during Mega Video's holiday bonanza.

Mega Video also offers gift coupons — ideal stocking stuffers!

For more details, call Mega Video at 254-7560.

Get into the Grunge

O'Club members, the

Grunge Bar is back and open for business every Friday night from 4 – 9 p.m.

Gather the gang and head to the O'Club's Grunge Bar, which features darts, billiards, shuffleboard, jukebox and more.

All guests and their members should enter the Grunge Bar through the pool area.

For more information, call the O'Club at 254-7650.

Let's Set Sail

It's never too early to learn to set sail, and now the Base Marina is offering a 7-Day special just for juniors.

Enroll your child now for the Holiday Junior Sailing class scheduled for Dec. 20 – 31. (Class will not be held on weekends or on Christmas Day).

For only \$69, your child will learn the skills to set sail over the sea. Simply stop by the Base Marina, in Bldg. 1698, for registration or call 254-7666.

SM&SP



(All events are open to single, active duty military.)

Mahalo

Mahalo Windward Community Federal Credit Union for making SM&SP activities and sporting events possible.

Upcoming Events

Today: The Shank & Slice IV Golf Tournament gets underway with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 for E-5 and below and \$29 for E-6 and above. Prizes will be awarded on blind draw. Fees includes green fees, cart, prizes & soda..

Dec. 30-Jan. 1: Take the outer-island trip to Maui. The cost is \$285 per person, and there's a 20-person limit. Make payment and register by Tuesday.

Jan. 5: Compete in the Paintball Inter-service Tournament from 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Format will be seven-person teams, (with two-person subs) at the K-Bay Paintball Field. NP-PL rules will apply.

The registration fee is \$175 per team (which includes entry, prizes & all-day air). Bring your own paint or buy it on-site.

There will be a big cash award for the top team.

Equipment rental is \$10 per person, and the registration deadline is Jan. 3.

Feb 2: Take an Ultra Zone Trip into high tech combat action. Call for times and fees.

SM&SP Info

Call 254-7593, for more info on programs and benefits..

Christmas comes to K-Bay

Cpl. Roman Yurek
Lifestyles Editor

The Christmas season is here, and MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, trumpeted its arrival with the 3rd Annual Christmas Concert and Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Base Theater and Dewey Square, Saturday.

For three years, the base has elaborately decorated a large pine tree at Dewey Square. The commanding general "throws the switch" to light up the Christmas icon.

The Marine Forces Pacific Band started off the night, playing a variety of holiday favorites.

"The music tonight will remind all of us that Christmas is a time of sharing and merriment," said MCB Hawaii Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Jerry C. McAbee.

Unfortunately, some K-Bay

See *TREE*, B-5



Cpl. Roman Yurek

Brigadier Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, commanding general for MCB Hawaii, lights up the base Christmas tree.

MOVIE TIME

Prices: Adults (12 and older) \$3, Children (6 to 11) \$1.50, Children (5 and younger) free. Matinee prices are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Parents must purchase tickets for "R" rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 years old and younger.

For E-5 and below, admission is free to the second show on Friday and Saturday evenings only. Sunday evenings, the price is \$1 for all patrons. Please show your ID at the box office. Phone 254-7642 for recorded info.

Majestic (PG-13)
Serendipity (PG-13)
Bandits (R)
Serendipity (PG-13)
Cats and Dogs (PG)
Last Castle (R)
K-Pax (PG-13)

Friday 7:15 p.m.
Friday 10 p.m.
Saturday 7:15 p.m.
Saturday 10 p.m.
Sunday 3:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday 7:15 p.m.



Reel Fun...

-Ready to score two free on-base movie tickets?-

Your Biz Quiz Question:

What movie was this quote from: "If you can't be an athlete, be an athletic supporter"?

Last week's Q&A:

Who is the voice of Moses in Disney's "The Prince of Egypt"? **Val Kilmer**

How it works

Call the K-Bay Fun Phone at 254-KBAY (5229) and leave the correct Show Biz Quiz movie answer, your name and a phone number by Friday. The Marine Corps Community Services Marketing Department will draw one name from all correct entries each Friday afternoon. The Show Biz Quiz winner will receive two on-base movie tickets.

Hawaii MARINE SPORTS

B-3, Hawaii Marine Sports Page

December 14, 2001

Warriors deliver season to remember

Hawaii Marine Staff
Collaborated story

The Youth Sports program can tack up another championship for the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Pee Wee Warriors football team.

This is the second season that the team finished its eight game sease undefeated.

The wins are attributed to top quality planning before the season and top-notch execution throughout the season.

It all started in early August when head coach David McBride received the team roster from Clark Abbey, youth sports coordinator. Upon receiving the list, McBride met with John Bascuk, the offensive coordinator, and Moses Singletary, the defensive coordinator, to discuss their game plan.

After looking over the roster and positioning the players, all three coaches agreed that this was going to be "a season to remember."

With a plan in mind, the execution of that plan began.

"The number one reason a mission fails is lack of communication," said McBride.

To remedy this problem, the coaching staff put together a pre-season brief, outlining the complete "plan of attack," for both the players and the parents.

Throughout the season, McBride typed up a newsletter called the "Coach's Corner," to keep the players and parents informed every step of the



way about their progress.

This planning paid off in the end.

With a 16-0 record for the last two seasons, the Warriors have many other

achievements attributed to them.

In this past season, Bascuk worked hard on his offensive line. Being a perfectionist and expecting every play to be

executed and work every time, his methodical, intense and no nonsense practicing manipulated the offensive line to into a cohesive unit.

At the end of this eight-game season, the Warrior offense punted the ball only once and put 208 points on the board. This brought the team total 430 points in two seasons.

The Warriors would not have been as successful, offensively, if they hadn't had a matching defense.

This is where Singletary stepped up. Unlike Bascuk, Singletary was more low key and straightforward. He took a hard defense ball approach. This balanced out the tempo of the games and practices.

In the end, this style produced a defense that held the opponents to only 26 points this season, bringing the two-season record to only 52 points allowed by the stingy Warrior defense.

All three coaches say that there were two more factors to the equation that allowed them and their team to perform to perfection.

First, the parents gave the coaches the freedom and trust necessary to teach their children the game of football.

The second factor was Abbey who gave them the support they needed without any resistance.

With the season over, the players, families and coaches have good reason to celebrate.

Plans are already underway to defend the two perfect seasons next year.

Hammerheads skate to victory



Photo Courtesy of the Hammerheads

The Squirt Hammerhead in-line hockey team became champions Saturday. Team members are (bottom row, from left) Joey Reese, Sam Wilkinson, Max Graessle, Adam Holmberg and Craig Dubois. (Top row, from left) Coach Bob Dubois, Jonathan Bennett, Colin McDougall, Matthew Rector, Vince Palacios, Shane McDougall and Coach Aiden.

Dunkin' Donuts rolls into K-Bay

Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero
Combat Correspondent

For most people, it's always a joy to reminisce in childhood memories.

One of these memories may have been visiting the hometown bakery and gazing at the jumbled selection of doughnuts, rolls, and other pastries. Anticipating a



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Three-year-old David R. Smith wakes up to a delicious cup of Dunkin' Donuts hot chocolate.

bite undoubtedly made their mouths water.

For kids and grownups aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, who love pastries, there's something for everyone at Dunkin' Donuts situated by the Wiki Wiki Market on Selden Street.

"It has taken six months of negotiating, construction, and a one-month layoff because of the Sept. 11 bombings," said Ken Iong, owner of Dunkin' Donuts. "But as of Friday at 5 a.m., Dunkin' Donuts has opened its doors for business."

Dunkin' Donuts offers coffee, latte, and cappuccinos, in addition to its sweets.

Furthermore, they also offers what it calls "Coffee Coolatta," an icy type of coffee drink.

"This is a lot more extreme than ice coffee," said Iong.

In addition to yummy pastries and awesome prices, Dunkin' Donuts rewards its loyal customers with a Mahalo PLUS Card. The premium is an exciting program filled with discounts, gift cards, travel benefits, and other spectacular gift items.

"Just fill out a simple registration card at any DD's store throughout Hawaii, and get the card instantly," said Iong. Customers should present their Mahalo PLUS Card whenever making a purchase to earn the points that can be accumulated and later redeemed for gift items.

"Our mission is to provide a quality product and service at an affordable price that people can enjoy," said Iong.

But what has brought Dunkin' Donuts to K-Bay?

"The Dave's ice cream contract expired, and we were looking for a national pastry brand that everyone knows," said John Nishida, director of food and hospitality for Marine Corps Community Services.

"Having a Dunkin' Donuts is perfect," said Elizabeth Smith, subeducation assistant at K-Bay's Mokapu Elementary School. "It's breakfast already made and my son loves their sprinkled donuts."

Dunkin' Donuts is open daily from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Robin Halbert, director of operations at Dunkin' Donuts, makes a box of donuts ready for the next customer.

TREE, From B-2

and Camp H.M. Smith families are not complete this holiday.

"Let's take time to remember those who are away from home, and in harms way," said Brig. Gen. McAbee, making sure that the families of deployed Marines and Sailors stood up and were recognized.

After this recognition, it was time to kick off the music. The band began with "Fantasia for Christmas."

Following this came the holiday classic, "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." Cynthia Romero, a local singer, accompanied the band by singing vocals to the tune.

Another concert tradition is the reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas." With a rocking chair set out, Lt. Gen. Earl B. Hailston, commander Marine Forces Pacific, put on his reading glasses and read the timeless classic.

Shortly after the story was read, an uninvited guest appeared. The Grinch, made his way to the stage.

The band encouraged the MCB Hawaii Mascot,

Cpl. Danno, to scare off the green Christmas-stealing thing. Unfortunately, the Grinch was prepared and befriended the dog.

Next, mystery solver Scooby Doo appeared, but a Meal-Ready-to-Eat was all it took to get this large pooch out of the picture.

Finally, it came down to one man, Gunnery Sgt. Jonathon Barkley, a saxophone player in the band. Barkley, also a former drill instructor, gave the Grinch a taste of the DI arsenal.

The Marine discipline put the Grinch out of the picture. The concert resumed. As the musical merriment wound down, Sgt. Rob Davies, a trumpet player, sang "God Bless the USA."

As the concert closed, guests moved out of the theater and across the street for the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

From the tree, a long cord reached and attached to a present. On top of the present stood a handle that looked like an old charge for dynamite.

McAbee pushed down the handle. An explosion of light boomed from the tree, as lights danced from its limbs.

Although the festivities were over, guests lingered to sing a few Christmas carols before their evening ended.



Cpl. Roman Yurek

Cynthia Romero sings, "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," for the packed base theater during the Christmas concert.

Working hard, playing harder: 2/3 Marines enjoy some off time

Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora
Community Relations Chief

After eight days of training in the thick terrain of the Kahuku mountain ranges, the Marines of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment celebrated their return to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, on Saturday with their families and friends.

The festivities began with grilled burgers, juicy ribs, cotton candy, sports and a house of bounce for the keiki of the bat-

talion.

Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Robert F. Castellvi, completed another Dedicated Training Period with 90 percent of the battalion participating in the field evolution.

"Today we gather as a family of Marines celebrating what we have accomplished in the field and bringing a partnership of family readiness with battalion readiness," said Castellvi.

Along with great food, the battalion had a variety of sports and games to choose from.

On the softball field, Golf and Echo Companies went to battle.

Both teams sent iron high in the sky, at the horseshoe pit, as they tried desperately to hit the metal pole buried in the sand.

The slap of the volleyball also had Marines rushing the net to block scores.

The Provost Marshal's Office got in on the act by giving demonstrations of its military working dogs, as canine companions attacked a bad guy running from the law.

"I think this picnic is good for morale, especially coming out of the field after eight days," said Lance Cpl. William Wilson, a dispatcher for Headquarters and Service Platoon, 2/3, motor transport.

The key volunteers network provided free digital pictures, which were taken when Santa Clause arrived in a fire truck.

Kids jumped in line to take the chance to



Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora

Santa Claus warms the heart of Alyssa Anderson as she tells him her wishes for Christmas.

tell Santa their hopes and dreams for Christmas.

As Santa took wishes from the children, teams continued to play sports on the football field and basketball in the gym.

Lance Cpl. Joshua Taylor and Lance Cpl. James Paine, both riflemen with Fox Co., found a quiet spot in the picnic area and used their time to reflect on the better things in life. They played a master's game of chess.

"This was a good thing to do for the family. It introduces them to the battal-

ion and helps out the morale in all of us," said Lance Cpl. Joseph Crawford, a rifleman in 3rd Platoon, Golf Co.

The festivities came to a close as the heart and soul of the picnic gathered together: A 39 Marine working party that worked more than 72 hours putting together every thing that was needed for the picnic.

"Hey, I just wanted to cook up some burgers and have a good time," said Lance Cpl. Ryan Curtis, an operator from Headquarters and Service Platoon, Motor Transport Section.



Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora

It wouldn't be a party without the help of the talented chef's: Lance Cpls. Ryan Curtis, an operator, Motor Transport Section; Leonard Danquah, Nuclear Biological and Chemical clerk; and Rashad Stokes, fiscal clerk all from Headquarters and Service Platoon.

Marine Makeponos

"HAWAIIAN FOR "MARINE BARGAINS"

Auto

1993 Honda Civic, 4 door, auto, A/C, good condition for \$3,000 OBO. Call 254-1164, if interested

1999 Dodge Stratus with 29,000 miles, loaded for \$13,000. Call 254-1724.

2000 Mitsubishi Eclipse, power windows/ doors/ locks, sunroof, CD and tape player. Call Sean or Natalie at 254-2015.

1986 Toyota Tercel with 145K miles, cold A/C, 4-speed manual, new tires, new brakes for \$1,335 OBO. Call 254-1724.

1990 Nissan Pathfinder 4X4, automatic everything, tilt steering, tinted windows, CD player, great tires, many new parts installed including a water pump, timing chain, pistons and rods, clean interior. Call 254-4538.

Miscellaneous

Tadem Ocean Kayak, brand new, with equipment worth \$1,200. Will sell for \$750 or best offer. Call 263-2926 after 3 p.m.

Brinkman smoker/grill for \$20; call 254-1724, if interested.

Pets

Purebred labs, all registered for sale. One female and four male puppies, and one female and male adult dogs. Call 778-7305.

Free dog, German Shepard/Huskie, spayed, 6 years old, good with kids. To a good home. If interested, call 375-1410.

Male floppy-eared rabbit, with hutch for \$25. Male gray cockatiel with cage, \$50 OBO. Male and female pair of Jackson Chameleons with custom made cage for \$30. Call 254-1724.

The deadline for submitting ads is 10 a.m. Friday the week prior to publication.

Ad forms may be filled out Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the MCB Hawaii Public Affairs Office, located in Bldg. 216.

Ads must be submitted in person and will be accepted only from active duty and retired military personnel, their family members and MCB Hawaii civil service workers.

Ads are free and will appear in two issues of the Hawaii Marine.

Marine Makeponos may be used only for noncommercial classified ads containing items of personal property offered by and for individuals authorized to use this service. Such ads must represent incidental exchanges, not of a sustained business nature.

Ads are run on a first-come, first served, space-available basis.

JARHEADS and SQUIDS



WORD TO PASS

Free Phone Calls

Usually reserved for senior citizens, this holiday season, Merrill Lynch is extending its 22-year-old annual Christmas Calls tradition to the armed forces.

Military families can make free holiday phone calls to loved ones anywhere in the world.

The call must be made Saturday, Dec. 15, between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1001 Bishop St., their downtown Honolulu office.

For more details, call Ellen Endrina at 525-8344.

Marine Corps Scholarships Available

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation is looking for students who qualify for Academic Year 2002-2003 scholarships. You may be eligible, if you meet three parameters.

(1) *You can qualify if you are:*

- the son or daughter of a Marine on active duty or in the Reserves;

- the son or daughter of a former Marine or reservist who received an honorable or medical discharge, or who was killed while on duty;

- or, the son or daughter of an active duty, Reserve, or former corpsman who is or has served with Marines.

(2) *You must also be either:*

- a high school senior,
- a high school graduate,
- currently enrolled as an undergraduate at an accredited college or university,

- or currently enrolled at a post-high school accredited vocational or technical school.

(3) *Your 2001 family income must be \$49,000 or less.*

Qualifying students may obtain an application packet by emailing mcsf@aosi.com or by visiting website www.marine-scholars.org.

You may also write to Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation; P.O. Box 3008; Princeton, NJ 08543-3008.

Application deadline is April 1, 2002.

DECA 2002 Scholarships

Military families with high school seniors and college students can shop at the Commissary for funds to help pay for the cost of higher education.

The Defense Commissary Agency is now receiving applications for its second annual Defense Commissary Agency/-Fisher House Foundation Scholarships for Military Children Program. Forms are available at any commissary or can be accessed via www.commissaries.com.

Students of active duty, retired, Guard, and Reserve servicemembers may qualify for \$1,500 scholarships. Eligibility will be verified in DEERS.

Application deadline is Feb. 5, 2002.

Mustangs Seeking Members

The Marine Corps Mustang Association was founded on Nov. 10, 1985, and it is "an organization dedicated to the preservation of the history and accomplishments of all Marines who have risen from the enlisted to officer ranks ... thereby

earning the title 'Mustang'."

You are invited to join the ranks of this 1,600 member organization. To join, email top-mustang@aol.com. Write MC-MA Inc.; P.O. Box 1314, Delran, NJ 08075-0142. For more details, call (856) 786-4400.

Third Marine Division Veterans Sought

If you've ever been attached to 3rd Marines, you're invited to reestablish and maintain contact with other leathernecks and shipmates who've served by joining the Third Marine Division Association.

The organization hosts annual reunions, a regular newsletter and supports a unique scholarship program that assists military children.

For more information, visit www.caltrap.comcom or email retired Sgt. Maj. Eugene Ashe, the membership chairman, at sargent@inetone.net.

Hunter Education Classes

The Hawaii Dept. of Land and Natural Resources hosts its next Hunter Education Class today and Saturday at the Nimitz Business Center, 1130 N. Nimitz Highway, in suite #A-151, on the ground floor.

Session one runs from 5:45 - 10:15 p.m., today. Session two will run from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday.

Subjects covered include firearms and archery safety, survival and first aid, wildlife identification and conservation, rules and regulations, game care, and outdoor responsibility.

The two-day session is open to individuals and families 10-years-old or above, who enjoy the outdoors. Attendance is required both days to receive certification, and all students must present a picture ID at the door.

Free classes will get underway, again at the Nimitz Business Center, Jan. 4 - 5 and Jan. 18 - 19, 2002. For more information or to register, call 587-0200.

Posada Christmas Celebration

The Honolulu Academy of Arts, in cooperation

with Centro Hispano de Hawaii and the Mayor's Office on Culture and Arts, presents the fourth annual "Posada Christmas Celebration," Sunday from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. in historic Thomas Square.

In Mexican tradition, the Posada celebration marks the anniversary of the birth of Christ beginning on Dec. 16 and continuing each night until Christmas Eve.

Those who wish to participate in the local traditional Posada Procession — which recalls Mary and Joseph travelling from inn to inn, then ends with entry to a festive Christmas celebration, complete with the breaking of a pinata — should gather in Thomas Square by 5 p.m. The procession will travel around Thomas Square and stop at various tents filled with caroling schoolchildren and choirs.

Mariachi entertainment, folk dancing and traditional Mexican Christmas refreshments will be offered, following the Procession.

Tickets are only required for refreshments. General admission is \$8; children 6-12, \$3; children 5 and under are free.

For more information, call Centro Hispano de Hawaii at 941-5216.

Disney Salutes Armed Forces

Active duty, U.S. servicemembers can enjoy free admission to any of Disney's U.S. theme parks or on its Disney Cruise Line, Jan. 1 - April 30, 2002. Family members and friends can receive accompanying discounted admission.

"Disney's Armed Forces Salute" will honor America's men and women who are fighting for freedom. It's part of Disney's commitment to support U.S. troops at home and abroad.

The program offers one complimentary, seven consecutive days ticket for the active member and up to five special, 50 percent discount tickets for family members and friends of the active duty member.

All special offer tickets must be used within seven days of purchase. Discounts, beginning at \$49 per night (plus tax), are also available for Disney resort hotel accommodations.

All offers can only be obtained at Disney theme park entry windows with a valid military ID card. Tickets are not available at military ticket offices.

Military retirees and Reservists can participate in Disney's ongoing, year-round

military discount program.

For more details, call (407) 939-7424.

Disney Supports USO

The Walt Disney Company recently became a "USO World Sponsor," supporting outreach and marketing efforts on behalf of the USO and its programs.

Among the initiatives associated with this effort, Disney will visit U.S. troops abroad, produce and feature a series of public service announcements regarding the war effort, and provide a combination of first-run movies and library classics for military troops.

Disney has also donated several thousand videos through the USO to military bases, and will partner with the Voice of America and Army Broadcasting to record holiday messages for servicemembers stationed around the world.

Disney's commitment also supports its founder's patriotism.

Kennedy Theater

The University of Hawaii at Manoa's Department of Theater and Dance presents "The Little Prince," as its holiday offering.

Performances are scheduled today and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. A post-show rap will follow today's performance.

Tickets may be purchased at the Kennedy Theater Box Office, or charged by phone, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The military and student discount price is \$7; prices are \$9 regular entry.

For more information, call 956-7655.

Diamond Head Theater

Diamond Head Theater presents the family favorite musical "Annie," through Sunday.

Performances are scheduled at 8 p.m., today and Saturday, and at 4 p.m., Sunday.

Tickets are on sale now at its box office, or by phone at 733-0274.

Tickets are priced from \$10 - \$40, with discounts for students, seniors and military.

Hawaii Theater

Tickets are on sale now for the hit production "Slava's Snowshow." Variety has declared that the contemporary family show "is to clowning what Cirque du Soleil is to circus."

Performances are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Dec. 20 - 24, Dec. 26 - 29. Matinees are available at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 22, 26, 29 and 30.

Tickets are \$35 and \$25 for students, seniors and military, a discount of \$20 and \$15 off regular admission.

Purchase tickets at the Hawaii Theater Box Office, 1130 Bethel St. in downtown Honolulu, or at any TicketPlus outlet, including Foodland locations.

To charge by phone, call 528-0506 or 526-4400. Discounts are also avail-

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Photo courtesy of Jeanette Urquidez

Jeanette Urquidez and Debra Flonard, both are 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, Key Volunteers who had a five minute video made to send to their husbands deployed overseas. Circuit City is currently offering all spouses and family members a chance to make a free, five-minute video. The offer runs until Dec. 31, and candidates must have a valid military ID card to participate.

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able for groups of 10 or more at 733-7733.

Ballet Hawaii's "Nutcracker"

Tickets to the 2001 production of Ballet Hawaii's "Nutcracker" are on sale now at the Blaisdell Box Office and TicketPlus. The annual show features live music from the Honolulu Symphony and a large corps de ballet.

Performances are Dec. 21 - 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 23 at 2 p.m. at the Blaisdell Concert Hall.

Tickets are priced from \$35 to \$55, with a \$10 discount for students, seniors and military.

To charge by phone, call 526-4400, or log onto www.ticket-plus.com.

Windward Mall Teen Board

Teenagers interested in modeling and fashion, meeting new people, helping others in the community or exploring different careers can apply for a chance to make the Windward Mall Teen Board 2002.

Fifteen teens will be chosen to represent Windward Mall and the Windward community. Applicants must be between 13 and 17 years old by Jan. 1, 2002.

Teen Board members participate in many Mall events, from fashion shows to community service projects. They also participate in mini-classes in modeling and wardrobe planning, a professional photo session and career shadowing.

Candidates must reside in Windward Oahu, maintain a 2.5 or greater GPA, demonstrate commitment to volunteerism, and be willing to commit 10 hours to the program, each month.

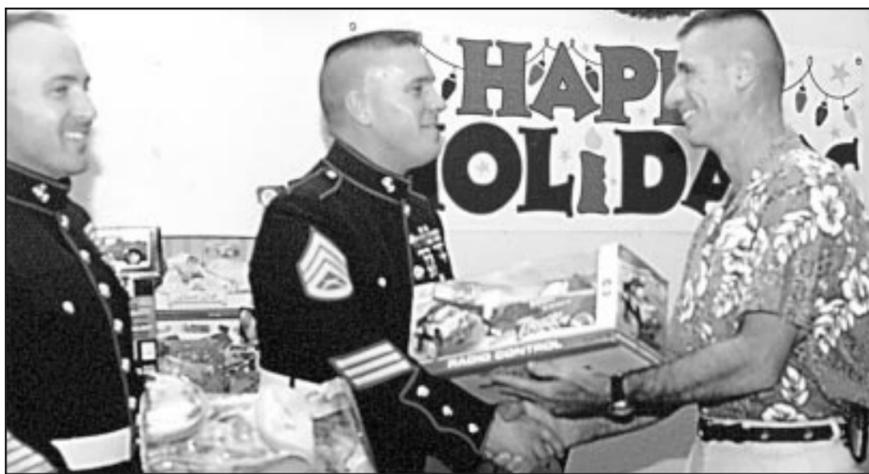
For more details, contact Nancy Bush at 235-1143.

Application deadline is Jan. 31, 2002. Teens will be announced in February 2002.

Host Families Needed

The International Hospitality Center is seeking volunteer host families for its Spring Semester, which begins mid-January through mid-June 2002, for high school exchange students, aged 16 to 17 years old.

Sponsored by the Center for Cultural Interchange, these out-



Lance Cpl. Luis R. Agostini

Marine Forces Pacific Sgt. Maj. Stephen H. Mellinger (right) along with Staff Sgt. Troy Long, admin chief, and 1st Sgt. Dorsey Roberts (far left) of 4th Force Reconnaissance Co., give to the Toys for Tots program during the seventh annual Chosin Few Aloha Chapter Toys for Tots Christmas Party Saturday evening. Company Marines run Hawaii's Toys for Tots program; they're working to reach their goal of collecting 67,000 toys for needy children.

standing students will attend high schools in the district in which the host resides. The participants have taken part in an extensive application and selection process, personal interviews, and orientation.

All are fully covered by health and accident insurance and have personal spending money.

Hosts serve as volunteers and provide the exchange student with bed and board. As well, exchange students become family members, sharing culture, language and friendship while participating in all aspects of the American hosts' culture.

Homes are currently being sought for students from Argentina, Brazil, Germany, Russia, and the Independent States.

For more information, call Barbara Bancel, executive director, at 521-3554.

Friends of the Library of Hawaii

Stumped for a gift for that someone who has everything? Help the Friends of the Library of Hawaii help public libraries.

Through its "Makana Akamai"

— "gift of knowledge" — program, you can donate books to your favorite public library.

Bookplates with the name of the honoree or donor are placed in every book purchased through the program. Books can be selected from the Makana Akamai brochure, which has been selected by library staff to expand their collections and provide materials requested by many library users.

on the Internet.

The website has more than 2,500 members and features descriptions and pictures of more than 45,000 pets waiting to be adopted. The listings are updated, regularly, by members.

Adopt a specific breed for your loved one this Christmas. Log onto www.PetFinder.com to discover pets seeking homes in your zip code proximity.

Brochures are available in all Hawaii State Public Libraries.

For more details, call Caroline Dvojacki, executive director, at 536-4174.

Pets Seek Homes

The Hawaiian Humane Society is a new member of PetFinder.com, the oldest and largest virtual animal shelter

PetFinder is free to potential adopters, shelters and rescue groups, thanks to partnership with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Ralston Purina Company.

Adopters simply make direct contact with the shelter or rescue group where the animal is housed, after finding a pet.

For more details, visit PetFinder.com or call the Hawaiian Humane Society at 946-2187.

Aloha Harvest Needs Refrigerators

Aloha Harvest invites individuals and businesses to donate working refrigerators and freezers of all shapes and sizes for distribution to social service agencies all around Oahu.

Aloha Harvest is a nonprofit organization that picks up good, leftover food and delivers it to 76 social service agencies feeding hungry men, women and children on Oahu, at no charge. Its specializes in handling hot, cold and frozen perishable food.

Kokua by calling Aloha Harvest at 537-6945 to coordinate a timely pickup of your refrigerator or freezer and process your tax-deductible receipt.