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Getting some face time



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Lava Dogs from 1st Bn, 3rd Marine Regiment, apprehend and attempt to stabilize an "out-of-control" protester at a noncombatant evacuation exercise during Cobra Gold 2003 in the Kingdom of Thailand. For more Cobra Gold coverage, see pages A-3 and A-4.

PTA no match for Australians

Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle
Combat Correspondent

Pohakuloa Training Area — It gets cold at PTA.

In fact, it gets very cold. Ask the soldiers from Bravo Co., 1st Royal Australian Regiment.

They came to PTA with no idea it could get cold and rain in the Rainbow State.

The soldiers from Bravo Co., 1st RAR, endured the bitter weather at PTA and were able to conduct several tough training missions to include a live-fire exercise June 13 with their ever-present Austeyr F-88 semi-automatic service rifles.

They were also given a chance to become familiar with a training environment the majority have never been exposed to.

With the assistance of Marines from Headquarters Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, providing a command operations center, the mission was bound to be a success.

The training was not an easy task for the hard-charging soldiers from Bravo Co., but they accomplished the mission, and the warriors found it amusing to be exposed to the gruesome winds and harsh temperature fluctuations at PTA.

"The terrain here is totally dif-

ferent from what we are accustomed to in Australia," said 1st Sgt. Michael Lally, 1st sergeant for Bravo Co. "There is not a trench system in Australia, and this is the first time many of the soldiers have been able to fight in the trenches."

When the motivated infantryman from B. Co. took to the harsh terrain of PTA to fire live rounds down range, they utilized their war-fighting skills to ambush mock enemy positions during platoon-sized attacks.

"These are the basic infantry skills the soldiers must master in order to carry out offensive operations," said Lally. "These skills are what they will use when they come face-to-face with the enemy on the battle field."

It was a great site for Lally to see

his soldiers adapt quickly and aggressively to the new environment. It pleased him even more to see his troops work together under the conditions and demonstrate their uncanny ability to destroy enemy positions with some excellent teamwork.

"PTA provided a realistic training environment and a chance for the soldiers to demonstrate their skills in a new environment," said Lally.



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Pvt. Nigel Monaghan, a rifleman with Bravo Co., 1st Royal Australian Army, trained at PTA for the first time during HCA.

Base welcomes Marines, Sailors

MCCS and J.N. Chevrolet throw party for MCB Hawaii's Marines, Sailors

Cpl. Jessica M. Mills
Editor

As more and more of the deployed Marines and Sailors from MCB Hawaii return home to excited families and warm homes, Marine Corps Community Services and J.N. Chevrolet have put together an extensive schedule of "Welcome Home" events which began June 16 with a picnic

at Riseley Field aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Invitations were sent in advance to all of the commands aboard MCB Hawaii, welcoming all the Marines and Sailors who recently returned from deployments with Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom to join in the fun.

"We wanted to start out by putting on a low-key picnic for the Marines and Sailors returning home," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Jerald Beauclair, MCCS chief, Headquarters Bn. "But this is only the first in a series of welcome home celebrations

See WELCOME, A-3



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Marines from 1st Radio Bn., blew off some steam pummeling sumo wrestler Pfc. Kyle Davis, a Single Marine and Sailor Program volunteer, during the "Welcome Back" party June 16.

Boy Scouts blaze new MCBH running trail

Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson
Media Chief

The Boy Scouts from Troop 425 here proved once again Saturday that their institution not only benefits the young men who participate, but also the communities in which they live.

Cutting through the thick overgrowth near the Hilltop Beach end of the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay runway, the crew worked for two weekends to blaze a trail nearly three quarters of a mile long from Mokapu Road to the existing trail near Hilltop Beach.

Sgt. Robert Benitez, the lot foreman at CSSG-3's Engineer Support Company, cleared the way with a dozer, and then the young men stepped in with hand

tools to clear the trail and give runners aboard the installation a new path to follow when the flightline is in operation.

"This is part of the base plan to make a running route around the entire installation," said Thomas Roten, a 15-year-old 11th grader at Kalaheo High School.

Roten is a Life Scout on his way to attaining the highest rank — Eagle Scout.

One of the many requirements for Eagle Scout is to complete a service project in which the Eagle candidate plans, develops, and gives leadership.

Roten, who has been involved in various forms of scouting since the 1st grade, said he is proud that his project benefits the Marines and Sailors here.

"The Marines are doing a lot to protect us, and it feels good to do something to help them out," he said.

With the help of nearly a dozen other Boy Scouts from Troop 425, Roten has opened up more acreage to the Marines and Sailors who run on the base, and allowed them safe passage to the beach while keeping them off of the paved roads and away from traffic.

The Eagle Scout board members evaluating Roten's project will likely be impressed with the amount of work Troop 425 was able to accomplish in just two Saturdays, but the people who appreciate the work the most will be the Marines and Sailors who use the new path that is appropriately named Eagle Scout Trail.

The path is open now, and can be accessed from Mokapu Road on the base side of the runway just past the Consolidated Issue Facility, or from the trail that runs along Hilltop Beach.



Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson

Boy Scouts from Troop 425 finish clearing roots and rocks from the recently-completed running trail Saturday.

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

TECH EXPO COMES TO K-BAY

The MCB Hawaii Kaneohe Bay Technology Expo is Monday, June 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by the G-6, the expo will be held at the Enlisted Club. There will be many different exhibitors on hand demonstrating their latest technologies. Complimentary refreshments and free giveaways will be available while supplies last. For more information, please email Leslie Listwak at Listwak@ncsievents.com.

3 TALK

Residents of City Council District 3 are invited to meet face to face with Council member Barbara Marshall and her staff in a community forum to discuss concerns and issues relating to city government and services. Any resident of District 3 is welcome at any of these forums, which will be held monthly in either Kaneohe, Kailua or Waimanalo June 24, at 7 p.m. in the Kaneohe Community and Senior Center located at 45-613 Puohala Street, July 9, at 7 p.m. in St. John Lutheran Church located at 1004 Kailua Road, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Waimanalo Public Library located at 41-1320 Kalaniaaole Hwy. in Waimanalo

For more information, 547-7003.

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.

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IN THE CG'S MAIL BOX



BRIG. GEN.
MCABEE

Question Submitted by Pvt. Bryan Keller

"Every pedal of the bicycle is an addition to the physical fitness of every Marine."

Dear Brig. Gen. McAbee,

I am writing as a part of your CG Mail program, and would like to address the third solicited question: 'What are we doing that we can do better?'

As an automobile owner who chooses to bicycle while on base, and in the surrounding communities, I am quite pleased with the bicycle lane that goes from the front gate to the back gate. As a testament to my satisfaction with the bike lane, I would very much like to see the bike lanes extend throughout the base.

There are several advantages to expanding the bike lanes throughout the base and I would like to take a brief moment to discuss them.

Safety is paramount. We are often told that every Marine is a "safety officer"; as such, no Marine could argue that it is safer to bike or run in a lane designated for automobile traffic. The burgeoning use of bicycles on base would be greater served by a lane designated exclusively to their use. The bike lanes also serve as an excellent route, which Marines could use for running as well. No one who passes the bike lane in the morning would question as to whether or not they would get used.

In times of the year such as now, when units are running PFTs in large numbers for the first half of the calendar year, the lanes can become quite congested. The lanes are sought after by bicycle commuters, units conducting formation runs, as well as Marines running their PFTs.

The children of the community have a fantastic skatepark and now a play facility on base.

Extended bike lanes would have those children traveling in a lane where their commute would be safer. Just as we mandate the use of helmets, let's further safeguard their safety by keeping them out of traffic.

The climate of Hawaii is conducive to outdoor recreation, and facilitates the year round use of the bicycle as a viable means of transportation. Every pedal of the bicycle is an addition to the physical fitness of every Marine, and thus, readiness. I am a realist, and recognize that this would be a costly endeavor. However, I feel that the advantages far outweigh the expense.

Thank you very much for your time.

Very respectfully submitted,

Private Bryan Keller

Dear Private Keller,

I have been asked by the commanding general to respond to your e-mail of June 3, as your concern and recommendation fall under my staff's area of responsibility.

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

You are correct in considering safety as the paramount factor for establishing bike lanes, as well as jogging and walking paths, throughout the base.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii has taken diligent steps in integrating these safety and quality of life upgrades in all major infrastructure projects over the past 4-5 years.

The largest obstacle in providing more bike lanes is the physical constraint



Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson

The new Kailua Bay Waterfront Recreation Path offers a glimpse of the kinds of ideas MCB Hawaii is incorporating into new construction projects.

of the width of our roads. Most of the roads on Kaneohe Bay are two lanes with nominal shoulders or curbs. However, most roads have sidewalks to allow safe transit of pedestrians and bikers, especially around base housing areas, barracks and commercial activities.

There are a number of completed projects, as well as planned projects that address your concerns.

First, a project that already has increased cyclists' ability to safely transit throughout the base is the G Street improvement project completed in 2001.

This project included a new eight foot wide sidewalk, along this busy road, from the E'Club to the Semper Fit Center.

In late 2002, the new 184 unit family housing project included the Kailua Bay Waterfront Recreation Path.

This path begins at the 3d Marine Regiment Motor Pool and ends near Fort Hasse Beach.

A planned project in the near future includes the second phase of the Recreation Path to be completed with the new 212 unit family housing devel-

opment in early 2005.

This path will complete a 2.5 mile loop around the two most recently completed housing developments.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii has made significant advances in providing safe recreational paths over the past several years.

Cycling concerns have been deliberately planned into the design of our new facilities by including covered bicycle storage areas in our new BEQs, and oversized garage areas for additional indoor storage in our housing developments.

We will continue to incorporate pedestrian and cyclist safety concerns and quality of life issues in the planning of all future projects.

We appreciate your thoughtful comments and concerns.

If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 254-8812, and again, thank you for taking the time to participate in the 'CG Mail' program.

Sincerely,
Kent Murata
Assistant Chief
of Staff, G-4

(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/cgmail.htm.



WISDOM

Windwalkers change command



Lieutenant Col. Justin Wisdom, left, assumed command of Marine Heavy Helicopter Training Squadron 301 during a change of command ceremony on the MCB Hawaii flightline Thursday. Wisdom, who previously served as the G-3 plans officer at I MAW in Okinawa, Japan, replaces Lt. Col. Mark Franklin, who will move on to the Army War College in Pennsylvania.



FRANKLIN

Cobra Gold 2003

Thai, U.S. Marines turn up pressure for non-lethal training

Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero
Combat Correspondent

ROYAL THAI MARINE BASE, CAMP SAMAESAN, Kingdom of Thailand — *Lang, Lang, Lang*, is the Thai phrase meaning 'harder' and it was adopted by the 30 Marines from Headquarters and Service Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, when any of the 50 Royal Thai Marines applied a pressure point control technique while conducting combined non-lethal weapons train-

ing during Operation Cobra Gold 2003 here, May 15-19.

Non-lethal training may be used for a myriad of occasions to include guarding U.S. Embassies or Counsels, during humanitarian assistance or engaging in combat.

It is mostly used during uncontrollable protests, riots, mobs or any large gathering of people that has the propensity to get out of hand.

"You don't want to kill innocent people," said Staff Sgt. Craig

Humphrey, force protection chief, BSSG-3. "Also, it gives the Marine Corps an alternative to the employment of lethal means." "Given that alternative you can incapacitate someone without killing them to calm a potential hostile outcome."

During the five-day event, service members learned hand techniques, which include offensive and defensive techniques and pressure point control techniques.

Once that was covered, the Marines from both countries learned about shield retention, baton techniques, covered formations along with the duties of the personnel within it and crowd dynamic and control techniques.

"The instructions were given to prepare control force personnel to be able to react in the most favorable conditions all the way to the least favorable," said Humphrey.

In addition to the hands techniques, the periods of instruction were also given and demonstrated as in to when and how much

force is necessary to achieve the desired outcome to a given situation.

"That decision that a noncommissioned officer makes or has to make on the spot to protect his own forces as well as other local population personnel and based on the decision he makes can affect not only the immediate situation as well as the policies and host nation relations," said Humphrey.

All in all, the training provided Lava Dogs and Royal Thai Marines with a better understanding of the operational procedures to take during the use of non-lethal weapons handling and fortified the bond between the two military allies.

"This exercise really built camaraderie between the Marine and their Thai counterparts," said Sgt. Michael Clark, non-lethal weapons instructor, BSSG-3. "The two nations were very enthusiastic performing techniques learned and they meshed well during the training. This is a great tool for both militaries to have in their toolbox."



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

A crowd of U.S. and Royal Thai Marines gather around to get a better view of Talemтай Pontahang, rifleman, Royal Thai Marines, leading Sgt. Edgardo Martinez-Castro into the upward position during non-lethal weapons training, May 17.



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Marines don their riot control gear and form themselves up for non-lethal formation drills.

WELCOME: MCCS, J.N. Chevrolet welcome Marines, Sailors home

From A-1

that J.N. Chevrolet and MCCS wants to put out.

As more people return we will put on more events and reach all of them."

A buffet of free food and refreshments, including chili dogs, overstuffed hamburgers, and side dishes, were offered to the picnic-goers as they sat with their families under the brightly decorated tents on Riseley Field.

Music and entertainment was provided by Disc Jockeys from Honolulu radio stations 97.5 K-POI, 102.7 Da Bomb, and 99.5 the Breeze. The radio stations, along with J.N. Chevrolet, sponsored open-door prize drawings, giving away goodie bags full of discount coupons and free passes.

They also awarded other prizes including music CDs, movies and toys for the children.

"An inflatable bouncy house was rented by MCCS to give the kids more entertainment," said Beauclair.

"The Single Marine and Sailor Program volunteered their inflatable jousting ring and sumo wrestling suits to

entertain the 'grown-up kids," he added.

The Marines and Sailors were not shy at all; they stripped off their shoes and jumped into the jousting ring with a vengeance.

A group of Marines from 1st Radio Bn., were even caught bouncing off one another and a sumo wrestler in the bouncy house.

"This is definitely refreshing, it was hard over there," said Lance Cpl. Brian Whit, a motor transport mechanic with 1st Radio Bn. "This takes our minds off the things we've done and shows us a good time.

"And this bouncy house and jousting ring are great stress relievers, Whit added."

Those less adventurous service members spent time with their families and enjoyed the excitement surrounding them, a striking difference from memories of their recent deployments.

"I had no idea this was planned. I never expected them to do all of this for all of us," said 1st Sgt. Doug Power, the Headquarters and Service Co. first sergeant for First Radio Bn.

Marine Corps celebrates 105th Anniversary of Navy Hospital Corps



GEN. HAGEE

On the occasion of your 105th anniversary, I am pleased to extend the Corps' heartfelt congratulations to all members of the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps.

Established by an act of congress on June 17, 1898, the hospital corps has a long and proud history of professionalism, and sacrifice. For 105 years, in times of peace and war, marines have enjoyed a special relationship with their "docs." Over the past year, as it has so many times in the Marine Corps' history, the call "corpsman up!" has echoed over the battlefield. As always, the corpsmen of the United States Navy have answered that call with distinction and valor, resolutely sharing the danger and the hardships of the battlefield. Through your courageous service, corpsmen have established a special bond with Marines born of shared danger and mutual respect.

The Marine Corps is fortunate to be able to consider the fine men and women of the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps among our closest comrades in arms. In times of peace you have looked after our health and the health of our loved ones and in so doing, have contributed immeasurably to the readiness of our Corps and the security of our nation. As the Marine Corps prepares for the challenges ahead we take great comfort in knowing that the corpsman of the U.S. Navy will always be at our side.

Happy birthday, and Semper Fidelis,

M. W. Hagee,
General, U.S. Marine Corps,
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Word on the Street

What do you like best about being a hospital corpsman?



"Taking care of Marines and Sailors... they depend on us."

Petty Officer 3rd Class
Veronica Fries
Corpsman, Branch
Medical Clinic
MCB Hawaii



"Being a part of the distinguished hospital corpsman rating."

Petty Officer 3rd Class
Ruchelle Bedonie
Corpsman, Branch
Medical Clinic
MCB Hawaii



"Having compassion, patience, ability and know-how to utilize the weapons of mercy."

Petty Officer 3rd Class
Javorah Patterson
Corpsman, Branch
Medical Clinic
MCB Hawaii



"Helping people. I am a people person."

Petty Officer 3rd Class
Casey Sase
Corpsman, Branch
Medical Clinic
MCB Hawaii



"Knowing that when people come to you sick or wounded, they leave feeling better."

Petty Officer 3rd Class
Roy Baker
Corpsman, Branch
Medical Clinic
MCB Hawaii

Cobra Gold 2003

U.S., Thai Marines rehearse evacuation operations

Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero
Combat Correspondent

Thai Marine Base Rayong — In the last five years the U.S. has been involved in more than 30 Noncombatant Evacuation Operations worldwide. Of those 30 NEOs, the military has been involved in only two or three of them. According to William M. Bartlett, consul general, New Delhi, India.

"A relatively small portion of NEOs include Marines but when we can no longer handle getting people evacuated safely by non-military means, we call on them," said Bartlett.

It is reasons like this that more than 150 U.S. and Royal Thai Marines and Sailors conducted a NEO exercise at Royal Thai Marine Base Rayong, May 22-24.

"This training is extremely essential because NEOs are a very fluid situation and the more training we have in them, the better equipped we will be to handle any unusual situation involving them,"

said Sgt. Juan Rodriguez-Chavez, section leader, Motor transport Co., BSSG-3.

During the first day of the three-day evolution, Brigade Service Support Group 3 and Thai service members rehearsed the way they would insert and depart the aircraft during the actual insert on May 23-24.

Afterward, they set up the general purpose tents for the Evacuation Control Center's receiving section, search/baggage check and administration center.

On the second day, all personnel involved in the operation loaded into aircraft and inserted into the landing zone at Rayong.

The first group of Marines exited the aircraft and secured the immediate area. Afterward, the second group of Marines landed and began unloading the GP tents and heavy equipment needed to construct the evacuation control center.

By the time the third group of service members arrived at the landing zone, the embassy's ECC was assembled and ready

to operate.

"All the rehearsals really paid off," said Sgt. Laura Maguire, female searcher, ECC. "We had the whole site set-up in less than one hour and that type of effort saves lives no matter what the circumstances are."

During the afternoon and evening of that second day, service members checked in and launched off evacuees from the embassy. However, it was not that simple for the ECC members that had to perform their duties while being confronted with various scenarios involving rioting crowds and bomb threats to name a few.

On the last day of the operation, actual Department of State family members role played as the evacuees and were given a not-so-warm welcome by rioting crowds of role players attempting to tip their bus over before arriving at the embassy.

The riot control team immediately reacted to the situation and escorted the bus to the front of the embassy.

Once safe and out of



Photos by Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Above — Running to secure a perimeter, The Lava Dogs from 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment storm the landing zone at Royal Thai Marine Base Rayong, to prevent rioters from disrupting the evacuation of local citizens to a simulated embassy. **Below** — Local citizens are escorted from the simulated embassy into a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter for evacuation during a noncombatant evacuation exercise May 23.

harm's way, thanks to the protection of the ECC members and the riot control team, the evacuees were flown out of the compound and the service members broke down the ECC.

The evolution ended with a debrief led by the commanding officer of BSSG-3, Col. James Harbison, and by Department of State officials.

During the debrief, both parties shared ideas on how to improve a NEO and praised each other about the overall outcome of the exercise.



"State and DoD officials handle situations differently, or have a different way to approach things," said Bartlett. "The more we learn about each other the better we'll do and mesh together when real events occur."

"This training was very

exciting," said Master Sgt. Suchat Tongpai, Thai interpreter, Combat Service Support Regiment, Royal Thai Marine Corps. "Anything can happen during a NEO, and I'm glad I got the opportunity to be involved in such an operation."

Anderson Hall 'Chef of the Quarter' cook-off makes mouths water

Cpl. Jessica M. Mills
Editor

The mouth watering smells of delectable dishes like southern fried pork chops, barbecue baby back ribs, candied sweet potatoes and pecan pie wafted through the hallways and entrances of the Anderson Hall Dining Facility aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, June 16.

The sweet smells of Southern cooking led innocent passersby toward the dining room, where one of the finest chefs MCB Hawaii had to offer, Sgt. William Black III, a chef with 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, competed and came out victorious with his "down home southern cooking."

Black's efforts earned him the bragging rights of being the third quarter Chef of the Quarter.

Every quarter, Marine Corps and Navy food specialists from various units aboard the base gather to compete for the Anderson Hall Dining Facilities' Chef of the Quarter award.

Over a two-week period, competition hopefuls must pass a written test and a question-answer board to earn a chance to compete in the actual Chef of the Quarter cook-off.

For each quarter, only five chefs are chosen to move forward into the cook-off round. During the cooking competition, the chefs were required to create their own menus, utilizing their own recipes and creativity.

Ingredients for their dishes came from the Anderson Hall stock, but they were



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Sgt. William Black III, a chef with 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, impressed both the crowd and the judges with his creative and mouth-watering "Down Home Southern Cooking" menu complete with Southern Fried Pork Chops, candied sweet potatoes, pecan pie, and much more, during the third quarter Chef of the Quarter competition.

permitted to spend \$20 of their own collateral on ingredients or garnishes the dining facility does not carry.

For instance, any wine their recipes may have called for or decorations needed for their table presentations.

Once the ingredients were collected and the overnight cooking was finally completed, the judging began.

The five chefs chosen to compete this quarter were Cpl. Theresa Martinez and Sgt. Jennifer Drummonds, both repre-

senting Marine Corps Air Facility; Sgt. Black 2/3; Sgt. Marvin Hutchins, from Headquarters Bn.; and Sgt. Jeff Burley from Combat Service Support Group 3.

Although every chef put out an amazing display of mouth watering entrees and desserts, ranging from fried catfish, lemon-mustard chicken, red velvet cake and sour cream cheesecake, the "down-home southern meal" prepared by Sgt. Black was favored by the judges and chosen as the winner.

Black chose to adorn his table with an array of tantalizing southern tastes and textures.

His menu boasted southern fried pork chops, candied sweet potatoes, collard greens, sweet butter milk corn bread, red velvet cake, pecan and chess pie, and home-made sun brewed peach tea complete with lemon and strawberry slices.

"All the time and effort was definitely worth it," said Black. "But everybody did their best here today, it all looks so tempting. I wish I could share the victory."

Black won a trophy and the commanding general's coin presented to him by Col. Richard Roten, base commander for MCB Hawaii, plus a 96-hour liberty, a certificate of commendation, a garnishing kit, and a dinner cruise for two.

He will continue on to compete in the Chef of the Year competition against other chef of the quarter winners later this year.

"I think it was my variety of desserts that tipped the scale," said Black. "But just wait until the Chef of the Year, I still have a few tricks up my sleeve."