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## Secretary of Defense expresses gratitude

**Dept. of Defense**  
*Press Release*

For more than a year, the brave men and women of the U.S. military, together with their civilian counterparts in the Department of Defense — have been working to preserve peace and defend freedom against terrorist forces and those who would harbor and protect them around the world.

To each of you, and your fami-

lies, we express our profound gratitude and appreciation for the risks you undertake and the sacrifices you make so that all Americans can enjoy the blessings of freedom.

This war, as the president has said, is not one of our making. It was thrust upon us. We act in self-defense - in deliberate response to acts of war directed against the American people, and to prevent future acts from claiming even more innocent life.

We are engaged in a global war, and it is being waged on many fronts using all the instruments of national power.

In recent weeks and months, the president has called the world's attention to Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq.

He has rallied the United Nations to enforce its resolutions calling for the regime's disarmament.

To assist this diplomatic offen-

sive and to preserve future options, adjustments to current mobilization, deployment and rotation cycles may be necessary, adjustments that may mean longer tours of duty than you may have expected.

While the times, places, and conditions of deployment cannot now be precisely known, we do recognize the uncertainty these circumstances may create for those in uni-



RUMSFELD

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## Search and seizure



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Corporal Christopher Fry, a platoon guide for Charlie Co., 1/3, searches and takes Lance Cpl. Jean Colon, a rifleman with Charlie 1/3, into custody during a Non-Combatant Evacuation Operation aboard MCB Hawaii, Jan. 22 - 23. See page A-3 for the full story.

## 4th Force set to deploy

**Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson**  
*Press Chief*

Local Marines were called to active duty recently in support of the nation's ongoing war against terrorism.

Approximately 40 Marines from 4th Force Reconnaissance Company, based here, were activated for duty Jan. 14, and are scheduled to deploy to the United States' Central Command area of operations sometime in the near future.

The reconnaissance Marines — whose mission is to plan, coordinate and conduct amphibious reconnaissance; as well as

deep ground reconnaissance and surveillance, battle space shaping, and limited scale raids in support of a Marine

Expeditionary Force, Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF), or a Joint Force (JTF) — will be

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Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson

Sergeant Anthony Chopito, from Mililani, searches his surroundings during mounted patrol training at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows Jan. 23.

## HSL-37 inducts first IMP

**Lt. Cmdr. Douglas A. Lucka**  
*HSL-37 Public Affairs*

Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron Light 37 celebrated the first SH-60 Integrated Maintenance Program baseline induction at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, with a ribbon cutting ceremony Jan. 22.

Representatives from Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and MCB Hawaii, were in attendance as personnel from both commands were instrumental in developing the facilities and environmental solutions to allow successful execution of this program.

The Naval Air System Command Depot North Island remote site at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, was established in 2002 in response to a fleet request to change the original H-60 IMP concept to maximize squadron readiness and minimize transportation costs and aircraft out-of-service time.

The original IMP concept had

NAVAIR North Island and HSL-37 in partnership to complete only Planned Maintenance Interval 1 and 3, both 35-

See IMP, A-4



Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson

Commander Don Williamson (left), commanding officer of HSL-37, and Navy Capt. Peter Laszcz, commanding officer of Naval Air Depot North Island cut the ribbon to the new HSL-37 Integrated Maintenance Program.

## New super playground slated for spring completion

**Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson**  
*Press Chief*

Construction on the new MCB Hawaii super playground began this week, and the new facility is scheduled to be completed in the spring.

The new playground, which replaces the facility removed from the area near the commissary, is located at Risley Field on Mokapu Road.

The new MCB Hawaii Post Office complex was slated to be located with the Mokapu Mall and Commissary, so it is more accessible to most base residents, and that project required the aging super playground to be relocated. Since Risley

Field is the center of recreation for the base — close to the housing areas, the Semper Fit Center, skate park, football and softball fields — it was a natural choice for the base.

The project was scheduled to begin in November, but was delayed while base officials and residents ensured the new location was the best.

After careful consideration of other proposals, and letters received from base residents, a final decision was made to locate the playground at Risley Field.

"It was important that everyone had an opportunity to express their concerns, and the final decision was made on that basis since, once built, the playground

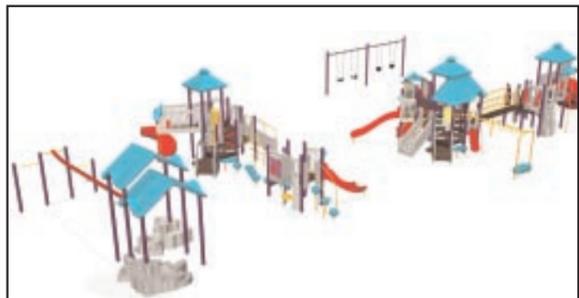
will be there for a long time," said Kent Murata, assistant chief of staff, G-4, MCB Hawaii.

Concrete work is scheduled to be wrapped up in February, and playground equipment will be installed at the appropriate time.

Before the rubber fall protection can be installed, the concrete must be allowed to reach its proper strength.

The fall protection material is scheduled for installation in late March,

and the playground should be ready for play in mid April.



Courtesy of Base Facilities

An artist's conception shows the new playground slated for Risley Field this spring.

## MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY

Kindergarten registration for the new school year will begin Monday at Mokapu Elementary School aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. The registration hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Register early, as spaces are limited and children may be sent to other area schools.

Parents registering their children need to have all requirements completed in order to have their child placed in a classroom.

- Birth certificate (Also accepted is a passport or Housing Dependency Application.)
- Shot record (Shots must be up to date.)
- TB test results (Within one year from start of school.)
- Physical exams (Form 14.)
- Social Security card
- Legal -sized self-addressed stamped envelope

For questions, call 254-7964 and ask for the registrar.

### 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.

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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## CG'S MAIL BOX

*"One thing that caught my attention was the fact that soft drinks are not free refills."*



BRIG. GEN.  
MCABEE

Submitted by Sgt. M. W. Benitez, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24

"I paid a recent visit to the newly renovated Enlisted Club aboard MCB Hawaii. I must applaud the clean appearance and great look it has.

One thing that caught my attention was the fact that soft drinks are not free refills. With all the emphasis on alcohol awareness and drinking and driving, I am surprised that the E-Club has not followed suit with a majority of the other establishments in the community.

Alcohol should be purchased per drink, whereas soft drinks should be provided with free refills after the initial purchase.

In addition, many other establishments have programs in place to give the designated driver of a group free soft drinks as an incentive to not consume alcohol.

Although inappropriate, with the current policy, one may come to a consensus that if they have to purchase per drink anyways, it might as well be alcohol.

I do not believe this is the message that MCB Hawaii is trying to convey.

Thank you for your time."

Respectfully submitted,  
Sgt. M. W. Benitez

Sgt. Benitez,

I have been asked by the commanding general to research and respond to your email of Jan. 21, since your suggestions fall under my staff responsibilities.

The commanding general appreciates that you have taken the time to participate in the "CG Mail" program.

The commanding general shares your concerns regarding the responsible consumption of alcoholic beverages in clubs aboard this base and for the safety of all patrons.

Therefore, I am pleased to inform you about a program the clubs al-



Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson

**Nonalcoholic beverages are provided free of charge to designated drivers at all MCB Hawaii clubs.**

ready have in place to provide free soft drinks to customers who identify themselves as a designated driver.

This program is proactive in taking care of those who have pledged to take care of their friends who consume alcoholic beverages during their visits to the club.

The designated driver program requires the driver to properly notify the bartender that he or she is a "designated driver" by leaving their car keys at the bar. The bartender will then ensure the patron receives free soft drinks throughout his or her stay.

At the end of the evening, the designated driver may retrieve the keys from the bartender. This allows the bartender an opportunity to interact with the designated driver to ensure no alcohol was consumed during the evening.

This program is available at all MCB Hawaii clubs, and throughout the Marine Corps.

Your second suggestion is for the Enlisted Club to provide free soft drink refills to all guests.

Unfortunately, this is not something we are able to offer at this time.

Considering the majority of Enlisted Club patrons are under 21

years of age, you can see how even soda sales are important to keep the club going.

The club must charge a fee for its goods and services, to cover the costs of the sodas and all other expenses associated with the club such as labor, service and entertainment. If we didn't charge for the sodas, we would be forced to pass those additional costs on to the other patrons.

We believe it is more equitable for all to pay the appropriate prices for the goods and services they receive than it is to ask others to pay for them.

The goal of the Enlisted Club is to provide a quality facility with exceptional services that contribute to the readiness and retention of enlisted Marines and Sailors.

We recently completed a \$1 million renovation that came from the money you spend in Marine Corps Community Services programs. We hope this great facility is worth the price of a soda.

Thank you again for your participation in the "CG Mail Program." We hope to see you at Kahuna's.

Mr. William Lindsey  
Assistant Chief of Staff  
Marine Corps Community Services

*(Editor's Note: Letters of any length may be trimmed and edited in the interest of good taste and brevity.)*  
The commanding general invites input from the base community via C.G. Mail on the following topics: What are we doing that we shouldn't be doing? What are we not doing that we should be doing? What are we doing that we should be doing better?  
Responses should include a recommendation that will help solve the problem and must include your name and return address so that staff may respond.  
For more information about how to send C.G. Mail, see the MCB Hawaii C.G. Mail page at [www.mcbh.usmc.mil/command/cg-mail.htm](http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/command/cg-mail.htm).

## New siren alerts MCBH of disasters



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

**A new voice-capable siren was installed atop Kansas Tower aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.**

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

A new voice-capable siren installed atop Kansas Tower will be sounding off once a month throughout MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, starting Monday at 11:45 a.m.

The Monthly Civil Defense Siren Test will promote awareness of natural disasters to employees and residents of Kaneohe Bay, in accordance with the Hawaiian Civil Defense Network.

Even though sirens are sounded at the same time

throughout the state, MCB Hawaii is unique in the way it conducts its test.

"Our sirens are the only ones on island that are voice capable," said Sgt. Matthew Collins, assistant telephone control officer, G-6, MCB Hawaii, who also has the distinct honor of being the voice alerting the base during the monthly test.

The test begins with Collins' voice saying, "This will be a test of the emergency civil defense early warning system. This is only a test."

"The tone base residents

will hear is the natural disaster warning tone. In the event of an actual emergency, base residents will be instructed to tune in to local radio and television stations for further instruction."

At the conclusion of the natural disaster warning test, Collins will say, "This has been a test of the emergency civil defense early warning system. The next tone will be an air raid signal. This is only a test."

The siren is the first of a network of sirens that will be installed on base for public safety.

### Getting it straight

• The Marine in the photo entitled "Service beyond the call of duty" on page A-3 of the Jan. 17 issue was incorrectly identified. He is Lance Cpl. Robert Hernandez, a military policeman with Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii, who received a Certificate of Commendation Jan. 10.



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Corporal Christopher Fry, a platoon guide with Charlie Co., 1/3, escorts a foreign national (role played by a Marine) to a logistics area for further processing and transportation out of the NEO site.

## 1/3 storms Bellows, MCBH

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

An American embassy in an unstable country has several innocent people trapped inside. Marines are given the mission to insert themselves tactically within the walls of the embassy and evacuate the individuals before armies of angry nationals raid the building.

It is for situations like these that more than 400 Marines from 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment; Combat Service Support Group 3; Combat Support Company, 3rd Marine Regiment; Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362; and 12 Army soldiers from Charlie Co., 1st Bn., 25th Aviation Regiment, train for.

The Marines and soldiers conducted a Non-combatant Evacuation Operation at Marine Corps Training Area, Bellows and at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Jan. 21 - 22.

In reality, an embassy is one of the many places a NEO could take place.

"This is some very valuable training that the Marines are conducting," said 2nd Lt. Dustin Shumney, a platoon commander for Bravo Co., 1/3. "We are training for real world situations. Situations like this one are very likely to happen — espe-



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Lance Cpls. Steve Morgan, an M249 SAW gunner, and Barry Tye, a fireteam leader, both with Bravo Co., 1/3, clear rooms of an embassy and check for enemy forces during a NEO operation.



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

First Lt. Anthony Zinni, executive officer for Alpha Co., 1/3, and Lance Cpl. Kevin Godchaux, a field radio operator with Alpha Co., call for fire while marking their location with a pink flag during the NEO Jan. 23.

cially during the war on terrorism."

When the Marines from Bravo Co. received orders for day one of the NEO, they jumped into action and moved quickly and furiously. Several Amphibious Assault Vehicles transported them to the beaches of Bellows.

After storming ashore, the hard-charging devil dogs surrounded the mock embassy and set up a perimeter of security. This enabled the Marines to control access to the embassy.

Helicopters then inserted Marines from Alpha Co., 1/3, into the compound. Which also established security within the embassy and determined who was authorized inside.

Once security was assured inside and outside of the embassy, Marines evacuated the trapped individuals to a helicopter.

Meanwhile, an angry mob of nationals formed outside and threatened to compromise the progress of the mission. Marines were challenged to keep the crowd under control and ensure no one without authorization entered the secure perimeter.

"This training was a very valuable learning experience," said Cpl.

Herlon DaCruz, a squad leader for Bravo, 1/3. "This was as close to a real combat situation that we can get."

During the second day of the operation, Alpha Co., 1/3, established a remote site for the NEO at Pyramid Rock Beach aboard MCB Hawaii.

Meantime, six Army OH-58D (R) Kiowa Warrior Armed Reconnaissance Helicopters provided the unit with close combat attacks in support of the NEO, as well as landing zone reconnaissance and security.

"This exercise was a great opportunity to plan, train with and execute realistic training with highly trained Marines," said Army Capt. Daniel J. McAuliffe, commander of the Charlie Co. "Outlaws."

All in all, the NEO provided some much-needed training in preparation for the units' upcoming Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation and for future deployments.

"The Marines from 1/3 performed all tasks assigned superbly," said Capt. Tom Tennant, commanding officer, Alpha Co., 1/3. "A NEO op is not as cut and dry as a normal offensive or defensive operation. It requires a great deal of communication and flexibility."

## WORD ON THE STREET

### "What was the best part of Super Bowl XXXVII?"



"...The touchdown by Jerry Rice in the third quarter."

Lance Cpl.  
Maurice Cohen

Administration clerk  
HMH-362

"...The first touchdown by the Raiders. We all argued on whether it was good or not."

Reserve Petty Officer 2nd Class  
Kay Vieths

Air crewman  
VR-51



"The Tampa defense was the best — especially the first pick on Gannon that gave Tampa Bay the lead."

Petty Officer 1st Class  
Joe Fulco

Cryptologic technician  
Tactical Support

"The last interception with two seconds left was a fitting ending to the game."

Sgt. Kyle Slupecki

Central technical publications librarian  
Quality Assurance  
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## COURTS MARTIAL

(Editor's Note: The Legal Services Center, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, sent notification to the commanding officer of the following Marine of punishment awarded in the following courts martial.)

### General Courts Martial

Private First Class Roderick Brewer Jr., from MCB Hawaii, was found guilty at a general courts martial Jan.

27 of violating the following articles of the Uniform Code of Military Justice:

- Article 121, for stealing currency valued at more than \$10,000.
- Article 134, for wrongfully taking mail matter.

Brewer was awarded a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 30 months, reduction to pay grade E-1, and forfeiture of all pay and allowances.



"The Bucks annihilated the Raiders, and my corporal said it would not happen."

Lance Cpl.  
Mike Nolan

Assistant Embark NCO  
Headquarters Co.,  
3rd Marine Regiment

# Profile

## Retired Maj. Gen. Charles F. Bolden Jr.

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

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

**NAME:** Retired Maj. Gen. Charles F. Bolden Jr., a former NASA astronaut

**Personal Data:** Born Aug. 19, 1946, in Columbia, S.C. Married to the former Alexis (Jackie) Walker of Columbia, S.C. Has two children. Enjoys racquetball, running and soccer.

**Education:** Graduated from C. A. Johnson High School in Columbia in 1964, received a bachelor's of science in electrical science from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1968 and a master's of science in systems management from the University of Southern California in 1977.

**Organizations:** Member of the Montford Point Marine Association, the U. S. Naval Institute, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Lifetime member of the Naval Academy Alumni Association and the USC General Alumni Association.

**Special Honors:** Recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Strike/Flight Medal (8th award), Honorary Doctor of Science Degree from USC (1984), Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Winthrop College (1986), the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal (1992), NASA Exceptional Service Medals (1988, 1989, 1991), USC Alumni Award of Merit (1989), and an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Johnson C. Smith University (1990).

**Experience:** Bolden accepted a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps following graduation from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1968. He underwent flight training at Pensacola, Fla.; Meridian, Miss.; and Kingsville, Texas, before being designated a naval aviator in May 1970.

•He flew more than 100 sorties into North and South Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, in the A-6A Intruder while assigned to VMA(AW)-533 at Nam Phong, Thailand, June 1972 to June 1973.

•Upon returning to the U. S., Bolden began a two-year tour as a selection and recruiting officer in Los Angeles, Calif., followed by three years in various assignments at Marine Corps Air Station

El Toro, Calif.

•In June 1979, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School at Patuxent River, Md., and was assigned to the Naval Air Test Center's Systems Engineering and Strike Aircraft Test Directorates. While there, he served as an ordnance test pilot and flew numerous test projects in A-6E, EA-6B, and A-7C/E airplanes.

•He has logged more than 6,000 hours flying time.

**NASA Experience:** Selected by NASA in May 1980, Bolden became an astronaut in August 1981. His technical assignments included Astronaut Office safety officer; technical assistant to the Director of Flight Crew Operations; special assistant to the Director of the Johnson Space Center; Astronaut Office liaison to the Safety, Reliability and Quality Assurance Directorates of the Marshall Space Flight Center and the Kennedy Space Center; chief of the Safety Division at JSC; lead astronaut for Vehicle Test and Checkout at the Kennedy Space Center; and assistant deputy administrator, NASA headquarters.

•A veteran of four space flights, he has logged more than 680 hours in space.

•Bolden served as pilot on STS-61C (Jan. 12 - 18, 1986) and STS-31 (April 24 - 29, 1990), and was the mission com-



Cpl. Scott Whittington

**Retired Maj. Gen. Charles F. Bolden Jr. speaks to reporters Aug. 7, 2002, before retiring from the Marine Corps.**

mander on STS-45 (March 24 - April 2, 1992), and STS-60 (Feb. 3 - 11, 1994).

•Bolden left NASA and returned to active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps as the deputy commandant of midshipmen at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. June 27, 1994.

•Major Gen. Bolden's last command was the assistant wing commander, Headquarters, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Miramar, San Diego, Calif.

### RUMSFELD, From A-1

form, the civilians who work beside them, and the families and loved ones, without whose support their sacrifices would not be possible.

I know the secretaries and chiefs of the military services are communicating with you in greater detail about these matters, but I want you to know that understanding the impacts

of these deployments is important to us.

Be assured that the president will not decide to commit forces unless conditions require it, and only as a last resort.

Should action be necessary, you will have what you need to carry out the missions assigned.

Thank you for all you do for our nation and the world.

### IMP, From A-1

day Integrated Depot Maintenance on site in Hawaii.

After experiencing extended delays moving aircraft to and from NAS North Island, the main SH-60B base on the Mainland, the fleet requested that the Depot establish a capability to perform all SH-60B Depot Level maintenance at MCB Hawaii.

The NAVAIR Team from the H-60 Fleet Support Team and NAVAIR Depot North Island spent several months developing the requirements to put all logistics elements into place to support the increased workload at Kaneohe Bay, which includes remov-

ing the aircraft paint and repainting.

These planning efforts culminated Wednesday in a ceremony with HSL-37's troops and artisans from the NAVAIR Depot reflecting on their accomplishments in developing this capability.

The new IMP will save the Navy \$30,000 in transportation costs and reduce overall SH-60B out-of-service time by two months for every PMI event performed onsite.

This effort will significantly enhance HSL-37's readiness and allow more aircraft to be available for the warfighter rather than being transported and transferred to the mainland for this work.

### 4TH FORCE, From A-1

Task Force (JTF)—are slated to augment the assets of the I Marine Expeditionary Force from Camp Pendleton, Calif.

In addition to the reconnaissance Marines, the deploying detachment is made up of mechanics, liaison officers, armorers, motor transport operators, and other support personnel.

The 4th Force Reconnaissance Marines join more than 4,500 other Marines, nationwide, called to active duty within the past week, and 3,600 others who were previously activated.

# 'Big Brother' watches over the Network

**Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora**  
*Training/Operations Chief*

Whether you're part of generation X, Y or Z, you're probably hard pressed to think of life before the World Wide Web. It's become our way of life. We can search for an out-of-print novel, store operating hours at a local mall, or even a home remedy to cure the family's pet — without ever leaving the comfort of the home or office.

However, according to Marine Administrative Message 162/00, examples like the ones above may or may not be authorized, as regulations vary from command to command.

"When you come into work — work. But, if you take a break and surf the Internet for educational Web sites because you have college or something, that's what the computer is there for. It's there to make your life easier," said Staff Sgt. Jefferson Mass-Rodriguez, Information Systems Section Officer, G-6, Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii.

"The problem is when people start abusing it instead of doing their job. They're surfing the Internet on the government's dime, surfing useless sites that tie up the network and ultimately charge Uncle Sam bandwidth time."

Use of government information technology resources is for official and authorized purposes only. Office computers are for projects that serve the best interest of the federal government and the Marine Corps.

Other official uses exist, such as to enhance the professional skills of Marine Corps personnel, and to obtain information to support DoD, Department of the Navy, and U.S. Marine Corps missions.

According to the directive, Marines, Sailors and civilian employees cannot use the GITR if it adversely affects the performance of official duties. As well, users must not to adversely reflect upon the Marine Corps. Personal use that complies with these procedures must be kept to a minimum frequency and duration, and must occur during an individual's personal time.

"The biggest problem I see at MCB Hawaii, is abuse," said Mass-Rodriguez. "I've seen chain letters, spamming and surfing the net for adult material."

Spamming from off base advertisers is a major problem for network users. It causes slow downs of the servers by flooding them with useless emails. The user may spend all day deleting useless emails and tying up the server.

Other more serious problems have caused a rash of nonjudicial punishments proceedings. Surfing the Internet for adult material is prohibited.

Users may surf the Internet and find these illegal sites, but once they hit the screen, "Warning Banner" pops up. It signals to browse away from the site.

"The computer is not there to look at porn or any illegal Web site that

deters from the standards of the Marine Corps. The moment a person hits a site that is unauthorized, the "Warning Banner" tells him he is about to look at unauthorized material and asks if he is sure he wants to do this." explained Mass-Rodriguez. "If you see the banner, you need to re-evaluate what you are surfing."

Examples of prohibited use include, but are not limited to, illegal, fraudulent or malicious activities, partisan political activities, and political or religious lobbying or advocacy of activities on behalf of organizations having no affiliation with the Marine Corps or the DoD.

Also unauthorized for use is

fundraising; accessing, storing, processing, displaying or distributing offensive or obscene material such as pornography or hate literature; the creation and forwarding of chain letters; and obtaining, installing or using software obtained in violation of the appropriate vendors' permit, copyright, trade secrets or license agreement.

Day-to-day Internet functions have proven to be a valuable tool in the Marine Corps. It enhances proficiency of units and quality of life.

Nonetheless, the reality is that MARADMIN 162/00 specifies appropriate internet uses and G-6 will make sure you remain compliant.



Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora

**Staff Sgt. Mass-Rodriguez and the military police give an extreme example of what could happen if you browse sites unauthorized per MARADMIN message 162/00.**

# 4th MEB aided by Belgian's educated nose

**Cpl. Douglass P. Gilhooly**  
4th MEB

**KABUL, Afghanistan** — Marines of Task Force Kabul, 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, along with the unit's Military Working Dog teams, aided regional security officers here recently for several diplomatic events.

Corporal Sean G. Myers, a dog handler with Task Force Kabul, and his 93-pound Belgian Malinois, Tako, were on at least two of these operations in the city.

"Our [K9 Team's] main mission was to conduct explosive detection sweeps in several separate entities," said Myers. "The spots we were sweeping were for the Diplomatic Security Services and Ministry of Women's Affairs. We also swept trailers for any suspicious chemicals."

Myers and Tako have supported the 4thMEB(AT) task force in the day-to-day security of the U.S. Embassy here since their arrival only a few months ago.

"Tako searched through the trailers that were brought here as extra housing for embassy personnel," said Myers. "He also served by assisting in the search of members of the press."

While stateside at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., Myers and Tako spent their time training at the Provost Marshal's Office.

"Today, I had a small team of Marines providing security," said Myers. "It's a great feeling knowing Marines have your back. They all conducted themselves extremely professional and allowed Tako and I to perform our job."

One of the Marines who stood watch for Myers and Tako was Cpl. Joshua V. Larson, duty machine-gun expert for the Task Force.

"Our mission was to provide security for Corporal Myers and Tako so they could do their job," said Larson. "Their performance was awesome. Everyone had nothing but good things to say about them."

"They're a great team and that makes you feel more comfortable to perform your job."

Phillip Silk, assistant regional security officer for the United States Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, had a chance to work with the Marines of the 4thMEB(AT).

"The Marines performed fantastic," said Silk. "They were extremely professional and gave the media and locals a great view of the United States and the Corps."

Silk said he was extremely grateful for the assistance of the Marine security team, especially Tako.

"K9 is a resource we could not do without," said Silk. "Our mission was a great success because of the professionalism and ethics of the Marines. I wish I could have Marines on every mission."

Larson, along with Lance Cpl. Timothy W. Mossor and Pfc. Geoff G. DeForge, both infantrymen, said it was a mission they will never forget.

"This experience really brought the team concept back to reality," said Larson.

"I feel like we came together as one," said Mossor. "The security team, canine and RSO [Regional Security Officer] were working together great."

"Everyone assisted each other and we were able to accomplish the mission."

DeForge concurred with his fellow Marines and said, "Without teamwork, this mission would have never been a success."

"Basically, our mission was to set-up a perimeter inside and outside a wall to protect the media and other persons going to the events at [DSS and Ministry of Women's Affairs]," said Mossor.

"We split into two groups. I had a few Marines on the outside of the wall, and the Staff Sergeant had his own men on the inside," said Larson.

"The German soldiers from

International Security Assistance Force worked with us," Larson continued. "They pulled in front of the building in this high-tech vehicle. It was kind of funny because they had this truck that looked futuristic, and the people [Afghan nationals and media] kept staring at us instead of looking at the truck."

All of the Marines said they enjoyed the challenge and appreciated the chance to serve in such a role.

"I would love to have another chance to perform on a security mission again," said DeForge. "It is something I will never forget."

"If any of the Embassy Marines get a chance to leave the compound by participating in a security mission, I encourage it," said Mossor. "The real experience is a chance you don't get everyday. It's a great opportunity."

Larson agreed, "Every time you leave the gate, there is potential for disaster. But when you leave, you leave with a history of great training under your belt and a level head, and you know you have a mission to accomplish."

After four intense hours in the dusty winter day, the Marines said they felt swelled with pride.

On the way back to the Embassy, they rode in their vehicles knowing that once again they had proved themselves to be one of the few and the proud.



Cpl. Douglass P. Gilhooly

**Corporal Sean G. Myers, military working dog handler for Task Force Kabul, and his partner Tako, sweep for explosives at the American Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, recently.**