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Gen. Franks says forces ready for military action in Iraq

Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army general who would lead any troops into battle in Iraq said today that America's forces in the region are trained, ready and capable.

"If the president of the United States decides to undertake military operations — there is no doubt we will prevail," said

Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of the U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla.

Franks and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld were quick to caution during a Pentagon media briefing that President Bush has not yet decided to use military force to disarm Iraq.

The media have speculated that the United States is not ready to go to war in Iraq because Turkey has been reluctant to allow U.S. troops to be based in that

country. Turkey shares its southern border with Iraq, so a cooperative Turkey could provide a valuable route into northern Iraq.

Rumsfeld today refused to criticize the NATO ally, saying Turkey is a democracy and entitled to make its own decisions.

"What they may ultimately decide remains to be seen," he said. "In any event, we have 'work-arounds.'"

Franks assured that the U.S. military could respond to any mission required of it — even if Turkey doesn't allow the staging of several thousand troops on its soil. If military action is called for, Franks said, "we are in a position to provide a military option."

Rumsfeld also thanked the government of Pakistan for its continued assis-

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Bomb Threat!



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Corporal Frederick King, a dog handler and trainer, with the K-9 unit aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, and Ronny, a German shepherd, search one of the propane tanks at Kalaheo High School.

K-9 unit sweeps Oahu schools

Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Sports Editor

KAILUA — A bomb threat. One of the worst fears a parent could have realized when an anonymous bomb threat was called into the Honolulu Police Department's 911 system, March 3. The caller refused to say where the bomb was, but stated it could be in any one of the high schools on Oahu.

Taking this threat very seriously, the HPD and the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Military Police K-9 unit combined their manpower to search several schools throughout Oahu for any signs of explosive materials.

The K-Bay K-9 unit was asked to search schools in the local area of Kailua and Kaneohe, as well as Mokapu Elementary.

"Honolulu does not have enough dogs or manpower to go to all the schools in an acceptable

rate of time, so we offered our capabilities to the HPD," said Sgt. Justin Stephenson, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the K-9 unit. "Every school in the local community was given the option of being searched by our teams, but only five schools accepted the offer."

A group of three dog teams spent two days searching the entire interior and exterior perime-

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Hawaii Marine wins Military Service Award

Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson

Press Chief



BARKLEY

A substance abuse control officer at Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii, received the 2002 Military Service Award from GEICO recently for his work in the drug and alcohol abuse prevention field.

Gunnery Sgt. Jonathan Barkley, who has been with the battalion for more than 10 months, said that his passion for the job helped him stand out in his category.

"The award recognizes one service member who contributes significantly to the military and civilian community in his field," Barkley explained. "I've tried to aggressively and actively rejuvenate the program here since I arrived in April."

Barkley, who handled SACO duties as a collateral responsibility during his last tour as a drill instructor, said that taking care of the more than 850 Marines and Sailors in the battalion has been a lot of work, but has brought a lot of satisfaction.

"Educating Marines and Sailors about the decisions they make and the options they have really makes this job

worthwhile," he explained. "The days of beer machines in the barracks are over. The Marine Corps needs a more active and more alert Marine, and the more healthy Marines are, the better off they'll be in the long run."

To help get the program moving, Barkley not only revived the urinalysis program, but he also enhanced the check-in process so that new Marines and Sailors to the battalion get a 30-minute in-brief that clues them in on the drug situation here in Hawaii, and reminds them that the Marine Corps needs alert, drug-free Marines.

Barkley has a genuine passion for his job, and that passion is evident when new arrivals meet him. "I like to be proac-

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Service members open books and minds

Sgt. Jereme Edwards

Combat Correspondent

KANEOHE — March 2, marked another birthday for the famous children's book author Dr. Seuss, and to honor the good doctor and celebrate the joys of reading. This coincided with the National Education Association's sixth annual kick off of the "Read Across America" campaign.

Read Across America is the biggest one-day literacy celebration in the U.S., if not the world.

On March 2, 2002, there were reading events in all 50 states, as well as several foreign countries that attracted nearly 40 million readers of all

ages and creeds.

In an effort to make reading fun and help celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday, Marines and Sailors from MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, surprised Puohala Elementary School — adopted school of Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii — as the guest readers for the celebration held on March 7.

The volunteers read stories by Dr. Seuss and other noted children's book authors to children in kindergarten to sixth grade.

"I think that events like this are great," said kindergarten teacher Moses Kaapana. "It is good for the children because the volunteers are modeling reading.

"The students always see the teacher reading, so reading is not popular, and TV often depicts reading as a chore," continued Kaapana. "But this program shows them that there are other people out there who read and enjoy it."

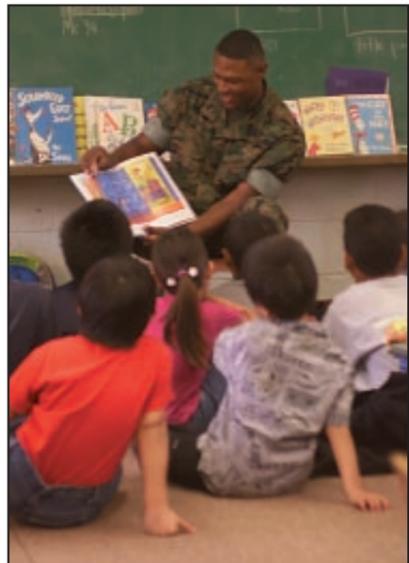
"This a great thing, especially for the kids, because they get really excited when they have visitors," said Edwina Charles, vista coordinator for Puohala Elementary. "They see the military guys come in, and you see the kids running past and saluting, but also because they are modeling reading."

The program wasn't just a treat for the students of Puohala, the volunteers enjoyed it as well.

"I have a deep love for kids," said Master Sgt. Sonny Johnson of the Environmental and Compliance Protection Department, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. "With all the stuff that is going on here and around the world, the kids see the military on TV, but rarely have the chance to interact with us. This is just one way to show our support and to interact with the community."

"Events like these help to break the monotony of our every day work life," said Master Sgt. Juan Rivera, G-3 operations chief. "I love working with children.

"I have a 4-year old, and watching kids' faces light up just makes my day."



Sgt. Jereme Edwards

Staff Sergeant R.J. Daniels, Marine Corps Air Facility, reads to a second grade class during "Read Across America" March 7.

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

NMCRS FUND DRIVE UNDERWAY

Emergency car repairs, unexpected housing expenses or emergency leave expenses can sometimes put you or your fellow Marines and Sailors in a real financial bind. Each year, the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society helps many personnel and their families each year when they are faced with these problems, but NMCRS depends on the donations of those able to give so that it may help those in need.

The Navy Exchange is sponsoring a benefit sale with proceeds going to the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Fund Drive.

The sale will take place March 24 and 25 from 5 - 7 p.m. Tickets are available for \$5 at all Navy Exchange locations, as well as from NMCRS Fund Drive key persons at all Navy and Marine Corps commands. The ticket can be used both days for 10 percent off merchandise.

The 2003 NMCRS fund drive officially runs through Apr. 4. Contact your command key person, today, to start your NMCRS allotment and continue this service for those in need.

For further details, contact the MCB Hawaii regional coordinator, Maj. Kevin McCollough, at 257-5657.

Also, the Navy League is sponsoring a golf tournament March 28 at the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course, aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. For more information, contact the Navy League at 422-9404.

PWM CLOSING UNTIL MAY

The Pacific War Memorial aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, will be closed to all ceremonies, parades and visitors until late May, due to construction.

Improvements underway include seeding the turf, building a parking lot, and improving the irrigation system.

Questions regarding use of the Pacific War Memorial should be directed to Master Sgt. Willie Currie, G-3 chief, MCB Hawaii, at 257-8819.

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IN THE CG'S MAIL BOX



BRIG. GEN.
MCABEE

Submitted by Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson, Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii

"I think that a dog park on base, in the right location, would be an excellent activity for bringing our community closer."

"I think we could be better supporting the community by opening a dog park on the base. In the past, there was a Marine Corps Community Services "Dog Run" open near the stream behind the new Navy Barracks — the fence and signs are still there — but that facility was closed and never reopened.

I asked the former A/CS for MCCS, why it was never reopened, and he said it was closed because people using the Dog Run left poop there, and it was too much of a hassle to keep clean.

I think that a dog park on base, in the right location, would be an excellent activity for bringing our community closer, and eliminating a lot of the problems we're having now with pets on base.

I've been visiting the dog park at the Hawaiian Humane Society, and Bark Park in Waikiki, for more than three years now, and I know there are many other base residents who travel there to let their dogs run free.

One of the most important things to do when training a dog is to give it social experience with other dogs, and with children. A dog park lets dog owners take their furry friends into a fenced-in area, and allow them off the leash to run with the other dogs.

In all of the visits my wife and I have made to the park at the Humane Society, I've never seen a dog owner leave his dog's waste at the park. I have never seen anyone bitten, and have never seen two dogs fighting for more than 30 seconds before both owners were putting the dogs back on leashes.

The old Dog Run didn't work because it was too far from the housing area, and it was too small.

The dog park I envision would be located in the field adjacent the Armed Services YMCA, or in the field across the street from Ft. Hase Beach. It would have a fence about as high as most of the new playgrounds in the housing areas, and would be at least as big as a football field.



The current dog park is located along the stream behind Pop Warner field, and between the Alpha Co., 1st Bn, 12th Marine Regiment, headquarters building and Barracks 7005. If dog owners show enough interest, the base may install a park in a more convenient location.

The only maintenance required would be to cut the grass when it needs it, and to make sure a roll of plastic bags and a trash can are available for cleaning up after the dogs.

It's been proven over and over that dogs allowed to play with other dogs have better temperaments, and dogs who have more exposure to other people, especially children, are less likely to be aggressive toward humans. Many dogs with happy temperaments would be so much better than dogs tied up all day and not allowed to socialize with people or other dogs.

Thanks for your consideration, Sir."

Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson

Staff Sgt. Carlson,

I have been asked by the commanding general to research and respond to your email since your recommendation and concerns fall within my staff responsibilities. He appreciates that you have taken the time to participate in the "CG Mail" program.

The commanding general applauds your efforts in researching this issue. In fact, he has asked our

Environmental Compliance and Protection Department, as well as the Safety Department, to assess your recommendation.

We are reviewing possible options and locations for a dog park of the scale you recommend. We are also looking at this issue from a safety perspective. If we determine that there is a high demand for a large dog park, and that these parks promote a safer environment for all our residents, we will pursue funding to construct and maintain one.

For the immediate future, however, we will reopen the former dog park for use, and to gauge interest. Although it is not as large as you recommend, this 30 feet by 80 feet dog park is of sufficient size to allow several pets to run and play together at one time. The grass and brush in and around the park will be cut, and the park will be outfitted with trash receptacles and benches for owners to use. You can expect the park to be reopened by April 1.

We appreciate your thoughtful suggestion, and again, thank you for taking the time to participate in the "CG Mail" program.

Mr. 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.

One mistake changes your whole life

Lance Cpl.
Monroe F. Seigle
Combat Correspondent

It's 3 a.m. on a Friday night, and a vehicle slowly approaches the front gate. The driver feels fine and in control. He lowers his window to show his identification and a familiar odor gets the attention of a military police officer.

This Marine is driving while intoxicated. He has put himself and innocent people at risk. He has also jeopardized his career.

Just this year alone, there have been more than 30 cases of driving under the influence and driving while intoxicated aboard MCB

Hawaii.

Driving under the influence occurs when the driver's blood alcohol level exceeds the legal limit of .08. This is the legal limit in the state of Hawaii and aboard MCB Hawaii.

If a service member is found guilty, he may lose half of his pay for two months, as well as some of his rank, while performing 45 days of extra duty on restriction for two months.

The battalion-level non-judicial punishment he will most likely receive will follow him in his service record book for the rest of his military career.

If this is not enough to deter one from driving un-

der the influence, maybe losing driving privileges on base for a year and for 90 days off base is.

"It's only March, and we have had over 30 DUIs," said Sgt. Adam Purvis, traffic court bailiff for the Military Police Department. "The majority of the DUIs occur on Friday and Saturday nights. Service members go out drinking and think they are still sober enough to drive when they're not. They don't realize just how much a couple of beers can adversely affect their coordination and judgement."

Although the legal limit is .08, a DWI ranges from .05 to .079. This applies on-

ly on base; the punishment for DWI is a six-month suspension of base driving privileges, and usually a battalion-level NJP.

"I used to be a corporal and in charge of Marines," said Lance Cpl. Michael Stafford, an aviation mechanic for Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 301. "I went out and had a few beers and thought I could drive. I am ashamed. Marines used to be able to look up to me; now they can't."

"Think twice before you drive under the influence," Stafford added. "It might not seem like a big deal to drive after a couple of beers, but trust me, it is."



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Private First Class Chas Nunnery, a material returns clerk, and Lance Cpl. Alando Caldwell, a warehouse clerk, both with Combat Service Support Detachment 79, work hand-in-hand to resupply a seven-ton vehicle with MREs for Marines on the frontline.

CSSD-79 is backbone at PTA

Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle
Combat Correspondent

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA — Several infantrymen are on the front line, and a war is raging. Ammunition is running low and food is almost out. The troops need reinforcements or the enemy is going to break through the line of de-

fense and overrun the perimeter.

It is for situations like this one that Marines from Combat Service Support Detachment 79 deployed to Pohukuloa Training Area, on the "Big Island" of Hawaii, to train for. The detachment is one of the most essential units during any training or wartime mission, and it's Marines that make missions happen.

Deployed to PTA since Feb. 13, CSSD-79 has provided tactical and logistical support throughout every training mission. It provides fuel, food, and ammunition in combat.

Along with these essentials, it is responsible for medical care, mail delivery, supply maintenance and transportation.

"We are right behind the infantry during combat," said Maj. Matthew Puglisi, commanding officer for CSSD-79. "We must provide our own security as well as provide combat service support to any unit."

While at PTA, the Marines from CSSD-79 have been pushed to the very limits with fatigue, resulting from 24-hour missions in order to support training operations on the front line.

During one operation, CSSD-79 managed to supply the entire Marine Air Ground Task Force — of approximately 2,000 Marines — with all the essentials in less than eight hours.

"This has been a tremendous experience for the Marines," said Puglisi. "Since they have arrived at PTA, they have been steadfast and determined during every mission. They are the ones out here who are making things happen."



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Lance Cpl. Breon Trammel, a logistics vehicle systems operator for CSSD-79, guards the roadway into a resupply point at PTA.

1/12 gets the fire going at PTA

Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle
Combat Correspondent

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA — An unknown enemy force has been spotted near the perimeter. It appears to have a massive amount of troops and weapons. It's coordinates are known, and something must be done fast. They are approaching quickly.

The artillery jumps into action and sights a massive cannon in on the enemy's equipment. The enemy is unaware that they have no chance of breaking the perimeter. Several hundred pounds of explosives are heading their way.

Marines from 1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment, have trained non-stop since arriving at the Pohakuloa Training Area, on the Big Island of Hawaii, Feb. 13.

They have worked hand-in-hand to support the vital mission of the infantry with artillery fire.

In a common combat situation, fire-support can be provided by the artillery with screen smoke, which is fired from the artillery cannons at the enemy troops. Afterward, more artillery is fired to suppress the enemy, then helicopter-borne infantry Marines are dropped in to the mix. The infantry is then able to destroy the remaining enemy forces and equipment.



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Marines from Bravo Battery, 1/12, load an M25 white phosphorous smoke projectile into an M198 Howitzer.

"We can destroy the majority of enemy forces with fire support," said Master Sgt. Kelly Pratt, Artillery Bn. operations chief for 1/12. "This makes the infantry's mission much easier. We are here to support them."

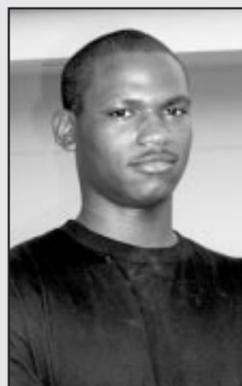
While at PTA, the determined leathernecks have maintained artillery support in a variety of climates. Even though the weather has played a serious role in training, the

Marines from 1/12 have had a 95 percent reaction time.

"It's always cold or hot here at PTA, no matter what time of the year it is," said Cpl. Phillip Vega, a fire direction control operator for Headquarters Battery, 1/12. "We've had a lot of new Marines come into the unit. They have exceeded my expectations despite the terrain and climate, keeping each other motivated."

WORD ON THE STREET

"What does the base need to further improve?"



"We need more entertainment on this base. Most of us can never find anything to do."

Pfc. Rafael Astacio

Food service specialist
Headquarters Bn.,
MCB Hawaii



"The clothing standards need to be adjusted. They are too relaxed."

Gunnery Sgt. Larry Freas

Phase NCOIC
HMH-363



"The base housing needs vast improvements at a faster pace. They are very old and very small."

Erin Martinez

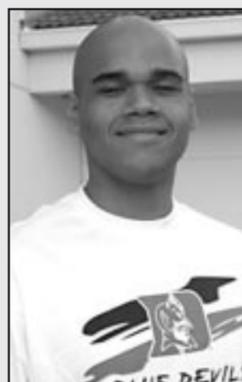
Family member



"I think they need a 24-hour gym and better restaurants. It should not take 30 minutes to be served at a fast food joint."

Lance Cpl. Jesse Sparks

Phase crew
air framer
HMH-363



"The barracks need to be renovated. Some of them are really bad, especially compared to the newer, cleaner barracks by the chow hall."

Pfc. Jonathan Urena

Bulk fuel specialist
Headquarters Bn.,
MCB Hawaii



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Corporal Michael Pelaez, with Bravo Battery, 1/12, verifies the elevation of an M198 Howitzer with a gunner's quadrant before firing.

Women in the Corps lay down the law

Female Marines prove they are more than up to par in their MP career field

Cpl. Luis R. Agostini
Marine Forces Pacific

CAMP H. M. SMITH — There are times when a military policeman, charged with the responsibilities of preserving order, protecting property and enforcing regulations, may be confronted with the challenge of apprehending a suspect who outweighs him by 25, 50, 75, even 100 pounds. The MP may be shorter by a foot or more, and the MP might not be half as strong as the aggressor, who could possibly be under the influence of alcohol.

That MP could very well be a woman.

Three female MPs, Sgts. Sharlene Davis, Amber Shipley and Melinda Wruble, patrol su-



Cpl. Luis R. Agostini

At MCB Hawaii's Manana Housing in Pearl City, Sgt. Amber Shipley, patrol supervisor with the Provost Marshal's Office, Camp Smith District, checks an identification before allowing entry into the military family housing area.

pervisors with the MCB Hawaii Provost Marshal's Office, Camp Smith District, brace themselves for that possibility each day.

"When you're on your way to answering a call, like a domestic dispute, yeah, you get nervous," said Davis, a Mesa, Ariz.,

native. "But once you get on the scene, all of your training and everything you've done to prepare for this kind of thing kicks in."

All three sergeants received major support when they chose to enter the military law en-

forcement field. However, not all three followed the same path.

Davis originally opted for Crash Fire Rescue, but during recruit training, she was notified that she would be reporting to Military Police School at Fort McClellan, Ala.

Wruble, a Marine of six and a half years, had dreamed of becoming involved in law enforcement long before the Marine Corps was an option. After graduating high school, however, she found herself unqualified to become a police officer because she did not meet the minimum age requirement. One of the only possible venues for her to enter law enforcement at the time was through the United States Marine Corps, and even at that point, her desire to wear the badge tested her patience.

"I spoke with a [Marine Corps] recruiter and told him that I wanted to be a Marine and an MP," said Wruble. "At the time, there weren't any slots available for MP school. I re-

fused to sign any papers until I got my seat in the school.

"I think me being so adamant about getting the job that I wanted impressed my recruiter to the point that he kept looking for a seat, until four months later, I finally got a seat, and then I enlisted."

Shipley, a Spearfish, S.D., native — and recent recipient of a Navy Achievement Medal for her outstanding performance during times of heightened force protection — chose the path of a military law enforcer because "it was the most interesting field to me. I feel that it's one of the closest ways that a female can get to a combat environment."

The three Marines, whom at one point or another have served as watch commander, have received guidance, inspiration and mentorship from different sources, from former instructors to spouses currently serving their country.

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POLICE, From A-4

"My husband [Sgt. Joshua Wruble, 1st platoon sergeant, 3rd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment] is my mentor," revealed Wruble, who, from March 1997 through November 2000, served as a security guard for Marine Helicopter Squadron 1, the only organization responsible for direct helicopter support of the White House.

"When I come home and tell him about a situation that may have occurred, he's there to share insight on the potential thought process of a male Marine, and how a male may have responded, or thought, at the time."

"The person that probably helped me out the most was Gunnery Sgt. Rosalia Scifo, one of my instructors at MP school," said Davis. "She gave me lots of guidance while I was there, and it helped, coming from a great female Marine like her."

Their working relationships with seniors, subordinates and peers have been rewarding as well as challenging.

Whether it's inspecting a delivery truck, enforcing regulations or checking identification cards at the front gate, the female MPs protect and serve alongside their Marine Corps brothers-in-arms.

"My gunny and lieutenant are great," said Shipley. "They're very supportive of everything we do, regardless of our gender."

"Major John Manson, Gunnery Sgt. Kevin Smyers and I have a simple policy," said 1st Lt. David Wagner, officer in charge, of the Camp Smith District. "We only have Marines. Race, gender, and military occupational specialty are of no consequence."

"I've been promoted through the ranks very quickly, and before I knew it, I was watch commander here," said Davis, "and I was a little nervous. I had never been in charge of a large group of Marines, or this many males. My lieutenant encouraged me and told me that he was confident that I'd do a good job."

After their day is done, Davis, Shipley and Wruble take time to reflect on their accomplishments, and look forward to their current and future responsibilities, inside and outside of the Corps.

"When I come home and take my cammies off, I look back and think about what I've just done," said Davis. "Not too many women can call themselves Marines, but I can. I'm a part of an elite organization, and I am proud of that."

"Not only do I have to worry about the stuff at work, but before, during and after work, I have a family to take care of," said Shipley, mother of a three-year old girl. "But I'm very proud to be a Marine."

VP-47 reaches out

Navy submariners take to the air

Navy Lt. Dave Belew
Patrol Squadron 47

On Feb. 24, Patrol Squadron 47 had the unique opportunity to take seven prospective nuclear submarine commanding officers on an anti-submarine training flight.

Given the inherently antagonistic rivalry between patrol aviation and submarine forces, the event was a new experience for all hands.

The submariners' stock in trade is being quiet and staying undetected to accomplish their mission, while squadrons such as VP-47 train to find, hunt and destroy them.

For the prospective commanding officers, it was a unique experience to witness how the "other half" lives, and to see first-

hand what type of tactics, equipment, level of training and competence exist in the Navy P-3 field against the submarine forces of the world.

The exercise with a U.S. Los Angeles class sub simulated a launch against a real-world target, giving the prospective commanding officers an example of how a P-3 prosecutes a submarine, from locating to attacking.

To actually see how a maritime aircraft functions provides invaluable training and understanding for the new commanding officers, honing their ability to understand and counter the threats that may be launched against them once they take over an active command.

For the crew of the P-3 Orion, having decades of combined submariner experience available



Navy Lt. Dave Belew

Seven prospective nuclear submarine commanding officers went on an anti-submarine training flight manned by Patrol Squadron 47.

in the aircraft meant having an extra edge against their subsurface adversaries.

With both groups using, and expanding the capabilities of the

other, these two diametrically opposed sections of the Navy will be a little sharper, and more combat ready in a dangerous world.

In Memorium



Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora

Ramus Ho'olulu Seabury, a Marine Corps Community Services employee at the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course, passed away Feb. 23. He was blessed with a service at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints, March 14. Seabury is survived by his wife (far right) Harriet Kahilahila Seabury who is comforting his great granddaughter Ku'ualoha Kaleleiki; his sons, Ryan William Keone Kapuniai (middle), Kekai Daniel Ray (left), and Raymond Kaniela Kala (not pictured), as well as five brothers and five sisters.

IRAQ, From A-1

tance in the war on terrorism, particularly the capture this week of senior al Qaeda terrorist leader Khalid Shaikh Mohammed.

The secretary said this demonstrates that regardless of attention paid to Iraq, America is still committed to finishing the job of assisting the government of Afghanistan to build a stable country.

"It's worth noting that this weekend's arrest came at the same time that coalition forces were flowing into the Persian Gulf region in support of the diplomatic efforts and in preparation for possible military ac-

tion in Iraq," Rumsfeld said. "Any who suggest that a determination to disarm Iraq would distract us from the global war on terror would be wrong."

He said that just because the war on terrorism isn't in the headlines doesn't mean it's not a priority.

"The global war on terrorism is like an iceberg," Rumsfeld said. "Ninety percent of what's going on is below the water, and all that is visible is a much smaller five or 10 percent."

BARKLEY, from, A-1

tive and communicate the issues and dangers of drug and alcohol abuse," he said. "The idea is to educate and communicate rather than punish.

"Making a connection before they get in trouble is key, and that's what the program here strives to do."

Just like preventative maintenance on a car, drug and alcohol abuse prevention requires regularly-scheduled maintenance. Judging by the success of the Headquarters Bn. program, and the award he received from GEICO, Barkley is getting through to the Marines and Sailors, and they are better off in whatever they may face because of his efforts.

K-9, From A-1

ters of the schools, which included Mokapu Elementary aboard K-Bay and Kailua's Kalaheo High School, Kainalu Elementary, Aikahi Elementary and Lanikai Elementary.

The unit tried to sweep the schools during times when the majority of students and faculty were gone.

"Normally we try and get everyone out of the vicinity, but in these cases we cannot," said Stephenson. "So, we try to work around them without interrupting their daily routines."

According to Karen Kanda, vice principal of Kalaheo High School, the support from MCB Hawaii has greatly alleviated concerns from parents and staff members.

"Some schools evacuated, but most of the high schools did not, so many parents worried about the security of their children," said Kanda. "But, the response by the Marines has been rapid and thorough, and we are completely gratified by their support."

The dogs used by the K-9 unit are specially trained to recognize nine different odors associated with ex-



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Corporal Frederick King, a dog handler and trainer with the K-9 unit aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, and his dog Ronny, search each entrance of Kalaheo High School for any sign of explosive material.

plosive materials, including nitro glycerin, TNT, C-4, water gel, smokers powder, sodium chlorate, potassium chlorate, time and detonation fuses.

If the K-9 unit had located any explosive materials, its plan of action was to notify the Explosive Ordnance Demolitions unit aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

"It would have been imprudent of us not to take advantage of these Marines' expertise; they are far

more well trained than most, and completely equipped to handle these types of situations," Kanda explained. "We will not hesitate to call upon them again. They are experts in their field."

"The dogs are only 95 percent effective, so we are not authorized to say it's completely clear," explained Stephenson. "It is clear only to the best of our knowledge."

All five schools were found clear.