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Celts pipe rousing sendoff



Cpl. Roman Yurek

As a final farewell to Lt. Col. "Dangerous" Dan Liddell, commanding officer of 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, the Celtic Pipe and Drum Band from Honolulu serenaded the audience at Dewey Square during 2/3's sunset parade, July 19.

Pay hike slated for 2002

American Forces Press Service
News Release

WASHINGTON — Department of Defense officials have released the proposed fiscal year 2002 active duty military pay table.

The pay table incorporates the proposed 4.6 percent pay raise servicemembers would get if Congress approves the Bush Administration's fiscal 2002 DoD budget request.

The pay table also includes the targeted pay raise aimed at mid-level NCOs and officers.

If this is approved, all servicemembers will receive at least a 5 percent pay raise with some receiving raises of up to 10 percent.

If approved, the pay raise goes into effect Jan. 1, 2002.

The table may be viewed on page A-2 and at <http://www.defenselink.mil/specials/militarypay2002/paychart2002.html>.

Former K-Bay Marine held for murder

Sgt. David Salazar
Press Chief

A former field wireman with Headquarters and Service Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, has been arrested in connection

with a murder that occurred while he was stationed aboard the former Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay.

Delmar J. Edmunds, 46, was arrested in Indianapolis July 17, for the murder and rape of a 13-

year-old Kailua girl.

Edmunds allegedly committed the crimes on March 14, 1975 — during the last year of his tour of duty aboard K-Bay.

Edmunds was questioned as a suspect in the initial investiga-

tion in 1975 after another girl escaped the attack and identified Edmunds from a police line up.

Edmunds was released when the girl could not positively identify him.

Edmunds is currently facing

extradition hearings.

If Indiana judicial officials approve his extradition, he will be sent back to Hawaii to stand trial.

Edmunds maintains a plea of "not guilty."

NHTSA issues safety alert for 15-passenger vans

Sgt. Robert Carlson
Combat Correspondent

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration issued an advisory in April about the rollover propensity of 15-passenger vans. In May, two separate crashes took the lives of several Marines. Those accidents are still under investigation, but according to data provided by the NHTSA, high rates of speed and inexperienced drivers are the main causes of rollovers in these vehicles.

In an effort to prevent rollovers, and protect the lives of Marines and Sailors riding in 15-passenger vans, the Base Safety Center is working with motor pool managers to educate drivers of the dangers involved in driving too fast in a fully loaded van.

"Drivers need to be aware that they are transporting other human beings," said MCB Hawaii Traffic Safety Specialist Dan Martyniuk. "They can't travel at a high rate of speed, and they need to ensure all passengers wear their safety belts."

Part of the awareness campaign includes requiring 15-passenger van drivers to receive a brief about the safety concerns, and to sign an agreement of understanding when they check

out a vehicle from the dispatcher.

"We now require all drivers to learn about and understand the safety advisory before they get on the road," said Master Sgt. Coe Taylor, MCB Hawaii's Base Motor Transport Chief. "We also require the drivers to maintain a speed five miles per hour less than the posted limit when the van is full."

In addition to educating the operators, motor pool personnel are ensuring drivers conduct proper inspections prior to leaving the dispatch area. Crash data from NHTSA suggests proper rear tire inflation is essential to maintain stability under fully loaded conditions.

According to the NHTSA, 15-passenger vans normally do not have a higher propensity to rollover than any other truck or van. The problems arise when the vans are fully-loaded, and an inexperienced driver loses control of the vehicle.

Loading the vans to capacity causes the vehicle's center of gravity to shift rearward and up, creating ideal conditions for a rollover under certain emergency maneuvers.

Operators of the vans are not required to have a commercial

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Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

Colonel Joseph V. Medina, 3rd Marine Regiment commanding officer, shakes the hand of Gunnery Sgt. Robert C. Ricks, a reserve military policeman, during a small ceremony to honor the Vietnam veteran for his service with 1/3 during the war.

Enlisted Vietnam veteran retires

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Combat Correspondent

A Marine reservist was honored during an outdoor ceremony near the Provost Marshal's Office aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, July 17, for his service with 3rd Marine Regiment during the Vietnam War.

Gunnery Sgt. Robert C. Ricks, a reserve military policeman, was honored by Col. Joseph V. Medina, 3rd Marine Regiment commanding officer, with two unit coins and a rare 3rd Marines watch for

his service with 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment more than 30 years ago.

The small ceremony caught Ricks by surprise, and after a few words from Col. Medina to the small group of Marines who had gathered to meet the combat veteran, Ricks found it hard initially to find the right words to say to the group.

After a few moments, Ricks told the group about the importance of remembering what being a Marine had meant to him.

"Think about the Marines and the traditions that have

come before you, and carry them on proudly," Ricks said.

His ability to honor Marines Corps traditions and remember the "Leathernecks" before him is why, after 34 years of being a Marine, Ricks will be able to proudly retire.

After more than 21 years of active and reserve duty in the Marine Corps, Ricks wanted to conduct his last annual reserve training aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, with 1/3, because it was with 1/3 that he served during the

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During the exercise aboard K-Bay, Weapons of Mass Destruction CST members worked through several chemical and explosive threats.

Hawaii's Civil Support Team closer to federal certification

Guard trains at K-Bay, assists civil authorities quell mass destruction

Story and photos by
Sgt. Robert Carlson
Combat Correspondent

The 93rd Weapons of Mass Destruction – Civil Support Team conducted exercises aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, last week and moved one step closer to their federal certification requirements.

The team consists of 22 full-time reserve component personnel from Hawaii's National Guard and is trained to quickly deploy to assist local civilian authorities in determining the nature and extent of a "weapons of mass destruction" attack on the local population.

In an effort to counter terrorism, WMD CSTs were directed to begin training and certification. Federal funding has been provided for 32 teams so far. The entire process takes 15 months, and 10 of the 32 teams have finished their certification.

The teams are unique because they are federally resourced, trained and evaluated, but controlled by the state. They are trained to perform their mission under the command and control of the governor and would work in concert with local agencies on the scene of an incident.

With the help of MCB Hawaii and numerous civilian agencies, the WMD-CST was able to successfully complete its second situational training exercise.

The exercise started at the Boondocker Theater with a relatively simple simulated chemical incident. As could be the case during a weapons of mass destruction attack, the first to respond was the Honolulu Fire Department. After realizing the scenario involved simulated toxic chemicals and explosives, they followed their standard operating procedures for handling the situation. As the scenario progressed, other civilian agencies and the WMD-CST became involved and had to work together to neutralize the danger.

As the scenario unfolded, members of the DoD contractor evaluation team monitored the progress.

"What we're looking at is how well all of the different agencies work together to get the situation under control," said Michael Caldwell, the training program manager for Battell Memorial Institute. "Interagency interoperability is key in making this type of thing work, and that's the whole purpose of this exercise."

With each new day came a new scenario. The situations simulated in the exercise became progressively more challenging, and the locations changed. With so many emergency vehicles and pieces of equipment concentrated in a small area, it became apparent to the participants that early coordination is important to success.



Above — Members of the Honolulu and Federal Fire Departments discuss their options during a simulated chemical incident. Left — Members of the same team used special equipment to analyze and identify chemical agents.

"The different agencies are working through issues such as equipment placement and communications, and they are gaining knowledge that will help them when they have to do this after a real incident," said Caldwell.

There were a few times when the exercise nearly ground to a halt because of issues with coordination and "footprint." Members of the Battelle training and evaluation team stepped in and offered guidance and suggestions so the agencies could work through their issues and continue with the mission at hand. By the last day of the exercise, all of the civilian agencies and the WMD-CST team were working and coordinating well with each other, according to Caldwell.

Agencies involved in the exercise included the Honolulu Fire Department, the Federal Fire Department, special teams from the Honolulu Police Department, State Civil Defense, Environmental Medical Unit Six, and several teams from the National Guard.

In addition to the National Guard and the civilian agencies, units from MCB Hawaii also participated.

Gunnery Sgt. Jeff Morris, an Explosive Ordnance Disposal technician, said the exercise was great for the Marines on his team.

"Skills to handle these types of scenarios require a steep learning curve, and having the other agencies around opened our eyes to new ways of doing the job," he said. "We're getting a lot of good ideas from the other teams, and pushing each other to really think things through."

Morris said the EOD teams set up challenges for each other during the exercise and got together afterward to analyze how each team went about accomplishing its mission.

"When we're in the protective suits, there is limited time to get the job done, so we need to maximize our efficiency," Morris added. "We've learned a lot from the other teams, and they've learned from us."

Some lessons learned really hit home according to Morris. While members of the Honolulu Police Department Bomb Squad were going through the exercise, one team member ran out of air before he could complete the decontamination process and

remove his protective suit.

"The same thing happened to me during one of the scenarios," Morris admitted. "It really makes you focus after something like that happens."

Morris said working under the "fog of war" associated with handling a situation where explosives, chemical agents, heat, time limits and uncertainty — all at the same time — makes the job interesting.

The exercise highlighted barriers in interoperability and gave the agencies involved notice that their procedures need to be strictly adhered to in order for the teams to function together efficiently.

"Training with the civilian counterparts was one of the most important benefits for the WMD-CST," said Caldwell. "Understanding the equipment, operational footprint and procedures the different agencies use increases interagency interoperability, and by practicing here the CST is honing practices that will increase their chances of success."



Weapons of Mass Destruction CST members check for signs of contamination.

WORD ON THE STREET

Who has had the greatest influence on you as a Marine?

"CWO2 George G. Bernard, he was my first officer in charge in the fleet. He was always a perfect example of being a good Marine and a person."



Sgt. Aaron B. Dobson
NBC defense specialist
HQBN.



"My family, because without my family I wouldn't have the motivation to keep striving as a Marine."

Cpl. Kristina D. Roberts
Pay clerk
Disbursing

"Gunnery Sgt. Mark A. Griggs. It is difficult to attempt to encapsulate the exceptional qualities, and leadership abilities of Gunnery Sgt. Griggs into one short statement."

Cpl. Nancy L. Miller
Asset manager
MALSEK



"Chief Warrant Officer 4 George Wooten, because he never accepts anything less from his Marines than their best effort."

Sgt. Justin T. Honaker
Helicopter dynamic component mechanic
MALSEK



"Gunnery Sgt. Middleton.

He was a Surface-to-Air Missile System staff non-commissioned officer in charge at my first unit. He was 100 percent straight forward and honest, and he didn't sugar coat anything."

Cpl. Luke S. Telford
Navigational aids chief
MCAF



Base Safety partners with local agencies to protect kids

Sgt. Robert Carlson
Combat Correspondent

Families had the opportunity to get their child safety seats inspected and to learn about how their child's seat can prevent injuries in the event of an accident, July 14.

The inspection station was opened for two hours, and during that time, the crew inspected more than 20 vehicles.

"The first thing we do is check the seat and the installation with the child in the seat," said Dan Matyniuk, a traffic safety specialist and car seat technician instructor at MCB Hawaii's Base Safety Office. "We want to

make sure the harness is snug, the retainer clips are secure, and that the seat is secured to the car properly."

After checking the installation with the child inside, the inspectors removed the seats and made a thorough check.

"We check the seat for damage, wear, age, model, serial number, and manufacturer. If everything is alright, we walk through proper installation with the parents," said Martyniuk. "The idea is to have the children leave here safer in their seats than when they came in."

In addition to the MCB Hawaii Base Safety Office, the station was manned by volunteers from the Honolulu Police Department, Hawaii Pacific University's Nursing Program, Kapiolani Hospital, Windward Auto Sales, the University of Hawaii, and Saint Francis Hospital.

While helping parents find the best practices for using the child safety seats in their particular vehicle, the volunteers pointed out safety concerns and alerted owners to manufacturers recall notices.

Some of the most common discrepancies found during the inspections were child seats not securely fastened to the car, harnesses not tight enough, and retaining clips not fastened.

"A child seat works a

lot like a motorcycle helmet or a crumple zone on a car in slowing down the child's body before the sudden stop at the end of a collision," Martyniuk explained. "The seat and the harnesses are designed to give and stretch and absorb the force of

an impact. The seat must be an integral part of the car in order for it to be effective in protecting the child."

Martyniuk and the rest of the volunteers conduct this type of inspection at least four times a year – on base and out in the

surrounding community. They also do child seat fitting and installation training by appointment.

For more information about child safety seat installation and use, call the Base Safety Office at 257-1831.



Sgt. Robert Carlson

Guy Yamashita, a volunteer from the Honolulu Police Department, fits 3-year-old Marcus Young into his new seat during the inspection event. Marcus' parents found out their child seat had been recalled, and they took the opportunity to get the new seat fitted properly

Yards & BEQs of the Quarter



Cpl. Roman Yurek

Brigadier Gen. R.E. Parker Jr., commanding general for MCB Hawaii, presents the BEQ Area of the Quarter award to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, the "Pegasus," Barracks 229. Accepting the award was Sgt. Chad Dalton who was credited to have done much of the work on the area around the barracks. Yard of the Quarter awardees were: Lt. Col. Mark and Bonnie Dungan, 1st Lt. Jeffery and Kaitlien McClung, Gunnery Sgt. Randy and Cindy Holman, Staff Sgt. Richard and Susan Pugh, Staff Sgt. Anthony and Jacquie Brush, Sgt. William and Niccole Jay, Sgt. Michael and Nicole Poole, and Lance Cpl. Eladio and Marrina Chavez. The 3rd Marine Regiment headquarters, Bldg. 1088, received the award for Command Area of the Quarter.

Cleared for landing



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, residents gathered around and watched, Saturday morning, as base employees moved a P3C Orion from the K-Bay flightline to its new home as a static display in front of the headquarters building of the Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, Pacific.

Lt. Col. Mark and Bonnie
Dungan
1st Lt. Jeffery and Kaitlien
McClung
Gunnery Sgt. Randy and Cindy
Holman
Staff Sgt. Richard and Susan
Pugh
Staff Sgt. Anthony and Jacquie
Brush
Sgt. William and Niccole Jay
Sgt. Michael and Nicole Poole
Lance Cpl. Eladio and Marrina
Chavez
3rd Marine Regiment headquar-
ters building 1088

Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society helps Sailors, Marines tackle issues

Lisa Aszklar
N/MCRS

"In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)

No honest person can disagree with the wisdom of Ben Franklin, particularly on the subjects of death and taxes.

However, what Franklin did not know is that the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society can help with life's inevitabilities.

While the society doesn't have the fountain of youth or the key to the U.S. Treasury, it does have a secret weapon to help military personnel and their families meet yearly financial obligations, as well as those associated with the passing of a family member – free budget counseling.

Free Budget Counseling Provided

Trained N/MCRS budget counselors can help servicemembers and their spouses set realistic saving goals, and at the same time, identify those spending habits that eat into the servicemember's paycheck.

In about an hour, a detailed and confidential budget can be formulated to help the servicemember stretch those hard-earned dollars to meet financial obligations, plus put aside funds for those unforeseen events that demand immediate attention.

Best of all, the service is free.

Emergency Grants Provided

In addition to budget counseling, N/MCRS also offers several forms of assistance to servicemembers who experience a death in the immediate family.

In the case of the death of a dependent, the society makes available a \$3,000 grant to the servicemember, if needed for funeral expenses. Emergency loans also are available to help the servicemember cover the cost of travel expenses to reach the funeral.

The society offers specific programs to assist widows and widowers of servicemembers, as well

as children of deceased personnel, both retired and active duty. Assistance may take the form of either an interest-free loan or a grant, and all financial aid is based on need, which is determined by the budget formulated by the applicant and the N/MCRS counselor.

Survivor Benefits Info Provided

The N/MCRS counselor Judy Lillard stresses that the Society often serves as a starting point for dependent family members seeking infor-

mation relating to survivor benefits.

Sometimes, Lillard points out, N/MCRS's most important role isn't one of a financial nature — it's being able to tell a new widow or widower or a dependent child where to turn for specific benefits from any one of a number of government agencies.

Additionally, the Society has published a pamphlet entitled "Facts About Funerals" to help educate servicemembers and their dependents about making funeral arrangements.

"The time to think

about funerals is when you're not grieving. Knowing up front how to bury a spouse or other loved one without the aggravation of dealing with funeral directors is a good deal," said N/MCRS Director of Communications John Alexander.

The brochure details ways to cut corners without cutting quality, and it's available free at all local N/MCRS offices.

For more information about any program, stop by their office located at Bldg. 216 aboard K-Bay, or call 254-1327/1328.

RICKS, From A-1

Vietnam War.

In February 1967, Ricks graduated from Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, and after completing infantry school, he was sent to Vietnam as a mortarman with 1/3. After leaving the Marine Corps in 1971, Ricks remained out of the Corps for 13 years until he joined the reserves in 1984.

For Ricks, it was a dream come true to conduct his last annual reserve training

in Hawaii and finish his career where it had started.

The soon-to-be-civilian took time during a barbecue, held to congratulate the efforts of the Provost Marshals Office during BayFest 2001, to converse with the junior Marines from PMO and pass on some simple guidance that had helped him during his Marine Corps career.

"Do your job to the best of your ability," said Ricks. "And be proud of being a Marine."

Save energy

Help conserve energy by following some of these suggestions:

- Shut off lighting when leaving a room.
- Keep all doors and windows closed when running air conditioning at home or at your work location.

VANS, From A-1

driver's license, but the Naval Safety Center strongly recommends operators of these vehicles attend the American Automobile Association driver improvement program prior to driving.

The Naval Safety Center further recommends 15-passenger van operators familiarize themselves with the vehicle's handling characteristics, especially when the van is loaded to capacity.

In addition to understanding the handling characteristics of a loaded van, maintaining a safe speed, and doing proper vehicle inspections prior to driving, the NHTSA and the Naval Safety Center stress the importance of wearing seatbelts. Hawaii state law makes seatbelt use mandatory for all the vehicle's driver and all passengers. Wearing seatbelts greatly increases the chances of survival during a rollover.

The data generated at the NHTSA did not focus on any particular make of 15-passenger van, and the results demonstrated the chance of a rollover does exist if the van is loaded to capacity and an inexperienced operator loses control of the vehicle.

For more information about the 15-passenger van crash characteristics, visit the NHTSA online at www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/ncsa.

== EVERY CLIME AND PLACE ==

Marines, Sailors help construct new Habitat for Humanity home

Cpl. Kimberly S. **Leone**
MCRD San Diego Public Affairs

MCRD SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Tears fill her dark brown eyes as Theresa pulls to the side of the road. Every now and then the happiness is over-

whelming and she has to pinch herself to make sure she isn't dreaming.

"There are times when I can't believe I will soon own my own home," said the soft-spoken single mother of two.

Helping to make Theresa's new home a reality, five Marines from

Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego joined fellow servicemembers from the USS Coronado, the Navy Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Center and other Habitat for Humanity vol-

unteers July 14, to add their sweat to the construction process.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization powered almost entirely

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by volunteers and the "sweat equity" of those people who become homeowners through the program.

The goal of Habitat for Humanity is to provide low-income families simple, decent homes they can afford to pay for, which are purchased on 20-year, no-interest mortgages that go back into Habitat construction.

"I would never have been able to buy a home without the help of Habitat," Theresa said, hard at work on the eaves of her new home.

Sharing a two-bedroom apartment with her 75-year-old father and two kids bordering on their teenage years, Theresa easily met the first requirement of showing a need for adequate housing.

The second requirement is that potential Habitat homeowners have the ability to pay not only their mortgage payments but also the bills that come with taking care of a home and a family.

Finally, the commitment to "sweat equity" — to devote 250 volunteer work hours to Habitat for every adult in the family is essential to meeting the third and final requirement of the screening process.

There are specifics relat-

ed to income and the number of people in the household and credit and so on, according to Theresa.

Learning a few things about construction added to the personal rewards earned by the Depot Marines who left behind their racks early on a Saturday morning to help out at the Habitat construction site.

"I've never used a power saw before today," said Lance Cpl. Rebecca L. Kindell, videographer, Combat Visual Information Center, MCRD San Diego, as bits

of saw dust peppered her black hair. "Now I can say I know how to use a power saw, and I spent my day doing something for somebody besides myself."

The man responsible for motivating the Marines to volunteer was Alex De Los Santos, program coordinator, Single Marines Program. Habitat for Humanity programs get military personnel out into the community and involved during their spare time, he said.

(Editor's Note: Due to privacy, the homeowner's last name wasn't disclosed.)



Cpl. Kimberly S. Leone

A single Marine helps with Habitat construction.

— MILITARY POLICE BLOTTER —

Traffic Court

There were 62 traffic tickets issued for the week of July 13-19.

The Blotter

-A Marine reported that person(s) unknown damaged a roll-up door on a government building, making it difficult to open.

-A Marine was apprehended after he was traveling in his vehicle at a high rate of speed and lost control, causing him to run into a traffic light.

-Three Marines reported that person(s) unknown entered their secured and unattended barracks room and stole their checkbooks and ATM cards.

-A Marine was arrested by HPD for trespassing. Bail was set at \$100.

-A Marine was apprehended for failure to obey a lawful order, drunk and disorderly and disrespect towards a Staff NCO, after he was told to leave Bayfest and failed to do so.

-An airman reported that person(s) unknown damaged his vehicle by putting a 4-inch dent in it,

while he left it secured and unattended.

-A Marine was involved in a traffic accident after he was backing his vehicle and failed to maintain proper distance from another vehicle.

-A Marine reported that while he was deployed, someone stole his vehicle cover and damaged his vehicle by scratching it.

Lost and Found

To contact Lost and Found, please call Cpl. Fernandez at 257-2103, ext. 325.

Neighborhood Watch

Crime Prevention is looking for neighborhood representatives to take charge of local neighborhoods.

If you're interested in getting involved, call

Crime Prevention at 257-2103, ext. 314.

Crime Prevention

Contact Sgt. Kendra Gasper at Crime Prevention for police issues at 257-2103, ext. 314.

10 Ways to Help Prevent Child Abuse

- 1-Be nurturing parents.
- 2-Help a friend, neighbor or relative with parenting responsibilities.
- 3-Help yourself by taking time out and getting help, whenever needed, with parenting.
- 4-Respect children.
- 5-Get involved in family activities in your area.
- 6-Help to develop parenting resources at your local library.
- 7-Promote prevention programs in schools.
- 8-Monitor your child's TV and video habits.
- 9-Volunteer at a shelter.
- 10-Report abuse.

Courtesy: Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii