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The 60th Anniversary

Hawaii remembers

A territory under attack on Dec. 7, 1941



Courtesy The Kaneohe Klippers Assn.

A painting depicting John Finn defending NAS Kaneohe on Dec. 7, 1941, entitled "The Warriors of Kaneohe," by artist Jim Laurier, will be presented to the Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet today.

State pauses to honor survivors

Sgt. Robert Carlson
Press Chief

With the recent terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon still fresh in our minds, today we honor the survivors of a different surprise attack on our country.

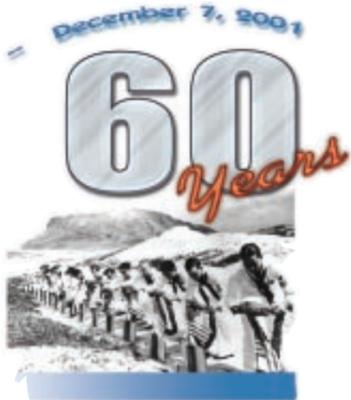
Today is a day to honor those who were here for those first horrifying hours of the War in the Pacific.

More survivors of "Battlefield Oahu" are in Hawaii today than may ever be again. This week, more than 35 ceremonies and events have honored them.

Today, we welcome some 200 members of Patrol Squadron (VP)-11 and Kaneohe Klippers Associations to MCB Hawaii, come to mark the 60th Anniversary of Dec. 7, 1941. They have come from all over the nation, braving the chal-

lenges of post 9-1-1 air travel and the perils of the frailties of age and health to be here today to honor their fallen shipmates.

September's events in New York and Washington, coupled with this week's ceremonies in Hawaii for dozens of veterans' organizations — American and Japanese — crystallized and may help us all better understand the terror and dramatic impact of those first waves of bomb-



ges Dec. 7, 1941.

In *Hawaii Marine's* special Pearl Harbor edition this week, we relive the Dec. 7, 1941, attacks: when, where and why they happened; clear up a few misconceptions about that fateful day; and also highlight a few of the thousands of heroes of the day.

Some of the heroes are here now. We may not have many more chances to personally thank them for their service in protecting America, to hear first-hand combat stories about places like Pearl Harbor, Tarawa, Iwo Jima, Guadalcanal, Midway and Okinawa.

Our staff has actively pursued first-hand accounts from men and women who were here during the attacks.

We sincerely hope that you and your family will have the opportunity to meet and get to know WW II veterans who are here for the remembrance ceremonies, Hawaii's chance to say "Thank You."

General public links Dec. 7 and Sept. 11 dates, notes differences

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — In the days immediately after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, Americans groped to find ways to describe the event.

Time and again, commentators, politicians and just plain folks called the attacks "another Pearl Harbor."

December 7, 2001, marks 60 years since the

Japanese attack on the main bastion of American strength in the Pacific. The attack precipitated America's entry into World War II.

On Dec. 8, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked Congress to declare war on Japan. He called Dec. 7 "a date that will live in infamy."

September 11 and Dec. 7 are now linked in the public consciousness, though the attacks on those days aren't that similar, save their furtiveness.

On Dec. 7, 1941, the na-

tion of Japan attacked military bases on the then-remote U.S. territory of Hawaii, killing more than 2,500 people, mostly military members, and wounding thousands.

On Sept. 11, 2001, Al Qaeda — an amorphous, stateless terrorist network — hijacked four U.S. commercial airliners and used them to attack targets in two mainland cities, killing some 4,000 people, mostly civilians.

What the two events have in common, however, is the galvanizing re-

sponse of the American people.

After Pearl Harbor, Americans swamped recruiting stations seeking to enlist. Others calmly waited for draft notices. Still others went back to their jobs and began the work that would make the United States "the Arsenal of Democracy."

The country was unified.

Before Dec. 7, Roosevelt couldn't have gotten a declaration of war through

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MEUs set up forward base

Sgt. Joseph R. Chenelly

Combat Correspondent

SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN

Marines began establishing a forward operating base in southern Afghanistan the weekend after Thanksgiving as the U.S. and its allies continued to take the fight to terrorists.

The Marines have landed in Afghanistan as elements of TF-58 from aboard the USS Peleliu and USS Bataan.

Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda terrorist

network, along with the network's supporters in Afghanistan's crumbling Taliban regime, will face added pressure, thanks to the Marine base, said Army Gen. Tommy R. Franks, commander of

U.S. operations in Afghanistan.

Approximately 500 Marines went into Afghanistan, initially, and the number was up to 1,000 by Nov. 30.

The Marines are setting up their base within 100 miles of Kandahar, which is the last stronghold of the Taliban and al Qaeda.

"The purpose of the forward operating base is to give us a capability to be an awful lot closer to the core objectives we seek," Gen. Franks said in a recent press conference.

The objectives, Gen. Franks continued, are quite simple.

"We're interested in the destruction of the al Qaeda network, an illegitimate government."



Sgt. Joseph R. Chenelly

A Marine raises the first American flag in Afghanistan, after seizing a forward operating base, Nov. 25.

3/3 provides port security

Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

Combat Correspondent

PEARL HARBOR

— Hawaii Marines from Kilo and Lima Cos., 3rd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, conducted a port security exercise with Sailors from DESRON-31 Nov. 27-29.

The exercise provided the more than 300 Marines and Sailors the opportunity to conduct training that both units don't often get a chance to do.

"We've never run a port security operation exercise, so our real challenge was to conduct training that we don't often get a chance to do," said 1st Lt. Bryce T. Armstrong, executive officer of Lima Co.



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

Staff Sgt. Geraldo M. Mercado, 3rd platoon sergeant, Lima Co., 3/3, alertly stands guard as part of a port security exercise.



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

Private first class Kevin D. Dodson, a machine gunner with Lima Co. 3/3, keeps his trained eye on the look out for suspicious activity.

"We also have many new Marines who haven't had the opportunity to participate in something like this."

The two companies of Marines had five of the best training areas to provide security for as the Navy provided three destroyers and two frigates as realistic backgrounds for the Marines to protect.

A majority of the exercise took place on Nov. 28, as the Marines and Sailors were faced with situations throughout the day that would demand their complete and total attention to detail.

In one scenario, a role-playing Sailor with a backpack full of what seemed to be non-threatening items such as clothing and books, managed to reach the deck of the USS Hopper.

When the Sailor remembered that he had left

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MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

DEC. 7TH PROGRAMS

The network and cable television channels will broadcast several specials commemorating the 60th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, as follows.

- "Always Remember" on KGMB, Channel 9, Friday at 7 p.m.
- "Unsung Heroes of Pearl Harbor" on the History Channel, Friday at 7 p.m.
- "Pearl Harbor: Legacy of Attack," a National Geographic special, on KHNL, Channel 8, Friday at 8 p.m.
- "Save Our History: USS Arizona" on the History Channel, Friday at 8 p.m.
- "Pearl Harbor: Death of the Arizona" on the Discovery Channel, Friday at 8 p.m.
- "Hell in the Pacific" on The Learning Channel, Friday at 9 p.m.
- "Tora, Tora, Tora: The Real Story of Pearl Harbor" on the History Channel, Friday at 9 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & TREE LIGHTING, SATURDAY



The Marine Forces Pacific Band will host its annual Christmas Concert, Saturday at the Base Theater. Set to begin at 5 p.m., the concert will feature a jolly rendering of "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

The concert will be followed by the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at 6:30 p.m. at Dewey Square.

MCI BRIEFS, DEC. 10-11

The Marine Corps Institute will visit MCB Hawaii, Dec. 10 - 11, and conduct two, one-hour briefings for Marine leaders and training officials. The workshops will provide an excellent professional military education opportunity for Marine leaders.

Dates are as follows: the *Leaders Brief*, Dec. 10 at 8 a.m., and the *MTT Workshop*, Dec. 10 at 9 a.m. — both at the Kaneohe Bay Base Chapel; and the *Leaders Brief*, Dec. 11 at 8 a.m., and the *MTT Workshop*, Dec. 11 at 9 a.m. — both at Camp Smith's Bldg. 27 Classroom.

IWO JIMA MEMORIAL

The deadline for purchasing engraved bricks or prints of the Iwo Jima Monument scheduled for construction at Kaneohe Bay is Dec. 15. Call 533-3759 for details, or visit www.PacificWarMemorial.org.

Star of Koto-ri: Symbol of Chosin Few

Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.
Combat Correspondent



Official U.S.M.C. Photo

On Dec. 9, 1950, Marines from the 1st Marine Division could be seen crossing the treadway bridge that was flown in early that morning to Koto-ri.

From the time they enter boot camp, until the day they die, Marines are bombarded with stories of great battles the Marine Corps has been involved in, and arguably one of the greatest battles of American military history was the Chosin Reservoir.

The Marines who participated in that two-week struggle for survival, in the freezing North Korean landscape, faced overwhelming odds highlighted by minus-40 degree temperatures and surrounded by an enemy who outnumbered them almost 8 to 1.

Many stories surround the epic 14-day battle, but one stood out clearly in the minds of the Marines from the 1st, 5th and 7th Regiments of the First Marine Division.

So inspirational was the event that the surviving members, who would later form The Chosin Few, would incorporate it as their logo.

It's the story of a lone, tiny star in a cloud-filled sky.

That lonely star would provide hope and inspiration, just when the Marines would need it most.

Good weather helped the Marines of the 5th and 7th Regiments by providing clear skies the previous 12 days, so close air support was provided during their withdraw from Yudam-ni and Hagaru-ri down the only road out of the Chosin Reservoir.

When the Marines joined the 1st Regiment in Koto-ri on Dec. 6, 1950, they were three quarters of the way to completing an epic journey.

One major obstacle lay in front of the Marines in the form of a destroyed section of bridge at Changjin Power Plant, which needed to be replaced.

Then, Mother Nature decided she wasn't going to cooperate. A thick, blinding snow began to fall at dusk.

The Air Force was going to air drop eight 2,000-pound bridge sections that could be easily built and put into place, but the skies would need to clear up if the planes were going to see the drop zone at a makeshift airstrip

at Koto-ri so, the bridge sections could be loaded onto trucks and taken south to the power plant.

On Dec. 7 and 8, it snowed and the temperatures hovered around minus-40 degrees Fahrenheit with the wind-chill factor around minus 60 degrees.

When dusk fell on Dec. 8, the storm had not abated. The situation did not look good for the Marines. They needed the bridge sections. They needed close air support. They needed clear skies in order to get them.

As the evening wore on, the snow kept falling. Marines still looked to the skies in hopes of seeing a break in the clouds.

Just when it looked like all hope for the storm to subside was about to disappear, a faint, little, white dot could be seen through the falling snowflakes around 2145.

The small star provided a big beacon of hope for the Marines at Koto-ri.

A short time later Col. Alpha L. Bowser Jr. was taking a short walk around the camp when he heard a noise coming from a tent.

He quickly recognized it as singing. The Marines inside the tent weren't singing just any old song.

The Marines Hymn resonated from inside the propped up frozen piece of canvas, and the Leathernecks inside were giving it their all.

The music spread like a virus throughout the encampment. From almost every tent could be heard the singing of the beloved tune.

When Col. Bowser returned to the tent of Maj. Gen. Oliver P. Smith, commanding general of 1st Marine

Division, Bowser asked Smith if he could hear the Marines. Smith said he did.

"When our Marines have spirit like this, the Chinese Army doesn't have a chance," said Col. Bowser.

General Smith took his unlit pipe out of his mouth, smiled and replied, "Bowser, the Chinese never did stand a chance to begin with."

That tiny star meant a lot to many of the Marines who saw it.

To some, it meant that God loved the Marine Corps, and he wouldn't let a little thing like bad weather defeat them after fighting

so valiantly against insurmountable odds.

To others, it meant nothing more than luck. The timing was just a coincidence. The Marines were fortunate to have good weather appear the next morning.

To the men of the Chosin Few, that tiny, little star shined so brightly when they needed it most, that it would become the organization's logo in 1983. It was drawn by Anna C. Urband, in memory of a carrier pilot and dear friend who was lost while on a mission at the Chosin Reservoir.

Within the star, the letters CF can be clearly seen.

"That was a symbol of what the men in the Division went through there," said Robert E. Talmadge, vice president for the Aloha Chapter of the Chosin Few. "It was a key turning point in the event, or at least a psychological turn for all the Marines."

"Because they saw this star up there in the sky, that meant they could get their bridge sections and air cover the next day."

Talmadge was a 20-year-old Buck Sergeant (E-4) during the battle. He remembers that many people in the rear, even the headquarters in Tokyo, thought the 1st Marine Division would be lost at the Chosin Reservoir.

"There was never any doubt in our minds," said Talmadge. "We knew the Division was going to make it out of there."

While Talmadge says that morale was never an issue for the Marines, it sure was nice to have a little speck of light appear on Dec. 8, in that snow filled sky over Koto-ri.

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'Ouch!'



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

While training during Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructors Course 1-02, Cpl. Kwentin P. James, a radar repairman in Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment, gets a face full of dirty digits from Cpl. Vi Lam, a radar technician in Headquarters Co., 1/12. The pair was sparring in the field across from the MCB Hawaii flagpole, Nov. 27.

Chaplains provide spiritual ammunition

The spiritual leaders celebrate 226 years

Capt. Eric R. Dent
MCAS Beaufort

"I've known many men in combat who quickly found religion. Thank God we had a chaplain with us on the front lines," said retired Marine Lt. Col. Ed Moser, as he reflected on time spent in the cold Korean hills in early 1953.

For many Marines, chaplains and combat come hand-in-hand. Throughout our Corps' history, chaplains have been nearby, serving spiritual ammo

during times of stress and turmoil.

The Navy Chaplain Corps celebrated its 226th anniversary Nov. 28.

Since 1775, and the adopting of the second article of Navy Regulations, ship captains were charged with "ensuring that religious services are performed twice a day onboard ship and a sermon preached on Sundays."

Since then, chaplains have served alongside Marines and Sailors in every clime and place, peacetime or war, ship or land.

"The chaplain's comforting words had a calming ef-

fect on me and my Marines. We were facing mortal danger and the chaplain provided inspiration," said Moser. "Seeing a chaplain on the (front) line with you makes you less scared."

Navy Capt. Allen C. Allen, the Marine Forces Atlantic chaplain, traveled to Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort this week to celebrate the anniversary with Fightertown's chaplains.

He offered an explanation of the Chaplain Corps' commitment and success: "The chaplain's role is to be present. We minister to the Marines by being beside them. We meet them where they are, physically and

spiritually."

"The chaplain is a visible reminder of the eternal perspective. In garrison or in combat, the role of the chaplain remains constant, while the environment may change," said Lt. David M. Todd, MCAS Beaufort chaplain. "We provide a 'people service.'"

Commander Donald M. Cramblit, the Marine Aircraft Group 31 chaplain, agreed, then told a story of a determined chaplain who braved enemy fire to provide Christmas services to Marines in the field.

His vehicle riddled with bullets, the chaplain simply went where he was needed.



MCB HAWAII HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Dec. 13, 7 p.m., Catholic Penance
Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m., Catholic CCD Christmas Program
Dec. 16, 11 a.m., Protestant Children's Christmas Program
Dec. 23, 7 p.m., Protestant Christmas Candlelight Service
Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m., Catholic Vigil Mass
Dec. 24, 12 a.m., Midnight Mass
Dec. 25, 9:30 a.m., Christmas Mass
Dec. 31, 10 p.m., Protestant Watch-night Service

For more details, call 257-3552.



Showcasing the roughest and tumblers of hockey — (Left to right) In the second period of the 3rd Annual Army vs. Navy Ice Hockey Challenge, Army fails in its attempt to stop a goal. Then, Navy's Brady Peecher raises his hand in triumph after having scored the shorthanded goal against Army. Later, down by one goal and with only 30 seconds left on the game clock, Navy decides to pull its goalie to get the one-man advantage in its last ditch effort to score a quick goal. However, moments later, Army hockey players celebrate their game winning goal with under a minute to play in the game.

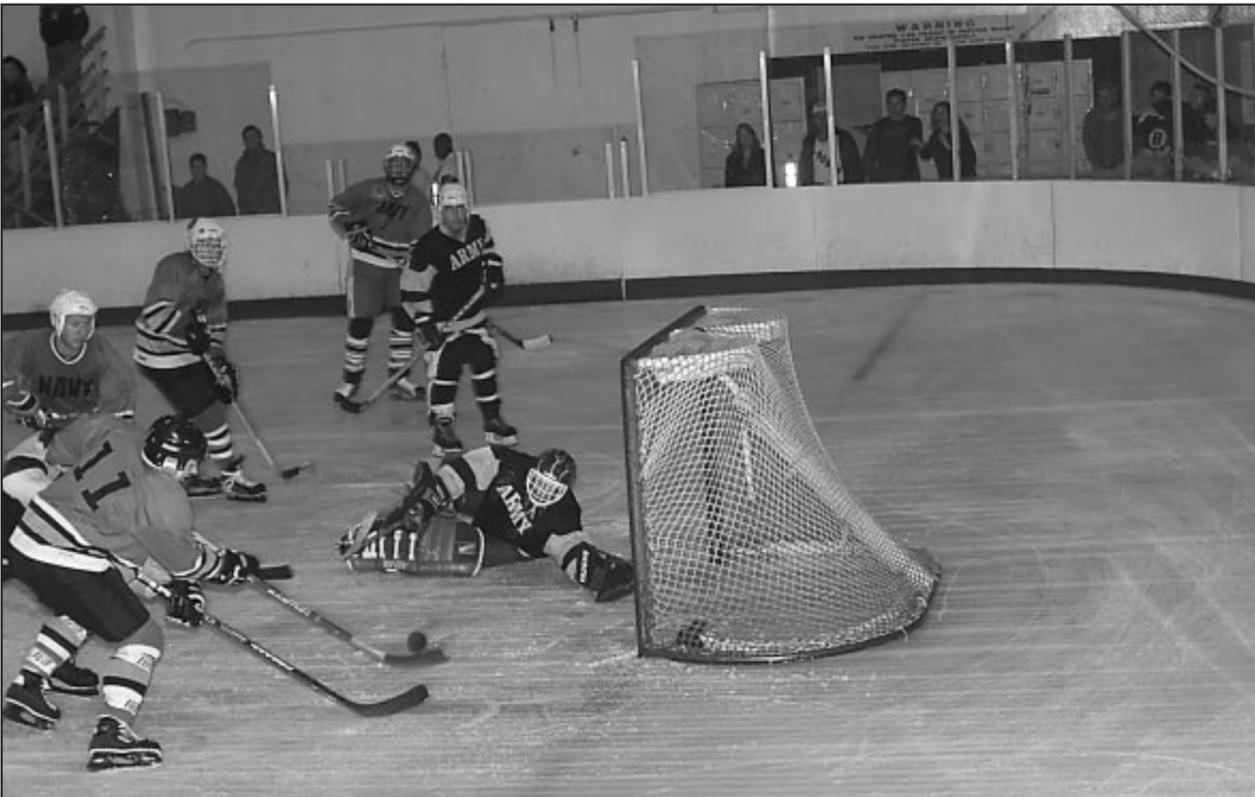
Athletes shine in non-tropic sport



During the first period intermission, the Hawaiian Youth Hockey program let the squirts (children 10-years-old and under) play an exhibition game for the crowd of more than 200 spectators at the 3rd Annual Army vs. Navy Ice Hockey Challenge.



Army's goalie, Brian Gellman, watches helplessly as the puck goes by him in the third period. The goal tied up the game at 6-6, but his teammates would score less than a minute later giving Army the victory.



Navy's Jim Bailey had brought the Navy teams within one point in the third period on this difficult shot while he was tightly defended by an Army player. Army won the game 7-6.

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

AIEA — The 3rd Annual Army - Navy Ice Hockey Challenge took place Thursday at the Ice Palace here, and even though the players on the ice weren't professionals, they provided the fans with plenty of pro-like excitement, as Army slid by Navy 7-6.

The win gave the Army team bragging rights for the next year, but the Navy still leads the series 2-1.

More than 200 spectators crammed into the small ice arena to witness a spectacular game that featured a tied score of 3-3, going into the third period.

But, if the hockey fans thought they had received their money's worth with the scoreboard showing a total of six goals in the first two periods (entertaining even for a professional hockey game), little could prepare them for the explosive third period in which seven goals were scored.

Army started the final period scoring frenzy with an unassisted goal at 11:15 in the period from its team captain and most valuable player of the game, Thomas McMeniman. It was McMeniman's second goal of the game. Before the night was over, he would end up with a hat trick and the MVP honor.

After another Army goal by Marc Kelly, just four minutes later, Army was up by two goals with only a little over seven minutes left in the game. But, the Navy team wasn't about to roll over and play dead.

Less than two minutes later, Navy's most valuable player Brady Peecher fed teammate

Jim Bailey a pass in the front of the net and Bailey put the puck past Army goalie Brian Gellman, drawing Navy to within a point.

Just when it looked like the Navy team was beginning to make a comeback, McMeniman scored his third goal of the night and put Army up by two with less than four minutes left.

It looked like Navy's two-year reign of the event was coming to an end with only 3-minutes and 52 seconds left in the game.

Someone forgot to tell the Navy team that there wasn't any chance of them coming back from a two goal deficit with less than four minutes left in the game.

Someone especially forgot to tell Peecher that the game was over, because just 40 seconds later he would put the puck past Gellman for the second time in the game, making the score 6-5 and giving Navy hope for a late game comeback.

Justin Fluery of the Navy would knot the game up at 6-6 with two minutes left in the game, and it looked like the Navy would cruise in to overtime with momentum on its side.

Fate would have other plans for the outcome of the game, though. Mark Milley scored the game-winning goal for the Army with 45 seconds left in the game.

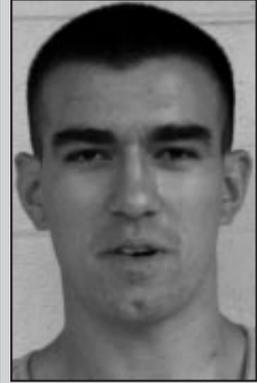
Not lost in all the excitement of the game was the reason these two teams were meeting in the first place: to raise money for the youth hockey program.

All of the proceeds gained from the event would benefit Hawaiian Youth Hockey.

"For all of this to go to the kids, it's awesome," said McMeniman. "This is where it starts for them wanting to become hockey players."

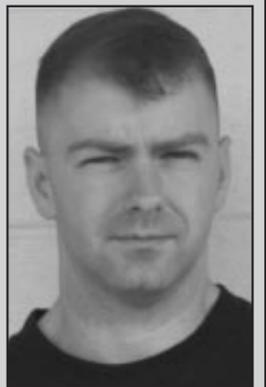
WORD ON THE STREET

What was the worst Christmas present you ever received?



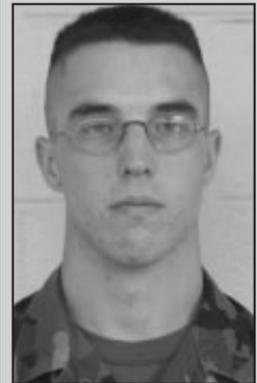
"...A traveling grooming kit."

Lance Cpl. John Bailey
Phone technician
Base Telephone



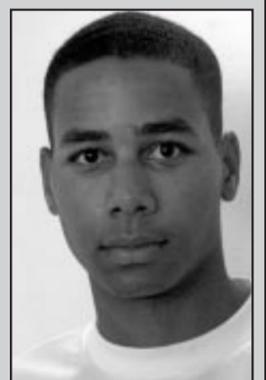
"...A broken bike."

Cpl. Mitch Floyd
Snack line NCO
3/3



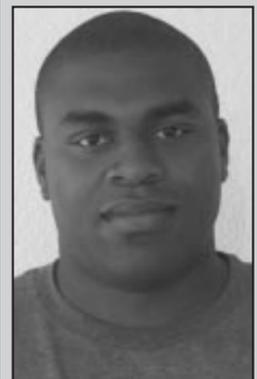
"...A sweater from my grandma that smelled like moth balls."

Lance Cpl. James Hickey
Cook
3/3



"...Socks."

Cpl. Ralph Riddle
Team leader
Lima Co., 3/3



"One year I got absolutely nothing."

Lance Cpl. Adam Slaughter
Linguist
1st Radio Bn.

Santa's Village spreads holiday cheer

Cpl. Roman Yurek
Lifestyles Editor

Since Thanksgiving, the base has begun the transition into the Christmas season.

Marine Corps Community Services took a giant leap into the season by transforming the Leatherneck Square room at the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Enlisted Club, into Santa's Village.

At 9 a.m. the room was filled with children and their parents as they listened to the Marine Forces Pacific Band play popular holiday tunes, while making holiday crafts.

Shortly after Santa's Village opened, the guest of honor was on his way.

"Do you guys hear that, it sounds like bells on the roof," said Willy Curran, a sailing instructor and one of Santa's helpers at the village.

Just like in all the storybooks, Santa arrived via a chimney on one side of the room.

"Look, it's Santa," yelled many of the children as they saw the man in red emerge from the chimney, waving, and ready to meet and greet as many children as possible.

The village was a success due to the many Santa's helpers from MCCS who took time to put together the event and assist in the activities.

In the middle of the room were 12 craft stations where children could have their faces painted, decorate cookies and make necklaces.



Santa meets with children in the back of Santa's Village, Dec. 1. This was the first event held on base for the upcoming holiday season.

Cpl. Roman Yurek

Children ages 5 to 17 could also participate in Reindeer Games, where the grand prize was a Game Boy.

Around the outskirts of the room were different booths geared toward the adults. Mary Kay and Voice Stream were a few of the booths that allowed parents to enjoy Santa's Village while their children made one of many crafts.

"This is great for the entire family and that's what we try to promote," said Coralie Kramer, director for the Childhood

Development Center.

"Christmas can be very overwhelming, so we made this kind of low key and fun to do for parents and children."

By 2 p.m., the village began to wrap up the crafts, and Santa said that he had to get back to the North Pole.

As the visitors left, the children held their pictures with Santa and wore huge smiles. The parents mirrored their children's happiness with smiles and an arm full of crafts that their children made.



Cpl. Roman Yurek

Members of the Marine Forces Pacific Band play popular holiday tunes for the guests of Santa's Village, while they visit Santa and make holiday crafts.

'Santa Claus is coming to town'

O' Saint Nick will leave his North Pole residence and visit the good little boys and girls of MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, beginning this weekend.

Parents can bring their children to the Marine Corps Exchange on the following dates, to give Santa their wish lists.



At the Marine Corps Exchange
Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At the MCX Annex (Bldg. 1090)
Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m.



(Events are open to single, active duty military.)

Mahalos

A great big "Mahalo" is extended to Campbell H.S. for taking pictures of families for greeting cards at Santa's Village.

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

Upcoming Events

Dec. 14: Register for the Shank and Slice IV Golf Tournament by Tuesday. Cost is \$20 for E-5 and below, \$29 for E-6 and above. There will be a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. and prizes on blind draw.

Dec. 30-Jan. 1: Take the outer-island trip to Maui. Cost is \$285, and there's a 20-person limit. Pay and register by Dec. 18.

Jan. 5: The Paintball Interservice Tournament goes 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at K-Bay's Paintball Field. Registration is \$175 per team (includes entry, prizes & all-day air); deadline is Jan. 3. Call SM&SP for more, 254-7593

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POSSIBILITIES IN PARADISE

By Debbie Baker, MCCS Public Relations

Honolulu Marathon

Do you need a ride to the Honolulu Marathon?

The Semper Fit Bus is able to transport 40 patrons to and from the event. It all happens Sunday.

The bus will depart for the marathon at 3 a.m. and return by 1 p.m. For more information, call 254-7590.

Glitter Gala

What's Christmas without a few homemade crafts and creations? The Base Library is getting crafty to prepare for the holidays and you're invited.

Saturday, the Base Library hosts a Christmas Make-an-Ornament Party at 1 p.m. Children and parents will enjoy holiday stories, activities, Christmas craft-making and treats. For more information, contact the Base Library at 254-7624.

O Little Town of K-Bay

Ring in the 2001 holiday season with your MCB Hawaii family and attend a holiday debut during the Marine Forces Pacific Band Concert and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Saturday.

The MARFORPAC Band will perform a holiday medley in the Base Theater from 5 - 6 p.m. The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will

take place at Dewey Square at 6:30 p.m.

All base patrons are welcome. For more information, call Master Sgt. Rivera at 257-8819.

Breakfast with the Big Guy

He's ditched his sleigh for a surfboard. He's forgone the chimneys for Fairways. He's the Big Guy in red and Santa invites all MCB Hawaii patrons to corral their keiki and join him for an all-

hands "Breakfast with Santa," at Fairways, Bldg. 3088 on Dec. 15, from 9 - 11 a.m.

Tickets are on sale now at Fairways through Wednesday. Adult tickets are \$9.95, children ages 6 - 12 are \$5.95 and children five and under eat for free. Seating is limited. Bring your camera and tell the kids to prepare their Christmas wish lists. For reservations or more information, call 254-5592.

'Tis the Season to be

Sneaky at MCX

Ladies, it's an authorized night to be naughty, nice and sneaky. All base patrons are invited to attend the Marine Corps Exchange's annual holiday shopping spree: Ladies' Night.

Complete with prizes, sales and holiday cheer, the MCX secret shopping spree guarantees that your significant sweetie will receive a holiday surprise.

Ladies' Night will ignore, Dec. 13 from 6 - 9

p.m. and caters to female patrons only.

In preparation for Ladies' Night, the MCX will close for regular business at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 13., then reopen at 6 p.m.

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

Smith Tae Kwon Do Demonstration

Looking for a little kick? Here's your chance to see a live martial arts demonstration. The Smith Tae Kwon Do Professional

Demo Team will perform board breaking and weapons drills, Dec. 13 at the Family Gym, Bldg. 455 at 5 p.m.

Whether you're seeking physical fitness or discipline, Smith Tae Kwon Do aboard K-Bay offers both to children and adults each Tuesday and Thursday evening. The monthly fee for Smith Tae Kwon Do is \$35 for the first student and \$17.50 for each added family member. For more, call Youth Activities at 254-7610.

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.

Pearl Harbor (PG-13)

No Second Feature

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

The Grinch Who Stole Christmas (PG)

Serendipity (PG-13)

Training Day (R)

Corky Romano (PG-13)

Friday 7:15 p.m.

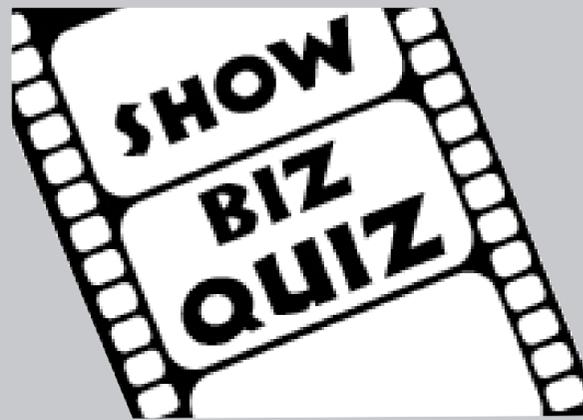
Saturday 6:30 p.m.

After tree lighting event

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:

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

Last week's Q&A:

What kind of car did Jake's dad drive in the movie "Sixteen Candles"? **A Rolls Royce**

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.

EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

15th MEU secures base for more Marines

Sgt. Joseph R. Chenelly
15th MEU (SOC)

MARINE FORWARD OPERATING BASE, Southern Afghanistan — Within striking distance of the Taliban held city of Kandahar, the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations

Capable) stands ready for follow on missions, after seizing a forward operating base here in southern Afghanistan.

A large percentage of the 15th MEU (SOC) is working around the clock, within the confines of the compound's walls, keeping the base secure and building it up for the continuous in-flow of Marines.

Infantrymen occupy fighting holes around the entire perimeter. Armored vehicles, heavily armed vehicles and reconnaissance Marines patrol the immense desert outside the boundary. Helicopters and jets keep watch even farther out.

"We all want to do our part, just like every other American," said Capt. Eric Putnam, Alpha Co. commander. "We are morally right. We are defending our country, and we're going to win."

Marines occupy guard towers that were already in place when the compound was seized Nov 25. The elevated observation posts allow the Marines to see nearly 20 miles across the flat terrain.

"There is ice in our canteens in the morning and the parkas we have practically save our lives," said Sgt. Anthony Anguiano, a squad leader with Alpha Co., Battalion Landing Team 1/1, 15th MEU (SOC) and Houston native. "Our focus keeps us awake and alert."

Explosive Ordinance Disposal and combat engineer Marines checked buildings for mines, bombs and other traps the morning after the raid. No such devices were found, allowing the MEU to quickly move in to establish a base camp.

Rooms were cleared of furniture, clothing and other items as command posts, berthing spaces and warehouses were created. Construction supplies, wood burning stoves and scaffolding have been put to use by innovative

Marines.

Electrical power, running water and waste disposal facilities have been conquered by the MEU's combat service support element and Navy Sea Bees. A motor pool and base traffic plan was designated.

Marine KC-130 aerial refueling and transport aircraft and U.S. Air Force C-17 transport jets use the dirt packed runway here repeatedly moving Marines, vehicles and various logistical supplies from the USS Peleliu to the forward operating base.

"The terrain and weather here is just like (Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Center) Twentynine Palms (Calif.)," Anguiano said. "We've been thinking back to the long training evolutions we've gone through there and remembering the lessons learned. The Marine Corps has prepared us well for this."

Maintaining readiness is paramount in the Marines' daily schedule. The ground combat element practices firing everything from heavy machine guns to 81mm mortars and rehearses tactical maneuvers. Pilots fly reconnaissance missions frequently. Security alert drills are sounded in the camp, and commanders go over contingency plans with intensity.

"After Sept. 11, the Marines have been real anxious to do a little more than sit in the defense," Putnam said.



Sgt. Joseph R. Chenelly

An infantryman with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) lugs shoulder-launched missiles while moving with his company to a security position after seizing a forward operating base Nov. 25 beginning Operation Swift Freedom.

MILITARY BLOTTER

Traffic Court

There were a total of 130 traffic citations issued.

The Blotter

-A Marine was apprehended by military police for driving under the influence and underage consumption after military police observed the subject speeding and conducted a traffic stop.

-In separate incidents, a Marine and

military dependent were apprehended for DUI when MPs were conducting a 100 percent ID card check at the main gate.

-A Marine was arrested by the Honolulu Police Department for a DUI after police observed the subject driving erratically; the subject was processed and held on \$500 bail.

-A Sailor was involved in a traffic accident while backing out of a parking stall and failing to maintain sufficient distance from a second vehicle.

-A Marine was involved in a traffic accident while traveling and failing to maintain sufficient distance from a parked vehicle.

-A military dependent

reported that person(s) unknown stole her purse that contained various personal items from her vehicle, which was parked and secured in front of her quarters.

-A Marine was apprehended for drunk and disorderly conduct after being uncooperative with the MP's at the main gate.

-A Marine Corps Community Services employee reported that he observed person(s) unknown driving a green Nissan pump \$15.52 worth of gasoline and leave without settling the debt.

-A Marine reported that person(s) unknown stole his blue Nokia cellular telephone which was left unsecured and unattended at the SNCO Club.

-A Marine was arrested by HPD for assault, after being involved in a physical altercation.

-A Marine was apprehended for shoplifting at the Seven Day Store.

-A Marine was apprehended for disobeying a lawful order after MP's observed the subject walking two rottweilers that the Base Magistrate previously had directed the subject to remove from base.

-A Marine was apprehended for animal neglect, after a housing inspector reported that he observed a canine living in unsanitary conditions without food and water.

-A Marine was apprehended by MPs for assault and communicating a threat after he was involved in a verbal altercation that turned physical when the subject struck the victim.

Crime Prevention

Call 257-2103, ext. 315, on issues.

DATES, From A-1

Congress on a bet. After Dec. 7, only one representative voted against the declaration. When Germany and Italy, Japan's allies, declared war on the United States days later, the conflict escalated into the first truly global war in the history of mankind.

After the attacks of Sept. 11, Americans felt unity. They displayed that solidarity by flying the flag, donating more than a billion dollars to help victims' survivors and aid groups, and showing support for the nation in many other ways.

But there was also frustration: The enemy is stateless yet state-supported and is nontradi-

tional and unconventional. America's typical responses were not options.

Polls show the American people support the actions of the government to date. Support for military action in Afghanistan to destroy Al Qaeda terrorists and their sympathetic Taliban government hosts is also high. These same polls show Americans are willing to be patient in going after terror groups.

Dec. 7 and Sept. 11 may have another thing in common: They are dates when the world changed.

"Dec. 7 was a turning point for the world and Sept. 11 should be no less so," Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said in a Nov. 14 speech.

3/3, From A-1

something ashore, he was able to leave the bag unattended as he left the vicinity.

Little did the Marines and Sailors realize that within the bag, between some books, was a simulated explosive device.

A simple lack of attention to detail could have killed numerous men and women aboard the vessel, if it had been an actual op-

eration being conducted in a foreign country. According to Capt. Devin L. Clepper, a monitor for the exercise, learning from their mistakes was what the training was all about.

Later, in another scenario, a Sailor with false identification was unable to gain access to the ship, and the situation was handled appropriately.

The security training was also beneficial to the Sailors who had thoughts

of the USS Cole fresh in their minds when a terrorist attack claimed 14 lives in Yemen last year.

"It's been a learning experience for both the Sailors and the Marines," said Lt. j.g. Charla Schreiber, the antiterrorist officer aboard the Hopper for the exercise. "It seemed like (Marines and Sailors) were communicating well, so things were going smoothly."

One observation Schrei-

ber was able to make was how helpful it was to have the Marines provide additional security, and she said tragedy could possibly have been avoided if there had been more Marines on the Cole.

"The difference here: we were docked along the pier; the Cole was moored in the harbor," she said. "If more Marines were present, maybe the danger could have been detected sooner."

SALUTES



Marine Corps Air Facility

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Gunnery Sgt. Adrian L. Church
Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason P. Streby
Cpl. Jefferey S. Hessler

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

Petty Officer 1st Class Lawrence D. Maestas

Good Conduct

Sgt. Alejanddro E. Diaz

Sgt. James W. Barnard
Cpl. Eric A. Hardeman

Cpl. Richard Anaya
Cpl. Roy L. Wright III
Cpl. Joshua L. Powers
Cpl. Avag K. Topachikyan
Lance Cpl. Kevin W. Fitzgerald

Promotions

Master Gunnery Sgt. Leslie B. Kelly III
Sgt. Gabriel F. Thompson
Sgt. Juan C. Manco
Sgt. John C. Brimm
Cpl. Michael J. Marsh
Lance Cpl. Tamsen L. Nash
Pfc. Christopher M. Artwohl



Letter of Commendation

Petty Officer 1st Class Kenneth N. Patterson Jr.
Petty Officer 3rd Class Jarrod K. Vickers

Certificate of Achievement

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason C. Boyle
Petty Officer 2nd Class Timothy J. Keck
Petty Officer 2nd Class Aaron R. McKinney

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Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialists

Petty Officer 1st Class Camilo DeCastro
Petty Officer 2nd Class Art Moss
Petty Officer 2nd Class Bernard Geronimo