

# Hawaii MARINE

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## FOX's Bill O'Reilly visits K-Bay

**MCB Hawaii**  
*Press Release*

The Pacific War Memorial Lecture Series is closing out its second official year of operations with a national force in American broadcast journalism. Bill O'Reilly, host of Fox Network's "The O'Reilly Factor," will speak Monday at 7 p.m. at the base theater aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The series is intended to enhance professional development and leadership skills for military officers, as well as senior enlisted Marines, Sailors, and civilian employees.

"The commanding general wants to bring in speakers that do not necessarily

hold the same views that Marines do," said Lt. Col. Jon S. Hoffman, the base master planner for the MCB Hawaii Operational Planning Team. "These speakers are sharing their perspectives and showing Marines and Sailors a bigger picture of the world and what their role is in it."

O'Reilly is the first national figure to join the series and the third speaker since the Pacific War Memorial lectures began last year.

University of Hawaii head football coach June Jones inaugurated the series as the first featured speaker in 2002. The series continued with U.S. Representative Neil Abercrombie, D-1st District, in April 2003.

"June Jones shared a perspective from the world of sports, and Rep. Abercrombie discussed political views and moral courage in the world of politics," said Hoffman. "Bill O'Reilly will round out the series by discussing his views on the military, the press and leadership points from a journalist's perspective in the media."

The lecture will include a question and answer period, and with the primary goal to provide first class professional military education that will intellectually challenge members of the MCB



**O'REILLY**

Hawaii community.

"It's not often that members of our community get a chance to discuss world issues, experiences and opinions with politicians and national figures," said Hoffman.

Ms. P. Pasha Baker, the Honolulu Navy League chapter president, headed the planning for this event. The lecture is free of charge,

thanks to the Navy League that greatly assisted in raising a portion of the cost.

For more information, contact your unit personnel support section through your chain of command.

## Fallen hero



**PAIGE**

Guadalcanal Medal of Honor recipient dies at 85, Saturday

Compiled by  
**Sgt. Joseph A. Lee**  
*Combat Correspondent*

LA QUINTA, Calif. — A retired Marine colonel who had received the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism in World War II's Battle of Guadalcanal passed away at his home here, Saturday, at the age of 85.

Mitchell Paige — last surviving Medal of Honor recipient from the historic ground battle — died from congestive heart failure, said family spokesman Michael Landes. He had long suffered from heart problems.

"I called him my husband, my sweetheart and my hero, as well as my friend," his wife, Marilyn Paige, said. "When I met him, I said 'You must be where the name gentleman comes from.' He was very unassuming and yet willing to stand up for what he believed."

The son of Serbian immigrants, Paige was born in Charleroi, Pa., in 1918.

See **PAIGE**, A-4



Photos by Cpl. Jessica M. Mills



Three civilians were rescued by Waterfront Operations, MCB Hawaii, Wednesday morning when their 20-foot Bayliner capsized in the Sampan Channel, outside of Kaneohe Bay, while they were out fishing despite a small crafts advisory issued by the Coast Guard since Tuesday. Waterfront Ops received the "vehicle in distress" call from the Coast Guard and was able to rescue the three individuals, but were unable to salvage the vessel due to swells averaging 25 feet and wind gusts greater than 30 knots. A Federal Fire Department ambulance crew provided medical attention and the three were subsequently released.

## New post office opens on Nov. 26

**Pfc. Michelle M. Dickson**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Wednesday, a new post office is opening aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The old base post office has been around since 1941 and was in dire need of a retirement. Its size had been a major problem, considering the building was too small to hold the amount of mail coming through from overseas families.

For years, the base kept sending requests to receive funding to build a new post office, and the Department of Defense finally approved the request.

"I have been working here since 1989, and they've been trying to get a new post office before I even got here," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Brian N. Mitchell, the base postal officer. "This new post office is in a great location, and the improved tech-

nology is really going to help things as well."

The design of the building originated from Honolulu's Richard Matsunaga and Associates Architects, Inc., and Oahu's Dick Pacific Construction, which built the establishment. All together the building is estimated to have cost \$1.9 million to construct.

Some of the features provided by the new post office include more sales windows, new computer systems, new state of the art security systems and overall, a much larger facility. The office even has a "suspect mailroom" that will allow suspicious packages to be held in



Pfc. Michelle M. Dickson

The new post office aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay is designed to serve more customers than ever.

safekeeping.

The old post office is still open for business, five days a week, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

See **POST OFFICE**, A-2

Catch the **TOYS FOR TOTS** kickoff at Pearlridge Center from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., tomorrow!

# MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

## FLU SHOTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT MAIN EXCHANGE

To help ensure a healthier winter, the Naval Medical Clinic will provide TRICARE beneficiaries the opportunity to get their flu shots, Saturday or Sunday at the Marine Corps Exchange between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. No appointment is necessary; simply bring your ID card.

## K-BAY CHAPEL HOSTS MEGA HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

• *Nov. 29 at 5 p.m.:* The "3rd Annual God Bless Our Youth Day," with special blessings for children, will coincide with Mass.

• *Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m.:* A special "Hanging of the Greens" advent worship service will be provided to inaugurate the season. The service will offer fellowship and chats about the origins of traditional Christmas activities (such as poinsettias, bells, evergreens, etc.). Further, participants can help decorate the chapel for the yuletide season and pipe in on Christmas carols. Pupus will follow the worship service on the breezeway.

• *Dec. 6, 8:45 a.m. until noon:* Join the MCB Hawaii community for "The Challenges of Advent," a time for personal reflection followed by lunch. Make reservations at 254-2148. Advent activities will be provided for children ages 4-plus.

• *Dec. 7, 2-4 p.m.:* All branches of the military are invited to the "Special Needs Children's Worship Service," a special time for any disabled person and their families. In addition to the service, enjoy the petting zoo, face painting and music.

• *Dec. 8 at 11:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.:* Roman Catholics will celebrate Holy Day, Immaculate Conception.

• *Dec. 14 at 3 p.m.:* Mark your calendars now for the "Ecumenical Children's Program and Party."

• *Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.:* Roman Catholics will hold a Penance Service.

• *Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.:* Protestants will celebrate Christmas with a Candlelight Service.

• *Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m. & 11:30 p.m.:* Roman Catholics will celebrate Christmas with Mass.

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# Toys sought for needy kids

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Combat Correspondent

Christmas is right around the corner. In keeping with the season, since 1947, Reserve Marines will once again look out for underprivileged here by insuring they have something under the tree when they wake up on Christmas day.

Locally, Marines from 4th Force Reconnaissance Company aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, will open their hearts by collecting toys from those wishing to brighten a child's life in the state of Hawaii.

Over the years, Marines have established close working relationships with welfare agencies, churches and other local community agencies that are qualified to identify needy children in the community, and which play important roles in the distribution of the toys.

While Toys for Tots coordinators organize the campaign, its ultimate success depends on the local community and the generosity of people who are willing to donate toys to children.

Toys are usually collected until Dec. 22 and are distributed on Dec. 23 and 24. As members of the community drop off new, unwrapped items in collection boxes — which will be positioned in local businesses — coordinators will pick up them up and store them in warehouses where they are sorted by age and gender.

Last year, more than 65,000 toys were distributed to children all around the state. In 2003, 4th Force Recon looks to surpass that total.

"We have never failed our mission of meeting the children's needs on Christmas," said Gunnery Sgt. Richard Stamp, maintenance management chief for 4th Force Recon. "It is possible for us to continuously reach our goals because of the giving spirits of service members who volunteer in collecting toys, along with businesses and civilians in the community who are also willing to help."

There will be drop-off points throughout the state at every Bank of Hawaii, Long's Drugs store and Subway restaurant.

The Marines from the 4th Force Reconnaissance also invite all to the annual Toys for Tots Campaign Kickoff at



Courtesy of Mondoli Ltd. Illustrated by Tom Newsom

Courtesy of the Toys For Tots Program

The Toys for Tots campaign will kick off at the Pearlridge Center tomorrow at 10 a.m.

the Pearlridge Center in Pearl City from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., tomorrow. Each person who brings new, unwrapped gifts for underprivileged children will receive a ticket for a free ride on the Pearlridge Express Holiday Train.

Shoppers and contributors can also enjoy a live music performance by Island Entertainment during the mall kickoff.

## Females to expect uniform changes

Cpl. Danielle M. Bacon  
Marine Forces Pacific

U.S. MARINE CORPS FORCES PACIFIC, CAMP H. M. SMITH — The winds of change have once again blown through Marine Corps uniform regulations. This time, they are primarily for females.

Many of the changes from Uniform Board 205 are to be in effect immediately such as deletion of the maternity jumper, according to Marine Administrative Message 509/03.

Many female Marines will be glad to see the "parachute" dress disap-

pear and are just as happy about the change to the evening dress shirt.

Female staff noncommissioned officers got the option to wear a ruffled shirt for formal events, but as of October 2005, it too will be extinct. At that time, they will be required to wear the pleated shirt with the dress jacket, according to the message.

Another change in the female Marines' realm is the maternity utility uniform. The newest version mimics the new digital utilities; however, the old maternity utility uniform can be worn until October 2006.

Next year, female service coats will

also look a little different. Currently, the wool green coat has a faux pocket. According to the message, jackets with the fake pocket are authorized until they are unserviceable. Also, female Marines can have the pocket removed, but only if the material underneath is faded the same.

The same holds true for "Charlie" shirts.

Ribbon placement on both the jacket and the shirt will remain even or up to two inches above the first visible button.

The Commandant of the Marine Corps has approved all of these uniform changes.

## PCS workshop prepares Marines

Cpl. Luis R. Agostini  
Marine Forces Pacific

How much money do you rate for departure temporary leave allowance (DLA)? How soon, or far, in advance do you have to arrange a final quarter's inspection? How many copies of orders do you need to make in order to process your car shipment? What's your household goods weight allowance?

If you don't know the answers to these questions, or the dozens of other issues involved in a permanent change of duty station (PCS) move, sign up for the PCS Workshop, offered by the MCB Hawaii Relocation Assistance Program.

The three-hour workshop is followed by a one-hour, antiterrorism awareness brief for Marines and Sailors moving to stations overseas.

"It doesn't matter whether you are Navy or Marine Corps," said Marie

Jesus, relocation assistance program manager. "If you are departing from Marine Corps Base Hawaii, the information will be useful to you."

A study conducted by the *Military Times* in April 2000 said service members who do not prepare for relocation fare the worst, when it comes to financial and mental stability, during a permanent change of station move.

The same study also stated that of all the services, Marines are the most unprepared when it comes to changing duty stations.

The workshop answers many questions regarding PCS issues, including doing business with the Traffic Management Office, outbound procedures with the Base Family Housing Office, travel entitlements, personal finances, exceptional family member programs, mobility and moving with TRICARE.

A wealth of relocation information is distributed, including useful Web

sites and contact information.

Marines, Sailors and their families receive relocation information packages for their future destinations, courtesy of the Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service.

The workshop has come a long way during its 10-year existence. Four years ago, there were no handbooks or presentations available for workshop attendees.

"We strive hard to touch base with all Marines and their families," said Jesus. "We try to provide them with the most current and accurate information available."

The workshops are held every second Wednesday of the month, and during the peak PCS season, (Apr. 15 - Sept. 31), every second and fourth Wednesday.

Seats are filled quickly, so reservations are recommended. For reservations for the PCS Workshop, contact Jesus at 257-7788.

## Post Office: New facility will extend the hours of operation for the benefit of its customers

From A-1

Starting Dec. 1, the new post office will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"We are trying to possibly lengthen our days, either another hour, or even to be open on weekends," said Mitchell. "We are still currently trying to work that out with the United States Postal System. Hopefully, that will take place sometime in the near future."

The grand opening of the post office is Wednesday at

9:30 a.m., adjacent to the McDonalds on Mokapu Road. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by refreshments and open tours of the new facility.

"I think with the post office in the area that it now is, our business is going to increase dramatically," said Mitchell. "A lot of people didn't know where we were, at first, and now everyone will be able to see it."

(Editor's Note: See next week's *Hawaii Marine* for an in-depth story on postal holidays hours and mailing tips.)



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Students from Leeward Community College assist World Vision by playing injured foreign nationals in a hostile country during training at Bellows.

# Giving humanitarian relief



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

A student from Leeward Community College poses as an injured civilian during a staged car accident in a third world country.

*World Vision relief workers promote the well-being of all peoples around the globe, by helping communities help themselves*

**Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle**  
Combat Correspondent

**MARINE CORPS TRAINING AREA, BELLOWS** — It is reality that numerous families suffer for various reasons in war-torn countries around the world.

However, when humanitarian relief workers attempt to enter a country and provide assistance and relief to those unfortunate souls who are struggling for life, they are subject to the same dangerous situations as the residents in need.

World Vision is an international Christian relief and development organization working to promote the well being of all people, especially children. In the past year, WV has offered material, emotional, social and spiritual support to more than 85 million people in 96 countries.

Approximately 100 of the World Vision 20,000 World Vision staff spread across the globe came to MCTAB, Sunday to learn tips on personnel security while in hostile environments, with the assistance of acting students from Leeward Community College.

The students posed as bandits

and rebel fighters and took the humanitarian workers hostage. Situations such as this one are highly possible to occur in the countries World Vision currently provides relief.

Often, the workers find themselves working with service members in the United States military. Unfortunately, when they are exposed to some militaries in foreign countries, they're exposed to corruption and criminal activity.

"One of our main goals today is for our relief workers to gain exposure to the Marine Corps because [the Marines] are often in the same situations as our workers," said Charles Rogers, director of corporate security for World Vision. "Many of our workers are trying to bring relief supplies into countries such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Liberia and Somalia. The people we try to assist are victims of conflict and war, and it's imperative that the relief workers learn to conduct themselves in these high-risk areas."

During the first two days of training, the relief workers learned and were taught the theory of personnel security and awareness. They learned valuable tips on how to

blend with the local community and culture, as well as tips on how to react in dangerous situations such as kidnappings, coming in the cross-fire of gunfights and what to do after stepping on a land mine.

After the classroom instruction, the relief workers put their newly learned skills to use at MCTAB on Wednesday and Thursday.

The workers arrived in a convoy of vehicles just like they would in an ordinary mission. It was then they were ambushed and had to put their skills into use.

"Often our workers are exposed to militaries that are corrupt and violent," said Rogers. "The majority are scared when they see anyone in uniform, even when they are American service members. During this training exercise, they were able to meet Marines, and realized they are honorable men and women not corrupt like some other militaries."

"We are thankful we had this opportunity to educate our workers with the skills they need to survive and for the opportunity to meet Marines just like the ones who are present in the same countries where we are providing relief," he explained.

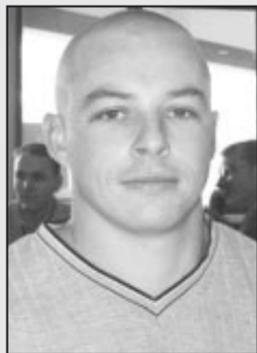
## Word on the Street

*"What was your most memorable Thanksgiving Day?"*



"I just remember going to my family's house and eating then relaxing and watching football."

**Jennifer McMonagle**  
Family member



"...The year my wife made a green bean and sweet potato casserole and it was really horrible."

**1st Lt. Paul Harris**  
S-4 officer  
1/3



"...My first Thanksgiving I spent in Hawaii and I ate turkey and poi."

**Cpl. John R. Lubawski**  
Training NCO  
1/3



"...Last year when our squadron was deployed to Misawa, Japan."

**Petty Officer 3rd Class Megan Stensland**  
Aerospace medicine technician  
VP-47



"...When we had T-rations in Japan three years ago."

**Cpl. Michael Jarrait**  
Maintenance engineer  
1/3

# Golden Eagles stare disaster in the face

**Lt. j.g. Lauren Ihrig**  
Patrol Squadron 9

Recently, the "Golden Eagles" Safety Department staged an aircraft mishap drill at MCB Hawaii. With the help of several commands such as the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting crew of Marine Corps Air Facility, the Provost Marshals Office and the Federal Fire Department, Patrol Squadron 9 was able to assess its current mishap procedures.

The drill commenced at 9 a.m. with a VP-9 P-3C Orion prepositioned on the "A" taxiway at the departure end of Runway 04. Onboard were six air crew members simulating various injuries.

The squadron duty office was notified at 9:15 a.m. to commence the Mishap Checklist. During the next few hours, the squadron duty officer and assistant SDO took charge of executing the Aircraft Mishap Checklist.

To provide as much realism as possi-

ble, several Golden Eagles were designated as actors, portraying grieving spouses, news reporters and witnesses. As in an actual situation, the actors searched for answers about the well-being of their loved ones and general information regarding the mishap from squadron members in the duty office and around the hangar.

In the meantime, the ARFF crew, along with corpsmen from the Naval Medical Clinic, worked onsite with simulated casualties. Patrol Squadron 9's flight surgeon, Navy Lt. Isaac Gooding, said that the medical staff performed an "excellent job and made good clinical judgments" in a timely manner on the simulated victims.

By the conclusion of the drill, the SDO and ASDO had successfully completed the Mishap Checklist, which included next of kin notification by the commanding officer and by casualty assistant calls officers, in accordance with squadron



Courtesy of Patrol Squadron 9

**The Golden Eagles simulated an aircraft mishap with a VP-9 P-3C Orion in a safety training exercise aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.**

and Navy directives. Then members of the Safety Department assessed the events of the drill and subsequently improved the command's directive.

The exercise generated valuable lessons for all involved.

Lieutenant Cmdr. Scott Hemelstrand,

the mishap drill coordinator, said he looks forward to future safety training opportunities with MCAF and other base assets. Across the board, he continued, all players had an "eye-opening" experience and realized the "shear magnitude" of such a potential event.

## PAIGE: Veteran passes

From A-1

President Roosevelt awarded the Medal of Honor to Paige, as well as a battlefield promotion to second lieutenant. History recounts that his critical actions were a turning point in America's first offensive Pacific campaign of the war. They allowed Marines to go on to victory throughout the South Pacific.

After the war, Paige wrote the book *A Marine Named Mitch*, and he later served as the model for a GI Joe Marine action figure, according to the Associated Press.

His wife, six children, 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren survive him. Services are scheduled for Sunday; any donations can be directed to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation or the World War II Museum in Eldred, Pa.

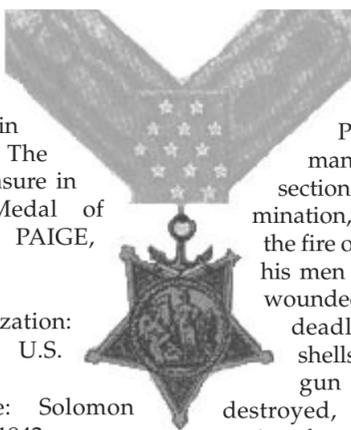
*(Editor's Note: Information was obtained from the Associated Press for this article.)*

### The Medal of Honor Citation

"The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pleasure in presenting the Medal of Honor to PAIGE, MITCHELL.

- Rank and organization: Platoon Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps.
- Place and date: Solomon Islands, 26 October 1942.
- Entered service at: Pennsylvania.
- Born: 31 August 1918, Charleroi, Pa.

For extraordinary heroism and conspicuous gallantry in action above and beyond the call of duty while serving with a company of marines in combat against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands on 26 October 1942. When



the enemy broke through the line directly in front of his position, P/Sgt. Paige, commanding a machinegun section with fearless determination, continued to direct the fire of his gunners until all his men were either killed or wounded. Alone, against the deadly hail of Japanese shells, he fought with his gun and when it was destroyed, took over another, moving from gun to gun, never ceasing his withering fire against the advancing hordes until reinforcements finally arrived.

Then, forming a new line, he dauntlessly and aggressively led a bayonet charge, driving the enemy back and preventing a breakthrough in our lines. His great personal valor and unyielding devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service."

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- At every oil change**
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- Every other fuel fill-up**
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- Replace when out**
- Lights
- Replace when worn or leaking**
- shock absorbers
- Yearly**
- exhaust, wiper blades

# Lejeune cracks whip on safety

Lance Cpl.  
**Andrew Pomykal**  
MCB Camp Lejeune

**CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.** — In an effort to curtail dangerous driving habits and prevent needless deaths on the nation's roadways, senior leaders here have recently instituted stiffer penalties for major traffic violations such as driving under the influence, excessive speeding and reckless driving. During fiscal year 2003, 20 Marines were killed in automobile accidents — a statistic that doubled from 2002 reports.

"What we've done in the past isn't a deterrent," said Jordan Pickett, base safety manager aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C. "Car and motorcycle crashes are continually killing Marines and Sailors at an alarming rate."

The initiative is based on the foundation that driving on base is a privilege for Marines, Sailors and civilians, all of whom

are accountable 24-hours a day to follow traffic rules — on and off base.

Those who fail to uphold the standards risk nonjudicial punishment, stiff monetary fines, and/or immediate suspension or revocation of base driving privileges, even for off-base actions.

In a concerted effort, local law enforcement agencies from counties surrounding North Carolina installations will automatically forward information regarding an offending driver to the Provost Marshal's office.

*(Editor's Note: Per the commanding general of MCB Hawaii, those convicted of DUIs or drug-related offenses shall be publicized in the Hawaii Marine newspaper.)*

•Lance Cpl. Aaron S. Wright of Marine Heavy

Helicopter Squadron 463 was taken into custody Nov. 14 for driving under the influence. His license was suspended, his decal was removed and his vehicle was taken off base the same day.



## DUIs are career killers

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reminds that impaired driving is not merely a traffic offense. Don't be fooled. Impaired driving is no accident nor is it a victimless crime.

Too many people still don't understand that alcohol, drugs and driving don't mix. If you also find this too hard to figure out when you've had too many drinks to drive, don't risk it. If you're feeling "buzzed," you are most likely impaired. And, if you drive impaired, law enforcement will arrest you.

## You drink & drive. YOU LOSE

### TO DO LIST

Before any activity that involves alcohol:

•Plan ahead.

•Choose a sober designated driver.

•Take mass transit or a taxicab, or ask a friend to drive you home if you didn't plan in advance.

•Spend the night where the activity is being held.

•Celebrate responsibly.  
•Report impaired drivers to law enforcement.