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TRIALS & TRIUMPHS!

A look back at the tragedies, ordeals and victories that marked the year



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr. and Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero
Combat Correspondents

For MCB Hawaii, the year 2001 was one of strength, determination and vigilance as America faced one of the darkest chapters in its history — tragedies which unfolded when the nation came under attack by terrorists on Sept. 11.

Even though the events of that ill-fated day left many Americans questioning the country's security, America's armed services stepped forward to reassure all citizens that their lives are in the best hands the world has to offer.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii Marines, Sailors, their family members and Department of Defense employees provided a proud example of the American spirit and fortitude in the face of the nation's tragedies.

This week the *Hawaii Marine* looks back at 2001, taking notice of the people and events that shaped the character of MCB Hawaii, its tenant organizations, reserve units and their personnel.

While we are not able to include all of the events and images captured last

year, here are a few moments that punctuated the year that was 2001.

Readers can browse the *Hawaii Marine* archives to review detailed stories at www.mcbh.usmc.mil.

MCB Hawaii

To bring in 2001, MCB Hawaii's known-distance rifle range took a leap into the 21st century when the revolutionary automated "Location of Miss and Hit" system was used for the first time.

The LOMAH system cost the base more than \$1.2 million and put MCB Hawaii rifle range technologically in front of all other ranges throughout the Marine Corps.

Construction crews broke ground in April on a 50-room addition to the Temporary Lodging Facility here on base. The additional rooms are scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2002, these rooms will save the government an estimated \$1.1 to 1.6 million, annually, in reimbursements of permanent change of station costs.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii continued its volunteer efforts throughout the community. On April

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Mokapu teems with military history

Compiled by **Aiko Brum**
Managing Editor

The lands of Mokapu Peninsula, now home to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, have served many purposes over the centuries since Polynesians first arrived in Hawaii some 1,500 years ago. Formed from volcanic eruptions, Mokapu has been used for recreation by Hawaiian royalty; as a training area for King Kamehameha's armies; for commercial cattle grazing; and small plot farming, fishing and game bird raising. Ancient

Hawaiians also worshiped their gods at Mokapu.

In 1918, the U.S. government opened a military reservation here, which later became Camp Ulupau and then Fort Hase.

Construction began in September 1939 on Kaneohe Naval Air Station. Engineers dredged Kaneohe Bay to



Official U.S.M.C. Photo

A Marine Mounted Horse Patrol provided security for Naval Air Station Kaneohe in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

deepen the channel for a seaplane runway and to extend the western coastline with coral fill.

By 1940, the Navy had acquired all of Mokapu

Peninsula (except Fort Hase) for an advance naval base. Kaneohe Naval Air Station's first commanding officer, Cdr. Harold Martin, arrived at the station, Dec. 7, 1940 — ironically, a year to the day prior to the "date that would live in infamy." The official Naval Air Station commissioning ceremonies took place Feb. 15, 1941.

A group of 31 Marines was the first military unit to occupy the Kaneohe Naval Air Station, arriving in early November, 1940. Platoon sergeant

See MOKAPU, A-6

MCAS K-Bay turns 'the big 5-0,' Tuesday



This emblem was used to designate Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay.

which was officially commissioned Jan. 15, 1952. The Hawaii Marine salutes all who have served and who continue to serve here — most especially those who established, maintained and manned MCAS Kaneohe Bay from its commissioning to its decommissioning, April 14, 1994.

Press Release
Public Affairs Office

Newspaper survey underway to seek readers' perspectives

Sgt. Robert Carlson
Press Chief

The Hawaii Marine Newspaper Annual Readership Survey is underway, and we would like to invite you to send us your comments.

Our staff is collecting completed surveys at various locations around the base, and we are also administering the survey online.

Reader comments and suggestions are what have made your base newspaper one of the best in the Marine Corps, and

your input is invaluable.

Let us know what you'd like to see more of, and what you would like to see us eliminate.

The online survey is available at <http://216.119.109.44/survey>

We invite you to help us serve the base more efficiently by completing the survey and letting us know what you think.

If you are unable to complete the online form, and have not met with our staff around the base, we can drop off survey forms to your home or unit. Just give us a call at 257-8833.

Senator visits MCBH

Senator Amo Houghton (Republican - New York), a former Marine, visited the MCB Hawaii rifle range and spoke with Marines from Camp Lejeune's 3rd Bn., 2nd Marines, Tuesday. Senator Houghton thanked each for a job well done.



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

"BLACKHAWK DOWN" SPECIAL SNEAK PREVIEW, TODAY

Columbia Pictures has allowed the Navy Motion Picture Service a special pre-release showing of the movie, "Blackhawk Down," at 7:15 p.m. & 10:30 p.m., tonight — free-of-charge to active duty, their families and guests.

The first 800 patrons will be admitted first come, first served at the 7:15 p.m. showing. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. to allow sufficient time for entry and access to concession stands. Three snack bar registers will be open to accommodate patrons.

The 10:30 p.m. second showing will be first opened to special ticket holders. All MCB Hawaii commands and tenant organizations have received a limited number of tickets for distribution to personnel.

Second show patrons without tickets will be placed on "standby" and seated based on seat availability.

The Express Snack Bar will be opened in the courtyard area to accommodate patrons awaiting the second showing.

For more details, contact Paul Inoue, theater manager, at 254-7641.

KING CELEBRATION

Catch the "Honor Dr. King" PME (professional military education) seminar, Jan. 18 at 1 p.m., at the Kaneohe Bay Base Theater. The seminar will be followed by a free movie: "Remember the Titans," starring Denzel Washington.

If you're interested in being a Black History Month committee member, contact Master Sgt. Duane Keys at 257-7720.

MARKETING YOURSELF FOR A SECOND CAREER

A representative from the Retired Officers Association will be presenting, "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career," Monday through Friday. Audiences will learn about the realities of a competitive, civilian marketplace and a host of other vital topics.

Military members and their spouses who are two to three years, or less, away from discharge or retirement are invited to attend.

Presentations will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m., as follows: Monday at Pearl Harbor's Family Service Center, Room 205; Wednesday at Camp H.M. Smith's Pollock Theater; Jan. 17 at Schofield Barracks' Post Conference Room; and Jan. 18 at Hickam Air Force Base's Memorial Theater.

For more information, contact Jim Gardner at 257-7794.

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Base impound lot near capacity, some are 'diamonds in the rough'

Your abandoned vehicle could be sold at auction

Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.
Combat Correspondent

The Provost Marshal's Office aboard MCB Hawaii is cracking down on abandoned and unregistered vehicles aboard the base.

Since October, the Traffic Division has been under new leadership with the intent to strictly enforce the regulations pertaining to vehicle registration and abandonment.

Vehicles found that meet certain characteristics outlined by Base Order P5500.15A, Chapter 7, Section 7007, are considered abandoned according to Sgt. Alan J. Conway, Traffic Chief for PMO.

If a vehicle hasn't been moved for 72 hours, has fallen into such disrepair that it is an eyesore or has delinquent registration or inspection stickers, PMO will place a yellow, warning sticker on the windshield of the vehicle.

Once a bright orange warning sticker has been placed on a vehicle, the owner has three days to respond to PMO, in order to correct the problem. At the end of those three days, if the problem has yet to be corrected, PMO will impound the vehicle.

Owners of impounded vehicles then have another 120 days to correct their car's deficiencies. Once done,

they can reclaim their car from PMO, at no additional cost.

"Cut and dry, if we impound a vehicle, it will become government property in 120 days," said Conway.

Since October, Conway's section has conducted an aggressive campaign to enforce the base regulations pertaining to abandoned vehicles. In doing so, the number of vehicles at the impound lot has grown to more than 110 cars.

While some people work with PMO to fix their vehicle's problem, Conway's section spends large amounts of time tracking down car owners.

"We want the car out of our lot," said Conway. "We understand that problems occur, and we're flexible in



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

The impound lot currently holds more than 110 cars, trucks and motorcycles, many of which are abandoned vehicles.

trying to resolve the situation."

Many cars are simply not wanted, and after four months PMO accepts responsibility for the automobiles.

What does the government — specifically MCB Hawaii — do with these newly acquired automobiles?

Most of the cars impounded by PMO are beyond repair, so PMO has the vehicle crushed by a local salvage yard. But, a few of the cars and trucks that remain after the 120-day impound period, despite being a little rusty from sitting for a long period

of time, are still operational.

Those vehicles get another chance to be on the road, thanks to Marine Corps Community Services and the base Auto Hobby Shop. About once a month, Carl Cabrera, the Auto Hobby Shop manager, selects a number of the base's newly acquired vehicles and attempts to resell them at auctions. Since the Auto Hobby Shop gets the cars for free, Cabrera tries to resell the automobiles for bargain prices.

When figuring out the initial bid for vehicles, Cabrera takes the Blue Book price, cuts its price in half, and adds any cost it might take to get the vehicle up and running. So far, resale of impounded vehicles has been very successful, making more than \$170,000, since 1997, said Cabrera.

2001 Toys4Tots exceeds goals

Press Release
Public Affairs Office

Since its initial planning back in March of 2001, the Hawaii Toys for Tots campaign looked to surpass its previous year's total of 53,012 toys.

Staff Sgt. Ruben E. Villarreal, the 2001 Toys for Tots Coordinator and a member of 4th Force Reconnaissance Co., made a few significant changes, enlisted the help of 1st. Sgt. Dorsey Roberts, distributed e-mail seeking volunteers and recruited 150 Marines, Sailors and civilians to support the Toys for Tots goal, by providing toil and labor, as needed.

The campaign began in early August. A goal of 55,000 toys was set for families throughout the state of Hawaii, who might not otherwise enjoy a merry Christmas.

On Sept. 11, as the world watched and so many lives

were changed, the focus of the campaign in Hawaii changed.

A new goal was set. Villarreal and his volunteer force dared to solicit 64,000 toys.

"The cards were stacked up against us, but I had faith that we would not fail in reaching our goal or in completing our mission," recalled Villarreal. "We couldn't

and we wouldn't fail because too many people realize that children are our most important resource."

Several milestones helped the Toys for Tots team succeed. The first big boost was the "Tee It Up for Tots" golf tournament at the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course, Oct. 11. Eighty golfers participated in what was later described as one of the finer tournaments to

be held at K-Bay.

As Villarreal stayed on target, meeting and keeping the state's civilian community, committee members informed with progress reports, one of the major sponsors — KHNL, News 8 — took the lead with local news coverage, airing public service announcements

and participating at key events hosted in the community in support of Toys for Tots.

"KHNL could not be thanked enough. They grabbed the bull by the horns and wouldn't quit," exclaimed Villarreal. "They showed that they were in for the long haul, and they opened the door to us with other business partners, expecting nothing from us, except that we remain as committed as they were to the

Toys for Tots effort."

Other major sponsors included Hawaiian Isles Kona Coffee, Longs Drugs, PCF Virtual, PR Works, Hanai A Bear, Outback Steakhouse, Price Busters, ERT Sales, Bank of Hawaii, Radio Shack, Sprint PCS of Hawaii, the City and County of Honolulu, Martin Warehousing and Distribution Inc.

"Without the help of sponsors, we could have never come close to reaching our goal," said Villarreal. "There's no way we can express enough appreciation for their support."

Hearty appreciation is owed to each volunteer and each unit and employer who allowed workers to support the campaign.

The 2001 Toys for Tots Campaign netted 65,021 toys, distributed to over 32,200 children, in the state of Hawaii. The kids indeed enjoyed a merry Christmas.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Passing on values to our children

Marlene Miller
MCB Hawaii Religious
Education Director

We at Marine Corps Base Hawaii are a military family that has been deeply affected by the terrorist attack of 9/11, a date that is synonymous as perhaps the worst event in our Nation's history.

The initial reaction of many was to return to church, appreciate the need for God in their lives, and pray for peace, safety and security.

Many sought compas-

sionate counseling to allay fears and anxieties and seek direction.

Reconnecting

Returning to the practice of faith can be a difficult and challenging decision, especially for some adults who do not know "how" to come back into a worshipping community of faith.

Most likely their original departure was a slow dropping-away because of the need to take care of little children or infants and/or the general busy-ness of life.

One of the side effects to dropping out of practicing one's faith is that our children don't seem to have the same good set of values within which we grew up. The only input comes from society or the mass media.

New Education Initiatives

The Religious Ministries Department at the Base Chapel can help you grow spiritually and morally.

Our comprehensive Religious Education Program will meet nearly all your needs and the needs of your family — es-

pecially those families separated because of deployments.

We've recently developed three new initiatives that will assist in aiding your children to come to know God, his plan for us, many of those values with which we grew up and that will help them through the difficult times of life.

The Hallelujah Club

This new club is for grades 1 to 5 and meets on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30

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Chef of the Year



Brigadier Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, commanding general, MCB Hawaii, chats with Lance Cpl. Gabriela Ramirez, the cook in 1st Radio Bn. who won the Chef of the Year competition on Dec. 19, 2001, at the Anderson Hall dining facility. Ramirez shared just a few of her many secrets about food preparation.

Ramirez takes top culinary honors at contest

Story and Photos by
Sgt. Richard W.
Holtgraver

Combat Correspondent

Swiss Steak, Mashed Potato Delight and Mama Salad topped the winning menu at the Anderson Dining Facility on Dec. 19, 2001, during the Chef of the Year competition.

The competition featured the Chef of the Quarter winners from 2001 and was judged on several categories: cooking knowledge, food presentation and, of course, taste.

All three of the participants in the cooking competition began preparing their presentations the evening prior, working throughout the night to prepare their foods.

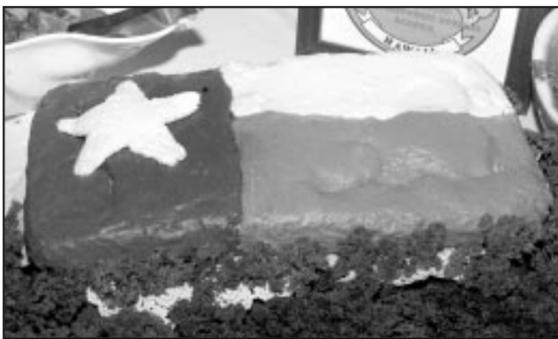
The contestants only took a short break early that morning, to shower before returning to the chow hall to set up.

The competition not only tested the cooks' knowledge but also their ingenuity in preparing tasty, eye appealing foods.

Lance Cpl. Gabriela Ramirez, a cook for 1st Radio Bn., walked away with the top honor of Chef of the Year.

"I was surprised I won," said Ramirez afterward. "I thought Lance Cpl. Johnson had a better presentation and meal."

When Lance Cpl. Richard A. Johnson, from Headquarters and Service Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, entered his menu into the competition, his love of music influenced him to shape much of the food and garnishes into objects that were easily recognized as musical instru-



Above — Lance Cpl. Theresa R. A. Martinez presented a Sangria cake, designed to look like the Texas flag. Top Left — Lance Cpl. Richard A. Johnson displayed several creative garnishes including a xylophone and microphone garnish, both of which played sweet, delightful, mouth-watering tunes before the judges' eyes. Bottom Left — No one could strike the chords on Johnson's piano watermelon garnish; however, the juicy, red fruit tempted the palate on the bright and sunny day.

ments. His most recognizable items included a microphone made from a carrot and an orange and a double fudge cake in the shape of a record album.

The cooks often used themes to enhance the presentation of their meals before the judges. This cooking competition proved no different.

Ramirez beat out her competitors' country/western theme and the tribute to the four elements of music. She kept the theme of her meal simple: flowers and the great outdoors.

"I'm a nature person by heart," said Ramirez. "That morning, I went out and picked fresh flowers and used them for garnish."

Simplicity probably helped Ramirez in this competition because it allowed her to concentrate on producing great tasting food.

Before the competition, Ramirez wasn't confident of her chances at winning, but reassurance from her mother and fiancée motivated her.

In fact, one of her menu items, Mama Salad — a mixture of macaroni salad and vegetables, served cold — was inspired by a dish her mother used



Lance Cpl. Theresa R. A. Martinez (standing in the background) carved a swan out of solid ice, then surrounded it with a pool of parsley and strawberries. The creation provided an elegant centerpiece for other Chef of the Year entries.

to prepare for their family's barbecues.

For demonstrating superior culinary talents, Ramirez was awarded a trophy, a medal, a garnishing kit, a certificate of commendation, a dinner cruise for two, and two weeks of apprenticeship training at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki.

Mentors, participants sought for CLD program at K-Bay

Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Combat Correspondent

A program that's helping the civilian workforce at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, to expand its leadership skills is looking for new mentors and participants.

The Civilian Leadership Development Program helps transfer organizational culture, values and leadership components, essential for all employees, into leadership positions.

"Mentoring links experienced professionals with civilian participants for enhanced career development," said Jeanne Chang, non-appropriated funds representative of the Civilian Leadership Development Program.

Members rely on mentors to share their experiences and insights of life, and to assist in the successful transfer of technical skills and knowledge to participants of the CLDP.

The CLDP is available to eligible civilian employees in grades NF-3 through 5, civil service employees in GS-5 through 15, craft and trade supervisory staff, and WG-7 and higher.

"An important point about CLDP is that it's not a 'fast track' to promotion, with guaranteed end results," Chang explained. "Eligible participants are responsible for their own development, with a mentor providing valuable advice and a professional example of foundation competencies."

Eligible employees who decide to participate in CLDP will have the opportunity to formally request mentorship.

They may select someone they feel who has the qualities they will need and who can take the extensive, 360-degree self-assessment of their present skill levels.

Upon completion of these two steps, participating mentored employees — with guidance from their mentor — will develop an Individual Leadership Development Plan and begin activities, education and in-house projects based on the goals and objectives identified.

Employees interested in participating, mentoring, or needing additional information, should contact Carol Boyd at 257-2158.

NAF employees may contact Jeanne Chang at 254-7628 for more details.

'To the Corps'



Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora

The sound of bagpipes filled an aircraft bay at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Dec. 14, 2001, as Gunnery Sgt. James McCole etched retirement honors into Marine Corps memories spanning most of his adult life. Formerly with Marine Aviation Logistic Support Element Kaneohe, McCole rendered one of his last salutes during the unit's morning formation. Marines, Sailors and civilian friends helped McCole celebrate and recall 27 years of honorable and faithful service.

WORD ON THE STREET

What are you going to do to take off those extra holiday pounds?

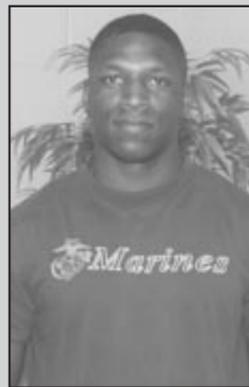


"...Try to continue weightlifting while being pregnant."

Eden Zamarin
Semper Fit program manager
MCCA

"...Ride my bike, swim. ...Run more often. ...Play basketball and eat healthier meals."

Lance Cpl. Jamie Bell
Air traffic control communications technician
MCAF

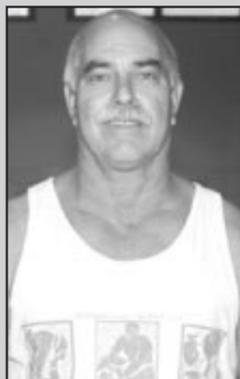
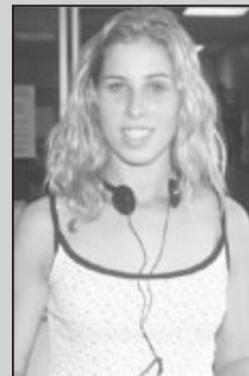


"...Not eat so much and work out more often."

Charles Sodersten
Retired
U.S. Navy

"...Run for two miles every other day and stop at the gym to use the stepmaster, cross-trainer and do lots of crunches."

Jennifer Clark
Family member



"...Swim and come to the gym every other day, while taking Sundays off."

Charles Souza
Retired
Federal Fire Department



Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora

Sergeant Steven Rogers, a section leader with Lima Co., 3rd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, directs fire and movement of his squad, after insertion into the landing zone while establishing a base of fire for the assault team. The three-platoon raid demonstrated Lima Co., 3/3's capabilities at the Ulupau crater.

2001: The Year in Review



Cpl. Roman Yurek



Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

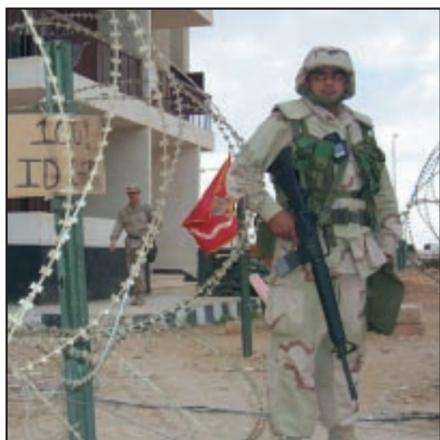
Clockwise (from above) — The Marine Forces Pacific Color Guard marches on the colors at the MarForPac change of command ceremony.

Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James L. Jones promotes Jim Nabors, of the television show Gomer Pyle fame, to the rank of lance corporal.

A working dog shows the strength of its bite to a crowd gathered at 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment's Family Day.

Marines from Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii, comprised the 2001 Marine Corps Birthday Pageant.

Private First Class Rajinder Hoonjan, admin clerk, Headquarters and Service Company stands at the ready during his watch of guard duty outside the Marine barracks at MMC Admin, Egypt.



Staff Sgt. Shalonda Richardson



Cpl. Roman Yurek

REVIEW, From A-1

23, MCB Hawaii provided 30 Marines to do a massive beach cleanup on one of the most beautiful beaches in the world — Kailua Beach.

In June, Danno, the MCB Hawaii mascot, reached a milestone in his Marine Corps career when he was promoted to corporal in a ceremony held at the Military Police Department.

A \$500,000 reconstruction effort, which began in February and ended in late summer, replaced a total of 16 family housing playgrounds aboard Kaneohe Bay and Manana Housing Area.

On Sept. 6, Brig. Gen. Jerry C. McAbee took over as commanding general, MCB Hawaii, during a change of command ceremony on the flight line.

McAbee replaced Brig. Gen. R. E. "Chip" Parker Jr., who also celebrated his retirement at the ceremony. McAbee previously served as chief of staff Marine Forces Southern Command in Miami.

During December, MCB Hawaii hosted 60th Anniversary remembrance ceremonies throughout the base to honor those who died

during the Japanese surprise attack on the U.S.'s military installations in Hawaii.

3rd Marine Regiment

Third Marine Regiment Marines and Sailors embarked to the rocky terrain of Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island, to kick off 2001, and participated in Hawaii Combined Arms Operation "Kona Winds 2001."

On March 5, Sgt. Maj. Tunu I. Tupuola took over the top enlisted spot at 3rd Marines during a post and relief ceremony at Dewey Square. Tupuola replaced Sgt. Maj. Leon L. Harris, who also celebrated his retirement at the ceremony. Tupuola served as sergeant major of Marine Aircraft Group 12 in Iwakuni, Japan, prior to his assignment here.

Near the end of the same month, after a week-long competition, the Marines from 2nd Squad, 1st platoon, Lima Co., 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines, were announced as the winners of the 3rd Marines' Super Squad Competition.

In May, Marines from 3/3, and 1st Bn., 12th Marines, deployed to the "land down under" for



Cpl. Roman Yurek



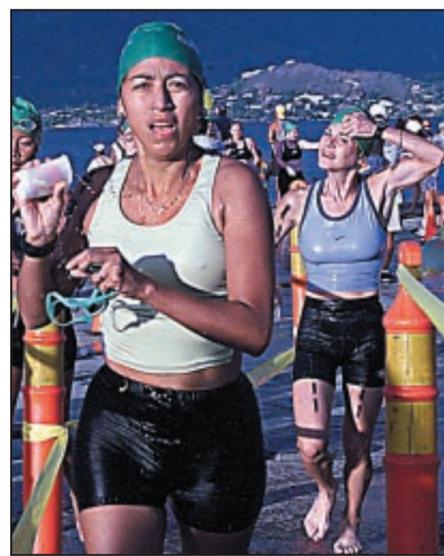
Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

Children at the Tu'anekevile Primary School wave good-bye to Marines and Sailors of 3rd Marine Regiment after the volunteers presented the school the keys to a new restroom facility they had constructed.



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

Above Left — An Amphibious Assault Vehicle from Combat Support Co., 3rd Marine Regiment exits the water at Fort Hase Beach, while conducting an amphibious assault during CSC's Jane Wayne Day. Above Right — Contemporary rock band Sister Hazel rocks the crowd during BayFest 2001.



Cpl. Luis R. Agostini

Racers exit Kaneohe Bay during the Na Wahine Triathlon, hosted aboard K-Bay.

As the warriors from 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines, moved into a simulated embassy during a non-combatant evacuation exercise at Ford Island, they had to run from one position to another to avoid hostile fire.

five weeks, participating in exercise "Tandem Thrust 2001" while in Australia.

Colonel Joseph V. Medina took over as commander, 3rd Marines, during a change of command ceremony June 21 at Dewey Square. Medina replaced Col. R. B. Peele, who transferred to Col. Medina's last unit at the Marine Corps Recruiting Command.

In mid-June, the Marines from Javelin section, Weapons Co., 3/3, began training with their new M98 A-1 Javelin training simulator.

On Aug. 10, more than 80 Marines from 3rd Marine Regiment participated in exercise "Tafakula," held in the Kingdom of Tonga. The exercise provided medical and dental assistance and limited engineering help as part of a Humanitarian Civic Assistance Program.

Without regard for their lives, three 3/3 Marines evacuated eight people from inside a burning house in Kaneohe on Sept. 7.

While several parts of the new Marine Corps utility uniform were still being tested, 30 Marines from Bravo Battery, 1/12, had the opportunity to put two new versions of the desert combat boot to the test during their training at the Pohakuloa Training Area in October.

Third Marine Regiment

continued its tradition of community service when more than 20 Marine volunteers from 3/3 went to Pope Elementary School in Waimanalo and helped stock its library, Aug. 1, as part of their Adopt-A-School program.

Whether training, saving lives, or competing with their peers, the Marines of 3rd Marine Regiment excelled in everything they set out to do in 2001 — including blowing away the regiment's retention goals by reenlisting a total of 202 Marines by year's end.

Combat Service Support Group 3

Combat Service Support Group 3 trained hard in 2001 and showed that even a support element can get "down and dirty" with intense physical training.

Companies within CSSG-3 conducted numerous conditioning hikes around the island. At last count, the total distance covered by the unit for the year combined for more than 350 miles.

Hikes weren't the only type of training being conducted when the Group went to the Kahuku Training Area for a week-long field exercise in August.

Considered by many as totally motivating, the 7th Annual CSSG-3 "Swamp

Romp" provided Marines, Sailors and civilians with a challenging 5.2-mile cross-country run in March.

Deployments were prevalent during 2001, as the Group supported numerous exercises, including two Combat Service Support Detachments: 75 and 79.

Cobra Gold 2001, in Thailand, involved more than 110 Marines from CSSD-79. They showed their mettle in support of Marine Air Ground Task Force 4.

Elsewhere, Combat Service Support Detachment 75 supported MAGTF 3 during Hawaii Combined Arms Operation 2-01's "Kona Winds 2001."

Despite a year marred by national tragedy, CSSG-3 was able to stay focused on its mission.

Constant training, and the desire to perform above and beyond the call of duty, kept CSSG-3 on course through 2001.

1st Marine Aircraft Wing

For the Marines and Sailors of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, 2001 was a year for strengthening military ties.

Marine Aviation Logistic Support Element Kaneohe lead the way showing, that Marines and Sailors can work together very effectively within the same unit.

The unit also served as a model for a combined service squadron maintenance support with a percentage of completed tasks above the normal completion percentage of units in the Navy or Marine Corps.

Detachments 3 and 7 from Helicopter Anti-submarine Light 37 completed a six-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf early in the year.

Patrol Squadron (VP-) 47 finished a successful six-month deployment to Diego Garcia in June.

Three Marines from Marine Corps Air Facility made names for themselves when the electric car they built placed second in the military Electron Marathon held at Ford Island.

In June, Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 301 received a new commander. Lieutenant Col. Mark Franklin assumed command of the squadron when Lt Col. Stephen G. LeBlanc received orders to the Army War College in Carlisle, Penn.

The squadron also received the 2000 Naval Aviation Safety Plaque for its outstanding safety record.

Patrol Squadron (VP-) 4 won the Isbell Trophy for its degree of professionalism and its efficiency during its six-month deployment in the Year 2000.



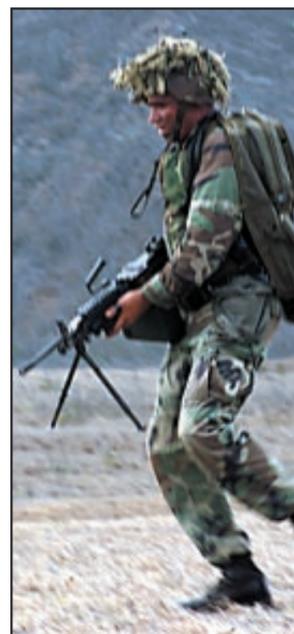
Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Officers from Combat Service Support Group 3 hang suspended from the bottom of a CH-53D Sea Stallion while conducting SPIE rigging training over K-Bay.



Cpl. Roman Yurek

Marines from the Javelin Section of Weapons Co., 3rd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, practice with a training simulator version of the M98 A-1 Javelin missile launcher.



Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora

Marines from Lima Co., 3/3 proved the benefits of an air-ground combination during a capabilities demonstration at the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Range Training Facility.

MOKAPU, From A-1

George Spence was in command until Maj. J. C. Donehoo Jr. arrived at the Marine Barracks about a month later.

The mission of the Marines assigned to NAS K-Bay was to protect construction materials and guard the area, part of which was accomplished by horseback.

On Dec. 7, 1941, two waves of Japanese planes bombed and strafed NAS K-Bay, the second base on Oahu to be attacked. Of the 36 Catalina PBYS (seaplanes) based here, only the three that were out on patrol at the time of the attack escaped major damage or destruction.

Eighteen Sailors and one civilian were killed, and 69 others were wounded in the attack.

In 1945, the Army left Fort Hase for occupation duty in Japan, and its area became part of NAS Kaneohe Bay. The Navy decommissioned the air station in July 1949, leaving only a small Marine security force to oversee the lands. The Navy moved its operations to leeward Oahu, to what was then Naval Air Station Barbers Point.

Marine Corps planners soon realized that Mokapu Peninsula was an ideal training location for a combined air-ground team. The peninsula's position was also ideal for strategic deployment to the Far East and support for the impending Korean War. The site also provided an excellent intermediate refueling and maintenance stop for tactical and support aircraft during long, trans-Pacific flights.

When Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay was commissioned, on Jan. 15, 1952, three major tenant commands called the peninsula home: the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade, 1st Radio Bn. and the Naval Ocean System Laboratory, a San Diego-based test and evaluation lab. The Brigade was the largest Marine Air/-Ground Task Force in the Corps, at the time, and 1st Radio Bn. (as it still does) provided the sole source of ground-based signals intelligence and electronic warfare within Fleet Marine Forces Pacific.

Rich history dominated the commands at MCAS Kaneohe Bay between 1952 and 1994. Units such as Marine Aircraft Group 13, the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade, and the 4th Marine Regiment arrived and later departed for operations in Asia. Various aircraft flew missions from an extended runway. Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe's mission changed continually throughout the Vietnam War. It would later become the stepping off point for many units in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

On April 15, 1994, the Marine Corps consolidated all of its holdings in Hawaii. Marine Corps Air Station, K-Bay, and Camp H. M. Smith — headquarters of Marine Forces Pacific — became the two largest elements.

In 1999, five years after the consolidation, U.S. Navy units were welcomed to Mokapu as tenant commands, after the closure of NAS Barbers Point.

Today MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, is home to eight tenant commands

and two reserve units: 3rd Marine Regiment, III Marine Expeditionary Forces Hawaii; Aviation Support Element Kaneohe; Combat Service Support Group 3; 1st Radio Bn.; 1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment; 4th Force Reconnaissance Co., (a Marine reserve unit); Commander, Patrol & Reconnaissance Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; and Patrol Squadron (VP-) 51, (a Navy reserve unit).

Marine Corps Base Hawaii assets at K-Bay include the Marine Corps Air Facility and Headquarters Bn.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii has garnered numerous environmental awards and been recognized for its constant vigilance in the protection of wildlife and natural resources on Mokapu Peninsula, and at

MCTAB, adjacent Bellows Air Force Station.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii contributes a great deal to the overall fiscal health of Oahu; it continues to be the largest civilian employer on the Windward side of the island. Its military and civilian workforce come to

Mokapu from homes located throughout the island.

Many civilian employees have worked here for many



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Above — The first Marines at Mokapu Peninsula provided security for NAS Kaneohe Bay, which emerged from overgrown vegetation, marsh and desolate, dry lands, beginning in the late 1930s. Right — Servicemembers sit in a firing line, in the sand dunes west of what's now Fort Hase Beach, in the 1940s. The officers' quarters lie just beyond, at the bottom of Ulupau Crater.



Photo courtesy of Carl Boden

years; some even remember attending the commissioning ceremony for MCAS Kaneohe Bay back in 1952.

MILITARY BLOTTER

-A civilian was involved in a traffic accident while backing up and failed to maintain sufficient distance from a storm drain roof gutter, as a result a portion of the gutter fell.

-A Marine notified the Military Police Department of damage to government property. The complainant stated that while moving into a barracks room the door had been kicked in by unknown person(s).

-A Marine was arrested by the Honolulu Police Department for driving under the influence, after he was involved in a traffic accident. The suspect was processed and released on \$500 bail.

-A military dependent notified MPD of damage to private property. The complainant stated that unknown person(s) had scratched and gouged the hood of his vehicle while it was parked at his quarters.

-A Marine was apprehended by MPD for possession of a concealed weapons after MPs noticed the handle of a weapon sticking out of the front seat. MPs searched the vehicle and found numerous hidden weapons throughout the vehicle.

-A Marine notified MPD of a larceny of private property, the victim stated that unknown person(s) stole numerous uniform articles from his wall locker which had been left unsecured and unattended.

-A Sailor was involved in a traffic accident while backing out of a parking stall and failed to maintain sufficient distance from another Sailor's vehicle which was parked.

-A Marine was involved in a traffic accident while attempting to maneuver off of a grassy area and failed to maintain sufficient distance from a telephone pole.

-A Marine was involved in a traffic accident while backing and failed to maintain sufficient distance from a second vehicle.

-A military dependent notified MPD of a larceny of private property. The victim stated that unknown person(s) stole a black sleeping bag, which had been left unsecured and unattended from the front yard of her quarters.

-The Federal Fire Department notified MPD of a fire that had been caused by lint that had ignited due to the temperature of the dryer. Also, as a result, the dryer wall and a personal blanket were damaged.

-Three civilians were apprehended by MPD for trespassing after MPs were conducting security checks and noticed the three civilians surfing at Zombies Beach.

Crime Prevention

Do you have questions about how you can take a stance against crime in your neighborhood?

If so, contact Cpl. Gordon Scott at Crime Prevention, 257-2103, ext. 315. Get helpful tips on how to prevent crime.

EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

26th MEU continues search for Al Qaeda positions

Sgt. Andrew D. Pomykal
26TH MEU Public Affairs
Detachment aboard USS Bataan

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — “Nobody really wanted anybody to get hurt, but we planned for the worst,” said Staff Sgt. Dan R. Bourdaghs. “We dismounted the vehicles and it was on.”

Recently, Marines from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit’s Force Reconnaissance Platoon, an infantry platoon from Kilo Co., 3/6, and elements of the 15th MEU’s Bravo 1/1 rode on light armored vehicles from Light Armored Reconnaissance Platoon, 26th MEU, to conduct a cordon and search operation of a village near here, suspected of housing Al Qaeda and Taliban personnel.

“We executed a pre-dawn raid to exploit the site for whatever we could find. Personnel, weapons, anything that we might use against them,” explained Capt. Daniel Q. Greenwood, Battalion Landing Team, 3/6, operations officer. “These people fought for

[Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed] Omar. We wanted to hit them when they least expected it and overwhelm them with superior firepower.”

At an assembly area 45 kilometers from the international airport here, the Marines picked up a small detachment of Kandahar’s Governor, Gul Agha Shirzai’s troops. They were assigned to the force to identify any Al Qaeda or Taliban fighters and serve as interpreters, said Greenwood of Arlington, Va.

Intelligence sources cited reports in Arabic and subsequently pinpointed their location, said Bourdaghs.

With Cobra helicopters providing covering fire, if needed,



Lance Cpl. Nathan E. Eason

Marines from the 26th MEU lead a raid on a suspected Al Qaeda outpost in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan, northwest of Kandahar. Marines are based in Kandahar in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

numerous LAVs surrounded the village while the anti-Taliban forces, Recon’s Direct Action Platoon and the grunts from Kilo infiltrated the area.

The main objective was a building that was reported as a Taliban training site and as a dwelling place. What made the operation difficult was that the building was located amongst Afghan residences, said Greenwood.

“We planned for the full spectrum [of conflict]. We figured they would either cooperate or it would be a complete siege,” said Bourdaghs.

Most of the inhabitants were still asleep or at least inside their homes during the beginning of the search, said Greenwood.

“What freaked me out was when the prayers sounded over a loudspeaker,” said

Explosive Ordnance Disposal technician Sgt. Michael J. Gattis from Tampa, Fla. “We didn’t know if it was an alert to our presence or what. Then, somebody got a thermal image of people moving around outside. A crowd started to gather. That’s when people really started to watch their [backs].”

“The people were curious and supportive. We let them know we weren’t there to abuse or

mistreat them,” said Greenwood. “Many seemed appreciative. The search took about six hours.”

“After we cleared the objective, the call was made to search the entire town,” said Bourdaghs. “We went out of our way not to break anything. They were scared, initially, but they came around when they understood why we were there.”

“We wanted to nail down these sites to prevent a Taliban resurgence and to keep an active posture,” said Greenwood. “This keeps the Al Qaeda off balance as we’re cutting their legs out from under them.”

Senior Marines who coordinated the raid were complementary of their leathernecks’ performance.

“The conduct of the [non-commissioned officers] was phenomenal,” said Capt. T. Shane Tomko, Kilo Co. commander. “They really showed tactical maturity with the rules of engagement.”

“The way they adapt is unbelievable,” said Greenwood, of the young Marines, most of whom are but 19 years old.

CHAPEL, From A-2

p.m. The Junior High Group is for grades 6 to 8 and also meets on Mondays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Chaplains Rhodes, Harris and Walmsley will be conducting these sessions along with volunteers.

The focus of The Hallelujah Club will be Bible stories and crafts for the small children. The Junior High group will discuss issues relevant to them as pre-teens and teenagers.

The King’s Kids’ Club

This new club is an after-school program for children from ages 5-10 to study Bible stories, learn crafts, sign language and music, and have time for Christian fellowship.

The study begins with the Hebrew Scriptures.

Children will learn what Jesus learned when He went to His synagogue and games that He played.

This group meets Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m., beginning on Wednesday.

Contact

Contact is also an after-school program for middle youth children, ages 11-14.

This program uses Scripture hunts and reference materials to delve into historical and archeological events.

The group meets on Thursdays, beginning Jan. 17, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Adult Programs

Not only are we providing programs for children but also there are Bible studies and adult study classes for different faith-groups all week.

Enrich your spiritual life and that of your children. Check out the values, principles and ideals we profess, which the world seems to have lost.

Call the chapel at 257-3552, for information on any of these programs, which meet at the Base Chapel, Bldg. 1090 — just beyond Dunkin’ Donuts.