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F/A-18s storm K-Bay

Cpl. M. Trent Lowry
Combat Correspondent

Volleys of screaming thunder have rocked the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay skies since F-18 Hornet fighter jets arrived on base Friday and Sunday from mainland-based Navy and Marine squadrons.

Though all the visiting squadrons and MCB Hawaii tenant units are sharing the flightline with each other, each of the guest aviators have a unique mission.

Marine Strike Fighter Squadron 112 Cowboys, stationed at Naval Air Station Ft. Worth, Texas, arrived Sunday in support of 3rd Marine Regiment's Marine Air Ground Task Force training at the Hawaii Combined Arms Operation exercise on the Big Island at Pohakuloa Training Area.

The combined active duty and reservist pilots will fly a few live-fire missions in cooperation with 3rd Marines ground forces, said Staff Sgt. Gregg W. Dunavan, power lines staff non-commissioned officer in charge for VMFA-112.

"The pilots we have are some of the best in the fleet. This should be very good training for them," Dunavan said.

In contrast to the seasoned fliers of VMFA-

112, the pilots of Navy Strike Fighter Squadron 125 are in the infancy of their airborne careers. The squadron, based at NAS Lemoore, Calif., is the next step in the training of Navy and Marine Corps pilots, giving them their first exposure to the F-18 fighter jet.

"We take new pilots and teach them the fighter phase of the F-18. They learn fighter tactics, or as I like to say, we teach them how to be Tom Cruise from 'Top Gun,'" said Master Chief Petty Officer James E. Allison, maintenance master chief of VFA-125.

As part of their training, the VFA-125 pilots come up against "enemy bogeys," which are provided by the pilots of the third squadron making MCB Hawaii its temporary home, VFA-201, the "Hunters."

"We're the 'adversary squadron' for VFA-125's training. It's all in the training concept that our pilots get good training, the same as theirs," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Jake B. Baker, an aviation structure mechanic and plane captain for VFA-201.

The two Navy squadrons work in conjunction with each other to ensure everyone gets valuable experience in performing their duties on this deployment.

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A F/A-18 Hornet taxis on the Kaneohe Bay flightline Friday.

Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver, Jr.

Peculiar pet



Lance Cpl. Iain A. Schnaible

A Red-footed Booby Bird perches amongst branches in a tree high on the bird sanctuary located near the Kaneohe Bay Range Facility during an organized tour of the area last week. Marine Corps Base Hawaii is responsible for the well being of these and several other endangered birds that reside in areas on or near the Mokapu Peninsula.

MAGTF-3 ACE units aid Big Isle firefighting effort

Cpl. David Salazar
Editor

OOKALA, Hawaii — Marines from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 were called upon to aid the Big Island community when a brush fire wreaked havoc on portions of the island Feb. 2.

The Marines, who are currently deployed to the Pohakuloa Training Area on Hawaii for Hawaii Combined Arms Operations exercises, were asked to help by local authorities after beginning

their efforts to fight the blaze. Although the Hawaii County Fire Department had been fighting the brush fire for three days before summoning the Marines, it was difficult for them to extinguish the flames with their smaller, less powerful helicopters.

This is where the power of the HMH-363 "Red Lions" CH-53D Sea Stallion Helicopter and its heavy lift capabilities came into play. Where a county helicopter is only capable of lifting a 100

gallon bucket of water to pour over the fire, the "Sea Stallion" can lift and transport a bucket five times bigger.

Use of the larger helicopter is expected to assist in extinguishing the fire in areas inaccessible to ground crews.

Upon completion of their mission, the HMH-363 Marines will rejoin the Air Combat Element of Marine Air Ground Task Force 3 to complete their training evolution.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.



Sgt. Dustin Senger

A relative of Cpl. I.B. Earles, a WWII Marine Raider who fought Japanese forces on the Makin Atoll, looks on during the ceremony.

WWII Marine Raider returns from battlefield

Lance Cpl. Jacques-René Hébert
MarForPac Public Affairs

HONOLULU — A Marine Raider received a hero's farewell at Borthwick Mortuary here Jan. 30, as his remains departed for home after almost 60 years.

Corporal I.B. Earles served with the Marine Corps famous 2nd Raider Battalion during World War II. Earles, along with approximately 200 other Marines, assaulted the Japanese logistics base of Makin Atoll during August 1942. In one of the first offensive strikes in the

Pacific, Earles and his fellow Raiders neutralized the enemy garrison on Makin, now known as Butaritari Island, and served notice of U.S. will and determination. Along with 18 of his fellow Marines, Cpl. Earles gallantly gave his life for his country.

Battling difficult surf and enemy aircraft, the remaining Raiders decided the only course of action was to leave their dead on Makin and return later to retrieve them. They reportedly paid a local islander to bury them. Retrieving their fellow Marines, however, would prove more difficult than it originally appeared.

A graves registration team conducted a search for the Marines' remains in 1948. After excavating several sites, they reached the conclusion that subsequent bombardment and construction efforts on the island must have scattered the remains. The Marines were listed as "non-recoverable."

This listing meant nothing to the U.S. Marine Raiders Association, who relentlessly pursued the recovery effort of their fallen comrades. For more than 50 years they kept the pressure on to revisit Makin Atoll, to look one more time. Finally, in 1998, the Central Identification

Laboratory Hawaii became convinced the matter warranted another look.

While their trip to Butaritari did not locate the remains, it did reaffirm their belief that the Marines might be recovered. Another trip in 1999 was unsuccessful, then later in the year their efforts proved successful.

After more than 58 years, the Marine Raiders had been located. Families of each respective Marine were notified of their missing loved ones' return and were given the choice of home burial, or group internment at Arlington

See RAIDER, A-8

LeMoine assumes deputy duties

Cpl. David Salazar
Editor

Colonel John A. LeMoine assumed duties as the MCB Hawaii deputy commander Feb. 1 from Col. Michael Olson.

LeMoine comes to MCB Hawaii from Camp H.M. Smith, where he served as executive assistant to the deputy Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Command.

Although LeMoine only took over the position earlier this week, it is not his first tour at the base. LeMoine previously served with Marine Airbase Squadron 24, Marine Medium Helicopter

Squadron 165, and Station Operations and Maintenance Squadron aboard the former MCAS Kaneohe Bay between 1977 and 1982.

LeMoine noted that the installation has changed in many areas — especially those of the installation's quality of life programs.

"The commissary and PX complex here is all new and as far as I'm concerned, it's the best on the island," LeMoine said. "There have been several improvements in the areas of quality of life that support the young Marines — and they continue to improve — as you look around the base, there's construction going on all the time and it's all for the better."

LeMoine also said that his goals are to support the fleet and tenant commands aboard MCB Hawaii.

Olson is scheduled to retire in a ceremony in April.



LeMoine



Cpl. David Salazar

The Hawaii Marine recently received praise from the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Hawaii Marine gets CMC's recognition as 'best in the Corps'

Hawaii Marine
MCB Hawaii Public Affairs

The Hawaii Marine has been officially recognized by the Commandant of the Marine Corps as one of the best base publications in the Corps.

Last month, Gen. Jones gave it the best grade ever given to a base newspaper: an A-. The Hawaii Marine staff is dedicated to providing its readers quality news stories and features.

If you have any suggestions on improving the Hawaii Marine, call 257-8837.

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

TAX CENTER OPEN

The MCB Hawaii Tax Center is open for business. The center is located near the 7-Day Store on Lawrence Road and is open five days a week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome during normal working hours. To make an appointment, call 257-1686.

Tax Center consumers should remember to bring all pertinent documents including: last year's tax returns, income statements (W-2, 1099, interest paid on bank accounts, etc.) credit information (childcare, etc.) bank account and routing number, military identification cards and powers of attorney (if applicable.)

NAVAL CLINIC CLOSURE

On Feb. 15 and 16, Branch Medical Clinics Barbers Point and Shipyard and Branch Medical Annex Wahiawa will be closed due to a medical training evolution designed to improve future services. During this time frame, services will be consolidated at Branch Medical Clinics Makalapa, Kaneohe Bay and Branch Medical Annex Camp Smith. All beneficiaries will have access to medical services at BMCs Makalapa and Kaneohe Bay on these days.

RECON MARINES WANTED

Currently 4th Force Reconnaissance Co. aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, is in search of Marines to fill its ranks. Marines of all military occupational specialties are welcome, but must be willing to change their current MOS to one in the infantry or intelligence occupational fields. Any Marines (enlisted or officer) leaving active duty status and desiring to enter the reserves should contact Staff Sgt. Gerald Rohn at 257-2758 or 257-1077 ext. 221.

OFF-LIMITS ESTABLISHMENTS

Investigative reports have been submitted for the following establishments: Hawaii Natural High, Nimitz Mart, the Pearl Kai Mini Mart, The Dungeon/The Temple/The Shelter, located at 142 Mokauea St., Honolulu, and Club 1739/After Hours/The Shelter located at 1739 Kalakaua Ave., in Honolulu.

NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

The National Prayer Breakfast will be held Feb. 22 at the Anderson Hall Dining Facility. Rear Admiral Michael Holmes, commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, will be the guest speaker. The topic is "Faith in Changing Times." Cost for the breakfast is \$1.50. Doors will open for breakfast at 6 a.m. and the program will begin at 7 a.m.

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SERGEANT MAJOR'S CORNER

Marines' deeds manifested in tour

Sgt. Maj.
Stephen H. Mellinger
MarForPac Sergeant Major

CAMP H.M. SMITH — I recently completed a tour of our West Coast commands and I have to tell you that I couldn't be more proud of being a Marine. There were two events in particular that simply beg to be shared with all of you. To me, they speak volumes to what type of Marines we have in our Corps today.



Mellinger

The first event involved Marines of HMT-301, MAG-39 and a six-year-old boy named Will Grassell. It happened that the day I visited this squadron I was told of this special Pinedale, Wyo. guest. Young Will was there for a ride in a Cobra helicopter. That certainly got my attention!

I had to ask the obvious, "Why is a six year old being allowed to catch a ride in a tactical Marine Corps helicopter?" It was explained to me that this unusual flight was a result of the Make a Wish Foundation. Will has a terminal brain tumor.

The Make a Wish Foundation works magic for terminally ill

children by making their wishes and dreams a reality. It seems one of young Will's dreams involved Marine aviation.

I observed from the back of HMT-301's ready room the start of Will's dream come true experience. It's hard to describe the emotions felt in that ready room as the Marines began interacting with Will. To make him part of the "team," the Marines first had to present him with an official HMT-301 squadron patch to be displayed on his custom-made flight suite. I recall Will's eyes lighting up with enthusiasm, along with an ear-to-ear grin, as he received his flight briefing from Maj. Andrew S. Cauthen, Cobra pilot assigned to fly this mission.

I watched Will's mother and father, who could not have been more excited and happy for their son. I also watched the Marine Cobra pilot, who's primary purpose as an aviator is to wreak total havoc on the enemy, exert every possible ounce of his energy to make this a most memorable experience for this young boy.

My heart goes out to Will and his family and my hat is off to the Marines of HMT-301 for the joy and happiness they brought to him by granting his wish. Bravo Zulu Marines on a job well done.

The second occurrence involved a Marine PFC and another Marine Cobra pilot.

Echo company, 2/5 was doing what grunts love to do, stomp around in the middle of nowhere (a designated training area), in the middle of the night. That same evening Capt. James H. Adams III, MAWTS-1 instructor pilot, was performing a night systems instructor's certification flight aboard Camp Pendleton with an HMLA-367 co-pilot.

As the aviators were "heading back to the barn" following their tiring flight mission, Capt. Adams noticed a flicker of light coming from the wood's edge. Something in his gut told him to investigate. Though his "required" mission was complete, he decided to make a couple of passes over that area. Suddenly, several light beams began flashing as if trying to signal the helicopter. Again something in Capt. Adams' gut told him to investigate further. He turned on the helicopter's searchlight and spotted a small group of Marines and corpsmen surrounding a downed Marine. Convinced something was wrong, he landed his Cobra near the ground troops.

His instincts were correct. These Marines and Sailors had become separated from their company and they had a man down from a possible heat stroke. Captain Adams surmised a life and death possibility for this young Marine if not immediately treated.

The heavy terrain they were

in made it impossible to radio in for medical assistance. A decision by the Cobra pilot had to be made, and made fast.

With time working against the casualty, Capt. Adams decided to use his Cobra for a medical evacuation of this Marine to the hospital.

I have to believe that Capt. Adams was also thinking about the possible "legal" ramifications of flying an unauthorized passenger in his gun ship. For him there could be serious consequences (his career in the Marine Corps could be at stake).

But, being a true Marine leader, his career would have to take a "back seat" (excuse the pun) to the needs of a fellow Marine. Captain Adams' co-pilot remained behind with the other personnel while he flew the Marine casualty to a hospital. In all my time in the Corps, I've never heard of a Cobra flying a medi-vac mission. I will tell you that thanks to Capt. Adams' actions, the young Marine PFC is doing fine.

Both of these occurrences, involving Cobra community Marines, serve as reminders to us that Marines are much more than just the best fighting organization in the world. To all the Marines who played any roll in the success of the aforementioned events, OOH RAH! You've made all of us very proud of your unselfish deeds. Semper Fi.

Commander-in-Chief's message to servicemembers

To the Armed Forces of the United States and the men and women whose work supports them:

Your service in the cause of freedom is both noble and extraordinary. Because of you, America is strong and the flame of freedom burns brighter than at any time in history. Your country can never repay you for your sacrifices and hardships you endure. But we are grateful for the liberties we enjoy every day because of your service. As your commander-in-chief, I will always support you and your families so that this great nation continues to have the greatest Armed Forces in the history of the world. Thank you.

Signed,

George W. Bush



President Bush

Servicemember learns more about heritage

Tech. Sgt. Phillip E. Copeland
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — I've learned as an adult that there is so much more African-American history than was taught to me as a child.

I learned as a child that the first African Americans were shipped to America as slaves in 1619. Most slaves were taken from the West African countries of Dahomey, Ghana and Nigeria. African Americans remained in the chains of slavery until the end of the Civil War in 1865 and the ratification of the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery that December.

I was taught about African Americans such as Frederick Douglass. Born a slave, he escaped and became a leader of African Americans in the 19th century. He used his powerful voice as a lecturer and newspaper editor to help free the slaves. Douglass ultimately became Abraham Lincoln's adviser and the consul general to Haiti.

I remember school lessons about how Harriet Tubman escaped from slavery, and by way of her "Underground Railroad" led

other slaves north to freedom. Like the biblical Moses, she led her people out of bondage, often using the North Star to guide her.

I recall the ingenious accomplishments of George Washington Carver. He was the famous scientist and agricultural researcher who developed hundreds of products from the peanut and sweet potato, many of which we still use.

Booker T. Washington is always remembered in textbooks as the champion of education who founded Tuskegee Institute for African Americans in 1881 and who became the first president of that Alabama college.

I am sure most of us knew Thurgood Marshall as the first black U.S. Supreme Court justice, who used his brilliant legal mind to strike down laws that prevented African Americans from receiving equal

treatment. Civil rights leaders such as Dr. Martin Luther King laid down their lives to pave a path to fair and equal treatment among all our citizens during a pivotal time in American history.

Oh, and you cannot forget the entertainment industry! Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong was a trumpeter and bandleader who became the first jazz soloist to gain fame worldwide. Duke Ellington, Miles Davis

These are all great people in history, but there are so many more not mentioned. There is so much African-American history I did not learn as a child.

Sure, I learned about Alexander Graham Bell, but not Lewis Latimer, who lived from 1848 to 1928. Born in Boston to an escaped slave, Latimer served in the Union Navy during the Civil War and later became an inventor.

Hired as an office boy for a Boston patent law firm, he became its chief patent draftsman and executed the patent drawings for many of Bell's telephones.

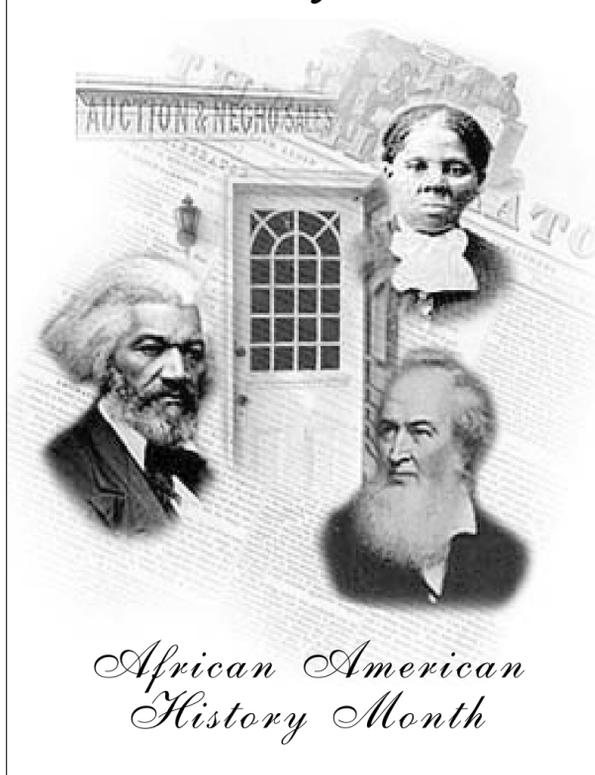
Latimer began working with developing electrical technology in 1880. In 1881, he and a coworker patented an improved method for bonding carbon filaments for light bulbs. In 1882, he patented a new, much more cost-efficient method for producing carbon filaments.

The textbooks taught about Benjamin Franklin, but I do not recall mention of Benjamin Banneker, an African-American mathematician, astronomer and inventor. Appointed to the District of Columbia Commission by President George Washington in 1790, he worked with Pierre L'Enfant, Andrew Ellicott and others to plan the new capital of Washington, D.C. After L'Enfant was dismissed from the project and took his detailed maps away with him, Banneker reproduced the plans by drawing from his remarkable memory.

I talked about African Americans in the entertainment industry, but I did not know, as a child, that W.C. Handy was the "Father of the Blues." He was a famous composer and bandleader who popularized the "blues" as we know them today.

I'm sure most Americans are totally unaware that Thomas L. Jennings, 1791-1859, was the first African American known to have patented an invention — a dry-

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and Charlie Parker, just to name a few, awakened the soul of America with their very own styles of jazz.

In the world of sports, the legendary Jackie Robinson may not have been the best African American baseball player of his time, but he had the strength of character and other intangible qualities needed to build the bridge to cross over into professional sports.

See HERITAGE, A-6



In column of two, Maintenance Co., CSSG-3, was able to keep together and finish a 13-mile hump as the day wore on last week. The company's 13-mile trek took them through the rocky terrain of the Kahuku Training Area near the island's North Shore.

March tests Maintenance Company's mettle

Story and photos by
Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver, Jr.
Combat Correspondent

The Milky Way stars flickered brightly in the black early morning sky, highlighting the serenity of a quiet, moonless night over the Kahuku Training Area.

Suddenly, headlights from a small convoy of buses and high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicles and a 5-ton truck pierced the darkness, and the peaceful sounds of nocturnal wildlife were drowned out by the sounds of their diesel engines. The convoy drove off the Kamehameha Highway onto a small, deserted access road.

No sooner had the convoy made its turn, it stopped, and the Marines inside the vehicles filtered out into the cool, dawn air.

Over the next half-hour, the sounds of Marines off-loading packs and weapons dominated the early morning darkness.

With the intensity of the crack of a whip, the command, "grab your gear and form up in platoon order," was given and Marines scrambled to their packs and searched for their order in the march.

For these Marines, the everyday work of fixing electronic gear, repairing tents, radios and a large inventory of Marine Corps vehicles was put aside for some basic ground pounding — a 13-mile hike. More than 70 Marines from Maintenance Co., Combat Service Support Group 3 were ready, not withstanding butterflies in their stomachs knowing the Kahuku Training Area terrain would test their mettle.

Forming in two columns, the company lined the opposite sides of a black road, which led to an incline that told them this day would not be easy. As the vehicles that carried them to the starting point formed in trace, Marines donned the packs that were earlier stuffed to almost 40 pounds. Flak jackets, load bearing vests and kevlar helmets would be their attire for this grueling 13-miler.

For the Marines, this was a continuation of an intense training week that had already included two physical fitness tests.

"We had a Company semi-annual PFT on Monday. After we ran that, we had the Inspector Generals team come through and they wanted to conduct and assess an analysis of our training program within the Group," said Maj. Michael D. Stover, commanding officer of Maintenance Co., CSSG-3. "So we were tasked with running another PFT on Tuesday."

Out of the darkness, the booming voice of the company's first sergeant calls out, "Standby, we're steppin'!"

In sharp contrast to their arrival, the quiet procession of Maintenance Co. Marines stepped off into the blackness.

The rhythmic footfalls and swaying of packs on the backs of these Marines were

the only things heard for the first 20 to 30 minutes of the march.

For many, the pain of aching thighs and calves was already upon them. Two days worth of intense physical fitness testing prior ensured them the pain was only going to get worse.

"Tighten it up," out of the darkness came the command. Matching footstep for footstep with the Marine to the direct front became the aid in keeping up.

The battle was on as Marines trekked through the first three miles, which took them on a continuous up-hill climb into the Kahukus. Eyes became glued to the backs of the Marines who trudged along before them. This was their way of focusing on the task at hand.

Finally, the ascent became easier until level ground was felt under their aching feet. Slowly, the formation came to a halt signaling the first of three breaks.

One Marine took advantage of the break to fix the straps on his pack.

"Can you help me adjust my straps corporal?" asked the Marine.

A moment later... "They're stuck," was the NCO's reply. "Why didn't you take care of this yesterday?"

The junior Marine didn't say anything, but both knew the answer: he should have had his gear taken care of the day before.

The break was over and the Marines picked up their gear — ten more miles to go.

What CSSG-3 has started to do since late last year is build their endurance with a series of marches that get a little longer each time, said Gunnery Sgt. Donald E. Spidahl,

maintenance operations section staff non-commissioned in charge. "We've been on a progressive training plan within the Group to build up our basic warrior skills. The goal we're working toward is displacing the whole Group to the Kahukus to conduct field operations during August 2001, to include a Marine Combat Readiness Evaluation 25-mile march."

Throughout the next two breaks the Marines drank water and tended to the part of their body that took the most abuse — their feet. Moleskin, foot spray and extra socks

were in high demand.

The effects of the march could also be seen in the Marines uniforms as the morning grew older.

Cammies that became sweat-saturated

green skin showed the results of a swim qualification not that of a long arduous march through a hill infested training area.

While at the last break, the Marines seemed to feel they were near the end of their journey.

Conversation picked up, and the Marines expressed a greater appreciation of what infantry Marines go through on a regular basis.

"As far as the infantry side, this is more along the lines of the individual training standards to keep our Marines familiar with their trigger-puller mentality," said Spidahl, "hence the warrior training."

"This is also just an alternate means of physical training," said Spidahl. "With the



Staff Sgt. Shawn D. Ellis, GSM Plt. maintenance chief, takes a much needed drink of water.

physical training order, you go out and run, do pull-ups and do sit-ups, but the physical fitness test is just one gauge of the overall physical fitness of a combat Marine."

"Sure it's tough, but we're Marines just like the grunts, and we should be able to do this training too," said Sgt. Efren Pulido, a fabric repair specialist.

The formation continued to hike until it reached the point from where it had started hours earlier.

The march was over and the wait for the buses to take them back to Kaneohe was now their time to loosen the knots that formed in their backs and arms from bearing the 40-pound packs.

Dropping their gear beside the road, some Marines grabbed their box lunches, while others took off their boots to air their feet.

The end of the hike had come and the entire unit was able to complete the march with only a few blisters, aching knees and maybe a back pain to tend to.

All of the Marines talked about the day's event and its challenges. Only then did some of the Maintenance Co. Marines realize that they had completed their mission.

In three days the unit had managed to perform two PFT's and a 13-mile hump in the Kahuku's without the amount of difficulty or complaining one might consider normal, said Stover. "The Marines did well today. With everything considered, their morale is high, and the Marines are still motivated."

If one were to gauge the mettle of CSSG-3 in completing its training missions by the performance of Maintenance Co., then when the true call of combat rings, this group will be ready to answer.

WORD ON THE STREET

What are your plans for Valentine's Day

"I'm going to have a nice dinner and go out for a sunset cruise."

Lance Cpl. Jason W. Bailey
Legal administration clerk
HQBn., MCB Hawaii
Roanoke, Va.



"I'll be working on Valentine's Day."

2nd Lt. Steven E. Schultze
Platoon commander
Motor Transport Co.,
CSSG-3
Clinton, N.J.

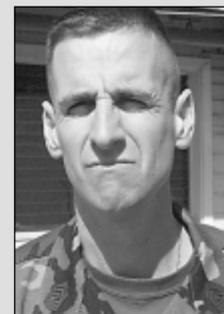
"I'm going out for a night on the town."

Lance Cpl. Isaac J. Lynn
BEQ manager
HQBn., MCB Hawaii
Makaha, Hi



"I'm going to do something special for my wife — she deserves it after 17 years of marriage to the finest gun club in the world."

1st Sgt. Thomas W. Murphy
first sergeant
HQ Co., 3rd Marines
Glastonbury, Conn.



"I'll be in the field at the Kahuku Training Area."

Lance Cpl. Tyler D. Hobbs
Motor vehicle operator
Motor Transport Co.,
CSSG-3
Yellville, Ark.



"I'm going to learn to dance salsa and merenge with my wife."

Cpl. Dave J. Navarre
Armorer
HQ Co., 3rd Marines
Orange, Texas



"I'm going to take my wife out for a romantic dinner."

Sgt. Brian M. Gaddis
Licensing NCO
Motor Transport Co.,
CSSG-3
Ranlein, Texas



"With the physical training order, you go out and run, do pull-ups and do sit-ups, but the physical fitness test is just one gauge of the overall fitness of a combat Marine."

Gunnery Sgt. Donald E. Spidahl
Maintenance Operations Section Staff NCO
Maintenance Co., CSSG-3



Foot spray and moleskin were in high demand at the end of the 13-mile march in the Kahuku Training Area the Marines from CSSG-3, Maintenance Co. had taken.

Warranting recognition



Warrant Officer James D. Brookshire, former 3rd Marines training staff non-commissioned officer, is awarded his warrant officer rank insignia by his wife Lucimar at the base flagpole Feb. 1.



Warrant Officer Eric F. Gilmer, former 1st Radio Bn. motor transport chief is awarded his insignia of grade by Chief Warrant Officer Michael G. Rolling, Radio Bn. motor transport officer-in-charge, left, and Lt. Col. Mike J. Donovan, 1st Radio Bn. commanding officer, in a ceremony at the Headquarters Co., 1st Radio Bn. company area Feb. 1.



Warrant Officer Steven J. Gere, former administration chief for 1st Bn., 12th Marines receives his bars from his wife Barbara, left, and Lt. Col. Jon S. Hoffman, 3rd Marines executive officer at the 3rd Marines headquarters building Feb. 1.



Warrant Officer Darren R. Jester, former radio section head with 1st Radio Bn. receives his bars from his wife Trish, center, and Lt. Col. Mike J. Donovan, 1st Radio Bn. commanding officer Feb. 1.



Chief Warrant Officer Reynaldo P. Vellido, former Echo Company gunnery sergeant with 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines, is awarded the rank of chief warrant officer by Lt. Col. Jon S. Hoffman, 3rd Marines executive officer at the base flagpole Feb. 1.



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Cpl. Jason R. Thomas
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Lance Cpl. Joel R. Eberth
Lance Cpl Robert W. Nicholson
Lance Cpl. Richard B. Cauley

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Staff Sgt. Roque T. Uncangco

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Lance Cpl. Robert J. Parks

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Cpl. T.W. Benson
Cpl. M. L. Blackburn

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Cpl.R.K. Dobbiins
Cpl. B.R. Drechsler
Cpl. B.F. Feliciano
Cpl. B.F.Green
Cpl.GA Gronhoff
Cpl. Holland
Cpl. L.G. Johnson
Cpl. J.S. Kist
Cpl. N.L. MacPherson
Cpl. T.L. Murry
Cpl. J.A. Phillips N.
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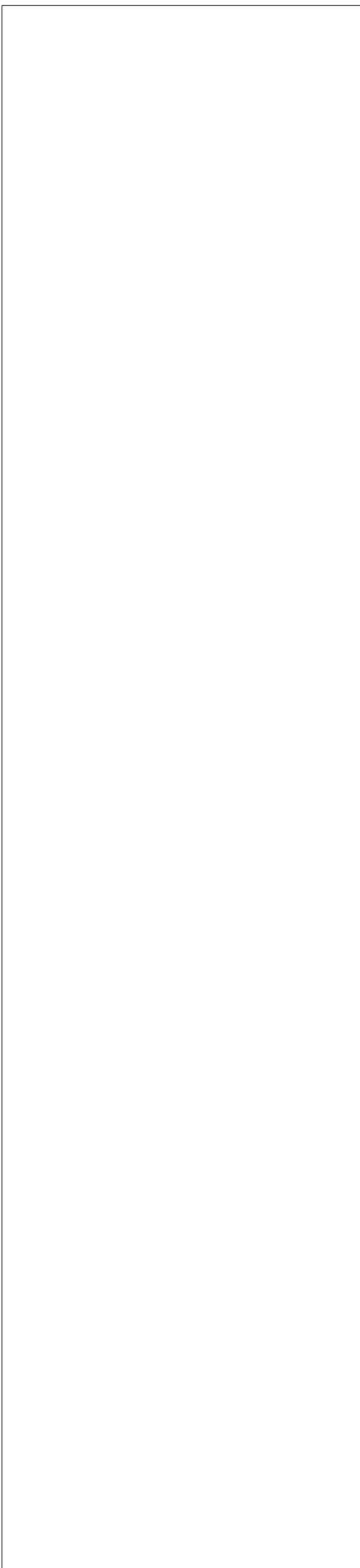
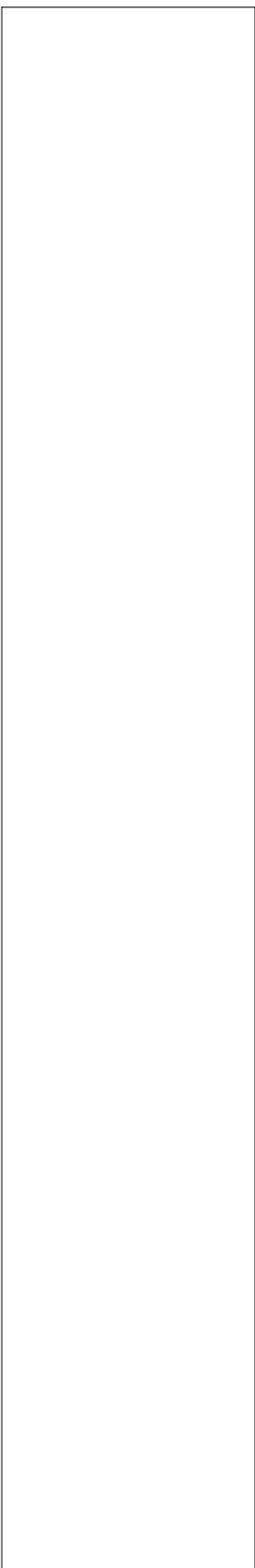


Coporal Marko J. Stawnyczyj, a networking security technician from Camp Smith received the honor grad award for class 03-01.

1st Radio Bn.

Meritorious Service Medal
CWO Michael G. Rowling

Certificates of Commendation
Cpl. Christopher S. Finkany
Lance Cpl. Katrina J. Lovejoy



HERITAGE, From A-2

cleaning process in 1821. Jan Ernst Matzeliger, 1852-1889, born in Suriname, came to the United States in about 1872, settled in Lynn, Mass., and patented a shoe-shaping machine in 1883 that revolutionized the shoemaking industry.

Explorer Matthew Henson became the first African American to reach the North Pole while on an expedition with Adm. Robert Peary in 1909. As the leader, Peary got the credit, but contemporary accounts claim Henson actually reached the pole first.

As a child, I did not learn what NAACP means, much less the history of the organization. W.E.B. Dubois, a civil rights leader, editor and scholar, founded the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 1909.

Today the organization remains a powerful guard against racism.

I was not taught about Madame C.J. Walker. She was a successful businesswoman who made millions of dollars by manufacturing hair products and cosmetics for women of color. Her products, still in use today, reached across the global economy.

Did you know Mary McLeod Bethune founded Bethune-Cookman College for African Americans in Florida? I didn't. She helped to educate thousands of African Americans and served as an adviser to the president of the United States.

Past history books did not teach of Charles Spaulding, president of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co. His company offered life and health insurance coverage for African Americans when other companies refused to insure them. It's still the world's largest black-owned business.

In 1916, inventor Garrett Morgan rescued workmen trapped by a tunnel explosion under Lake Erie. He entered the gas-filled tunnel wearing a safety hood he had patented two years earlier. That hood was a forerunner of the modern gas mask.

Every day you see this man's influence in another way — Morgan patented the automatic traffic signal in 1923 and sold it to the General Electric Co. for \$40,000.

I never heard of Langston Hughes, a poet who captured the dreams and frustrations of his people in poems, short stories and comic essays. He used his pen to celebrate the mannerisms, speech, dances and thoughts of the African-American people.

I did not learn about Dr. Charles Drew, who developed a process for preserving blood as plasma and started the first blood bank. He taught at the Howard University Medical School in Washington and made major contributions to surgical medicine.

On April 1, 1950, Drew tragically died after an automobile accident in rural North Carolina while en route to a

medical conference. Much controversy surrounds his untimely death.

Within hours, rumors spread about how the man who helped create the first American Red Cross blood bank had bled to death because a whites-only hospital refused to treat him. Drew was, in fact — or to some people, in propaganda — treated in the emergency room of the small, segregated Alamance General Hospital. Some sources claim two white surgeons worked hard to save him, but he died after about an hour.

Charles Wyner's biography of Drew quotes the other doctors who were in the accident with Drew and a former student who happened to be at the hospital, all of whom were black, confirmed the story that Drew received perfectly adequate care from the two white surgeons. The rumors of his death, however, epitomized a

more general truth about American society during this period. In a generic sense, Drew's death represented the realities of African Americans who were turned away by segregated hospitals.

I was not taught how the Union would not have won the Civil War without African American soldiers. In 1863, white Union forces were depleted, and President Lincoln had no choice but to allow more blacks to enlist. He admitted that without them, abandonment of the war was likely in three weeks.

Approximately 179,000 black soldiers served in 166 all-black regiments in the Union Army. African Americans did not receive the same pay or equipment as their white counterparts, but they put resentment aside and fought bravely.

I did not learn about African Americans fighting for the United States in the Spanish-

American War in 1898 and World War I in 1917. This was perhaps the best way for African Americans to prove their right to equal citizenship.

During World War II, black soldiers fought for the first time in combat units in the Navy, Marines and Army Air Corps. A special flying school was set up at Tuskegee Institute. The 99th Fighter Squadron, performed so well in European combat that they helped bring about the eventual integration. In 1948, President Truman ordered the racial integration of all the armed forces.

Before I joined the Air Force, I did not know most of what I just discussed. My family did not teach me. Neither did my schools. It was my fellow airmen, soldiers, Sailors and Marines, members of the greatest military in the world, who've taught me an entire culture of people will not be deprived of its place in history.

CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH

Brushing plays important role in dental health

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Fact File

Editor's Note: The following is the 21st Dental Co.'s second installment of dental care tips for Children's Dental Health Month. This week installment features brushing tips and techniques.

What is the best technique for brushing?

There are a number of effective brushing techniques. Patients are advised to check with their dentist or hygienist to determine which is the best one for them since tooth position and gum condition vary.

One effective, easy-to-remember technique involves using a circular or elliptical motion to brush a couple of teeth at a time, gradually covering the entire mouth. Place a toothbrush beside your teeth at a 45 degree angle and gently brush teeth in an elliptical motion. Brush the outside of the teeth, inside the teeth, your tongue and the chewing surfaces and in between teeth.

Using a back and forth motion causes the gums to recede and can expose the root surface or make the root surface tender. You also risk wearing down the gum line.

Soft or hard bristles?

In general, a toothbrush head should be small (1" by 1 1/2") for easy access. It should have a long, wide handle for a firm grasp. It should have soft, nylon bristles with round ends.

Some brushes are too abrasive and can wear down teeth. A soft, rounded, multi-tufted brush can clean teeth effectively. Press just firmly enough to reach the spaces between the teeth as well as the surface. Medium and hard bristles are not recommended.

How long should I brush?

It might be a good idea to brush with the radio on, since dentists recommend brushing three to four minutes – the length of an average song. Using an egg timer is another way to measure your brushing time.

Patients generally think they're brushing longer, but most spend less than a minute brushing. To make sure you're doing a thorough job and not missing any spots, patients are advised to brush the full three to four minutes twice a day instead of brushing quickly five or more times through the day.

Should I brush at work?

Definitely, but most Americans don't brush during

the workday. Dentists say it's a good idea to keep a toothbrush in your desk, which increases the chances that you'll brush during the day by 65 per cent, according to a recent survey released by Oral-B Laboratories and the Academy of General Dentistry.

Getting the debris off teeth right away stops sugary snacks from turning to damaging acids, and catches starchy foods like chips before they turn to cavity-causing sugar.

If you brush with fluoride toothpaste in the morning and before going to bed, you don't even need to use toothpaste at work. You can just brush and rinse before heading back to the desk.

If you don't have a toothbrush, rinsing your mouth with water for 30 seconds after lunch also helps.

Tips to improve worktime brushing habits

- Post a sticky note on your desk or computer at work as a reminder to brush teeth after lunch.
- Brush teeth right after lunch, before you become absorbed in work.
- Store your toothbrush and toothpaste at work in a convenient and handy place.
- Make brushing your teeth part of your freshening up routine at work.

RAIDER, From A-1

National Cemetery in Virginia. Earles' family, along with 5 others, chose to bring their Marines home. For Earles, home was Tulare, Calif., where family members still live. Wiley Craig, a former Navy pilot and husband to Earles' niece, Kristie, was selected to bring the remains of their Raider back to the town he left long ago.

Craig and his wife, upon hearing the news of the recovery, felt relieved. "It had been so long, that he had turned into a myth for us – Uncle I.B., the Marine that had paid the ultimate sacrifice," Craig recalled. "It was a miracle that he was found. It gives a sense of closure to us, knowing that he is no longer another missing servicemember – that he could eventually come home."

Also present was retired Navy Chief Petty Officer Frederick Emden, a Spokane, Wash., native, whose brother is Cpl. Robert Pearson.

Pearson is another of the Marines recovered from the battlefields of the Makin Atoll.

"My brother was gone from my life when I was around 6 years old," Emden remembered. "It was so nice to know that my brother – that brave Raider – was finally located."

Unlike Earles, Emden's brother Robert will be sent with the remaining 12 Raiders to Arlington National Cemetery to be laid to rest.

"I only thought it fitting that my brother be at peace beside those other American heroes," Emden said.

Following the solemn ceremony, after eyes dried, the emotions of the day were still clearly written on the faces of the onlookers.

"It (the ceremony) was very impressive, very touching," Craig stated. "I just feel so honored to be the escort for Cpl. Earles and to represent the family at this significant event."

For Emden, mere words seemed unsatisfactory.

"I couldn't tell you with words how it makes one feel," observed the former Sailor. "They're here and then they're gone. All of a sudden, 60 years goes by and you forget – but the service doesn't. On this day, they have remembered one that should never be forgotten – an American hero."



Cpl. M. Trent Lowry

Two F-18 Hornets from VFA-201 are checked before clearance to fly Feb. 5.**F-18s, From A-1**

"Everytime we're on a detachment there's a different challenge. We just adapt and overcome to the environment and the limitations we may have in what support is available to us," Baker said.

The members of the visiting squadrons said that the Hawaiian sunshine, though a welcome alternative to the cooler weather of their native stations, is not having an affect on their ability to complete their mission.

"We're doing the same job, on the same schedule, as what we'd be doing at home. We're just working hard, because the biggest thing is getting the pilot training done, which is why we're here," Dunavan said.

Being on deployment in Hawaii has given the squadrons some unique opportunities they

wouldn't have had at their home bases. For instance, VFA-125 instructor pilots flew a diamond formation over the opening ceremonies for the 51st Annual Pro Bowl in Honolulu on Sunday.

"The best part of coming here is that it gives us the chance to bring the younger members of the squadron to Hawaii. We work hard, but we ought to be able to play hard, too," Allison said.

The guest aviators will get the opportunity to have fun, but more importantly they'll be diligent in ensuring that the Navy and Marine Corps' needs are met. Until the units depart for their home bases, between Feb. 17 and 22, they'll provide support for MCB Hawaii and make sure that the quality of the sea services' air power remains at its optimum level.