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Base Facilities restores power after accident

**Staff Sgt.
Robert Carlson**
Press Chief

A garbage collection truck struck and uprooted a power pole near the Self-Help building Jan. 30, and it knocked out power to an entire portion of the power grid, aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The Ammunition Supply Point and several base housing residents were without power after the early-evening

accident.

Power lines connected to the uprooted pole caused three adjacent poles to snap, and one of the broken poles smashed into the roof of a nearby housing unit.

Leo Demello, Ron Web, and the rest of the line crew and electricians at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, restored power to all but three housing units by 6 p.m.

By 1 a.m. Jan. 31, power was restored to two of the remaining homes, and debris

was cleared from the scene shortly thereafter.

Military Police and Base Facilities personnel worked through the night to ensure the safety and comfort of the residents affected by the incident.

"If anyone needs to understand the true meaning of teamwork, they should have been there watching all of the different departments/agencies at their best," said Sgt. Maj. Filipino Ilaoa, base sergeant major, MCB Hawaii.



Photos Courtesy of Base Facilities

Left — Power lines connected to the uprooted pole caused three adjacent poles to snap. One of these poles smashed into the roof of a nearby housing unit.

Right — Base Facilities worked throughout the night to restore power to the housing units.

K-Bay Legal seizes coveted CMC award

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

Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Brig. Gen. Kevin M. Sandkuhler, presented the 2002 Commandant's Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance to the Legal Assistance Office at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, during a ceremony Monday.

The Judge Advocate League annually makes the award to legal service centers that exercise innovative ideas, which develop into superior quality legal assistance for their local

community.

This marked the second time in three years that K-Bay's Legal Assistance Office was awarded the CAELA.

"Winning this award — two out of the last three years — shows that base legal continues to find new ways of developing different and better ways to assist service members and commands with legal issues," said Maj. Jonathan W. Hitesman, staff judge advocate and director of the Legal Services Center.

One new item is the Consumer Business Complaint Program, which is an on-

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Locked and loaded



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Marines from Bravo Battery, 1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment, load a 155mm projectile high explosive round into an M-198 Howitzer prior to firing during a unit training exercise at Schofield Barracks Jan. 23. See page A-3 for the full story.

'Civilian Marines' receive service honors

Gen. M. W. Hagee
*Commandant of the
Marine Corps*

Our civilian Marines are an essential element of the Marine Corps team.

It is important that we express our appreciation frequently to civilian Marines for their support and faithful service to Corps and country.

Accordingly, I have authorized the creation and distribution of a Marine Corps Civilian Service Pin.

This pin will identify our employees as civilian Marines and serve as a visible expression of appreciation for their hard work and sacrifice for the Marine Corps.

It is my intention that the civilian Marine service pin be given to each civilian from entry level to senior executive service.

The pins are now available and distribution can be arranged through local human resources offices, beginning in February 2003.

The pin will be issued to new employees when they complete their employee orientation or to

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Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Marine 1st Lt. Christopher M. Winchell, 1st Lt. Claire Hamilton, Lance Cpl. David L. Reinman, Capt. David J. Fennell and Wendy Bieber, are just five reasons why the MCB Hawaii Legal Assistance Office received the Commandant's Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance.

MarForPac Marines, Sailors preserve order at Camp Smith

Cpl. Luis R. Agostini
Marine Forces Pacific

MARINE FORCES PACIFIC, CAMP H. M. SMITH — More than 50 Marines and Sailors from the Marine Forces Pacific Band and MarForPac Headquarters and Service Bn. completed a two-day security augmentation force class here Thursday.

The SAF course consisted of 16 1/2 hours of classroom instruction and practical application in the use of deadly force, weapons handling, vehicle inspections, pressure point training, anti-ter-

rorism, interior guard and field interviews.

This is not the first time the musicians and Camp Smith based Marines have familiarized themselves with the duties of the interior guard. In October 2001, the post-9/11 SAF was activated on short notice, without much preparation.

"The biggest difference between this year and last year's SAF is the preparation given to the Marines before they assumed post.

"When the SAF was activated October 2001, no one really understood his or her responsibilities," said MarForPac Com-

pany 1st Sgt. Harry Rivera. "The SAF in 2001 consisted of a limited amount of personnel qualified to stand post."

While on guard, SAF personnel will provide direct support to the Camp Smith military police detachment.

"The military policemen are depending on the SAF to give them 100 percent support needed to maintain tight security aboard Camp Smith," said Rivera. "This is the reason training on how to search, seize and apprehend, and vehicle inspections, is important."

Although widely recognized for their musical abilities in and around the

Pacific region, the MarForPac Band leathernecks are no strangers to force protection in the MarForPac area of responsibility. Many of them often provide rear area security during many exercises and operations.

"Our Marines ... stand ready to serve in accordance with our mission, which is ... to augment the headquarters element in rear area security," explained Sgt. Gary Gilbert, MarForPac Band platoon sergeant.

If the SAF is activated due to the rise

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MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

EE AND I BOND HOLDERS MUST WAIT 12 MONTHS

The Department of Treasury recently announced that the minimum holding period for Series EE and I bonds has been increased from six to 12 months as of Saturday.

This change means people who purchase EE or I bonds on or after Saturday must wait one year before they may redeem those bonds. People who purchase bonds will receive a notification of this new policy with their bonds until the preprinted bond stock that incorrectly states the previous holding period is used up.

More information is available at <http://www.savingsbonds.gov>.

MCX'S SUPER STAR STUDENT PROGRAM STILL RUNNING

The 2002 Marine Corps Exchange Super Star Student Program has been a huge success.

There have been four \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bonds winners so far this year.

To win, MCX patrons in grades 6-12 must bring their B average or better report card to the MCX to receive a scratch off card.

The scratch off card reveals a prize including phone cards, disposable cameras, portfolios, dictionaries and other great prizes.

Each MCX also has at least two scratch off cards with \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bonds on them.

The Super Star Student Program is entirely vendor supported. The MCX partners with these valued vendors to support the military community and encourages students to earn good grades.

W-2s AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW

All personnel with access to myPay (formerly Employee/Member Self Service) can now access their W-2 forms necessary to file tax returns. The W-2 tax form is available for download for the current year, and previous years to 1998.

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COLA rates could fall in March

U.S. Pacific Command Press Release

Uniformed service members in the state of Hawaii will have an opportunity to take the first Cost of Living Allowance survey in three years beginning March 1.

The Manpower, Personnel, and Administration office of U.S. Pacific Command is the lead activity for the survey.

Extensive service component and Coast Guard support is needed to ensure this important Quality of Life action is performed correctly.

"The last COLA survey, conducted in 1999, predicted a four-point drop in Oahu's COLA rate, or a 25 percent reduction in every service member's COLA allowance," said Eddie Fowler, a personnel policy analyst with U.S. Pacific Command's Manpower, Personnel, and Administration Directorate.

"The Department of Defense held the reduction in abeyance after U.S. Pacific Command leadership expressed severe reservations concerning the inadequate survey sample size," said Fowler.

In the last survey, only 150 service members responded to the survey out of the nearly 43,000 eligible service members stationed here.

"The abeyance period is now over, and U.S. Pacific Command is required to revalidate the Hawaii COLA rate with a 2003 survey," said Fowler.

The DoD Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee, which oversees COLA as well as

other allowances, uses two separate surveys to determine the relative cost of living in an area.

In order to determine COLA for a given area, the committee tries to answer two basic questions: 1) Where do military personnel shop? 2) What are the prices at the places where military personnel shop?

Where do military personnel shop?

The Living Pattern Survey is the survey service members have the opportunity to participate in.

The survey is used to determine where service members shop and dine and how much they buy from the military commissaries and exchanges.

"For example," said Fowler, "the Living Pattern Survey may show service members typically buy half their clothing in local stores and half at the military exchange.

"Of course, if you're not the typical service member — if you shop discount outlets or shop in only the 'best' stores — the living-pattern survey will not represent your particular spending habits," said Fowler.

What are the prices at the places where military personnel shop?

Based on the information given in the Living Pattern Survey by service members, personnel from the U.S. Pacific Command's Manpower, Personnel, and Administration office will then go to those locations and perform a Retail Price Survey.

"The Retail Price Survey establishes current prices on common goods

and services, from auto repairs to potatoes, at the retailers identified in the Living Pattern Survey," said Fowler.

"The Hawaii market prices are then compared to the prices of the same goods and services on the mainland. The more things cost here, the more COLA service members receive to help pay the extra costs associated with living overseas. However, if things don't cost that much more, then the less COLA service members receive."

The 2003 COLA Survey is important to all military personnel assigned to Hawaii.

Maximum participation and accurate information are essential to obtaining a valid statistical living pattern, said Fowler.

The Web site address for the survey will be published through service component personnel and administration offices later in the month of February.

The last six digits of each service member's social security number will be used to identify individual responses, and your contributions will effect COLA rates by the end of this calendar year.

"All uniformed military and Coast Guard personnel in Hawaii are highly encouraged to participate," said Fowler. "The Living Pattern Survey data will effect military COLA rates one way or the other. The most important thing is that people participate."

Contact Lt. Cmdr. Jensin Sommer, at PACOM Public Affairs, 477-1355, for more information.

A true field enlistment



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Sergeant Bryan Hunter, section chief for Bravo Battery, 1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment, reenlists while in the field at a Schofield Barracks training area while other battery Marines watch on. Hunter reenlisted for another four years with Drill Instructor duty as his incentive.

MCB Hawaii receives AT handbook

Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson Press Chief

The MCB Hawaii Anti-Terrorism Protection Officer has produced a handbook to help protect Marines, Sailors and their families from potentially dangerous situations.

The comprehensive handbook covers everything from basic definitions and rules for avoiding terrorism, to specific information on keeping family members safe while traveling.

Tips for the family at home, special precautions for children, and security precautions when away from home, are all covered in the guide, as are tips for managing the risks which could leave a person open to falling victim to acts of terrorism.

In addition to valuable information about how to avoid becoming a tar-

get, the handbook also includes the required Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection guidelines all active duty service members must satisfy before traveling abroad.

According to a U.S. Pacific Command operational order, the traveler must have had Level 1 AT/FP training within 12 months of travel.

Access to the AT/FP training is available online at <http://at-awareness.org>.

The order also specifies a mandatory "Buddy Policy" for travelers to countries with force protection Condition Bravo and above, and that the traveler must have been given a current threat and intelligence brief about the countries to be visited.

Individual Force Protection Plans are required for service members

traveling into countries where the terrorism threat level is "moderate" or higher, or the criminal threat level is "High" or "Critical." The person requesting approval into these areas must obtain authorization from the first general or flag officer in the chain of command prior to going on leave.

Weekly anti-terrorism updates, sample IFPs, and information from the latest Foreign Clearance Guide, are available from the MCB Hawaii Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection division at 257-8457.

Some requirements for foreign clearances can take up to 45 days, so service members traveling abroad should forward their requests through the chain of command to the AT/FP officer with sufficient time for processing.



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Four Marines from Bravo Battery, 1/12, read over grid coordinates before calling for artillery fire.

1/12 sights in at Schofield

Bravo Battery Marines train for fire missions

Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle
Combat Correspondent

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — "Gun number one! Shell: hotel, echo! Lot: Alpha Golf! Charge: 3! Fuze, Papa, Delta, Deflection 3301! Quadrant: 236! Ready! Fire!

This was the language spoken amongst warriors from Bravo Battery, 1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment, Jan. 23 while conducting unit training here.

The Marines fired the M-198 155mm Howitzer on targets with specific grid coordinates. Before firing, a forward observer generated the fire mission, which means he accurately located the target.

The mission was to suppress, neutralize or destroy the enemy threat. The forward observer played a key role as they are con-



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Corporal Matthew Glass, a gunner in Bravo, 1/12, looks into an M-152 panoramic telescope to sight in on a target.

sidered the "eyes" of a firing mission.

After the location of the enemy threat was determined, a radio op-

erator transmitted a "call for fire" to the "gunline," which is considered the "muscles" of a firing mission.

When the gunline received all the required data, the Marines sighted the Howitzer in on the coordinates, then fired.

The Howitzer fires a 155 mm high explosive round, which weighs 95 pounds.

"It is beneficial to be able to fire [the Howitzer] on Schofield Barracks because it is the only place on the island where we can train," said 1st Lt. Douglas Miesel, liaison naval gunfire officer for Bravo, 1/12.

The battery trains constantly to sustain combat readiness and to support any maneuvering unit it could be attached to.

"We train constantly to keep familiarized with the procedures for firing our equipment," said Sgt. Bryan Hunter, section chief for Bravo, 1/12. "We go over and over the procedures so that they are second nature to us if we ever have to use them in a combat situation."

Military funds give schools an edge

U.S. Pacific Command
Press Release

HONOLULU — A pilot project of the Joint Venture Education Forum pilot project is helping to improve local schools' information technology programs and giving students and faculty greater access to computers in several Hawaii schools.

Aliamanu Middle School, one of three area schools that received funding from the military, celebrated its new computer lab on Jan. 31.

The JVEF is a joint partnership between U.S. Pacific Command and

the Department of Education to improve Hawaii's schools and foster mutual understanding between the state's military and civilian educational communities.

Aliamanu received approximately \$450,000 of the funds allocated to the JVEF from DoD

According to Principal Patricia Ann Park, of Aliamanu Middle School, this project has provided a new state of the art Personal Computer Information Technology Center, along with new computers in the existing MacIntosh Computer Lab.

The funds also provided a new mini computer lab in the library and 20 portable wireless computers for classroom use.

"This is a sizable donation to the school and a great asset to the students. The school is focusing on using technology as a tool for learning," she explained.

Two other local schools received funds to improve their Information Technology programs. Radford High School and Red Hill Elementary received approximately \$1.3 million and \$333,000, respectively.

Drug education program seeks mentors

Sgt. Gordon Scott
Military Police Dept.

A one-year program, Drug Education For Youth, is a unique, comprehensive, and multi-phased program for youth 9-12 years old. It aims to strengthen protective factors and reduce risks factors that scientific research has directly linked to adolescent alcohol and drug abuse, school failure, delinquency and violence.

The DEFY youth are educated and mentored by Navy, Marine and DoD



volunteers. These mentors teach leadership and life skills training.

The program needs a minimum of four more mentors to assist with positive role modeling and leadership.

The DEFY office will also be offering military (Navy and Marine Corps) and DoD families a chance

to enroll their child in the DEFY Program for the upcoming year, starting with the free, Non-Residential Summer Camp which lasts eight days beginning July 15th - 24th.

After the camp, youth will meet once a month on Saturdays to continue the relationship with their mentors through meet-

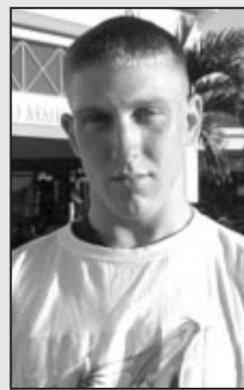
ings and excursions such as to Sea Life Park, whale watching, Hawaii Waters Adventures and more.

Parents incur no cost — only commitment and support to their child.

The DEFY mentors and registration point of contact is Mr. Daryl Picadura, program coordinator at MCB Hawaii's Provost Marshals Office. Call 257-2103, ext. 313 or e-mail: picadura.dk@mcbh.usmc.mil. Interested mentors and parents may also contact Sgt. Gordon Scott at 257-2103, ext. 315.

WORD ON THE STREET

"Have you lived up to your New Year's resolutions?"



"No, I tried to stop smoking ... again."

Pfc. David Fisher

Machinegunner
Charlie Co., 1/3



"I tried to quit smoking. I stopped for two weeks, but it didn't work."

Rebecca Stafford
Family member



"I planned to stop drinking, but I haven't been able to do that yet."

Pfc. Ronny Silva

Embarkation clerk
HMH-363



"I wanted to stop spending so much money. I'm almost broke now."

Lance Cpl. Robert Candelaria

Assaultman
Charlie Co., 1/3



"I tried to not spill on my clothes anymore."

Kylie Warren

18 months
Family member

Profile

Sergeant Major Alford L. McMichael

(Editor's Note: In February, the United States celebrates African American heritage. This is the second of five profiles recognizing the achievements of Black Americans who served in the Corps.)

Compiled by
Sgt. Jereme Edwards
Combat Correspondent

Name: Sergeant Maj. Alford McMichael, sergeant major of the Marine Corps.

Personal Data: McMichael was born Feb. 24, 1952, in Hot Springs, Ark. He was named 14th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps on June 4, 1999. He received orders to replace then retiring Sgt. Maj. Lewis G. Lee. McMichael is the first African American to hold the Marine Corps' senior enlisted position.

Special Honors: McMichael's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star.

Experience: McMichael enlisted in the Marine Corps on Aug. 27, 1970, and at-

tended boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. After completing Infantry Training School and Basic Infantry Training at Camp Pendleton, Calif., McMichael was assigned to Marine Barracks, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. In May 1973, he was transferred to 2nd Bn., 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

•In December 1973, McMichael returned to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, where he served as a drill instructor, series gunnery sergeant, and battalion drillmaster. After completing his successful tour on the drill field, he was transferred to 1st Bn., 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif., in December 1975.

•McMichael, in January 1978, was then transferred to the 3rd Marine Division, where he served as a shore party chief with the 3rd Division Support Group, and then in January 1979, McMichael received orders to Marine Security Guard School and, upon completion of the school, was assigned to the American Embassy in Copenhagen, Denmark. In May 1981, he returned to Quantico, Va. to serve as an instructor for the Marine Security Guard School.

•McMichael finished his tour as an MSG instructor in May of 1983 and was assigned to the University of Minnesota where he served as the assistant Marine officer instructor for the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

•After completing the Staff Noncommissioned Officers Academy Advanced Course, in December 1984, McMichael was transferred to Okinawa, Japan, to serve as the first sergeant of Charlie Co., 3rd Reconnaissance Bn. In January 1986, he was ordered to Marine Barracks, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, to serve as the barracks' first sergeant.

•McMichael served as the director of the Staff Noncommissioned Officers Academy, Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Calif., from May 1989 to May 1991, after having served as the school's deputy director since August 1988. Then in May 1991, McMichael was transferred to Quantico, Va., where he served as the sergeant major of Officer Candidates School.

•McMichael returned to Okinawa, Japan, in June 1994, where he served as the sergeant major of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit until July 1995



Courtesy of Headquarters Marine Corps

Sergeant Maj. Alford L. McMichael is the first African American to hold the Marine Corps' top enlisted spot.

when he was reassigned as the sergeant major of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

•From January 1997 to June 1999, McMichael served as the sergeant major for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Division, Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps, at the end of which he was appointed to his current position.

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of threat condition levels, many residents, patrons and visitors to MCB Hawaii may feel that their lives may become inconvenienced due to heightened security measures. However, the few extra minutes we take out of their day may help pre-

vent an unnecessary tragedy.

"The comfort of security and freedom is paid with the ultimate sacrifice, which many will give during the SAF, while we are enjoying a quiet night at home with our kids and family," said Rivera. "Never forget someone is protecting our flanks."

AWARD, From A-1

line database that unifies the efforts of neighboring military installations and the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board.

The online database reduces Legal's workload by resolving consumer complaints without a formal presentation to the AFD-CB.

Another notable achievement was the implementation of the Expanded Legal Assistance

Program that allows Marine judge advocates to represent service members in civilian courtrooms.

"This award is a nice payback and it shows that base legal is committed to supporting the commands by taking care of their Marines' legal problems," said Hitesman. "If we continue to develop new projects like the Consumer Business Complaint Program, the base will continue to be a strong candidate for the CAELA, for years to come."

PIN, From A-1

current employees upon certification, of their years of service.

The Marine Corps Civilian Service Pin is to be worn by all civilian Marines with honor and in the knowledge the Marine Corps is a better organization because of their contributions and dedication.

Congratulations and many thanks to all civilian Marines for a job well done.

EVERY CLIME & PLACE

Corps addresses military housing challenges

Staff Sgt. Cindy Fisher
Headquarters Marine Corps

WASHINGTON — Public private venture is the wave of the future for military family housing, and the Marine Corps is at the tip of the spear.

The Corps partners with private companies in order to provide quality military family housing faster. This military housing privatization initiative is allowed through legislation passed by Congress in 1996.

This is a break with the past, when military housing — often considered a low priority when compared to training issues — was managed and maintained by the Corps.

Former Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones, expressed this shift in attitude at the Oct. 15, 2001, official opening ceremony for the DeLuz Housing Area, MCB Camp Pendleton, Calif., — the first PPV project in the Corps.

"We have migrated from a policy of readiness, which was defined in very narrow terms. 'Does this Marine have his rifle, his pack, his helmet, his ammunition, his food?'" said Gen. Jones. "We didn't really worry too much in the 60s and 70s about the family — but things are different now."

The Corps now understands the importance of caring for the Marine's family as well as for the Marine, and is dedicated to improving family living conditions, he added.

The Situation

In recent years, the quality of life in military-managed housing areas has deteriorated for a variety of reasons.

On many installations, housing units were built about the same time as the installations themselves. For example, several housing areas on MCB Camp Pendleton have existed since the late 40s and early 50s. At MCB Quantico, Va., the average age of homes is 55 to 60 years and some structures even date back to 1918.

In 2000, 63 percent of the Corps' housing units were more than 30 years old and 53 percent were considered inadequate, according to Karen Ayers, head of Housing Management, Headquarters Marine Corps.

As homes age, they require extensive repairs or renovations. But, the estimated cost to fix the problems Corps-wide is \$1.5 billion, said Ayers in a



Official Marine Corps image

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., was the site of the Marine Corps' first public private venture. Families began moving into the DeLuz housing in October 2001.

2000 report on the challenges facing Marine Corps housing.

In the meantime, families residing in base housing live in homes plagued by maintenance problems like leaky plumbing, peeling paint and cracked floors.

A long-time proponent for better military housing in California, Ron Packard, the former representative for California's 48th District, toured some of the older housing areas of

Camp Pendleton.

"They were deplorable," Packard said during the DeLuz Housing Area opening ceremony. "It was unfortunate that we were asking our men and women serving our country to even live in those conditions."

Poor and insufficient housing can have a negative impact on the morale of a unit, said Packard a former officer in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps in the late 50s.

The commandant also expressed concern about the negative impact housing issues have on retention efforts.

"Not only do we worry about families, we understand that a Marine who has a family will not likely stay a Marine for very long if the family is not taken care of," Gen. Jones said.

The Solution

This is where PPV comes in.

The Corps is partnering with private companies, usually limited liability companies, to build more and better housing for the same money.

Ventures will focus on privatizing the replacement, renovation, maintenance and operation of existing government housing. Private companies then bear the cost for building, renovating and managing family housing communities.

The resulting PPV-managed housing areas won't be run the same as base housing.

"The PPV program is managed like a rental property is out in town," said Maj. Craig S. McDonald, deputy director of

Family Housing, Camp Pendleton.

Under PPV, service members sign leases and make monthly payments through allotments equal to the Basic Allowance for Housing for that area. Since BAH covers rent and normal utility usage, service members should have zero out-of-pocket expense, Ayers said.

Several PPV projects are already underway and more are scheduled for the future.

Projects are planned for MCB Camp Pendleton and MCAS Miramar. Future projects are also planned for MCB Quantico; Stewart, N.Y.; MCAS Yuma, Ariz.; MCB Hawaii; MCB Camp Lejeune, N.C.; and Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C.

"I think by 2005, about 95 percent of our family construction ... will be PPVs. So, it's already the way of the future," Gen. Jones said at the opening of one PPV project.

These housing-privatization initiatives reduce the worries of military service members whose families live within base communities, he added.