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Water usage drops 14 percent

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Combat Correspondent

Marine Corps Base Hawaii is always striving to protect the environment and community surrounding us, and always trying to conserve what precious resources we have. So, it was no surprise when the Honolulu Board of Water Supply congratulated MCB Hawaii on a 14 percent reduction in water use on the base.

The reduction of water use could not have come at a better time. According to the Board of Water Supply, rainfall is down and water use is up for the island of Oahu, so the Board has asked the public to practice good water conservation procedures.

The MCB Hawaii water conservation program consists of a number of initiatives. A continuing awareness program reaches out to residents and workers on base, the policy limits the hours for irrigation and an effluent irrigation program.

At the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course aboard Kaneohe Bay, the irrigation system uses treated effluent water from the base's wastewater treatment plant. The wastewater is run through the treatment plant, and then is further treated with chlorine and sent to the course.

"The golf course effluent irrigation is a big part of our water conservation, but it is not the only factor," said Lee Yamamoto, deputy director for the Facilities Department aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

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'Filler up!'



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Captain Keith Linington, a KC-130 Hercules Aircraft co-pilot with VMGR-152, connects a fuel station during a rapid ground refueling exercise at Barbers Point, June 17. The squadron was assisting HMH-362 during the transportation of U.S and Australian service members in an airfield raid. See full story on p. A-3.

Medina relinquishes command of regiment

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MEDINA

With best wishes and a heavy heart, 3rd Marine Regiment said a solemn goodbye to its outgoing commanding officer Col. Joseph Medina, Wednesday during a change of command ceremony at the Pacific War Memorial aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Colonel Jeffrey Patterson, former operations officer for G-3, Marine Forces Pacific, will succeed Medina, who had taken command of 3rd

Marines in June, 2001.

"Since I was commissioned in 1976, I think the quality of the Marines that we have enlisted has gone up dramatically," said Medina. "You can expect a whole lot more out of Marines.

"We ask our Marines to do more. We ask our NCOs to do a whole lot more. And that is very evident here at 3rd Marine Regiment."

Since Medina has been in command, the regiment has improved its ability to perform combined arms warfare

operations, and it's taken major strides to lead the Marine Corps in command and control at the battalion and regimental levels.

"We are the only regiment in the Marine Corps that does two combined armed exercises per year," said Medina. "All other regiments in the Marine Corps, in two years, will normally only do one double CAX. The regiment has done five times the programs in two years.

"I think we have one of the busiest regiments in the Marine Corps."

Although Medina has served the Corps 27 years, and held many different commands, 3rd Marine Regiment

See **3RD MARINES, A-4**

A-76 says MCBH competes

Public Affairs Office
Press Release

The federally mandated Commercial Activities Program concluded its review of MCB Hawaii's business practices, Tuesday, concluding that the base's commercial activities are competitive with other commercial business activities, and will continue to be performed by federal employees.

A standard appeal process exists for this decision.

The announcement culminates more than three years of public-private competition using the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76, "Performance of Commercial Activities."

The process establishes federal policy for deciding whether to retain recurring, commercial-like activities within the government, or to contract them out to private sector sources.

Marine Corps Base is the largest employer on Oahu's windward side, with more than 1,500 civilian employees.

Stay tuned to the *Hawaii Marine* for further details of the A-76 study as they emerge.

Fireworks prohibited on base

Base Safety Center
Press Release

Per MCB Hawaii regulations (Base Order 11320.6, para 9001), pyrotechnics, fireworks and explosives are prohibited on the installation. Fireworks include toy cannons, firecrackers, torpedoes, sky-rockets, roman candles, sparklers, or similar items, capable of producing a visual or audible effect by combustion or detonation. (The fireworks presentation at Bayfest 2003 has received a full waiver from the commanding general.)

The Dangers

In 2001, more than 9,500 people sustained injuries from fireworks, serious enough to send them to a local emergency room. The majority of the injuries were burns (58.9 percent). Amateur firework's displays are unacceptably dangerous, especially to children, whose injury rates, as always, exceed adults'.

Facts and Figures

- Most fireworks-related injuries do not involve fires that are reported to fire departments. In 1999, an estimated 55 civilians were injured, but fireworks-related injuries reported to hospital emergency rooms alone totaled 8,500 in 1999.

- On a typical Fourth of July, fireworks cause more fires in the U.S. than all other causes combined. Yet, many Americans do not realize how great their risk is.

Don't let a mishap spoil your holiday. Abide by lawful regulations and have a safe and glorious Independence Day.

(Editor's Note: See p. C-7 for more Fourth of July safety information.)



Petty Officer 2nd Class Donna Liggins

CIF opens here

The Consolidated Issue Facility held its grand opening ceremony aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, June 26. (From left to right) Bill Pearson, CIF manager; Lion-Vallen Industries's Rick Denney, CIF quality assurance specialist; Col. Richard Roten, MCB Hawaii deputy commander; and H.J. Hart, program manager, CIF, helped cut the ribbon. The Consolidated Issue Facility is an inventory efficiency initiative that reduces the burden of management and accountability for the operating force commander's unit supply section.

'Getting it straight'



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle



Cpl. Neal Iverson

Group Sgt. Maj. Emanuel Magos (above left) was incorrectly identified on page A-1 of the June 27 issue. During his post and relief ceremony June 20, Magos replaced Sgt. Maj. Daniel Huffmaster (above right) of Marine Aircraft Group 24 as group sergeant major. Huffmaster retired after 29 years of honorable service.

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

HAIKU STAIRS REMAIN CLOSED

The City and Country of Honolulu has closed the gate to the Haiku Stairway to Heaven for the next two to three weeks while it posts liability and warning signs. The Honolulu Police Department will greet would-be trespassers.

CREDO RETREATS AVAILABLE FOR MILITARY, DOD

The Chaplain's Religious Enrichment Development Operations, or CREDO, is offering both marriage enrichment retreats and personal growth retreats to service members aboard MCB Hawaii who may be returning from deployments such as Operation Iraqi Freedom, and service members who are desiring to improve their relationships with others, feel good about themselves, grow personally and spiritually, and live a more harmonious life.

The next CREDO marriage enrichment retreat is slated for July 11 - 13; the next personal growth retreat is July 24 - 27.

For more details, call 257-0662.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS AVAILABLE AT MPD

If you are missing valuables or other items, contact Lost and Found at the Military Police Department, to see if anyone has turned in the item(s).

Lost items on hand include I.D. cards, bicycles, wallets, keys, cell phones and miscellaneous jewelry. An inquiry log is maintained for all item(s) that are retrieved.

Call Sgt. Gordon Scott at 257-2103, ext. 315, for prompt assistance.

Also, the Crime Prevention section of the Military Police Department is looking for neighborhood watch representatives to get involved in their communities, by taking charge of local neighborhoods aboard MCB Hawaii.

If you're interested in getting involved, call the Crime Prevention Unit at 257-2103, ext. 314 or 315.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

On-Base Emergencies	257-9111
Military Police	257-7114
Crisis Hotline	521-4555
Child Protective Service	832-5300
Fraud, Waste, Abuse & EEO	257-8852
Business Management Hotline	257-3188

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Cpl. Luis R. Agostini

Marines from MCB Hawaii's Military Police Co. participated in the nonlethal demonstration of the Gladiator Tactical Unmanned Ground Vehicle at Smith Field aboard Camp H. M. Smith, Wednesday.

New 'Gladiator' flexes its muscle

Cpl. Luis R. Agostini

Marine Forces Pacific
Public Affairs Office

CAMP H. M. SMITH — On day 30 of Operation Real Freedom, a group of approximately 600 belligerent activists, still loyal to their overthrown government, have unlawfully assembled at the bridge on the outskirts of the desert town of Inotoi.

The crowd is blocking the main supply route and preventing the delivery of humanitarian aide to the station located in the vicinity of the town square.

Armed with slingshots and other primitive devices, it is anticipated that the crowd will not disperse peacefully.

Individuals armed with AK-47s

and rocket-propelled grenade launchers have been spotted near the town square within the last hour.

Your mission, on order, is to disperse the crowd in order to open the main supply route with the appropriate application of non-lethal means.

How can you possibly accomplish this mission?

By 2007, if you are serving on any of the seven Marine Expeditionary Units, the Gladiator will pave your way toward a new era of warfighting.

Service members, civilians and local media got a preview of the capabilities of the Gladiator Tactical Unmanned Ground Vehicle during nonlethal employment demonstration at Smith Field here Wednesday.

Hosted by the Marine Forces Pacific Experimentation Center in

conjunction with the Joint Warrior Interoperability Demonstration, the fictionalized demonstration (previously described above) enabled Marines from MCB Hawaii's Military Police Co. to operate the Gladiator.

The operator of the Gladiator is equipped with an operator control unit, which fits in a standard All Purpose Lightweight Individual Carrying Equipment (ALICE) pack. The unit weighs 20 pounds and contains a radio, antennas, a computer, batteries, a global prepositioning system and a handheld controller.

The Gladiator is loaded with all sorts of gadgets and weaponry, including day and night cameras, a chemical detection system and Light

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2/3 takes a dive, discovers how to work underwater for survival's sake

Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle
Combat Correspondent

When a helicopter crashes in the water, those aboard have a few crucial moments to get out and get to safety.

They must not panic and remember the precise steps in order to move away from the sinking aircraft.

The Modular Amphibious Egress Training Simulator at the base pool aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, hits the water and flips over just like a helicopter would when it crashes in the water.

When the Marines from 2nd Bn. 3rd Marine Regiment splashed into the water for the first time in the MAETS June 26, they realized how easy it was to panic and make a mistake that could cost them their life in a real-world situation.

As the helicopter flipped under the water's surface,



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Marines from 2/3 submerge into the waters of the base pool in the MAETS during a training exercise designed to improve the chances of survival in a water crash.

the Marines instinctively held their breath and remained calm. As they were taught in their training, they opened up a window beside them and swam above water.

Although it was easy for them to remove themselves from the sinking aircraft, the Marines knew they could encounter serious problems when crashing into water. The most common problem is the

Marines gets caught or tangled in equipment.

"Even in the training environment when they know they are safe, some Marines panic and become a bit disoriented," said Cpl. Travis Bachman, a squad leader in Fox Co., 2/3. "It is good they get a chance to do this in a training environment because they have to learn to stay calm and not panic. That is probably the biggest chal-



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Marines from 2/3 come up for fresh air after going underwater in the MAETS and strategically resurfacing during a training exercise to improve their chances of survival in a helicopter crash in the water

lenge for the Marines doing the training — stay calm

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MACMANNIS

2/3 changes leadership



Lieutenant Col. Andrew MacMannis assumed command of 2nd Bn, 3rd Marines, June 1 aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. MacMannis previously served as the commanding officer of 2/4. He replaces Lt. Col. Robert Castellvi as battalion commander. Castellvi will move on to the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C.



CASTELLVI

1st Radio Bn. soars from new heights

Cpl. Jessica M. Mills
Combat Correspondent

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — During every reconnaissance operation, there is always a possibility that a ground insertion could be too dangerous. The drop zone could be infested with the enemy.

In preparation for situations such as this, 13 Marines from Radio Reconnaissance Platoon, 1st Radio Bn., leapt from the confines of a CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter at 1,500 feet to perform static line parachute jumps over Drop Zone Lightning here.

For some of the Marines, it was the first jump they have done since they returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom last month.

"It's been about six and a half months since I've done a jump; altogether, I have done about 32 jumps," said Sgt. Edward Haines, with Radio Reconnaissance Plt. "All Marines in our platoon are required to keep their proficiency going when it comes to jump status, but it's undue pain sometimes. It doesn't get easier."

The Marines are required to complete these parachute jumps several times each month, but once the Reconnaissance Indoctrination Program begins, the amount of jumps increase. The next RIP exercise begins in July.

"It a grueling period of training for these guys," said Eddie Myers, the parachute loft chief for Radio Reconnaissance Plt. "The program lasts about three months, training in air, ground and amphibious operations, with very rough physical training standards, exercising twice a day."

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362 picked up the Marines at 6:30 p.m. from their paraloft, to prepare for the seconds they would spend in the air.

For obvious safety reasons, before any Marine could board the helicopter, they

were required to pass two rigorous Jump Master's pre-inspections.

"If something were to go wrong with their equipment while they were jumping, it could kill them," said Jump Master Gunnery Sgt. David Korff, the training chief for Radio Reconnaissance Plt. "So, they need to be precise, and we need to check them again and again, before it's too late."

Once the two jump masters had approved all the Marines for the jump, they boarded the CH-53D.

As the bird made its way to the drop zone over Schofield Barracks, the Marines sat patiently, getting their minds and bodies ready for the burst of adrenaline that would be released as they dropped from 1,500 feet above the ground.

During the exercise, the Marines were separated into two groups. The first group jumped while there was still light, and they only carried their jump equipment and parachutes. The second group was prepared for a night jump and was decked out in full combat gear and light sticks.

As the bird finally hovered over the drop zone, the first group received a one-minute time warning, then a 30 second time warning. Finally, the first group of Marines stepped off the jump ramp of the Sea Stallion and flew into the air at



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Above — The Marines of Radio Reconnaissance Platoon, 1st Radio Bn., wait aboard the CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter for jump time.

Right — The Marines can be seen parachuting to the ground from a view at 1,500 feet above Schofield Barracks aboard the CH-53D.



one-second intervals. The men hit their target perfectly

Unfortunately, the weather had taken a turn for the worst, and the crew chiefs and the jump masters decided that the second stick's night jump would have to be cancelled.

"All the men were right on the money.

It was rock solid," said Korff. "And considering that most of the platoon are new jumpers, the exercise was right on target."

Ugly Angels extend their legs, thanks to VMGR-152

Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero
Combat Correspondent

BARBERS POINT — Twenty Marines from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362 carried out some infrequent training while en route to transport more than 75 U.S. Marines and Australian soldiers from the "Big Island" into the airfield at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

With the assistance of one KC-130 Hercules transport aircraft from Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, five CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopters from HMH-362 conducted a rapid ground refueling exercise here, June 17.

"The Marines are unfamiliar with this type of exercise because there are no KC-130s Hercules transport aircraft in



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Captain Keith Linington, a KC-130 co-pilot with VMGR-152, supervises one of the fueling stations provided to a CH-53D Sea Stallion from HMH-362 during a rapid ground refuel exercise at Barbers Point.

Hawaii," said Capt Lee K. Clare, fragmentary officer, Marine Air Group 24.

During the rapid ground refueling exercise, the KC-130 —

refueling — landed, but didn't shut off its engines. Equipped with a special hose system that contains three to four fueling stations, the KC-130 proceeded to fuel the helicopters while they were running.

"They're a mobile gas station that allow aircraft to travel twice the distance than it would travel on one tank of gas," said Clare. "When we deploy, we train with other groups that have fixed wing assets, and we have to be ready to work together to accomplish all of the Marine Corps missions. This training really lets us build our

comfort level."

During any refueling exercise, risks are assumed, but for the most part the operation is safe, said Lance Cpl. Marcus Whiffill, crewman, VMGR-152.

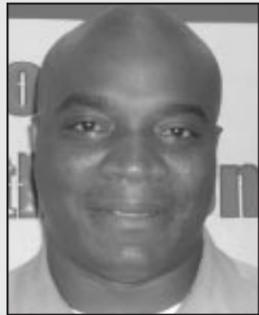
"The crew and pilots are well-trained to handle any problems that may arise," said Whiffill. "Also, there are fire extinguishers at each of the fueling stations."

Afterward, the Ugly Angels delivered the service members onto the airfield, and the allies were able to raid it and complete their mission of seizing the airfield, flawlessly.

"It is aerial support like the kind provided today that allows ground allied forces to achieve any mission tasked to them," said a soldier from 1st Royal Australian Regiment.

Word on the Street

What is your best Independence Day memory?



"...Watching the fireworks in my home town Philadelphia, Miss."

Chief Petty Officer William M. Jimerson
Aviation mechanic
Command Patrol
Reconnaissance Porces
Pacific, Kaneohe Bay



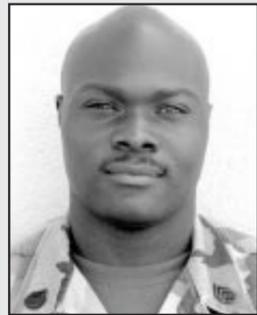
"...Watching the fireworks display at the Washington monument, Washington, D.C."

Pvt. Jordan Schwartz
Administration clerk
Headquarters Bn.,
MCB Hawaii.



"...Being a kid and looking forward to the fireworks, picnics and barbecues with the family."

Sgt. Christina Carrillo
Airframer
HMH - 463



"...Everyone coming together for the upcoming event, Bay-Fest."

Staff Sgt. Shaqwaun Johnson
Accountant
Headquarters Co.,
3rd Marine Regiment



"Coming off deployment in Guam, I spent \$3,000 partying with my friends."

Cpl. Bryon Pastian
Elint Operator
Charlie Battery,
1st Radio Bn.

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will always hold a special place in his memory.

"I will really miss the daily interactions with the Marines, much more than I think they all realize," he said. "I might not express it, but that is how I feel.

"Where I'm going to next will still be an operating command, but there will be less opportunities to interact with the Marines."

Colonel Medina is headed to San Diego, Calif., to become the commander of Expeditionary Strike Group 3. The ESG-3 does not exist yet; however, once Medina arrives, one month from now, it will be activated.

"Colonel Medina organized a positive working environment for the regimental staff. It allowed us to function as a team, without fear of a zero defect mentality," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Daniel Geltmacher, the regimental gunner for S-3, Headquarters Co., 3rd Marines. "If mistakes were made, no one would be taken outside and shot. He created a great learning environment.

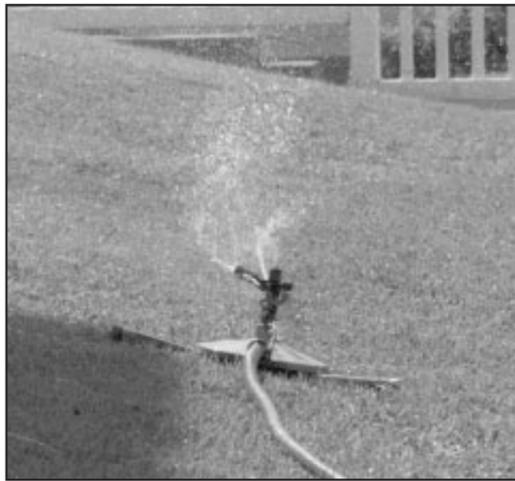
"He is a great teacher, and the sections could reach their full potential under his mentorship."

When Medina returns to the mainland, he will share his knowledge of how stellar he believes MCB Hawaii Marines and Sailors really are.

"The Marines here are dedicated. Most people don't realize that, they envision a kick-back organization. But that is the farthest from the truth," said the colonel. "Our guys train all the time, and not just 3rd Marine Regiment, but all the commands aboard MCB Hawaii.

"When we all work together — 1/12, CSSG-3, MAG-24, etcetera — there is a total sense of teamwork," Medina added. "It's as if we have a Marine Expeditionary Brigade minus the headquarters, and behind the scenes, the base command is like the fifth element of our MAGTF.

"Synergy is a manifestation of what we do here," he explained.



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Marine Corps Base Hawaii residents are encouraged to use water in a conservative manner. Efforts last year helped the base to achieve a 14 percent water usage rate reduction. As usual, base officials said there's always room for improvement when it comes to water conservation.

WATER CONSERVATION, From A-1

A conservation method, which has been recently implemented aboard the base, is low-flow showerheads, toilets and other plumbing fixtures in all new housing units and bachelor enlisted quarters. Many of the older housing units and BEQs that were built years ago are now being replaced with new facilities.

Nearly 500 housing units and more than 800 BEQ rooms have all been equipped with these low-flow plumbing fixtures, and several other BEQ and family housing projects will have the low-flow fixtures. Those BEQs that are not included in the replacement program were previously retrofitted with the low-flow plumbing features.

To also help with water conservation aboard base, Utility Services Associates was contracted to perform leak detection surveys on the water distribution mains. Using sensitive sound amplification instruments and

computer technologies, six significant leaks were identified and immediately repaired.

Although all these procedures were taken to reduce MCB Hawaii's water supply, residents and workers are encouraged to do their part in the effort.

Residents should report any leaks to the Facilities Department, and instead of cleaning the pavements and driveways with a hose, residents should use a broom. When washing vehicles, residents should use a bucket of soap and water and have an automatic nozzle that turns off the water instead of letting it run continuously.

More water conservation tips can be found in Base Order 11300.13.

"For the most part, residents are doing a good job conserving water," said Yamamoto.

"We are headed in the right direction, but we need to continue what we are doing and keep trying to improve our conservation efforts."



Cpl. Luis R. Agostini

The Gladiator is loaded with all sorts of gadgets and weaponry, including day and night cameras, a chemical detection system, Light Vehicle Obscuration Smoke System, and is mounted with either the M249 Squad Automatic Weapon, the M240G Medium Machine Gun, a 9 mm Uzi or an Anti-Personnel/Obstacle Breaching System.

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Vehicle Obscuration Smoke System, and is mounted with either the M249 Squad Automatic Weapon, the M240G Medium Machine Gun, a 9mm Uzi or an Anti-Personnel/Obstacle Breaching System (APOBS).

With dimensions at 70 inches long, 44 inches wide and 53 inches high, and weighing 1,600 pounds, the Gladiator can be transported by air, land and sea, making it very attractive for all of the military branches and special forces.

Once the distribution of the estimated 192 TUGVs begins during 2007, all seven MEUs will receive four TUGVs — three for the ground combat element and one for the combat engineers, said Ray Grundy, non-lethal weapons program manager, Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

During military operations other than war, such as humanitarian aide and peacekeeping missions, the Gladiator has the potential to perform the duties of an entire rifle company, nearly 160 Marines, said Grundy.

According to Larry Hennebeck, the Gladiator program manager from Marine Corps Systems Command, the Gladiator could have been a crucial tool for troops during Operation Iraqi Freedom, especially during the looting of the museums and during the incident when the car bombing killed troops at a checkpoint in Iraq.

"If they blow it up, they blow it up," said Hennebeck, regarding the potential loss of the Gladiator during combat operations. "At least we don't have to send any letters to the relatives."

2/3, From A-2

when they are holding their breath upside down and under the water's surface."

Before climbing into the MAETS, the Marines were able to view a real world crash in which Marines actually perished in the accident. Those that survived the crash completed the same course the Marines took June 26.

"This is some very serious training, but we enjoyed it," said Bachman. "We had fun getting in the water and actually feeling what a real crash feels like. These are life-saving techniques we learned today. I think all Marines should learn this training because it greatly increases their chance of survival if they are faced with an aircraft crashing into a body of water."