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Click It or Ticket' resumes on and off base



Base Safety Center
Press Release

Military combat isn't the only threat to the safety of U.S. service men and women. Traffic crashes remain the leading killer, and that's why the Provost Marshal's Office aboard MCB Hawaii will partner with more than 12,000 state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies in the nationwide crackdown against seat belt violators.

The enforcement blitz comes as data shows that more men and women in uniform die in traffic crashes than any other cause.

The "Click It or Ticket" blitz will start today and continue through the Memorial Day holiday.

Deaths among military personnel occurring in private motor vehicle crashes are up 35 percent from 2001. In fiscal year 2002, 321 military personnel across all services lost their lives in traffic crashes. Tragically, nearly half of those young service members who failed to wear seat belts could have survived if they had buckled up.

Military personnel, by virtue of age and gender, typically epitomize the low belt user: males, ages 18 - 34.

That is why teens and young adults will continue to be a key target of Click It or Ticket. Fatality rates for teens are twice that of older drivers, and the risk of crashes for teens is four times that of older drivers.

According to new data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 7,772 teens, ages 16 - 20, died in traffic crashes in 2002 — nearly a six percent increase from 2001 — and thousands more were injured.

The two-week enforcement wave that runs from May 19 through the Memorial Day holiday, will be supported by more than \$20 million in state and national advertising. It is based on a proven public health model to increase belt use called "high visibility enforcement."

During the national Click It or Ticket mobi-

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Governor to visit MCBH, Wednesday

Cpl. Jason E. Miller
Press Chief

In a show of patriotism and thanks, Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle is slated to board MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Wednesday, for a tour of the installation and a visit with

Hawaii's Marines and Sailors.

Governor Lingle, who last year was voted into office as the first female governor of Hawaii, and the first Republican governor in more than 40 years, will be greeted by the commanding general and other key officials.

Brigadier Gen. Jerry C.

McAbee, commanding general of MCB Hawaii, and Gov. Lingle will address Marines and Sailors between Hangars 103 and 104.

Afterward, Gov. Lingle will be treated to a static display of weapons and equip-



LINGLE

ment by devil dogs with the 3rd Marine Regiment, as well as an aircraft display by Marines and Sailors with Marine Corps Air Facility, Marine Aircraft Group 24, and Commander Patrol Reconnaissance Force Pacific.

'Uncle! Uncle!'



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Captain Jeremy Deveau, a flight officer with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362, executes a leg sweep on Capt. Carroll Lane, an S-1 officer with HMH-362, during a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program training course, to complete their tan belt level of training. Several squadron Marines completed the training May 6 aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Issues, needs of disabled here, voiced to HQMC

Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle
Combat Correspondent

The Military Committee for Persons with Disabilities, along with other key personnel aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, gathered March 30 to further discuss pressing issues involving special needs family members who reside on base.

Currently, more than 250 disabled individuals reside here and 60 percent are under the age of 18. Although much has been accomplished to accommodate these individuals, a growing concern of the family members is the desire for their loved ones with special needs to be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities.

Ed Josiah, exceptional family member coordinator at MCB Hawaii, is currently working with Headquarters Marine Corps, seeking guidance on several family requests to allow their children with special needs to participate in all youth-related activities on MCB Hawaii. Josiah is also researching how to provide reasonable accommodations at no additional costs to the supporting family members.

Currently, children with special needs will be accepted into Children, Youth and Teen Programs that can be accommodated to meet their needs. Acceptance into programs is determined by a Special Needs Evaluation Review Team, once identified as a special needs request.

A complete listing of special needs resources is now available for checkout at the base library, to include resources available at the inter-library exchange. The titles are cataloged according to specific

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Bravo, 1/12, reclaims coveted 'Top Gun' honors

Cpl. Jason E. Miller
Press Chief

Not three sleepless nights, nor rough terrain, nor an aggressive title defender could stop the Marines of Bravo Battery, 1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment, from reclaiming the title of "Top Gun."

The Marines from Howitzer, Gun Section Four, were recognized May 2, in front of the Third Marine Regiment headquarters aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Section Leader Sgt. Jose Galvan received a Navy Achievement medal, while the rest of the firing section was presented with certificates of commendation from the commanding officer and sergeant major of 1/12.

Facing off against last year's winners of the Top Gun — Charlie Battery, 1/12 — and led by Galvan, the Bravo Battery

Marines overcame several difficult tasks before commanding attention as the Top Gun section in the regiment.

The winner of the competition is always the gun team that hits the most targets, sends rounds downrange in a most efficient time, conducts movements in the fastest time, and answers the most in a series of artillery knowledge questions.

"This is not an easy competition to win," said Sgt. Maj. David Smith, 1/12 sergeant major. "These guys did a great job, so it's really good for them to be recognized like this. They all should be very proud."

Working in eight-man teams, each cannoneer has a job that is essential to mission accomplishment. Without every person doing his job, a gun crew would be hard pressed to win the competition and earn the right to be called Top Gun.

Everyone on the team must be synchronized and well trained to the order in which things work on each particular cannon.

"Even when my guys were really lacking sleep, they per-

formed like they were well rested and ready to go," said Galvan. "It feels really great to win. There's no way we could have done it without everyone in the section giving 110 percent."



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Marines from Bravo Battery, 1st Bn., 12th Marines, pose in front of their newly awarded plaque at the 3rd Marine Regiment headquarters. The Top Gun winners were recognized May 2.

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

LEE UNIVERSITY SINGERS TO SHARE HARMONY, TUESDAY

Spirits are sure to be uplifted when the melodious harmony of voice and instrument come together during performances by the Lee University Singers at the base theater Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

The Lee University Singers are a group of 60 vocalists and instrumentalists whose repertoire ranges from choral classics to gospel favorites. In its 38-year history, the singers have been featured guest performers on national and regional television programs.

The group has also performed in countless concerts in nearly every state in America.

For more information on the performance of the Lee University Singers, call Chaplain Thornton at 257-3552.

ASIAN PACIFIC HERITAGE TO BE CELEBRATED, MAY 17

In honor of Asian Pacific Heritage Month, MCB Hawaii will host a craft fair at the Kaneohe Bay Marine Corps Exchange, May 17 from 12 - 3 p.m. Plenty of activities are scheduled for kids and adults, including the bouncy house, food tastings, guest speakers and musical entertainment.

Miss Hawaii will also be in attendance and available to take photographs with service members and their families.

SUNSET CEREMONY SCHEDULED MAY 23 AT PWM

Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, will host a Sunset Ceremony at the Pacific War Memorial on May 23 at 6:30 p.m. Open to the public, the event will feature marching and concert performances by the Marine Forces Pacific Band and remarks from Commanding General Brig. Gen. Jerry C. McAbee.

Guests are invited to bring blankets or small lawn chairs and enjoy the evening ceremony. Limited parking will be available; however, a shuttle service will be operational. Call 257-8840 for more details.

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Haley Grace of the Puamana Hula Studio performs a traditional Hawaiian hula dance during the Spirit of America Volunteer Celebration aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, May 2.

MCBH salutes its volunteers

Story and Photos by
Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle
Combat Correspondent

The Marine Corps has proven itself one of the world's finest fighting forces, continually winning battles and accomplishing missions while ever present around the world.

Behind the scenes, there are many fine Americans who show their patriotism by giving up their spare time to ensure the Corps is mission ready and capable of accomplishing the next

mission — wherever that mission may be.

To show appreciation to all the volunteers here who have made many sacrifices for service members who proudly serve in the military aboard MCB Hawaii, an assembly with the theme "Celebrate Volunteers: The Spirit of America" was held at the base theater, May 2.

During the assembly, 28 honored organizations of volunteers received awards for their outstanding contributions over the years.

The assembly began at 3 p.m. with opening selection "Battle Cry of Freedom" performed by the Marine Forces Pacific Band. A line-up of motivating and patriotic tunes followed such as "God Bless the USA" and the "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Brigadier Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, commanding general of MCB Hawaii, spoke about the vast and astounding contributions volunteers have made here, before awards were

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VP-9 mentors Japan-based students

Navy Lt. Jesse Howell
Patrol Squadron Nine

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — "It's a great program and opportunity to help the students. It's the best 45 minutes of my week."

Those were the words of Petty Officer 3rd Class Crystal Adling, an aviation electronics technician, referring to her part-time tutoring role with her squadron's Personal Excellence Partnership program.

Adling, a native of Riverside, Calif., is one of 28 volunteers with Patrol Squadron 9's Golden Eagles who spends from 45 minutes to several hours each week helping students in after-school tutoring programs aimed at boosting a variety of skills and providing vocational guidance.

The English poet and philosopher John Donne noted the interrelationship of all things. Although we are all individuals, we also are inextricably linked to



PH2 Elizabeth Burke

Petty Officer 3rd Class Crystal Adling of VP-9 tutors math at a Misawa high school every Tuesday. She enjoys working with children and aspires to one day become a teacher.

each other, he explained.

Donne penned, "No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main."

The Golden Eagles have applied this idea in developing a community service outreach partnership with two Misawa Air Base schools: Edgren High School and Sollars

Elementary School. The squadron implemented the tutoring and mentoring program building on the Navy's policy of joint Navy and community youth education and enrichment.

Tutors and students meet twice weekly, in personal sessions, to build on a variety of skills that teachers and counselors have identified as the students' weak

points.

The elementary school has had more than 135 students attend tutoring sessions. The tutors primarily focus on math, reading, geography and spelling. Thursday sessions focus more on spelling, to prepare the students for their Friday tests.

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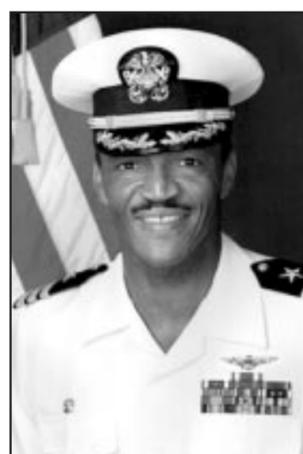


RACOOSIN

'Skinny Dragons' welcome new CO



Commander Robert Racoosin (left) replaced Cmdr. Tyrone Payton as the 53rd commanding officer of Patrol Squadron 4 aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, April 11. Racoosin previously served as the squadron executive officer. Payton is scheduled to report to the Naval War College in Washington, D.C.



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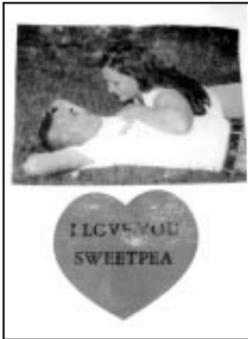
1/3 families wage 'Pillowcase Crusade'



Above — Maureen Segon, a family member, attaches a "Hey Hollyweird" transfer onto a pillowcase.

Below Left — Charlie Daniels' speech, renamed "Hey Hollyweird," was sent to many of the single Marines.

Below Right — A married Marine will get this pillowcase from his wife on Father's Day.



Story and Photos by
Cpl. Jessica M. Mills
Editor

While some Americans sit back and quietly pray for our deployed Marines and Sailors, and others go to rallies, the family members of 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, have come up with a novel idea to say "we are thinking of you" — pillowcases.

The families of 1/3 wanted to send out a care package that would be more personal than just toothpaste and cookies, so in a brilliant moment three months ago, Sharon Kostic, a 1/3 Key Wives Network Volunteer coordinator, came up with the idea to transpose family pictures onto pillowcases.

"I sent my husband one for Valentine's Day, with my daughter's face on it. He loved it," said Kostic. "And I got this idea, wouldn't it be great if we did this for all the Marines and Sailors?"

When Kostic sat down and actually figured the logistics for the project, she realized she was going to need some support. There are 937 Marines in 1/3 and they wanted to send a pillowcase to all of them — married and single.

"I don't think when I started this, I knew what 937 pillowcases looked like," said Kostic. "I didn't realize the logistics and enormity of the project, or what it was going to take to get it done."

"People wanted to help. They wanted to do something, even if all they could do was donate money or supplies," said Kostic. "I enlisted a lot of help from spouses and Americans on the Internet. Most of the Internet companies I contacted



Avery Kostic, 4, draws a picture for her "daddy" on a banner that is being sent to the deployed 1/3 Marines.

were more than willing to help out."

The program, aptly named the "Pillowcase Crusade," received more than 2,000 pillowcases.

Linen's N' Things donated 800 pillowcases to the program and American Linens — a hotel supply chain — donated 900. Family members and patriotic Americans on the Internet also donated pillowcases and other various supplies.

More than 2,000 stickers were donated, 1,000 iron-on transfers, about 10 ink cartridges, and many monetary donations, all from family members, faceless Americans, and Internet companies.

Country music icon Charlie Daniels gave Kostic the copyrights to two of his motivational speeches, one of them his famous "Open Letter to the Hollywood Bunch," which Kostic labeled "Hey Hollyweird."

Daniels also donated an undisclosed monetary sum to the project.

Once all the fund-raising was complete and supplies were collected, the spouses began the enormous task of making the pillowcases.

First the volunteers had to wash all 2,000 pillowcases before they could iron on the designs. Then, once that was completed, they col-

lected photos from all the families through either e-mails or hard copies and printed them out onto the iron-on transfers.

They also printed out hundreds of copies of a motivational photo and Charlie Daniels' speech for the single Marines' pillowcases.

"Many of the single Marines' families sent us photos, as well, pictures of their brothers and sisters, even nieces and nephews," said Kostic. "Anything to let them know we are all missing them."

The volunteers also had videos of the families made pro-bono by a professional videographer during a potluck on Sunday, when they viewed the finished product.

"It's awesome that our wives and families are coming together and getting this done," said Mary Holmes, a Key Wives Network Volunteer coordinator for 1/3. "This project is creating a bond that will make the deployment much better for all of us."

The videos will be put into the care packages, which will also include the pillowcases, banners made by the children, popcorn and other tokens.

"This opportunity is an amazing blessing. It's a way to touch my husband's heart and let him know we miss him," said Kimberly Rose, a family member. "And it's nice to see everyone come together and work so hard and so long towards one goal."

The care packages will be sent out in time for Father's Day, going to places like Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan, and the Persian Gulf and the Philippines.

"This is going to be a great Father's Day gift, so it's a surprise," said Kostic. "And the single Marines will enjoy it, too, because they will know we are thinking of them."

Local Marine honored for promoting diversity

Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle
Combat Correspondent

A master sergeant with Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, was recently awarded the Asian Pacific American Council Meritorious Award for his outstanding accomplishments while serving in the United States Marine Corps.

Master Sgt. Iosefa Elisara, the battalion's career retention specialist noncommissioned officer in charge, was determined to be the best candidate for the prestigious award. He has more than 24 years of selfless service to the Corps.

Elisara, a native of American Samoa, enlisted in the Marine Corps in August of 1978 and has since served at bases located throughout the world, and also in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm during Task Force Ripper.

Since coming to MCB Hawaii in July of 2001, Elisara has demonstrated a remarkable ability to assist Marines in making the decision to continue their life in the Marine Corps, and possesses a wealth of knowledge in DoD and Marine Corps policies.

During his climb through the rank structure, Elisara has strived to achieve a harmonic environment between the military and the Asian Pacific American civilian community, with several noteworthy accomplishments.

He recently ventured to New Zealand, Western Samoa and American Samoa, where he spoke with countless civilians. Through his astounding ability to effec-



ELISARA

tively communicate, he encouraged many Americans abroad to consider enlisting in the U.S. military.

A devoted husband and father of seven, Elisara has been recognized as a valuable public relations figure in the Pacific Region. He is often called upon for guidance, and is viewed as having strong leadership that is emulated by his subordinates and service members of other branches of the

armed forces. Elisara often devotes his personal time volunteering at events that promote the cultural tapestry of the Asian and Pacific Islander, as well as promoting the Marine Corps to all walks of life.

"I was born in American Samoa, and

I'm proud of my ethnic background," said Elisara. "I joined the Marine Corps to better myself, and I am here to tell any individual, regardless of where they come from or their ethnic background, that they can make something of themselves in this diverse fighting force."

Although quite modest about his accomplishments, Elisara is a highly decorated Marine who was awarded a Bronze Star with the "V" device, the Meritorious Service Medal with one gold star, the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon.

"I do what I think is right and take pride in being an American Samoan as well as a United States Marine," said Elisara. "I want to make the Corps a better place for everyone, and make them want to stay in through promoting diversity and a harmony of the many ethnic backgrounds within our ranks."

Word on the Street

What are you doing for Mother's Day?



"I'll send her a card and a necklace."

Sgt. Roy Sanchez
Systems analyst,
HMH-463



"I'll send my mom a Mother's Day card and a little money to buy herself something nice."

Luisa Gonzalez
Barber, Bldg. 244
MCCS



"I am going to order my mom a traditional Irish gift off the Internet."

Lance Cpl.
Chris Carpentier
Administrative clerk,
Headquarters Bn.,
MCB Hawaii



"I am going to make my mama a flower and a heart out of Play-Doh."

Monique Coyaso
1st grader,
Mokapu
Elementary School



"I am going to send my mom some money. I guess that is the least I can do for her."

Petty Officer 3rd Class
Lorenzo Mitchell
Aviation electrician,
VP-47

Marine fights alongside the Coast Guard

Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle
Combat Correspondent

As war rages in the Middle East, a war of the same caliber is being fought on the streets of America, in all its major cities and towns, both big and small.

This war claims the lives of many innocent people, destroys families and effects millions of people a day, regardless of their background or location.

This is the war on drugs.

Some believe America is losing the battle. But, despite the size of the effort, strides forward are readily evident.

One meteorological oceanographic observer with Marine Corps Air Facility, aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, linked up with Coast Guard Cutter Rush, Jan. 2 through March 14, to help patrol the Pacific waters around Mexico, Costa Rica and Nicaragua, and to assist the cutter in controlling the flow of drugs from Latin America into the United States.

Lance Cpl. Ruth Corrigeux was selected to integrate with the Coast Guard when insufficient numbers of female per-



CORRIGUEUX

sonnel were available in the Coast Guard's meteorological field to fill critical positions.

With ability to speak fluent Spanish, Corrigeux became a valuable asset to the mission about to take place.

"Working with the Coast Guard was a gratifying experience," said Corrigeux. "I was able to assist with the mission in many different ways because Spanish is my first language and because I am good at my job as a meteorologist."

Corrigeux's daily routine involved gathering data for weather reports in the morning and afternoon. Every evening she briefed the captain of the cutter and made navigation through the rugged waves of the sea possible.

These were not Corrigeux's only responsibilities. Although Spanish lin-

guists were present on the ship, they were not able to communicate as well as Corrigeux could with her native tongue. Therefore, she also translated medical problems into Spanish when crews sought care at Spanish-speaking hospitals and translated messages when foreign nationals were questioned for information that might lead to a drug lord's whereabouts.

Corrigeux discovered that the Coast Guard and corpsmen really appreciated having her onboard.

During one mission off the coast of Nicaragua, the Coast Guard raided a ship with several Colombian drug smugglers who were under surveillance and suspected of transporting mass quantities of cocaine.

Corrigeux proved to be an extremely valuable asset to the mission because she translated the dialectical Spanish being intercepted over the radio, which led to the raid.

Although the suspects set the boat ablaze right before the Coast Guard moved in to make an arrest, the Coast

Guard still confiscated a massive amount of cocaine.

Once the suspects were in custody of the Coast Guard and aboard the cutter, Corrigeux translated for the detainees.

"I am grateful I had the opportunity to be a part of such an important mission," she said. "I learned a lot about the Coast Guard mission, and to appreciate a lot of things I take for granted on a daily basis."

Corrigeux's performance impressed many of the officers onboard the ship. Coast Guard Capt. Patrick H Stadt, captain of the Coast Guard Cutter Rush, awarded her a letter of appreciation for her dedication to the missions.

"I never imagined that my ability to speak Spanish would be so important while I was in the Marine Corps," said Corrigeux. "It proves that the Marine Corps is a great place to be, regardless of your background and whether or not you are a minority."

"The Marine Corps is a powerful organization because of the diversity within it."

== SALUTES ==



Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 24

Promotions

Sergeant Allen D Bolton Jr.
Sergeant Robert G Winnes III
Corporal Ryan A Beers
Corporal Chad A Cremer
Lance Corporal Omar A. Longoria

Success in numbers



Courtesy of 4th Force Reconnaissance Co.



Fourth Force Reconnaissance Co. Marines pose for a group picture at Camp Commando, Iraq, after successful combat operations as part of Task Force Tarawa. The Marines of 4th Force Recon were shipped out on deployment to Iraq in February of this year.

BRIEFS, From A-2

CREDO RETREATS AVAILABLE FOR MILITARY, CIVILIANS, FAMILY MEMBERS

The Chaplain's Religious Enrichment Development Operations, or CREDO, is offering both marriage enrichment retreats and personal growth retreats to service members aboard MCB Hawaii who may be returning from deployments such as Operation Iraqi Freedom and service members who are desiring to improve their relationships with others, feel good about themselves, grow personally and spiritually, and live a more harmonious life.

The next CREDO marriage enrichment retreat is slated for July 11 - 13; the next personal growth retreat is July 24 - 27.

Also, Marine Corps Community Services will be providing courses for returning, formerly deployed service members. Return and reunion briefs are scheduled for May 16 at 6 p.m., May 22 at 12:30 p.m., May 29 at 6 p.m., and June 5 at 12:30 p.m. All return and reunion briefs will be held at the Religious Education Center, Bldg. 1090. For more details, call 257-0662.

'STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN' REMAINS UNOPENED TO PUBLIC

The Haiku Stairs, or "Stairway to Heaven" outside of Kaneohe, are currently still not open to the public. Hikers who risk trespassing on the private land housing the stairway may be subject to arrest or criminal prosecution by civilian authorities.



VOLUNTEER,
From A-2

presented to the 28 on and off base volunteer organizations.

Before the evening



Far Left — Colonel Bruce Grathwohl (right), commanding officer of Headquarters and Service Bn., Marine Forces Pacific, receives a unit community volunteer award from Brig. Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, commanding general of MCB Hawaii, at the Spirit of America volunteer celebration.

Left — Dancers from Puamana Hula Studio perform a traditional Hawaiian Dance.

closed with a benediction, Puamana Hula Studio entertained with diverse selections of traditional Hawaiian music and the graceful dancers delighted the audience

with hula performances. Volunteers adjourned to the base theater courtyard for refreshments and many more personal, heartfelt "thank yous" from attendees for their

support that makes MCB Hawaii a better place to live and work.

"These volunteers have the true spirit of a patriotic American," said Brig. Gen. McAbee.

VP-9, From A-2

Currently, 43 of the high school's students are involved in extracurricular tutoring.

"You have an awesome group of folks. I was very impressed," wrote Missy Gingrich, the high

school's program coordinator. "I love win-win-win situations: the students, tutors and coaches."

The Golden Eagles of Patrol Squadron 9 operate P-3C Orion aircraft — a land-based, long-range, anti-submarine warfare and maritime reconnaissance patrol air-

craft.

The squadron is based at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, and is currently on its regularly scheduled six-month deployment to the western Pacific, conducting missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

SEAT BELTS, From A-1

lization, military police will intensify enforcement of child passenger safety laws, seat belt laws and impaired driving laws, by more closely monitoring drivers at strategic checkpoints. Drivers failing to restrain themselves and their child passengers will be ticketed according to the law.

Click It or Ticket high visibility enforcement relies on periods of intense enforcement of seat belt laws coupled with aggressive advertising and media outreach to let people know about the enforcement. For many non-seat belt users, and especially young people, the threat of a ticket has proven to be a greater inducement to buckling up than the threat of injury or death.

The mobilization is conducted twice yearly by the Air Bag & Seat Belt Safety Campaign of the National Safety Council, in conjunction with law enforcement agencies, state highway safety offices, NHTSA and the National Transportation Safety Board. The mobilization is also part of "Buckle Up America," an ongoing NHTSA initiative to increase belt use and save lives.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii participates in the mobilizations because they work.

The U.S. Department of Transportation reported recently that child fatalities from traffic crashes have declined by 20 percent since 1997, when the mobilizations began. The DOT has credited the mobilizations for significantly contributing to this decline and for dramatically increasing child restraint use.



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Members of key organizations aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, discuss new developments in the ongoing aim to make life easier for exceptional family members at various base locations and in diverse activities.

SPECIAL NEEDS, From A-1

topics and grouped under "Special Needs," according to Murray Visser, the supervisor at the base library.

Sergio Pablo of the Base Safety Center updated the committee on the progress of playgrounds under construction aboard base. The playgrounds are 90 percent complete and have a target date of June to open.

"We want every family member to know that, no matter what happens, we are here to help them through it," said Josiah. "Our goal is to make MCB Hawaii a better place for all residents to live."