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Urban snipers aim high

Lance Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Combat Correspondent

In preparation for deployment with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, scout snipers from Marine Corps Base Hawaii performed aerial platform training at the Range Training Facility here, May 4.

In most cases, scout snipers are portrayed as incredibly stealthy individuals, hardly ever seen or rarely ever working with groups of people. For example, movies and television programs show military scout snipers silently crawling through marshes or waiting, camouflaged, in treetops.

Sometimes, in the movies, these scouts stalk unknowing victims for miles. In real-

ty, those techniques are only a few of the methods scout snipers can employ when training for combat situations.

During the three-week Urban Scout Sniper Course, 10 Marines from 3rd Marine Regiment and Marine Sniper School combined forces to form a sniper platoon.

Marines become familiar with the fundamentals in Basic Sniper School; however, the Urban Scout Sniper Course introduced advanced methods of aerial platform shooting. Once their training was complete, the Marines earned the title of urban scout snipers.

"Aerial platform training involves engag-

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Lance Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Scout sniper aerial platform training requires a good line of communication between the sniper and pilot in order to achieve the best angle to take a shot.

MAG-24 flies with the public in mind

Press Release
MAG-24 Operations

Local residents may be asking, "Just who are those Marine helicopters, and what are they doing?" as training exercises at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, flight line get underway during the next few weeks and pick up speed in preparation for operations and deployments on the horizon, such as the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise this summer.

Marine Aircraft Group 24 will be as busy as always, remaining prepared as a force in readiness to answer the nation's call whenever required. Deployed across the Pacific, MAG-24's CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopters support Marine forces overseas, regularly participating in multilateral exercises and contingency support in Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, and at home.

Marine Aircraft Group 24 conducts missions unique to Hawaii, providing initial training to all "Sea Stallion" aircrews and supporting the Navy's P-3 "Orion" patrol force stationed aboard Kaneohe Bay.

In order to blend into the background, and yet still train for future employment overseas, when at Kaneohe Bay, MAG-24 aircrews adhere to "Course Rules" that govern their flight paths and are designed to reduce noise impact on neighbors who live adjacent to the base. Helicopter pilots with MAG-24 deliberately fly over unpopulated areas or offshore, and at altitudes intended for public safety and noise abatement.

As good neighbors, the aircrews always seek to balance training with the public in mind. However, for Marines to remain a pre-eminent force at night means they must continually train at night — often long after we've tucked our children into bed.

In the weeks ahead, neighboring residents may hear occasional flights that seem closer or later than usual. They should rest assured that Marines are aboard, training in order to protect all from harm.

All can take pride in Marines and Sailors, sworn to defend the country. Further, the military and civilian communities can be proud of the role they play in the defense of our homeland — even in their own backyard!

Lifted to the heavens



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Marines, Sailors, family members and civilians came together at the Pacific War Memorial aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, May 6, to celebrate the National Day of Prayer by praying for our nation, leadership, culture and our world. The observance was sponsored by the base chapel and was assisted by the dancers of "Hanohano no akua ka hulahula," translated as "Dancing for His glory," as well as the Marine Forces Pacific Band.

Actions show lack of common sense

Recent violations force MPs to step up

Lance Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Combat Correspondent

Many character traits are instilled in Marines' minds throughout their military careers. Although common sense is often thought to be a virtue that needs little supervision from others, apparently some Marines occasionally lose their minds.

Recently, a speeding motorcyclist was reported to the Provost Marshal's Office. In response, a sentry was set up at the main gate to prevent the cyclist from exiting Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Despite the precautions made by the military police, upon approaching the main gate, the individual accelerated his speed, nearly hitting the sentry, and left base. Fortunately, his escape was not a lost cause. Officials had recorded his license plate.

Further investigation revealed that the owner of the unregistered and uninsured motorcycle was Sgt. Joseph D. Osborn, an embark clerk with 3rd

Marine Regiment. Once Osborn returned to base, he was processed through PMO and released to his unit representative.

In a case related only by pure stupidity, a Marine was anonymously reported to PMO, recently, for brandishing a pistol on base. Corporal Robert L. Arnold Jr. was later identified as the pistol owner.

Military police later searched his vehicle, which revealed a loaded 9mm pistol hidden under the driver's seat. Further investigation revealed the pistol was not registered on MCB Hawaii.

Arnold also had the honor of being processed through PMO and released to his unit representative.

Like most people in the human race, service members typically have developed credible, common sense skills when compared to a 16-year-old. Even though Marines may establish a special bond with their rifles during boot camp, and the adrenaline rush of the chase, courtesy of Hollywood movies, these passions must be bridled.

All individuals should understand the policies and procedures that govern firearms located aboard military installations like Marine Corps Base Hawaii,

as well as the appropriate response when you're being halted by a police officer.

According to Lance Cpl. Justin R. Bouton, blotters clerk with the Military Police Department, to register a weapon on base, you must first get the item registered at the Honolulu Police Department, then at the base Provost Marshal's Office.

When you bring your weapon to PMO for registration, it must be in "Condition Four" — that is, with magazine removed, chamber empty, bolt forward, weapon on safety and be secured in a locked case.

According to base regulations, once your weapon is registered, you must follow certain procedures when transporting your firearm on base:

- If you have any firearm that is small enough to be concealed, it must be unloaded.
 - It must be encased in a lock box or be trigger locked.
 - It must be inaccessible to the vehicle operator as well as the passengers.
- Other weapons, including knives with blades larger than three inches, must also be inaccessible to drivers and passengers during transportation.

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MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

Space Camp Seeks Applicants

The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) is sending 10 kids to the Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala., this year, and children at Marine Corps Base Hawaii can compete for a slot.

Children must meet the following eligibility requirements: Be a child of an active duty military member and enrolled in grades 6, 7, 8 or 9; submit an essay on why he or she should be selected to go to Space Camp; and submit two letters of recommendation.

If selected, children can choose to attend any week-long camp between June and December 2004. The MCEC pays for Space Camp tuition, meals, lodging, program materials and transportation to and from the child's home base.

The deadline to mail or fax (1-254-953-1925, a toll call) the essay to MCEC is Monday; mail to Military Child Education Coalition; ATTN: Space Camp; 108 East FM 2410, Suite D; Harker Heights, Texas 76548.

Obtain an application at any one of the links below:

- www.militarychild.org/PDF/2004/2004_application.pdf

- www.militarychild.org/pdf_files/SpaceCampAbout.pdf

- www.spacecamp.com/spacecamp/

- www.militarychild.org/

The Bernard Curtis Brown Space Camp Scholarship was started in memory of Bernard Curtis Brown who was killed when terrorists crashed the plane he was on into the Pentagon, Sept. 11, 2001.

Call Don Seeley at 1-(254) 953-1923 (a toll call), or e-mail Don.Seeley@militarychild.org for more information

Library Sections Closed

The Kaneohe Bay Base Library (Bldg. 219) has experienced ceiling leaking due to recent rain and storm damage. The main library area as well as the magazine, paperback and new book sections will be closed until the roof is repaired.

Normal programming will be cancelled as well. The circulation desk and computers with Internet access will remain in operation for the duration of the repairs.

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IN THE CG'S MAIL BOX



**BRIG. GEN.
MCABEE**

General McAbee,

I wrote the CG mail a few months back about the condition of the gym for the children's programs here on base. I wanted to write you and give you some positive feedback for a change.

The children got their new gym and they are very happy. We all (parents and children) want to say thank you for taking our problem into consideration and acting on it.

The new facility gives the children much more room, and they have clean bathrooms and a much cleaner area to participate in their respective programs. As a matter of fact, the Kaneohe Bay cheerleaders competed this past Saturday against Pearl Harbor, Iroquois Point, and Hickam's cheerleading squads, and won first place in each category that they competed in.

They worked very hard and they went out there and showed what they are made of! They represented the base, and I wanted you to know that having the new gym made a huge difference. The cheerleaders say thank you!

Once again, thank you for taking this issue and making it happen for the better of the children.

Very Respectfully,
Rene Guerrero



Comment submitted by Mr. Thomas J. Ferguson:

"It is well known that pornography has a debilitating effect on those who read it."

Dear Sir,

I recently read your article in Hawaii Marine asking for suggestions, which might improve the base. I would like to bring to your attention the sale of pornographic magazines at the Package Store.

I'm sure that this activity is going on without your knowledge or consent. I'm sure also that this material is counterproductive to the spirit and focus of this command and of the U.S. Marine Corps.

It is well known that pornography has a debilitating effect on those who read it. This material is extremely offensive to families, to men and women, and undermines morale.

I therefore respectfully submit the suggestion that the cessation of the sale of pornography on MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, would improve the base and raise a moral standard for the men and women under your command.

Respectfully yours,
Thomas J. Ferguson
U.S. Army, Retired



Dear Mr. Ferguson,

The commanding general asked me to respond to your letter of May 6 because your concerns fall within my area of responsibility. He

appreciates that you took the time to participate in the "CG Mail" program.

Because of the number and variety of magazine publications currently in print and circulation, a Department of Defense (DoD) panel reviews them and subsequently provides exchange vendors a list of those authorized for sale. The DoD policy for the "Sale or rental of sexually explicit material on DoD property" is contained in DoD Instruction (DODI) 4105.70.

The Package Store sells magazines that are in compliance with DoD policy and ensures the front cover of adult magazines are placed behind the checkout registers on the bottom shelf — a location that is not in full view of the general public.

To further preclude store patrons from viewing these magazine covers, we will immediately place a border in front of the magazines to obscure them.

I appreciate your thoughtful comments and concerns. If I can be of additional assistance, please feel free to contact me at 254-7500.

Thank you again for taking the time to participate in the CG Mail program.

Sincerely,
Mr. William B. Lindsey
Assistant Chief of Staff
Marine Corps
Community Services

*(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.*

Quarantine compliance eases transfer

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

When moving to Hawaii, people generally take into consideration things such as finding a place to live, learning the neighborhood, or getting a new job, but what about man's best friend? People who want to bring their lovable creatures along with them should take the time to realize just what needs to be done, to ensure an easy transition for their pets.

Dogs, cats and other pets spend up to 120 days in quarantine upon arrival to the island at the Animal Quarantine Station (located

in Halawa Heights, off Moanalua freeway, between Red Hill and Aiea) to help keep Hawaii free of animal diseases such as rabies.

Owners must comply with a few regulations that govern pets that enter the state of Hawaii. They must provide quarantine officials with a health certificate for their pet, issued by an accredited veterinarian, within 14 days of arrival that meets the following parameters:

- It must be the original document, in English, with a legible signature by the vet.

- It must have a complete description of the animal

along with proof that the animal has been treated for ticks and other external parasites within 14 days of arrival.

- The owner must provide a record of vaccinations, along with documentation of the rabies vaccination.

- Lastly, the animal must have a documented, implanted electronic microchip.

Different requirements must be met if the owner wants to take possession of his or her pet within five days or less, but generally, the time frame is roughly 30 days.

Pet owners are discouraged from bringing very

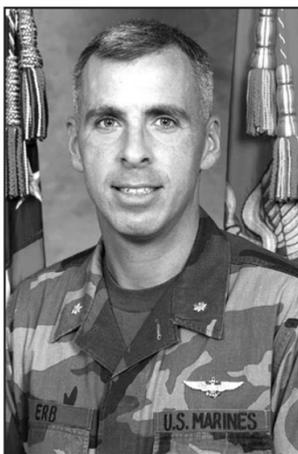
old or very young (less than nine weeks old), and chronically ill or debilitated pets into the state. Animals that are pregnant, past 45 days of gestation, are pro-

See *PETS*, A-4

Getting it Straight



- On page B-3 of the May 7 issue of the *Hawaii Marine*, Mrs. Kimberly Ganahl was incorrectly identified as the key volunteer for 3rd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment. She is the key volunteer for 3rd Radio Battalion.



ERB

HMH-363 changes command

Lieutenant Col. Paul A. Fortunato assumed command of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 from Lt. Col. Mark W. Erb at a change of command ceremony aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Thursday. Erb will assume duties as an upper-level student at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Fortunato previously served at the Headquarters Marine Corps Department of Aviation, in the Aviation Plans, Programs and Budget Branch.



FORTUNATO

WANTED: DEAD OR ALIVE

Donating vehicles can give old autos new life

Pfc. Rich Mattingly
Sports Editor

So, you came to the island and you bought an "island beater." The cheap and sun-soaked old warhorse you got off the Lemon Lot had more miles on its tires than your mall-walking granny has on her go-fasters. Still, it got you to the North Shore and Ewa Beach more times than you can count, and it made trips over the Pali Highway seem like an adventure every time, riding like jilted royalty on its lava-hot naugahyde seats as the Koolaus rushed by.

But, as time went by, dents, dings and unidentifiable door rattles inevitably showed up like unwanted family at the holidays. You noticed your old gasoline-hungry friend was getting more rusty than trusty, and you started staring longingly at the shiny new trucks and cars filling the showrooms.

Before you could say "trade-in value," however, the

unthinkable happened: Your vehicle wouldn't start. You performed the cost benefit analysis, and it just isn't worth the money you'd have to spend to fix it.

Even if you don't believe in the laws of karma or good works, simply abandoning your old car will get you in some trouble on base.

If your abandoned four-wheeled friend is found on base — and the Provost Marshal's Office will find it — your DoD decal will be scraped and you will have to submit a letter to the base inspector explaining why you decided to abandon your vehicle.

On your first offense, you will lose base driving privileges for 30 days. The second and third offenses will net you six months and one year, respectively.

PMO is in the process of distributing flyers that contain unwanted vehicle disposal procedures.

If you want to donate your

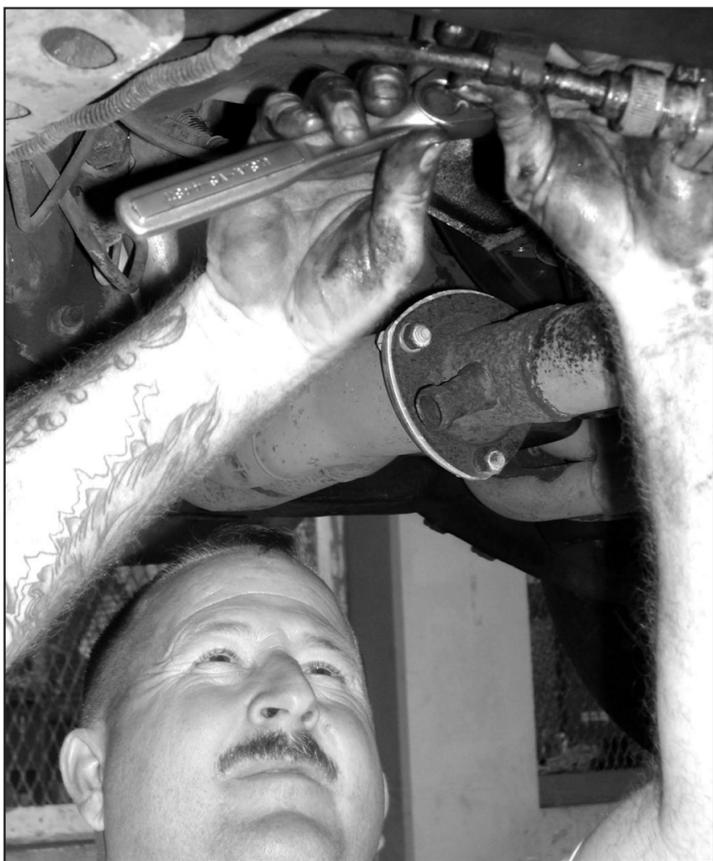
POV, a quick Internet search under "donate car Hawaii" will provide a plethora of questionably charitable choices that will be more than happy to auction your car and pocket the proceeds.

Closer to home, the Auto Skills Center at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, will (space-permitting) take on your non-working or hardly-working clunker, and its future could fund any number of Marine Corps Community Service projects at MCB Hawaii.

The auto wizards will do their best to fix your vehicle and auction it, newly working, or salvage its scraps, with all proceeds benefiting MCCA.

And don't forget that you can write off the donated vehicle on your tax returns, which makes vehicle donation a winning proposition for everyone involved.

If your car is beyond repair, contact the Auto Skills Center about vehicle donation at 254-7674 or 254-7675.



Lance Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

The Auto Skills Center fixes up donated vehicles to auction off for Marine Corps Community Services.

New program helps with vehicle transport

OPLIFT allows military families to take a second auto to the mainland

Lance Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Combat Correspondent

A new program gives service members stationed in Hawaii the option of sending more than one privately owned vehicle to the mainland when they leave the island.

The Joint Federal Travel Regulation on shipping a second POV now states, however, that an individual must coordinate the shipment through a private company.

Traffic Management Office (TMO) on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, offers assistance to personnel needing to ship a second POV by giving them information on companies such as "Opportune Lift" that they could call to ship their second vehicle.

"One of the easiest and least costly methods is to apply for OPLIFT," said Master Sgt. Shawn A. McGriff, training chief, TMO.

The program is available to all active duty and retired service members, as well as widows of retired service members, who have not remarried.

The Commander Naval Support Group Middle Pacific runs the OPLIFT program within the Middle Pacific region, according to Petty Officer 1st Class Scott Grenier, a storekeeper within

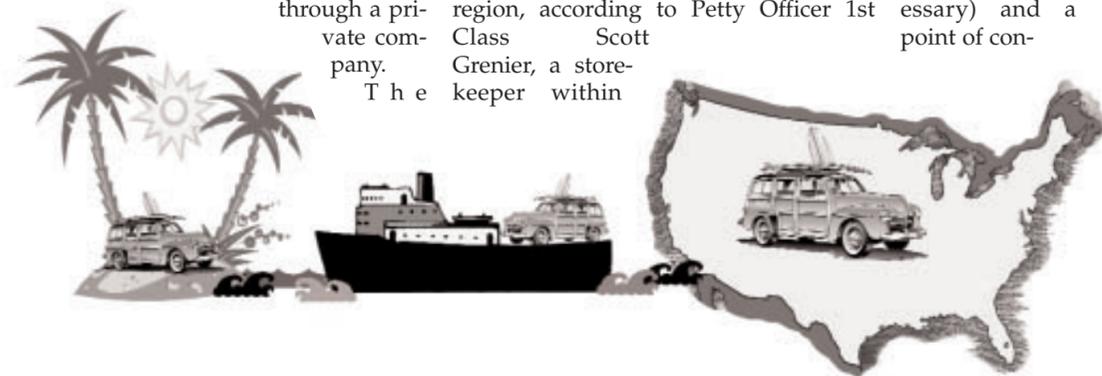
the group. The program relies on U.S. Navy ships that volunteer to transport the material back to the mainland.

Availability of OPLIFT is dependent upon operational schedules and ships' loads, so participants should be prepared to wait anywhere from one to nine months for their OPLIFT move, he added.

To apply for OPLIFT, eligible personnel need a copy of their permanent change of station orders, a military identification card, the vehicle's title, a power of attorney (if necessary) and a point of con-

tact at the vehicle's destination.

To find out more about application procedures or OPLIFT, call 473-3045, or e-mail Christopher.Viernes@navy.mil.



Staff Sgt. Ronna M. Weyland

Corporal Adrian A. Renteria, warehouse NCO for Combat Service Support Group 3, checks his car out one last time before its shipment to Ft. Worth, Texas.

Word on the Street

"What difficulties have you faced shipping a car in the military?"



"Having to ship the car with only a quarter tank of gas."

Capt. Kevin Navas
Commanding officer
Combat Assault
Company, 3/3



"Getting it here quicker."

**Petty Officer 3rd Class
Thesus Bryant**
Store keeper
VP-4



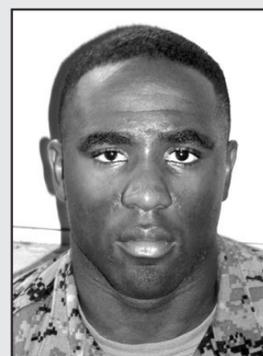
"I wish there were satellite offices at each base. Having an office on this side of the island would be helpful."

**Master Gunnery Sgt.
John Alexander**
MCCA, Headquarters
Battalion, MCB Hawaii



"We had a really positive experience with shipping our vehicle ... it arrived right when they said it would."

Julie Taylor
Family member



"They weren't up front about a lot of the things I had to do to my car before I shipped it."

Cpl. Marvin D. Sumlin
Supply noncommissioned officer, 3/3

Military Police benefit from joint learning environment

Lance Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Combat Correspondent

HONOLULU — Service members, police officers and civilians alike attended a two-day military working dog (MWD) conference May 6-7 at the Hawaii Mega-Corp veterinary supply building. Marine Corps Base Hawaii Marines, along with other service members from Hickam Air Force Base, Schofield Barracks and Pearl Harbor, attended the sixth annual event, which was held in order to familiarize working dog handlers with general maintenance techniques and to answer any questions concerning MWD issues.

Nonmilitary attendees included members of the Honolulu Police Department, as well as Customs and Border Protection officials.

Conference attendees practiced

newly learned techniques that they can use on a daily basis. Hands-on exercises gave them the opportunity to make mistakes and learn how to correct them before they use them on their own dogs.

One major advantage to the joint learning environment was the opportunity for people from different areas to talk to and learn from each other.

"By bringing all the service members and civilians together, we have broadened the capability of better learning," said Army Capt. Connie W. Schmitt, chief of Hickam's branch veterinary services.

Soldiers taught the event, organized by the Central Pacific District Veterinary Command, from Hickam, Schofield and Fort Shafter. The conference had begun as an effort to more efficiently and effectively provide military with the

opportunity to easily gain important information. Before the conference, the veterinary command visited each military base to inform service members about general maintenance of MWDs.

Each year the conference addresses new techniques and concerns. This year, due to the war in Iraq, one of the focuses was how to treat a gunshot wound on a dog in a field environment. Other areas of importance included topics from cleaning the dog's teeth to canine cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

"This year was really successful because the handlers could really relate to a lot of the topics covered," said Schmitt. "We had a lot of active participation from the members who attended this year. We are already looking forward to next year because we always have a good time."



Lance Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Service members and civilians came together for the sixth annual military working dog conference to learn how to better care for canines in the field and at home.

Remembering Fax

Military working dog's presence will be missed

Lance Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Combat Correspondent



FAX

His Marine Corps career began similar to most military service members. He spent nearly four months in training before entering into the strict training regimen at his first and only duty station, where he immediately gained the approval of his fellow Marines before his sudden death on April 22.

Fax, a military working dog, was discovered in his kennel with abdominal distension, a common cause of death among German Shepherds. He was rushed to Ft. Shafter's veterinary clinic and into emergency surgery. In his five-year life span, this was Fax's first and last unsuccessful operation.

It was Fax's ferocious demeanor and ability to quickly respond to commands during attack drills that had led his Marine comrades to believe that he would be very effective in his military career.

"Fax was an extraordinary and faithful partner, who was not only my defender, but the truest of friends," said Sgt. Dwayne P. Farris, former military working dog handler.

Fax had been an explosive detection military working dog, serving with MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay's K-9 unit. He was recognized in the unit as being one of the best dogs at the kennels.

"Fax was the kind of dog any handler would be proud to work with," said Lance Cpl. Bruce St. John, a MWD handler. "He would intimidate anyone, if he needed to; he was friendly to his handler, and he was great at explosive detection. He had it all."

"Fax wanted only to satisfy his handler in the performance of his military duties and bring smiles to those who knew him," Farris recalled. "Fax will be missed ... and will never be forgotten."

PETS, From A-2

hibited from entry to quarantine.

Quarantine officials and animal care experts do not recommend owners put these pets through the rigors of long distance aircraft travel, as pets can suffer extremes of very hot and humid temperatures while traveling. If your animal does not take well to this environment, air travel may not be the best option. Airlines differ, so talk to a representative beforehand.

All pets must enter the state through the Honolulu International Airport, where airline personnel transport them directly to the Airport Animal Holding Facility, which is staffed by state personnel. Each pet's kennel should be marked with the owner's name, local address and phone number in case of an emergency.

Upon arrival to the facility, all animals receive an arrival exam to evaluate their general condition and possible internal parasites. Staff at the facility also take a blood sample from the pet to check for rabies.

Animals are monitored very closely during the first week, and they can only be bathed and groomed inside of their kennels during this period.

After the parasite evaluations are finished (roughly 10 days), the animals are available for grooming. They are placed in kennels that are comfortable for their size and that allow enough room for adequate exercise. Regardless of how many animals the pet owner brings, each must remain in a separate kennel.

During their stay, pets are fed nutritionally complete and balanced commercial food. They are closely monitored and weighed once a month, to ensure they remain healthy.

According to the financial office, service members boarding pets can be reimbursed for up to \$550 of kennel costs. Those seeking reimbursement should contact the travel claims office.

For more information on animal quarantine in Hawaii, visit www.hawaii.gov/hdoa/ai_aqs_info.htm.

BUSTED, From A-1

Finally, in the state of Hawaii, all motorists from 16 years and older must have in their possession 1) a valid driver's license, 2) at least the minimal requirements of "no fault" vehicle insurance for the state of Hawaii, and 3) the vehicle's registration.

Further, all military motorcycle riders — whether on base or off base — must wear their properly

fastened motorcycle helmet that meets SNELL, ANSI or Department of Transportation (DoT) requirements; a properly worn, long-sleeved shirt or jacket with long-legged trousers; full-fingered, leather motorcycle gloves; vests with two retroreflective strips; footwear consisting of leather, over-the-ankle, hard-soled shoes or boots; and impact, shatter resistant goggles or a full-face shield for eye protection. Glasses are not con-

sidered proper eye protection. Refer to Base Order 5100.22 for detailed motorcycle rider requirements.

For more details and information on base regulations and requirements for owning and transporting weapons on base, refer to base order P5500.15A, or contact the PMO at 257-2123.

The bottom line is, it is never good common sense to try to outrun the law or beat the system.

The dark age of hurricane season approaches

Bill Husted

Cox News Service

A sudden thunderstorm or even a power-line-chewing squirrel with suicidal notions can instantly transport your home and gadgets back to the Dark Ages.

When the electricity goes out, your plasma screen TV becomes a boring wall hanging and the blinking lights on your wireless Internet router go dark. Flick your light switches and all you get is a callus on your finger.

There are ways to survive when the power goes out at your home. It's the right time of the year to talk about this issue, because hurricane and thunderstorm season is approaching.

The idea is to keep out of the dark and in touch with the outside world. I doubt that your first thought, when the lights go out, is worrying if you'll miss this week's episode of "The Sopranos."

•Let there be light. Invest \$15 to \$30 in one of the many battery-powered fluorescent camping lanterns you'll find at any large discount store. These lights are terrific, because they cast a broad circle of light that lets you read or do chores. Rechargeable batteries are a bad choice, instead equip lanterns with regular alkaline batteries. Rechargeables gradually lose power even when not in use. You'll be fine if you let the alkalines sit for a year unused. Please don't prepare for an outage with oil or gas lanterns or candles because of the fire

hazard.

•Can we talk? Obviously it's good to have a cellular phone on hand. But many times, regular telephone service will remain even when the power is out.

What will not remain are the wireless telephones you have connected to your regular phone line. Each home should have at least one old-fashioned phone with a wired connection to the telephone line.

•Have something to eat: If your regular cooktop uses gas instead of electricity, you are in great shape. All electric houses can get pretty hungry when the power is out for extended periods.

If you have an all-electric home, the best choice is your gas grill outside. Keep it outside, by the way. It is not

vented for inside use, and the fumes can kill you.

Propane-powered camping stoves can be used in a pinch. But just to be safe, keep them outside, too.

•Getting the news: When the power is out because of a hurricane or other disaster, you'll want to know what's happening in the outside world. Buy the least expensive, battery-powered radio you can find for this.

If you have the budget, pick up one of the specialty radios that includes frequencies for the National Weather Service. Just as is true for flashlights, avoid rechargeable batteries.

(Editor's note: Look for more information on hurricane emergency procedures on page A-6.)

SNIPERS, From A-1

ing multiple targets out of a helicopter as it hovers roughly 300 meters from each objective," explained Staff Sgt. Roman Nowicki, urban sniper instructor, 3rd Special Operations Training Group, Okinawa, Japan. "To create a more realistic atmosphere for the snipers, we used cartoon targets with pictures of actual people instead of the normal, paper silhouette."

During the training, Marines were equipped with 60 rounds for their M-4 rifles. They teamed up with the Easy Riders from Light Helicopter Squadron 37 to obtain the position and necessary angle to acquire targets. This was the first time the Marines had worked with HSL-37 Sailors to accomplish their scout sniper training evolution. Each Marine stayed in constant communication with the pilot to acquire the optimal firing position.

"The most difficult part is keeping in touch with the pilot while trying to achieve the best position for the shot," said Lance Cpl. Russel K. Olofson, scout sniper, Weapons Company, 1st Battalion,

3rd Marine Regiment. "Maintaining accuracy can make the difference between hitting and missing the target."

Overall, the Urban Scout Sniper Course requires the Marine to perform at a higher level of intensity in order to be successful.

"This type of training increases the Marines' confidence level, while also escalating their overall shooting ability," said Nowicki.

"It hones the skills they already possess and prepares them for whatever they may run into in a combat situation."

SALUTES

Corporal's Course

Honor Graduate

Cpl. Kristine A Dohner

Second Place

Cpl. Christina M. Hathaway

Third Place

Cpl. Jaran D. Shinkle

Gung Ho Award

Cpl. Melvin D. Taylor

Certificates of Superior Physical Performance

Zhi-Cheng Chen

Cpl. Marlou P. Pascual

Sergeant's Course

Honor Graduate

Sgt. Lucas E. Lavadour

Second Place

Sgt. S. M. Fassett

Third Place

Sgt. Eugene G. Gold

Gung Ho Award

Sgt. R. L. Barton

Certificates of Superior Physical Performance

Sgt. R. L. Barton

Sgt. C. M. Brown

Sgt. Jonathan H. Smith

Sgt. A T. Tawata

Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Writing Award

Sgt. Travis S. Peterson

Sgt. Ruben F. Castillo

Sgt. Lucas E. Lavadour

Disaster Checklist

Service and family members should know how to respond in a disaster:

- Check flooding and wind damage history.
- Learn safe routes inland.
- Learn the location of official shelters.
- Trim back dead wood from trees.
- Buy tape and boards to cover glass.
- Build a disaster supply kit for your family.

Each family should also prepare and keep readily available an Emergency Evacuation Kit containing the following articles:

- Sleeping bag/blanket for each individual
- Family sized first aid kit
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Three-day supply of diapers, formula, food, and other essentials for each infant or toddler
- Soap and towels
- Battery powered radio with extra batteries
- Pocketknife or small can opener
- Drinking water (at least 1 gallon per person, per day)
- Nonperishable food (three-day supply)
- Toilet articles

Shelters at Kaneohe Bay (See map for housing zones.)

- **Housing Zone 1** goes to Bldg. 1666, the K-Bay Lanes bowling alley.
- **Housing Zone 2** goes to Bldg. 1629, the Enlisted Club.
- **Housing Zone 3** goes to Bldg. 3037, the Semper Fit Center gym.
- **Housing Zone 4** goes to at Bldg. 1089, the Anderson Hall dining facility.

Hurricane Categories

- **Category 1:** Minimal, wind speeds 74 – 95 mph, storm surge 4 – 5 feet
- **Category 2:** Moderate, wind speeds 96 – 110 mph, storm surge 6 – 8 feet
- **Category 3:** Extensive, wind speeds 111 – 130 mph, storm surge 9 – 12 feet
- **Category 4:** Extreme, wind speeds 131 – 155 mph, storm surge 13 – 18 feet
- **Category 5:** Catastrophic, wind speeds greater than 155 mph, storm surge greater than 18 feet

