

LIFESTYLES

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Leslie Graham
SM&SP Coordinator



Lance Cpls. David Lemar, an artilleryman for Alpha Battery, 1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment, and Beau Bergeron, an intelligence communicator with 1st Radio Bn., square off during a sumo wrestling match at the Singles Survival Holiday Bash, Thanksgiving day at the Enlisted Club ballroom.



Several Marines and Sailors aboard MCB Hawaii enjoyed the great food offered at the Singles Survival Holiday Bash.



The Thanksgiving feast offered at the Singles Survival Holiday Bash served up various, traditional entrees with some island flair.

'We give thanks'

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Single
Marines
and Sailors
celebrate
Thanksgiving
with a
holiday feast,
bull riding,
wrestling

Despite aching thoughts of home on the minds of some, many service members and their families find they have a great deal to be thankful for this holiday season — particularly the ability to celebrate at all considering the war on terrorism.

The Single Marine and Sailor Program bolstered the morale of Oahu-bound singles with its 3rd Annual Singles Survival Holiday Bash on Thanksgiving Day at the Enlisted Club ballroom. One of many scheduled events sponsored by the SM&SP — such as neighbor island excursions to Kauai, Maui and the Big Island of Hawaii — it allowed local service members to get involved and connect with others.

"We just wanted to make sure that all the single Marines and Sailors had a chance to have a good time for Thanksgiving even though they are

far away from home," said Leslie Graham, coordinator.

The night began with introductions, as Graham introduced Brig. Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, commanding general of MCB Hawaii, and members of the SM&SP introduced themselves to diners.

The SM&SP reminded everyone of opportunities to have their voices heard and make a difference, or simply have a blast during their time in Hawaii at activities like today's 2002 Shank and Slice golf tournament.

During the traditional Thanksgiving dinner, Marines and Sailors enjoyed a buffet complete with all their favorite dishes, to include glazed ham, roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, a variety of breads and salads, and stuffing and cranberries.

"It was great to have a home-cooked meal for Thanksgiving even though we are away from home and our families," said Lance Cpl. David Reinman, a legal services clerk with MCB Hawaii's Base Legal.

Courtesy of sponsor AT&T In-Room Service, Graham and its representatives gave away prizes during dinner: phone cards, beach towels, coffee mugs and T-shirts.

Other highlights included mechanical bull riding and sumo-wrestling. During the matches, participants dressed up in sumo suits, got placed in a circle-shaped ring, then charged each other in an attempt to push their opponent outside the ring.

Marines and Sailors enjoyed the entertainment, said Graham, who was delighted to see them having such a great time.

When the night's events came to an end, the SM&SP once again thanked everyone for coming and reminded each of upcoming events that bridge distances from families.

Activities are regularly posted in the SM&SP column, page B-2, of the *Hawaii Marine*, or contact Graham at 254-7593. Single Marine and Sailor Program offices are located at the Enlisted Club, Bldg. 219.

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POSSIBILITIES IN PARADISE

By Debbie Robbins, MCCS Public Relations

DECEMBER

6 / Today

Remembrance & Rewards —

It's the holiday gift-giving season, and Aloha Key & Engraving is making everlasting gifts pocketbook friendly.

Now until Dec. 20, patrons may receive 10 percent off all Christmas gifts, to include glass, wood, lighters and pens. Clients may even add a free emblem and emblem holder to any plaque order.

Aloha Key & Engraving is located in the Mokapu Mall shopping complex. Place your order soon.

Call 254-2909 for more information.

7 / Saturday

Santa's Village — You can get your holiday fill of merriment and mistletoe during the Marine Corps Community Services' Santa's Village from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. inside the Enlisted Club



ballroom. All base families are invited to bring their children to sit on Santa's lap, share their holiday wishes and receive a free photo.

The 12 Days of Holiday Make-and-Take Crafting tables will keep the little ones busy, as will performances by Di Rondin's Dance Academy.

Santa's Village will officially begin when Santa rides on a fire truck through the base neighborhoods, from 9 – 10 a.m.

Additional entertainment will jump-start Santa's Village, as the Marine Forces Pacific Band will perform holiday medleys from 10 – 11 a.m.

Later, Mrs. Hawaii 2002 Tara Easley will read Christmas stories to keiki at 12:30 p.m.

Adorned with embellished Christmas trees, twinkling lights and reindeer facades, Santa's Village is a child's holiday wonderland that may make you a winner. Many lucky guests will walk away with a Razor bicycle, Heely's shoes, a one-night stay at Kileua Military Camp, "dream cruise" certificates, dance movement academy classes and more from the door prize drawings.

Mahalo to the Santa's Village sponsors: AAA Hawaii, Mary Kay, Princess House and Creative Memories.

For more information, call the Santa's Village headquarters at 257-7787.

Buck-Out Contest Finals —

You've witnessed the staying power of the brave men and women of the armed services who have championed the Enlisted Club's mechanical bull.

Now, see the top weekly winners compete in the final Buck-Out Contest, at 9:30 p.m.

Sponsored by "Out of the West," a cowboy clothing shop located in the Ala Moana Shopping Center, the Buck-Out Contest winner will receive more than \$2,000 in cash and

prizes.

Come catch the madness as man and machine collide.

For more Buck-Out Contest details, call 254-7660.

10 / Tuesday

Transition Assistance Seminar — Departing from the military? If so, check out the Transition Assistance Seminar from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in Bldg. 279, on the second deck.

This information brief is mandatory for service members. Spouses are also welcome to attend.

For more information, call 257-7790.

12 / Thursday

Pupu Party — Thursdays are "pupus-o-plenty," at the Officers Club.

Every Thursday evening, bring the crowd to the Kauai Room for half price pupus from 5 – 9 p.m., with the purchase of any beverage.

Call your Officers Club at 254-7650.

Secret Sweetheart Shopping for Men — The Marine Corps Exchange will close its doors at 5:30 p.m., then all men are invited to an exclusive evening of secret shopping from 6 – 9 p.m.

Keep your special someone in holiday suspense.

For more information, call 254-3890.

13 / Friday

Bring Your Own Boss — Bring your "top dog" to Kahuna's Sports Bar & Grill from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Guests will enjoy free pupus, beverage specials and bull rides.

Free Island Tour — Get acquainted with your new paradise during the daylong, free island tour.

Personal Services hosts this guided bus tour every second Friday of the month. Guests are encouraged to bring a lunch and to slather on the sunscreen.

Spaces are limited and reservations are required.

The island tour starts and ends at Personal Services, Bldg.

216.

For more information, call 257-7790.

14 / Saturday

Merriment Making — Bring your little elves to the Base Library to create a holiday ornament at 1 p.m.

Take home your keiki's embellished creation and pick up some holiday decorating tips, as well as gift-making inspiration.

Many holiday craft and cookbooks will be on display. Your Base Library helps you get into the holiday spirit.

For additional details, call 254-7624.

R&B Christmas Jam — The Staff NCO Rocker Room rings in the holidays beginning at 6 p.m.

Free for club members and \$2 for all non-members and guests, this holiday jam features festive pupus and lucky number drawings.

Call the Rocker Room at 254-5592.

15 / Sunday

A Santa Sunday — All hands are invited to dine on a Fairways breakfast buffet with the "Big Guy in Red" from 9 – 11 a.m.

Parents may bring their little ones to sit on Santa's lap, and each family will receive one free photo with Santa. Santa will give the kids a treat bag.

A traditional hula performance is also scheduled.

Seating is limited, and reservations are required.

Adult prices are \$8.50, children ages 5 – 10 are \$4.50 and children four and under are free.

Call for your "Breakfast with Santa" reservations, today, at 254-5592.

17 / Tuesday

Secret Shopping for Ladies — The MCX will close its doors to all patrons at 5:30 p.m. Then, all ladies are invited back from 6 – 9 p.m. to shop for their loved ones.

Remember, Santa's Silver Certificates may be redeemed until Dec. 24.

For more details, call the MCX at 254-3890.

18 / Wednesday

And They Lived Happily Ever After — Marriage is hard work, and the demands of a military lifestyle don't make it any easier.

Learn communication techniques to help you and your spouse deal with everyday, common marital issues Dec. 18 – 19 during the Marriage Skills Workshop.

This free, two-day class is held in Bldg. 216 from 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on the 18th and from 8 a.m. – noon on the 19th.

Reservations are required, and space is limited.

For details, call 257-7780.

20 / Friday

College Winter Interim — If feeble Father Time is getting the best of your college curriculum, get a head start with the Joint Education Center's Winter interim term, Dec. 20 – Jan. 10.

On-base college classes are offered through Hawaii Pacific and Chaminade universities.

For more information, including the method to receive 100 percent of tuition assistance, contact your JEC at 257-2158.

Winter Break — School is out for your little ones. What will they be up to?

Ensure your child will engage in more than video games and television. You may reserve a spot now at both the K-Bay and the Manana Youth Activities centers for Winter Adventure.

This winter program is for children in grades K – 6, and activities will include arts and crafts, games, sports, field trips and more.

A light breakfast and afternoon snack will also be provided; however, parents will need to supply lunch daily.

The Winter Adventure program will be open from 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. A maximum of 30 children will be accepted at each location.

The registration fee is determined by total family income.

The Manana program (456-1662.) will run from Dec. 20 – Jan. 13, Kaneohe Bay (254-7610) from Dec. 23 – Jan. 10.

SM&SP



Mahalo to AT&T In-Room Service for supporting the Single Marine & Sailor Program.

All events are open to single, active duty military. The SM&SP Office is located in Bldg. 219. Call 254-7593, for more information on any program or activity.

Program Review

Thursdays: Enjoy free tennis lessons from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at K-Bay's tennis courts. Call 258-8081 for reservations.

Jan 18: Mark your calendars now for the following 2003 SM&SP Island Get-Aways:

•Maui, Jan. 18 – 20 & May 24 – 26 at \$270.

•Kauai, Feb. 15 – 17 at \$250.

•The Big Island of Hawaii, Aug. 30 – Sept. 1 at \$270.

Fees cover airfare, transportation and accommodations.

(Transportation is provided for all events above.)

SM&SP on the Web

Get more details on SM&SP activities on the Web. Surf www.MCCS Hawaii.com under the "Semper Fitness" icon.

SM&SP Benefits

Have your voice heard, make a difference, get involved, grow, and have a blast at SM&SP. Contact program coordinator Leslie Graham at 254-7593, or stop by SM&SP for details.

'Star Card' interest rate lowered to 9 percent

Marine Corps Community Services
Press Release

QUANTICO, Va. — The good news continues for Marine Corps Exchange shoppers who are Military Star Card holders.

As a result of the latest announcement by the Federal Reserve, which lowered key interest rates by a half percent, the Military Star Card reduced its interest rate from 9.5 percent to 9.0 percent, effective Dec. 1.

The interest rate on the Military Star Card is at its lowest since the card was introduced.

This decrease broadens the highly competitive rate of the Military Star Card versus other credit cards. The Military Star Card is accepted at all Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Navy Exchange, Marine Corps Exchange and Coast Guard exchanges, including catalog and military clothing stores operated by AAFES and Marine Corps exchanges.

For more information, contact your local MCX manager.

The new rate does not apply to military clothing plans, special promotions already in existence, or other special programs.

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, Bldg. 219. Phone 254-7642 for recorded info, 254-7641 for the theater manager.

Sweet Home Alabama (PG13)

Red Dragon (R)

Lilo & Stitch (PG)

Barbershop (PG13)

*Lilo & Stitch (PG)

*Marine Forces Pacific Band Concert

*Jonah: A Veggie Tales (G)

Red Dragon (R)

The Transporter (PG13)

Sweet Home Alabama (PG13)

Today at 7:15 p.m.

Today at 9:45 p.m.

Saturday at 7:15 p.m.

Saturday at 9:45 p.m.

*Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

*Sunday at 5 - 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday at 7 p.m.

Wednesday at 9:45 p.m.

Dec. 13 at 7:15 p.m.

Dec. 13 at 9:45 p.m.

*Patrons should note the change in regularly scheduled movie times to accommodate Sunday's Marine Forces Pacific Band Christmas Concert (followed by the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Dewey Square).



Christmas Services

at the Base Chapel
MCB Hawaii, K-Bay

Catholic Penance
Dec. 10, 6 p.m.

Ecumenical
Children's Pageant
Dec. 22, 3 p.m.

Protestant Candlelight
Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 24, 6 p.m.

Catholic Christmas Eve Mass
Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m. & 12 a.m.

Catholic Christmas Day Mass
Dec. 25, 9:30 a.m.

(Contact the Base Chapel, located
in Bldg. 1090 at 257-3552.)

Pearl Ridge keiki enjoy a P-3 field trip

Petty Officer 2nd Class
Phil Hasenkamp
Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Third graders and teachers from Pearl Ridge Elementary School visited Hangars 103 and 104 aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, recently, and received a small glimpse of what the military in Hawaii has to offer.

The children saw ordnance, survival equipment, flight controls and engines, among other things.

"I like the airplanes because they fly like the Powerpuff Girls," said student NaziJalei Taito.

Although the P-3C Orions on display were not as flashy or colorful as the Powerpuff Girls, the Sailors who work with the aircraft put on a good show.

"I'm a little excited and a little nervous," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Matt Vaughn. "Having this visit is a great way to provide an outreach to the youth of Hawaii," he added, standing next to the table of flight gear he would showcase to the young scholars.

Though they are just part of the bigger picture, hands-on field trips like this one make the military seem real to young children.

"We're trying to provide a greater public awareness with regards to the Navy on this island, and [Patrol Squadron 9] in particular," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Joel Delarme.

In his 12-year Navy career, Delarme has participated in quite a few public presentations and feels

community interaction is an excellent way to give back to the community.

"Maybe seeing us and all of the cool things we do will encourage these kids to participate and stay in school. We could be the positive role models that these kids' parents are looking for.

"We could be looking at the future of the Navy right here, said Delarme. Either way, we're looking at future citizens of Hawaii and the nation."

Many of the kids were looking forward to a break in the daily classroom grind. Instead of learning how to write a cursive "C," the third graders discovered how aircrewmembers survive at sea in the event of a water landing.

The kids also got to buckle into the P-3's cockpits. Teachers felt that the experience was a welcome change.

"The kids are very interested, and the hands-on experience is something really valuable," said teacher Joan Kaneshiro. "We mostly go to theaters and see stuff. But as soon as they saw all of those buttons, they were going crazy, wanting to play around, ask questions and learn what everything does," she explained.

The Sailors were also very aware of the value of the experience.

"When I was in elementary school, we went to a milk farm once," said Vaughn. "But this is way better.

"The kids are actually getting to see something that is very available for them. They might actually want to do something like this in the future."



Petty Officer 2nd Class Phil Hasenkamp

Patrol Squadron 9's Seaman Timothy Doan, an aviation warfare systems operator airman, demonstrates flight gear to visiting Pearl Ridge Elementary School 3rd graders recently.

Legal provides consumer protection for service members 'Marine' style

(Editor's Note: Part I of this series [in the Nov. 29 edition of the *Hawaii Marine*] discussed how warfighting principles can apply to consumer issues. In Part II, Capt. Fennell discusses some remedies available to service members when good purchases go bad.)

Capt. David J. Fennell

Legal Assistance Officer

In your worst case scenario, maybe your planning is not suffi-

cient in quantity or quality, and your purchase becomes like a railroad with the seller driving the train.

What now Marine or Sailor?

There are several ways for a consumer to make a dignified withdrawal while minimizing losses.

First, contact the seller in person or by phone. Note the contact person, date/time of contact and any phone numbers or addresses.

Have specific problems to ad-

dress regarding the sale and specific solutions that will be acceptable to you.

If the contact person refuses to solve your problem, then write a letter addressed to the next higher contact such as a sales manager or general manager. The letter should include a brief description of the initial contact, explaining who was contacted, when and the problems

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with the sale, as well as your proposed solutions.

Send the letter certified mail, and keep a copy of the letter and the certified receipt.

Second, contact a legal assistance attorney at Bldg. 215, either by walking in on Tuesdays or Thursdays on a first come, first-served basis from 7:30 - 10 a.m., or by calling 257-2110, ext. 242, to make an appointment with an attorney.

A legal assistance attorney is the best weapon for service members, retirees and their dependents to use in their battle for consumer protection.

What can a legal assistance attorney do for the consumer?

•A legal assistance attorney can advise you as to the merits of your claim and explain to you which areas of your purchase may give rise to concern and which areas are legally and ethically acceptable.

•On your behalf, the attorney can negotiate a satisfactory settlement with the seller. In the negotiation, the attorney will refer to previous efforts made by you to solve the problem. The seller will often agree to a settlement with you rather than risk further action by the attorney.

If negotiations lead to a stalemate, the attorney can recommend further courses of action. The action may include advising you on civil court actions and providing a contact list of civilian attorneys or government agencies that will seek an acceptable remedy for you.

•The attorney can advocate that a business establishment be listed as "off limits" to military personnel by presenting a military member's business complaint to the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board.

What is the AFDCB?

The AFDCB is a board made up of four representatives, each representing a U.S. armed service on Oahu. Once every quarter, AFDCB board members meet at a military installation and discuss problems that are commonly shared by military members in each of the service branches.

Many other members of the military and civilian community attend the meetings such as Honolulu police, Liquor Commission and Financial Services representatives, to advise the board on their particular areas of expertise.

A Legal Assistance representative attends the meeting in order to inform the board of problematic commercial establishments. The information is based on consumer complaints from military members made at the Legal Assistance Office.

Legal offices on most of Oahu's military installations have adopted the complaint collecting procedures developed by MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Based on the complaint, the board has the power to conduct a further investigation and designate a business as off-limits.

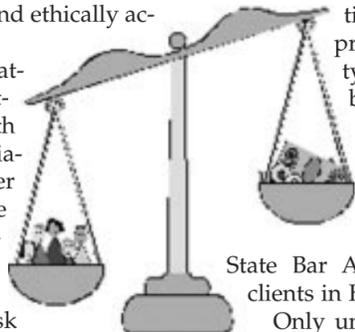
What is ELAP?

An attorney can take your case to a court of law for resolution. Legal at K-Bay has provided a rare opportunity for its military clients by implementing the Extended Legal Assistance Program, which allows attorneys who have been specifically licensed by the Hawaii State Bar Association to represent clients in Hawaii's state courts.

Only under rare circumstances, an ELAP attorney can take your case before a state court, if it meets certain qualifying standards.

The Marine Corps has a proud history of taking care of its own, and K-Bay's Legal Assistance Office is a part of that tradition. Since a bad business dealing can have critical consequences on your financial well being as well as your overall quality of life, it is important for you to know that your Legal Assistance attorneys have a great amount of individual and shared legal knowledge and expertise. They have developed a number of methods for you to effectively resolve your consumer problems.

As Marines themselves, Legal Assistance attorneys help ensure no Marine, Sailor or family member falls victim to unethical or illegal business practices. As well, the licensed attorneys act solely on *your* behalf, not on behalf of the U.S. government.

**WORD TO PASS****K-Bay Tour of Homes Goes Tonight**

All hands are invited to first dine on Mongolian Barbecue at the Officers Club, today at 5 p.m., then pick up their driving tour map of decorated homes in various housing areas aboard Kaneohe Bay at 6:30 p.m. while at the O-Club.

The Kaneohe Officers Spouses Club is sponsoring this Tour of Homes, which totals 10 military residences.

Tickets are \$8 and all proceeds bene-

fit local charities. Call Kara at 254-6115.

Kaneohe Christmas Parade Starts Saturday at 9 a.m.

Enjoy the Kaneohe Christmas Parade, Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. It's the largest community parade in Hawaii, and the route will travel along Kamehameha Highway, beginning at Windward Mall and ending at Castle High School.

ON THE MENU

Anderson Hall will prepare the following this week:

Today**Lunch**

Pepper Steak
Southern Fried Catfish
Rice Pilaf
Potatoes Au Gratin
Sugar Cookies
Asst. Fruit Pies

Dinner

Roast Turkey
Beef Pot Pie
Paprika Buttered Potatoes
Steamed Rice
Sugar Cookies
Asst. Fruit Pies

Specialty Bar

(For Lunch and Dinner)
Pasta Bar

Saturday**Dinner/Brunch**

Baked Lasagna
Chicken Parmesan
Pizza Slices
Garlic Bread
Marble Cake
Asst. Fruit Pies

Sunday**Dinner/Brunch**

Barbecue Beef Cubes
Baked Turkey & Noodles
Steamed Rice
Ginger Molasses Cookies
Spice Cake

Monday**Lunch**

Meat Loaf

Pork Ham Roast

Steamed Rice
Mashed Potatoes
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Asst. Fruit Pies

Dinner

Beef Brogul
Baked Cajun Fish
Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Rice
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Asst. Fruit Pies

Specialty Bar

(For Lunch and Dinner)
Pasta Bar

Tuesday**Lunch**

Simmered Corned Beef
Glazed Cornish Hens
Parsley Buttered Potatoes
Egg Noodles
Peanut Butter Cake
Asst. Fruit Pies

Dinner

Turkey Pot Pie
Sweet & Sour Pork
Steamed Rice
Parsley Buttered Potatoes
Peanut Butter Cake
Asst. Fruit Pies

Specialty Bar

(For Lunch and Dinner)
Taco Bar

Wednesday**Lunch**

Pork Adobo
Beef Yakisoba

Steamed Rice

Pork Fried Rice
Oatmeal Cookies
Strawberry Shortcake
Asst. Fruit Pies

Dinner

Steak w/Onions
Southern Fried Catfish
Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Rice
Oatmeal Cookies
Strawberry Shortcake
Asst. Fruit Pies

Specialty Bar

(For Lunch and Dinner)
Hot Dog & Sausage Bar

Thursday**Lunch**

Turkey A La King
Beef Porcupines
Mashed Potatoes
Boiled Egg Noodles
Marble Cake
Pineapple Cake
Asst. Fruit Pies

Dinner

Braised Liver w/Onions
El Rancho Stew
Honey Ginger Chicken
Steamed Rice
Boiled Egg Noodles
Marble Cake
Pineapple Cake
Asst. Fruit Pies

Specialty Bar

(For Lunch and Dinner)
Taco Bar