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ANZAC Day observed

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PUNCHBOWL NATIONAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC – Under a bright blue sky, military leaders from all over the Pacific region gathered here April 25, to remember Australia and New Zealand Army Corps Day.

ANZAC Day is a holiday that is set aside in New Zealand and Australia to remember and honor those who have fought for freedom.

Strongly linked to the landing of the ANZAC forces at Gallipoli in the Dardanelles in 1915, ANZAC Day was first celebrated in 1916 with memorial services, commemorating the lives lost in the eight-month period the Australian and New Zealand forces spent on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey. Pressure was brought to bear by returned soldiers and their organizations, and the day became a public holiday in the early 1920s.

Although the term "ANZAC" only officially referred to those who fought in World War I, it was later decided that the day should also officially remember those who served in World War II. Currently, it also incorporates the men and women who served in later wars such as Vietnam and Korea, and those who served in actions such as Desert Storm, and peace keeping operations such as those in Bosnia and Bougainville.

The day is commemorated all over Australia and New Zealand, from the biggest cities to the smallest hamlets, but the special bond shared by the U.S. with Australia, and New Zealand, enables the hallowed day to be remembered on U.S. soil as well.

This year's ceremony began with the Marine Forces Pacific Band from Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, playing the National Anthem while participants stood proudly, eyes on the national ensign and hands locked in solemn salute.

After an introduction by the Honorable Peter Woolcott, Consul-General of Australia, Cmdr. Jeff Rhodes, the base chaplain for MCB Hawaii, led those present with prayers full of gratitude for the nations involved in the tribute.

"Today we commemorate the 60,000 ANZAC troops who perished in that significant battle," expressed Rhodes.

The commemorative address was given by the Honorable Darryl Dunn, Consul-General of New Zealand. With the fitting words, "What solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom," by Abraham Lincoln etched on the monument above, Dunn's words carried the crowd back to that fateful battle on the barren plain in Turkey.

"In April 1915, 86 years ago, a British and French expeditionary force with ANZAC troops landed in Galipoli to open a front, during the first World War," Dunn remembered.

"For some, Galipoli was a severe baptism by fire into the horrors of war," he continued. "Though ANZAC troops were known for their cheerful disposition despite the shock of war, the survivors of that tragic battle were scarred forever."

Dunn closed with a tribute not only to the soldiers that fought and died, but for what they were fighting for.

"Australia and New Zealand celebrate ANZAC Day to commemorate the soldiers' deeds, and also to remember that the price of freedom is great," Dunn reflected.

After the wise words for the fallen, military guests laid the wreaths in remembrance of the important day they had come to commemorate. Among the wreath-layers were Adm. Dennis Blair, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; Adm. Thomas Fargo, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Lt. Gen. Frank Libutti, Commander, Marine Forces Pacific; and retired Sgt. Maj. Robert Holub, Executive Director of the Honolulu Council Navy League and former sergeant major for MarForPac.

As the morning sun beamed down, heating the white stones inscribed with the names of those American veterans who had died in Pacific battles, a 21-gun salute was given by Marines from 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, ending the day's commemoration. It was a fitting salute to the remembrance of the fallen Australian and New Zealand soldiers who fought bravely for the cause of freedom.



Cpl. Jacques-René Hébert

A color guard from 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines, participates in the ANZAC Day ceremony April 25.

Gotcha!



Pvt. Iain A. Schnaible

Two Marines from Charlie Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, force a role-playing local rioter into the detention center at Schofield Barracks' MOUT town during the battalion's field exercise April 23. To learn more about 1/3's field exercise, see page A-3.

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month message

The 22nd annual national observance of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month will be observed throughout May 2001. This annual observance is celebrated across the nation in recognition of the rich cultural heritage of the Asian/Pacific American community that helped shape our great nation. The national theme is "Asian/Pacific Americans: Emerging together."

Today, more than 10 percent of the Department of the Navy is comprised of Asian/Pacific Americans – The largest representation within the federal executive departments. More than 11 million Asian/Pacific Americans represent 4.1 percent of the American population today.

Many accomplishments of present and past Asian/Pacific Americans can be seen today. The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta became the 14th U.S. Secretary of Transportation Jan. 25.

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MarForPac leads exercise RSO&I

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YONGSAN ARMY POST, Republic of Korea - Marine Forces Pacific led the way for one of the largest command post exercises in the Marine Corps April 20, as they underwent Exercise Reception, Staging, Onward movement, and Integration '01.

The week-long exercise is one of two annual exercises in which U.S. and Republic of Korea forces come together for the strategic defense of South Korea in a simulated hostile environment. Whereas Ulchi Focus Lens,

held in the summer, focuses on the later days of the contingency, RSO&I focuses on the earliest days of the warfight.

"RSO&I is not as fast paced as other exercises that would focus on Marine combat power, however it is every bit as critical to the success of warfighting and extremely valuable to us," said Col. Larry A. Johnson, the officer conducting the exercise. "The exercise puts a great emphasis on logistics for the deployment and sustainment of forces."

Almost 100 Marines from MarForPac headquarters in Hawaii deployed to the South Korean Peninsula for

the exercise, as well as several other Marines from subordinate commands.

These included I Marine Expeditionary Force, III Marine Expeditionary Force and 3rd Force Service Support Group, all of which joined the permanent Marine personnel in Korea attached to Marine Forces Korea.

"We are all here for the same reason," said Johnson. "It is extremely important, however, that we interface with one another, to include our higher, adjacent, and subordinate commands. We learned from day one that if we find ourselves too busy to interface with those commands, then we lose sight of

what we are here to do."

Although most of the Marines worked out of MarForK's headquarters here, several Marines were sent throughout South Korea for specific missions, as well as coordination with the Republic of Korea Marine Corps.

In addition to these forward deployed forces, RSO&I involved other U.S. forces around the globe, according to Lt. Col. Fred Jameson, the Korea Exercises Officer for MarForPac.

Subordinate commands, and bases and stations

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Pvt. Iain A. Schnaible

Corporal Jason Spooner, a trombone player with the MarForPac Band, delights the crowd with his mastery over his trombone as he leads the band's Dixieland Ensemble in its rendition of "When the Saints Go Marching In".

Band celebrates military children at CDC

Pvt. Iain A. Schnaible
Combat Correspondent

The Marine Forces Pacific Band and the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Child Development Center took time out to celebrate military children with a concert at the CDC Friday as part of the Month of The Military Child.

"The concert was our conclusion to the Month of the Military Child, so we wanted to do something to include the families of the center, as well as reach out into the community," said Coralie Kramer, director of the CDC.

Children ran, danced and played on the CDC playground as parents relaxed on the lawn and enjoyed the family picnic atmosphere.

The band played many patriotic tunes including "America the Beautiful," and delighted the children with Barnum and Bailey circus music and tunes from popular Disney movies. Perhaps the part of the concert the guests enjoyed most was a rendition of "When the

Saints Go Marching In," performed by the band's Dixieland Ensemble led by Cpl. Jason Spooner, a trombone musician with the band. During the performance, the Dixieland Ensemble separated themselves from the rest of the band and wandered the yard, interacting with the audience and inspiring them to sing along with the well-known song.

The band has a history of supporting the CDC in its events aimed at the families who call K-Bay home.

"The band has given us great support in our efforts to enrich the quality of life for the children and their parents," said Kramer.

The concert was well received by the children and the parents of MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, who took an evening to relax to the soothing sounds of the band.

"It was cool," said Joseph Casta, 6, who enjoyed the concert as he played on the playground.

Parents also enjoyed the opportunity to spend the

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MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

KARAOKE CONTEST TONIGHT

A karaoke contest will be held as part of Hawaii Military Appreciation Week. The preliminary contest will be held tonight at Tun Tavern in the Windward Enlisted Club aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay beginning at 8 p.m.

The contest finals will be held at Bishop Museum May 20, from noon to 2 p.m. as part of the museum's "Family Sunday/Military Day" festivities.

For more information, contact Lisa Thomas, the E-Club manager at 254-7660, or Araceli Tezuka of K-Bay catering, at 257-0905.

HABILITAT NEEDS 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.

RECON MARINES WANTED

Currently 4th Force Reconnaissance Co. aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, is in search of Marines to fill its ranks.

Marines of all military occupational specialties are welcome, but must be willing to change their current MOS to one in the infantry or intelligence occupational fields.

Any Marines (enlisted or officer) leaving active duty status and desiring to enter the reserves should contact Staff Sgt. Gerald Rohn at 257-2758 or 257-1077, ext. 221.

5TH ANNUAL TRIATHLON/DUATHLON

Registration is currently underway for the 5th Annual 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Aviation Support Element, Kaneohe Sprint Triathlon/Duathlon.

Registrations, which are due May 11, may be picked up and turned in at the Semper Fit Center aboard K-Bay. Entry fee is \$20 for military members and \$25 for civilians. Three-person teams may enter for \$60.

Check-in for the event begins at 6 a.m. at the Marine Pier. The race begins at 7:30 a.m. For more information, call 254-7590/7591, and see upcoming articles in the *Hawaii Marine*.

JAPANESE WIVES CLUB

The Japanese Wives club meets once a month at the Armed Services YMCA aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. For more information, call Hiroko Hagen at 239-2308.

WINDWARD HALF-MARATHON

The Windward Marathon Association presents the Windward Half-Marathon May 20. This event is comprised of four races: a 13.1-mile half-marathon, which begins at 6 a.m., a 5K, which begins at 6:30 a.m., 400-yard race for 6-8-year-olds, which begins at 8 a.m. and a 100 yard race for 3-5-year-olds, which begins at 8:15 a.m.

Entry fee for the 400 and 100 yard races is \$10 each; \$13 for 5K entrants, and \$20 for the half-marathon. Entries must be postmarked by May 13 — a \$5 late fee will be added thereafter.

For more information, contact 1st Sgt. Patrick Dougherty at 257-5900.

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== SERGEANT MAJOR'S CORNER ==

Changes mask importance of accountability

Sgt. Maj. Stephen H. Mellinger
MarForPac Sergeant Major

A lot has changed since my joining this gun club 29 years ago. Going back to my PFC days, I remember our choices for breakfast at the chow hall. Basically, it was cold, green "B" R A T scrambled eggs or cold, green "B" R A T scrambled eggs.



Mellinger

There were unconfirmed reports that Marines offered left over chow to farmers for their hogs, but it didn't work. The hogs refused to eat it. However, today's chow hall food (compared to what it used to be) is outstanding.

I know you're thinking, "Here comes the 'Old Corps' speech," but it's not. Many changes that we've seen have been for the betterment of our Marines and our Corps.

I'm happy for change in better uniforms, equipment, chow, weapons and technology. But there are some evolutions from the old Corps ways, such as daily formations and open squad bays for sergeants and below, that really concern me.

I wish we could keep both as requirements today.

Now before you sergeants and below start shoving pins into little Sgt. Maj. Mellinger dolls, let me explain.

I can recall in the '70's us having three formations a day. The 0700 and 1300 formations ensured we were present and that our uniforms, haircuts, etc., were good to go. The 1700 one was to forecast the next day's mission, give any needed attitude adjustments and to sound liberty call. In addition to those three formations, we formed up and marched to our three meals each day. Actually, we formed

up and marched even when there were only a handful of us going somewhere. And come to think of it, we even had to form up twice a month to receive our pay.

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MarForPac Sergeant Major

A platoon's privates through sergeants lived in the same open squad bay (like basic training) barracks. Noncommissioned officers lived on one end, separated from the lance corporals and below only by curtains and wall lockers. When a new Marine reported aboard, the bunk beds were simply slid closer together to make room.

"And your point is," you ask? Those old ways of doing things (as a unit) served to bond us closer together. It taught Marines to be

responsible for fellow Marines, especially the sergeants and corporals in charge of those formations and barracks.

Being together as much as we were back then caused us to take greater interest in one another both personally and professionally. You could say it helped to solidify our units. Accountability up and down the chain of command was commonplace.

I'm afraid that with some changes from the old Corps we now suffer from too much individualism. Fewer required formations means less interaction between NCO's and junior Marines. With private/semi-private living spaces comes isolation of Marines from their fellow unit members. How does accountability take place in this type environment? I don't believe it does to the level it needs to.

A Marine shows up for work, puts in the day and no one in the unit has a clue about him or her after that, until the next morning.

Change can be good for our Corps in certain areas, but not when it threatens the cohesiveness and team spirit of a Marine unit. If we as Marines of today make it a point to be accountable and responsible for the welfare of our fellow Marines, I'll be happy that the most important things from the old Corps have remained.

NMCRS volunteer recognition



Pvt. Iain A. Schnaible

From left: Paul Belanger, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Hawaii Auxiliary Director; Kristine Goodfred, chairman of caseworkers; Lynda Wilson, chairman of records; Cheryl Milca, chairman of receptionists; Deborah Rodriguez, chairman of layettes and food locker; and Col. John A. LeMoine, MCB Hawaii deputy commander enjoy the accommodations of the Legarie Room at the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay Officers' Club during the NMCRS Hawaii Auxiliary Kaneohe Office Awards Luncheon.

Goodfred and Wilson were awarded certificates for performing 600 volunteer hours, Rodriguez was awarded a certificate for performing 300 volunteer hours and Milca was awarded the Volunteer of the Quarter award.

Artist to visit Bowfin

USS Bowfin Museum and Park

News Release

PEARL HARBOR — Marine historical artist Tom W. Freeman will be available to sign the book, *Pearl Harbor: Day of Infamy, An Illustrated History*.

The book signing will be held May 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at USS Bowfin Submarine Museum, Pearl Harbor.

Day of Infamy showcases Freeman's historically accurate paintings of the attack on Dec. 7, 1941.

His paintings feature personal accounts of families around Oahu and at the attack at Pearl Harbor. Freeman's new collection, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the attack, will be on exhibit at USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park in December 2001.

His art has been featured on countless books and magazines which span naval action from

the Age of Sail to the present day. His paintings have been produced into limited edition prints, posters, porcelain plaques, and plates and have hung in galleries internationally.

His original works of art have been featured in the Presidential West Wing of the White House since 1986. Nine of Freeman's paintings are currently on loan to the White House.

A recent acquisition includes the Battleship, USS Texas (BB-35), which was presented in February. Also, his work appears regularly on The History Channel.

USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park, 11 Arizona Memorial Drive, located beside the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to restore and preserve the WWII submarine USS Bowfin (SS-287).

Call 423-1341 for more information.



Military Appreciation Week football to honor year's fallen servicemembers

The Hawaiian Warriors North American Football League semi-professional football team will be hosting the U.S. Armed Forces Dedication Bowl Game Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Kailua High School football field.

The opening game will be dedicated to the members of the military who have lost their lives serving our country in recent months.

The game will feature a Marine color guard prior to kickoff and Marine buglers at the halftime dedication ceremony. The Hawaiian Warriors are coached by a former Marine. Several servicemembers play for the team.

The gates will open at 6 p.m. and tickets will cost \$7. Proceeds (over production costs) will be donated to the families of the fallen servicemembers.



Simulated Rioters, played by Marines of Headquarters and Service Company and Weapons Co., 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, attempt to push through a wall of Marines from Charlie Co. using a wooden pallet during the 1/3 field exercise.

1/3 prepares for Okinawa UDP

Story and Photos by
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Combat Correspondent

KUHUKU TRAINING AREA — The Marines of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment conducted a battalion field exercise here and at Schofield Barracks in preparation for their upcoming deployment this summer to Okinawa, Japan as part of the Unit Deployment Program.

The training, which began April 23 and concluded Sunday, was the battalion's last opportunity to train in the field prior to their deployment.

"What we wanted to do was get back out to the field as part of our UDP preparation," said Lt. Col. Joseph L. Osterman, 1/3 commanding officer. "This was the last chance we had to get out and conduct tactical maneuvers."

The training here consisted of squad patrols through the vegetation and hills of the training area. When different squads encountered each other, it often resulted in firefights using blank ammunition.

When the battalion moved to Schofield Barracks, the Marines conducted a variety of training. The companies conducted company-size live-fire and maneuver training which included live-fire training in the grenade



A react team with Charlie Co., 1/3 stands by and waits for signs of enemy activity at the Schofield Barracks MOUT town.

house, weapons live-fire on firing ranges, humanitarian assistance missions, security operations, and concluded with a military operations in urban terrain package at the Schofield MOUT town.

The grand finale of the training evolution was the MOUT training. It took place in a town that had been taken over by a simulated enemy (other 1/3 Marines), the townspeople had been driven from their homes and it was the job of one company to liberate the town, provide security and begin to let the

townspeople back in to their village.

Each company was required to go through the exercise. The facilitators did not make it easy for the Marines; they constantly input complex and potentially dangerous scenarios in order to test the way the Marines reacted.

On Sunday, the final day of the field exercise, it was Charlie Company's turn to secure the village.

The morning was set ablaze with gunfire as blank rounds went off violently around the tiny town.

The roads were choked with thick multicolored smoke billowing from the dozens of smoke grenades thrown by the Marines to conceal their violent entrance into the town.

Individual Marines darted to and from cover as the majority of the forces remained concealed.

The explosions of flash-bang grenades echoed from inside the building as enemy forces steadily backed out of the village, fleeing from the Marines' furious assault with every ounce of strength they could muster in their desperate fight for self-preservation.

Once the town was rid of every enemy, the Marines began to set up security. A notional fence was erected around the town, a front gate was established as the only way in or out of the city, a building was converted into a detention center for violent locals and a building was taken over and transformed into the company's command post.

The company had to learn how to respond to many different scenarios throughout the day. Some of the scenario's they encountered were gangs fighting with each other outside the city's perimeter, the robbing of a relief organization's food

truck, rioting townspeople and even a suicide bomber at the gate.

Through all the training, the Marines consistently performed well, doing their job to the highest caliber.

"The Marines' performance was outstanding," said Lt. Col. Osterman. "I was very pleased with them, they demonstrated the professionalism we need to go out and conduct our missions while we are on UDP."

The training was also of great benefit to the small unit leaders, those who are the most directly involved with their Marines. The squad leaders and fire team leaders were part of the focus of the training, and successfully carried out their mission at all times.

"The training was designed to train our small unit leaders for the types of missions we expect during our deployment and possible contingency operations," said Lt. Col. Osterman. "During the training, the small unit leaders were particularly strong."

The exercise not only taught a great deal to the small unit leaders, but also offered a lot of knowledge to the junior Marines.

"I learned a lot from the MOUT training, and the rest of the week was also really interesting. It taught me a lot," said Pfc. Rob W. Bacon, an anti-tank assaultman with Charlie Co.

The 1/3 field exercise also offered a lot of excitement and motivation to the Marines prior to their deployment.

"This was really motivating," said Lance Cpl. Andre M. Abadie, a rifleman with Charlie Co.

The Marines of 1/3 are now better prepared than ever for their upcoming deployment thanks to the information and training obtained during their field exercise.

WORD ON THE STREET

What type of financial planning do you have in place?

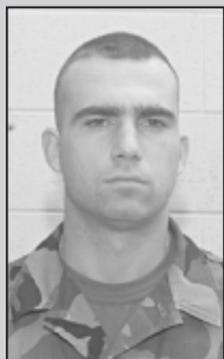


"Before I came into the Marine Corps, I was already investing in a company I was working for. I also have a savings account"

Cpl. James A. Hayes
Squad Leader
Weapons Co., 3/3

"I've been saving my money and making wise financial decisions. I don't spend money on frivolous things."

Pvt. Gavin P. Porche
Rifleman
India Co., 3/3



"I try to put as much money as I can into my mutual funds, and I have an IRA."

Petty Officer 1st class Robert W. Corl
Avionics Technician
HSL-37

"I have a 401k retirement plan and I have a college fund set up for my son, Derek."

Lance Cpl. Nicole D. Montgomery
Fiscal Clerk
Maintenance Co.,
CSSG-3



"We have a savings account we started for our house and together my wife and I invest about \$160. I also have a mutual fund."

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Lonnie R. Thomas
Acting Company Commander
Motor Transport Co., CSSG-3

"Right now, I have an IRA and I am looking to start a second one. My husband and I also have a mutual fund."

Petty Officer 2nd class Ayala A. Keifer
Aviation Warfare Systems Operator
VP-9



Two armed rebels are held at gunpoint by Marines of Charlie Co., 1st Bn., 3rd Marines as they await help from within the perimeter of the Schofield Barracks MOUT town during 1/3's battalion field exercise.

SRT takes housing area by storm

Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver
Combat Correspondent

The scene is right out of a Hollywood movie.

It's nighttime, military police cars fill a residential street on MCB Hawaii with their lights illuminating the neighborhood with blinking splashes of red, white and blue lights.

Residents in their evening clothes stand just outside their front doors trying to see why their quiet evening is being interrupted by all the commotion.

The focus of the military police's attention is on one house, but none of the officers approach the front door.

Inside the house a drunk and irate husband holds his wife hostage with a knife in the home's darkened living room.

A couple blocks away, a utility van parks and the MCB Hawaii Special Reaction Team gets out and moves stealthily through neighboring backyards toward the home of concern.

With his wife cowering in the corner, the man paces the room yelling and making threats on her life.

Suddenly, the sound of a window shattering in a back room grabs the attention of the angry husband.

While focusing his attention in another direction, the front door bursts open, and a swarm of hooded, armed men storm the room yelling for the man to surrender his weapon and lie on the ground.

The drunken man quickly complies with the policemen, knowing he has been outsmarted by their rear room diversion.

This was a fictional scenario, but it's a situation that the SRT trains for regularly.

The SRT practiced for this type of situation, and many others during its monthly training in the abandoned Cochran area housing, which began April 23 and continued all week.

With the housing area scheduled for demolition soon, the SRT can take advantage of being able to actually bust through doors and break a couple of windows in order to simulate what they would actually have to do in these and other life-threatening situations.

Practice makes perfect, and the SRT needs to conduct this type of training to keep their skills as sharp as the business end of a Ka-Bar knife, because their lives depend on perfect execution by each member.

For the 10 Marines participating in the training it was what they look forward to every month, according to Sgt. Jeffrey Collins, team leader for the SRT, Military Police Co., Headquarters Bn.

Dressed in full gear with weapons, masks, and goggles, the team went through exercise after exercise with the same intensity and enthusiasm each and every time.

These specially trained policemen repeatedly practiced dynamic and deliberate entries, ram work, door work, two-man room entries, second level window entries, and rolling hard hits.

Role players were sometimes used to add reality to the scenarios for the SRT.

After the completion of each exercise, team members gathered together and evaluated their performance by going over the correct and incorrect things they had done.

"The responsibility we have on the base is important enough that if anything ever does happen that the regular military police can't handle, it's our responsibility. That's why we do this type of training every month," said Collins. "We need to be able to penetrate aircraft, buses or any building on base in case of a high-threat situation.

To be a part of a team that is able to respond tactically to so many different situations the training is physically and mentally challenging, said Lance Cpl. Matthew A. Tonello, a marksman observer for the SRT.

"Our training is really hard, and it's not for the average person," said Tonello. "We physically train every morning and afternoon, as well as the exercises we do out here, so it's tough."

Bumps, bruises, cuts and sore muscles are constant traits of training for the SRT, and despite the additional wear and tear their bodies endure every month, the members of the SRT seem focused and enthusiastic about their mission.



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

Lance Cpl. Robert J. Smith, a military policeman on the SRT, creates an entrance for the SRT during a breach exercise at the empty Cochran area housing that is scheduled for demolition.

"We're all adrenaline junkies," Collins said. "The Marines look forward to this training every month."

The possibility of entering a dangerous situation only seems to further motivate the SRT members.

"The action is a big adrenaline rush," said Tonello. "Busting down doors, getting fired at, firing back and de-escalating a situation the normal Military Police can't handle is really awesome stuff."

On Friday the SRT fired weapons at the Ulupa'u pistol range and completed their monthly training.

Several new members of the team had forced older, more experienced team members to take time and pass on knowledge to the rookies, according to Collins.

"We have some new guys and a lot of experience on the team, but all together their commitment to the team has helped them this week," said Collins. "Right now we're a tight team, but with a couple more training evolutions we're going to be even better."

How long the SRT will be able to continue to use the old Cochran area housing to conduct realistic training is in question.

The demolition of the area is scheduled sometime in the near future.

To move the training elsewhere won't matter though. These Marines will train just as hard, because they know intensity, knowledge and team unity is how they will accomplish their mission.



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

Lance Cpl. Mark P. Stephenson, a special reaction team member for the Military Police Co. Headquarters Bn., busts open the front window of an empty Cochran area house Thursday during one of the many drills the SRT conducted throughout the week as part of their monthly training.

CSSG-3 Sailor selected to don new device

1st Lt. Justin E. Goering
CSSG-3 Operations Officer

A hospital corpsman with Combat Service Support Group 3 became the first Sailor in the Hawaiian Islands to don a coveted device amongst Sailors.

Petty Officer 1st class Scott D. Arnold became the first Sailor in Hawaii to be awarded the Fleet Marine Force Enlisted Warfare Specialist device.

Arnold is one of only thirty Sailors in the Navy who have earned the device since the FMF Warfare Specialist Program was approved by the Chief of Naval Operations July 14, 2000.

Lieutenant Gen. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, once said, "There's no better in the business than a Navy Corpsman."

Enlisted Navy personnel assigned to Fleet Marine Force units now have the opportunity to demonstrate the skills that set them apart from the rest of the Navy.

Navy personnel serving with Marine units face unique personal and professional challenges; therefore, the Navy now recognizes Sailors who excel in their duties while assigned with Marines on a level equal with other Navy warfare communities.

Sailors must be permanently assigned to, and serve a minimum of 12 months with an FMF unit, complete

personnel qualification standards, pass a written examination, and stand an oral review board before earning the pin.

"It has taken over twenty years

to get this program approved," said Senior Chief Petty Officer Daniel T. Dubois, Command Senior Chief, Medical Company, CSSG-3.

"Almost every hospital corpsman over the rank of chief has contributed to the evolution of the FMF warfare program. It's meant for all Navy rates serving with FMF units."

The FMF designator shows that the sailor has learned the fundamental knowledge and principles needed to operate with a Marine unit.

Sailors must demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of Marine Corps doctrine and tactics from squad-level formations, crew-served weapon operation, and land navigation to HAZMAT storage, humanitarian aid missions, and field sanitation. In addition to the core requirements, each major subordinate element of the Marine Air Ground Task Force has its own qualifications.

"The hardest part was learning all of the functions and aspects of the Combat Service Support Element," said Arnold. "There are so many diverse activities within the CSSE that the amount of information was mind-boggling."

"Arnold led the way in setting up



Photo courtesy of CSSG-3

Petty Officer 1st Class Scott D. Arnold, a hospital corpsman with CSSG-3, became the first Sailor in Hawaii to wear the new FMF Enlisted Warfare Specialist Device.

a training program for corpsman in Medical Company, CSSG-3," said Navy Lt. Cedric M. Corpuz, commanding officer, Medical Company, CSSG-3. "He set up classes with duty experts and led Sailors in field training evolutions. It's too bad that after he set up the

program, he is being transferred to 2nd FSSG."

"My tour with CSSG-3 was a stretch, and it forced me to grow. I have a little more gray hair, but it was worth it," said Arnold. "I look forward to serving another tour with Marines in the FMF."

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Lt. Gen. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller



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The Fleet Marine Force Enlisted Warfare Specialist device is currently being worn by 30 Sailors Navy-wide, including K-Bay's own Petty Officer 1st Class Scott D. Arnold of CSSG-3.

Awareness is key when servicemembers invest money

Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.
Combat Correspondent

The difference between wisely investing hard-earned money and insuring one's life can be a very thin line that is easily crossed.

Now, more than ever, people who save their money for future needs should be aware of the pitfalls that may come from not recognizing that line.

Life insurance and savings are both essential parts of a sound financial plan, according to Paula Webster, the financial management counselor with the Personal Service Center on MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Marines, Sailors and their family members need to be wary of the differences between investing for the future, and buying insurance that provides a blanket of financial protection.

If used wisely, life insurance can make a valuable contribution to a family's overall economic security. However, when life insur-

ance is used unwisely, it may become a financial drain on a family's finances.

As of April 1, 2001 servicemembers are eligible for up to \$250,000 coverage for a monthly fee of \$20 under the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance Program.

For many Marines and Sailors, the SGLI is sufficient coverage, but for those who desire more coverage, there are a couple of other insurance options.

The first is term insurance. It protects beneficiaries if the wage earner should die within a period of time specified in the policy.

Another type of life insurance is whole life, or variable life insurance. This type of insurance combines insurance and a savings element called a "cash-value."

The cash-value is invested by the insurance company in equities such as common stocks or money market funds, according to Webster.

After a number of years of investing in an insurance policy, the policyholder can turn that policy in and collect the



money that company has earned with the money paid by the premium.

Marines and Sailors should be aware that these types of insurance policies have a couple of drawbacks.

First and foremost, many of these policies have a "war clause."

"A war clause is an exclusion provision in an insurance policy where the policy will not pay a death benefit in the event of an act, or accident of war," said Webster. "Another provision to be aware of is that many civil-

ian companies will not cover a policyholder that is engaged in hazardous duty."

If Marines or Sailors are thinking of investing in a whole life insurance policy, they need to ask the insurance agent they are purchasing the policy from about these clauses, according to Webster.

"Most times, an agent will not divulge that information unless asked, and even then, the contract needs to be carefully read to ensure that such a provision does not exist," said Webster.

Marines and Sailors thinking of canceling their SGLI should weigh the pros and cons of both types of insurance before canceling the policy they have now and signing a contract for a new one.

"The SGLI still gives more bang for the buck, but most of the young Marines need very little bang," said Maj. Jonathan W. Hitesman, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for MCB Hawaii. "The bigger problem is that our young Marines and Sailors (older ones as well) don't understand the different types of insurance, what it is for and how much is appropriate."

Also, Hitesman is concerned with how certain insurance salesmen are gaining access to young, impressionable servicemembers on MCB Hawaii.

"I have no problem with someone making an informed decision to pass on SGLI and purchase whole life insurance," said Hitesman. "It is the Marine's and Sailor's choice alone. As long as it is not done in vio-

lation of the base order, it is okay."

The base order that Hitesman spoke of is MCB Hawaii base order P5500.15A, Base Regulation, Chapter 2, specifically addressing commercial activities aboard the base.

The order addresses door-to-door solicitation, and specifies that the use of retired or dependent identification to gain access to the base for the purpose of solicitation is prohibited.

The road to investing for the future can be a confusing process with many pitfalls for the novice investor, but there are a couple of agencies aboard the base that can help people understand how to best save their money, according to Webster.

For more information on investing and insurance, call Paula Webster at 257-7783.

For information about understanding insurance contracts and the benefits they do and do not provide, call the base legal department at 257-2110.

LINKS to success



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Brigadier Gen. R.E. Parker Jr., commanding general, MCB Hawaii, joined the members of Lifestyles Insights Networking Knowledge Skills at their appreciation dinner at the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Officers' Club April 26. "On behalf of all of the commanders and all of the people who call MCB Hawaii home, thank you for what you do," said Brig. Gen. Parker in his address to the L.I.N.K.S. volunteers.

SALUTES

Combat Service Support Group 3

Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal

Staff Sgt. Daryl E. Russell

Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal

1st Lt. Gregory B. Pace
Sgt. James A. Rodriguez
Sgt. David H. Sandoval

Certificates of Commendation

Capt. Russel J. Curtis
2nd Lt. Stephen R. Tennes
CWO2 Alfonso G. DiPietro
Gunnery Sgt. Darren L. Bolling
Gunnery Sgt. Jeffrey L.

Lobes
Staff Sgt. Robert F. Bowker
Staff Sgt. Mario A. Rodriguez
Staff Sgt. Randy E. Doss
Petty Officer 1st Class Kristi A. Bryner
Sgt. Kevin W. Farris
Sgt. Thomas R. Bibby
Sgt. Jimmie T. Smith Jr.
Sgt. Kevin R. Arbogast
Cpl. Salvatore Fiorelli
Cpl. Luis A. Bazan
Cpl. Dina I. Perez
Cpl. Michael S. Casavan
Cpl. Jonathan Mosler
Cpl. Abelardo Gutierrez
Cpl. Paul Hopkins
Lance Cpl. Ben J. Hubbard
Lance Cpl. Mathew J. Davis
Pfc. Colin J. Hallat



Pfc. Ryan R. Hudson
Pfc. Paul E. Abregu

1st Bn, 3rd Marine Regiment

Certificates of Commendation:

Sgt. Allen W. Lindsay III
Sgt. John D. Wallace
Sgt. Brian K. Withrow
Cpl. Nicholas Counts
Cpl. Timothy Terry
Cpl. James R. Halton
Cpl. Isiah P. Lawrence, Jr.
Cpl. Adriel D. Marianni
Cpl. Rodolfo Armendariz
Cpl. Anderson P. Dacosta
Cpl. A.R. Ferguson
Cpl. D.L. Flanary
Lance Cpl. Rhett D. Farrell

Lance Cpl. J.A. Nye
Lance Cpl. Sixto M. Gloria

Certificate of Good Conduct:

Cpl. J.E. Richter

1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment

Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Sgt. P.J. Condor, Jr.

Certificates of Commendation

Lance Cpl. M.F. Reddy, Jr.
Lance Cpl. R.J. Hutti
Lance Cpl. A.E. Villapando
Pfc. H.S. Brown, Jr.

EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

Prospective recruits checkout 15th MEU operations

Cpl. Joseph R. Chenelly
15th MEU Public Affairs

MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE, Calif. — Soon-to-be Marine Corps recruits from four Southern California recruiting stations had the unique opportunity of meeting Marines from the tip of the spear aboard March Air Reserve Base early last month.

The 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit used a slight break in the action during its Training in an Urban Environment Exercise to spend time with about 40 people in the Marine Corps' delayed entry program.

Marines explained what their jobs entail and how they like it. Gear, weapons and even helicopters were displayed for the enlistees outside the hangar used as the command post during the exercise here.

"This is such a great chance for poolees (men and women in the delayed entry program) to hear about the Corps from Marines who are in the middle of what being a Marine is all about," said Sgt. Robert L. Swierbitewicz, a recruiter stationed in Corona. "It's really opening up their eyes."

Marines from the 15th MEU's Maritime Special Purpose Force, including a Force Reconnaissance Marine, a rifleman from its security platoon, snipers, communication specialists, pilots and helicopter crew chiefs were on hand for the event. After each presented a brief overview of their individual Military Occupational Specialty, they welcomed the enlistees to checkout the displays up-close and ask questions in a one-on-one setting.

Those in the delayed entry program usually get one chance for something like this before going to boot camp, Swierbitewicz said. "Not everyone even gets this opportunity. It really gives them a glimpse of the real Marine Corps before they get there themselves."

Marines told about the MEU's travels in the Western Pacific, the thrill of practicing for possible covert operations and the differences between what people see on television about the Marine Corps and how things really are. The audience, from San Bernardino, Riverside, Moreno Valley and Indio, was very receptive of the information.



Cpl. Joseph R. Chenelly

Lance Cpl. Christopher Angelone (left), a scout sniper, explains the functions of his sniper rifle to a high school senior who has enlisted in the Marine Corps and is now in the delayed entry program.

"I really got some great info that will help me with decisions I need to make before shipping off to boot camp," said Frank Hernandez, an 18-year-old senior from Santiago High School. "I leave for MCRD (Marine Corp Recruit Depot San

Diego) in September and need to decide what I'm going to do in the Marines soon. I really liked the high-tech helicopters here. I've seen some videos my recruiter has, but those don't come close to this."

Others used the event to find out more about jobs they already decided they were interested in.

"I've known for a while that I wanted to be an infantryman," explained Alfredo Molina, a 17-year-old senior from La Sierra High School in Riverside. "I learned a lot today about the different routes in the infantry. Force Reconnaissance looks incredible. That is my goal now."

The Marines giving the presentations enjoyed the afternoon too.

"A lot of them were asking, 'Have you ever been shot at?'" laughed Lance Cpl. Christopher Angelone, a 23-year-old scout sniper from Philadelphia. "They got to see the kind of stuff today I joined for. I could tell it was really motivating for them. It was really fun talking with these guys about what to expect and stuff. Really, some of us were those kids just a few months ago."

For more news, photos and information on the 15th MEU, visit [http://www.usmc.mil/15 MEU](http://www.usmc.mil/15%20MEU).

MESSAGE, From A-1

Prior to joining the current administration, he served as U.S. Secretary of Commerce, becoming the first Asian/Pacific American to serve in the president's cabinet. He is the first secretary of Transportation to have previously served in a cabinet position.

Also, the Navy has recently announced the decision to name the 43rd ship of the Arleigh Burke Class of guided missile destroyers, USS Chung-Hoon (DDG-93)

This is in honor of Rear Adm. Gordon P. Chung-Hoon, born in

Honolulu, Hawaii on July 10, 1910. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in May of 1934. He received the Navy Cross and Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and extraordinary heroism as Commanding Officer, USS Sigsbee (DD-502) from May 1944 to October 1945.

Finally, Navy Capt. Jose R. Corpus was the recipient of the 2000 Federal Asian Pacific American Council Meritorious Service Award. Currently, Capt. Corpus serves as commander, Submarine Squadron 15, located in Aena, Guam.

The achievements of these individu-

als, as well as countless others, maintain the Asian/Pacific American community's high standards of excellence.

All commands are strongly encouraged to celebrate Asian/Pacific American heritage month programs, exhibits, publications, and participation in military and community events recognizing the diversity of American Heritage. For more information on cultural heritage months, visit www.bupers.navy.mil/mentor.

NORB RYAN JR.
VICE ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY
CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

CONCERT, From A-1

quality time with their children as they enjoyed the concert.

"This is great, I don't always have time to play and have fun with my daughter Christina," commented Maria Lopez, a military family member.

The concert turned out to be a great success despite the foreboding rain that had been occurring throughout the day. The weather cleared up and the center hosted more than 150 guests.

"It was wonderful, we all enjoyed having picnic dinners while listening the band's music. "It was a wonderful occasion," said Kramer.

RSO&I, From A-1

around the Pacific provided reaction teams for the exercise.

The MarForPac Headquarters staff in Hawaii included reservists, both officers and enlisted servicemembers.

"RSO&I works with various elements which are involved in getting reinforcements to the Korean Peninsula as quickly and efficiently as possible and integrating them into the fight," said Jameson, a reservist serving a temporary active duty tour. "Every time we do this exercise we become more efficient and more effective."

The exercise was extreme-

ly crucial for many people who had not participated in it before.

"One of the benefits of being here is that the exercise allows us to work out any problems," said Johnson. "I'm impressed. Those people who have never partici-

pated in RSO&I have learned a great deal."

"This exercise serves as a schoolhouse," said Johnson. "We learn many lessons so that if we are ever called to action in the defense of the Republic of Korea, we'll be better prepared."