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Sergeant Wilfred Castillo waits for world-renowned chef Sam Choy to announce "Lights, Camera, Action!" prior to taping his cooking show.

Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

## A top chef meets a top cook

**Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero**  
Combat Correspondent

HONOLULU — The 2002 Chef of the Year for MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Sgt. Wilfred Castillo, showed off his many food prepping talents at the taping of the "Sam Choy Cooking Show," Feb. 20.

World-renowned chef Sam Choy offered Castillo the opportunity after the talented Marine won K-Bay's distinguished competition, Dec. 19. "Military personnel are our

peacekeepers," said the humorous host of the show. "I always like to support the young men and women defending our country."

For the show, Castillo prepared what he calls a seven-layer Marine Corps party dip. The dip included homemade refried beans, cream cheese, mayonnaise, taco sauce, diced chilies, olives tomatoes and green onions.

He displayed the entree on a plate with chips and drizzled salsa.

To get ready for the televised

show, the native of New York City worked closely with Chef Renato of the Officers Club at Kaneohe Bay. Renato assisted Castillo during practices with food prepping and timing on five occasions in the last two weeks, for approximately two hours.

"It was a privilege and a high honor to represent the Marine Corps and the Marines from Anderson Hall dining facility in this once-in-a-

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## Camp Smith BEQs get the new home feel

**Cpl. Luis R. Agostini**  
Marine Forces Pacific

CAMP H. M. SMITH — Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Camp H. M. Smith, bachelor enlisted quarters built in 1970 are more than halfway near complete interior renovation.

The BEQ, consisting of four barracks buildings, is home to more than 120 Marines and Sailors.

The Honolulu-based construction company, Ocean House Builders, was awarded the \$5.2 million contract in August 2001.

The decision to renovate rather than demolish the current barracks buildings and build new ones was based on budgetary factors, said Edmund Urabe, general engineer with Marine Forces Pacific's Headquarters and Service Bn.

"We looked at the value of the barracks, and took into consideration the costs of repair and renovation versus the costs of building new barracks," said Urabe. "Also, the barracks at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, were 20 years older than the ones here. That's why those barracks were rebuilt."

The barracks renovation involves two projects: Bldgs. 401 and 402 repairs, and Bldgs. 403 and 404 repairs.

Building 404 was completed in August 2002. Work on Bldg. 403 began immediately after 404 completed, and was completed in January.

Currently, the contractor is working in Bldg. 401.

Building 402 has an estimated completion date of November 2003.

The original project for the repairs was conceived in February 1997, and the scope of work only involved replacing the windows and up-

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## Motorcyclists talk safety before ride to North Shore

**Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson**  
Press Chief

The MCB Hawaii Motorcycle Safety Association met at the Kaneohe Bay Lookout on the H-3, Feb. 21, for its monthly club meeting and ride.

After the association meeting, the motorcyclists headed up the Leeward side of the island to Kaena State Park.

Taking its meetings to places like the Kaneohe Bay Lookout, the association is working to increase interest and involvement by varying the settings from the

usual classroom-style venues.

"With HCAX [Hawaii Combined Arms Exercise] and so many other deployments going on right now, it's hard to get a big turnout for the meetings," said Staff Sgt. Shawn Marshall, Motorcycle Safety Association president. "We still had a productive meeting and a great ride."

The MCB Hawaii Motorcycle Safety Association is a group dedicated to keeping motorcyclists safe and promoting the motorcycling culture. Meetings include discussions about recent

accidents, future events, and the regulations that effect motorcyclists aboard the base.

There have been three motorcyclist fatalities since October 2002 in the Marine Corps, and none were caused by rider error. Discussions about these accidents are beneficial because other riders can learn about avoiding situations where they could be injured or killed by motorists.

In addition to discussing safety issues and better ways to keep Marines and Sailors safe, the association started planning its next event.

A Poker run is scheduled for the last week in March or the first week in April, and fundraisers are planned in conjunction with the run, which will benefit one or more local charities.

More than 70 members strong, the association offers motorcyclists a way to get involved in shaping the rules and regulations imposed on riders, and participating in the association and the discussions is much more productive than simply complaining, according to Marshall.

"To most of us, riding motorcycles is a culture-based hobby," he said. "When we get together and ride as an association, we now have an opportunity to share some of our riding experiences with each other."

"Almost all of us who have been riding for a long time have been involved in an accident, have had a near miss, or know someone who has been hurt on a motorcycle."

Talking about those incidents, he added, may prevent a fellow

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## K-Bay Marines leave for Hawaii Combined Arms Exercise

**Capt. Jeffrey S Green**  
Special to the Hawaii Marine

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA — Once again, Marines and Sailors from MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, have deployed to the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island of Hawaii, to conduct realistic combined arms training.

The Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force 3 is comprised of the four elements that form a MAGTF.

The command element is 3rd Marine Regiment's Headquarters Co. and Combat Support Company. Attached to the Command Element is artillery support from 1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment.

The second element of the MAGTF is the ground combat element, which consists of 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, and 3rd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment.

The third element of the MAGTF is the

air combat element, made up of units from Marine Aircraft Group 24, and the fourth element is the combat support element provided by Combat Service Support Detachment 79.

The main focus for this monthlong deployment is to effectively train the SPMAGTF to fight the enemy and win anytime, anywhere, while engaged in maneuver warfare.

This mission is accomplished through detailed command and control exercises, unit live-fire ranges, close air support, and extensive logistics



Photo Courtesy of 3rd Marine Regiment

Marines from 1/3 and 3/3 make up the Ground Combat Element for the SPMAGTF-3, which is conducting live-fire training at the HCAX on the Big Island of Hawaii.

support, and maneuver warfare training.

All unit training will culminate with a MAGTF-level combined arms exercise

MAGTF get called to deploy, you can bet they'll be ready to answer the call."

## MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

### PWM CLOSES UNTIL MAY

The Pacific War Memorial aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, will be closed to all ceremonies, parades and visitors until late May, due to construction.

Improvements include seeding the turf, building a parking lot, and improving the irrigation system.

Questions regarding use of the Pacific War Memorial should be directed to Master Sgt. Willie Curry, G-3 chief, MCB Hawaii, at 257-8811.

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH DINNER SCHEDULED; TONIGHT AT FAIRWAYS

Join the Black History Month Committee for dinner and dancing at the Fairways Club, tonight at 7 p.m. The party is open to all ranks, and the cost is \$15 per person.

Navy Chaplain (Cmdr.) Jeffery Rhodes will be the guest speaker, and DJ Wil will spin the tunes. Semiformal attire is appropriate.

### ASH WEDNESDAY GETS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

"Soup and Stations" are every Friday during Lent at 5 p.m.

Wednesday evenings, enjoy "Great Adventure Journey Through the Bible," and on Friday mornings at 10:30, take part in an Ecumenical discussion group for spouses.

On Wednesday, Roman Catholic Ash Wednesday services in the large chapel are at 11:45 a.m. and at 6 p.m..

Protestant Ash Wednesday services will be at noon in the small chapel.

For more information, call the Base Chapel at 257-3552.

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# New SMART facility opens

**Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero**  
Combat Correspondent

Athletes on base will receive better and faster medical treatment aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, due to the opening of its new Sports Medicine and Physical Therapy facility at building 221, adjacent to the Base Theatre and swimming pool, March 11.

The new Sports Medicine and Reconditioning Team Center is a project that has been in the works for the last four months and was funded by Naval Medical Clinic Pearl Harbor and MCB Hawaii.

The moving, renovation, additional equipment and furniture for the clinic will cost approximately more than \$100,000.

One of the reasons for creating a SMART Center aboard base is that it usually takes active duty Marines and Sailors anywhere from two to three weeks to get into physical therapy appointments and sometimes longer depending on staffing.

"What the SMART concept brings is enough trained staff, ample space to rehabilitate the athletes, and right team members to basically get the athletes into therapy and sports medicine within a day or two from the injury," said Cdr. Robert Towle, Physical Therapist and future Director of SMART Center.

Another important fact is that the new SMART Center and its staff convey a different type of concept than its predecessor.

"We want to avoid referring to our customers as "patient" because they're not sick," said Towle. "We recognize that they're athletes and they need reconditioning/rehabilitation for these injuries as quickly as possible and with the SMART concept we intend on speeding up the rehabilitative care."

Although this is a new clinic with new concepts, all active duty athletes who suffer injuries still have to follow the procedure of being evaluated at their unit Battalion Aid Station or BMC Kaneohe Bay.

If the unit corpsman or primary care manager deems it necessary for the athlete to attend the SMART Center, a referral will be submitted. The latter is true for family members as well. Appointments will be scheduled for family members, and retired patients. All active duty members referred to the SMART Center will be



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Petty Officer 1st Class John Pura, a physical therapy technician, works on a patient at the new SMART clinic.



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Petty Officer 2nd Class Samuel Johnson, also a physical therapy technician, examines the patient's knee.

able to be seen on a walk-in basis between the hours of 0730-0930 Monday - Friday, or 1300-1400 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday. Thursday afternoons are designated training afternoons.

Additionally, the new clinic is utilizing corpsman from both BMC and BAS throughout the base and training them in Sports Medicine. More specifically in the evaluation and treatment of the athletic injuries.

"This is the first time any SMART Center has cooperated in sharing with BMC and BAS," said Towle. "We want to make the BAS corpsman better at dealing with these injuries," said Towle. "Specially when out in the

field. This will speed up the care for the injuries."

MCB Hawaii BMC is moving in the direction of other Marine Corps installations around the globe to better serve the active duty warrior athlete said Towle.

The projected grand opening celebration of the clinic is March 31st.

The SMART Center opens its doors Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m. and closes at 4 p.m. except Thursday when it closes at 11:30 due to staff training.

For further information on the new SMART clinic please call the BMC Physical Therapy at 257-3365 ext. 200 or 186.

## Wolfowitz says buildup will continue

**Jim Garamone**  
American Forces Press  
Service

WASHINGTON — U.N. inspections weren't imposed on Saddam Hussein so he could "dribble out little pieces of the weapons program that he claims he doesn't have in the first place.

The purpose was for him to disarm and he's clearly not," Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said Feb. 26.

Wolfowitz told Fox Network's Brit Hume that the U.S. military buildup in the Middle East will continue. "It's the only reason that anything is happening on the inspection regime at all," he said.

He would not hazard a guess as to what the U.N. Security Council will do. He also would not theorize on U.N. inspections chief

Hans Blix's demand that Iraq destroy its al Samoud 2 missiles. Blix has determined the missiles violate agreements Iraq signed in the early 1990s.

"With or without movement on the al Samoud, Saddam Hussein is in blatant violation of Resolution 1441 and 16 previous resolutions," Wolfowitz said.

"And it is a test for the United Nations whether it's going to stand up and be prepared to say that Ö it meant what it said back in November when we passed that resolution."

The United States has

spent the time well since the U.N. Security Council resolution passed Nov. 8, he said.

President Bush has put together a large coalition against Hussein. Reports that the United States is acting unilaterally are wrong.

"Many members of our coalition are coming to us quietly and saying don't leave us hanging out there for too long," he said.

They say, 'Don't wait for France, we need your help.'"

Wolfowitz said the United States hopes Turkey will allow U.S. military personnel access to its border with Iraq.

In the event of war, U.S. troops could attack from the north. Without Turkish

help, the coalition could still do the job, the deputy secretary said, but it might take longer.

The deputy secretary also spoke about charges that a war in Iraq would be a war for oil. "This is not a war about oil," he said. "If we have to use force, it's going to be to liberate Iraq, not to occupy Iraq. The oil resources belong to the Iraqi people. It is Saddam Hussein who's taken it from them."

The deputy said the United States is prepared to help the Iraqi people install new leaders and forms of government. "But our goal would be to transition as rapidly as we can to Iraqi responsibility for Iraq's own future," he said.

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grading the electrical system to meet current codes, said Urabe.

However, with input from the tenants, and after reviewing the maintenance requirements for the barracks, the scope was expanded to include replacing the walkway railings, gutting and renovating the bathrooms, replacing the toilets, retiling the living area floors and shower stalls, and concealing all the conduits for electrical, television, and telephone cables

behind new drywall and ceilings.

The old jalousie windows have been replaced with awning-type windows, with tinted glass as well.

The added features to the barracks have been accepted with open arms from residents.

"It's nice to have drywall now, instead of bricks," said Pfc. Steve Seby, press operator, base reproduction, Marine Forces Pacific. "The bathrooms are also much better."

Even the barracks sergeant at Camp Smith agrees.

"The living conditions are much better," said Sgt. Kelly Persich, embarking noncommissioned officer with Headquarters and Service Bn.'s S-4., who also serves as Camp Smith's BEQ sergeant. "There are more electrical outlets, better toilets, windows, doors, etc. Everything that is supposed to work, works."

"The end product will be four barracks buildings that are neat, modernized and will improve the quality of life for single Marines stationed here," said Urabe.

## Remembering Iwo Jima



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Captain Justin Stodghill, assistant maintenance officer for HMT-301, plays the bagpipes as Marines from HMT-301 march up the hill leading to the Range Training Facility.

## HMT-301 leads the way ahead

**Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle**  
Combat Correspondent

Reigns of heavy fire belted the coastline as the amphibious warriors attacked the beach where the enemy fighters had strategically positioned themselves.

After hundreds of the brave warriors had given their lives in the brutal battle, a few remaining marched to the highest point of the enemy territory and planted our cherished

stars and stripes in the war-torn soil.

This is the battle of Iwo Jima. It will be forever etched in the pages of history as one of the most furious battles the Marine Corps has successfully fought.

Warriors from Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 301 celebrated the 58th anniversary of the attack on Iwo Jima with a 12K hump across MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Feb. 21.

The hump began at the Marine Aircraft Group 24 armory near the

flightline and went up to the Range Training Facility. Right before reaching the gates of the range, Capt. Justin Stodghill, assistant maintenance officer for HMT-301, began playing the spine-tingling tunes of the "Marines Hymn."

At the range, the Marines from received a block of instruction about the attacks of Wake Island and Iwo Jima.

They learned how the battles unfolded into the pages of history and were allowed to ask questions on the details of the attacks as well as the importance of the battles in World War II.

"I believe in the total Marine concept, said Lt. Col. Mark D. Franklin, commanding officer of HMT-301. "We aren't just wrench turners on the helicopters. We all wear the eagle, globe and anchor and are issued battle gear and should train with it."

Although the hump was in memory of the battle of Iwo Jima, this was also a chance for HMT-301 to practice small-unit leadership, as well as inspecting and taking care of Marines in a field environment.

"We are the number-one squadron in MAG-24," said Franklin. "We can out-fly and out-fight anyone, anywhere."



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Staff Sgt. Shannon Malone, maintenance staff noncommissioned-in-charge, HMT-301, gives his Marines a block of instruction on the battle of Wake Island.

## Devil dog helps students find their way

### 'Nice' Marine teaches land navigation to Aliamanu Middle School

**Sgt. Joe Lindsay**  
Combat Correspondent

HONOLULU — The old adage, "You're not lost if you don't care where you're going," has never really seemed to fit with the Marine Corps, where knowing your way from point A to point B can be the difference between life or death.

The stakes weren't quite as high at Aliamanu Middle School in Honolulu Feb. 21, but the students in Mr. Alan Takehara's eighth grade geography class definitely learned the difference between North, South, East and West, thanks to an MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Marine who gave a Land Navigation class there as part of the base's

Adopt-A-School program.

Staff Sgt. Jesus Lora, Public Affairs operations/training chief, Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii, and a native of Bridgeport, Calif., descended upon the class with maps, protractors and compasses while decked in cammies and donning full-face paint.

"Whoa!" gasped Antonea Payan, a 13-year-old Aliamanu student from Sacramento, Calif., when Lora took center stage. "Cool."

That kind of reaction was exactly what Takehara, said he wanted.

"The staff sergeant really got the children's attention right off the bat, and he kept their attention throughout the class," said Takehara, a native of Wahiawa, Hawaii. "That's not always easy to do as a guest speaker, but the Marines don't seem to have a problem. The kids really listen to them, and when they're listening, they're learning."

And there was definite-



Sgt. Joe Lindsay

Staff Sgt. Jesus Lora of Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii, gives instructions during a Land Navigation class at Aliamanu Middle School in Honolulu Feb. 21.

ly plenty of learning going on during the hour-long class.

"The kids were amazing," said Lora, a former Security Forces Marine. "Most of them had never been exposed to land navigation before, but within an hour they were using lensatic compasses and correctly finding locations using eight-digit grid coordinates. I was pretty impressed."

But not as impressed, it seems, as the students

were with Lora.

"Having a real-life Marine teach us land navigation was great," said Shantae Thornton, a 13-year-old Aliamanu student from Long Beach, Calif. "He was giving us hands-on training, not just book-type stuff, and it was really interesting."

"I learned how to use a compass and find my way on a map. I learned how not to get lost," said

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## WORD ON THE STREET

### "How well have women integrated into the military?"



"They have been given the chance and succeeded in accomplishing goals some male Marines have not been able to."

Staff Sgt.  
James Lawless

Asst. Intel chief,  
Headquarters Bn.,  
MCB Hawaii

"Their potential has been recognized, and they have been able to excel in the rank structure."

Sgt. Keonekeabha  
Fatiaki

Primary marksman-  
ship instructor  
Range Training  
Facility,  
Headquarters Bn.,  
MCB Hawaii



"They are able to fill positions they have never been able to fill."

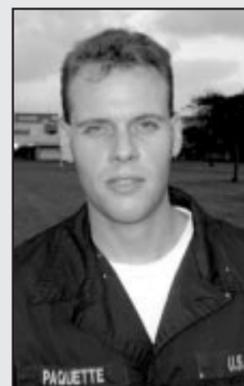
Lance Cpl.  
David Garcia

Supply clerk  
Marine Corps  
Air Facility

"Women can now become pilots. This is a really big step."

Capt. Maura  
Hennigan

S-4 officer  
Marine Corps  
Air Facility



"They are able to fill positions they have always been able to fill."

Airman  
Scott Paquette

Parachute rigger  
Patrol Squadron 47

# 'Should we call it Black History or African-American?'

**Rudi Williams**

*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — Some people call February Black History Month. Others call it African-American History Month.

That's not a problem, because the names are interchangeable, according to Barbara Dunn of the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History in Silver Spring, Md.

"We don't have a problem with either," said Dunn, executive assistant to association Director Irena L. Webster. "We call it Black History Month, and we have a committee that decides on the theme every year. This year, we selected 'The Souls of Black Folks: Centennial Reflections.'"

The theme ties with the 100th anniversary of the 1903 book, "The Souls of Black Folk: Essays and Sketches," by William Edward Burghardt Du Bois (Feb. 23, 1868 - Aug. 27, 1963). More widely known as W.E.B. Du Bois, he was an African-American educator, sociologist, author and a founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People -- NAACP -- in 1910.

Dunn said Du Bois often worked with Carter G. Woodson, the "Father of Black History," who started Black History Week in 1926. She noted that Woodson (1875-1950), an author, editor, publisher and historian, published works by people who couldn't otherwise get published.

Woodson chose the second week of February because two persons he felt had dramatically affected the lives of black Americans, Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, were born during the month. The observance became a month-long event in 1976.

"Initiating Negro History Week was probably the most powerful thing that has ever been done by one person to help people come together," Dunn said. "Dr. Woodson's whole idea was not just

bringing attention to one race. He felt that bringing attention to Negro and American history would help people who had a problem with race relations see the significance of what we as a people have contributed to American history. Then it would help them to stop seeing us as unequal."

Each year, the Department of Defense uses the association's theme for its African-American History Month celebration. This year's DoD observance, an exposition and luncheon, is slated for Feb. 26 and 27 at Tougaloo College in Jackson, Miss. Tougaloo is one of the nation's 118 historically black colleges and universities.

Dunn said the Rev. Jesse Jackson in the 1980s introduced the term "African-American" because it connected blacks to the continent of Africa just as Chinese Americans are connected with China. Jackson, founder and president of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, is one of America's foremost civil rights, religious and political figures.

Dunn noted that the presidential proclamation reads "African-American History Month." Most federal agencies use the same term. On the other hand, she said, "some people don't know what to call us nowadays."

Dunn said when the term "African-American" is used, "sometimes some of

## MCB Hawaii celebrates culinary culture with meal

**Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle**  
*Combat Correspondent*

African-Americans have made several outstanding contributions to our Armed Forces — as well as the American society — for hundreds of years and continue to make contributions today.

The Anderson Hall dining facility aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, celebrated African-American History Month Feb. 19, with a delicious lunch menu to include a variety of traditional, southern-cooked, soul food dishes complimented with several savory fixings.

The menu included barbecued pork ribs, fried catfish, fried chicken and country-style steak as the main courses and corn-on-the-

cobb, black-eyed peas, candied yams and macaroni and cheese as side dishes.

"It was absolutely delicious," said Dee Lewis, chairman of volunteers at Navy Marine Corps Relief Society. "It reminded me of the real southern cooking my grandma used to make."

The Marines from the Anderson Hall dining facility came up with the menu and were able to create the traditional dishes for the festive lunch.

"Black history shouldn't just be celebrated in one month," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Derrick Kimbrough, food service officer for Anderson Hall dining facility. "We should celebrate it throughout the year, and other ethnic groups should celebrate their own personal history."



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

**Dee Lewis, chairman of volunteers at the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, and Kathleen Johnson, a volunteer at Mokapu Elementary School's PTA program, enjoy some traditional, southern-style soul food at the African American History Month luncheon at the Anderson Hall dining facility.**

our other 'colored' brothers and sisters, such as those in the Caribbean, feel like we're excluding them.

When we use 'black,' we're talking about people of color inclusively. 'African-American'

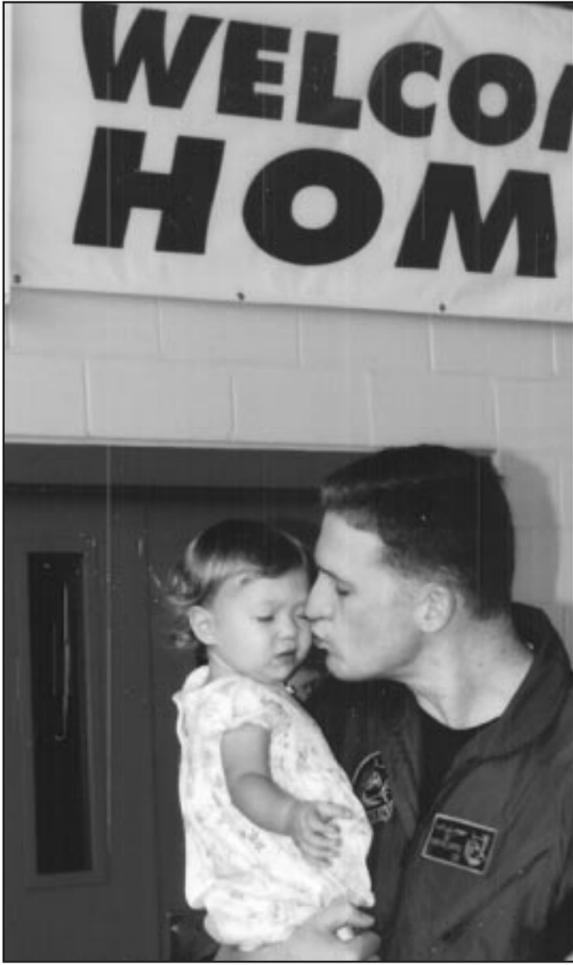
really doesn't exclude them, but sometimes people feel that way.

So we use both names to show people that both of them are fine."

In 2001 the association renamed its

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# VP-47's 'Golden Swordsmen' return to K-Bay



Navy Lt. Kelly Curran

Navy Lt. Chad Holzzapfel of VP-47 meets with his daughter Caroline after returning home recently.

## Navy Lt. Kelly Curran, *Patrol Squadron 47*

On a chilly Sunday evening in Misawa, Japan, Combat Aircrew Two, along with Executive Officer, Cmdr. Jay Lisenby, are warm with anticipation as they preflight for this next ten-hour mission. This mission is different from any other they have flown in the past six months. This is a mission that will land them in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, to the open arms of their families.

Combat Aircrew 2 has the honor of being the first crew back from this long deployment, recently leading the remaining 10 aircrews and ground personnel.

Patrol Squadron 47 spent the past six months participating in various training missions including Combined Afloat Readiness And Training (CARAT) 2002 which took place in Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and the Republic of Philippines.

Various aircrews also participated in multi-lateral annual training exercises with Japan and South Korea. While working with other communities, platforms, and countries, VP-47 demonstrated the ability to conduct the full array of Maritime Patrol aviation missions both overseas and overland. At the same time, VP-47 aircrewmembers had the opportunity to interact with

members of foreign services to learn how they work and what life is like in their military.

This meeting of P-3 pilots and Naval Flight Officers culminated in a Dining-In held in Misawa Japan with members of two Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) squadrons.

It was a night that began with a briefing on the US P-3 and was followed by dinner and an exchange of memorabilia along with a tour of an American Aircraft Improvement Program (AIP) P-3.

While there was limited time for fun and learning, the Golden Swordsmen continually had aircrews operating on station participating in Operation Enduring Freedom and helping fight the War on Terrorism.

Combat aircrews were flying missions in the Republic of Philippines as well as overland Afghanistan. While aircrews were flying the missions, it was the immense efforts of the maintenance department that allowed the aircraft to stay mission capable. In six months time, VP-47 flew over 6000 hours requiring over 104,000 maintenance man-hours.

The maintenance department performed 29 major unscheduled maintenance actions, including changing nine engines, eight propellers, twelve reduction gearboxes

and twenty propeller valve housing units. The men and women of the maintenance team worked hard so that the aircrews could conduct their missions effectively and safely.

The reward for all the hard work and effort put forth by the Golden Swordsmen during the six-month deployment is the ultimate reward in reuniting with our families and friends. It is pulling up to Hangar 104 and seeing the smiling faces of family and loved ones waiting to give a hug and a welcome home. NC1 Vernon Fish, VP-47 Career Counselor summed it up best, "It has been a good deployment but it's time to go home."



Navy Lt. Kelly Curran

Holzzapfel's family awaits his return to MCB Hawaii.

## **BLACK HISTORY,** *From A-4*

publications to remove the word "Negro." "Not because it was anything derogatory; that's the history of the names we've been called," Dunn said. "It was done to bring our publications up to date with what we call ourselves today."

For example, the Journal of Negro History was changed to the Journal of African-American History and the Negro History Bulletin was changed to Black History Bulletin.

"They both (Du Bois and Woodson) said something about participation of African-Americans in the armed forces," Dunn noted.

Consequently, she said, the association is trying to continue to express and celebrate a Du Bois concept. "He said there was a double consciousness or 'twoness' confronting African-Americans," she said. "It was two souls, two thoughts, two unreconciled strivings, two warring ideals in one dark body whose dogged strength alone keeps it from being torn apart."

Dunn said the concept includes the struggle African-Americans have had in the military.

"We could fight the wars, but when we come home we really weren't celebrated," she said.

Dunn said Woodson's three-story Victorian row house in northwest Washington was designated a National Historic Landmark on May 11, 1976, for its significance in African-American cultural heritage.

"The association has a bill before Congress to declare it a historical site," she noted.

"The National Park Service just completed a study that says it's worthy of being a historical site. Money is being raised to restore the home. When it's completed, the association will move into it and use it as its offices."

Sgt. Wilfred Castillo, Chef of the Year at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, and world-famous Chef Sam Choy work together to prepare Castillo's mouth-watering seven layer Marine Corps party dip. The two also clowned around, just a bit, in the spirit of the show.



### *CHOY, From A-1*

lifetime opportunity," said Castillo.

Afterward, the always joyful Choy fried

some oyster cakes in praise of the contributions to the show by Castillo and the commanding general of MCB Hawaii, Brig. Gen. Jerry C. McAbee.

"Thank you for sharing Sergeant Castillo with the people of Hawaii," Choy said to Brig. Gen. McAbee.

"You don't know how much this means to our military personnel," replied Brig. Gen. McAbee. "This was very special; you are a true American."

Brigadier Gen. McAbee displayed his appreciation to Choy by presenting him with a Marine K-Bar, which Choy used for food prepping during the show.

A fun experience for K-Bay's top Marine chef, the opportunity allowed both to swap some favorite recipes.

### *MOTORCYCLISTS, From A-1*

rider from having to learn the same lesson the hard way.

Meeting people from other units, making friends, and making motorcycling more enjoyable, are just a few of the benefits of the Motorcycle Safety Association, according to Marshall.

Keeping everyone safe through awareness and mentoring, though, is what will pay the biggest dividends down the line.

### *LANDNAV From A-3*

Thornton.

"I might want to join the Marines some day now," added Lante Vance, a 13-year-old Aliamanu student from St. Louis. "Everybody knows how tough Marines are, but now I know they are smart too."

That is something Takehara said he has known for a long time.

"The Marines from the base at Kaneohe Bay having been helping us out for many years," said Takehara. "And there is a reason we keep asking them back - the Marines know what they are talking about. Land navigation isn't just something Marines talk about, they actually live it."

Kaori Hubbard, a 13-year-old Aliamanu student from Yokohama, Japan, said she couldn't agree more.

"They teach us through real-life situations, not just from books," said Hubbard. "Everybody pays attention in class when the Marines come. Maybe the kids are a little scared of Marines and that's why they listen so good, but I don't know. I thought he was nice."

"It was an honor to have you on the show," said Choy. "I don't think I'll ever be able to eat party dip my style again — now that I have tasted yours. It was very good."



Castillo was a recent guest on the "Sam Choy Cooking Show," which will air later this month.