

# LIFESTYLES

## USMC Birthday Ball

### Bits of History:

1775 • Nov. 10  
The Continental Congress authorizes the creation of two battalions of Continental Marines. The birthday of the Corps.

1776 • March  
The Marines take part in their first-ever amphibious landing.

1777 •  
Marines fight ashore in the Battle of Princeton alongside the Continental Army.

1783 • April  
The Revolutionary War ends with the Treaty of Paris. Both the Marines and Navy are disbanded.

1798 •  
The Marine Corps is officially reinstated.

1805 •  
Lieutenant O'Bannon is awarded the Mameluke sword by the Pasha of Tripoli.

1812 •  
The War of 1812.

1820 •  
Archibald Henderson takes the position of commandant.

1847 • September  
The bloody Battle of Chapultepec takes place. The blood stripe on the Blue Dress trousers of NCOs and above is supposed to commemorate this battle.

1861 •  
The Civil War prompts many Marine officers to switch to the Confederate Marines.

1868 • November  
An emblem which closely resembles the present one is adopted.

1898 •  
The Spanish-American War.

1900 •  
The Boxer Rebellion. During this year, a young private named Dari Daly earns his first of two medals of honor.

1914 •  
Another Corps hero, Smedley Butler, earns his first medal of honor. Also during this year, Wendell Neville, later to become the 14th CMC, is awarded the medal of honor.

1917 •  
World War I.

1918 • Aug. 13  
The first female Marine, Opha Johnson, enlists.

1941 - 45 •  
World War II. The casualties total 93,996. Approximately 2,000 of these are POWs.

1950 •  
The Korean War

1954 • Nov. 10  
The Iwo Jima Memorial, located at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, is dedicated.

1962 •  
The Vietnam War. Total casualties number more than 100,000 Marines.

1979 • November  
Marines are taken hostage in Iran.

1983 •  
The Grenada Operation. There were a total of 18 Marines killed during this operation.

1990 - 91 •  
The Gulf War.



### Just for kids

Participants in the Marine Corps ball ceremony march the birthday cake to center stage, where Lt. Col. Joseph Bowe, commanding officer of Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii, and Sgt. Maj. William Wilson, Headquarters Bn. sergeant major, stand by to cut it.



Bowe cuts through the icing of the Marine Corps birthday cake with his mameluke sword.



After the ceremony, children wasted no time in getting to the art tables to begin constructing crafts.

In front of a crowd of more than 20 children, Bowe, guest speaker at the celebration, gave a speech about the importance of celebrating the Marine Corps' birthday.



## Base children attend their own birthday celebration

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

Children from around MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, gathered at the Lifestyles, Information, Networking, Knowledge, and Skills House, Saturday, to hold their own celebration of the Marine Corps' birthday, during the 2nd annual LINKS Kids Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

Complete with the Marine Forces Pacific Band performing live music, and a cake-cutting ceremony, in which the youngest and oldest child in attendance tasted the first slices, more than 20 youngsters showed up to take in the festivities.

Lieutenant Col. Joseph Bowe, commanding officer of Headquarters Bn., and Sgt. Maj. William Wilson, Headquarters Bn. sergeant major, spoke with the children and their parents on the history and traditions surrounding the Marine Corps birthday.

"Two hundred and twenty-seven years is a very long time," Bowe said. "This is an important holiday for Marines and everyone on the



Young Hayden McCloud speaks with Headquarters Bn., MCB, Hawaii's Sgt. Maj. William Wilson, after being the first child to eat a piece of Marine Corps birthday cake.

base. It's a very big part of our history, and we celebrate it like any other birthday: We have a birthday cake."

Bowe and Wilson together led the cake-cutting ceremony. Slices were cut with the Mameluke Sword and passed out to the children.

After the playing of the Marines' Hymn and Anchors Away by the MarForPac Band, the kids retired to making crafts, eating cupcakes and enjoying the occasion.

"It's very important for

these young ones to understand what they are celebrating," said Wilson to parents in attendance. "Someday, they might find themselves here as Marines, celebrating the Marine Corps birthday at a real ball."

"We just wanted to give something back to the kids," said Nico Duncan, one LINKS volunteer who spoke at the ceremony.

"They always see us getting dressed up to go to the ball, so we figured it was their turn."



The Marine Forces Pacific Band provided musical support for the kids's Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

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## POSSIBILITIES IN PARADISE

By Debbie Robbins, MCCS Public Relations

### NOVEMBER

#### 8 / Today

**Turkey-to-Go** — The big Thanksgiving dinner is just around the corner. Take the stress and labor out of this holiday and let Marine Corps Community Services' catering professionals do the work for you.

Starting today, you can order a "Turkey-to-Go" meal for just \$59.50. This festive, culinary feast feeds approximately six to eight adults and includes a 10-12 pound herb and garlic roasted turkey, cornbread, Portuguese sausage & chestnut stuffing, roast garlic mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, corn o'brien, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter, and pumpkin pie.

Turkey-to-Go meals may be reserved now through Nov. 21, while supplies last. Meals are limited, so make your reservation early. Pre-payment is due no later than Nov. 21.

For more information about

Turkey-to-Go, call 254-5592.

#### 9 / Saturday

**70s & 80s Old School Jam** — Celebrate the 70s and the decade of decadence during the Rocker Room's Old School Jam.

Dress up in your best vintage garb, and you could win a prize for the best costume. Think disco, shoulder pads and big, big jewelry.

Doors open at 6 p.m., and the party kicks off at 8 p.m. and lasts until 2 a.m. Club members may dine on free pupus from 9 - 11 p.m.

Many guests will score big during the "Lucky Number Giveaways," throughout the evening.

#### 10 / Sunday

**Santa's Silver Certificates** — There's a "ho, ho, whole" lot of yuletide spirit at the Marine Corps Exchange during Santa's Silver Certificate days. Certificates will be issued Nov. 10, while supplies last.

For every \$10 spent, customers will receive one Santa Silver Certificate, good for \$1 toward merchandise. Certificates may be used from Nov. 29 - Dec. 24.

Customers may use their certificates at the MCX, the Nutri-Fit Center, the Game Zone, the Exchange Annex or at the Camp Smith main exchange.

For more details, call the MCX at 254-3890.

#### 12 / Tuesday

**Transition Program Seminar**

— Take advantage of the Transition Program Seminar, Nov. 12 - 14 in Bldg. 279, on the second deck from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Service members separating from the service within six months are required to attend this brief. Spouses are also welcome.

For more details, call the Transition Program at 257-7790.

#### 16 / Saturday

**Chili Cook Off & Biker Party** — Some like it hot: chili that is.

All ranks are invited to put their chili recipe to the test and enter the Rocker Room's chili cook off.

This party is more than a caldron of beans and spices, it's a Biker Party, complete with biker games and lucky number drawings.

The rock & roll group "The King Pins" will play live and then DJ "D-Day," will keep the party rolling.

The Chili Cook Off and Biker Party is set from noon - 9 p.m. on the Rocker Room lanai.

For more information, call 254-5592.

#### 18 / Monday

**Be Your Own Boss** — Are you ready to run your own company? Deep down do you possess an entrepreneurial zest?

Nurture your business desire and get the details that will transform your ideas into a thriving reality during Personal Services' "Start Your Own Business Workshop" in Bldg. 3096, Room 1, from 9 - 11 a.m.

Representatives from the Hawaiian Small Business Association, the Internal Revenue Service and the Business Development Center will be on-site to present attendees with facts, laws and resources to start a small business.

Reservations are recommended. This workshop welcomes all military I.D. cardholders.

For more information, call Personal Services at 257-7795.

**Military Family Appreciation Week** — This celebration goes Nov. 18 - 25, and the Personal Services Department would like to thank all military families of MCB Hawaii.

Your sacrifices and dedication are very much appreciated.

Watch for updates concerning Military Family Appreciation Week special events and activities.

For more information, call 257-7790.

**Great Minds "Link" Alike** — The next Lifestyles, Information, Networking & Knowledge session is set for Nov. 18 - 21 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. in Bldg. 3074.

Military spouses who enjoy learning about military traditions, resources and etiquette (not to mention meeting a great group of friends) are invited to attend.

Reservations are recommended. Call LINKS at 257-2368.

**Party Patrol** — Planning a little get-together this Thanksgiving? Stop by your Party Supply Headquarters located at the Base Marina.

The Outdoor Recreation Center rents out everything you'll need to keep the gang comfortable and entertained. Canopies, tents, folding chairs, tables, bouncy houses, horse-shoe rings, a dunk tank and more are available for rent.

If your crowd would like to embrace Thanksgiving on the water, opt to rent a pontoon boat and tour beautiful Kaneohe Bay. For more, call 254-7667.

### DECEMBER

#### 5 / Monday

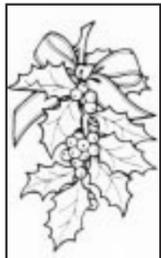
**Camp H. M. Smith Holiday Craft Fair** — Are you ready to discover some "tree-mendous" holiday gifts?

Add your last-minute entries to your holiday shopping list, and head to the Camp H. M. Smith Craft Fair, Dec. 5 from 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Bldg. 4, adjacent to the Marine Corps Exchange.

Craft-goers will find yuletide treasures from homemade crafts to baked goods — all at bargain prices.

Crafters interested in selling homemade items may reserve a Marine Corps Community Services' table through Nov. 22 for \$25.

No privately owned tables will be permitted. Spaces are limited, so sellers should reserve their tables early.



## SM&SP



All events are open to single, active duty military. The SM&SP Office is located in Bldg. 219.

Call 254-7593, for more information on any program or activity.

#### Program Review

**Thursdays:** Enjoy free tennis lessons from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at K-Bay's tennis courts. Call 258-8081 for reservations.

**Nov. 9:** Mark your calendar to enjoy the Barefoot Splash Snorkel Cruise at \$30 per person.

**Nov. 27:** You won't want to miss the Holiday Base Thanksgiving Dinner Party for single, active duty personnel, only. Volunteers are needed.

**Dec. 7:** Don't forget to take advantage of Santa's Village at the Enlisted Club. Volunteers are also needed to support this event. Call 254-7593.

(Transportation is provided for all above mentioned events.)

#### SM&SP Benefits

Have your voice heard. Make a difference. Get involved. Grow. Have a blast.

The SM&SP is about all these things and more.

Single Marines and Sailors enjoy many worthwhile and exciting benefits.

Contact program coordinator Leslie Graham at 254-7593, or stop by the SM&SP office for details.

## 'We are family...,' boot camp bound

It was an ordinary day for Staff Sgt. Clarence Masayos, a Palau Islands native and the lone canvassing recruiter of Permanent Contact Station Hilo, RSS Hawaii when the Brown siblings walked into his office and stated their mission — to become Marines. "I thought it was too good to be true," said Masayos. "I thought they just wanted to check it out, but they really wanted to become Marines." Native Hawaiians (from left to right), Aaron, 18; Joseph, 21; and Chasitie, 19, wasted no time explaining their intentions to Masayos. They wanted more for themselves and more from life. The siblings explained that they had heard about the Marine Corps experience from a family friend, who had recently returned from basic training, and they were convinced that the Marines Corps path was the one they wanted to take. Joseph is scheduled to ship to MCRD San Diego, Calif., this month; Aaron, on June 16, 2003 — three days before his 19th birthday; and Chasitie is scheduled to ship for basic training at MCRD Parris Island, S.C., March 10, 2003 — one day after her 20th birthday. (Submitted by Sgt. Cheryl A. Mann, 12th Marine Corps District)



Sgt. Cheryl A. Mann

## SM&SP plans 'turkey day' bash, Nov. 27

**Edward Hanlon V**  
MCCS Marketing

For the single Marines and Sailors not fortunate enough to spend time with their families this Thanksgiving, the Single Marine & Sailor Program is holding its annual Holiday Bash, Nov. 27 at Kahuna's Bar & Grill.

Not only will these Marines and Sailors get a great traditional Thanksgiving feast, but also there will be door prizes, music, events and entertainment for all.

Events include Sumo wrestling, boxing and the famous Kahuna's mechanical bull riding competition.

The doors will open at 6 p.m., and the two buffet lines will open shortly there-

after.

Free AT&T in-room long distance certificates will be given to each guest, along with other sponsor-provided items.

Last year, more than 460 Marines and Sailors participated in this event. The Single Marine & Sailor Program is expecting even more this year.

For more details, call 254-7593.

## MOVIE TIME

Prices: Adults (12 and older) \$3, Children (6 to 11) \$1.50, Children (5 and younger) free.

Matinee prices are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Parents must purchase tickets for "R" rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 years old and younger.

For E-5 and below, admission is free to the second show on Friday and Saturday evenings only. Sunday evenings, the price is \$1 for all patrons.

Please show your ID at the box office. Phone 254-7642 for recorded info.

The Banger Sisters (R)	Today at 7:15 p.m.
Stealing Harvard (PG13)	Today at 9:45 p.m.
The 4 Feathers (PG13)	Saturday at 7:15 p.m.
City by the Sea (R)	Saturday at 9:45 p.m.
Blue Crush (PG13)	Sunday at 3:30 p.m.
Stealing Harvard (PG13)	Sunday at 7:15 p.m.
Trapped (R)	Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.
The Tuxedo (PG13)	Nov. 15 at 7:15 p.m.

# Holiday parcels need mailing now for timely arrival

**Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero**  
*Combat Correspondent*

During the holidays, Marines, Sailors and families living aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, may be away from most of their families and loved ones. However, any local post office can provide a number of ways for residents to mail greeting cards and presents to their loved ones during the busy holiday season, to stay connected despite the distance.

The base post office recommends that residents send their mail by priority or first class mail before Dec. 11, regardless of destination to domestic or international addresses.

But, for procrastinators who know they will run a bit late in sending out their holiday mail, the post office recommends sending packages via Federal Express before Dec. 19.

Space available or parcel mail should

be posted by Nov. 27.

"Extra services such as certified, registered or insured mail can provide protection and peace of mind to the sender," said Staff Sgt. Cecilia Salter, base postal mailroom inspector.

When packaging a present, Salter recommends choosing a sturdy, paperboard or corrugated fiberboard box, with enough room for cushioning material around the content. When reusing a box, cover all previous labels and markings with a black marker or adhesive labels.

"Regardless of what type of box people use, it's essential that they tape the seams with 2 inches of wide tape," said Salter. "Use clear or brown packaging tape, reinforced packing tape or paper tape.

"If using any wrapping or gift paper,



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

**Sergeant Stephen Houghton prepares for the holiday rush by moving boxes in the base post office.**

place the address underneath wrapping or inside the parcel. This may speed up the arrival of your mail if the wrapping paper is destroyed or damaged during delivery."

In addition to proper packaging, the accuracy of the address affects the speed and handling of mail.

"Military addresses must show the grade, full name, and PSC number, unit number or ship name," said Salter. "If necessary, make sure you replace city names with 'APO' or 'FPO' and the state with 'AA,' 'AE,' or 'AP,' and use a special zip code."

Additionally, all international mail must contain a customs form inside or attached to the package.

As the holiday mailing season gets into full swing, the post office on base — and the ones off base too — become crowded, so Salter recommends getting packages in the mail early.

For more information regarding the holiday mailing season, the base post office recommends residents go online and visit [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com), or call the base post office at 257-2008.

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## Vehicles

**2001 Lincoln LS**, pearl, less than 6K original miles. New condition. Owner must sell at \$30,000, leaving the island. Call 647-1196.

**1976 Triumph TR6**, right hand drive, fuel injection, electronic ignition, burly walnut dash, walnut steering wheel, \$10,000. Leave a message at 237-1234.

**1969 Rolls Royce**, Silver Shadow, leather power seats, power windows, hydraulic powered suspension, salon mirrors, \$12,000. Interested buyers, leave a message at 237-1234.

## Motorcycles

**1985 Harley Davidson Electric Glide Classic**, half shovel, half evolution, forerunner of Road King, with gangster whitewalls, \$11,000. Leave a message at 237-1234.

## Boats

**1975 Cargyle Cutter**, 28 feet, sport cruiser sleeps seven, marine head, rebuilt Volvo Penta 350 V-8, with up-to-date marine survey. Owner must sell, leaving the island. Must see, a steal at \$20,000. Call 647-1196 to acquire this deal.

## Appliances

**Frigidaire upright freezer**, 13.3 cubic feet capacity, like new condition. Only \$250 OBO. Call 261-7092.

## Miscellaneous

**Bangle bracelets**; two each; beautiful, solid burmese lavender jade; makes a unique gift. Asking \$100 OBO. Call 254-1621.

**Solo Flex muscle machine**, excellent condition, great workout system. Only \$250 OBO. Call 261-7092.

**Tea Cart**, solid oak, like new. Asking \$100. Call 261-7092.

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*Ads are accepted from active duty and retired military personnel, their family members and MCB Hawaii civil service employees.*

***Ads are free** and will appear in two issues of the Hawaii Marine, if space is available for ads. The deadline for submitting ads to the Hawaii Marine is at 4 p.m. the Friday of the **week prior** to publication. Forms may be filled out Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the MCB Hawaii Public Affairs Office, located in Bldg. 216, aboard Kaneohe Bay.*

*Makepono may be used only for noncommercial classified ads containing items of personal property.*

*Ads must represent incidental exchanges, not of a sustained business nature, which are run on a first-come, first served, space-available basis.*

*Call 257-8840.*

**Worth Repeating:** “Liberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge among the people. ...Let us dare to read, think, speak, and write.” — John Adams

## USMC b-day meals begin at 10:30 a.m., today

The Anderson Hall dining facility will celebrate the 227th Marine Corps birthday during the following meal hours, to accommodate various events taking place: Lunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Dinner from 3 - 5 p.m.

# On the Menu

*Anderson Hall will prepare the following this week:*

Today	Veteran's Day Holiday	Asst. Fruit Pies
<u>Lunch</u> Pepper Steak Southern Fried Catfish Rice Pilaf Potatoes Au Gratin Sugar Cookies Asst. Fruit Pies	<u>Dinner/Brunch</u> Meat Loaf Pork Ham Roast Steamed Rice Mashed Potatoes Chocolate Chip Cookies Asst. Fruit Pies	<u>Dinner</u> Steak Smothered w/Onions Southern Fried Catfish Mashed Potatoes Steamed Rice Oatmeal Cookies Strawberry Shortcake Asst. Fruit Pies
<u>Dinner</u> Roast Turkey Beef Pot Pie Paprika Buttered Potatoes Steamed Rice Sugar Cookies Asst. Fruit Pies	<u>Lunch</u> Simmered Corned Beef w/Mustard Sauce Glazed Cornish Hens Parsley Buttered Potatoes Egg Noodles Peanut Butter Cake w/Peanut Butter Frosting Asst. Fruit Pies	<u>Specialty Bar</u> (For Lunch and Dinner) Country Bar
<u>Specialty Bar</u> (For Lunch and Dinner) Pasta Bar	<u>Tuesday</u> <u>Lunch</u> Turkey Pot Pie Sweet & Sour Pork Steamed Rice Parsley Buttered Potatoes Peanut Butter Cake w/Peanut Butter Frosting Asst. Fruit Pies	<u>Thursday</u> <u>Lunch</u> Turkey A La King Beef Porcupines Mashed Potatoes Boiled Egg Noodles Marble Cake w/Chocolate Cream Frosting Pineapple Cake Asst. Fruit Pies
<u>Saturday</u> <u>Dinner/Brunch</u> Baked Lasagna Chicken Parmesan Pizza Slices Garlic Bread Marble Cake w/Chocolate Icing Asst. Fruit Pies	<u>Dinner</u> Turkey Pot Pie Sweet & Sour Pork Steamed Rice Parsley Buttered Potatoes Peanut Butter Cake w/Peanut Butter Frosting Asst. Fruit Pies	<u>Dinner</u> Braised Liver w/Onions El Rancho Stew Honey Ginger Chicken Steamed Rice Boiled Egg Noodles Marble Cake w/Chocolate Cream Frosting Pineapple Cake Asst. Fruit Pies
<u>Sunday</u> <u>Dinner/Brunch</u> Barbecue Beef Cubes Baked Turkey & Noodles Steamed Rice Ginger Molasses Cookies Spice Cake w/Butter Cream Frosting	<u>Specialty Bar</u> (For Lunch and Dinner) Taco Bar	<u>Specialty Bar</u> (For Lunch and Dinner) Taco Bar
	<u>Wednesday</u> <u>Lunch</u> Pork Adobo Beef Yakisoba Steamed Rice Pork Fried Rice Oatmeal Cookies Strawberry Shortcake	

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARINE!**

## WORD TO PASS

### Hale Koa Hosts T-Day Buffet

Dine on Hale Koa's bountiful harvest buffet of traditional and island dishes while a pianist plays from a beautifully decorated stage in the Banyan Tree Showroom for Thanksgiving dinner, Nov. 28.

The buffet will be served from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and reservations are now being accepted.

Call the Hale Koa's Activities Desk at 955-0555, ext. 546, to make your reservation, or to inquire about its other Thanksgiving holiday options.

### Mustangs Schedule Reunion

The Marine Corps Mustang Association was founded on Nov. 10, 1985, and it is "an organization dedicated to the preservation of the history and accomplishments of all Marines who have risen from the enlisted to officer ranks ... thereby earning the title 'Mustang.'"

You are invited to join the ranks of this 1,600 member organization.

To join, email topmustang@aol.com. Write MCMA Inc.; P.O. Box 1314, Delran, NJ 08075-0142. For more details, call (856) 786-4400.

### VFW Sponsors Two Scholarships

•Hawaii's Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary are hosting their annual Voice of Democracy Youth Scholarship competition, now through Nov. 30.

This scholarship is designed to give high school students in grades 9 - 12 the opportunity to voice their opinion on their responsibility to America, using as a theme "Freedom's Obligation."

Winners are first selected at the school level, then the top Hawaii school district winner will receive a trip to Washington, D.C., in March 2003; at least a \$1,000 scholarship; and the chance to compete for a \$25,000 scholarship.

•The VFW/AUX is also sponsoring the National Patriot's Pen

Program for 7th and 8th graders. This year's theme is "My Pledge to America," and the entry deadline is Dec. 1.

Winners will first be selected at the school level, then the top Hawaii school district winner will receive a cash prize. Only one national winner will receive a trip to Washington, D.C., in March 2003, and the \$10,000 savings bond prize.

For more details, contact Nicholas Young, state commander, at 541-1709 or visit the Web site [www.vfw.org/vod](http://www.vfw.org/vod).

### Veterans Day Cards Online

Anyone who wants to use today's computer technology to say "thank you" to a favorite veteran can log onto the American Legion's Web site at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) and send an electronic Veteran's Day greeting card to a loved one — all from the comfort of home.

The free service runs through Nov. 12.

**Thank You**

**AMERICA'S VETERANS!**

Veterans Day is the time to say thank you to those who have worn a military uniform and to those who today are keeping strong the unbroken bond of service.

*To each and every one who serves, we say thank you.*

[www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)



Cpl. Jacques-René Hébert

A panel of experts on religious radicalism, from the Asian-Pacific Center for Security Studies, briefed Marine Forces Pacific chaplains on the increase of radical Islam throughout Southeast Asia at the Senior Leadership Ministry Conference held at the Hale Koa Hotel, Oct 21 - 23.

## *Pacific chaplains discuss their role in Corps, with religious issues*

**Cpl. Jacques-René Hébert**  
Marine Forces Pacific Public Affairs Office

HONOLULU — Chaplains from the Marine Forces Pacific area of responsibility met Oct. 21 - 23 at the Hale Koa Hotel to discuss their field and its role in the future of the Marine Corps.

The Senior Leadership Ministry Conference was hosted by the MarForPac Chaplain's office and featured numerous lectures and roundtable discussions on such issues as advisory responsibilities at a strategic level, religious radicalism in the Asia-Pacific region, ministry in the joint arena, and religious and culturally motivated transnational terrorism.

"One of the benefits of this conference is that it allows me to clearly convey the commander's intent for ministry," said Navy Capt. Henry Nixon Jr., Force chaplain, MarForPac. "The chaplains can also get on the same sheet of music, so we can convey our own collective mission to each individual command."

Of course, there was far more to the conference than that. With America's war on terrorism and a potential conflict brewing in Iraq, the chaplains discussed what their role would be in the future.

"There's going to have to be a new strategy for a post-9/11 spiritual leadership," Nixon explained. "I'm praying that out of this, we will become viewed as pastors, priests, rabbis — as persons of God — and not so much as higher-ranking officers."

"One of the values chaplains have to their command is that we enjoy privileged communication with the Marines and Sailors," he continued. "People speak to us in confidence, and we're bound by ordination and regulation to keep silent. However, with that knowledge, we can unplug a lot of problems and reduce friction through understanding and spirituality, not disciplinary actions."

The role of the enlisted side of the chaplaincy, the religious program specialists, was also discussed. According to Nixon, there is an increased focus on the RPs' roles as leaders.

"Without the RPs, we could not do our job," said Nixon. "True, they're Sailors, but they have to be a cut above to be in a Marine Corps uniform."

Religious program specialists are often seen running errands for the chaplains or speaking with the troops to observe the emotional and spiritual state of the collective unit. However, it is not commonly known that one of the RPs' chief responsibilities is to provide personal security for the chaplain in time of war — a spiritual corpsman of sorts.

In addition to deciding the future roles of chaplains and RPs, the chaplains were also briefed on upcoming problems such as the increase of religious radicalism in Southeast Asia.

A panel of experts on the subject from the Asian-Pacific Center for Security Studies spoke with and answered questions from the MarForPac chaplains. According to the panel, an increase of radical Islam is brewing in such countries as Indonesia and Malaysia, creating a tension between those of other religious beliefs.

Reports of fleeing Al-Qaeda members seeking refuge with radical sympathizers add to the threat of terrorism in the region.

At the conclusion of the conference, a new challenge was set down for the religious ministers: Increase the command pressure on making decisions that are morally and ethically sound, while achieving greater religious and spiritual intimacy with Marines and Sailors.

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TURN OFF WHEN NOT IN USE

