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Tax Center opens

Sgt. Robert Carlson
Press Chief

The Base Tax Center opened for business Monday and has already helped hundreds of Marines, Sailors and family members file their income taxes.

Open Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Tax Center can handle almost all levels of tax filings and can file returns electronically. Simple 1040EZ and 1040A federal income tax filing takes only 20 to 30 minutes.

The center accepts walk-ins, but tax center officials said they prefer that customers make appointments. However, "no shows" cause other customers to suffer, so tax center officials ask that patrons only make appointments they are certain they can keep.

Most processing delays are caused by customers trying to file their tax returns without all of their proper documentation. Original power of attorney documents, complete dependent information, and complete bank account information are required to properly file a return.

Complete bank account information includes account and routing numbers, which may be found on account statements or blank checks; complete dependent information includes full names and social security numbers.

Customers involved in any type of divorce or separation proceeding are required to bring any relative court orders.

The tax center, located in Bldg. 455 — between the Family Gym and the 7-Day Store — is scheduled to stay open until April 15.

For appointments, call 257-1026 or 257-1946.

The last Dragon



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The tip of an M47 Dragon Weapons System missile just clears the front of its firing tube during Echo Co., 2/3's combined arms training on Jan. 23 at Schofield Barracks. See pages A-3 and A-6, for full story.

Sea-based missile tested at Barking Sands



Official U.S. Navy Photo

At sea, aboard the USS Lake Erie, an SM-3 missile leaves the vertical launch system of the cruiser during a combined Missile Defense Agency and U.S. Navy flight test, Jan. 25.

Pacific Missile Range Facility Public Affairs Office

BARKING SANDS, KAUAI — The Missile Defense Agency and the Navy conducted a successful flight test in the continuing development of a Sea-Based Midcourse (SMD) Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) on Jan. 25.

Flight Mission-2 involved the launch of a developmental Standard Missile 3 and kinetic warhead interceptor from the Aegis Cruiser USS Lake Erie and an Aries target missile launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility on the island of Kauai, Hawaii.

The target was launched at 9 p.m. EST. About eight minutes later, the USS Lake Erie — equipped with Aegis

Lightweight Exo-Atmospheric Projectile computer programs and equipment, and having tracked the target with the Aegis SPY-1 radar and developed a fire control solution — launched the newly-developed SM-3.

The SM-3 acquired, tracked and diverted toward the target, demonstrating SM-3 fourth-stage Kinetic Warhead guidance, navigation and control.

Although not a primary objective, during this early developmental test, the KW was aimed at the target resulting in a hit-to-kill intercept at approximately 4:18 p.m.

Extensive engineering evaluation data was collected for analysis in preparation for future flight tests. Program officials will evaluate the data and incorporate changes as re-

quired.

The test was the fourth in a planned series of nine developmental test flights for the SMD program. An extensive ground test program had already conducted successful testing of elements of the SM-3 kinetic warhead.

This mission also included the first fully operational SM-3 with a live Solid Divert and Attitude Control System to steer the KW into the target.

Air defense variants of the Standard Missile are currently at sea on more than 50 Aegis cruisers and destroyers with more than 25 additional ships in the production/planned pipeline.

The Missile Defense Agency and the Navy sponsored the SMD Program. Raytheon Missile Systems, Tucson,

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HMH-463 lives its mythical reality

Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero
Combat Correspondent

BARKING SANDS, KAUAI — What is a Pegasus?

"Pegasus was a mythical horse that brought warriors to battle," said Sgt. Maj. Arthur Taylor, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, squadron sergeant major. "It still does, but the thing is, this Pegasus isn't mythical."

While deployed to the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai, the "Pegasus" Marines of HMH-463 conducted aerial gunner and electronic warfare training.

Ten Marines from HMH-463 achieved initial qualification or refresher Aerial Gunner training Jan. 22 - 24.

For some of the "Pegasus" Marines, this was their first time qualifying in flight with the M2 50-caliber machine gun mounted on a CH-53D.



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

A CH-53D Sea Stallion hovers on approach to Kaula Island during HMH-463's deployment to PMRF Barking Sands, Kauai.

To be a fully qualified Aerial Gunner, the Marines had four syllabus events, two during the day and two during the night, and fired a total of 8,000 rounds between them all.

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Party Gras is set for Feb. 15

More than a dozen bands are scheduled to converge on the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, base marina area Feb. 15 and 16 during

Marine Corps Community Services' Party Gras' Music Festival.

The event will be open to the public and will offer musical entertainment on four separate stages.

Tickets for the President's Day holiday weekend festival are on sale now for \$4. Proceeds will benefit the unit party fund of the

ticket purchaser's choice and the Single Marine and Sailor Program at MCB Hawaii.

Tickets will be available at the gate for \$5.

See page B-2 for a complete listing of musical talent scheduled to perform



at Party Gras.

For more about this event, and a listing of alternate ticket sales locations, contact ITT at 254-7563.

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

EMERGENCY ALERT TEST

The State Civil Defense monthly test of the sirens and Emergency Alert System will take place today at 11:45 a.m. A steady 45-second tone, the siren test is used to alert the public of any emergency which poses or may pose a threat to life and property.

When the signal is sounded, it means to turn on any radio or TV for emergency information and instructions by civil defense agencies. For more information, review disaster preparedness information located in the front section of the white pages of telephone directories.

NEWSPAPER SURVEY

Be sure to send your comments and suggestions of what you'd like to see more of, less of, or eliminated from the *Hawaii Marine* by 4:30 p.m., today. The staff is collecting completed surveys at various locations about the base, as well as administering the survey online at <http://216.119.109.44/survey>

Results will be published after they are tabulated. For more details, call 257-8833.

FORMER POW TO SPEAK

Colonel Edward Hubbard, a retired Air Force colonel and former prisoner of war, will share an inspiring message about the power of human potential, Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at Castle High School's Ron Bright Theater. Hubbard served more than six-and-a-half years as a POW in North Vietnam.

Admission is free. Come early for a good seat. Call 247-2072, for more details.

PRO BOWL VOLUNTEERS

Pro Bowl organizers are seeking up to 208 Marines and Sailors to help with the following in preparation for the Pro Bowl, Saturday, Feb. 9: building the stage and props (paid positions), pushing the stage onto the field, rigging the American flag, pre-setting fireworks, participating in the halftime show, carrying NFL flags during the pregame show, and breaking down the stage and props the day after the Pro Bowl.

Volunteers must wear comfortable workout attire for all rehearsals. Each will be provided with a Pro Bowl crew T-shirt to wear game day, Feb. 9; volunteers must provide and wear plain khaki shorts or pants and athletic shoes on game day.

Meals will be provided on game day, and upper north end zone seats will be provided volunteers who participate in all rehearsals and on game day. No autographs will be available from football players. Call Dawn Williams at 254-7593 to volunteer.

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1st Radio Bn. makes C-130 jump

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — A C-130, piloted by Air Force pilots, took off from Hickam Air Force Base Jan. 17, with overcast skies and a pleasant temperature.

This was no regular flight, though. Thirteen Marines from 1st Radio Bn.'s Radio Reconnaissance unit were on board to make a low-altitude jump over Schofield Army Barracks.

Though the jump was only at 1,000 feet, the sense of danger inherent in such a mission was evident.

The object of the training evolution was, as always, to increase the Marines' proficiency at performing the task at hand. In this case, it was parachuting out of a fixed wing aircraft.

"We don't get as many opportunities to jump out of fixed wing aircraft as we do out of helicopters," said Gunnery Sgt. David Korff, training chief for 1st Radio Bn.'s Radio Recon unit. "We try to jump at least once a month, sometimes twice if we're not busy with other training."

"When we get the chance, it's important that we make the most out of every training event," Korff added.

That's exactly what the unit did. As the C-130 found its location, teams of four Marines at a time stood up at the ready point and prepared to hurl themselves into the air.

As the ramp came down, the Marines made their way to the opening. When the jumpmaster gave them the command, they jumped out of the plane without showing the slightest bit of fear or hesitation.

The C-130 circled several times, to no avail, for the last group of recon Marines who were ready to jump. The winds had picked up and it was no longer safe for them to jump.



Marines harnessed to olive-drab parachutes float slowly to the ground at Schofield Army Barracks, after jumping at 1,000 feet from the rear of a C-130.



Left — Safety checks are a very important part of any jump. The Marines go through several inspections before descending to the earth from 1,000 feet. Above and Below — Radio Recon Marines make their way to the back of the C-130 before jumping from the rear of the aircraft.



The final jump of the Marines' mission was aborted, or at least rescheduled in the name of safety.

"The best part of the evolution was that we accomplished our training goal of getting people out of the bird," Korff said, "and we did it safely."



Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Golf Co., 2/3, Marines are towed in from the surf after a hard day of boat training in the waters of Kaneohe Bay.

4th Force Recon, 2/3, team for boat ops

Lance Cpl.
Jason E. Miller
Combat Correspondent

The Marines from Golf Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines spent two exciting days in the sun, sand and surf of beautiful Kaneohe Bay Jan. 22 and 23, as 4th Force Reconnaissance here at MCB Hawaii Kaneohe Bay trained them in basic

Zodiac boat operations.

The Marines received basic instruction in everything from boat handling skills to different ways to carry the boats in and out of the water.

Much of the training involved stations set up to test the knowledge of the Marines before they got real hands-on experience.

This was the first time that Golf Co. had received any training in boat operations.

"This was some really good training," said Lance Cpl. Jason Perkins, a SMAW gunner for Golf Co. "I can honestly say this was a training operation where we

really had a lot of fun, along with learning.

"Everybody seemed to soak up the knowledge really fast, because everyone was interested in learning. Being out there in the ocean was awesome. All in all, it was just a very good experience for the company, and we got to learn a lot."

The four squads of Marines involved in the training paddled out to the head of Kaneohe Bay where they practiced several types of exercises and held a variety of competitions.

"Every little thing we learned over the whole course of instruction eventually turned into some kind of competition," said Perkins. "We were out there racing around in boats and everything."

Boats were even flipped over in the water to test the boat teams' abilities to ma-

neuver and "right" a cap-sized boat.

Much time was spent just letting the Marines get hosed by surf to get them used to being in the open ocean.

The 4th Force Recon Marines stood by, acting as training instructors and lifeguards in a motored boat and kept an eagle's eye on the Marines who earned their sea legs.

"My first impression of Golf Co. was that the Marines looked very motivated and willing to train," said Staff Sgt. Donald Arbuckle, Scuba NCO and Zodiac boat instructor for 4th Force Recon. "This made it easy for me to move from one idea to the next."

"It's a great feeling to have Marines see the challenge and wonder if they can meet it, and then watch them go out and conquer."



Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Golf Co., 2/3, Marines paddle through the surf and up the bank while maintaining control of their inflatable boats.



Echo Co., 2/3, Marines fired more than a dozen Dragons at Schofield Barracks last week in preparation for the Marine Corps' transition to the Javelin laser-guided missile system.

2/3 fires remaining Marine 'Dragons'

Story and Photos by
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Marine company attacked forward through the battlefield. Up and down the hilly terrain, it assaulted toward its objective. Only the occasional open clearing caused a brief slowdown in its advance.

Almost effortlessly, the company worked its way through any opposition to the crest of a small hill.

Once near the top, the crawling leathernecks quickly dropped to a low crawl position and remained as

close to the ground as possible.

A thousand yards ahead, they heard a disturbing noise. The sounds of metal, rhythmically churning and squealing, brought a knot to each man's stomach. It was an enemy tank, well within its firing range.

Quickly, the Marines realized they had to take out the tank before it noticed where they were.

They didn't have a tank of their own to use against this armored threat, so they called up two Marines and one M-47 Dragon Weapon System.

With a single 34-pound, wire-guided missile, the two

Marines worked together to ready, arm and fire the shoulder-launched weapon. "Back blast, rocket!" yelled the assistant gunner. "Launch!" called out the gunner.

The tips of the gunner's thumb and trigger finger whitened from the pressure of pulling the trigger, and the whirling sound of the weapon's gyros filled the air. Whirl! Pop! Boom!

The 2 1/2-foot-long missile blasted its way out of the firing tube, on its way to the target.

It took 10-and-a-half seconds for the missile to reach the tank.

A direct hit destroyed the

mechanized threat.

For more than 70 Marines of Echo Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, this scenario with the M-47 Dragon was carried out for the final time last week during the unit's combined arms exercise at KR-4 and KR-5 ranges at Schofield Barracks.

After firing more than a dozen Dragons during the field exercise, the unit will prepare to transition to the new Javelin laser-guided missile system.

For these young Devil Dogs the experience of a live-five, combined arms exercise came just a week-and-

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Newest Marines shoot, move and communicate

2/3's 'greenest' riflemen learn the art of war at Schofield Barracks

Story and Photos by
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Combat Correspondent

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Just under three weeks ago, Pfc. Jase L. Van Emmerik, a rifleman with Echo Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, arrived to his first duty station, wide-eyed and bushy tailed, not knowing what to expect.

Little did the 19-year-old know that shortly after he would get settled into his unit, he would be participating in a week-long combined arms exercise at Schofield Barracks' KR-4 and KR-5 training areas.

Like many of the Marines Echo Co. had recently welcomed into its ranks, Van Emmerik was straight out of the School of Infantry. Although he was new to the Fleet Marine Force, his demeanor showed that he was enthusiastic, motivated and focused on doing a good job.

In fact, Van Emmerik's only concern was with the temperature. Even then, he still had something good to say.

"It's a little hot out here, but this has



Marines from Echo Co., 2/3, move toward an objective during their fire and maneuver training.

been good training," said the young Leatherneck.

More than 70 Marines from Echo Co. were in the field last week using almost every kind of weapon their unit normally takes with it to deploy.

Echo Co. took advantage of the opportunity it had at the Schofield ranges to conduct maneuver training with live ammunition. Marine units in Hawaii generally have to train at the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island.

The unit also capitalized on its close proximity to Schofield's Military Operation in Urban Terrain town, and sharpened its skills by clearing a pseudo-enemy occupied building there for a couple of days.

For young Pfc. Van Emmerik, the time spent training with Echo Co. at Schofield, so soon after his arrival, gave him invaluable exposure to the unit's cohesion and what's expected of him.

Luckily for Van Emmerik, he joined the very company that his older brother, Cpl. Zachary C. Van Emmerik, a squad leader, belongs to.

Cpl. Van Emmerik has been in the Marine Corps for two-and-a-half years. The 20-year-old leatherneck looks forward to guiding his younger brother early in his career.

"I'm glad he came here so I can look out for him and teach him everything I know," said Cpl. Van Emmerik.

Is he going to treat his brother dif-



The training focused on small-unit leaders and their ability to control fire, movement and communications.

ferent from any other Marine under his charge? "No," Cpl. Van Emmerik emphatically replied.

"I have to call him corporal, even at the barracks," said Pfc. Van Emmerik.

For seven days, the Marines of Echo Co. trained together at Schofield's ranges conducting various exercises while devoting blood and sweat to build a unit that when called upon to do so, will conquer any obstacle or en-

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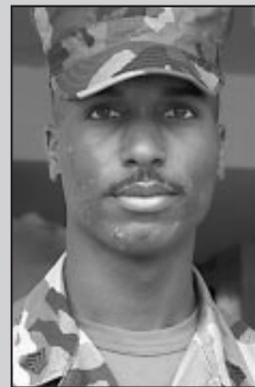
WORD ON THE STREET

What has been the biggest challenge in your Marine Corps career?



"...Recruiting duty because of the amount of effort put into it and finding quality people to enlist."

Master Sgt. James Jones
Operations chief
Headquarters & Service Co.,
2/3



"...Constantly training and leading Marines to do the right thing."

Sgt. Garry Osborne
Finance NCO
Headquarters
Bn., MCB
Hawaii



"...Being away from family and friends, and adapting to a new way of life."

Cpl. Dennis Winger
Company clerk
Lima Co., 3/3



"... Dealing with the everyday problems of my junior Marines."

Sgt. Trevor Nettleton
Guide
Kilo Co., 3/3



"...Being able to take charge at work and the 20 mile hike we did."

Lance Cpl. Julio Cavassa
S-3 clerk
CSSG-3



Lance Cpl. Joseph Kim and his assistant gunner, Lance Cpl. Jamie Lee, light up the night sky at a Schofield Barracks range while firing a Shoulder-Launched Multipurpose Assault Weapon.

UNDERSTANDING THE BASICS II

Landlords, tenants both face legal restrictions

Capt. Jason Ormsby
Legal Assistance Center

(Editor's Note: Last week's article covered the basics of (1) types of lease agreements, (2) the military clause, and (3) security deposits. Specifically, written agreements are always preferred, military clauses can be tailored to suit specific needs, and a landlord has 14 days from the termination of a lease to return the security deposit (or an itemized list of deductions therefrom).)

General Repairs

Most of us are familiar with the frustration of a broken appliance or perhaps a dangerous condition around the house.

One of the benefits of renting is that the landlord usually pays for repairs to restore broken or damaged items in the residence such as broken appliances, a damaged fence or a leaky roof.

But did you know that the Hawaii Landlord/Tenant Code (the 'code') imposes certain time limits within which the landlord must repair broken items?

Repair deadlines are dictated by the type of condition in need

of repair and range from three to 12 business days from the date the landlord receives notification. There are three general categories of conditions, each with its own repair deadline.

Emergency Repairs

First, if a condition exists which compromises sanitary and habitable living conditions (including repairs to major appliances and electrical, plumbing or other necessary facilities), then the code requires that repairs be commenced within three business days of notification to the landlord (*an exception exists for conditions caused by the tenant).

Notification of the need for emergency repairs can be either oral or in writing.

Conditions Affecting Health and Safety

Second, if a condition exists that may violate a state or county law, code, ordinance or regulation designed to ensure health or safety in a dwelling unit, then the tenant should notify the landlord immediately.

If repairs are not performed,

then the tenant should call the Department of Health or other appropriate state or county agency and ask for an inspection of the condition.

If the investigating agency concludes that there is a violation of health or safety, then the agency will notify the landlord in writing. Upon receipt of the agency's written notification, the landlord has five business days to commence repairs.

Other Repairs

Third, when conditions that are the responsibility of the landlord to repair (as dictated in the lease) are neither 'emergency' nor a threat to 'health and safety,' then the code provides that the landlord has 12 business days from the date of notification to commence repairs.

Repair Timelines

In all three cases, the landlord is obligated to make reasonable efforts to complete the repairs as soon as possible. And if for reasons beyond the landlord's control, he/she is unable to meet the repair deadline, then he/she

must inform the tenant of the reason for the delay and set a reasonable tentative date on which the repairs will commence.

Furthermore, in all three cases, if the landlord fails to commence repairs as described above, then the tenant may perform the repairs or have them done. And, upon providing receipts to the landlord, the tenant may deduct up to \$500 from the next month's rent to cover the costs of the repairs, as evidenced in the receipts provided.

Legal Requirements

Equally important to understanding the right to negotiate certain provisions is the need to understand that some terms and conditions are non-negotiable.

The Hawaii Landlord/Tenant code says that these laws cannot be waived or modified, even if both parties are willing and agree:

Both landlord and tenant act in good faith in the performance and enforcement of duties, rights or remedies.

The landlord must identify each person authorized to manage the premises.

The landlord must identify each person authorized to act as owner for service of process.

The tenant has the right to terminate a rental agreement, at any time, if he/she cannot move into the unit as promised in the rental agreement.

The landlord and tenant must comply with all applicable building and housing laws affecting health and safety.

If the unit is sold during the term of the lease, both the new owner and the tenant shall be bound by the terms of the agreement.

Prohibited Practices

The code also strictly prohibits certain conduct on the part of both landlord and tenant. For instance, a tenant may not deny a landlord reasonable access to the dwelling unit.

A landlord may not remove or exclude (lockout) a tenant from the premises without cause or a court order.

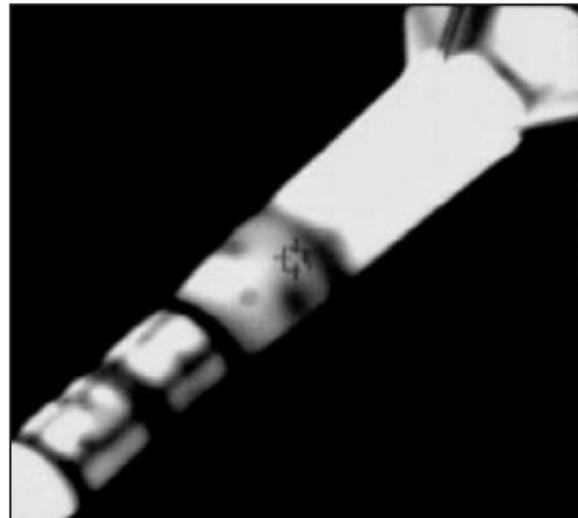
A landlord may not evict a tenant or raise the rent merely because the tenant has complained to a governmental agency or, in good faith, requested repairs.

Slicing it up with Sam Choy



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Colonel John A. LeMoine (far right), deputy commander, MCB Hawaii, and Todd P. Murata (left), manager, Kaneohe Clipper Golf Course, welcomed world-renowned chef Sam Choy before teeing off here at K-Bay on Wednesday.



Official U.S. Navy Photo

The test conducted in the continuing development of a Sea-Based Midcourse Ballistic Missile Defense System involved the launch of a developmental Standard Missile (SM-3), equipped with a kinetic warhead (KW) interceptor. The missile was controlled from the Aegis cruiser and an Aries target missile launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility on the island of Kauai, Hawaii, Jan. 25. The SM-3 acquired, tracked, and diverted toward the target, successfully demonstrating the SM-3's fourth-stage KW guidance, navigation and control.

MISSILE, From A-1

Ariz., is the prime contractor for the development of the SM-3 missile. Lockheed Martin Naval Electronic and Surveillance Systems, Moorestown, N.J., manages the development of the Aegis Weapon System installed on board Aegis cruisers and destroyers.



Key volunteers, chaplain, to aid 3/3 families during unit deployment

**Lance Cpl.
Jason E. Miller**
Combat Correspondent

As the Marines and corpsmen of 3rd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment begin preparations to deploy for annual training in Okinawa, Japan for six months, many are taking time to secure their home life during their absence.

To help with that task, several of the facilities around MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, are offering assistance to help the military members take care of their personal business and family needs.

"I talk to them about developing good communication with their families while they are deployed," said Navy Lt. Charles Blasdell, chaplain of 3/3.

"This entails things like what information to share and what not to share, writing letters rather than relying on sporadic e-mails or phone calls and making videos for children.

"Much of this is gone over during pre-deployment briefs. The battalion also took a month of block leave to give everyone the chance to spend time with family before leaving."

Family members are also encouraged to seek support using the Key Volunteers Network.

The program offers support to military family members with group meetings and activities, which help dependents cope with the separation of their servicemember.

"The Key Volunteers are doing several things for family members of deployed Marines and Sailors," said Toni Spofford, director of the Key Volunteers at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. "They are having family functions so that the spouses can meet each

other. They are setting up times for the military members to make reading videos for their children while they are gone.

They also work with the command to put together an informative newsletter for the families."

"Third Bn., Third Marines has been busy gearing up the families for this deployment," Spofford said.

"The unit is establishing strong newsletter information and setting up a deployed spouses social night. Third Bn., 3rd Marines, has two Key Volunteer coordinators who will be doing their best to assist the families of 3/3 during this deployment," she added.

Any family members needing more information on the Key Volunteer Network or its upcoming social events can contact Spofford at 257- 2410.

MILITARY BLOTTER

Traffic Court

There were a total of 116 traffic citations issued.

The Blotter

-A Marine was arrested by the Honolulu Police Department for driving under the influence, after being observed driving recklessly. The suspect was further processed and released on \$500 bail.

-A Sailor reported that unknown person(s) shattered the rear window of his vehicle while it was parked, secured and unattended at his quarters.

-A Marine was apprehended by the Military Police Department for a DUI, after being stopped at the Main Gate of MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

-A Marine reported that unknown person(s) broke the rear latch of his vehicle and stole 80 compact discs, while the vehicle was left secured and unattended in the parking lot of his barracks.

-A Sailor was involved in a traffic accident when the rear tire of his vehicle was punctured by an unknown object, which caused the driver to lose control of the vehicle and strike a fence pole.

-A Marine reported that an unknown vehicle driven by unknown person(s) struck his vehicle, causing minor damage to the passenger side quarter panel.

-A Marine was involved in a traffic accident while backing and failing to maintain sufficient distance from a second Marine's vehicle.

-A Marine reported that unknown person(s) damaged the door-locking mechanism on the passenger side door of his vehicle while it was parked, secured and unattended in the parking lot of his barracks.

-A Marine was involved in a traffic accident while backing and failing to maintain sufficient distance from a Sailor's vehicle.

-A Marine was apprehended by MPD for a DUI after being stopped

for speeding.

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.

Neighborhood Watch

Crime Prevention is looking for neighborhood representatives to get involved in their communities by taking charge of local neighborhoods. If you're interested in getting involved, call Crime Prevention at 257-2103, ext. 315.

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 Crime Prevention, 257-2103, ext. 315, for answers and prevention tips.

PEGASUS, From A-1

To accomplish their task at hand, the Marines launched off to Kaula Island, which is an island approximately 50 miles away from PMRF Barking Sands.

When arriving to their destination, Marine pilots approached the south-side of "The Rock" and their gunners immediately engaged their enemy target, which

was a white 'conex' box located at one of the highest peaks of the island.

Thousands of rounds later, the Marines retired to their campsite and awaited the start of another day full of training.

"Now that the Marines are fully qualified Aerial Gunners," said Capt. John Sampson, assistant operations officer, HMH-463, "they will be able to defend our aircraft, both during the day and night."



Dragon: 2/3 expends last of its arsenal

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a-half after their arrival to the unit.

Some of the Marines are very new to the unit. Many are straight out of the School of Infantry.

"It's nice seeing all of the bigger arms, like the Dragons and Shoulder-Launched Multipurpose Assault Weapons, used for backup fire," said Pfc. Jase L. Van Emmerick.

It was the first time that Van Emmerick had been that close when those weapons were fired.

Two separate days of live-fire exercises were conducted by Echo Co. at Schofield. The Marines were also able to fire SMAWs and AT-4s during that time.

Although the M-47 Dragon is a reliable system and simple to operate, it takes complete concentration and nerves of steel for the gunner to focus on hitting the target.

The system requires the gunner to keep the crosshairs within the Day Tracker placed upon the target until missile impact, despite a deafening, fiery blast and the gunner's curiosity to take a peak down range to watch the missile impact on the target.

Even though the Marines of Echo Co. were getting motivational training on the Dragon, it would be the last time any Marines would get their hands on the Vietnam-era weapon system, according to Capt. Christopher J. Hofstetter, commanding officer of Echo Co. He said the unit was firing the last of its Dragon arsenal.

The Dragon is to be replaced throughout the Marine Corps with the new M98A-1 Javelin missile system. The two weapons systems actually look very



An Echo Co., 2/3, Marine attaches optical sights to the M47 Dragon Weapon System during live-fire training at Schofield.

diligent in their live-fire maneuvers despite deploying the last Dragons the Marine Corps will ever use.

Hofstetter was proud of how his unit performed during its multi-phase, combined arms exercise in which several live-fire attacks were taking place simultaneously.

"I've been completely impressed with the new Marines," said Hofstetter. "They came at a difficult time, some arriving just last week.

"Already they're conducting company-level live-fire attacks with multiple weapons systems, like the Dragon," he explained, "which I think is pretty impressive."

much alike, but the major difference between them is that the Javelin uses a fire-and-forget missile system.

The Marines of Echo Co. remained



The back blast area was completely illuminated with fire during the nighttime, triple, AT-4 shot conducted by Marines from Echo Co., 2/3.



Echo Co., 2/3, Marines took time out before their training started, to talk about safety and go over the particulars of the exercise.

Echo Co.: Young Marines train for realities of war

From A-3

emy presented.

"The Marines have performed exceptionally well," said Capt. Christopher J. Hofstetter, commanding officer, Echo Co., 2/3.

With current world

events and with the Marine Corps at the tip of the spear for many American military operations, the reality of possible deployment to any hot spot on the globe seemed to provide the unit with added incentive to perform well while in the

field.

"They are out here and they're motivated and focused on the training," said Hofstetter.

"You could see it in their eyes, that there was a complete element of realism in what they were doing."

EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

Persistent Thunder rolls through Iwakuni

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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI, Japan — The entire Station plunged into Exercise Persistent Thunder Jan. 15 - 17 with full force, to test the Station's reaction and problem solving skills to a wide variety of situations.

This exercise covered some of the same scenarios as the first exercise, Venom Thunder, Dec. 10 - 14. However, the Station had to overcome a new set of problems to accomplish its overall goal.

The overall focus of the exercise was to allow Marine Aircraft Group 12 to continue to launch tactical aircraft in support of real world missions, despite the situations that arose, according to Col. Richard Lueking, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing operations officer and exercise director.

The exercise forced both the station and MAG-12 commands to work together to keep the Station up and running.

"The MAG and the station have a real good relationship, so it works well," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michael Wadley, MAG-12 Nuclear Biological Chemical officer. "The main goal is to exercise and work all the different systems to get all the bugs out now so we can maintain our combat power."

Venom Thunder had presented scenarios at a rate of approximately one a day, and the station knew when and where each would take place. During Persistent Thunder the what, when and where remained a secret to the station players in order to create a realistic exercise. It was up to the few individuals who made up the White Cell to dictate what events would take place, and when.

"The White Cell members came from the 1st MAW," said Col. Dave Darrah, station commanding officer. "They were the controllers that injected the information and intelligence we had to react to. We didn't know exactly what was going to happen."

Persistent Thunder presented counter chemical

warfare problems, force protection, antiterrorism, disaster, chemical and biological, and command and control situations.

"Venom Thunder was more the working of the zones and zone commanders, whereas Persistent Thunder was about how the Emergency Operations Center actually functions," Wadley said.

The messages put out by the White Cell varied from multiple fires aboard the station to intruders trying to breach the Station's perimeter.

According to Wadley, having the White Cell added a lot more realism to the exercise.

The scenarios were mixed and matched, causing simulated fires to break out at the same time as a simulated chemical attack in another section of the station.

"In some cases we were doing four or five events every hour," Lueking said. "However, it wasn't a 24-hour exercise. We went 10-to-12 hours a day."

One underlying theme of both exercises was the new CCW 13-zone system and the zone decontamination teams.



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Above — Station firefighters set up a simulated chemical decontamination site at the Branch Medical Clinic during Exercise Persistent Thunder. Left — A Marine mans an M2 .50-caliber machine gun while on patrol aboard the station.

The new system of CCW was devised in an effort to replace the Marine Corps' old procedures for dealing with Nuclear Biological Chemical defense.

Iwakuni is the test-bed of the new zone system, and the continuing exercises not only better prepare the station but also set a standard for future widespread use throughout the Corps, according to Lueking.

"We have confidence that the whole base can work together

and do what has to be done," Darrah said. "The leadership on the base and those who respond are going to do the right things, at the right time with the right amount of materials."

As for the lessons learned from the exercise, they will not be kept a secret.

"Eventually, what will come out of this will be procedures and doctrine to overlay any installation the Marine Corps has or goes into," Lueking said.

"What we are hoping to develop is the tactics, techniques and procedures so the Marine Corps can develop a doctrine of how we are going to operate an airfield under various conditions."

Although the storm caused by Persistent Thunder has passed and the skies have cleared, the information gathered from the tests will better prepare the Station for any future storms that may blow this way.