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Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Army National Guardsmen and Honolulu Fire Department firefighters prepare to raid a simulated terrorist lab in search of chemical agents.

Oahu prepares for terrorism

Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero
Combat Correspondent

A group of Marines, federal workers and National guardsmen from Hawaii Army National Guard's 93rd Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction) participated in a mass destruction response exercise aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Feb. 3 - 6.

Operation Tropical Blizzard included

local police; explosive ordnance disposal; nuclear, biological and chemical specialists; firefighters; and hazardous material experts.

"The exercise was designed to enhance inter-agency cooperation from all state, county and federal agencies in response to a terrorist incident," said Staff Sgt. Rex Johnson, NBC chief, Combat Service Support Group 3.

During the weeklong exercise, all par-

ties practiced for an event they hope will never occur: a chemical, nuclear or biological terrorist attack.

The mission was to assess the scope and severity of a terrorist attack by sampling suspected contaminants, then advising civil authorities on how to deal with them.

The exercise was scenario-driven and

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4th Force Recon, 1st Radio ship out

Press Release
MCB Hawaii
Public Affairs Office

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE — Approximately 220 Marines from the 1st Radio Battalion, and 30 Reserve Marines from 4th Force Reconnaissance Co., departed here for the Central Command area of operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Sunday.

The Marines and Sailors are stationed aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Family members were on hand to bid their loved ones farewell, and the media had the opportunity to speak with them prior to their departure from K-Bay.

First Radio Battalion received its deployment orders approximately three weeks ago. No date was set for the battalion's return.

The mission of 1st Radio Battalion is to provide communications support for Marine Corps intelligence organizations and to conduct electronic warfare.

The 4th Force reconnaissance Marines — whose mission is to plan, coordinate and conduct amphibious reconnaissance, deep ground reconnaissance and surveillance, battle space shaping, and limited scale raids in support of a Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Air Ground Task Force, or a Joint Task Force — are slated to augment the assets of the I Marine Expeditionary Force from Camp Pendleton, Calif.

K-Bay tightens security

Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero
Combat Correspondent

For the first time since the notorious Sept. 11 attacks, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, has called upon reinforcements to help secure the base in case of any terrorist threats.

The 65 supplemental Marines, from various units aboard MCB Hawaii, completed some much-needed security training on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"Marines are being trained for whenever they may be called upon," said Gunnery Sgt. Gregory Y. Crew, staff noncommissioned officer of training at the Military Police Department. "The Base Security Forces will stand up when and if the need arises."

The Military Police Department led the two-day training evolution that was composed of 16.5 hours of classroom work and practical application.

Some of the topics included deadly force, weapons handling, es-

corts, interior guard, police ethics, introduction to terrorism, and handling suspicious packages.

"As a base, we have layers of defense, and these Marines provide one of those layers," said Crew. "They're our eyes and ears on the perimeter, and are a key part in detecting any surveillance against MCB Hawaii."

After finishing the course, the Marines received a completion certificate and returned to

their units as basically trained Base Security Force Marines.

According to Crew, the anti-terrorism detachment at the John F. Kennedy War Fighting Center in Fort Bragg, N.C., teaches "when someone's hungry, it's foolish to hunt for a tiger when there are plenty of sheep to be had."

"This training provides us the ability to be the tiger [hard target] and not the sheep [soft target]," explained Crew.



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Gunnery Sgt. Gregory Y. Crew, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of training at K-Bay's Military Police Department, demonstrates the proper way to search a vehicle.

MCB Hawaii committee tackles disability issues

Ed Josiah
EFMP Coordinator

The Military Committee for Persons with Disabilities was established aboard MCB Hawaii in June of last year, and is comprised of key personnel in numerous base departments.

The MCPD addresses issues and concerns of all

Special Needs Family members.

The Committee meets formally once a quarter to discuss Special Needs concerns brought to the meeting by the general public, or by the Special Needs Information and Support Network, a support group comprised of Special Needs Families.

The committee is de-

signed to identify and present workable solutions with the end result being to make MCB Hawaii a great place for all Marine Corps and Navy families, both active duty and retired, as well as DoD civilians, to live, work and raise a family.

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Satellite recycling available

Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson
Press Chief

In an effort to encourage recycling in the family housing areas, the recycling center aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, has set up a satellite collection point near the Family Housing Department on the corner of Pancoast Place and Bingham Way.

Since curbside recycling was discontinued aboard the installation in October of 2001, the main recycle center near the Marina was the sole collection point on base for residents.

The satellite collection point brings convenience to the recycling program aboard K-Bay as residents can now recycle cans, bot-

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MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

EE AND I BONDS CHANGE

The Department of Treasury recently announced that the minimum holding period for Series EE and I bonds has been increased from six to 12 months as of Feb. 1, 2003.

This change means people who purchase EE or I bonds on or after Feb. 1 must wait one year before they can redeem those bonds. People who purchase bonds will receive a notification of this new policy with their bonds until the preprinted bond stock that incorrectly states the previous holding period is used up.

More information is available at www.savingsbonds.gov.

MCX'S SUPER STAR STUDENT PROGRAM STILL RUNNING

The 2002 Marine Corps Exchange Super Star Student Program has been a huge success. There have been four \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bonds winners so far this year.

To win, MCX patrons in grades 6-12 must bring their B average or better report card to the MCX to receive a scratch off card. The scratch off card reveals a prize including phone cards, disposable cameras, portfolios, dictionaries and other great prizes.

Each MCX also has at least two scratch off cards with \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bonds on them.

The Super Star Student Program is entirely vendor supported. The MCX partners with these valued vendors to support the military community and encourages students to earn good grades.

W-2s AVAILABLE ONLINE

All personnel with access to myPay (formally Employee/Member Self Service) can now access their W-2 forms necessary to file tax returns. The W-2 tax form is available for download for the current year, and previous years to 1998.

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CG'S MAIL BOX

"I am the owner of two dogs and walk them everyday. I feel providing them with adequate exercise is part of being a responsible dog owner."



BRIG. GEN.
MCABEE

Submitted by Erica Furlong, family member

"I am writing concerning the new policy on pets, specifically the policy stating an owner may only walk one dog at a time.

I read the article in the *Hawaii Marine*, and while I understand the need to keep everyone safe aboard the base, I feel it is a grave injustice to punish everyone for the irresponsible behavior of a few.

I am the owner of two dogs and walk them everyday. I feel providing them with adequate exercise is part of being a responsible dog owner.

My husband is currently on temporary additional duty; therefore, I have no one to help me walk the dogs. I am solely responsible for all aspects of my household as well as a full-time job and graduate school.

Considering the current amount of stress on military families, I feel an emphasis needs to be placed on how can we help ease the stress and burden of families, instead of creating more stress and extra responsibilities for families.

I have tried to think of options that would reduce the amount of stress this policy has created for me and have come up with the following: I could wake up a half an hour earlier (I already get up between 4:30 and 5 a.m.) and extend my already long day.

I could take the dogs off base in the morning and walk them both, but question the safety of a woman walking at 5 a.m. outside the base. Or I could simply not walk my dogs and run the risk of them being destructive and aggressive due to the pent up energy they are unable to release.

I am asking you to reconsider this portion of the policy and reduce the stress this policy has placed on all two-dog households.

As a closing thought, the generality of this policy makes me won-

der what would happen if I had two children and took them to the playground, and one of my kids attacked another kid. Would a new policy be made stating I could only take one of my children to the playground at a time?

Thank you for your time."

Sincerely,
Erica Furlong

Dear Mrs. Furlong,

I have been asked by the commanding general to research and respond to your email of Jan. 23, since your concerns and recommendations fall within my area of responsibility. He appreciates that you have taken the time to participate in the "CG Mail" program.

While the commanding general truly appreciates the added responsibility to some pet owners from the recent changes to the MCB Hawaii pet policy, he is also aware of the recent vicious dog attack that has permanently scarred one of our children. We must take all prudent measures to protect our people from such attacks.

First, let me clarify any confusion that the Jan. 17 *Hawaii Marine* article may have caused — specifically, the section regarding the number of dogs that can be walked at one time.

Secondly, I want you to know that the commanding general has been personally involved in this issue. He is particularly concerned with the number of dog attacks on children in recent months.

Dog bites are not a function of the size of the dog, but the dog's temperament, the situation at the time of the attack, and other factors which may be beyond the control of

the owner.

•Current base regulations state that pets must be under the control of their owner at all times.

•Owners are responsible for the supervision and actions of their pets, as well as their guests' pets at all times aboard MCB Hawaii.

•In public areas, including common areas in multifamily housing, dogs must wear a leash — it's the law.

•Owners will restrain pets such that they do not become vicious, a hazard or nuisance to neighbors and other pets.

•Regulations also state that no family housing resident may possess more than two dogs.

In addition, the commanding general has approved the following modifications to the above regulations.

Changes include the banning of Rottweilers aboard the base (current residents and those in transit are "grandfathered"). However, all Rottweilers and other dogs with a previous bite incident must wear a muzzle in public areas.

Personnel are still allowed to walk two dogs at one time; however, the person walking the dogs must be able to physically maintain positive control over the dogs should they become excited or irritated. For example, a 70 pound person can't reasonably handle two 60 pound dogs.

These modifications are effective immediately.

I hope that we have clarified the issues you raised. Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention, and thank you again for taking the time to express your concerns via the "CG Mail" program.

Mr. Bo Irvine
Director, Base Safety Center
MCB Hawaii

(Editor's Note: Letters of any length may be trimmed and edited in the interest of good taste and brevity.)

The commanding general invites input from the base community via C.G. Mail on the following topics: What are we doing that we shouldn't be doing? What are we not doing that we should be doing? What are we doing that we should be doing better?

Responses should include a recommendation that will help solve the problem and must include your name and return address so that staff may respond.

For more information about how to send C.G. Mail, see the MCB Hawaii C.G. Mail page at www.mcbh.usmc.mil/command/cgmail.htm.

AT handbook keeps K-Bay aware

Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson

Press Chief

With publication of the MCB Hawaii Anti-Terrorism Protection Handbook, Marines, Sailors and their families now have a guide that helps keep them from falling victim to acts of terrorism or violent crime.

By following the rules spelled out in the handbook — which include learning about potential threats, keeping a low profile, being unpredictable, and remaining vigilant — service members and their families have a better chance of avoiding an encounter with terrorism.

Available from the MCB Hawaii Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection officer, the handbook spells out special precautions for special situations that may arise.

At home, it's a good idea to lock all doors, including garage doors, and to restrict access to keys.

Developing good relationships with neighbors can go a long way to-

ward preventing crime, since they can help keep watch when you're not around.

When going out, traveling in groups and avoiding high-risk areas help keep service members from becoming targets.

Dress, conduct and mannerisms should not attract attention, and personal matters such as travel plans or mission specifics should not be discussed in public.

Other ways to avoid becoming a target include parking in well-lit areas, keeping gas tanks at least half full at all times, and ensuring vehicles are well-maintained and in good repair.

Before traveling, service members throughout the U.S. Pacific Command are required to have had Level 1 Anti-Terrorism Training within 12 months of their trip, and are required to use the "Buddy System" when traveling abroad.

A current threat and intelligence brief must occur within three months

of the departure date, and if the country has a Terrorism Threat Level of "Moderate" or higher, or a criminal threat of "High" or "Critical," the traveler must submit an individual Force Protection Plan for approval.

Force Protection Plans are submitted to the Anti-Terrorism Protection officer through the normal chain of command.

For more detailed instructions about personal security and force protection, pick up a copy of the Anti-Terrorism Protection Handbook.

For more information about country briefs, threat levels, handbooks, or certified anti-terrorism training, have the proper person in your chain of command contact the Anti-Terrorism Protection Officer at 257-8457.

Force protection is every individual's responsibility, and by knowing, understanding and constantly implementing a few simple guidelines, service members and their families can stay safe, while accomplishing their missions.



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Lance Cpl. Lathel Wise (foreground), a scout sniper for Headquarters and Service Co., 1/3, clears the trails of Waimano Feb. 3, with Ryan Peratta, a Na Ala Hele Trails technician for the division of Forestry and Wildlife.

1/3 blazes trails of Waimano

Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle
Combat Correspondent

A thick jungle canopy covers the fertile forest floor where thousands of species of beautiful and exotic plants take root. The all-around view is breathtaking.

This colorful landscape is located throughout the Waimano Trail in Waimano Valley.

Although the seven-and-a-half mile-long trail scenery is remarkable, it can still get out of hand.

The ground itself has become somewhat overgrown with vegetation over the last few months due to the rainy season.

Marines from Headquarters and Service Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, set out Feb. 3 to assist the Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife in clearing the vegetation that has accrued on the trail.

The Marines volunteered for the project to give back to the commu-



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Lance Cpl. Russel Olofson, a scout sniper for 1/3, refills a weedeater during the Waimano Trail clean-up.

nity and help preserve the trail.

The Marines voluntarily contributed a total of eight hours and managed to clear vegetation from

two and a half miles of trail with the help of nine Marines.

The Marines began the project at 7:30 a.m. and worked until 4 p.m. After they arrived at the Waimano Trail, they broke up into groups and used weedeaters and machetes to clear the path.

"I was really impressed with the amount of effort the Marines put into clearing the trail," said Ryan Peralta, a Na Ala Hele trails technician for the Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife. "I thought the Marines would only be able to clear a mile or so of the trail in the amount of time they were there, but they managed to clean up more than two miles. I was really impressed."

"We just wanted to give back to the community," said 1st Lt. Robert Lafferty, a scout sniper platoon commander for Headquarters and Service Co., 1/3. "It was also a good chance for the Marines to go out and see some of the trails and the great scenery on them."

Marine chooses country, family

Reservists are pulled from homes, called to arms for U.S. global war on terrorism

Sgt. Jacques-René Hébert

Marine Forces Pacific
Public Affairs Office

CAMP H.M. SMITH — Today, the world is troubled. A post-Sept. 11 United States is calling for war on Iraq for its probable connections with Al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups, and its potential nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons reserves; France and Germany are calling for more United Nations inspections; and North Korea is demanding diplomacy talks following its announcement of having nuclear capabilities.

Indeed, the fate of the world is on the brink of a global time bomb of epic proportions.

However, in the process of being caught up in the foreign relations and the international news of the day, many forget to remember the direct impact current events have on the service members who are called to fight, and their families, who are called on

to support.

Reserve Gunnery Sgt. David Vaughn, nuclear, biological, and chemical noncommissioned officer in charge for Marine Forces Pacific, Camp H.M. Smith, is just one Marine among thousands of service members who have been activated for a seemingly eminent war with Iraq.

The trials and problems he and his family face, have been felt across the country as reserve forces are mobilized towards the Middle East.

In a way, Vaughn can be thought of as Gunnery Sgt. John Doe — an insignificant faceless name, fighting the war on terrorism. But for him and his family, their problems are very real and very significant.

Vaughn enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1981 and spent nine years in the reserves before joining the active duty ranks in 1990. An NBC chief at the time, he spent the next few years living at Camp Pendleton, Calif., with his wife Anne and his son, Tony, deploying on a regular basis with 3rd Bn., 9th Marines. It was easier for the family then.

"We'd just had our first child, and my wife and I were both pretty used to the Marine Corps



Courtesy of Gunnery Sgt. David Vaughn

Reserve Gunnery Sgt. David Vaughn (right) will keep moments like these with his son Tony close at heart during his one-year deployment.

lifestyle," Vaughn explained. "It was that same lifestyle that made us decide that the Intermediate Ready Reserves would be the best choice for the future of our family."

Deploying to war-torn countries is nothing new to Vaughn. In 1992, Vaughn deployed with 3/9 to Somalia during President George H. W. Bush's push towards balancing the continually volatile country.

In 1995, after working at Marine Corps Recruiting Station, Chicago, Vaughn and his wife settled down in Lowell, Ind. Since then, they have earned degrees in education and currently work in local school systems.

In early November 2002,

Anne was home alone with their children, Tony and Shayna, when the telephone rang. It was the Marine Corps calling her husband back to duty.

"Even though we thought the call might come, I was still very shocked," Anne recalled. "This is my first year teaching, David has just gotten settled into his position, and with the kids still at a very dynamic and impressionable age, I just didn't want to hear of it."

Unfortunately for the family — though fortunate for the military — the orders could not be refused and Vaughn had two weeks to get his personal affairs organized and ship

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WORD ON THE STREET

"What are your plans for Valentine's Day?"



"Mine are simple. I am going to PTA."

Lance Cpl. Jeff Davis

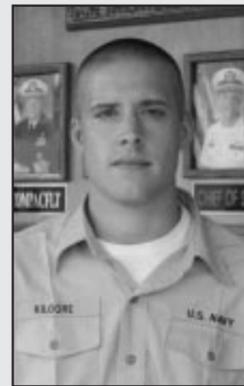
Radio operator
Bravo Battery, 1/12



"I am going to school and making Valentine's Day cards."

Danielle Chrockren

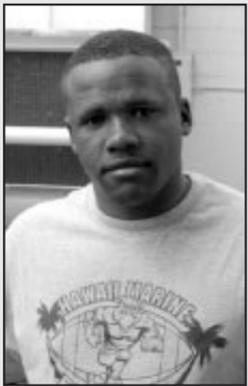
9 years old
3rd grader at
Mokapu
Elementary School



"I am going to sit in my room and talk to my fiancee all day."

Airman Ray Kilgore

Aviation electrician
HSL-37



"I will be in squad leaders school learning to be an NCO."

Cpl. Joseph Benton

Rifleman
Bravo Co., 1/3



"I am going to be lonely because my husband will be at PTA."

Shami Guerrero

Cashier
7-Day Store, MCCA

Saving the planet

Mokapu students learn to reduce, reuse

Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle
Combat Correspondent

The children's eyes opened wide and their mouths went slack as they watched a large, intimidating, metallic machine lift a large wooden object and drop it into a barrel. Suddenly, several hammer-like objects tore the object into splinters of wood that flew in all directions.

This is a tub-grinder, and it is used to break down wooden material and process it for recycling, explained Jim Sibert, manager of the Base Recycling Center aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, to his marveling audience.

Kindergartners from Mokapu Elementary School aboard K-Bay received an up close and personal look at the tub grinder while learning the benefits of recycling all types of materials during a tour of the center Feb. 5.

During a four-week contest sponsored by the Base Recycling Center, Mokapu students in kindergarten through the sixth grade competed to see which grade could collect the most aluminum cans for recycling.

The winning grade received a pizza party and field trip to the Base Recycling Center to see where all the aluminum cans they collected were going to be recycled.

"The kids were very excited to participate in collecting the aluminum cans,"



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Jim Sibert, Base Recycling Center manager aboard MCB Hawaii, explains to kindergartners from Mokapu Elementary School how paper is recycled Feb 5.

said Sibert. "It is good that kids learn at a young age how to take care of the environment and preserve it for their children."

During the tour, the children saw where the recyclable materials are sort-

ed, processed and packaged before being sent to the recycling plant.

"This was an educational experience for the children," said Angie Yadao, a student-teacher for kindergartners at Mokapu. "The younger they are exposed



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Sibert explains to kindergartners how a wood chipper works in the process of recycling wooden materials.

to environmental issues, the better.

"It carries with them throughout their lives and they remember the importance of taking care of the environment around them."

"I learned that they can make new coke cans with old ones," said Blake Johnson, a kindergartner at Mokapu. "If I could have pizza every time I recycled something, I would recycle everyday."

MCPD, From A-1

Since its inception, the Special Needs Information and Support Network has presented 14 separate issues to the MCPD. They range from street signs identifying special needs family members in the housing areas to having input in the construction of new base facilities. Other issues that have been resolved include the following:

- Allowing early entry to selected base family events. This allows family members with sensory needs an opportunity to acclimate to the activities prior to the general public arriving, thus making the experience less stressful and more enjoyable.

- Offering opportunities for Special Needs Families to utilize the Family Gym and Base Pool for therapeutic recreation.

- Instituting awareness training for base civilian employees to increase awareness and understanding of the Special Needs Community.

- Inviting a representative from Mokapu Elementary School to sit on the MCPD Committee, thus allowing parents the opportunity to communicate to the school.

- Providing an opportunity for Special Needs families to put a special decal on their front windows to assist Emergency Service Personnel identify that a person with Special Needs resides in the home.

The Special Needs Information and Support Network and MCPD, work in partnership to ensure MCB Hawaii is a great place for everyone.

For more information about the Exceptional Family Member Program, the Military Committee for Persons with Disabilities or the Special Needs Information and Support Network, contact Ed Josiah, EFMP coordinator, Personal Services, at 257-7783.

Golden Eagles participate in India SAREX 2003

Lt. j.g. Robert A. Arreola

Patrol Squadron 9 Public Affairs

In their first month on deployment, the crew members of Patrol Squadron 9's Combat Aircrew Four, based at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, participated in the multinational South Asia SAREX 2003.

The exercise was designed to enhance international cooperation and operability in the Indian Ocean — site of some of the busiest sea lanes in the world.

In addition to VP-9's P-3C Orion maritime patrol aircraft, international participants in the exercise included units of the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, and the shore-based Rescue Coordination Center at Mumbai, which included an observer from the island of Maritius.

The exercise took place on the west coast of India and was hosted by the Indian Naval Air Station Hansa in Goa.

Upon arriving in India, the members of Crew Four hosted a static display of their P-3C for all exercise participants.

The crew was then treated to refreshments and local Indian cuisine at the INAS Hansa Officers' Club. This provided a great opportunity to build cooperation and friendships among international counterparts in a social setting before getting down to the business of mission planning the following day.

The scenario for the exercise involved MV Goodwill, a 40,000 ton tanker enroute from the Arabian Sea to the Far East.

Approximately 250 nautical miles southeast of Mumbai, the Goodwill reported a simulated casualty in their engine room. The vessel transmitted a distress call indicating their vessel was on fire and taking on water.

The ship's captain then ordered eight men to



Lt. j.g. Robert A. Arreola

Crew members of Patrol Squadron 9's Combat Aircrew Four participated in the multinational South Asia SAREX 2003. They trained side by side with the Indian Navy and Coast Guard.

abandon ship on an inflatable raft.

The Rescue Coordination Center Mumbai tasked the Golden Eagles' crew to act as on-scene commander and locate the distressed ship and raft.

Within 30 minutes of receiving the call

to launch, the P-3C was off deck and the first to arrive on station. After establishing communication with the Goodwill, Crew Four was notified that eight personnel had abandoned ship and were now "missing at sea."

As part of the exercise, it was also reported that one of the remaining crewman aboard the tanker was suffering from severe burns over 70 percent of his body and needed immediate medical evacuation.

Acting as on-scene commander, VP-9's Lt. Todd Boland directed the Indian Naval Ship Brahmaputra to launch a Sea King helicopter to evacuate the burn victim back to the Indian Naval Station Hansa for medical treatment.

Meanwhile, Crew Four continued its search for the life raft. Within ten minutes, the raft was located and MV Annie Besant was directed to close for recovery.

Once all personnel were accounted for, the Annie Besant began boom-laying operations to prevent ecological damage from the simulated oil leak on the tanker.

After successfully completing the search and rescue exercise, the P-3C returned to base. The following day, the South Asia SAREX concluded with an official debrief.

The exercise was a great success and proved that multinational cooperation and training on search-and-rescue procedures are critical to protecting and saving lives on international sea lanes.

RECYCLE, From A-1

bles, plastics and cardboard without ever leaving the housing area.

Started as a pilot program, the satellite collection point takes recycling to within walking distance for families in the Rainbow, Hawaii Loa, and other housing areas.

"We'd like everyone to be more conscientious of the environment," said Jim Sibert, manager of the base recycling center. "We need to take care of the environment, now, so we'll have something left to give to our children."

While the recycling program aboard MCB Hawaii benefits the environment in the long run, it also has short term benefits.

"The landfills in Hawaii are filling up fast, and by throwing away recyclables, we're helping to fill them up even faster," Sibert said. "We need to make sure Hawaii's landfills don't close because they are full."

Taking recyclable materials to the satellite collection point — while not as convenient as the curbside recycling program was — is a small price to pay for extending the life of Hawaii's landfills.

Increased costs may result if the amount of trash from the base is not reduced. If everyone does their share and participates wholeheartedly in making MCB Hawaii a better place to live and work, the Marine and Navy team can make a difference for the whole state.

RESERVE, From A-3

out to Hawaii.

"In a way, I was very lucky," said Vaughn. "I received some time off for Christmas, and had a chance to spend time with my family before a year of separation."

For a parent to be away from his or her family for more than a year would be difficult for anyone to handle. It was no different for the Vaughns.

"Our son Tony is really attentive to the news and what's going on in the world," Vaughn explained. "He is aware what area I'm deploying to, and what the potential dangers might be when I deploy there."

"Our 6-year-old Shayna just takes it day by day. She doesn't have a concept of a long period of time yet, so some of her questions can be very painful."

Vaughn ensures that he softens the blow of deploying by constantly communicating with his family, via telephone, instant messaging and electronic mail.

"Keeping in contact with my family definitely helps me get through this," Vaughn explained. "There's not a doubt in my mind that I belong here, but part of me belongs at home, as well. The new technology we have allows me to be there in spirit and in voice."

Despite the separation and the dangers Vaughn is approaching, the remaining Vaughns have retained a stoic attitude toward the whole ordeal.

"Tony didn't like the idea at first," Anne commented. "He still doesn't — he just handles it better."

"As for myself, I'm behind our president's decisions 100 percent. There is

no doubt in my mind that we should be over there to bring a lasting peace to the area. I just wish this could have happened at a different time."

For Vaughn, the deployment offers a chance to play a crucial role in winning the war on terrorism, though the negative effects on his family seem insurmountable.

"It's a tear between two responsibilities," Vaughn explained. "It's either the greater good or the personal responsibility. It's almost impossible to have both, and sometimes a sacrifice has to be made. Fortunately for myself, it's only a year."

While the Vaughns have settled into a routine of electronic communication and frequent telephone calls to pacify the family's fears and doubts, the leaders of the country continue to parlay back and forth across the globe, country-to-country, in pursuit of another type of diplomatic balance.

Many times, as it is with war, the individual is forgotten and becomes a faceless name — a tagline in a newspaper article.

But for the families affected, it's a much more tangible feeling, one of a thousand facets that must be dealt with when the call to arms is sounded.

"I'm shocked, proud, angry, sad — did I miss any?" Anne said. "I just have a mix of emotions."

"It's a strain on our marriage — we're not used to the separation and the kids have never seen him deploy. But above all that, we have a strong belief in God and we know that in the end, it will be all right."

"I'm proud of my husband and what he's doing. Whatever the cost, I know it's the right thing to do."

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Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Army Sgt. Sean Dodge, a survey team member with 93rd CST, takes samples of various suspected chemical agents. Afterward, the survey team analyzed the fictional chemical agents.

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began when several terrorists were detected arriving on the Mokapu Peninsula via a raider boat.

When the terrorists landed at Pyramid Rock Beach, they immediately established a firing position and commenced firing chemical mortar rounds until one of them backfired, killing the terrorists.

Emergency crews quickly responded, identified the rounds, collected samples, analyzed them and detected a nerve agent.

The evolution continued with a myriad of other realistic scenarios that exercised the knowledge of all involved.

Additionally, of all the participating agen-

cies, the crews that collected and analyzed the imaginary agents may have had the toughest job of the exercise. The crew proceeded into a contaminated area wearing special protective suits, with temperatures much hotter inside than outside of the suits.

All in all, the exercise was a way to merge first response agencies in an effort to familiarize them with each other's role during an NBC terrorist threat.

"The joint training has been excellent for both the military and its civilian counterparts, said Army Maj. Courtney Vares-Lum, deputy commander of 93rd CST/WMD.

"This has helped us further define our roles and responsibilities during a response."

Skinny Dragons return successful from San Diego

Lt. Mark Brummett

*Patrol Squadron 4
Public Affairs*



Since Jan. 9, more than 30 "Skinny Dragons" from Patrol Squadron 4, alongside aircrews and maintenance personnel from Patrol Squadron 40, reserve Patrol Squadron 65, and Canadian squadrons MP405 and MP407 were detached to Naval Air Station North Island, Calif.

For more than three weeks, they flew in support of the USS Nimitz Battle Group in the waters off San Diego as part of two exercises, Composite Training Unit Exercise 3-02 and Joint Task Force Exercise.

These two exercises are normally held four weeks apart, but current events required that they be held successively.

"These are definitely high-tempo operations," commented Petty Officer 1st Class Geoffrey Decker, the detachment assistant officer in charge, regarding the increased pace. "The USS Nimitz Battle Group is working on a compressed time schedule to be prepared for any contingency."

Flying the P-3C Orion, crews were tasked with a variety of missions. Though the primary mission of the P-3 during the two exercises was Anti-Submarine Warfare, they also conducted Anti-Surface Warfare, Maritime Interdiction Operations and Sea Surface Control missions.

During a MIO event, an Aircraft Improvement Program version of the P-3C transmitted digital images directly to the battle group via line-of-sight communication link. This groundbreaking transfer demonstrated that future missions wouldn't need to rely on satellites or ground stations to transfer imagery to the battle group.

Though most missions were in direct support of the battle group, some missions were flown as the opposing force.

"Playing the bad guy is a great experience and you really get to know the capabilities of the fleet," said Petty Officer 2nd Class David Gorby from VP-4

He should know since his P-3C was intercepted by an F/A-18 Hornet patrolling the skies above.

Not only were the crews from both squadrons working together in the air, but maintenance and other support personnel were working hand-in-hand as well. Chief Petty Officer Nolen Kell of VP-40 said, "This has been the best detachment, personality-wise that I've seen. We might as well have come from the same squadron."

Detachment officer in charge, Lt. Cmdr. Jack Thomas added, "There is no doubt that the maintenance personnel from both VP-4 and VP-40 were the reason we had success during this detachment."

The detachment received recognition from several people, including Commander, Third Fleet; Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Forces

U.S. Pacific Fleet; and Commander, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

For now, the North Island Detachment has been dis-established and the battle group has returned to port. As the USS Nimitz Battle Group prepares for deployment, VP-4 will continue preparations to support her in theater later this year.



Courtesy of VP-4

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