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ALOHA LAVA DOGS!



Sgt. Robert Carlson

1/3 returns to Kaneohe Bay, 3/3 departs

Sgt. Robert Carlson
Press Chief

Two 3rd Marine Regiment battalions switched places this week, with 1st Bn., 3rd Marines, coming home and 3/3 moving out to the tip of the spear in Okinawa, Japan.

The Marines of India Co., 3/3, have less than five days to get moved in and settled on Okinawa before they start their training in an exercise called Millennium Edge. They will participate as the ground combat element in the exercise on Guam and Tinian.

Other exercises scheduled for 3/3 include Balikatan in the Philippines, Korean Integrated Training Program in Korea, as well as Cooperation Afloat and Readiness, and deployments to Camp Fuji, Malaysia, and the Jungle Warfare Training Center on Okinawa.

"The training schedule fits nicely into what's going on with the Regiment," said Lt. Col. David L. Close, 3/3 battalion commander. "We'll only have about four weeks where all of the

companies are on Okinawa and we can work together as a battalion.

Shortly after taking over as Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division, Maj. Gen. James R. Battaglini decided 3rd Marine Regiment will be the Marine Corps' premier jungle fighting unit. Close said the training scheduled for jungle environments around the Pacific will help 3/3 maintain its jungle warfare core competencies.

"I'm looking forward to this deployment," said Pfc. Jason Mills, a machinegunner with Kilo Co., 3/3. "It is my first deployment overseas, and we have some great training coming up."

While 3/3 prepares to get its training underway, the Marines and Sailors of 1/3 are spending time with their families and getting ready to begin training in Hawaii.

"We did some good training in Okinawa at the JWTC, and at Camp Fuji," said Lance Cpl. Greg Lombardi, an infantryman with Bravo Co., 1/3. We also got to train some

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Corporal Kevin Perez, an infantryman with Bravo Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, holds his 6-month-old son Eriq in the Commissary parking lot Monday. Perez last saw his son when the infant was 8 days old.

Bravo, 1/12 deploys to Okinawa

Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora
Community Relations Chief

Saturday morning, a cloud of anxiety hovered over the Annex parking lot at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, as Bravo Battery 1st Bn., 12th Marines, prepared to load

busses for the deployment to Okinawa, Japan.

Marines and their spouses exchanged goodbyes with laughter and tears. Emotions flowed between couples who made use of every last minute for hugs, kisses and sweet goodbyes.

Single Marines stood in circles

and listened to the senior Marines who told of new challenges that lie ahead.

The time for Bravo and Alpha to switch their zip codes had come.

First Bn., 12th Marines' three platoons appear ready to face the chal-

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U.S. investigators discover several items at Afghan site

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. investigators searching a missile strike site in Afghanistan discovered some documents, ammunition, weapons and bits of human remains, Department of Defense spokesperson Victoria Clarke said Feb. 11.

Members of a 50-person team "are now leaving, if they haven't left already," Clarke told a group of Pentagon re-

porters that morning.

News reports allege that a Central Intelligence Agency-operated, unmanned aircraft fired a missile Feb. 4 at a suspected Al Qaeda complex near Zawar Kili in eastern Afghanistan.

"It is difficult for me to talk about what led into that strike," Clarke said, noting, "That wasn't the U.S. military."

She said searchers identified the site from the discovery of a fin from the missile. The team had to remove about three to four feet of snow to clear a 200-yard

radius of ground, she said.

"They have recovered a variety of things — some documents, some ammunition and weapons, some small pieces of bone and human flesh," she said. Materials found at the site will be sent to the United States for further analysis, Clarke said.

The searchers also looked into three caves at nearby villages, but found nothing of note, she said.

In other news, Clarke noted that Secretary of Defense Donald H.

Rumsfeld and Army Gen. Tommy Franks, U.S. Central Command's commander in chief, are requesting more information as part of a U.S. investigation into a Jan. 24 raid in which 27 Afghans are alleged to have been mistakenly detained as Al Qaeda or Taliban members.

The Afghans were released Feb. 6. Some have alleged that U.S. forces beat them. The investigation into these allegations is ongoing, Clarke noted.

"We have nothing to indicate anything like (beatings) happened," she said.



Photo courtesy of Master Sgt. Duane A. Keys

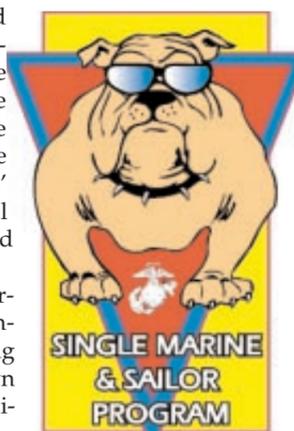
K-Bay will honor Buffalo Soldier, Thursday, Feb. 21

Dr. William H. Waddell, a 94-year-old former Buffalo Soldier, will be the guest of honor during MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay's continuing celebration of African American History Month, Thursday, Feb. 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the base theater. Retired soldier Lee Coffee Jr. will be the keynote speaker at the salute to Waddell. Other African American History Month events include a 1 p.m. chapel service and potluck, Feb. 24 at 1 p.m. and a free showing of the newly released movie "Ali," starring Will Smith, Feb. 27.

Party Gras benefits SM&SP

The Single Marine and Sailor Program is coordinating the matchmaking game "The Hook" and the Karaoke competition "Stage Survivor" during the Marine Corps Community Services' Party Gras Music Festival celebration tonight and Saturday.

Patrons interested in participating in the vocalist competition or the matchmaking game should contact Dawn Williams, the SM&SP coordinator, at 254-7593.



More than a dozen bands are going to perform on four stages during the event, and proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Single Marine and Sailor Program.

Tickets are available at a reduced price until 4 p.m. today and will be available at the door for \$5.

Proceeds will support the Single Marine and Sailor Program and unit party funds.

The back gate will be open until 10 p.m., today and Saturday.

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, THIS WEEKEND

The Aloha Medical Mission is seeking volunteers to help with painting, cleaning up the interior and moving equipment into the Palama Settlement site at 810 N. Vineyard, at the corner of Vineyard and Palama Street in downtown Honolulu, Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. till noon. Tools such as paint brushes, rollers, pans, heavy duty sandpaper, scrapers and gloves are also needed.

A nonprofit organization, the Mission operates a free medical and dental clinic.

For more details, call Margery at 593-9696.

NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST TO BE OBSERVED, FEB. 21

The MCB Hawaii Base Chapel will conduct a National Prayer Breakfast ceremony, Thursday from 7 - 8 a.m. at Anderson Hall aboard Kaneohe Bay. The event is sponsored to promote spiritual wellness, fitness and a healthy environment for military and civilian personnel who work and live aboard Kaneohe Bay and the surrounding community.

Colonel Joseph V. Medina, commanding officer of 3rd Marine Regiment, will be the guest of honor for this event and the topic will be "Faith and Leadership."

The dining facility is located in Bldg. 1089, and doors will open at 6 a.m. for breakfast.

Cost is \$1.50 per person. Contact Cmdr. Jeffrey Rhodes for more details, at 257-3552.

GSA WILL CLOSE, FEB. 25

The GSA Customer Supply Center at Hickam AFB will be closed from Feb. 25 through March 1 for inventory. Call Maria Rodriguez, for more details.

CHAPEL TO HOST LENTEN SPEAKERS

Mondays in March, the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Base Chapel will host its Lenten Speakers Series, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Topics will include the following.

- March 4: "Our Judaic Roots" and observance of a Seder meal.

- March 11: "The Meaning of the Stations of the Cross and Roman Catholic Views on Lent"

- March 18: Topic to be determined
- March 25: "What Does Elvis Have to do with Lent?"

Speaker presentations will run from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and there is no charge for attendance at any presentation.

Additionally, soup and salad will be served prior to each presentation, from 6 - 6:30 p.m.

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Marines strap in for underwater survival lessons

SSgt. Jesus A. Lora
Community Relations Chief

High above the Pacific Ocean, a CH-53D Sea Stallion carrying infantry passengers is inbound back to base from a training mission.

Suddenly, the bird begins to shake violently. The chief yells, "We're going down! We're going down! Hold on!"

What seems like a normal flight turns into an aircraft ditch into the ocean.

Ocean water immediately floods the fuselage and engulfs the passengers. Circuit boards begin to spark, but are quickly doused by the white wash of the angry sea. The spinning rotors continue to spin, thrashing the surrounding water.

The occupants tremble with fear. They know there are but a few precious minutes before the helo will begin its sinking dive to the ocean bottom.

However, the training the Marines and Sailors received in the Shallow Water Egress Trainer (SWET) will help the crew get all personnel safely to the surface.

Military personnel from the Naval Operational Medicine Institute (NOMI), Mobile Training Team (MTT) from Pensacola, Fla., visited MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, from Jan. 26 to Feb. 3.

Regimental Schools hosted the MTT training to teach instructors and students egress techniques, causes and effects of arterial gas embolisms, and how to employ the Interim Passenger Helicopter Aircrew Breathing Device (IPHABD), prior to and in the SWET training device.

"This training makes



Left — Corporal Benjamin Spahir, safety pool instructor, Regimental Schools, takes one last breath before he gets lowered into the base pool by the SWET trainer.



Right — Boots dangle upside down as Spahir executes the training he received and unbuckles his seat belt for a safe escape to the surface.



Corporal Benjamin Spahir, pool safety instructor, Regimental Schools, demonstrates a perfect execution of the SWET as he comes up for air after holding his breath for many seconds underwater.

sense. When helos crash, this will build my confidence, forcing me to gain extra time to surface to the top," said Cpl. Benjamin Spahir, pool safety instructor, Regimental Schools.

The IPHABD is a breathing device for non-aircrew personnel. The air com-

pressed in these devices can hold two to four minutes of oxygen.

Marines and Sailors learn to trust the IPHABD. Their training stresses the importance of comfortable breathing techniques, clearing the regulator while underwater, using the purge button,

and taking forced exhale measures.

"I'm glad my section picked me for this training," said Cpl. Lindsey Barrus, 1st platoon, Echo Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines. "It has been outstanding."

Once the students grasp the instructions on the IPHABD, it is time for practical application in a simulated, downed aircraft environment.

Instructors set-up the SWET trainer in the base pool.

Students take turns performing safety checks on the IPHABD, then strap into the SWET and assume the crash position.

An instructor releases the latch on the trainer, which instantly dips the student upside-down underwater.

Black boots dangling in the air signaled the start of the scenario.

The student reaches with his left hand and grasps a reference point.

Automatically, the student must reach with his right hand and release the lap belt. Once free, the hand-over-hand method is used to egress from the trainer device.

Safety is a must as the student remembers to exhale slowly to the surface.

A thumbs up signal tells the instructor that another student has mastered the SWET and the IPHABD.

"Personnel training needs to be creative, so there are no surprises when the time to rescue someone is called upon," said Chief Petty Officer Fernando Santos, Inspector-Instructor Staff, 4th Force Reconnaissance Co.

"I always train (the Marines) this way," he explained regarding their techniques.



WADSWORTH

HMH-362 to receive new commander



Lieutenant Col. Douglas J. Wadsworth, left, will take command of the HMH-362 "Ugly Angels" today in a ceremony between Hangars 101 and 102 at 3 p.m. Wadsworth replaces Lt. Col. Carl J. Fosnaugh III, who will move to Marine Aircraft Group 24, right here on Kaneohe Bay.



FOSNAUGH

COMMENTARY

What is the true meaning of happiness?

Navy Lt. Robert K. C. Cain
Chaplain, 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines

Have you ever discovered in your life the meaning of true happiness?

I know, this sounds like one of those deep, philosophical questions where the answer resides with a hermit on some mountaintop. But such a question was brought to the forefront of my mind this past October because of three separate events.

The first was reading a book by the Dalai Lama in which he says true happiness is an inner peace that arises in the context of our relationships with others. It is the interaction of working with and helping others that

brings comfort and peace to the soul.

Another experience, which brought this question of true happiness to mind, was reading a Bible passage from the gospel of Matthew. Jesus was asked which commandment in the Law was the greatest. He responded, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ...You shall love your neighbor as yourself." For the Christian, true and eternal happiness lies in the depths of the inner life.

The final struggle with this concept of 'true' happiness didn't come from divine inspiration, scholars or philosophers, but two friends seeking the meaning of happiness in their own

lives. One was a family man with a wife and four children; the other was a single person who enjoyed being independent and didn't like staying in one place for very long.

Both were 'superficially' happy with many things taking place in their lives. But regarding that inner peace the Dalai Lama speaks of or the great love Jesus proclaims, were these friends of mine truly happy deep down inside?

Many things can make us happy in this world. But that, I think, is the great trap — the things that make us happy.

See HAPPINESS, A-4



The "Ugly Angels" of HMH-362 fly over Navy vessels on their way to unload a team of Navy SEALs (who can be seen boarding the aircraft in the inset) during a joint training exercise Feb. 7.

Ugly Angels deliver Seal team

The fast-roping mission tackled several hazards

Story and Photos by
Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero
Combat Correspondent

BARBERS POINT — Their mission was to keep the aircraft steady while two U.S. Navy SEAL teams fast-roped down into the extremely violent waters five miles south of Barbers Point, Hawaii.

This wasn't a normal fast-roping mission.

On Feb. 7, the "Ugly Angels" from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, would hover above a pair of Navy submarines floating offshore.

This training was unique because of the various hazards the pilots and aircrew encountered while dropping off the Sailors.

One of the hazards was flying the aircraft too close to the ocean, which pounded the sub.

Another challenge was keeping the CH53D Sea Stallion steady while fighting strong winds.

The training fully tested the Ugly Angels' flying skills.

"It was extremely challenging," said Capt.

Carroll Lane, pilot for HMH-362, who dropped off two Navy SEAL teams onto the two vessels, "especially hovering that close to the sub's tower and holding my position while the seals fast-roped down."

Although it was the pilots who flew the aircraft, the success of any fastrope evolution is coordination between the pilots and the aircrew.

"Pilots can't see fastropers when they come off the ramp," said Staff Sgt. David Welch, crewchief. "They depend on their aircrew to help maintain proper position over the deck."

After the last Sailor fast-roped onto the sub, the "Ugly Angels" returned to K-Bay with some hardcore training under their belts.

"This training was very challenging," said Lane.

"It offered us the opportunity to practice fast-roping on a surface other than pavement or grass," he explained.

The flights benefited both the HMH-362 Marines and the two Navy SEAL teams.

"This was a great opportunity for us to experience the manner in which our sister service does business and show them how we handle ours," added Lane.



Above — Watchful of turbulent waters below, members of a U.S. Navy SEAL team fast-roped onto a Navy submarine during joint training performed with the "Ugly Angels" of HMH-362 Feb. 7. Below — Two U.S. Navy SEAL teams practice at Ford Island before taking off to accomplish their real mission at sea.



To provide extra safety during the training, Navy rescue craft circled around the submarines that were awaiting the incoming Navy SEAL teams.

WORD ON THE STREET

Who was the most important president in history?

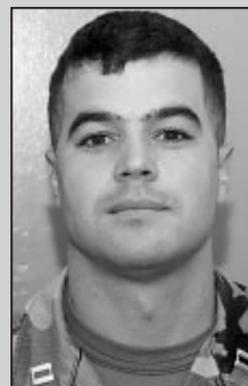


"...Abraham Lincoln was because he abolished slavery."

Staff Sgt.
Robert
Brumley
Training chief
CSSG-3

"...Lincoln because he abolished slavery and started the desegregation movement."

Sgt. Christian
Ortiz
SORTS handler
CSSG-3



"...President George W. Bush is right now because he is taking on a new fight with a different enemy."

Capt. Issac
Nelson
Logistics officer
CSSG-3

"...President Bush because he is just like his father."

Lance Cpl.
Kim Lee Tung
Personnel clerk
Headquarters
Bn., MCB
Hawaii



"Bush has shown a lot of guts, and he kept his temper down when we were attacked. He has had a good leadership role."

Pvt. Epifnio
Echavez
Training clerk
Headquarters
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‘Sir, may I have your autograph?’

Pittsburgh Steelers Hall of Fame running back Franco Harris visited Anderson Hall aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Tuesday to promote his “deliciously nutritious donuts.” Longtime fans such as Master Sgt. Duane A. Keys, left, Equal Opportunity Advisor, and Master Sgt. Juan D. Rivera, operations chief, both of Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii, also asked the superstar for his autograph on their football memorabilia.



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

HAPPINESS, *From A-2*

We tend to care only for ourselves, but it is first helping others to be happy that, in turn, can make us truly happy and bestow within us that peace and divine love.

Think about it. What really, deep down inside gives you satisfaction in your life? What, if anything, gives you a sense of inner contentment?

I think the Dalai Lama and Jesus are right. However, change is not always so easy.

It's actually a lifetime process of discovering oneself — not so much through personal experiences, but through *relationships with other people*. For example, have you ever heard the phrase, ‘No man is an island?’ It's true.

Without the interaction, support and care one person can give to another person, true happiness cannot be found.

EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

Warriors speculate future battlefields will be urban

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CENTRAL TRAINING AREA, OKINAWA, Japan

— Preparing for war has been the lifeblood of the Marine Corps for more than 226 years. Marines have been fighting to “protect our way of life” since 1775, and they’re still doing that today.

However, the landscape has changed from the once-wooded, country battlefields of the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, the snow-covered battlefields of Korea, or the dense jungles of Vietnam.

Today’s battles have been, and more likely will continue to be, fought in urban environments.

With America’s new emphasis on combating terrorism, the fight will surely continue in cities worldwide, and Marines will continue to receive the call to “protect our way of life.”

Marines and Sailors of Alpha Co., 9th Engineer Support Bn., 3rd Force Service Support Group, participated in a recent training exercise at the Military Operations in Urban Terrain facility, in a push to gain a better understanding of urban warfare tactics.

During the training, the Marines were given classes and hands-on training scenarios that helped improve their knowledge and ability to respond to situations in urban areas.

The first day was spent in the classroom where Marines learned about patrolling, rules of engagement, Marine Corps history in urban warfare and MOUT tactics.



Lance Cpl. James S. McGregor

Marines of 2nd Platoon, Alpha Co., 9th Engineer Support Bn., are faced with a disturbance caused by a few interfering civilians as they patrol during a recent MOUT exercise. During the training, the Marines demonstrated they could make the right decisions regarding how best to respond to each situation.

“Marines need to have an understanding of everything that is included in MOUT, because the Marine Corps in general knows that future warfare will be fought in and around cities where people live and work,” said Capt. Billy J. Short, commanding officer of Alpha Co. “This will include all kinds of situations, from combat to humanitarian efforts.”

Short said the Marines also used a great deal of situational training to get a grasp on the classes they received earlier.

“There were attacks using of-

fensive and defensive tactics,” he said. “They employed small forces for certain scenarios, and one thing that they realized — after going through the situations and scenarios — was how confusing urban warfare can be.”

According to Lance Cpl. Jason P. Pollock, combat engineer, 3rd Platoon, Alpha Co., the training seemed new to him.

“The MOUT training and room-clearing tactics were something I had forgotten since boot camp,” he said. “I can’t believe how much I learned out

here.

“I’ve only been in the jungle or MOUT a few times, but I learn something new every time,” Pollock added.

Staff Sgt. Gary T. Griego, platoon sergeant, 1st Platoon, Alpha Co., said it is important for Marines to take the knowledge from this training and pass it on to others.

“They learned a lot, and most of them came out here not knowing a thing about MOUT,” said Griego. “When these Marines are noncommissioned officers, they can show junior

Marines how to do MOUT.”

Griego said the Marines need to know how to wage war in an urban environment now more than ever.

“The world has become very populated, and these days, if these Marines were to be sent somewhere, chances are the place they go will be populated,” he said. “We are always getting new Marines, and they need to get a good understanding of MOUT.”

Pollock explained that as a support battalion, they need to maintain basic infantry skills and be prepared for any combat situation. He also echoed Griego

saying that there is a greater importance in understanding urban warfare. Marines must know how to prepare themselves for future wars.

In America’s war on terrorism, Pollack said that future conflicts would most assuredly happen in urban environments.

“Take the Sept. 11 incident, for example, they didn’t attack a farm in Nebraska. They attacked New York City!

“That’s something we need to be ready to defend against,” explained Pollack.

MILITARY BLOTTER

Traffic Court

There were a total of 30 traffic citations issued.

The Blotter

Two Marines were arrested by the Honolulu Police Department for harassment, obstruction of justice and disorderly conduct, after being involved in a verbal altercation with an unidentified person. Both Marines were processed and released on \$300 bail.

-A Sailor and military family member were involved in a verbal altercation that turned physical.

-A military family member notified the Military Police Department of a larceny of private property, after she noticed that person(s) unknown stole a carpet, which was left unsecured and unattended, in her carport.

-A Marine was involved in a traffic accident while attempting to pull into a parking stall and failing to maintain sufficient distance from a Sailor's vehicle, which was parked. As a result, both vehicles sustained minor damage.

-A Sailor reported a hit and run traffic accident, after noticing that her vehicle had been struck on the driver's side fender.

-A Marine was arrested by HPD for violating a temporary restraining order. The subject was processed and held on \$1,000 bail.

-A civilian employee notified MPD of larceny of government property, after she noticed that the Braun coffee maker, which was left unsecured and unattended, had been stolen from the lounge in Bldg. 225, the Temporary Lodging Facility aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

-A Sailor was apprehended by MPD for driving while intoxicated, after MP's observed the subject vehicle stopped adjacent the flightline crossing.

-A Marine was apprehended by MPD for driving on state suspension, after being stopped for a defective tail light. A records check stated that the subject was suspended.

-A Marine was apprehended for driving under the influence and driving on state suspension, after being stopped for breaking tracking.

-A Marine was apprehended by MPD for DUI and failure to comply with Military Police. The subject approached the H-3 Main Gate, MP's instructed the subject to obtain a proper pass before proceeding onto the base, then the subject disregarded the MP's instructions and proceeded. Subsequently, another MP conducted a traffic stop and observed an open container in the subject's vehicle.

-A Marine was arrested by HPD for being in a restricted area. The subject was processed and held on \$100 bail.

Lost and Found

If you're missing valuables or other items, contact Lost and Found to see if anyone has turned in the item(s) at the Military Police Desk.

Lost items on hand include bicycles,

wallets, keys, cell phones and miscellaneous jewelry.

Call Cpl. Fernandez at 257-2103, ext. 325, for prompt assistance.

Crime Prevention

Do you have questions about how you can take a stance against crime in your neighborhood? If so, contact Cpl. Gordon Scott at 257-2103, ext. 315, for tips on how not to become a victim of crime.

Neighborhood Watch

Crime Prevention is looking for neighborhood watch representatives to get involved in their communities by taking charge of local neighborhoods.

If you're interested, call Crime Prevention at 257-2103, ext. 315, and make a difference.

3RD MARINES, From A-1

of the Japanese Self Defense Forces in Hokkaido.

Lombardi said this most recent trip to Okinawa, his second, was not as much fun as the last. "I missed my son this time."

Lombardi's wife Jennifer, and his 11-month-old son Dominick, were at the commissary Monday morning to welcome him home.

You can follow 3/3's UDP training in the Okinawa Marine online edition at <http://www.okinawa.usmc.mil>.

1/12, From A-1

lenges in Okinawa.

"We are ready for this deployment," said 1st Sgt. Anthony Spadaro, Bravo Battery first sergeant. "This is our chance to shine, show our muscle and see what we are made of."

The bus engines roared as the moment of departure was near. Babies and small children held on to their fathers, as mothers gazed with happiness.

For some, this was the second such moment of departure. For others, it was their first. "This is my first time out of state; I really don't know what to expect except for an overseas ribbon and some fun in a different country," said Pfc. Mario Ramirez, Motor Transport driver, Head-quarters, Bravo Battery, 1/12.

See <http://www.okinawa.usmc.mil> to keep up with 1/12's deployment.