

# MARINE HAWAII

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## Marines hone basic skills in competition

**Lance Cpl. Jacques-René Hébert**  
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**PU'ULOA TRAINING FACILITY** – The final bullets of the MCB Hawaii Intramural Shooting Matches were fired at Pu'uloa Training Facility Friday.

Marines from Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Forces Pacific; Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii; Combat Service Support Group 3; 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment; Headquarters Company, 3rd Marine Regiment; Marine Aviation Logistics Support Element, Kaneohe; and 1st Radio Battalion participated in an event rooted in Marine Corps tradition and history.

From the first amphibious raid at New Providence, Bahamas, to present day, Marines have practiced and perfected the art of marksmanship through training, competi-

tion and battle. Two weeks were spent on the range, practicing the skill that makes Marines famous, according to Gunnery Sgt. David S. Myers, the staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the pistol range at Pu'uloa.

"I was very happy with the performance on the range," observed Myers. "This is what the Corps is all about. The goal of events such as these is to spark interest in arms programs and allow junior Marines to shoot against others of their own level."

Similar observations were mirrored by other competitors, as well.

"It was an eye-opening experience to see so many excellent shooters," said Sgt. Josh Rule, the driver for the commander, MarForPac. "One could really see it sharpen the Marines' marksmanship abilities."

Teams and individuals competed in a number of events, including rifle team, pistol team, individual rifle, individual pistol, and

combat infantry competitions. Proving true the phrase, "Every Marine is a rifleman," the Marines of, MarForPac, went on to win the combat infantry competition against tough competitors.

"Just because we're working in a headquarters unit doesn't mean we're not what every Marine is – a basic rifleman," stated Rule.

Shooters have a chance to go on to participate in division competition, which boasts an even more dizzying array of excellent marksmen, according to Chief Warrant Officer 5 Johnny D. Johnson, the officer in charge of the range.

"Matches like this one are good stepping stones to bigger and better contests," said Myers. "The important thing, though, is that Marines become proficient at their trade – firing a rifle."

For a list of results, see page A-7.



Lance Cpl. Jacques-Rene Hebert

Members of the Headquarters and Service Bn., Marine Forces Pacific, shooting team pose with their awards after winning in several categories in the MCB Hawaii Intramural Shooting Matches last week.

## Clear horizons



Cpl. Roman Yurek

Elevating their 155mm Howitzer to nearly 45 degrees, Marines from Alpha Battery, 1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment, prepare to dispatch rounds over the hills of the Pohakuloa Training Area during the battery's Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation as part of Exercise "Kona Winds 2001" on Hawaii's Big Island last week. For more on the MCCRE and Hawaii Combined Arms Operations exercise, see pages A-4 and A-8.

## CMC backs DoD's safety concerns over Ospreys

### Press Release

Headquarters, Marine Corps

**HEADQUARTERS, U.S. MARINE CORPS, WASHINGTON** – The Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones, said this week he will not let Corps' need to replace its aging CH-46 helicopters outweigh concerns for the safety of Marines.

Gen. Jones said that while he has no reason to question the maturity of tilt-rotor technology, he places great faith in the ongoing work of the Secretary of Defense's Panel, the DOD Inspector General and the investigation into the Dec. 11 mishap in North Carolina to provide a foundation for determining the way ahead for the MV-22 Osprey.

"No Marine nor any Marine family member should doubt our resolve in providing the safest conditions in which to live and train aboard our

bases, as well as the best equipment with which to conduct the important missions the nation entrusts to her Marines," said the Commandant.

Following the Dec. 11 mishap that killed four Marines near MCAS New River, the Commandant suspended flight operations for the Osprey and appointed a Marine Corps general officer from outside the chain of command to head the accident investigation. At the same time, he recommended the Navy delay its decision to proceed with full-rate production of the Osprey and asked the Secretary of Defense to appoint an independent panel to review the entire V-22 program.

When an anonymous letter surfaced in January alleging that Marines assigned to the Corps' Osprey training squadron, VMMT-204, were required to alter Osprey maintenance

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## HSL-37 dets return to K-Bay

**Pfc. Iain A. Schnaible**  
Combat Correspondent

Sailors with Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron Light 37, Detachments 3 and 7, returned Saturday from a six-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf.

The Sailors were aboard the frigate USS Crommelin and the destroyer USS Fletcher during the deployment that took them to the Republic of Singapore, the Arabian Gulf, and Australia.

The reason the force deployed was to control the seas in the Arabian Gulf, said Cmdr. Matt Dolan, HSL-37 commanding officer. They were there to perform anti-surface and submarine warfare and enforce United Nation sanctions against Iraq.

"Their performance was fantastic," said Dolan. "These two detachments were legendary and they just did a great



Pfc. Iain A. Schnaible

Jen L. Hannen greets her boyfriend Lt. j.g. Mike Stoker, upon his return.

job. It's great to have these 44 guys back — they were great detachments during their deployment."

Emotions were running high

at the Marine Corps Air Facility, Kaneohe Bay flight-line, near Hanger 103 as family members awaited the arrival of their returning Sailors.

"It's amazing having him come back," said Jen L. Hannen, girlfriend of Lt. j.g. Mike Stoker, an HSL-37 pilot. "I never thought it would happen — he was gone so long."

Upon their return, the pilots and crew of the deployed detachments showed joy and happiness at finally being home.

"Coming home is one experience that ranks right up there with life's greatest events, like a graduation, a wedding or getting my wings," said Lt. j.g. Dan Bozung, an HSL-37 pilot.

Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron Light 37 will continue its mission of supporting operations in the Arabian Gulf when Detachment 6 deploys aboard the cruiser USS Chosin in an upcoming deployment.

## Oahu students learn about K-Bay's unique ecology in camp



Cpl. M. Trent Lowry

Oahu high school students help plant and maintain native Hawaiian Plants near the Mokapu Watershed Saturday.

**Cpl. M. Trent Lowry**  
Combat Correspondent

The MCB Hawaii environmental department helped to educate high school students about the Hawaii ecology as the base hosted the Sierra Club High School Hikers Ecology Camp 2001 Saturday through Monday.

More than 140 students from eight Oahu high schools participated in the three-day camp held aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

This was the fourth time in

the ecology camp's 27-year-history that MCB Hawaii has hosted the program. The students learned about a wide variety of subjects, including watershed ecosystems, archaeology, geology, cultural history, astronomy, fishing and boating, to name a few.

"The camp gives the students hands-on experience with the labor involved in running wildlife management areas," said Gordon Olayvar, wildlife management specialist with MCB Hawaii environmental department,

regarding the students' participation in various service projects.

The students studied with the subject matter experts about the environment in participatory classes at various sites around the base and in neighboring communities Saturday. Among the sites visited were the Mokapu Watershed, endangered bird colonies and Kawainui Marsh in Kaneohe.

A more active approach was taken Sunday, when the students split into two groups

to conduct watershed restoration projects on the base and at Kawainui Marsh.

More than 60 students remained on base to remove pickleweed from around the native vegetation near the Third Street bridge, and to maintain artificially constructed tire "island" nesting areas for the Hawaiian Stilt at Nuupia Ponds.

"I thought it was fun. It made me feel like a little kid again, playing in mud pud-

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## MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH DINNER

The Black History Month dinner is scheduled for Saturday at the Fairways. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner begins at 7 p.m. Blues music will be provided by Dion. The southern meal will include presentations by attorneys Mr. and Mrs. Andre Wooten and a guest appearance by the former Ms. Hawaii.

For more information, call the base equal opportunity advisor Master Sgt. Duane Keys at 257-7721.

### VIRUS ALERT

There is a new virus replicating across Marine Corps computer networks. This virus is called the AnnaKournikova.jpg.vbs virus. Files are e-mailed with the subject line: "FW: Here you have, ;o)." When the attached file is opened, it mails itself to everyone on Microsoft Outlook address books.

Initial reports indicate that when rebooted, the infected machine will receive an error that results in a blue screen. There are currently no signature files available to remove the virus. Current virus definitions from McAfee will identify the virus as "vb/sst."

Government computer users are urged not to open files similar to that described above. Users who believe the virus has affected their equipment should call the ISMO help desk at 257-8500.

### PROTESTANT WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL MEETING

The Protestant Women of the Chapel are scheduled to meet tonight from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the L.I.N.K.S. building near the Armed Services YMCA. For more information, call Char Hauser at 263-3141.

### REFORM INITIATIVE HOTLINE

For up-to-the-minute status on the MCB Hawaii Business Reform Initiative, call the BRI hotline at 257-8866 or logon to [www.mcbh.usmc.mil](http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil) and click on the business management team icon.

### ISMO LEARNING CENTER OPEN

The Information Systems Management Office Learning Center is again open to offer classes to computer users. To sign up for a class, contact your information systems coordinator or call 257-8500.

### NMCRS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society is currently seeking volunteers to work flexible hours. Volunteers learn job skills and help deserving Marines and Sailors. If interested, call 254-1497.

### RECON MARINES WANTED

Currently 4th Force Reconnaissance Co. aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, is in search of Marines to fill its ranks. Marines of all military occupational specialties are welcome, but must be willing to change their current MOS to one in the infantry or intelligence occupational fields.

Any Marines (enlisted or officer) leaving active duty status and desiring to enter the reserves should contact Staff Sgt. Gerald Rohn at 257-2758 or 257-1077 ext. 221.

### EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

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MPD	257-7114
Crisis Hotline	521-4555
Child Protective Services	832-5300
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# SERGEANT MAJOR'S CORNER

## Prevent tarnishing of Corps' image

Sgt. Maj.  
**Stephen H. Mellinger**  
*MarForPac Sergeant Major*

**CAMP H.M. SMITH** - I want to start off by congratulating our latest sergeant major and master gunnery sergeant selects.

Well done!

After reviewing the selection list, I began thinking of what Marines (generally) are made of that make it to the top of our elite pay grade.

We, for years now, have clung to the meanings of words such as honor, courage and commitment.

Words such as these are what dedicated Marines adhere to every day, in or out of uniform. And I believe the same can be said for the majority of our Marines who depart our elite Corps for duty with "1st CivDiv."

It would be great if we could boast that every Marine in our Corps took those great words to heart and did their best to live by them. But we all know for a fact that there's always going to be those individuals who choose to march to the beat of a sadly different drum.

It eats at my gut each and every time I turn on the news to hear of yet another Marine through his or her individual actions, has disgraced our illu-

trious Corps. Selfish, insensitive or criminally reckless deeds inevitably stain themselves and our institution. As we all know, "One 'oh, crap' wipes out a thousand 'atta boys.'"

I get so upset with Marines who knowingly screw up or break the law, not simply because they embarrass the Corps, but because their thoughtless 'oh, crap,' has just wiped out a thousand orphan visits, Toys for Tots drives, humanitarian missions and countless other selfless deeds by caring Marines.

Have you heard the saying, "It's the five percent problem Marines that require 95 percent of leadership's attention? Thus, it leaves only five per cent of leadership's attention to give to the deserving 95 percent of our good Marines."

It's sad that those Marines who deliberately choose to be substandard performers and law-breakers don't seem to care about the negative effects their actions have — not only themselves, but the Corps as well. Where is their individual pride and self-respect? Where is their loyalty and concern for fellow Marines? Well, whether or not they care about the consequences of their actions, the rest of us certainly do. And if we don't, we should!

I encourage every Marine, regardless of your rank, to step up to the plate and make it a point to "police" the actions of fellow Marines.

Whether it's correcting someone's uniform or beginning legal procedures against a person for

something criminal, we Marines should be the first to take action to police our own.

The problem is that too many of us have become complacent or scared when it comes to 'calling a spade a spade,' and to get involved to correct something or someone. That's just plain wrong, Marines.

We know that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. For that reason alone, we need to ensure all Marines understand their need to be responsible individuals; if not for themselves, for the rest of the Corps.

You all have heard that the actions of Marines and of our Corps seem to be more under a microscope (of the American public) than other services. I believe that's true and that we should be proud of the fact.

When you're the best, more is required of you to set the right example for others to follow. And for this reason, I think we need to hold each other more accountable. Marines shouldn't want, or have to have, anyone except Marines correcting our deficiencies.

Let me ask you, "What do Marines of a unit do prior to falling out for their unit inspection?" First, they each prepare and correct everything they find wrong with individual uniforms.

Second, they nit-pick themselves personally and their uniform until satisfied they and their uniform are ready to be inspected.

Individuals to be inspected then gather with the rest of their platoon where everyone nit-picks everyone else. Now why

do they do that? Why do all those individuals, who have already prepared themselves for inspection, willingly REQUEST and expect others (within their platoon) to look them over? We all know the answer.

Marines ask their fellow platoon members to look for anything they might have missed that would embarrass them or make them fail the inspection. Each Marine seeks an outstanding rating from the inspector, not only for personal reasons, but also for the entire platoon's rating.

Internal policing of Marines within that platoon produces unit pride and mission accomplishment.

It's no different in policing or correcting any deficiency of fellow Marines. That includes actions, attitudes, uniforms, civilian attire or anything else we know to need correcting. Let me get back to that platoon. Marines willingly seek to be policed by fellow platoon members, but they would be embarrassed if someone outside their platoon found something wrong. I feel it's no different when anyone outside our Corps has to step in to correct one of us.

If we as a Corps (or as an individual Marine) have a deficiency, we want it to be corrected and corrected immediately because we want always to be squared away.

So let us all step up to the plate and not hesitate to police one another and to assist a fellow Marine, and ultimately, our Corps, look and perform with pride and dignity.

## Web search ends mother's mourning

**Linda D. Kozaryn**  
*American Forces Press Service*

**WASHINGTON** — "I often wonder what my son would look like now," the platinum-haired woman said, glancing at the other combat veterans in the room.

"He'd be in his 50s," Georgie Carter Krell said with a wistful sigh.

Krell lost her son to Vietnam. At 17, shortly after graduating from high school, he joined the Marines and went off to war. His body came home two years later in a sealed coffin.

Pfc. Bruce W. Carter died Aug. 7, 1969. Vice President Spiro Agnew posthumously awarded the 19-year-old Marine the Medal of Honor for his final heroic act. Under heavy attack, Carter threw himself on a live grenade to protect his brother Marines.

Carter died as he had lived, according to Krell, first vice president of the American Gold Star Mothers, an organization that works to keep their offsprings' memories alive.

"As a kid, Bruce always had to be first in line, first to be the best at everything," Krell recalled with a smile. "When the kids signed up for band, he was the only kid to get off the bus with a tuba. I took one look at him and said, 'Bruce, that tuba's bigger than you are.' He said, 'Yeah, but nobody can carry it but me.'"

Bruce had always wanted to be a Marine, she noted. "I've no idea why. There were no Marines in our family. Bruce was going to be a Marine and that was that. He was 'oorah' all the way through."

All in all, not many people knew Carter — only his family, people he grew up with and the Marines he served. Krell recently talked with a man who was with her son the day he died. Thanks to coincidence and perhaps divine intervention, the contact meant the end of a 32-year vigil.

Krell had never truly believed her son was dead. Yes, she'd seen the coffin. Yes, there'd been a funeral in his hometown of Miami Springs, Fla. Yes, there was a grave, but she rarely went there.

"I never believed he was in the coffin — ever," she told the American Forces Press Service. "I begged to please let us look, but they wouldn't let us."

In her mind, Bruce was still somewhere in Vietnam. Someday, she thought, he might come home. Just walk through the door and everything would be fine. So, she never moved from the house Bruce knew.

"When he went in the service he gave all his toys and his trains and everything to the neighborhood kids," Krell said. "He said, 'Come on in, come help yourself, I'm all grown up. I don't need these.' His room is still there."

After boot camp and language school, Carter came home one last time at Christmas before shipping out to Vietnam. "That was the last we saw him," Krell said.

Six days before her scheduled wedding to second husband Frank Krell, Marines arrived at her door with news of her son's death. "He was buried on my birthday, Aug. 25, 1969," she recalled.



Georgie Carter Krell, at right, speaks with Rob Coughlin, a member of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 451, who served with Krell's son Pfc. Bruce W. Carter.

Eventually, Krell said, grief gave way, as it must, to acceptance. "I had to accept that Bruce went off by choice. I had to learn not to be bitter about the loss. I had two daughters. I had to live for them, too."

Still, she longed for her son's return: "Frank kept telling me, 'He's not coming home, Georgie,' and I kept saying, 'but I'm waiting.'"

Krell avoided joining the Gold Star Mothers, a group she dubbed "those weepy ladies." She had a job and was too busy. Later, however, she was drawn to those who work to preserve their children's memories.

"They're not just dead and gone," she said of the nation's fallen. "They are our sons. We'll never forget them, so we don't want you to forget them."

Over the years, she worked her way up the organization's ladder, doing volunteer work and speaking engagements. Throughout, she hoped she'd come into con-

tact with someone who had known her son in Vietnam. Last fall, more than 31 years after her son died, it finally happened.

At a Gold Star Mothers banquet in Washington, D.C., Krell met Rob Coughlin, a member of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 451.

"He was alone in the crowd and he had a Marine Corps pin on his tie," Krell recalled. "I said, 'Hi Jarhead, how ya doing?' We got to talking and I said, 'You'd have thought that since my son received the Medal of Honor, I would have met somebody that was with him.'"

"He looked at me and said, 'Would you like to?' I said, 'Absolutely, I've waited all these years for somebody to find me.'"

Coughlin recalled the meeting during a phone interview from his home in Baltimore. "Maybe we can make that possible," he recalled saying.

Vets and family members often have a hard time tracing people, Coughlin noted, because troops in 'Nam used nicknames and their cohorts rarely knew their real names. Many vets locked away memories of 'Nam, refusing to talk about the war for decades.

"When everybody came back, they handled the pain in a different way," he said. "For instance, my wife and I had been married for seven years before she even knew I'd been in the service and some time

after that before she realized I was in Vietnam.

"I didn't talk about Vietnam for 25 years until my sons began asking me questions about it," he said. "I finally decided that the good Lord above brought me back here for a reason, and I figured out that it was not to let those who died be forgotten."

Understanding the complexities involved in tracking down vets and family members, Coughlin began his search on the Internet. Finding a veterans association Web site for Carter's unit, the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, he posted a note asking anyone who knew Carter to contact him. About two days later, he got an e-mail telling him to check out the group's message board.

"I don't know if you believe in divine intervention, but I've had too many things happen to me in my lifetime not to believe

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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## Aviation legends visit MCB Hawaii

**Lance Cpl. Jacques-René Hébert**  
MarForPac Public Affairs

CAMP H.M. SMITH – Marines and Sailors from Marine Forces Pacific gathered Feb. 15 for a luncheon at the Sunset Lanai here, to listen to the words and wisdom of four Tuskegee Airmen and Maj. Gen. Charles F. Bolden, Jr., commander of the Third Marine Air Wing, headquartered in Miramar, Calif.

The Airmen, who were representatives of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the Tuskegee Airman, Inc., included retired Air Force Lt. Col. Richard C. Ceasar, D.D.S., former Air Force Reserve Capt. Leon "Woodie" Spears, and former Air Force pilots Samuel L. Broadnax and Leslie A. Williams.

The luncheon was held in celebration of Black History Month and began with a potluck buffet, ending with tales of triumph in the face of discrimination. The stories were told by the heroic aviators, some of which were both veterans of World War II and the Korean War.

The Tuskegee Airmen were originally comprised of 996 African-American men who went through flight training to become pilots in the U.S. Army Air Corps, despite a segregation policy in the military that prohibited African-Americans from flying. In their own right, these pioneering fliers were civil rights leaders as well, according to many historians.

"We were despised and hated simply because of color," said Broadnax. "We were challenged and we accepted that challenge – and we succeeded."

Bolden, a South Carolina native, has had a career full of significant milestones since becoming an officer out of the Naval Academy. After pinning on aviator's wings in 1970, he went on to fly more than 100 missions during the Vietnam War. Bolden then



Lance Cpl. Jose Guzman, an administrative clerk with Aviation Logistics Division, Camp Smith, greets former Air Force pilot Leslie A. Williams, during the Tuskegee Airmen's visit to MCB Hawaii.

flew as an ordnance test pilot before spending the next 24 years working with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Bolden credited lofty aspirations as his inspiration for success.

"The tragedy of life isn't to fail at your dreams," the famed aviator mused. "It's not having a dream to reach for."

The attendees were awestruck at the accounts and philosophies of the guest speakers, not only because of their accom-

plishments, but because of the hurdles they overcame.

"The event offered the opportunity for fellow servicemembers to hear men who have 'been there and done that' share their testimonies of a very difficult time for blacks in American History," said Pfc. Daniel Martinez, an administration clerk for Headquarters and Service Bn., Marine Forces Pacific. "These men faced challenges that we cannot fathom and continued to 'charge on' - very motivating!"

## Buffalo soldier recounts his experience

**Cpl. M. Trent Lowry**  
Combat Correspondent

Sometimes history speaks for itself.

More than 50 Marines, sailors, soldiers and family members sat stock still in silence in a darkened room at the Windward Enlisted Club Feb. 13, seemingly entranced as they listened to "Sgt. Emanuel Stance" tell about his adventures as a member of the Buffalo Soldiers.

Sitting just off to the right of the speaking soldier was the frail form of another, an older man in a Buffalo Soldier uniform, a rack of medals around his neck pulling his aged shoulders toward the spartanly-decorated table.

The man playing Stance was actually Army Master Sgt. Lee N. Coffee IV, an active-duty soldier and historian who re-creates scenes related to Black history. However, the frail man sitting next to him – decked out in the blue shirt, yellow scarf and white hat with crossed rifles medallion characteristic of a 19th century cavalryman – was no actor.

The elderly man, Dr. William

H. Waddell Jr., was an actual member of the 9th Cavalry – one of the units known as the "Buffalo Soldiers," along with the 10th Cavalry – during World War II. His units fought in Italy and Northern Africa, where he was wounded in the line of duty.

Waddell and Coffee were aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, at the invitation of the base African-American Heritage Committee, to help promote February's Black History Month.

"It's always good to have people learn about the Buffalo Soldiers. We helped make the country a safer place to live. I wore the Buffalo Soldier uniform and I'm proud to have done it," Waddell said in a voice that wavered with age and experience.

Waddell, a Kahala, Oahu resident, is believed to be the last member of the Buffalo Soldiers. The unit formed in 1866, in an effort to build up the regular Army after the Civil War, and was disbanded in 1946, after the conclusion of World War II. The advent of mechanized warfare made the horse-bound warriors obsolete.

The Buffalo Soldiers have a rich history of protecting America's frontiers and serving the country's needs in war. Examples of the conflicts in which the Black cavalrymen took part include fighting alongside Teddy Roosevelt in the Spanish-American War, keeping settlers protected from hostile Indians and fighting in the Philippines.

The 9th and 10th Cavalries have a lot of tradition and history, but few of people today are familiar with the stories of these African-American soldiers and pioneers.

"We all bring the same thing to the table. Studying the 'Black West' tells me the history of black contributors to our society. There were cowboys, ranchers and lawmen who were Black. The contributions that we made, as a people, were made in America, by Americans," said Coffee, whose career in the Army has spanned more than 20 years.

The information that the Buffalo Soldiers presented was absorbed by the awestruck audience.

"Oh my goodness. We have a bit of living history here," said Master Sgt. Duane Keys, base equal opportunity advisor and member of the African-American Heritage Committee. "I'm very happy that we were able to give this presentation, but I just wish more people could have seen it."

The people who were able to view the Buffalo Soldiers presentation said they felt deeply rewarded by the experience.

"It was very interesting. It told a little bit about history and the Buffalo Soldiers. I'm interested in Civil War-era history, but this was cool, too," said Scott Shafer, 10, a student at Aikahi Elementary School.

"We had just done a Professional Military Education class on the book 'The Buffalo Soldiers' (Leckie) this week, and I gave the presentation to our unit," said Sgt. Angela Batestini, 1st Radio Battalion. "This is great getting to see the Buffalo Soldiers up close."

As sources for passing on African-American history, the presenters were highly qualified, if for no other reason than that both men have written books on the subject.

Waddell's experiences alone



Coffee IV

are worthy of documentation. As a college student at Lincoln University and the University of Pennsylvania, Waddell studied with such Black leaders as Thurgood Marshall, former Supreme Court justice, author Langston Hughes and educator Carter G. Woodson, just to name a few.

Waddell started the school of veterinary medicine at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama before World War II. After the war he devoted much time to trying to break down discrimination within the federal government.

"When I talk to people, I don't talk to different-colored people. I'm talking to people ... people ... people. I want you to remember to do what you can to keep all people together," Waddell said.

Coffee has devoted his life to the study and promotion of Black history, ever since the "history bug bit him" in 1986 at the Geronimo Museum at Fort Sill, Okla., where he first learned about the Buffalo Soldiers. He spends his off-duty time creating his presentations, and spends his personal annual leave to go around the country to give the presentations, like the one witnessed by servicemembers and their families here at the Windward E'Club.

The tales told by Waddell and Coffee are important parts of not just Black history, but of American history, as well. As Black History Month comes to a close, the accounts of the Buffalo Soldiers will live on with the audience members, who will be able to pass on the knowledge of the contributions of a forgotten few and the place they hold in the overall picture of American culture.

## WORD ON THE STREET

*If you could make a lateral career move into any Marine Corps occupational specialty, what would it be and why?*



"I wouldn't lat move — I'd stick with my job because I like working with computers."

**Lance Cpl. Clayton T. Edwards**  
Small Computer Systems Specialist  
Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii



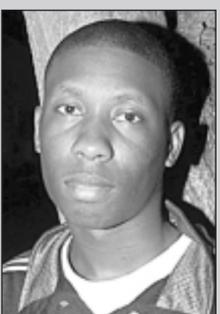
"I would go into intelligence because the promotion rate is fast."

**Lance Cpl. Sean M. Gleason**  
Disbursing Clerk  
H&S Bn., MarForPac



"I would move into the administration field. There are a lot more opportunities in the civilian world."

**Pfc. Nguyen K. Le**  
Food Service Specialist  
1st Radio Bn.



"Small computer systems specialist because I am computer literate and have been using computers since I was nine years old."

**Lance Cpl. Vance L. Moore**  
Food Service Specialist  
Marine Corps Air Facility

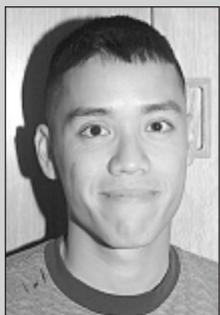


"I would become an electrician so that after I do my 20 years in the Marine Corps, I will have something to fall back on because that knowledge can be used in the civilian world."

**Cpl. Anthony N. Riley**  
Administrative Clerk  
Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii

"I would be a military police officer so that I would be more knowledgeable about laws, rules and regulations."

**Lance Cpl. Emerald M. Trias**  
Supply and Operations Clerk  
Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii



Cpl. M. Trent Lowry

Former Buffalo soldier Dr. William H. Waddell Jr. speaks to MCB Hawaii Marines, Sailors and family members during his visit to the E-Club Feb. 13 as part of Black History Month.



Cpl. Roamn Yurek

Upon receiving a firing mission, Marines from Alpha Battery, 1/12, send off a 155mm round over the wide expanses of the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island, during the unit's Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation. Both Alpha Battery and 1/3 underwent the evaluation in preparation for their participation in the unit deployment program.

## MCCRE tests K-Bay units during 'Kona Winds 2001'

**Cpl. Roman Yurek**  
Combat Correspondent

**POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA** — Marines from 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, conducted their Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation Jan. 27 through Feb. 17 during the Hawaii Combined Arms Operation 2-01 "Kona Winds" exercise.

Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation System Mission Performance Standards establish the minimum acceptable standards to properly execute the infantry's basic missions, according to Marine Corps Order 3501.3 B.

"The evaluation is like a report card for the unit commanders," said Col. R.B. Peele, commanding officer for Marine Air Ground Task Force 3. "It shows them what areas they need to work on."

Marines from 1/3 were tested on their combat readiness.

"We practice the way we would fight a war," said Capt. Erik Kish, commanding officer for Headquarters and Service Co., 1/3.

The 1/3 Marines were aggressed by 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and Alpha Battery, 1/12.

Alpha Battery was tested on its mission of being able to provide direct fire support for ground units during its MCCRE a week prior.

Alpha Battery, 1/12, had to meet time limits when setting up a position, tearing down the position and firing rounds, while maintaining a high level of safety, according to Sgt. Stephen Lapek, a section chief from Bravo Battery, 1/12, and evaluator for Alpha Battery.

"Much of what we do is shoot, move and communicate," said Staff Sgt. Waco Ashlock, the section chief for gun one, Alpha Battery, 1/12. "We fire our rounds, pack up, move and wait for a fire mission."

After the evaluations were completed, there was just one more movement to conduct — the return trip to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Though the MCCRE and training on the Big Island may have just ended, preparation for another training exercise in Australia for Operation Tandem Thrust begins.

Operational tempo will not end there either because deployment to Okinawa, Japan is also just around the corner in July.



Cpl. Roman Yurek

Marines from Alpha Battery move quickly to set up their gun for the MCCRE. As one Marine checks the elevation, another grabs the base plate and prepares to set it under the gun.



Corporal Adam L. Critz, a squad leader for Bravo Co. 1/3 maintains his bearing and focus while roleplayers from Lima Co. 3/3 try to antagonize him during the NEO portion of 1/3's MCCRE at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows last week.



Marines from Lima Co. 3rd Battalion 3rd Marines portrayed soldiers from two different armies fighting for control of the area. Here the leader of one faction gives his troops a motivational speech "to rise up a fight the capitalist aggressors" who have invaded their country.

## MCCRE ends with a twist at MCTAB

**Story and photos**  
**Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.**  
Combat Correspondent

**Marine Corps Training Area Bellows**—Marines from 1st Battalion 3rd Marine Regiment wrapped up the final portion of their Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation here last week.

Their final mission objective was to aid and support an embassy in a hostile country utilizing MCTAB buildings as a mock embassy.

A continuous series of events set up by the Tactical Exercise Evaluation Control Group, led by Lt. Col. Mark H. Bean, Regimental S-7 Officer, kept all the Marines on their toes.

"This portion of the MCCRE started out fast and furious, and as the exercise continued, it transformed into a more realistic type of mission that Marines would face when deployed into this type of situation," said Lt. Col. Bean.

Able to adapt and overcome, 1/3 utilized Marine Heavy Helicopter

Squadron 363 to insert more than a hundred Marines from Bravo Co. into MCTAB at around 8 a.m. Thursday.

Immediately setting up a perimeter around the old air facility's buildings, Bravo Co. quickly established security to protect the pseudo-American embassy from hostile forces.

With ever-changing missions in deployed areas, Marines must be able to adapt to evolving situations. Teamwork and decision making skills are important elements when dealing with unfamiliar people and settings, according to Lt. Col. Bean.

"This evaluation was good to go," said Sgt. Stan L. Hawkes, a platoon sergeant for Bravo Co., 1/3. "It gave a lot of our younger Marines the opportunity to rehearse an actual embassy mission."

Despite many new Marines, 1/3's performance during the MCCRE was commendable in the eyes of some evaluators.

"They have gotten a lot of new Marines, from lieutenants to riflemen, in the last couple of months," said 1st Lt. Jason M. Popowski, pla-

toon commander for Kilo Co., 3/3. "It takes time for everyone to get on the same page, but the last week for these Marines has helped them get it together."

For realism during the exercise, two squad-sized groups of Marines from 3rd Battalion 3rd Marine Regiment acted as warring armies within the country of conflict.

Throughout the day, these two factions tested the resolve of the 1/3 Marines by taunting, insulting and questioning them as they stood their posts.

The NEO ended at 3 a.m. Friday morning, when hostile forces threatened to overrun the embassy. At that point, the decision was made to evacuate all civilians for their safety.

"They've done absolutely great," said Lt. Col. Bean. "They learned a lot, but their performance was superb."

After successfully completing a scenario as intense as the one he developed for this NEO, Lt. Col. Bean said he was confident that 1/3 can deploy and meet the high standards of a Marine Corps combat unit.



This Marine maintains his focus while performing his mission during the NEO portion of 1/3's MCCRE at MCTAB last week.

# Regiment Marines undergo MP training

**Pfc. Iain A. Schnaible**  
*Combat Correspondent*

More than 30 Marines from 3rd Marine Regiment recently became qualified to augment the MCB Hawaii Military Police Company when they underwent MP pre-service training.

The Marines, infantry and artillerymen from 3rd Marines, were sent to Military Police Co., Headquarters Bn., through the Fleet Assistance Program to participate in the training aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Also attending military police officers new to the job, in order to learn their military police responsibilities.

"The reason we get FAPs from 3rd Marines is to augment our manpower as well as to give 3rd Marines personnel MP experience," said Staff Sgt. Jon D. Jerome, MP Co. training chief.

The Marines underwent two weeks of classes and practical application of the many skills necessary for military police work.

"The purpose of the pre-service course is to make patrol-ready military police officers," said Jerome. "It is basically an accelerated version of the MP military occupational specialty school, with added information that is unique to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay."

Classes included topics such as military police ethics, deadly force, traffic control and identifying the effects of drugs. The practical application periods covered weapons handling, pressure point control tactics, handcuffing techniques, field sobriety tests and conducting vehicle searches.

In addition to completing the classes and exercises, the students were also required to become qualified in many areas like weapons handling, firing the M9 pistol, and working through the effects of Oleoresin Capsicum, or pepper spray.

To qualify with O.C. spray, the Marines received a direct spray to the face. They were then required to run distances ranging from 25 to 50 meters and engage targets with knee strikes, protect their weapon and track suspects with a drawn weapon.

Many participating Marines said they considered the O.C. qualification to be the most difficult portion of the two-week course, as well as the most fun.

"I would have to say the hardest thing was the O.C. qualification. That spray burns really badly when it's in your eyes," said Cpl. Brian A. Ward, an MP who underwent the pre-service training. "Even though it was the hardest part, it was the most fun. It was fun seeing everyone else get sprayed."

In the eyes of their instructors, the Marines performed well, as they learned a lot of

information during the short period in which the course was taught.

"They retained the knowledge extremely well for the pace at which they went through the course," said Jerome.

It was no easy task for many students to transition from infantry to military police according to Ward. However, they performed well.

"It is really hard coming over to the MPs from the grunt side to do this job," said Ward.

The 3rd Marines FAPs will contribute to MP Co. in more ways than by simple augmentation of their manpower. Their infantry skills will also aid MP Co. training.

"We are coming up on our field evolution where we send all of our MPs to the field for an exercise," said Jerome. "The field knowledge of the infantry Marines will be an invaluable source of information for us."

A group of more than 30 new MPs from 3rd Marine Regiment, endowed with all the knowledge and skills of the military police profession, is now trained and ready to aid the MCB Hawaii Military Police Department in its effort to serve and protect the K-Bay community.



Pfc. Iain A. Schnaible

**Sergeant Melinda L. Laborde, a military police officer with Headquarters Bn., practices handcuffing techniques on Pfc. Richard Martinez Jr., also an MP with HQ Bn., during the MP pre-service training course.**

**ECOLOGY, From A-1**

dles,” said Emily Jessen, 15, a sophomore at Lelehua High School, of her experience helping with the tire islands. “The best part was working in the mud.”

The environment aboard base and in the neighboring communities is maintained as often as possible by various groups, but since the only way to do it is often through the help of volunteers, every time an organization like the High School Hikers can lend a hand it makes it easier to keep up the ecosystems.

“Invasive species keep coming back, so there has to be constant vig-

ilance,” said Kristin Duin, associate director of Sustainable Resources Group International, Inc., an environmental organization that works closely with the MCB Hawaii environmental department. “The Marine base realizes how important it is to take care of the lands entrusted to it.”

“It’s difficult to get out as often as we’d like to do upkeep,” Olayvar said. “With the high school ecology camp participation, the benefit that we get is their help in the restoration of the sites, while they receive hands-on experience.

“One reason I like working with kids is that it’s always a joy to share knowledge and information on how

to manage and protect the environment with people who want to learn,” Olayvar continued. “The students are excited about it and are like sponges, absorbing everything.”

The high school students were joined by more than 30 instructors and adult volunteers, including some former students.

“I really enjoy helping out with the environment, and anything that has to do with nature,” said Nicole Tomas, 18, a freshman at Windward Community College and former High School Hiker when she attended Castle High School in Kaneohe.

“I learned a lot about the watershed and how important it is to keep

it clean for the native plants and animals. I got to be on base and see things that a lot of other people never get to see,” Tomas added.

All of the camp participants were exposed to a well-rounded view of the environment encompassed by the Mokapu Peninsula and neighboring areas.

What information they learned here will likely stick with them for a long time, some of the instructors said.

“(Being here to participate in the ecology camp) gives them a sense of stewardship of the land. A lot of the former students go on to participate in environmental volunteering, or

they go into careers involving land or natural resources or botany,” said Marc Morinaga, a Sierra Club High School Hikers volunteer. Morinaga represented Castle High School and has been with the hikers’ organization since 1974.

To a person, the students, teachers and hosts said that the camp offered a fun, educational experience for all involved. The ecology camp also helped to maintain the MCB Hawaii environment and offered the opportunity for base personnel to interact with members of the neighboring communities in promoting recognition and restoration of the environment.

**CMC, From A-1**

records, the commanding officer was relieved, and Gen. Jones asked the Department of Defense Inspector General to lead an independent investigation of the charges.

Gen. Jones said whoever made the allegations did Marines a favor in the long run.

“Whoever sent the letter is causing us to take a detailed look at things we should be looking at,” said the Commandant. “There are no doubts, even among critics, about the capabilities that tilt-rotor technology can bring to our operational forces. We must always ensure the safety of those who will fly and ride aboard this aircraft, and we will do whatever it takes to achieve this goal.”

Gen. Jones has flown aboard the MV-22 Osprey twice. His first flight was during a tilt-rotor technology demonstration for senior officials at the Pentagon in November 1999. He later flew aboard the Osprey with his wife Diane at Naval Weapons Training Center, China Lake, Calif., in order to demonstrate his confidence in the aircraft, following the MV-22 accident that claimed the lives of 19 Marines in April 2000.

Although the Corps has based its future medium-lift requirements on the Osprey, the Commandant said the independent reviews are both welcome and needed before the Corps can move ahead with this program.

“We are conducting this in-depth examination of the program because we place a high premium on the safety and reliability of the Osprey,” Gen. Jones said.

**CARTER, From A-2**

it,” Coughlin said. “I went to the message board, and it said, ‘Re: Bruce Carter. Anybody know him? Please contact.’”

About two weeks after he responded to that ad, Coughlin got an e-mail from Louis Salamon Jr. of Trenton, N.J.

“I’d been on the patrol with Bruce when he had gotten killed in 1969,” Salamon told American Forces Press Service. “I was the corpsman with our unit and that day we got separated by fire and I couldn’t get to him. I wish I could have, I wanted to, but there was nothing we could do.

“I guess it touched me back then and I’ve carried it with me,” he added. “Over the years I’ve told my wife sometime I ought to look up his mother.”

The only thing he had to go on, however, was a news clip about Carter receiving the Medal of Honor. It noted that his family lived in Florida. In the mid-1980s, Salamon said, a co-worker brought him a rubbing of Carter’s name from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington. A year or so later, he visited “The Wall” himself.

“Each year, Aug. 7, the day he died, was always a tough day for me,” Salamon said.

Salamon’s message had been on the Web for six months before Coughlin responded to it. “I got chills,” Salamon said.

Coughlin asked Salamon if he was up to talking to Krell. “It’s going to mean an awful lot to her, but I’m concerned about how well you’re going to deal with it,” he said. Salamon replied he was willing to give it a go.

“That was scary,” Salamon recalled, “but I did it in October. Within a few days of our first call, I got a card from her and then we traded a couple of letters.”

In his letters, Salamon talked about Carter’s last day. “I remember distinctly many of the events that day,” he wrote, “but what I remember most was how upset we all were that we’d lost Bruce — not that losing another guy would have been easi-

**Carter**

er, but it was Bruce.

“Bruce always wanted to take the point on the patrols that he was assigned to, and I do recall everyone being a little more confident if he was with your patrol. I guess we all felt a little safer. ... He was respected as a Marine by everyone. We knew he was hard-core dedicated to what he was doing.

“You mentioned that at home he had to do everything well, had to try to be first — I guess that’s what he took with him overseas,” Salamon told Krell.

The day Carter died, Salamon said, the patrol barely escaped a fire that had started during the firefight. Neither the corpsman nor the other Marines could reach Carter. The patrol made it back to base camp and formed a larger group to go back for his body.

“I went, and along with a couple of Marines, carried Bruce back to camp. It was raining. It was wet, cold and cloudy, foggy and miserable. We just couldn’t get him out. The monsoons were starting and it was a couple days before the weather cleared enough to get a chopper in.

“Bruce was kept dry... I know this; I made certain of it. We made sure he was covered up and I went up to the spot where he was several times while we waited. Eventually we got a bird in and got him out.”

“So, Georgie,” Salamon wrote, “please know that Bruce did come home to you.”

Krell said her initial reaction was dismay. “I didn’t even go to the graveyard. I said, ‘He’s not there.’ That’s how I felt. From Lou’s letter, I was just crushed. I thought ‘Oh, my God, he’s been alone out there and I haven’t been out there.’”

She then came to cherish the final chapter Salamon had provided. She said the contact had released years of anguish and worry.

Salamon reacted much the same way. He’d thought about contacting Carter’s family for years, but couldn’t bring himself to do it. Now that he had, he advises other veterans to do the same.

“Please ask those veterans who’ve thought of contacting buddies, or families of pals, but who haven’t done so yet, to please gather themselves as best they can and make the attempt,” Salamon said.

“Maybe you can lessen someone else’s hurt, and your own,” he concluded.

Krell wholeheartedly agreed.

“This has been the best thing that happened to me in years,” she said. “I’ve been telling the whole world that I’d found Lou. I am delighted to know someone was with Bruce and has cared about him all this time.

“Bruce gave his life. He knew what he was doing,” Krell said. “Lou made it come back to me.

“I feel proud to be Bruce’s mother and I’m so proud to be able to stand up with the Medal of Honor recipients. I may be small, but I carry the torch high for my son.”

# MCB HAWAII INTRAMURAL SHOOTING MATCH

## SCORES

### Individual Pistol Trophy

Place	Rank	Name	Unit	Score
1	Sgt.	Smith, JD	3/3	487.07
2	Cpl.	Hartline, JR	MFP	485.05
3	2ndLt.	Tennes, SR	CSSG3	479.02

### Individual Rifle Trophy

Place	Rank	Name	Unit	Score
1	LCpl.	Wood, JW	MALSEK	558.36
2	Cpl.	Leung, YF	HQBN	558.23
3	GySgt.	Myers, DS	HQBN	557.36

### Gen. Magee Rifle and Pistol Aggregate Trophy

Place	Rank	Name	Unit	Score
1	LCpl.	Starr, MT	MarForPac	1035.41
2	Cpl.	Hartline, JR	MarForPac	1035.34
3	LCpl.	Wood, JW	MALSEK	1025.40



Lance Cpl. Jacques-Rene Hebert

### Gen. Magee Rifle and Pistol Aggregate Team Trophy Winner

Rank	Name	Unit	Score
LCpl.	Starr, MT	MarForPac	1035.41

Marines from the MALSEK shooting team receive their Perpetual Team Aggregate trophies.

### High Tyro Rifle Winner

Rank	Name	Unit	Score
LCpl.	Starr, MT	MarForPac	557.35

### Perpetual Pistol Team Aggregate Trophy

Rank	Name	Unit	Score
1st Lt.	Patterson	1st RadBn	244.03
GySgt.	Peterson	1st RadBn	241.03
Cpl.	Davis	1st RadBn	245.02
LCpl.	Sanderford	1st RadBn	203.03
Sgt.	Bradford	1st RadBn	(coach)

### 25 Yard Line Slow Fire Winner

Rank	Name	Unit	Score
LCpl.	Sanderford, D	1st RadBn	190.05

### 25 Yard Line Timed Fire Winner

Rank	Name	Unit	Score
2nd Lt.	Tennes, SR	CSSG3	172.00

### Perpetual Rifle Team Aggregate Trophy

Rank	Name	Unit	Score
1st Lt.	Runions	MALSEK	273.14
SSgt.	Wertz	MALSEK	278.17
LCpl.	Garcia	MALSEK	278.17
LCpl.	Wood	MALSEK	273.11
LCpl.	Sylvester	MALSEK	(coach)

### 25 Yard Line Rapid Fire Winner

Rank	Name	Unit	Score
PFC	Cervantes, M	3/3	156.01

### 200 Yard Line Slow Fire Winner

Rank	Name	Unit	Score
Capt.	Massey, GP	MarForPac	187.02

### Perpetual Team Plaque Combat Infantry Trophy

Rank	Name	Unit	Stage	Score
Capt.	Massey	MarForPac	500	296
Cpl.	Hartline	MarForPac	300	324
Cpl.	Philbrook	MarForPac	200	107
LCpl.	Starr	MarForPac		
MSgt.	Ellington	MarForPac		(coach)

### 200 Yard Line Rapid Fire Winner

Rank	Name	Unit	Score
GySgt.	Myers, DS	HQBN	99.05

### 300 Yard Line Rapid Fire Winner

Rank	Name	Unit	Score
Cpl.	Davis, TD	1st RadBn	100.13

### High Tyro Pistol Winner

Rank	Name	Unit	Score
2nd Lt.	Tennes, SR	CSSG3	479.02

### 500 Yard Line Slow Fire

Rank	Name	Unit	Score
GySgt.	Myers, DS	HQBN	194.22

# EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

## 1/12 batteries vie for 'Top Gun' title

Story and photos by  
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**POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii** – More than 70 Marines with 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment vied for 3rd Marine Regiment's "Top Gun" title recently during training on the Big Island for the Hawaii Combined Arms Operation 2-01 "Kona Winds" exercise on the Big Island.

The competition was not about aerial combat like in the movie, about how accurately eight M198 155mm Howitzer gun teams with Alpha and Bravo Battery, 1/12 send high explosive rounds screaming down range at approximately 2,000 feet per second.

The competition was the first of its kind for these Hawaii artillery units. It tested their knowledge, speed and accuracy.

"I threw this out to the Marines to raise their competitive spirit, increase their moral and measure the proficiency on the gun teams," said Master Sgt. Michael Holt, the battalion field artillery chief and creator of the competition for 1/12.

The Top Gun competition originated at 10th Marine Regiment at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and 11th Marine Regiment at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Both of these units, contain at least three battalions, compete battery versus battery.

Due to 1/12's smaller size, the Marines compete gun versus gun.

Competition was tough as 1/12 Marines were tested on their knowledge while moving their M198s from one firing range to another to "put steel on target as quickly as possible."

Each team was given a time limit of four minutes to set their Howitzers in position, then prepare for a fire mission to test their accuracy.

When the smoke cleared and four rounds had been fired from each gun, speed and accuracy were assessed, and the winner "Top Gun" was declared.

"We won," exclaimed Sgt. Stephen Lapek, the section chief for Gun four, Bravo Battery, 1/12. "We have the best artillery Marines in the battalion on this gun."

Accolades were plenty as members of Gun Four, Bravo Battery, will be awarded meritorious masts and given the right to wear the "crossed cannon" badge on their flack jackets.

In addition to receiving awards, the "Top Gun" Marines will be presented a plaque in March by Col. R.B. Peele, commanding officer for 3rd Marine Regiment officially recognizing them as best in the battalion.

The plaque will be posted in the quarter-deck at 3rd Marine Regiment Headquarters building.

The competition for Bravo Battery may have concluded, but Alpha Battery still had a final evaluation to go through — the Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation.



Sergeant Stephen Lapek, the section chief for gun four, Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, checks the elevation and deflection of the 155mm Howitzer, before it is fired.



Corporal Jonathan Paine, the assistant section chief for gun four, Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, pulls the lanyard to send a 155mm Howitzer round over one of the largest hills at the Pohakuloa Training Area for the Top Gun Competition.