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Marines from CSC, 3rd Marine Regiment, plow through the Nu'upia Ponds surrounding MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay in an Amphibious Assault Vehicle March 6, as endangered Hawaiian Stilts (foreground) wade in the shallow watershed. Stilts as well as other protected birds make their nests in the plowed tracks of the AAVs.

AAVs improve bird habitat

Cpl. Roman Yurek
Combat Correspondent

Mud flew from the tracks of four Amphibious Assault Vehicles, as 12 Marines from the AAV Platoon, Combat Support Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, tore through the pickleweed infestation around the Nu'upia Ponds, March 6 and 7, to improve the habitat for the endangered native Hawaiian Stilt.

For 19 years, the 26-ton machines have been plowing through the muddy waters, under close supervision by the MCB Hawaii Environmental Compliance Protection Department staff, crushing the pickleweed and de-

stroying the mangrove roots in a training operation aimed at fighting the war on wildlife extinction.

"In the late 1970's, the AAV unit used the pond perimeter to get to Ft. Hase beach," said Dr. Diane Drigot, senior natural resource manager for the MCB Hawaii Environmental Department. "Once, the birds tried to nest in the tire tracks, so the unit became concerned and called state and federal wildlife biologists for advice."

Subsequent studies showed that the birds would benefit in an environment similar to that created by the tracks of an AAV. To create a "win-win" situation, the every day "tank trail" used by the AAV unit was moved north to

avoid harm to ground stilt nests.

Once a year, though, just before nesting season, the Marines are able, under environmental staff supervision, to drive their vehicles through the mud to help the local wildlife.

"This is the first time I have done this," said Lance Cpl. Ryan Bonham, a driver for the platoon. "I thought it was a good thing that we did for the environment and the birds seem to benefit."

The Hawaiian Stilts do benefit from the two days of plowing.

In 1982, there was an estimated 60 Hawaiian Stilts in the ponds, accord-

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SGLI benefits increase

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Eligible troops will automatically be insured for a maximum \$250,000 in coverage through the military's life insurance program starting April 1.

The new coverage marks a \$50,000 increase over the previous maximum provided by Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance.

The premium for maximum coverage will be \$20 monthly, said Tom Tower, assistant director of DoD's military compensation office.

Participants can then decrease or maintain their levels of SGLI coverage, Tower said, adding that servicemembers who want less than \$250,000 of coverage after April 1 must apply for it through unit finance or personnel officials.

"If you don't want the increased insurance, you have a 30-day grace period to decline it, otherwise, you'll have to pay at least two months of increased coverage," he said.

The government and commercial insurers underwrite SGLI, which has been in existence since 1965, said Tower. It has been more than eight years since the last increase in maximum coverage, he added.

He said 98 percent of all service members are covered by SGLI and 80 percent have maximum coverage. This shouldn't be surprising, he noted, as military members, like police and firefighters, often perform hazardous duty.

At 80 cents for each \$10,000 of coverage, SGLI rates are competitive, and coverage "is guaranteed, whether you're an aviator, Sailor or tanker," Tower said. Servicemembers can also convert their SGLI policies to the Veterans' Group Life Insurance program after they leave the service, he said.

Tower noted congressional interest in extending SGLI coverage, in lesser amounts, to servicemembers' family members.

"It looks like there is support for passing that this year for spouses and children," Tower said. "It certainly would make SGLI one-stop-shopping for family life insurance. Can't say it's a certainty, but it looks like a good possibility."

Environmental Dept. garners DoN award

Sgt. Robert Carlson
Press Chief

Continuing their reputation of environmental excellence, the staff of the MCB Hawaii Environmental Department scored two awards in the 2000 Secretary of the Navy Environmental Awards competition — Cultural Resources Management, and Pollution prevention.

This is the eighth consecutive year they have won one or more Secretary of the Navy Environmental Awards.

The awards qualify the environmental department for consideration in the Department of Defense Environmental Excellence Awards program, and MCB Hawaii is looking forward to being recognized as not only the best in the Navy and Marine Corps, but in the entire Department of Defense.

The cultural resources management team was recognized for their work in the repatriation of the Mokapu Collection, currently held in the Bishop Museum.

"They had a mandate, and in order to accomplish what they did, they had surmount the seemingly insurmountable, and be very creative," said Maj. Robert L. Rouse, MCB

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Gen. Jones: Ospreys not 'in peril'

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Marine Corps has not started a search for a replacement to the embattled V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft, contrary to news reports.

Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James Jones answered a front-page story in The New York Times. The story said the recent V-22 crashes that killed 23 Marines and the allegation that a Marine Corps officer ordered subordinates to falsify records has caused the Corps to look at replacing the Osprey.

"There has been no watershed event that has prompted me to ask for a search of op-



Defenslink Photo

An MV-22 Osprey lands on the deck of a carrier during shipboard qualification tests.

tions, or a study of alternatives to the Osprey, and I have not done so," Jones said in a written response to the article. "Nor have I any new information that would lead me to believe that this im-

portant program is 'in peril.'"

The entire MV-22 program is already being investigated by an independent commission. The Marine Corps requested a delay in

the decision to move the Osprey to full-rate production. DoD officials said they expect the review panel to present its findings in April.

"Following the December mishap in North Carolina, I asked the secretary of defense to convene an independent study panel to review the program in its entirety," Jones said. "Until the results of this expert panel are available, the Marine Corps must withhold a portion of its advocacy for obvious reasons. In no way should this be construed as a departure from our intent and determination in placing the safest and best technology in the hands of our Marines. Until proven

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VP-U2 changes command



Cmdr. Bough



Cmdr. Rixley

Commander Joseph W. Rixley assumed command of Special Projects Patrol Squadron 2 March 8 from Cmdr. Irvin G. Bough during a change of command ceremony at Hangsr 105. Commander Rixley has been with the unit for nearly a year as the executive officer.

Base 'hero' honored during Waikiki event

Cpl. Roman Yurek
Combat Correspondent

WAIKIKI — For the past four years, the Hawaii State Chapter of the American Red Cross has been honoring those people and organizations who help others at the Everyday Heroes Breakfast in the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel here.

"Heroes are people who really extend themselves to show what the American Red Cross is about," said Kimo Kahoano, the morning drive disc jockey for KORL 99.5 FM. "Inside every human being is a hero."

Of the twelve civilians, companies and servicemembers honored at the ceremony, one of the awardees is a Hawaii Marine.

Sergeant Maj. Charles Funk, the sergeant major for Combat Service Support Group 3, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, received the Good Samaritan Adult

Everyday Hero award for catching a robber at a local Kmart store.

On March 5 last year, Funk dropped his wife Linda off at the front doors of the store and went to park his car. When he got to the store he said he noticed his wife and one of the employees were agitated. He learned that a man had just robbed the store. Funk got the description of the robber and proceeded to the parking lot, where he found the suspect and began to chase him. In the end, Funk caught the man, and the suspect was later charged with second-degree robbery.

"Sergeant Major Funk's ability to react without delay prevented the suspect from running away from the crime," said Col. Paul Adams, commanding officer for CSSG-3.

His actions earned him the award, which was pre-

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MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

LT. GEN. MUTTER (RET.) VISITS MCB HAWAII

Retired Marine Lt. Gen. Carol A. Mutter will visit Oahu Monday through Wednesday as a keynote speaker during Women's History Month, whose 2001 theme is "Celebrating Women of Courage and Vision."

Lietenant Gen. Mutter will speak Tuesday at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, and Wednesday at Camp H.M. Smith. Tuesday's K-Bay events include a "working lunch" enlisted Professional Military Education address at Anderson Hall at 11:30 a.m. and an officer PME at the O'Club at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Lt. Gen. Mutter will address a 2 p.m. all-hands PME at the Sunset Lanai at Camp Smith, will be preceded by an informal 30-min. reception at the same location.

Accompanying Lt. Gen. Mutter to Hawaii is her spouse, Col. James Mutter, USMC (Ret.), former president of the National Military Family Association. Col. Mutter will be sharing information about the NMFA with the Windward Civilian-Military Council, MCB Hawaii Personal Services program managers, key volunteers and military spouses during this visit, both at K-Bay and at Camp Smith.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY MEN'S GLEE CLUB PERFORMANCE

The United States Naval Academy Men's Glee Club will perform a free concert Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Union Church in downtown Honolulu. This will mark the Glee Club's first appearance in Hawaii in more than two decades, and this performance will provide a chance to see and hear one of America's most popular men's choruses.

The Sunday performance at Central Union Church will be a FREE performance — no tickets required. Mark your calendars for an evening of fine family entertainment.

SERGEANT MAJOR'S CORNER CORRECTION

In last week's Sergeant Major's Corner article entitled "Important topics discussed at EOS," Sgt. Maj. Mellinger mentioned the dates of the Sergeants Major Symposium being held from April 21 to 25. The symposium is actually scheduled to convene May 21 to 25.

SCOUT LEADERSHIP WANTED

Boy Scout Troop 425, located aboard MCBH Kaneohe Bay, has openings for adult leadership. Scoutmaster positions are available as well as positions on the administrative committee.

The troop meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., and conducts monthly outings (camping and hiking), as well as community service projects. Experience is not needed, only a desire to help form the future of America. Interested adults should call Dave Runyon at 254-2696 (evenings/weekends), 257-1852 (workday), or e-mail at runyonda@mcbh.usmc.mil.

HABILITAT SEEKS HELP

Habilitat, a non-profit, non-sectarian substance abuse treatment program, is seeking donations of camouflage utility trousers for their work crews. For information about making individual or unit donations, contact Staff Sgt. Sean Flanary at 257-8824.

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SERGEANT MAJOR'S CORNER

Learning at the 'school of hard knocks'

Sgt. Maj. Stephen H. Mellinger

Mar ForPac Sergeant Major

CAMP H.M. SMITH — Have you ever wondered why people choose to learn life's most valuable lessons the hard way? Most of us insist on enrolling in to the school of h a r d knocks instead of relying on the wisdom of o t h e r s who know w h a t ' s best for us.

As a youngster growing up on a farm, I didn't accept my buddy's wisdom concerning electric fences. He and I were playing in the field when I had to relieve myself. He noticed that I was taking aim at the strand of wire of an electric fence. "Steve," he said, "You really don't want to do that. The electricity will travel from the wire to you and shock the heck out of you!"

Call me stubborn (or stupid), but I didn't heed his advice. After all, who died and made him the "electrical expert?" So without hesitation I took aim and let it fly. BIG MISTAKE!

It was several minutes before my eyes refocused and I was able to pick myself up off of the ground. Now that's truly a school of hard knocks lesson that I will never forget.

There's one of life's lessons that too many Marines seem to want to learn the hard way. It concerns the combination of driving and drinking.

In the first quarter of this year, eight Marines lost their lives needlessly in vehicle accidents. Alcohol was a contributing factor in most of those fatalities.

How tragic it is that each year the Corps loses so many outstanding Marines because they chose the school of hard knocks to learn not to drink and drive. And I'm not just speaking about losing them to death or serious injuries that end their careers.

I'm also referring to those decent Marines with outstanding service records and many with great families who learn the hard way that a DUI can end their military career.

What happens to a family when the military member (financial provider) receives a DUI? First, they stand to lose money from a stripe or two being taken away.

Next, will their budget afford an insurance premium increase of up to several thousand dollars per year? Possible suspended driving privileges for a year is another great hardship thrust onto their families. For those of you who don't believe it'll never happen to you, read on.

There was a staff sergeant (stationed on Okinawa on an accompanied tour). He had a wife and four children, coached children's sports, was active in the church and in short was a role model in every way.

He was attending his SNCO Academy's Mess Night (Camp Hansen club) one day prior to him being graduated as NUMBER ONE in his class.

As a rule he never drank, but (peer pressure) he did this night. Only five beers did he have, but he carried his last one into his vehicle to drive back to his barracks, just three blocks away from the SNCO club.

A military policeman on patrol observed him getting into his vehicle, with an open beer bottle, and driving out of the parking lot. The rest, as we say, is history.

He was charged with DUI

and dropped from the SNCO Academy (one day before graduating as "honor man") with a double-signed fitness report. His driving privileges were revoked for one year. His wife didn't drive. Last, but not least, he "was" selected for gunnery sergeant on that year's board.

He had planned to make the Corps a 30-year career. However, because of this offense, his promotion to gunnery was denied and he was forced to retire as a staff sergeant with 20 years of service.

Please indulge me as I attempt to hammer home this Marine's ultimate school of hard knocks lesson learned. Using a hypothetical 30-year formula from the time of his retirement (date of his retirement was changed to Dec. 31, 2000, to keep the tracking for you simple. Also, I'm not including any BAH, BAS, etc. in any of my computations), you can see what the DUI ultimately cost him and his family.

He was forced to retire on Dec. 31, 2000. His promotion to gunnery would have been Jan. 1, 2001. The now retired staff sergeant, let's say, has a life expectancy of approximately 30 years (2031).

The staff sergeant will receive a monthly check for the next 30 years at the rate of 50% of his base salary at time of retirement. Using only our current pay scale he would receive a yearly retirement salary of \$14,207.40. He would earn \$426,222 over the next 30 years.

Let's say that if he had not received the DUI he would have been promoted to rank of gunnery Jan. 1, 2001, and had a continued military career. I estimate that it would have taken him three years (rough guess) before he would have been promoted to the rank of first sergeant.

During the time he would have been a gunnery he would have received a yearly base salary of \$34,689.60 (gunnery sergeant over 22 years active service). His three years as a gunnery would have earned him \$104,068.80.

Now, let's say this Marine got promoted to first sergeant on Jan. 1, 2004. He would have received a yearly base salary of \$39,337.20 (first sergeant over 24 years active service) for a three-year total of \$118,011.60.

Now let's figure that after three years he was promoted to rank of sergeant major on Jan. 1, 2007. For his next four years (sergeant major over 26 years active service) he earns a total of \$194,918.40 (yearly base salary of \$48,729.60). Now, totaling up 20 years of sergeant's major retirement earnings (based on 75 percent of \$4,060 base pay) it comes to \$730,944.

Positive assets for that staff sergeant for 30 years (retirement only) would be \$426,222.

Negative assets for him (only base pay and retirement pay) over the same 30-year time frame would be:

\$104,068.80 lost as active duty gunnery (three years base pay only)

\$118,011.60 lost as active duty first sergeant (three years base pay only)

\$194,918.40 lost as active duty sergeant major (four years base pay only)

\$730,944 lost as 30-year retired sergeant major pay (for 20 years)

That one DUI (using my 30-year example) ended up costing that Marine and his family a minimum of three-quarters of a million dollars! That school of hard knocks lesson has to hurt even worse than an electric fence experience!

Think about that the next time you feel like drinking and driving.

Lt. Gen. Libutti's Women's History Month Message

March 2001 marks the 14th annual observance of Women's History Month. This year's theme is "Celebrating Women of Courage and Vision." During this month, we can all celebrate and recognize the contributions women have made to the Marine Corps and the nation.

During World War I, Opha Mae Johnson was the first one of 305 women to enlist in the Marine Corps Reserve on 12 August 1918. After the war, orders were issued for all women to separate from the Corps. Twenty five years later, the Womens Reserve was established in February 1943 and before World War II ended, 23,145 officer and enlisted women reservists had served our Corps in over 200 different military assignments. Women Marines became a per-

manent part of the regular Marine Corps on 12 June 1948 after already proving themselves in two world wars.

Women Marines on active duty reached their peak strength of 2,787 during the Korean War. By the height of the Vietnam War, there were about 2,700 Women Marines serving on active duty overseas and stateside. Another 1,000 Women Marines were deployed to Operation Desert Storm.

Colonel Margaret Brewer became the first woman to be appointed to the rank of brigadier general in 1978. In 1996, Lt. Gen. Carol Mutter became the first woman Marine and the second woman in history to wear three stars.

Like their distinguished predecessors, women in the Marine Corps today are

serving proudly and capably in whatever capacity their country and Corps requires.

Commanders are encouraged to conduct appropriate observances, set up informational displays, and promote involvement in base and local community events.



Lt. Gen. Libutti

Semper Fidelis,

Frank Libutti
Lt. Gen., USMC

Commander, Marine Forces Pacific

Best-selling author visits MCB Hawaii K-Bay Friday

MCB Hawaii Staff News Release

Best-selling author James Bradley is scheduled to visit MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Friday to speak about his knowledge of the battle of Iwo Jima, and about the experiences of his father.

Bradley's father, former Navy corpsman John "Doc" Bradley, was one of the six men who raised the flag atop Mount Suribachi Feb. 23, 1945, during the battle for Iwo Jima. Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal captured the moment on film, and the lives of the six were changed forever.

Bradley will be discussing these and other topics during a Professional Military Education seminar at the base theater. Seating is limited, and guests are encouraged to be seated no later than 9:15 a.m. Bradley will sign copies of his book shortly after the PME and question and answer period.

Flags of our Fathers is available at several outlets aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, including the military clothing store, the Wiki-Wiki, and the Marine Corps Exchange.



Bradley

NMFA kicks off 2001 VIP program

National Military Family Association News Release

The National Military Family Association is kicking off its seventh annual Very Important Patriot Program. The program is designed to recognize five volunteers worldwide for their service to their military and civilian communities. The VIP Program is sponsored by The Kellogg Company, Minute Maid Corporation, The Clorox Company, Tyson Foods and H.J. Heinz Company. Through these generous sponsors, each of the five winners and a companion will be flown to Washington, D.C. in November of 2001. They will be our guests while in Washington and will each receive a \$1000 cash award, meet with the senior leaders of their respective services, visit with their elected officials on Capitol Hill and be our guest at the NMFA Annual Meeting event. Award of Honor winners will receive a \$250 check and Award of Merit winners will receive a \$100 check.

Each approved nominating agency may forward up to two nominations. These approved agencies are Air Force Family Support

Centers, Army Community Service, Navy Family Service Centers, Marine Corps Community Services, Coast Guard Work-Life Staff offices, Guard and Reserve Headquarters, Reserve Component Family Readiness Offices, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, United States Public Health Service and spouse clubs. Other organizations such as the American Red Cross, Boy and Girl Scouts of America, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and parent-teacher associations should submit their completed nominations to any of the approved organizations listed above.

The nominating process accepts nominations through mail or through the NMFA web site, www.nmfa.org. No faxed entries will be accepted. Nominations are due at NMFA headquarters no later than April 18, 2001. The award recipients will be notified in late May of 2001. Nomination packets and sample narratives are on the NMFA web site and have been mailed to the approved agencies.

Any questions or comments can be directed to VIP@nmfa.org. If you do not have internet access, please call (703) 823-6632.



"Make ready," is called out on the firing line, and Lance Cpl. Joshua Beebe, a combat videographer with CVIC, heeds that order and pulls the charging handle back on his M-16A2 service rifle.

Coaches train on new, improved range

Story and Photos by
Cpl. Roman Yurek
Combat Correspondent

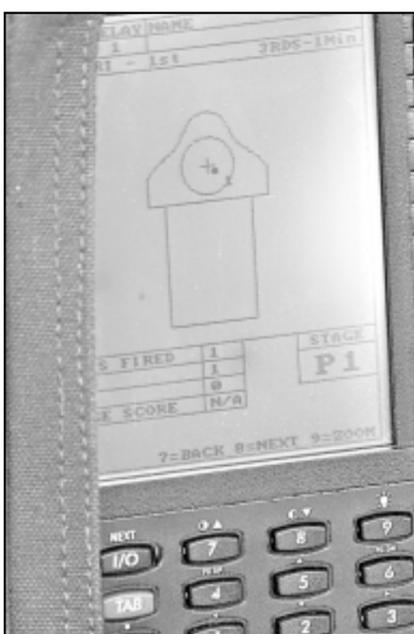
Another Coaches Course graduated Friday at the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Range Training Facility, but these 18 Marines learned more than how to qualify shooters and keep the ranges safe — they learned how to work with the Location Of Miss And Hit system.

This was the first course to receive the additional training on the new system, which is intended to shorten the amount of time Marines spend at the range during their qualification, said Gunnery Sgt. Anthony Troche, the chief primary marksmanship instructor at K-Bay.

In previous classes, coaches learned not only to correct a shooter's position and keep the range safe, but how to adjust weapons for wind speed. The LOMAH system may not be able to tell if a weapon is on safe, but it can tell the shooter how to adjust their weapons in order to get a round in the black.

All the coaches saw how the target lifters work and had classes on how to properly hook up the Visual Display Unit, which shows the shooter where a shot hit.

"If this thing fills with 15 rounds, it is gonna get ugly," joked Sgt. Justin Oberneufemann, a maintenance administration clerk for Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 301, while looking at the screen during a slow stage of fire, where 15 rounds



The new LOMAH system will allow shooters to see where their round struck the target with the Liquid Crystal Displays at each firing position on the range.

were fired and LOMAH plotted every shot.

Before firing, Troche told all the shooters they had to make sure that the muzzle of their M-16A2 service rifle was over the muzzle blast sensor.

This sensor tells the sensors near the target that a round is coming down range.

One of the coach's jobs during a string of fire will be to make sure shooters have the weapons over the sensor and that the Visual Display Unit is hooked up and on the correct program.

Like many computers, there are kinks, and sometimes the system needs to be restarted.

The new coaches experienced some problems when the system needed to be restarted, but many of them still look forward to firing on the first LOMAH system in the Marine Corps.

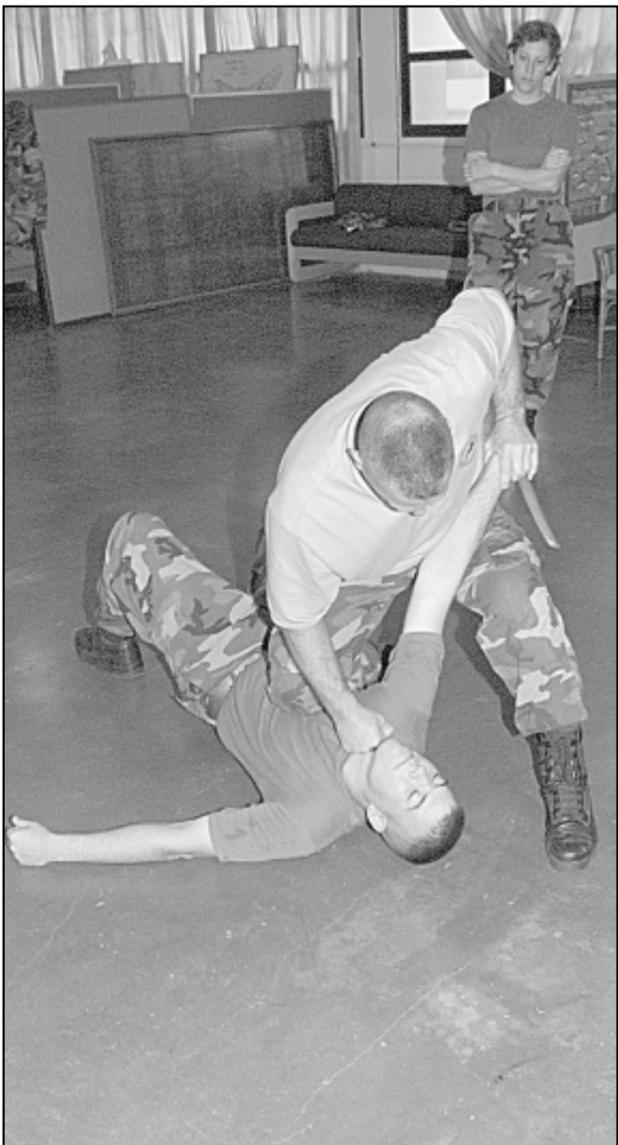
"Once it is up and running perfectly, it's going to be a good piece of machinery," said Lance Cpl. Joshua Beebe, a combat motion media Marine with the Combat Visual Information Center.

Working with the LOMAH system was a change in the normal routine for both shooters and coaches. Instead of using binoculars to see a shot spotter, the shooter and coach can see on the display screen where a shot impact.

Currently there is no LOMAH class scheduled for Marines who are already coaches, according to Troche, but they will receive a brief on the system before the first day of firing when they are assigned to be a coach.

Monday, the coaches began training the first detail of Marines to fire with the LOMAH system.

NY State troopers help train MCB Hawaii SRT



Pvt. Iain A. Schnaible

Nick Coffman, a N.Y. State Trooper demonstrates pacifying a would-be knife attacker, played by Cpl. Bryan M. Thayer, a military police officer with Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii.

Pvt. Iain A. Schnaible
Combat Correspondent

The MCB Hawaii Military Police Department's Special Reaction Team cross trained in special reaction tactics with representatives from the New York State Police recently.

The exercise was a cross-training effort in which the MPs and state troopers exchanged knowledge in hopes that the other could better their skills and apply the new techniques they learned in their own environments.

"The state troopers were brought out here because they have an expertise in defensive tactics, edged weapons, expandable baton and weapon recovery," said 2nd Lt. David J. Wagner, the MP Co. training officer. "Since they were out here while we were while we were training and they are members of their Special Weapons and Tactics teams, they trained with us."

The state troopers also offered the Marines an opportunity to further their qualifications in their field.

"We were able to offer defensive tactics training and instructor certification in edged weapons defense, use of the expandable baton and handgun recovery," said Nick Coffman, a New York State Trooper.

The cross training also included exercises in building entries, vehicle assaults and firearms training.

The firearms training included many different exercises such as pivot drills, shooting on the move, down-man drills, firing

with the shield and firing from the holster.

The state troopers were able to adapt many of the tactics they were shown for use in situations they may face in New York.

"We were exposed to different techniques that we can apply to our work," said Coffman. "We haven't had exposure to many of these techniques before."

Many of the MCB Hawaii MPs also learned a great deal from the training.

"The state troopers taught me how to stay alive and keep my head in the game," said Cpl. Aaron S. Miller, an MP with Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii. "If you don't keep your head in the game, you will end up out of the game."

"They also taught me that balance is the key to staying alive, keeping your balance can help you win a knife fight and keep your life," said Miller.

The MPs were exposed to realistic situations with the state troopers that many of them may not have experienced.

"I think that they get a dose of reality when outside agencies like New York or Los Angeles come to visit," said Wagner. "The officers can say 'this works, I've done it.'"

The troopers alone were not responsible for successfully passing the message. The MPs also helped them.

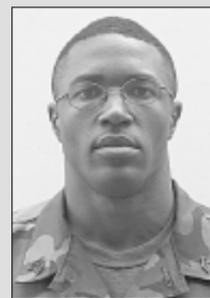
"It makes it much easier for us to teach when we have a motivated group that's attentive," said Coffman. "The Marines were great and we can't thank the Marine Corps enough for allowing us the opportunity to come out here."

WORD ON THE STREET

What makes a good leader?

"A Marine who is compassionate, fair, and makes decisions consistent with our institution, his unit's mission, and the welfare of his Marines."

1st Sgt. Michael S. Timmerman
SNCO Acacemy
Director



"I believe a good leader is fair, firm and consistent. He needs to be able to apply all three of those qualities evenly."

Sgt. Levar S. Woods
Armory Custodian
Kilo Co., 3/3

"A good leader needs to be a teacher; more so as a mentor as opposed to an instructor. In the Marines, a leader needs to develop the professional lives of his junior Marines."

2nd Lt. Sean M. Pieja
Platoon
Commander
Kilo Co., 3/3



"In order to be a good leader a person must first be a good follower."

Petty Officer 2nd Class Edward A. Telles
Sick Call
Supervisor
Headquarters Co.,
3rd Marine
Regiment

"Dedication, objectivity and above all, patience. A leader has to be able to take time out for his Marines and listen to what they have to say."

Lance Cpl. Jason L. Ament
Infantryman
India Co., 3/3



"Knowledge; a leader must be able to share knowledge with his junior Marines."

Pfc. Anthony C. Rogers
Vehicle System
Operator
Motor Transport
Co., CSSG-3

"Initiative; you have to be able to take charge and tell people the things they need to get done."

Lance Cpl. Sarah Fischer
MIMMS Clerk
Motor Transport
Co., CSSG-3





Cpl. Roman Yurek

Two AAV's pass each other as they make a checker board pattern in the mud of Nu'upia Ponds. The pattern is made yearly to help the Hawaiian Stilts' nest in an environment safe from predators.



Cpl. Roman Yurek

Two Hawaiian Stilts wade in the shallow waters of the Nu'upia Ponds while AAVs plow areas clean for them to breed in.

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ing to Drigot, but as of January 2001, the number has jumped to 135 birds. Increased habitat for nesting with AAV help is one of the factors contributing to their increase.

“This is a unique project and has received international attention,” said Mark Rauzon, senior wildlife biologist with Sustainable Resources Group International, Inc, who has helped MCB Hawaii monitor bird response to AAV work. “I wrote a paper with Dr. Diane Drigot on the progress of the birds and brought it to a conference in New Zealand. People there were pleased to see the military taking such a proactive approach in helping the wildlife.”

The vehicles used a grid pattern on March 6 to break up the

plants that were growing along the shore. This also made square-shaped islands that the birds could use to nest in.

On the following day, the AAV's were used to make circles in the mud. This created “donut-shaped” nesting areas also used by the birds. Both island shapes are surrounded by protective “moats” of water. These discourage access to the birds and their young by predators like the mongoose and feral cat, said Drigot. The islands also provide the young birds better access to their food, such as small fish and insects that reside in the surrounding water.

After driving through nearly 200 acres of mud, the destructive power of the AAV rendered the weeds of the ponds helpless, allowing the Hawaiian Stilt to nest in the Nu'upia Pond wildlife management area for another year.



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The tracks of an AAV plow through weeds and solid ground to make better breeding grounds for the stilts.

JEC counselor aids Sailors with education matters

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Navy personnel aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, no longer have to travel to Naval Station Pearl Harbor to receive counseling about continuing their education.

Art Mancier, a contract education specialist from the Navy College Office, Pearl Harbor, spends three days a week at the Joint Education Center, K-Bay, prepared to help the more than 2000 Sailors stationed on base with their educational needs.

“My main duty here is to council students on their education,” said Mancier. “After a prospective student goes to one of the weekly briefings, he is encouraged to sit and talk with a counselor.”

According to Mancier, planning a college education for a servicemember is more involved than for a recently-graduated high school student. In the military, personnel can be deployed, assigned temporary additional duty, or moved to

another station, discouraging them from expanding their education. With the help of counselors like Mancier, Sailors can build an education program around their work schedule.

“Some people don’t have the time to sit through a class everyday, so I give them other options,” said Mancier. “I tell them that they can earn an associates degree by taking distance courses and College Level Entry Program tests.”

Sailors can also take courses based on their rate by participating in the Navy College Rate and Partnership Program.

Mancier said his experience has helped Sailors earn degrees when they had no idea they were even close. “One Sailor was 21 units away from a bachelor’s degree, and still didn’t have an associates degree, he said.

For those who have credits and don’t know how to use them, or who just don’t know what they want in an education program, counselors help focus the student on a goal.

Sailors who have questions about continuing their education can make an appointment with Mancier by calling 257-2158, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

OSPREYS, From A-1

otherwise, the V-22 remains the program of choice.”

In addition to the independent panel, the DoD inspector general is looking into allegations that Marine Lt. Col. Odin F. Leberman ordered subordinates to falsify V-22 maintenance records. Leberman was the commander of Marine Medium Tilt-Rotor Squadron 204 and is alleged to have wanted the records to reflect a higher ready rate than the facts warranted.

Current plans call for the Marines to purchase 360 MV-22Bs, the Air Force to buy 50 CV-22A special operations aircraft and the Navy to purchase 48 HV-22Bs. The Air Force has two test Ospreys at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. The aircraft are covered by the Marine Corps grounding order. The Air Force plans to start training crews for the aircraft in September 2003, with initial operating capability set for February 2005 at Hurlburt Field, Fla.

There are a total of 12 Osprey aircraft. The Marine Corps has eight, two test aircraft are at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md., and the Air Force has the rest.

AWARD, From A-1

Hawaii Environmental Compliance Protection Department director. “Having accomplished what they did, the team engendered a strong feeling of good will between the Marine Corps and the native Hawaiian community.”

The Environmental Department is continuing to work with the community to go beyond the repatriation mandate, and effect a reburial for the Iwi, or ancestral remains aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The pollution prevention

team was honored for making strides in several areas of pollution prevention.

“Some of the prime accomplishments were reducing the volume of hazardous materials the base uses, installing more efficient weapons cleaning systems at all armories, and improving processes at the recycling centers,” Rouse said.

The team engaged in several community outreach projects including teaching tenant units about environmental safety and hazardous material handling.

“We are very fortunate to have a dedicated and talent-

ed staff to take on these types of projects,” said Ken Murata, assistant chief of staff G-4, and director, installations and logistics. “We need to be good stewards of our environment, and we’re doing a great job at nipping pollution in the bud.”

“What the Environmental Department is doing in cultural resources facilitates the process of healing with the people of Hawaii and strengthens the Marine Corps’ bond with the community,” Murata added. “Their support allows us to train effectively.”

HERO, From A-1

mented by Kit Beuret, director of Public Affairs for Oceanic Cable.

Guest speaker and retired Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Fred Weyand, said all of the honorees have six traits that make them heroes. They are humble, everyday people, risk takers, optimistic, extraordinary and have good spirits.

After an hour of food and awards, the breakfast came to an end for another year.

“We extend these awards to those who step beyond the boundaries to help others and to those who have enriched the lives of the people around them,” concluded Kahoano.

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