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1/3 humps, hikes to victory

**Lance Cpl.
Michelle M. Dickson**
Combat Correspondent

The annual Super Squad Competition between the battalions that constitute 3rd Marine Regiment at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, has come to a close with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, coming out victorious.

The five-day competition involved humps, swims, obstacle courses, shooting, tactical fighting and a variety of other difficult activities.

Day one began at 3 a.m. Monday, with a 12-mile hump. Marines were equipped with full gear. At the ninth mile, they jumped off a pier and continued the competition with a 250-meter swim — complete with their gear — before emerging from the water to hike the remaining four miles of the contest to the ranges on K-Bay.

Sergeant Nicholes J. Lentz, squad leader for Lima Co., 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines, said the wear and tear on Marines is what made things the most difficult throughout the competition.

"The lack of sleep for such an extended period of time, with



Lance Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Marines from 3rd Marine Regiment run through the effects of a smoke grenade and prepare to enter a building during the MOUT portion of the 2004 Super Squad Competition.

constant training, is what was the most costly to the Marines," he said. "They had such heart and determination, though, that even that could not hold them back."

After the rifle range, the competition moved to the Kahuku

Training Area, where squads competed in multiple missions. Some of the many exercises involved patrolling, offensive attacks and defensive positioning.

"All of them did very well during every phase at Kahuku,"

said Lentz. "Their defensive tactics were definitely the strong point of being out there."

The squads then moved to Schofield Barracks where they participated in Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain (MOUT) training. The main

objective during the exercise was to clear all the rooms in the buildings, and to maintain security of the sectors and town. Since today's wars are bringing a majority of battlefields directly into cities, this portion of the squad competition tested the Marines' skills and abilities required to be successful in an urbanized environment.

During the MOUT phase of the contest, Marines equipped with Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System Gear signaled when another Marine got "shot," which brought a greater sense of reality to the scenario.

"I really liked playing that part," said Lance Cpl. Thomas A. McManus, an aggressor for the MOUT training with 3/3. "You get to experience the situation from the other side, for once, and do more than just defend yourself."

The competition was a first for Lance Cpl. Kristopher W. Phillips, a team leader with 3/3.

"It was so physically demanding. I think it was the best training I've gotten yet in the Marine Corps," he said. "You really test yourself the entire time on how far you're willing

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CSSG-3 readies for deployment

Lance Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson
Combat Correspondent

A detachment of Marines and Sailors from Combat Service Support Group 3 are preparing for another deployment — this time to Freedom Banner, destination: Republic of Korea.

Combat Service Support Detachment 77 is the first detachment from the Group to directly support infantry units during this evolution.

"With CSSG-3 being the lead unit of support this year, we are proving that we are capable of supporting a regiment in Korea, instead of relying on Okinawa," said 1st Sgt. Carlos A. Perez, the detachment's first sergeant. "This is kind of like a test for the Hawaii Marines."

There are approximately 240 Marines deploying to Korea for the six-week train-

ing evolution, and they will take part in a variety of training. Marines will have the opportunity to see how Maritime Prepositional Force shipping works, as well as take part in mountain warfare training, live-fire ranges and urban assault training.

The Group is being tested on all aspects of its training, while supporting the regiment and itself in a totally different environment. This time of year, the weather in Korea is extremely cold, which differs greatly from the Group's other training that has taken place in the warmer climates of Australia and the Kingdom of Thailand.

"We have been really successful with our past deployments, but there is always room for improvement," said Perez. "The Marines will experience some heartaches

being out here in the weather, but it's nothing that they can't handle and overcome. I think they'll perform the same as in the past because it's in their blood, and they're very motivated to work."

The Marines of CSSD-77 will be responsible for offloading and transporting to the regiment heavy equipment, including High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles, tanks and generators. They will also be responsible for maintaining the basic necessities of water, electricity, food, engineering and transport services.

"The Marines have to be able to support the regiment, while maintaining care for themselves as well," Perez said. "It's so important that they can do that and defend

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Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

The top seven PacDiv rifle shooters were (left to right, back row) Capt. Chris J. Crimi, Staff Sgt. Jason Benedict, Gunnery Sgt. Ken Lynch, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Darryl L. Hicks, (in front row) Staff Sgt. Mike Hicks, Cpl. Dan Brumley and Sgt. Ricardo Fernandez.

Headquarters Bn. wins gold at PacDiv

Sgt. Joseph A. Lee
Combat Correspondent

PUULOLO TRAINING FACILITY — Headquarters Battalion Marines were well represented in this year's Pacific Division Matches, winning nearly half of the medals at the rifle and pistol meet that concluded at Puuloa Rifle Range, Feb. 25.

During the last four weeks, competitors have fired competition rifle that consists of 20 rounds standing, slow fire, at 200 yards; 10 rounds sitting, rapid fire, at 200 yards; 10 rounds, prone, rapid fire at 300 yards; and 20 rounds, prone, slow fire, at 500 yards.

The pistol competition consisted of one-handed shooting from 25 yards.

The first stage consisted of 10 rounds in 10 minutes of slow fire. The second stage consisted of 10 rounds of timed fire using two magazines with 20 seconds per string. The third stage consisted of 10 rounds of rapid fire using two magazines with 10 seconds per string.

According to Master Gunnery Sgt. Kenneth M. Roxburgh, staff non-commissioned officer in charge of Marine Corps shooting teams, the competitors — which included retired and active duty Marines, civilian police, airmen, Sailors, and even a few Coast Guardsmen — spent the majority of the four weeks training for the actual two-day shooting event.

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MCEC to host parent, educator workshops

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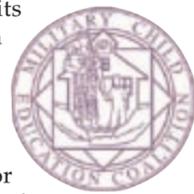
Issues faced by military-connected K-12 students are the focus of a series of Oahu events during the week of March 15 - 19. Schoolteachers, principals, psychologists and counselors who work with military-connected students are invited to attend the Transition Counselor Institute (TCI). Also, parents of military-connected students are invited to attend one of three Parent Workshops.

The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) is hosting these events as part of its "Transition Study and Program for Military Youth in Hawaii" for U.S. Pacific Command. (More information is available at the MCEC Web site www.MilitaryChild.org.)

Transition Counselor Institute

The TCI training will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., March 15 and March 16 at the Nehelani Banquet and Conference Center at Schofield Barracks. Participants are also invited to attend a special TCI

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MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

DEFY NEEDS MENTORS

What is DEFY? Drug Education for Youth is a unique, comprehensive, one-year program for youth 9 to 12 years old, to help reduce risk factors linked to adolescent alcohol and drug abuse, school failure, delinquency and violence. The program delivers leadership and life skills training by teaching team building, conflict resolution, age-appropriate goal setting and self-confidence skills.

The DEFY program is looking for nine military or civilian men or women to sign up as mentors by May 14. Call Daryl Picadura, program coordinator, at 257-8559, or Sgt. Steven Schram at 257-1230, ext. 242, if you're interested.

SPECIAL FORCES WANTS MARINES

The Army's Special Forces is looking for professional enlisted Marines who are up to the challenge of a lifetime, and who are willing to submit an application to go to Special Forces Assessment and Selection, and the Special Forces Qualification Course, then serve a three-year contract.

Are you about to transition from the Corps? Are you in pay grade E-4 through E-7, with a GT score of 100 or higher? Are you a person who can accomplish the mission when others can't or won't? Then Special Forces may be for you.

Attend a briefing any Tuesday at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. at Schofield Barracks, in Trailer 9 on Duncan Street, or contact Sgt. 1st Class Robert Hughes, station commander, Special Forces Recruiting Team Hawaii, at 624-1035.

WINDWARD DISTRICT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Approximately 175 preschoolers, ages 3-5, will be participating in the annual Preschool Play Days for special education students and their peers, March 18-19 at Kaneohe District Park, located adjacent Windward Community College on Kealahala Road. Activities will engage motor (such as running and jumping) and manipulative skills (throwing and catching); however, volunteers are needed to help make the event a success. Call Sandra Oda at 233-5717, ext. 253, to lend support.

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LRC offers online courses

Service members get training with MarineNet site

Lance Cpl. Rich Mattingly
Combat Correspondent

Rows of slowly fading screens are blinking in the Learning Resource Center (LRC) aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, as a network analyst at the LRC gets the room ready for the Marines that will train there.

Soon, Marines will be hard at work with online Marine Corps Institute courses, Professional Military Education courses, Internet technology training and general business courses. All of these courses are offered online through the use of the center's 40-seat computer lab and the MarineNet online learning management system.

MarineNet is the Marine Corps network that delivers online, computer-based training and testing such as MCI courses.

"MarineNet truly makes the training any time, anywhere," said Steve A. Brown, director of customer outreach for the College of Continuing Education, which currently manages MarineNet. "A lot of Marines are finding that using MarineNet is preferable to the classic 'red books' of the MCI. Sometimes results are posted on the total force system and cred-

ited before the Marines can even get back to their offices or unit."

Brown continued, saying MarineNet brings flexibility, speed and alternatives to the Marine Corps' training and education programs. And these programs include many more options than MCIs.

Marines are able to access MarineNet courses from computer stations available in their offices now, as well as through the computers in the LRC. After logging in, a Marine can easily click on the desired course and begin to learn, or even take the test associated with the course. With the aid of a high-speed Internet connection, Marines can even complete coursework at home.

Unit training managers can receive a proctor password once they have participated in a unit training manager training session at the LRC. Otherwise, Marines must visit the LRC in order to take the test associated with an MCI or other MarineNet course.

At a recent unit training manager training session, Maj. Tom Wright, MarineNet learning management systems officer with the CCE, instructed Marines involved in their units' training on the use of MarineNet.

"We've had more than 50,000 enrollments at MarineNet since we launched," said Wright. "We expect

the number of enrollments to double by next year."

Wright emphasized the ways in which using MarineNet could continue to push responsibility for training to the individual Marine, rather than having the unit sacrifice force readiness by shutting down normal operations to accommodate training. "With MarineNet, Marines can access courses any time and really improve themselves with Marine Corps-related subjects, earn promotion points with MCIs or even get basic training requirements like the Marine Corps Common Task Training [Basic Skills Test] out of the way," said Maj. Larry Smith, assistant operations officer with MarineNet.

According to a Marine Corps White Paper, or guidance, on the MarineNet LMS, "When a registered user logs into MarineNet he/she is provided the ability to view all of the courses offered by the system and can request enrollment in any distance learning course.

"The MarineNet system takes into account the mobility of Marines and provides the ability for users to interact with the MarineNet system regardless of location."

With MarineNet, Marine training remains as constant it has always been, even as it shifts into a modern, high-speed digital medium.



Center hopes students make use of free services

Lance Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Combat Correspondent

The Learning Resource Center (LRC), should be the heart of education information resources for active duty, retired military and Department of Defense members, but the lack of knowledge of the center's existence is preventing the facility from gaining popularity.

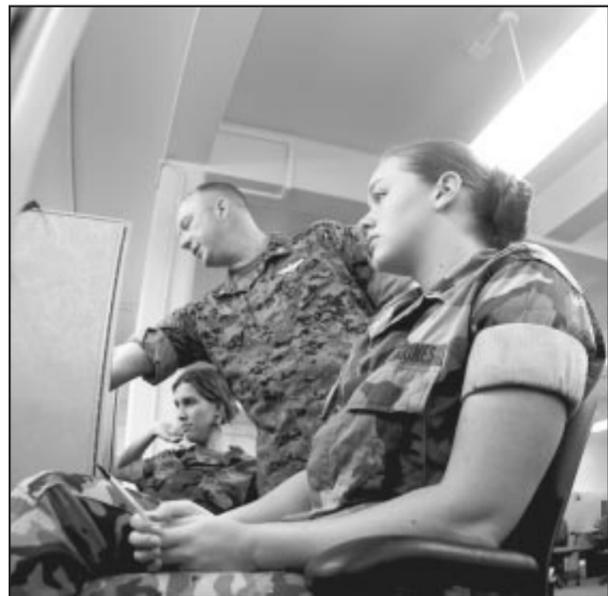
"Anyone on base can take advantage of the facility," said Adam J. Wazzan, senior network analyst at the LRC, located in Room 108 of Bldg. 221 aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. "We have so much to offer, but it is hard to get the word out. It is one of the Marine Corps' best kept secrets."

The center offers 40 different workstations that provide service members

access to MarineNet and Marine Corps Institute programs, which enable users to complete MCIs online without going through the hassle of ordering them by mail. Once an MCI is completed online, it posts to the Marine's Marine Corps Total Force System record in 24 hours or less.

All the training provided through the programs is free of charge. Some available programs include business writing, customer service, business law and leadership. Other useful tools that are provided at the center include Excel, PowerPoint, Word, free Internet access and printing capabilities.

"Using this facility is a quick way for Marines to move up in rank by completing MCIs online, without having to wait for them in the mail," said Wazzan.



Lance Cpl. Rich Mattingly

Lance Cpl. Megan Humes (foreground) and Cpl. Genevieve Bruff, formal schools training clerks with 3rd Radio Bn., learn how to get online with MarineNet from Maj. Tom Wright, MarineNet learning management system officer.

According to Brig. Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, commanding general, MCB Hawaii, the College of Continuing Education's satellite campus aboard MCB Hawaii is a dynamic institution that brings together an extraordinarily varied group of adjunct faculty staff and a highly qualified military student body from a broad range of backgrounds and perspectives.

The programs provided are a direct result of the joint professional military education program, a plan set up by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Credits acquired through these online programs can

also be used towards furthering an education in a traditional college setting.

Wazzan explained the biggest issue regarding the facility is attendance. Service members are unaware of everything they have available to them.

"The center offers so many free programs anyone on base can and should take advantage of," said Wazzan. "It is a great facility that is here to help further education opportunities; we just have to get the word out."

For more information, contact the LRC at 257-8724, or visit at www.tecom.usc.mil/LRC.

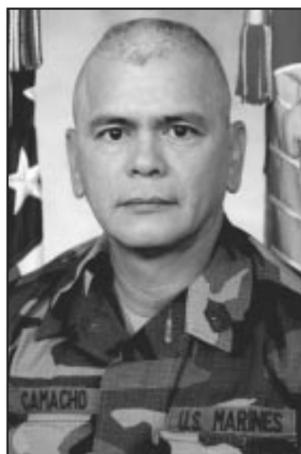
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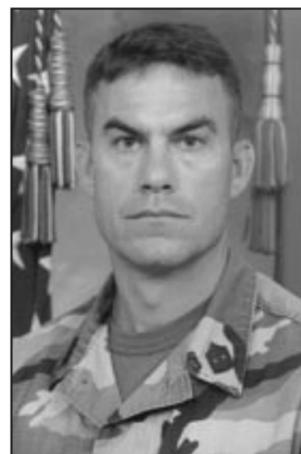
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CAMACHO

Red Lions change leadership

Sergeant Maj. Juan G. Camacho assumed duty as Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 sergeant major from Sgt. Maj. Scott M. Chambers during a post and relief ceremony at Hangar 101 at 10 a.m. today. Camacho transferred here from Headquarters Bn., Camp Fuji, Japan. Chambers will transfer to Marine Aircraft Group 24 to serve as the special projects staff noncommissioned officer.



CHAMBERS

3rd Radio Battalion says goodbyes

Unit heads out for six-to-eight-month deployment



Capt. Ray Brooks

Above — Lieutenant Gen. Wallace C. Gregson, commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, talks to members of 3rd Radio Bn. just before their departure for Iraq, Monday. **Right —** Marines and Sailors board buses for Hickam Air Force Base. They will be joining others for the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.



Charles E. Little

Pfc. Bernadette L. Ainsworth
U.S. Marine Corps Forces,
Pacific

Having loaded their gear and prepared for another deployment to Iraq, 3rd Radio Battalion Marines said goodbye to family and friends for the third time in two years.

Approximately 150 Marines gathered Monday at the Marine Corps Exchange Annex parking lot to say farewell. Their deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom II will last approximately six to eight months.

For about 50 of the Marines, to include the battalion commanding officer, Lt. Col. Mark Aycock, the deployment is their third with Rad. Bn, formerly designated as 1st Radio Battalion.

Some of the Marines who are going to Iraq are first timers, with mixed feelings of excitement and apprehension.

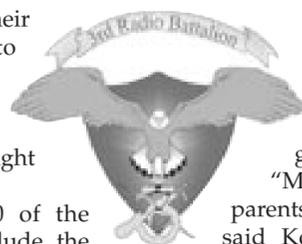
"This is my first big deployment," said Cpl. Laurie M. Johnson, a signals intelligence operator, whose husband is deployed with the 31st Marine

Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable).

"He is very supportive, because he knows this is what I want to do," said Johnson. "I want to get the bad guys."

Johnson is one of about six females deploying with 3rd Radio.

"I don't think there should be too many problems. I think sometimes females can do a better job because we keep a cool head about things," she said.



Lance Cpl. Aaron A. Kohl, signals intelligence operator, is leaving a girlfriend behind.

"My girlfriend and parents are supportive," said Kohl, a Worcester, Mass., native. "My mom is a little nervous, but she knows this is something I want to do."

Lieutenant Gen. Wallace C. Gregson, commander of U. S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific, wished the departing Marines "fair winds and following seas."

"Your deployment today is at least as important as what we fought in World War II or the Cold War," said Gregson.

PACDIV, From A-1

"The actual competition started on February 23, with a preliminary day of fire, which determines which target and on what relay the competitors will shoot from," said Roxburgh. "From there, the two days of scores are combined for an aggregate total score. The top ten percent of the competitors will receive medals."

This year, four medals were awarded, along with recognition to the first runner up, known as the "first leather," who receives a leather sling for his efforts, and the "high tyro," which is the highest shooter who has never shot in a division match before.

For a Marine to be recognized as a "distinguished shooter," he must accumulate 30 total match points, according to Roxburgh, the Marine Corps' oldest active duty, distinguished Marine. Roxburgh was distinguished as a rifle shooter in 1978, and in 1985 with the pistol.

"Every division match medal a Marine earns brings him that much closer to distinguished status," according to

Roxburgh. "A gold medal is worth ten points, a silver is worth eight, and a bronze medal is worth six. Our top rifle shooter this year is already distinguished, and cannot win any more medals."

Staff Sgt. Jason Benedict of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, outshot every competitor with a total rifle score of 583, and 37 "V" shots. He received a distinguished certificate from the Commandant of the Marine Corps in lieu of 1st Gold for this match.

Benedict's first division match was the Eastern Division Matches in 1997, and he became distinguished with the rifle in 2002.

The "1st Gold" medal in the rifle competition went to Cpl. Dan M. Brumley, an armorer with Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii. Brumley shot a total score of 568, and 25 Vs.

"I felt like I was shooting pretty good," said Brumley, after being informed of his win. "I didn't think I was going to win a medal, but I definitely knew I was doing well."

This match was Brumley's second. He

received 3rd Bronze and "high tyro" honors in last year's Pacific Division Matches; he hopes to continue on to eventually become distinguished with the rifle.

"I'd really like to do better and win something with the pistol," said Brumley. "I'm doing alright, but obviously not good enough."

Placing first with the pistol, and winning 1st Gold with a score of 562, and 10 Xs, was another Headquarters Battalion armorer, Sgt. Ricardo Fernandez.

"I came out here with the mindset that I was coming home with a medal," said Fernandez. "That combined with 110-percent concentration put me on top. I'd love to come out here every year, if I could, to become distinguished some day."

The two overall winners, Fernandez and Benedict, were both awarded a Secretary of the Navy M1 Garand trophy rifle at an awards ceremony at the base theater here Feb. 27.

Weeks of training and a couple days of intense competition fire paid off for the MCB Hawaii Marines, who look forward to another friendly competition next year at Puuloa Rifle Range.

Rifle Medals

1st Gold: Cpl. Dan M. Brumley, Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii

1st Silver: Staff Sgt. Mike Hicks, Combat Service Support Group 3

1st Bronze: Sgt. Ricardo Fernandez, Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii

2nd Bronze: Gunnery Sgt. Ken J. Lynch, Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii

Pistol Medals

1st Gold: Sgt. Ricardo Fernandez, Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii

1st Silver: Cpl. Taylor M. Eaton, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment

1st Bronze: Staff Sgt. Mike Hicks, CSSG-3

2nd Bronze: Gunnery Sgt. Ken J. Lynch, Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii

Word on the Street

"What fad did you pick up that you were most proud of?"



"I spiked my hair. My dad was a barber, and I was the first one in school to spike my hair. I was a trendsetter."

Capt. Kevin Navas
Commanding officer
Combat Assault Co.,
3rd Marines



"I always just bought baggy jeans."

Muhammad Lo
Art vendor



"My friends and I used to make friendship bracelets and give them to each other."

Melaine Burns
Customer service
Mega Video, MCCA



"I dress trendy to go to clubs and bars here in Hawaii."

Cpl. Caleb W. Perkins
Arabic linguist
3rd Radio Bn.



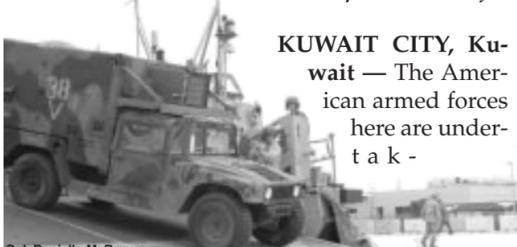
"Growing sideburns was the biggest trend I participated in."

Sgt. Nate Rymill
Trombonist
MarForPac Band

Major OIF II logistical ops get underway

Cpl. Danielle M. Bacon
Marine Corps Forces Pacific

KUWAIT CITY, Kuwait — The American armed forces here are under a k -



Cpl. Danielle M. Bacon

Lance Cpl. Johan Winn, Beach Operations Group, Brigade Service Support Group 1 drives off a Landing Craft Air Cushioned in Kuwait City, Feb 19.

ing a massive reception, staging, onward movement and integration logistical operation in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

“It is like watching a dance of ships maneuvering in and out,” said Lt. Col. William C. Boden, assistant chief of staff for logistics, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Central Command. “The movement of 300,000 military personnel is unbelievable considering we are only using one main naval port and one major airport.”

Coordinating the replacement of

personnel and equipment is proceeding relatively smoothly, Boden added.

“Ship schedules were very erratic last time. You never knew what you were going to get. This time we know what ships we are getting when, and they are coming in on time, said Col. Phillip N. Yff, assistant chief of staff for logistics, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific. “It is much more deliberate.”

At one end of the shipping port, dozens of shrink-wrapped helicopters and thousands of clean vehicles

— all belonging to the Army — wait to embark Afloat Prepositioning Force ships. At the same time, in another area of the port, Marines offload vehicles from Maritime Prepositioning Force ships.

“Everything is coming off and manifesting the way it should,” said 1st Lt. Nicholas J. Lozar, the officer in charge of Beach Operations Group, Brigade Service Support Group 1. “It went well because of the Marines I have. They do their job and they do it well.”

(Editor's Note: Per the commanding general of MCB Hawaii, those convicted of DUIs or drug-related offenses shall be publicized in the Hawaii Marine newspaper.)

All service members taken into custody for driving under the influence have had their licenses suspended and, if they are the responsible owner of the vehicle, their decals and vehicles were removed from base.

•Staff Sgt. Jeremy M. Pettet of Marine Heavy Helicopter

Squadron 463, was taken into custody Feb. 29 for DUI with a blood alcohol content of 0.130 percent.

•Sgt. Escobar F. Martinez of 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, was taken into custody Feb. 25 for DUI with a BAC of 0.107 percent.

•Cpl. Joseph M. Nicosia of 1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment was taken into custody Feb. 29 for DUI with a BAC of 0.110 percent.

•Airman Michael L. Blevins of MALS-24, was taken into custody Feb. 25 for DUI with a BAC of 0.120 percent.

•Lance Cpl. Garey L. Davis of MALS-24, was taken into custody Feb. 29 for DUI with a BAC of 0.100 percent. His license was suspended Feb. 29.

•Lance Cpl. Nicholas R. Hinsey of 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, was taken into custody Feb. 29 for DUI with a BAC of 0.095 percent.

•Pfc. Roland R. Ivan of 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, was taken into custody Feb. 29 for DUI, underage consumption and driving on suspension. He refused a BAC test.

**You drink.
You drive.
You lose.**



DUIs are career killers

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reminds that impaired driving is not merely a traffic offense. Don't be fooled. Impaired driving is no accident, nor is it a victimless crime.

Too many people still don't understand that alco-

hol, drugs and driving don't mix. If you also find this too hard to figure out when you've had too many drinks to drive, don't risk it. If you're feeling "buzzed," you are most likely impaired. If you drive impaired, law enforcement will arrest you.

TO DO LIST

With any activity that involves alcohol:

- Plan ahead.
- Choose a sober designated driver.
- Take mass transit or a taxicab, or ask a friend to drive

- you home if you didn't plan in advance.
- Spend the night where the activity is being held.
- Celebrate responsibly.
- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement.

Navy Medical Corps celebrates 133 years of service

Doris M. Ryan

*Bureau of Medicine & Surgery
Public Affairs*

WASHINGTON — More than 4,000 Navy physicians around the world celebrated the Navy Medical Corps birthday Wednesday.

Uniformed physicians, both active duty and reserve, are part of a unique health care organization where they practice medicine in military treatment facilities, or MTFs, in the field, aboard ships, on submarines and with aircraft squadrons. They focus on maintaining the health and readiness of active duty Sailors and Marines and, at the same time, provide health care to family members and military retirees.

"Navy physicians, by volunteering for the Medical Corps, are dedicating part of their medical career to serving those who serve this nation," said Rear Adm. Donald C. Arthur, chief of the Medical Corps and commanding officer of the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md. "Naval medicine provides the best health care in the world."

Navy physicians meet the challenge of balancing the health care needs of a diverse population of beneficiaries and meeting military medical missions.

"We are masters of the unexpected," said Arthur. "Our doctors can work under the most austere conditions. They practice medicine in garrison with the Marines — at sea and in combat, where they are faced with injuries of incredible severity and complexity.

"Because of the part

they play in Naval medicine, it is vital to maintain professional qualifications and readiness to support Sea Power 21 and the Commandant's Guidance."

The Navy Medical Corps includes more than 47 specialties and nearly 200 subspecialties.

"Physicians in the Navy fill many roles," said Capt. Michael P. Malanoski, the Medical Corps career planner at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. "The most recognizable are the practicing cli-

nicians in the hospitals and clinics, and those assigned to the operational forces, like general medical officers, flight surgeons and undersea/diving medical officers. There is also a small cadre of physicians involved in basic and clinical research focused on military-specific areas, like infectious diseases, biological warfare, blood banking and advanced trauma care. Also, many physicians fill positions in executive medicine as leaders in the Navy, either at the MTFs or in

the field."

"This birthday is a celebration. We recognize the accumulation of professionalism in Naval Medicine," said Arthur. "We are not just celebrating a particular Corps, because the Medical Corps is inextricable from all the other corps in the Medical Department.

"We are a team. The doctors, nurses, corpsmen, dentists, technicians and Medical Service Corps members work together."

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themselves in a combat situation."

According to Perez, it is important for the Group to continue training exercises like this, which readies Marines and Sailors for those issues facing the world today.

"With Operation Iraqi Freedom, it really motivates the Marines to get out there and be active. They feel like they're doing their part now and remaining prepared for whatever may come in the future," said Perez.

"This is the first time the CSSD-77 Marines get to do an offload. We hope that in the future we can continue to rotate and perform other operations like this to further train the Marines.



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out brief on March 16 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the same location.

Phase I of the TCI is entitled "Understanding the Military Culture: Transitional Issue Awareness for Education Professionals." Phase II is called "Understanding the Social and Emotional Issues Facing Transitioning Students" (with Phase I as a prerequisite for attendance).

Both phases of TCI are designed to establish partnerships and provide networking and training for school and military staffs. The purpose is to establish support systems and develop processes that address transition and other educational issues related to the military child, and to provide solutions, where needed.

Each phase of TCI is packaged in a two-day conference, and participants must attend both days of each phase. Conference registration includes two continental breakfasts, two lunches and conference materials. However, no registration fee will be charged for the conference.

Upon successful completion of TCI, participants have the option to receive a Certificate of Completion for 1.2 continuing education units, underwritten by a branch of Texas A & M University (the university fee is \$75). One graduate credit is also available (the university fee is \$175).

Get TCI registration forms from Ms. Kristina Noriega-Artis at 655-2264. The deadline for applications is today.

Parent Workshops

Parent Workshops, presented by MCEC's executive director Dr. Mary Keller, will provide practical resources for parents, students and educators. They are designed as information-exchange activities for parents who want to know how to be effective advocates for their children, transitioning, both from school to school and from grade to grade.

The deadline for registration for the three Parent Workshops is Wednesday. Registration forms are available from the school liaison officers listed below:

- March 15, 6-8 p.m., Schofield Barracks (Nehelani): Kristina Noriega-Artis at 655-2264 or noriegakm@schofield.army.mil.

- March 17, 10 a.m. - noon, Pearl Harbor (Fleet and Family Support Center): Kevin McGee at 473-4222, ext. 277 or Kevin.L.McGee@navy.mil.

- March 18, 9-11 a.m., Marine Corps Base Hawaii Officers' Club: Sarah Fry at 257-8832, 257-8840 or fryse@mcbh.usmc.mil.



Lance Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Lance Cpl. Micheal Berte, of 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines looks through the sights of his M16A2 service rifle for any enemy movement in the distance.

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to go to succeed."

After all the hardships and training, Lentz still recommends this training to any NCO thinking about the super squad competition.

"You can learn so much during this competition and really sharpen your leadership skills," said Lentz. "I can also say that during this competition, I have worked with some of the most outstanding Marines I ever could have."

Staff Sgt. Jacob M. Murdock, Alpha Co., 1/3 platoon commander, had confidence that his squad would come out successful from the beginning of the super squad competition.

"Since returning from deployment, all the Marines worked long and hard to train for this event," said Murdock. "I think what really got us through was the dedication and teamwork of the Marines, along with great leadership from the NCOs."

Murdock said for next year's competition, the Marines will train even harder to provide an even better performance.

As victors, 1/3 will fly to Washington, D.C., to receive the gold medal from the Commandant of the Marine Corps at Marine Barracks 8th and I.