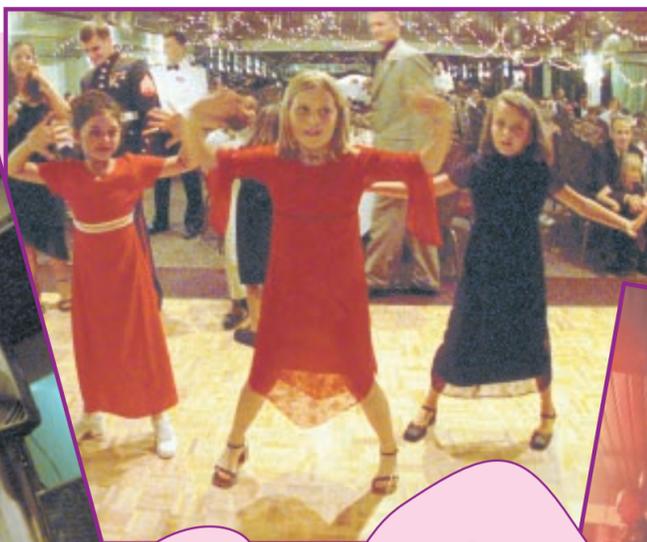


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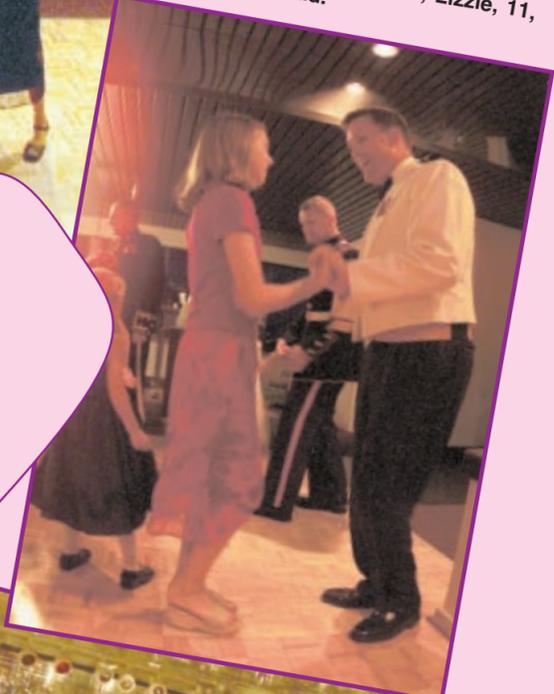


Stephanie Fish, 5, practically floats above the dance floor as her father Petty Officer 1st Class Vernon Fish, command career counselor at Patrol Squadron 47, leads her around the room to the last slow song of the night, "Butterfly Kisses."



Left — (From left to right) Brooke Wickham, 8; Jordan Reiche, 10; and Carlie Priddy, 9, dance in unison, to the delight of everyone. Below — Navy Chaplain (Lt.) Cartus Thornton follows the "blessing of the dance" with some "getting down" of his own, as his daughter, Lizzie, 11, follows his lead.

Daddy's little girl



The dance floor was filled with fathers, daughters and even a few mothers, as they all boogied away the night.

Fathers and daughters share special night to remember

Story and Photos by
Cpl. Jessica M. Mills
Sports Editor

Maybe, there's nothing more exciting than the hours before a dance — whether it be a homecoming, the prom or Marine Corps Ball.

For many of us, it may seem like only yesterday when we were preparing our dresses and suits, fixing our hair perfectly, and waiting to arrive with our date at the long-awaited event.

When that moment finally arrived and we walked airily onto the dance floor, maybe it was as if time stopped, and a magical feeling overtook us all.

Reminiscent of these youthful days, when anything seemed possible, the Armed Services YMCA held its fourth annual Father Daughter

Sweetheart Dance at the Officers' Club Lanai Ballroom, Saturday.

More than 200 fathers and daughters walked arm-in-arm into the ballroom, dressed to the hilt in their best.

The young girls looked like princesses, with their fathers playing the role of their long-awaited prince.

"It's like their version of the Marine Corps Ball that they see Mommy go to every year with daddy. Now it's their turn to get dressed up and be Daddy's date," said Julie Shirley of ASYMCA.

When the guests first walked into the ballroom — beautifully decorated with lights and balloons — they were offered professional photographs, to mark the occasion. Then, prior to the dinner, Combat Service Support Group 3 provided the colors ceremony, and Navy Chaplain (Lt.) Cartus Thornton of the MCB Hawaii Base Chapel blessed the meal.

Fathers and daughters excitedly filed through the buffet, fathers lovingly serving their



Adriana Guerrero, 11, (foreground left) and her sister Audra (center) dance with their father, Petty Officer 1st Class Chad Guerrero, a leading petty officer with Analysis Division with CPRFP.

daughters anything their little hearts desired.

But, perhaps, the excitement really began when the disc jockeys started up the lights and music, and fathers and daughters took to the dance floor.

"This night is really awesome, especially the music and dancing, and the food — everything!" said Lizzie Thornton, 11.

Throughout the rest of the evening, fathers tried to keep up with their young, energized daughters during fast-paced modern music and golden oldies of the 60's and 70's. They held their little angels close during the slow dances.

"Like I told my wife, my girls are four and five, and for them to be

able to go on their first date with their father is more memorable — and means more to me, than anything else in the entire world," said Cpl. David Weekley, an accounting noncommissioned officer with the Comptrollers Office, Headquarters Bn, MCB Hawaii.

To add to the excitement, throughout the evening there were prize drawings, based on ticket numbers, from places such as Jungle River Mini Golf, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Planet Hollywood, Wallace Theater Corp., Pinky's Pupu Bar and Grill, Germaine's Luau, and many more.

The night ended with a heartfelt slow dance to the hit "Butterfly Kisses" by the country artist John Carlisle, which tells the story of a father watching his only daughter grow into a woman. The moment seemed to tear at the hearts of everyone.

"It was going to make me cry," said Amanda Harris, ASYMCA office manager. "You could see the fathers holding onto their daughters tighter than ever."

According to Andrea Besgrove, outreach director, ASYMCA, this year's dance was the largest turnout yet, including Marine

See DANCE, B-2

A whole lot of dancin' going on...

Staff Sgt. Derrick Hancock, a warehouse chief with Headquarters and Service Co., 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines, holds his six-year-old daughter Ceyara closely during the night's last slow song.



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POSSIBILITIES IN PARADISE

By Debbie Robbins and Edward Hanlon V, MCCS Marketing

FEBRUARY



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LINKS Seeks Team Leader — Are you a self-starter? Are you comfortable in social settings? Are you a natural leader? If so, LINKS is looking for you.

This position is volunteer, and the incumbent agrees to serve a one-year term. This mentoring program introduces many new spouses into the unique military lifestyle.

Designed as a networking setting, many members make lasting friendships. The LINKS

Team Leader is responsible for running the day-to-day program operations and manning the volunteer team.

All interested parties should contact Chief Warrant Officer 2 Robert Dempsey at 257-7782.

All applications must be turned in by today.

MARCH

1 / Saturday

Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families — Ever wonder how some families seem to get along so well? How do parents of today get their teenagers to communicate openly with them?

It's not luck and it's not easy. More than ever, military families need to possess the skills necessary to function and thrive in a family setting, and the Personal Services Department is assisting families to do just that.

All authorized military patrons are invited to attend the next free "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families" seminar, March 1 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the CREDO Compound.

Brown bag lunches are preferred, and childcare may be available, if requested when placing your reservation.

This free brief will help family members move from a "me" attitude to a "we" attitude.

Spaces are limited, so call 257-7780 without delay.

6 / Thursday

Storytime at the Base Library — Every Thursday from now until June 5, the Base Library, located in Bldg. 219, will host Storytime, at 10 a.m.

Children and parents are invited to a fun-filled hour of stories, activities and special events. Parents can come down and spend some quality educational time with their children.

For more information, call the Base Library at 254-7624.

Free Showing of "Tears of the Sun" — What's better than a night at the movies — a night at a free movie, of course!

The Base Theater and Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 37 will proudly host a free showing of Bruce Willis' "Tears of the Sun," his latest film shot here in tropical Hawaii.

This movie is rated "R" and is open to all hands. Doors open at 7:15 p.m., and the show will begin at 8 p.m.

7 / Friday

"Beads & Beverages" — The Rocker Room will host Mardi Gras beginning at 4:30 p.m. Free for members and all nonmembers, get into this gala for just \$2.

For more Mardi Gras information, call the Rocker Room at 254-5592.

18 / Tuesday

Ready for an Affair? — All base families are invited to the free MCCS Aloha Fair inside the Windward Enlisted Club Ballroom, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Several base and community business will be on-site to offer guests product samples, resources and services. The Aloha Fair is the ideal information expo for all new base families.

All guests will experience a lei greeting and ample opportunity to win many door prizes, and free pupus and beverages will be served.

Meet your new neighbors. Meet some new friends. Start living aloha at the Aloha Fair.

Mahalo to the MCCS Aloha Fair sponsors: AAA Hawaii, GEICO, Creative Memories, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut.

Look for your personalized, mailed invitation. For more details, call 254-7679.

SM&SP



Mahalo to AT&T In-Room Service for supporting the Single Marine & Sailor Program.

All events are open to single, active duty military, E-5 and below.

The SM&SP Office is located in Bldg. 219. Call 254-7593 for more details on any program or activity.

Program Review

Thursdays: Enjoy free tennis lessons from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at K-Bay's tennis courts. Call 258-8081 for reservations.

March 8: Take a free "Stairway to Heaven" hike. Gather at the Kahuna's Sports Bar & Grill parking lot for a 7 a.m. departure. Bring water, sunscreen and a hat.

March 21: The next Shank & Slice Golf Tournery will be a Best Ball with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. at the Kaneohe Klipper.

March 23: Take the "Shark Cage/Hummer Island Excursion" to cruise around Oahu in a Hummer and get in the cage and experience a shark's world.

This trip is limited to five people; the cost is \$140.

April 12: Catch the next Paintball contest. Cost is \$50 per three-person team and includes all day air, equipment and field fees. Register by April 9; call 265-4283 for more details.

April 19: Save this date for the Hawaiian Water Park Day Trip at \$25.

MCX lowers Star Card interest rate

Service members deployed to certain areas may be eligible for the rate

Marine Corps Community Services
Press Release

The Marine Corps Exchange is offering a helping hand to Marines who are deployed to contingency areas, such as the Persian Gulf, where imminent danger pay is authorized. The MCX is helping by reducing or waving interest fees for Military Star credit cards.

To qualify for the program, Marines must be assigned to a contingency area for at least 90

consecutive days, and their accounts must not be in a collection status. Routine or scheduled deployments do not qualify for the program.

There are two options available.

•Option 1: Has a reduced interest rate of 6 percent, the ability to continue using the account during the deployment period, and no payments required during the deployment period.

•Option 2: Has an interest rate of 0 percent, no use of the

account during the deployment period, and no payments required during the deployment period. Interest will revert to the normal rate when the deployment ends or 90 days has passed.



To apply for the lower interest rates, the cardholder's command — *not the individual card holder* — must notify the Military Star Credit Card Contact Center of the member's deployment status. Commands should submit a request that includes a list identifying all eligi-

ble Marines, copies of deployment orders, or certification that the deployment location is listed in the DoD Financial Management Regulation, Volume 7A, Chapter 10, to the Military Star credit card contact center.

If the deployment is extended, the command will again need to notify the center.

Requests from individual cardholders will not be processed.

Requests may be faxed to (214) 312-4326 or DSN 967-4326. E-mail requests to deployment@aafes.com or send letter requests to the Exchange Customer Contact Center, P.O. Box 650524, Dallas, TX 75265-0524.

'Newman's Own' award seeking grant hopefuls

Marine Corps Community Services
Press Release

For the fourth consecutive year, Newman's Own, Fisher House, and the Military Times Media Group are sponsoring the Newman's Own Award for Military Community Excellence. Volunteer organizations are invited to compete for a share of \$50,000 in grants.

If you are part of a group striving to improve the quality of life for military personnel and their families, then you need to go to www.fisherhouse.org to submit your innovative plan or idea.

The submission deemed most outstanding will receive a \$10,000 grant. The remaining \$40,000 will be allocated to other organizations by the judges.

Keep in mind that the judges are looking for good ideas that capture the spirit of volunteerism. Organizations should primarily be those with volunteers, rather than paid professional staffs.

Parent Teacher Organizations, student classes, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Spouses Clubs, and others that qualify, are invited to enter, if they have projects supporting the military community that need financial support.

Specific eligibility rules apply. Visit www.fisherhouse.org or call toll free 1-888-294-8560.

All entries must be received by April 30, 2003.

The Newman's Own Award for Military Community Excellence is jointly funded through the sale of Newman's Own products at military commissaries worldwide, Fisher House Foundation and Military Times Media Group.

A World War II veteran, actor Paul Newman donates all profits from the sale of his Newman's Own products to charitable and educational causes.

Since 1982, he has donated more than \$125 million to thousands of charities. Every purchase of a Newman's Own product at your local commissary benefits Fisher House and programs like the Newman's Own Award.

DANCE: ASYMCA hosts special event



Army Maj. Shawn Budke of the Joint Inter Agency Coordination Group for Combating Terrorism, Camp H. M. Smith, dances to a fast '70s song with his six-year-old daughter Hailey.

From B-1

Corps, Navy, Army and even some Air Force attendees.

"This is not a money-making project," said Besgrove. "It's just a treat for families to improve their quality of life, so that fathers can do something special with their daughters — just the two of them."

MOVIE TIME

Prices: Adults (12 and older) \$3, Children (6 to 11) \$1.50, Children (5 and younger) free. Matinee prices are \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. Parents must purchase tickets for "R" rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 years old and younger.

For E-5 and below, admission is free to the second show on Friday and Saturday evenings only. Sunday evenings, the price is \$1 for all patrons.

Show your I.D. at the box office, Bldg. 219. Phone 254-7642 for record-info, 254-7641 for the theater manager.

The Wild Thornberry's (PG)	Today at 7:15 p.m.
Two Weeks Notice (PG13)	Today at 9:45 p.m.
Lord of the Rings: Two Towers (PG-13)	Saturday at 6 p.m.
Solaris (PG13)	Saturday at 9:45 p.m.
Lord of the Rings: Two Towers (PG-13)	Sunday at 3:30 p.m.
Solaris (PG13)	Sunday at 7:15 p.m.
Lord of the Rings: Two Towers (PG-13)	Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Catch Me if You Can (PG-13)	March 7 at 7:15 p.m.
Antoine Fisher (PG13)	March 7 at 9:45 p.m.
Pinocchio (G)	March 8 at 7:15 p.m.
Catch Me if You Can (PG-13)	March 8 at 9:45 p.m.
Pinocchio (G)	March 9 at 3:30 p.m.

COLA survey now online

Pacific Command urges all Hawaii's military to complete their cost of living allowance survey; results will affect rates through 2006

**U.S. Pacific Command
Public Affairs**
Press Release

CAMP H.M. SMITH — U.S. Pacific Command is encouraging all uniformed military service members stationed in Hawaii to participate in a Cost of Living Allowance Living Pattern survey to help establish

a new COLA rate.

The Living Pattern survey, which is conducted every three years as required by the Department of Defense, is available online now through March 31 at www.persdiem.osd.mil/oscولا/lps/hawaii.

The Living Pattern survey seeks information on where service members shop and dine, and how much they buy from off-base retailers.

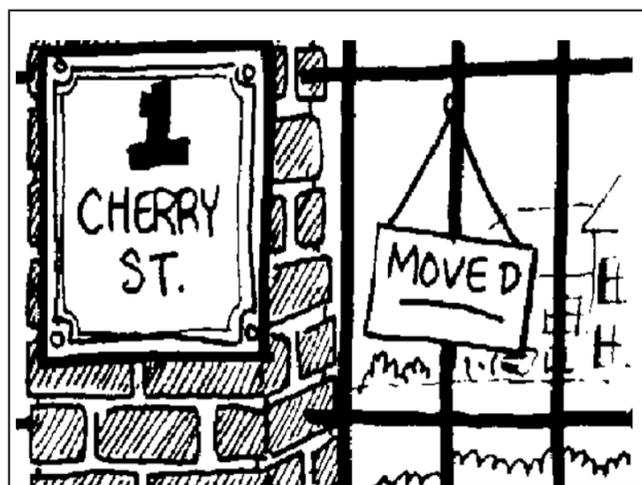
The cost of living allowance is an allowance paid to service members stationed in high-cost areas overseas. Its purpose is to compensate members for differences in the cost of living between the continental United States and their assigned loca-

tion outside of the continental United States.

"The last COLA survey conducted in Hawaii was in 1999, and only 150 service members responded out of the nearly 43,000 eligible personnel stationed here," said Eddie Fowler, a personnel policy analyst with U.S. Pacific Command's Manpower, Personnel, and Administration Directorate. "It's in all the eligible service members' interest to complete the survey, to ensure the results accurately reflect the cost of living here in Hawaii."

The survey results will affect new cost of living allowance rates for the calendar years 2003-2006.

Did You Know?



NAPS

The first presidential mansion was at No. 1 Cherry Street in New York City — the first U.S. capital in 1789-1790.

RECIPE CORNER

Burger tastes great in a biscuit stew

NAPS
Featurettes

Dress up your hamburger dinner and surprise your loved ones with this tasty Biscuit-Topped Hamburger Stew. The hearty meal is easy to make and calls for familiar ingredients that are already favorites and will be sure to please.

Biscuit-Topped Hamburger Stew

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped onion
- 1 (14.5-oz.) can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (12-oz.) jar homestyle beef gravy
- 1 1/2 cups diced peeled potatoes
- 1 cup carrot strips (1x1/4x1/4-inch)
- 1 cup frozen cut green beans
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 (6-oz.) can refrigerated buttermilk biscuits

Heat oven to 375 degrees, and spray large skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Heat skillet over medium-high heat until hot, then add ground beef and onion; cook and stir until beef is thoroughly cooked. Drain.

Add all remaining ingredients except biscuits; mix well. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to medium-low; cover and cook 10 to 15 minutes, or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally.

Spoon into ungreased 8-inch square (2-quart) or oval (2 1/2-quart) baking dish.

Separate dough into five biscuits; cut each in half. Arrange, cut side down, around outside edge of hot mixture.

Bake at 375 degrees for 20 minutes, or until casserole is bubbly and biscuits are deep golden brown to make four servings.



Biscuit-Topped Hamburger Stew

ON THE MENU

Anderson Hall will serve the following this week:

Today

Lunch

Pepper Steak
Southern Fried Catfish
Rice Pilaf
Potatoes Au Gratin
Sugar Cookies
Asst. Fruit Pies

Dinner

Beef Pot Pie
Roast Turkey
Paprika Buttered Potatoes
Steamed Rice
Sugar Cookies
Asst. Fruit Pies

Specialty Bar

(For Lunch and Dinner)
Pasta Bar

Saturday

Dinner/Brunch

Baked Lasagna
Chicken Parmesan
Pizza Slices
Garlic Bread
Marble Cake
w/Chocolate Icing
Asst. Fruit Pies

Sunday

Dinner/Brunch

Barbecue Beef Cubes
Baked Turkey & Noodles
Steamed Rice
Ginger Molasses Cookies
Spice Cake
w/Butter Cream Frosting

Monday

Lunch

Meat Loaf

Pork Ham Roast

Steamed Rice
Mashed Potatoes
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Asst. Fruit Pies

Dinner

Beef Brogul
Baked Cajun Fish
Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Rice
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Asst. Fruit Pies

Specialty Bar

(For Lunch and Dinner)
Pasta Bar

Tuesday

Lunch

Simmered Corned Beef
w/Mustard Sauce
Honey Glazed Cornish Hens
Parsley Buttered Potatoes
Egg Noodles
Peanut Butter Cake
w/Peanut Butter Frosting
Asst. Fruit Pies

Dinner

Turkey Pot Pie
Sweet & Sour Pork
Steamed Rice
Parsley Buttered Potatoes
Peanut Butter Cake
w/Peanut Butter Frosting
Asst. Fruit Pies

Specialty Bar

(For Lunch and Dinner)
Taco Bar

Wednesday

Lunch

Pork Adobo

Beef Yakisoba
Steamed Rice
Pork Fried Rice
Oatmeal Cookies
Strawberry Shortcake
Asst. Fruit Pies

Dinner

Steak Smothered w/Onions
Southern Fried Catfish
Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Rice
Oatmeal Cookies
Strawberry Shortcake
Asst. Fruit Pies

Specialty Bar

(For Lunch and Dinner)
Country Bar

Thursday

Lunch

Turkey A La King
Beef Porcupines
Mashed Potatoes
Boiled Egg Noodles
Marble Cake
w/Chocolate Cream Frosting
Pineapple Upside-Down Cake
Asst. Fruit Pies

Dinner

Braised Liver w/Onions
El Rancho Stew
Honey Ginger Chicken
Steamed Rice
Boiled Egg Noodles
Marble Cake
w/Chocolate Cream Frosting
Pineapple Upside-Down Cake
Asst. Fruit Pies

Specialty Bar

(For Lunch and Dinner)
Taco Bar

QUOTABLE: "A man without ambition is dead." — Pearl Bailey

ARC spearheads new family preparedness ad campaign

American Red Cross
Press Release

The American Red Cross today announced the launch of a national initiative to provide America's families with information and suggested activities to help them prepare for both man-made and natural emergencies.

Today's announcement followed a call made yesterday by U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge for all Americans to take action to help assure their safety.

The new national program, "Together We Prepare Safe Families," includes the distribution of family safety guidebooks through Red Cross chapters in many major cities, beginning March 6. An online version of the guidebook is available for download today at the Red Cross Web site (www.redcross.org).

"Together We Prepare Safe Families" is an extension of the Red Cross' overall national brand and awareness campaign unveiled today, "Together We Prepare." The new campaign features compelling broadcast and print advertising to remind people of the important role they play when, with the Red Cross, they help others in need. "Together We Prepare" is also intended to raise national awareness of the need for preparedness.

New Study Finds Most Americans Unprepared

A new survey found that 72 percent of Americans do not have a disaster plan in place, and 74 percent do not have a disaster supplies kit stored safely in their home. The "Preparedness" survey was conducted by phone among 1,021 adults across the nation on Dec. 19 - 22, 2002. The survey, conducted by Harris Interactive, has a three percent margin of error.

Simple emergency preparedness kits and other safety and security items can be purchased online at www.safetyandsecurity-center.com.

"We know from our research that American families simply are not adequately prepared to deal with emergencies," said Marsha J. Evans, president and CEO of the American Red Cross. "While this reality has always been an area of concern, today's environment makes it a call to action.

"The new program that the Red Cross has announced today is an example of the type of partnership that is needed if we hope to make true national preparedness a reality," Evans continued.

The Family Safety Guide

At the cornerstone of the educational campaign is an all-new guide, "Together We Can Become Safe Families." This comprehensive workbook outlines the critical steps every family should follow to be prepared for all types of emergencies.

The guidebook addresses preparedness from a general perspective to have the greatest effect on helping keep America's families safe.

"To be better prepared for emergencies, families need to start with the basics," said Evans.

About the American Red Cross

Governed by volunteers and supported by community donations, the American Red Cross is a nationwide network of

nearly 1,000 chapters and Blood Services regions dedicated to saving lives and helping people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Led by 1.2 million volunteers and 30,000 employees, the Red Cross annually mobilizes relief to families affected by more than 67,000 disasters, trains almost 12 million people in lifesaving skills and exchanges more than a million emergency messages for U.S. military service personnel and their families. The Red Cross is the largest supplier of blood and blood products to more than 3,000 hospitals across the nation, and also assists victims of international disasters and conflicts at locations worldwide.

About the Safety and Security Center

The Safety and Security Center, based in Carlsbad Calif., was founded in 1990 to provide consumers with unique and effective safety and security products for home, family, office and business. You can browse their catalog of safety and security products at: <http://www.safetyandsecuritycenter.com>.

All Enlisted Spouses Club scholarship applications available

MCB Hawaii Public Affairs
Press Release

It is scholarship time once again, and the All Enlisted Spouses Club will be rewarding several to family members of enlisted active duty, retired or deceased service personnel of the Armed Forces who are presently stationed at or retired from MCB Hawaii.

You can pick up an application form at the All Enlisted Spouses Club Thrift Shop, or at the Base Education Center, Bldg. 219. Applications must be delivered, or postmarked, no later than April 15 to be considered.

In other exciting news, the All Enlisted Spouses Club is having a Logo Contest.

The AESC is looking for some-

one to design a logo that represents the organization and what it stands for.

Lastly, patrons are reminded that the newly improved All Enlisted Spouses Club Thrift Shop is open for business.

The Thrift Shop accepts donations and consignments from patrons, and its hours of operation are Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., and all Saturdays following paydays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The AESC Thrift Shop is always in need of volunteers. If you would like to provide an assist, call or drop by the All Enlisted Spouses Club. Contact AESC at 254-0841, for more details regarding the scholarship, Logo Contest or volunteering.

Tax checklist simplifies filing, maximizes return

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We've all got a vested interest in doing our taxes the right way, the first time. This step-by-step list can make the task less taxing.

The 123's of Simplifying Taxes

1) **Get Serious.** Schedule a time to get to work and commit to it.

2) **Get Started.** My father reminds me of the old proverb, "A trip of a thousand miles begins with a traffic jam." Get in that "jam," and your tax return will

begin to gel.

3) **Get Organized.** Get your W-2s together to report wages, your 1099s to report interest and dividends, your 1099Bs for reporting stock and bond sales, and your 1098s for deducting your interest and taxes. The Internal Revenue Service and your accountant both want final numbers.

4) **Get Informed.** Learn about changes to 2002's tax law. If you're tax savvy, do your own return after learning all the new rules. If you're tax "simple," Web sites such as the Internal Revenue Service and Microsoft Network Money can actually do the return for you.

5) **Get Help.** Don't hesitate to ask for help; it's deductible. But, call for an appointment now.

6) **Get Status.** Decide how you're going to file. The lowest rates are with joint returns, but if there are potential high medical or miscellaneous deductions, Married Filing Separate may yield a lower total tax. Alternatively, a single mother may qualify for the Head of Household rates, which are better than the rates for filing Single. There are other options too. You need to know the rules.

7) **Get Adjusted.** "Above The Line" deductions are allowed whether you itemize or not. They range from interest on stu-

dent loans to alimony.

8) **Get Itemized.** The chart next to line 36 on your 1040 tax form lists your standard deduction. Compare this amount to your total allowable itemized deductions. Take the higher amount.

9) **Get Exemptions.** For 2002, you get to deduct as much as \$3,000 from your income for each qualified exemption you have.

10) **Get credit.** A credit is the best expense to have. It's a dollar-for-dollar reduction in your taxes. A deduction reduces your tax by your marginal rate.

11) **Get Cash.** Decide how you're going to file. That's go-

ing to effect how quickly you're going to get that refund. For example, if you e-file, you get your money back faster.

12) **Get Filed.** You've done the hard work, now get it off your desk. Or file for an extension.

13) **Get Receipts.** If you filed on paper, get a receipt. I always mail my returns certified, return receipt requested.

14) **Get Planning.** Start your 2003 planning now. Don't put it off; people don't plan to fail, they merely fail to plan.

15) **Get Real.** Do your best but don't obsess. Remember, it's the new, friendly IRS but, it charges interest and penalties.

To-do list aides taxpayers this year

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Making your money work harder for you may be easier with some advice from tax professionals.

1) Take a very good look at your W-2 form. Mistakes can delay your tax return or even reduce your Social Security benefits when you retire. Make sure the name on your form matches the name on your Social Security card.

You should get a W-2 from every employer you have worked for. If you worked multiple jobs, you

may have paid more than you should in Social Security taxes and may be able to get some of that money back.

2) For Tax Season 2003, federal and military employers can provide employees with electronic access to their Forms W-2. This can let many get a head start on tax return preparation and filing as well as avoid the possibility of the form getting lost. Most Tax Service locations opened Jan. 2 to assist customers through their tax preparation process.

3) The definition of earned income has changed and, as a result,

more people may qualify for more money.

This may be of particular advantage to military personnel, since military housing and combat pay are no longer counted.

Earned income will consist of only what is reported as wages by an employer or the net profit from the firm of a self-employed individual.

It's also easier to qualify a child for an earned income credit. Children now include a son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter or a lineal descendent of any relative.

The same can now also apply to the taxpayers' brother, sister, stepbrother, step-sister or a lineal descendent of such relative.

Earned income credit can even apply to eligible foster or adopted children, even if the adoption is not final.

Considered good news is that the maximum earned income credit for tax year 2003 has increased to \$2,506 for one qualifying child, \$4,140 for two qualifying children and a \$376 credit for taxpayers with no children.



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Sergeant Tarama Fuatagavi, a 4th Force Reconnaissance Company parachute rigger, files his taxes with the assistance of Lance Cpl. James Harrison, a tax preparer for the Base Tax Center at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Refund Central



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

The Tax Center is located in Bldg. 455, adjacent to the 7-Day Store. The center is open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and also 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays. Walk-in service is available for all MCB Hawaii service members, their families & retirees. The tax service is free of charge and allows income tax returns to be directly deposited into accounts. To make an appointment, call 257-1026.

WORD TO PASS

Aloha United Way Launches Online

Hawaii's Aloha United Way has launched a new Web site that provides current information for people searching for ways to become involved with non-profits in the state.

The charitable organization invited 4,000 nonprofits to post their listings, free of charge, on its "211 Hot! List."

Categories include "Job Openings," "Donate Goods & Services," "Volunteer Opportunities," "Classes/Workshops," and "Free Events," with additional drop down menus under those categories.

"The spirit of aloha is strong in Hawaii — people truly want to help the less fortunate," explained Irving Lauber, president of the Aloha United Way.

To use the service, log onto www.auw.org.

Beaumont Foundation Seeks Grant Applications for Computers

Headquartered in Jefferson County, Texas, the Beaumont Foundation of America has kicked off efforts to provide free computer technology to qualifying nonprofits, faith-based and community organizations, libraries, schools and individuals in need in Hawaii.

The \$350 million foundation has begun accepting applications for its first grant

cycle, which ends March 31, to award \$330,000 in Hawaii for brand new computers. The foundation's core purpose is to provide state-of-the-art, Internet-enabled, wireless computer hardware to Americans who do not have access to the vast global network.

The foundation was funded as part of an historic, class action lawsuit, which allows unclaimed portions of the class action recovery to meet social needs — and hopefully give rise to a new form of American philanthropy.

To apply, and for more information, surf www.bmtfoundation.com, or call toll free 1-866-505-COMP (2667).

FBI Recruits at K-Bay, Monday

Interested in a career with the FBI? Learn about requirements for applying by attending the FBI career seminar Monday at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay's Bldg. 267, Classroom 2, from 10 - 11 a.m.

For more information, call 257-7790.

Big Brothers, Sisters Wanted

Volunteers are needed to enroll as Big Brothers and Big Sisters, then to spend one hour per week with their assigned Little Brother or Little Sister.

The main focus of this program is to build a friendship and serve as an adult

role model for a child who doesn't have a mother or father role model.

Typically, volunteers help kids work on class assignments, enjoy activities, play board games, or simply converse about what's on their mind.

Little Brothers and Sisters are between the ages of 5 and 12 years and selected by their teachers and school counselors.

If you'd like to get involved and make a difference in a child's life, call Eva Garcia, a case manager at the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Honolulu, at 521-3811, ext. 234.

'Iolani Palace Hosts Kama'aina Sunday

Local residents and active duty military families can walk in the footsteps of kings and queens at any free tour of 'Iolani Palace, offered the first Sunday of each month, with presentation of military I.D.

Located at 364 South King St. in the heart of downtown Honolulu, the 'Iolani Palace is the majestic symbol of Hawaii's monarchy era, and the staff has enhanced the tour selection with a new comprehensive, 90-minute, guided Grand Tour and a shorter, 30-minute, self-guided tour, both of which include the Palace video and Galleries.

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Base Chapel

Catholic Services

Sunday Mass	9:30 a.m.
Holy Days of Obligation	11:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Daily Mass	11:45 a.m. (Tuesdays - Fridays)
Adult Choir Rehearsal	6 p.m., Tuesdays
Saturday Mass	5 p.m.

Protestant Services

Liturgical Worship	8 a.m., Sundays
Children's Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Contemporary Worship	11 a.m., Sundays
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7 p.m., Tuesdays

For more on Protestant Adult Sunday School, contact Chaplain Thornton at 257-3552, ext. 5.

All Catholic and Protestant services are located at the Base Chapel, Bldg. 1090, behind Dunkin' Donuts.

Religious education programs are held in the new Religious Education Facility.

Contact the Base Chapel at 257-3552.

QUOTABLE:
"Wisdom begins in wonder." — Socrates

MARINE MAKEPONO

HAWAIIAN FOR "MARINE BARGAINS"

Vehicles

2002 PT Cruiser, loaded, \$17,900 OBO. Call 254-6125.

Boats

Sailboat, 25 foot, fixed keel, lots of sails, motor, life jackets, spinnaker and pole. Asking 4,900 OBO. See at Base Marina on MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Call 253-0194 for more details.

Furniture

Sectional sofa, Berkline, dark blue, has full sleeper, corner wedge and two recliners. Asking \$800. Call 253-0452.

Serta mattress set and frame, twin size, \$200. Call 253-0452.

Miscellaneous

Sunbeam gas grill, \$30. Call 253-0452.

Ads are accepted from active duty and retired military personnel, their family members and MCB Hawaii civil service employees.

Ads are free and will appear in two issues of the Hawaii Marine, if space is available.

The deadline for submitting ads is at 4 p.m. the Friday of the week prior to publication.

Forms may be filled out Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

at the MCB Hawaii Public Affairs Office, located in Bldg. 216, aboard Kaneohe Bay.

Makepono may be used only for noncommercial classified ads containing items of personal property.

Ads must represent incidental exchanges, not of a sustained business nature, which are run on a first-come, first served basis.

For more details, call 257-8836 or 257-8837.



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Kama'aina and active duty military families may enjoy discounted admission during regular Palace hours. Call 522-0832 to make reservations or for more information.

Military Widows Provide Needed Support

The Society of Military Widows invites widows and widowers to join the organization during any upcoming gathering, which provides informal and friendly fellowship.

The group meets at 6 p.m., the second Friday of every month at the Mongolian barbecue held at the Kaneohe Bay Officers' Club. It also meets the third Saturday of every month at different locations.

If you're interested in participating, contact Judith Breitwieser at 262-7953.

Word to Pass Receives Faxes from Groups

If you have Word to Pass items you would like published, which are of general interest to the military or Department of Defense community, fax them to the Hawaii Marine at 257-2511, at least two weeks prior to the date of your event. For more details, call 257-8836.