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Iwo Jima Remembered | K-Bay slated to host new memorial

Monumental News



Artist's Renderings are still available from the Pacific War Memorial Association.

Illustration by Hitoshi Hida. Courtesy Pacific War Memorial Association

Monument to honor warriors, communities who supported them

Sgt. Robert Carlson
Press Chief

The Pacific War Memorial Association is planning construction of an Iwo Jima Memorial at the entrance to Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

It will be a copy of The National Iwo Jima Memorial in Newington, Conn., and construction on the site is scheduled to begin Nov. 9.

The monument will honor not only the Marines, Sailors and soldiers who fought in the battle, it will memorialize the efforts by communities on Maui and the Big Island who welcomed Marines from the

4th and 5th Marine Divisions as they prepared for the battle.

It will include a circular walkway of honor containing bricks inscribed with the names of any veteran, loved one, or supporter of the U.S. military.

Four benches will be situated next to the monument, allowing visitors a place to rest and gaze upon the figures in the memorial, read the base's inscription, and look out across Kaneohe Bay to the Koolau Mountain Range.

The association has raised nearly 80 percent of the funding required for construction, and has completed 75 percent of the bronze casting.

Costs associated with building the monument, walkway and benches, as well as administrative expenses, are expected to be \$600,000.

Donations are still being accepted to help the association reach the funding required to complete the monument.

Donations will entitle contributors to an inscribed brick in the walkway around the monument, or a print of the artists rendering made during the planning process. The deadline for ordering an inscribed brick is Nov. 30.

At last, this internationally recog-

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3/3, CSC assault Pyramid Rock in simulated raid on enemy target

Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.
Combat Correspondent

More than 140 Marines from Kilo Co., 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment conducted an amphibious assault operation Friday morning at Pyramid Rock beach aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The operation was the end of a three-day, multi-mission scenario and the culmination of a 5-day Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation that began Oct. 22 at the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island.

"What took place was an amphibious raid on a simulated enemy missile facility at Pyramid Rock," said Capt. Edward W. Novack, commander, Kilo Co., 3/3.

With the assistance of 11 amphibious assault vehicles from Combat Support Co., the operation started at CSC's motor pool and took the Marines to a water entrance point near the



Cpl. Roman Yurek

Amphibious Assault Vehicles from Combat Support Co., 3rd Marine Regiment, ride the surf into Pyramid Rock beach with Marines from Kilo Co., 3rd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, during the battalion's Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation prior to deploying to Okinawa early next year.

front gate, through Kaneohe Bay, around the flightline and out to Pyramid Rock.

As they rounded Pyramid Rock, the AAVs formed two waves and began their assault towards the beach area.

An enemy missile facility was staged just behind the beach at the old radar facility, complete with role players providing resistance to the Marines' assault.

Once the objective was destroyed, the Marines

quickly returned in defilade back to the beach where they boarded the AAVs for the return back to CSC.

"I think the Marines performed very well,"

See **3/3 RAID**, A-7

CMC visits deployed troops

Gunnery Sgt. Kristine Scarber
1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade
Public Affairs Chief

WITH THE 1ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE, Egypt — The Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones, and the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Sgt. Maj. Alford M. McMichael, visited with the Marines and Sailors of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade Oct. 23 at the 1st MEB's "tent city" in Egypt.

The members of the 1st MEB, based at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Calif., and Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., are in Northern Egypt participating in Exercise Bright Star 01/02, a multinational exercise involving more than 70,000 personnel from 10 different countries around the world. Also participating in Bright Star is the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit from Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Although the commandant and sergeant major were here for less than an hour, for a number of Marines that fraction of an hour was enough to change their lives forever.

Standing in front of nearly 2,200 of their "closest friends," 11 Marines from the 1st MEB were given the oath of reenlistment by the commandant.

"I was honored to have the commandant give the oath," said Sgt. Nilda Valdez, 29, from Santa Ana, Calif., a bulk fuel specialist with the 7th Engineer Support Battalion, serving with Brigade Service Support Group 1 for Bright Star. "I thought it was a great opportunity to meet the Commandant of the Marine Corps."

Usually a family occasion, Valdez, who also was promoted to her current rank while deployed here, wasn't upset that her husband wasn't able to join her for this reenlistment ceremony because the Marine Corps, she said, is her second family.

"(Saying the oath) had more significance today than when I first came in," Valdez said, because of the commandant.

See **CMC**, A-4

Military members may be eligible for war pay, benefits

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Some active duty and reserve component troops may qualify under federal law for extra duty pay and benefits for their contributions in the nation's war on terrorism.

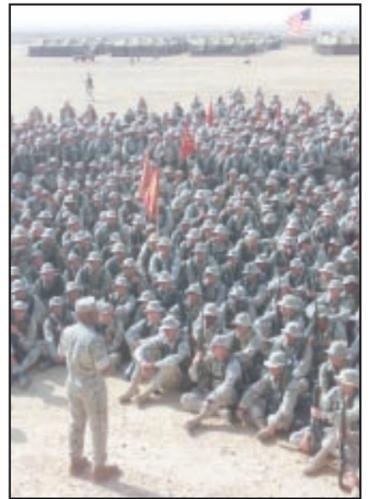
For example, guardsmen and reservists called to active duty by President Bush Sept. 14 in the wake of the Sept. 11 terror attacks on the New York World Trade Center

and the Pentagon are eligible for a variety of contingency benefits, said Navy Capt. Chris Kopang, Department of Defense director of compensation.

Such pay and benefits, he added, were last enacted during the Kosovo military operations.

Military commanders and unit personnel offices determine servicemembers' eligibility for contingency pay and benefits, he noted.

See **WARPLAY**, A-7



GySgt. Kristine Scarber

The sergeant major of the Marine Corps, Sgt. Maj. Alford L. McMichael, speaks to the Marines and Sailors of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY PAGEANT

Everyone is invited to attend the U.S. Marine Corps' 226th birthday ceremony at Dewey Square Thursday, Nov. 8.

The celebration will begin at 9 a.m. and will feature a pageant showcasing Marines of the past. The event will also include the traditional cake-cutting ceremony.

If inclement weather, the event will be held in the Base Theater. The uniform for military personnel attending the ceremony is utilities.

COMMISSARY CLOSURE

The Kaneohe Bay Commissary will have special hours of operation in November.

The Commissary will be closed on the following days:

- Sunday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veteran's Day.

- Thursday through Friday, Nov. 22 - 23, in observance of Thanksgiving.

The Commissary will be open for normal operations Tuesday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Wednesday, Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Patrons are also invited to the Kaneohe Commissary Sidewalk Sale, Saturday, Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Normal store hours are Tuesday through Sunday. For more details, contact Jeffery Dusich, store director, at 257-2612.

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The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society needs people with compassion and commitment to assist Marines and Sailors.

If you'd like to increase your self esteem, grow professionally and acquire marketable skills such as interviewing clients, public relations, retail sales management and more, call 254-1327 or 1328 to volunteer.

Volunteers are reimbursed for child care expenses and mileage to and from the NMCRS, which is located in Bldg. 216, directly behind the Windward Federal Credit Union.

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Marines from different batteries of 1/12 looked on as the Top Gun competition was taking place.

1/12 batteries shoot it out in Top Gun competition at PTA

Story and Photos by
Lance Cpl.
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Combat Correspondent

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA — While 1st Battalion 12th Marines was being evaluated for its combat readiness skills, another evaluation was taking place that would decide which 155mm Howitzer Cannon had the fastest and most accurate team working to send its rounds downrange.

A Top Gun competition is held here every year and at other major deployments throughout the year.

The gun team that hits the most targets, sends rounds downrange in a specified time, conducts movements in the fastest time and answers the most in a series of artillery-knowledge questions earns the right to be called Top Gun.

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

The competition began in the early morning of Oct. 24. The 10 cannons and their gun teams that call 1/12 home had been practicing for the past month.

After the knowledge section of the competition, it was still open for anyone to win as they moved into the live-fire portion of the com-



Above — A Charlie Battery gun sends a round downrange during the Top Gun competition on Range 10 at PTA. Left — A round explodes next to a pu'u during the Top Gun competition.

petition.

With many Marines in attendance to watch the competition held at Range 10, each crew, one after another, pulled its Howitzers into place and began firing at specified targets downrange.

The targets were in relatively close proximity to the cannons, which meant direct-fire missions for the teams.

While the cannons fired, members of the gun crew were firing M-240G and .50 caliber machineguns at targets on the range.

After the live-firing and

judging for the competition were over, only one team stood alone as top gun.

Gun 5 of Charlie Battery managed to narrowly beat out the rest of the competition and earn the title.

The Marines on the winning team were awarded with meritorious masts given by Col. Joseph Medina, commanding officer of the Third Marine Regiment.

This year marked the return of the top gun award to Charlie Battery as Bravo Battery had won the Top Gun competition the two previous years.

Joint striker fighter contract awarded

F-35s due in FY 2008 to Marines, Navy, Air Force

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Lockheed-Martin has won the largest military contract ever, a possible \$200 billion competition to build the Joint Strike Fighter.

Air Force Secretary Jim Roche said on the basis of strengths, weaknesses and degrees of risk of the program that the Lockheed-Martin team was the winner on a "best-value" basis. He said Lockheed-Martin was a clear winner over the team led by Boeing.

Total cost of the contract to enter the systems development and demonstration phase is \$19 billion. Pratt and Whitney has a \$4 billion contract to design and build propulsion systems for the craft. The British will contribute \$2 billion to the program.

Lockheed-Martin teamed with Northrop Grumman and British Aerospace on the project. Pete Aldridge, undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, said that both teams "met or exceeded the performance objectives established for the aircraft and have met the established criteria and technical maturity for entering the next phase of the program."

The first operational Joint Strike Fighter, now enumerated as the F-35, is scheduled for delivery in fiscal 2008.



Tom Reynolds

The Lockheed-Martin Joint Strike Fighter is now enumerated as the F-35.

The F-35 is actually a family of three aircraft designed to replace aircraft in the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and the British military. Other nations interested in participating in the program include the Netherlands, Belgium and Norway.

Plans call for the F-35 to be the world's premier strike aircraft through 2040, Aldridge said. "It will provide air-to-air capability second only to the F-22 air superiority fighter," he said. The plane will allow the Air Force forces to field an almost all-stealth fighter force by 2025. The Navy and Marine variants will be the first deployment of an "all-aspect" stealth airplane.

The Air Force's F-35A version of the craft is a conventional takeoff and landing airplane to replace the F-16 Falcon and A-10 Thunderbolt II. It will partner with the F-22 Raptor. The Air Force plans to buy 1,763 of the air-

craft.

The Navy's F-35B version of the plane is a carrier-based strike fighter to complement the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet. It will replace earlier versions of the F/A-18 as well as the A-6 Intruder, which already has left the inventory. The Navy plans to purchase 480 JSF aircraft.

The Marine Corps, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force need and want a short takeoff and vertical landing aircraft, dubbed the F-35C. The Marines want 609 of the new aircraft to replace their AV-8B Harriers and F/A-18 Hornets. The British want 150 to replace Sea Harriers and GR.7 Tornado fighters.

Roche said that if the military could buy the planes today the Air Force version would cost \$40 million per copy. Navy and Marine Corps versions would be "under \$50 million."

1/12 wraps up combat readiness evaluation at PTA, returns to K-Bay

Story and Photos by
Lance Cpl.
Jason E. Miller
Combat Correspondent

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA — After several months of preparation, 1st Bn., 12th Marines was evaluated for its combat readiness in the harsh environment here on the Big Island from Oct. 21 - 24.

The Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation for 1/12 is conducted every year at PTA in an attempt to see where the battalion stands as far as being ready to deploy for a combat situation.

The battalion was evaluated on everything from its ability to conduct timely and accurate fire missions to preventative maintenance on vehicles and setting up effective local security using crew-served weapons.

To do this, 24 evaluators from the 12th Marine Regiment were flown in from Okinawa, Japan, specifically for the MCCRE. The evaluators consisted of staff noncommissioned officers and officers from almost every different aspect of an artillery unit.

"This was a very good opportunity for 1/12 to show 12th Marines that they know their stuff," said Lt. Col. Kenneth Thompson, the senior evaluator for the MCCRE and the S-3 officer for the 12th Marine Regiment out of Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan.

Before the event began, it was stressed to the Marines that everything they did during the evaluation would affect the outcome. Even shaving in the field was stressed to the Marines as their appearance in the field might be evaluated.

Spirits seemed high as 1/12 began moving to the field. Marines seemed confident that all would go well in the evaluation to come.

As the sun rose on the first day of the MCCRE, it was evident that this was purely



In the harsh conditions of the MCCRE, dust erupted off of the ground at PTA as the cannons fired their rounds.

business and that nothing was going to stand in the battalion's way of getting an excellent evaluation.

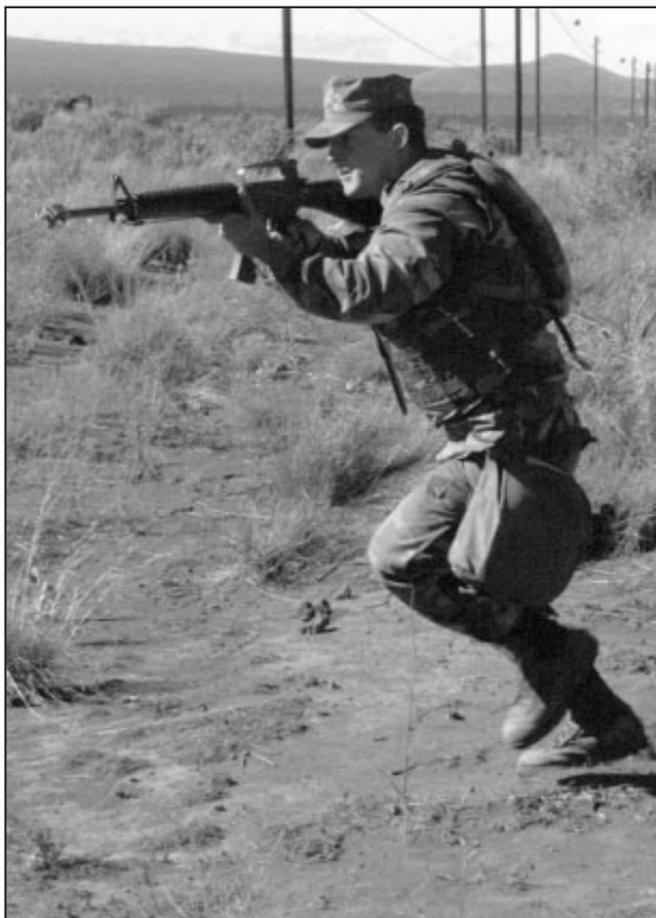
Securities were set and the rounds headed downrange and impacted targets. The Marines dug in deep as they knew they'd stay in the area for a few days.

Day two went off without a hitch as well. The fire missions moved faster and things ran like clockwork.

Patrols were sent out to prepare for a mock-enemy attack from 3rd Marines that seemed imminent throughout the MCCRE.

Day three saw the Marines move to another firing point with their cannons. They moved everything they had within a matter of hours. It was obvious that the batteries had done this before and weren't going to let something as simple as logistics slow them down.

The fourth day not only signaled the last day of the MCCRE but also marked the beginning of the Top



Lance Cpl. Phillip Brauer, an administrative clerk from HQBN 1/12, rushes a bunker while out on a patrol during the MCCRE.

Gun competition between each cannon team in 1/12.

If the teams had not moved as fast as they could before, this was the time for them to show what they were made of. They began the morning with a series of fire missions. The teams showed a lot of speed. After it was all over, everyone seemed elated to leave the

field after they'd spent the last month there.

"The Marines in this battalion worked extremely well together on this operation," said Lt. Col. Thompson. "They always moved with a sense of urgency when it came time to work, and they did extremely well in this evaluation."

"One Twelve could stand up to any of the other artillery battalions out there," he added.

There was a great sense of pride from the Marines of 1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment who knew their firepower accomplishments had given confidence to the infantry they support.



Major Gen. James A. Battaglini, commanding general of 3rd Marine Division, visited Marines of 1/12 during his visit to the Pohakuloa Training Area for the MCCRE.



Above Left — The earth shook as Charlie Battery's cannons sent rounds downrange. Above Right — Two of Charlie Battery's 18 new Marines, which it received during the MCCRE, prepare to load a round into a cannon.

WORD ON THE STREET

What did you do for Halloween?



"I took my Princess Belle, my Ninja, and my Scream character to 802 housing to trick or treat because there are no hills there."

Nico Duncan
Payroll technician
Comptroller Department,
MCB Hawaii

"I took my kids trick or treating, ate candy and had fun."

Sgt. Tina K. Oliver
Administrative clerk
Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii



"I dressed up as a ghost and went trick or treating."

Lance Cpl. Paul Zamudio
Service record book clerk
Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii

"I sat on the front porch with a lighted candle in my mouth trying to scare kids who were trick or treating."

Jack O. Lantern
Local ghoul



"I sat out in front of my house and handed out candy to the kids."

Erica Furlong
Administrative assistant
New Parents Support Program,
MCCS

CMC, From A-1

"It is always a unique opportunity to reenlist Marines on foreign soil. It reinforces what we are about," Jones said.

After the swearing of the oath, the commandant and sergeant major took time to personally congratulate each of the reenlisting Marines, and the commandant presented each with a coin.

Valdez said she has already gotten several offers for her coin, but plans to display it with the rest of her Marine Corps awards.

The commandant and sergeant major then both took turns talking to the assembled Marines and Sailors, touching on various current subjects from the issue of the new utility uniform, to the introduction of the M-4 rifle, the replacement for the M-16A2 service rifle, sometime during 2003-2004.

Wearing the new desert utilities, the commandant talked about being younger and never



GySgt. Kristine Scarber

The Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones, speaks to the Marines and Sailors of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade. The 1st MEB is deployed to Egypt to participate in Exercise Bright Star 01/02.

having new gear.

"I always noticed, with some criticism, that the new gear was always in the rear. We are going to change that," said the commandant, noting that the new utilities will hit the stock shelves

in the December or January timeframe.

He also talked about the standing up of the 4th MEB at Camp Pendleton. This MEB, the commandant said, is designed specifically to combat terrorism.

"Believe it or not," the commandant told the Marines and Sailors, "the idea started long before Sept. 11. The Marine Corps has been worried about asymmetrical warfare for years."

The commandant also told the 1st MEB personnel about the generosity of the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that presents scholarships to the children of Marines or law enforcement officials who die while on duty.

The commandant said that the foundation, whose officers are mostly retired Marines, will present scholarships to the children of anyone, civilian or military, who died in the attack on the Pentagon; to include those who were on the airplane.

"It really does give special meaning to the term "Once a Marine, always a Marine," Jones said.

The Corps' top leadership then opened the floor to any questions the Marines and

Sailors wished to ask them.

Staff Sgt. Michael Childs, 35, a tech controller with Support Company, 9th Communications Bn., was the first to ask. "Sir, would you like to trade coins?" Childs asked, and offered the commandant one of the coins made for the exercise.

"There are some really bad (quality) coins around, Childs said about the different Bright Star coins offered for sale here. But he gave the commandant one of the best ones he'd seen.

The commandant's coin was a welcome addition to Childs's collection of more than 60 military coins.

The commandant and the sergeant major were asked a few more questions by the crowd, and almost as quickly as they arrived, they were gone.

Although the stop was brief, it was enough to show the Marines and Sailors of the 1st MEB that the senior leadership in the Corps is interested in what they do, especially while serving abroad.

MONUMENT, From A-1

nized symbol of joint effort and sacrifice against all odds, will have a home in the Pacific — a reminder of what was sacrificed for peace, as well as a tribute to all U.S. military personnel who have served in battles in and

around the Pacific.

For more information on how you can show your support for the Iwo Jima Memorial monument in Hawaii, visit the Pacific War Memorial Association's website. Log onto www.pacificwarmemorial.org for more details.

Marine Corps birthday meal selected

The birthday meal will be served Thursday, Nov. 8, from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Anderson Hall dining facility. The Flightline dining facility will

serve its standard take-out menu. Cost for all personnel on COMRATS and for civilians is \$5.30. Cost for family members of E-4 and below is \$4.40.

Minestrone Soup
French Onion Soup
Roast Rib of Beef
Shrimp Scampi
Boiled King Crab Legs
Southern Fried Chicken
Rice Pilaf
French Fried Steak Cut Potatoes
Twice Baked Potatoes
Peas w/ Mushrooms
Whole Kernel Corn
Sautéed Mushroom and Onions
Brown Gravy
Croutons
Dinner Rolls
Crackers, Saltine
Strawberry Shortcake
Assorted Pies
White Cake w/ Vanilla Frosting



Official USMC photo

Tun Tavern was the birthplace of the Marine Corps, Nov. 10, 1775.

Help sought for Iwo Jima Monument

There will be 1,000, signed and numbered, 11" x 17" color prints of the rendering for the monument available for a tax deductible donation of \$100 apiece.

There will also be 100, signed and numbered, 24" x 36" color prints available for \$500 donations.

In addition, you may have your name, or the name of a loved one, inscribed on a 4" x 8" stone within the "Walkway of Honor" surrounding the monument for a donation of \$100.

This will become a permanent acknowledgment of your service to our country, as well as a tribute to your generosity.

Names may be inscribed in memory of a deceased loved one, or in recognition of children, grandchildren, mother or father, or any other relative.

There is a maximum of 3 lines of 20 characters (spaces and punctuation marks are counted as characters).

Each stone will be set apart by adjacent stones without inscription.

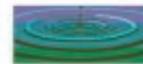
'Bootcamp 101 for Spouses'

Newly-trained mentors for the L.I.N.K.S. (Lifestyle Insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills) Program at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay pose for a snapshot at a recent meeting. Nicknamed "Bootcamp 101 for Spouses," it's a spouse-to-spouse program, beneficial to all, regardless of time on island or branch of service. Pictured from left to right are Col. John A. Lemoine, commander, MCB Hawaii; Lisa Anderson; Ramona Shakir; Vanessa Araiza; Desiree Contreras; Kim O'Doherty; Laura Castellvi; and Ann Brehm, the mentors' trainer.



Photo courtesy of Nico Duncan

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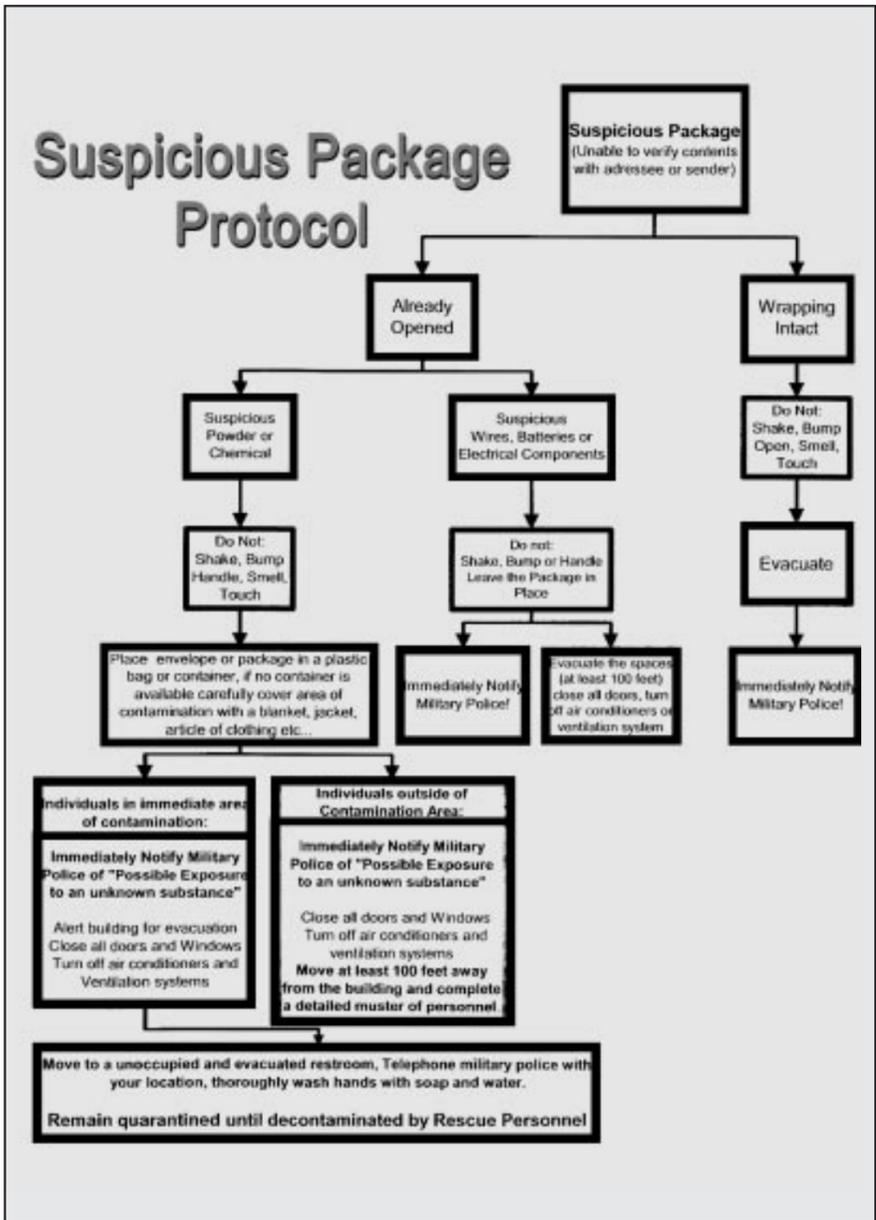
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Hickam to aid hungry

Press Release
Hawaii Food Bank

The Hawaii Food Bank's third annual "Help Hawaii" meeting is scheduled to take place Saturday, Nov. 17 at the Hickam Air Force Base's Officers' Club.

Members of the Retired Officers Association, Hawaii Chapter, guests and supporters of the retired military community will be hosting the event.

This event has benefited Hawaii's hungry during its past two years. The Retired Officers Association includes members of all branches of the uniformed services on Oahu, and in Hilo and Kona.

The Hawaii Foodbank is the only nonprofit agency in the state of Hawaii that collects, warehouses and distributes mass quantities of both perishable and non-perishable food to help feed Hawaii's hungry statewide.

Donated foods are distributed to 245 charities on Oahu and to food banks on Hawaii, Kauai and Maui. Last year, the Hawaii Foodbank distributed nearly 7.5 million pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables to those requiring food assistance in Hawaii.

The Hawaii Foodbank was rated the #1 charity in Hawaii by Hawaii Business Magazine in 1996 and is a certified member of America's Second Harvest, the national food bank network.

The annual meeting will include a Thanksgiving Buffet and silent auction with musical entertainment by the Pacific Fleet Band. Canned food donations will be collected for to benefit Hawaii Foodbank.

Call 488-0185 for more.

Internet benefits medical diagnoses at PTA



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

Petty Officer 1st Class Mark Urrutic, X-ray technician, 3rd Marine Regiment poses with the computer the medical center uses to transmit X-ray images to Tripler Army Medical Center for additional medical prognosis and treatment information.

Sgt. Richard W.
Holtgraver Jr.
Combat Correspondent

P O H A K U L O A TRAINING AREA — Corpsmen are using the Internet to save time and money in the diagnosis and treatment of injured Marines and Sailors at the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island.

The telemedicine program can send X-ray images back to Tripler Army Medical Center to tap the wealth of knowledge there, in order to help the corpsmen diagnose injuries and receive advice on possible treatments without having to transport patients to a different location.

"It takes conventional X-rays, scans them and transmits the images to Tripler's Radiology Department so a radiologist can read the X-rays and gives us back a report in a short amount of time," said Petty Officer 1st Class Mark Urrutic, X-ray technician, 3rd Marine Regiment.

"Time is of the essence, so the system was devised to transmit the images instead of making hard

copy film and having to transport the patients elsewhere.

"With this system we are able to treat patients here and send them back out to the field in a short amount of time," he added.

Since the implementation of computer programming in the Radiology Department, earlier this year, the process has saved more than \$110,000.

The new technology may save hundreds of thousands of dollars in patient transportation fees, but the bottom line benefit of using the Internet is saving time, according to Urrutic.

"We can more expeditiously treat the patient by getting the picture and diagnosis as early as possible, and this helps to decrease the chances of permanent injury," said Urrutic.

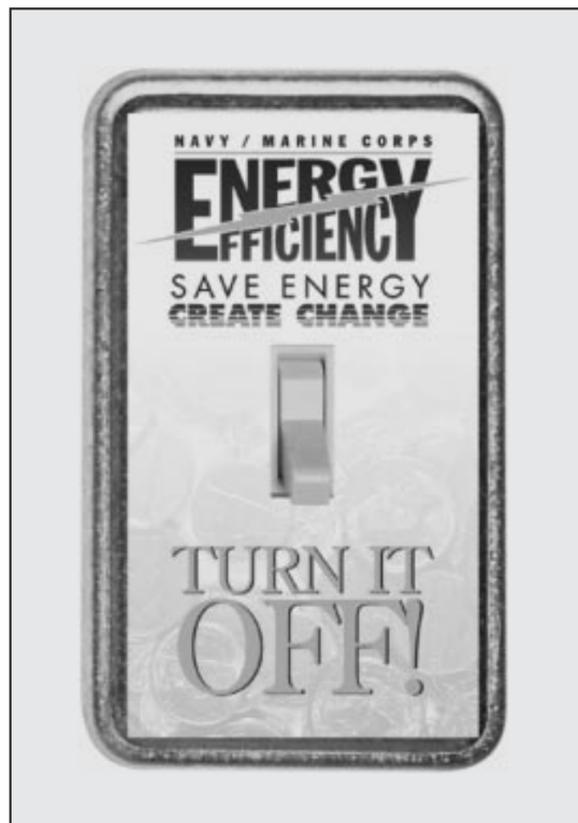
No matter whether it saves time or money, the real beneficiaries of this modern medicine are the Marines and Sailors who will receive treatment based on the telemedicine technology in use at PTA's medical facility.

Pentagon-bound



Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora

More than 700 students and staff from Aikahi Elementary School in Kaneohe took part in making 1001 hand-folded paper cranes into a (24" by 34") United States Flag that will be shipped to the Pentagon later this month. The school presented the flag to retired Army Maj. Gen. Alex Lum, executive assistant to Senator Daniel Inouye, and Col. Charles H. Jackson, MCB Hawaii chief of staff.



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Reserve component contingency pay and benefits include:

- Full basic allowance for housing, determined at the with or without dependents rate, as appropriate, immediately upon callup.

- Contiguous U.S. cost-of-living allowance, or CONUS COLA, regardless of the period of callup, when in support of a contingency operation.

- Reservists, retirees and retired reservists recalled to active duty in support of a contingency operation can sell back up to 90 days of accrued leave during their careers, instead of 60 days under the normal limitation. Under contingency rules, active duty service members may now accumulate up to 90 days of leave, instead of 60.

- Upon release from active duty, reserve component members and their dependents retain military medical and dental benefits for 30 days or until they are covered by a civilian employer's health plan, whichever is earlier.

When active and reserve forces deploy on contingency operations, they may also qualify for:



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Kilo Marines rushed from one building to another, clearing all enemy personnel from their objective.

- Family separation allowance: \$100 a month if member has dependents.

- Quality of life hardship pay: Servicemembers get an extra \$50, \$100, or \$150 a month, depending on where they serve. Troops getting the most money are stationed in harsh, austere areas considered as lacking quality of life found at stateside or similar environs.

- Imminent danger pay: Servicemembers receive \$150 each month if they are deployed in an area designated as dangerous by the individual combatant commanders, or CINCs.

- Hostile fire pay is event-

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my fire receive \$150 a month. Troops cannot receive both imminent danger and hostile fire pay.

- Servicemembers wounded and hospitalized as the result of hostile fire may receive \$150 a month for up to three months while hospitalized.

- All service members who are provided quarters and meals while deployed receive an additional \$3.50 a day (\$105 a month) allowance for incidental expenses.

- Storage of service members' personal vehicles is authorized for those deployed in contingency operations.

Upon presidential or congressional approval, servicemembers deployed in combat zones or qualified hazardous duty areas may also realize federal in-



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Above — Combat Support Co. launched more than 10 AAVs from just inside the front gate. Below — After cruising around Pyramid Rock from Kaneohe Bay, Kilo Co. Marines stormed out of the AAVs and headed up to their objective at Pyramid Rock beach.



come tax savings, Kopang said.

Under this program, all enlisted and warrant officer pay is exempt from federal tax, while commissioned officers can exempt up to \$5,043.60 a month.

Servicemembers deployed in support of these operations may also be granted delays in tax filing, with no penalties or interest.

Kopang noted that servicemembers in specialties that provide special pay and require periodic recertifications, like health professionals and linguists, may have related certification/recertification testing waived. Members would then be allowed to up to 180 days after the end of their contingency

deployments to be recertified.

The defense secretary may also authorize members' eligibility for the Uniformed Services Savings Deposit Program, Kopang remarked.

Under this program, servicemembers may deposit current pay and allowances, less allotments and receive interest of not more than 10 percent a year, on deposits of up to \$10,000 per member.

NMCRS Honors

Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

Colonel John A. Lemoine, commander MCB Hawaii (center) poses with award recipients of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society during a luncheon held Oct. 23 at the Fairways Lounge.

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said Novack. "We made some mistakes, but if you don't make mistakes then it's not a challenging operation.

"The learning points that we derived from the operation will only make us better in the future."

For many of the Marines participating in the operation, there was

an added motivation to learn from the exercise, as this was their first experience in an amphibious assault.

"This was my first time in the back of an AAV, so it was pretty exciting," said Pfc. Timothy Tobias, a rifleman with Kilo Co. "It was a good chance to practice what we train to do every day in the Marine Corps."

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EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

Bright Star exercises display capabilities

Marines exchange NBC tactics, live-fire training with French Army

Cpl. Brent Walker
Combat Correspondent

WITH THE 1ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE, Egypt — Marines and Sailors of the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion spent Oct. 15 in the Egyptian desert conducting high-speed attacks with the French Army, as well as showing their European counterparts how Marines handle chemical attacks in the heat of battle.

The training continued the affiliation stage of Exercise Bright Star 01/02, in northern Egypt, in which U.S. units exchange military knowledge with other coalition forces.

Exercise Bright Star, a multinational exercise held biennially in Northern Egypt, is the largest and most significant coalition military exercise conducted by the United States Central Command to date. More than 70,000 participants from 10 different countries are taking part in the exercise.

Based at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., the 3rd LAR Bn. "Wolfpack" is at Bright Star as part of the ground combat element of the 1st

Marine Expeditionary Brigade — the Marine forces participating in the exercise. Also participating is the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit out of Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The "Wolfpack" took to the training ranges with its LAV-25s for live-fire training with the French and their attack vehicles. The one-day exercise culminated with machinegun-mounted French Pugeot vehicles (their version of the U.S. Humvee) supporting the flanks of a pair of LAV-25s during attacks on an imaginary objective.

Before the live-fire portion of the training, however, the Marines conducted a class for the French on how Marine units can continue fighting even while in a nuclear, biologically or chemically contaminated area.

The centerpiece of the class was the NBC exchange, demonstrating how Marines can change into brand new mission-oriented protective posture, or "MOPP" suits, without leaving a contaminated area. The procedure is necessary because each MOPP suit is only good for 24 hours.

In battle, said Staff Sgt. Brian, 7th Marine Regiment NBC defense chief, a MOPP suit exchange would take place during the few minutes it takes for NBC specialists to decontaminate a Marine's weapons, gear and vehicle.

The exchange requires teamwork, and begins with Marines loosening each other's gear and straps, Brian said. One Marine removes his blouse and spreads it out on the ground, making it a clean area to stand on for the



Lance Cpl. Shane A. Austin

Marines put on their MOPP gear for a coalition decontamination class with the French Army during Exercise Bright Star 01-02.

rest of the procedure. The Marine then removes his trousers, boots and protective hood.

Once an assistant removes the suit's gloves, the Marine has a few minutes to air out his body. He then receives his fresh gear and re-outfits himself, making sure he's the only one to touch his gear, Brian said.

He explained that limiting contact to the MOPP suit to the Marine wearing it lessens the chance for new contamination.

Brian added that individual Marines have only 20 minutes to complete the entire MOPP exchange, so the quicker a Marine removes his gear, the longer he has to cool down his body outside the stuffy MOPP suit. Any more time outside the suit would increase the risk of recontamination exponentially, he said.

According to Sgt. Roger, Headquarters and Support Co., 3rd LAR, the battalion's NBC chief, the French have no such procedure if they find themselves in a contaminated environment.

"If they get gassed, they immediately have to go to the rear," Roger said. "We showed them our ability to continue operating in an NBC environment. We can carry on the battle."

"The French haven't done a lot of NBC training," said Brian, who discussed the Marines' class with a group of French officers. "They thought because of this it would be a good idea to go back and emphasize more NBC training."

Marines and Sailors who got

Marines devastate Egyptian desert targets

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Combat Correspondent

WITH THE 1ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE, Egypt — For the first time during Exercise Bright Star 01/02, Marine Corps air and ground combat elements combined Oct. 14 to devastate simulated targets.

At the same time, Marines and Sailors showed their Egyptian hosts the power the United States military can bring to bear against any obstacle.

Several AH-1W Cobra attack helicopters from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit joined elements of the 7th Marine Regiment (Reinforced) for a live-fire, deliberate breaching exercise to show an audience of high-ranking Egyptian and U.S. officers the tactics and equipment the Marine Corps uses to clear obstacles and take objectives.

Based at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, Calif., 7th Marines is taking part in Bright Star as the ground combat element of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

The Marines followed the "suppress, obscure, secure and reduce" tactic used for all such breaching operations.

The 155mm Howitzers of Kilo Battery, 3rd Bn., 11th Marines opened the "suppress" part of the training by pounding the objective with high-explosive shells before four Cobras swooped in to shred the target with rocket and machinegun fire. The artillery gunners then obscured the target with accurate smoke rounds.

Once the objective was suppressed and obscured, the 1st Tank Bn. rolled in with their M1A1 Abrams main battle tanks to secure the target, 120mm cannons blazing.

In the meantime, the guns of the artillery continued to fire away, now and then switching to white-phosphorous rounds.

Then came time to reduce

the objective.

Marines and Sailors of the Camp Pendleton, Calif.-based 1st Combat Engineer Bn., attached to 7th Marines, fired a TNT and C-4 line charge to create safe lanes through enemy minefields and barbed-wire obstacles.

With each artillery impact, tank blast, helicopter rocket and explosion, the largely Egyptian audience "oohed" and "ahhed" its amazement.

"The Marines did a very good job," said Maj. Waleed Abdul Monem, commander of an Egyptian artillery unit. "Their equipment was very new and very good."

He said the Egyptians learned a lot from the tactics the Marines employed.

"The way they maneuver and support with artillery was very good. I think we learned a lot from it," Monem said.

For the Marines and Sailors carrying out the exercise, the breach was just another day at the office.

"This is one of the better breaches we've done," said Cpl. Shawn, a tank commander with Bravo Co., 1st Tank Bn. "It ran pretty smooth. That was one of the more successful breaches I've ever seen."

"Things went very well. Everyone was very pleased," said Col. Steven Hummer, commanding officer, 7th Marines. "A lot of good lessons were learned. The Marines did a terrific job."

Hummer added that his Marines also accomplished their secondary goal, that of impressing the Egyptians and other coalition nations with American firepower and tactics. The highest-ranking Marine in the audience, Lt. Gen. Michael Delong, deputy commander of U.S. Central Command, agreed.

"This is exactly what the (Central Command) chief of training wanted. He wanted the Egyptian leadership to see that the U.S. military can break through any obstacle, anywhere, and how we do it," Lt. Gen. Delong said.



Lance Cpl. Shane A. Austin

Staff Sgt. Brian helps a French Soldier get into his MOPP gear during the multi-national exercise, Bright Star 01/02.

an up-close look at the way French gas masks work noted that they are more prone to leaks and have a much more

cumbersome drinking system, Brian said.

"Our Marines definitely have a better feeling for the gear."

TRICARE

Health care options abound for families of deployed military

Press Release

Department of Defense

When you are activated and/or deployed for more than 30 consecutive days, your family's health and dental care needs will be covered in your absence. The military's health and dental plans are designed to meet their needs, as well as your own.

Since a call to deploy can come at any time, make sure you and your family are ready by preparing now.

ACCESS

The first and most important step is to enroll yourself and all eligible family members in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

There are three ways to enroll in DEERS or update your family's information.

- Call the DEERS Telephone Center toll free Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time at 1-800-538-9552 (in California, call 1-800-334-4162).

- For the nearest DEERS/RAPIDS location, visit the DEERS web site at www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl, where you can search by city, state, or ZIP code.

- Visit www.tricare.osd.mil/-deersaddress.

Always keep your DEERS information up-to-date, and report any major changes.

DEERS is your key to all benefits.

WHILE DEPLOYED

Reserve Component Members: Upon being called to active duty for more than 30 consecutive days, Guard and Reserve members are enrolled in TRICARE Prime.

Being enrolled in TRICARE Prime means that as of the effective date of your orders, you are eligible for medical and dental care at any Military Treatment Facility.

Family Members: Your family should decide now about health coverage options if and when you are deployed.

You will need to compare the features and costs of each TRICARE option, as well as your civilian employer's sponsored health plan.

Family members are eligible to seek healthcare under either TRICARE Standard or TRICARE Extra when you are called to active duty for more than 30 days.

The benefit is automatic. However, to ensure no delay in treatment or claims processing, make sure your family's DEERS records are up-to-date.

If your orders direct a recall for 179 consecutive days or more, your family members have the option to enroll in TRICARE Prime.

OPTIONS

TRICARE Standard

You choose your authorized TRICARE provider.

You may be able to keep your current provider. The medical provider does not need to be a part of the TRICARE civilian or a military network but must be a TRICARE authorized provider.

You pay an annual deductible* and 20 percent cost shares.

Enrollment is not required to participate.

TRICARE Extra

You choose your medical provider from the list of TRICARE civilian providers who are part of the TRICARE network.

You will be responsible for an annual deductible and 15 percent cost shares. The cost shares in TRICARE Extra are less than TRICARE Standard.

There are no claim forms to file, you just pay your reduced cost share after satisfying the deductible.

You may use a combination of the TRICARE Extra and TRICARE Standard programs at any time, depending on whether you choose providers inside or outside the network.

Enrollment is not required to participate.

*The annual TRICARE Standard/Extra deductible, depending upon your status, is \$50 - \$300. If you are called in support of certain contingency operations, your family's deductible may be waived.

For more information call your local TRICARE Service Center.

TRICARE Prime

This option is available to family members whose sponsor was recalled to active duty for 179 consecutive days or more. It requires enrollment and grants exclusive access to the MTF.

Under this plan, you will be assigned a Primary Care Manager to provide or arrange for your family's healthcare needs.

You will also have access to additional wellness and preventive care services. (Family members living with their sponsor outside an MTF catchment area may be eligible for TRICARE Prime Remote Benefits.)

TO DO LIST

Now, before receiving deployment notification:

- Enroll family members in DEERS and update information as needed.

- Get military ID cards for eligible family members.

- Get your will and other legal documents in order.

- Contact your command or unit family readiness representative for help with completing your family care plan.

- Review your TRICARE options.

- Review your civilian employer's health and dental coverage options while on active duty.

- Determine costs and benefits of both TRICARE and civilian options before choosing one or the other for your health care coverage.

Upon receiving deployment orders:

- Confirm that your family's DEERS information is current.

- Ensure that eligible family members have current ID cards.

- Give your family copies of your orders.

- Contact your unit commander or reserve center for information on TRICARE.

- Contact your civilian employer to continue or discontinue your employer health and/or dental coverage.

- Contact your military legal assistance office to appoint your power of attorney and update your will.

- Contact your command or unit family readiness representative for help in updating your family care plan.

- Contact your Finance Office to set up an allotment, if applicable.

- Make other financial arrangements as required.

- Review life insurance for spouse and yourself.

TRICARE is there for your family's needs – in a variety of situations, including when traveling away from home or away at college.

To obtain more information about eligibility and benefits, or to enroll in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Prime Remote, call your local TRICARE Service Center, 1-800-242-6788.

Information on benefits and eligibility is also available at the TRICARE web site at www.tricare.osd.mil.

MILITARY BLOTTER

Traffic Court

There were a total of 45 traffic citations issued.

The Blotter

-A military dependent was involved in a traffic accident while traveling and failed to maintain sufficient distance from a second vehicle which was attempting a left turn.

-A Marine was arrested by the Honolulu Police Department for driving under the influence; the suspect was further processed and held on \$500 bail.

-A Sailor was involved

in a traffic accident while traveling and failed to maintain sufficient distance from a parked car.

-A Marine reported that person(s) unknown broke the rear passenger's side window of his vehicle.

-A Marine was apprehended for a DUI by military police while driving on base.

-A Marine reported that person(s) unknown stole his flak jacket from his vehicle, while it was parked at the Base Marina.

-A military Dependent reported that person(s) unknown stole two vehi-

cle emblems from her vehicle.

-A military Dependent was apprehended for driving while on a Base suspension, when attempting to gain access through the Main Gate.

-A Marine reported that person (s) unknown stole his personal cellular phone from his barracks room.

Lost and Found

If you're missing valuables or other items, contact Lost and Found to see if someone has turned in the item(s) at the Military

Police Department.

Contact Cpl. Fernandez at 257-2103, ext. 325, for more details.

Neighborhood Watch

Crime Prevention is looking for neighborhood representatives to take charge of local neighborhoods. If you're interested in getting involved, call Crime Prevention at 257-2103, ext. 314.

Crime Prevention

Call Cpl. Gordon Scott at 257-2103, ext. 315, regarding crime prevention issues.

