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Retaliation continues

President promises 'every resource' to combat global terrorism

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

FORT MYER, Va. — President Bush repeated his Oct. 11 promise Monday that servicemembers will have every resource they need to defeat global terrorism.

Bush reiterated the promise during a ceremony here for Air Force Gen. Richard Myers and Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace.

Myers is the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Pace is the new vice chairman.

"I've made a commitment to every service man and woman," Bush said during the ceremony. "For the mission that lies ahead, you will have everything you need. Every resource, every weapon, every means to assure full victory for the United States, our allies, our friends and the cause of freedom."

The first time he gave his word was last week at the Pentagon memorial service for the terrorist attack victims.

Bush said the United States is fighting the war on many fronts. All agencies of the federal government — from law enforcement to financial — are working to-

gether to stop the terrorist threat.

"Our military is playing an essential role," he said. "Eight days ago, I sent our military into action. They have performed with skill and precision. They know their work and they know the American people are behind them."

Bush said the terrorists have a "special contempt" for the U.S. military. "In the values and traditions of our military, you represent everything they hate," he said. "You defend human freedom, you value life. Here and around the world, you keep the peace that they seek to destroy. You live by a code of honor and a tradition of loyalty and decency."

Bush said the new chairman and vice chairman epitomize this code.

Pace, the first Marine general to serve as vice chairman, made a promise to all servicemembers.

"About 34 years ago in the jungles of Vietnam, I learned from lance corporals, corporals and sergeants what sacrifice was all about.

"It was their blood that gave me a debt that I can never fully repay. But I promise to each of you ... my efforts will be that you continue to receive support."



Chief Petty Officer Daniel E. Smith

Armed F/A-18 "Hornets" line the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70), prior to evening flight operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Oct. 9.

Downrange



Cpl. Roman Yurek

A Marine from the Marine Forces Pacific Band fires rounds from a Remington 870 shotgun, during a training evolution at the FBI Range. For the past few weeks, the band has been honing their warfighting skills by firing numerous weapons systems to ensure that they are familiar with the types of weapons they might have to use in a combat environment. See page A-7 for complete story.

Island dengue fever cleanup underway

Press Release

Hawaii Department of Health

The Department of Health announced Friday that the total number of Centers for Disease Control laboratory-confirmed cases of dengue fever contracted in the state is 48, with 45 cases on Maui, 2 cases on Kauai, and 1 case on Oahu.

There are also 20 suspected cases, which have tested positive on preliminary screening tests. In addition, 222 reports of illness remain under investigation.

Health Director Bruce Anderson said, "Out of 178 samples tested, only eight were positive for dengue fever and 47 people were ruled out com-

pletely. This is good news.

"Evidence to date suggests that the problem is largely confined to East Maui and a few areas on other islands. As such, it is manageable."

According to dengue experts, the only way to

effectively control the spread of the disease is by eliminating or reducing the number of mosquitoes. Therefore, the

Department of Health and the CDC have jointly developed a mosquito control plan to be implemented statewide.

The report recommends continuing current efforts of eliminating breeding sites, selective spraying of insecticide and larvicides. The report emphasizes the importance of repetition, suggesting that a special

day of the week be set aside for clean up efforts, encouraging the whole community to participate.

Aggressive mosquito control measures are ongoing on all islands with intensive activity focused on the island of Maui.

Vector control personnel on all islands are inspecting properties where there are suspected illnesses. They are also educating neighbors on prevention measures and treating areas for mosquitoes.

Statewide more than 600 areas have been treated for mosquitoes.

The DOH is also working with all the Counties, the Department of Education, the Hawaii Tourism Authority, private schools, civic groups and others on extensive outreach activities to advise the public on precau-

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The Aedes Aegypti mosquito carries the dengue virus.

Web sites point to, allow federal donors to give CFC funds to disaster efforts

Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Military members and Department of Defense civilians who desire to contribute to this year's Combined Federal Campaign can locate appropriate charitable organizations with the click of a computer mouse.

The day after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the Office of Personnel Management authorized a special fundraising solicitation, in addition to and

separate from the CFC.

This allows federal employees a one-time voluntary opportunity to contribute financially to disaster relief efforts immediately by check or cash only.

Historically, payroll deductions account for 90 percent of DoD contributions to the CFC and have tended to be four times larger than cash and check donations, noted David O. Cooke, DoD director for administration and management.

"The ever-growing need for assistance that

many CFC charitable organizations provide underscores the value of contributions via payroll deduction," he wrote.

Officials note that a partial list of local disaster relief organizations and addresses may be obtained on the National Capital Area CFC Web site at <http://www.cfcna.org/r> relief.htm.

The area Catalog of Caring is also available online at www.cfcna.org, in addition to the hard copy of the catalog.

Listings of national organizations and addresses

assisting at the three terror attack disaster sites can be accessed on the OPM CFC Web site at www.opm.gov/cfc.

Alternatively, prospective donors also can use the American Liberty Partnership Web site at www.libertyunites.org/.

The CFC campaign in Hawaii is scheduled to run until Nov. 2, and so far, MCB Hawaii units have collected more than \$108,300.

Contact your unit CFC coordinator for information on making a contribution.

Force Protection Pointers

- Follow these procedures if you witness suspicious activities. -

MCB Hawaii residents, employees and patrons should report the following types of actions to appropriate law enforcement agencies:

- Suspicious personnel, particularly those carrying suitcases or other containers, or those observing, photographing or asking questions about military operations or security measures.

- Unidentified vehicles parked or operated in a suspicious manner on, or in the vicinity of, U.S. installations, units or facilities.

- Abandoned parcels or suitcases.

- Any other activity considered suspicious.

Report suspicious activity to the military police by calling 257-2123.

If an emergency situation exists, call 257-9111.

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

MOKAPU SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Mokapu Elementary School invites MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, to join children and faculty participating in National Make a Difference Day, Saturday, Oct. 27, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The school hopes to accomplish several projects such as painting, making benches and general clean up of school grounds. However, items are needed to support anticipated projects. Specifically, Mokapu needs drills with masonry, wood and screwdriver bits; extension cords; miter and circular saws; paint brushes, rollers and pans; rakes; shovels; and hoes.

Lunch will be provided.

Contact Cathy Burns at 254-7964, to register to participate, or for more details.

KALAHEO SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Kalaheo High School is one of six local public schools which Department of Defense funds have recently been used to purchase "self help" project supplies. During the next two Saturdays, Oct. 20 and 27, actual self help projects will be underway.

Volunteers are needed to help paint exterior walls in the school's courtyard and elsewhere, to install sprinkler system components, and to plant trees and shrubs.

Volunteer by contacting Gay Jennings at 254-5500 or Meg Gammon at 254-7900.

Work hours are scheduled for 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and volunteers should bring water with them. Lunch will be provided.

ISLAND-WIDE DENGUE FEVER MEASURES UNDERWAY

Dengue Fever is threatening the people of Oahu, according to Bob Rock, environmental information specialist with the City and County of Honolulu's Office of Information.

Take the following actions to help prevent spread of the disease.

- Inspect around your own home to eliminate potential breeding places for mosquitoes that transmit Dengue Fever. Inspect tires, planters, buckets, pots, clogged rain gutters, pans under flower pots, pet water dishes — anything that can collect water.

- Screens on windows and doors should be intact, so that mosquitoes cannot enter your home.

- Spray potted plants with insecticide or with a mixture of 4 ounces of liquid detergent to 1 gallon of water.

Visit www.CleanWaterHonolulu.com for details and see page A-4 for more tips.

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Hawaii motorcycle industry

Sgt. Robert Carlson
Press Chief

The Hawaii Motorcycle Dealers Association presented its highest honor to Brig. Gen. R. E. Parker Jr. during the association's annual convention at the Waikiki Beach Marriot Resort Saturday.

Parker, deputy commander for Marine Forces Pacific, and former commander of Marine Corps Base Hawaii, was awarded the Alfred M. Montgomery Award, and was selected primarily because of his role in promoting and supporting motorcyclist safety in Hawaii.

The award is presented each year to a person or organization for distinguished service to the Hawaii Motorcycling Community.

"Right from the start, Brig. Gen. Parker made a difference by doing things like making helmets, gloves, reflective vests and other protective gear available in the exchanges on the Marine Corps base," said HMDA President Robert Becker. "He also made protective gear part of the proper uniform, included motorcycle safety in every safety standdown, and emphasized the importance of motorcyclist awareness to the non-motorcycling public."

Becker also noted that because of the emphasis on safety, the Marines in Hawaii have not lost anyone due to a motorcycle-related fatality in more than 16 months.

"It started out as an idea,



Sgt. Robert Carlson

Brigadier Gen. R.E. Parker Jr., deputy commander, Marine Forces Pacific, is congratulated by Alfred M. Montgomery Jr. (center) after receiving the award named for Montgomery's father. Robert Becker, NMDA president (second from left), Mark Morrison, former NMDA president, and Dan Martynuik, MCB Hawaii traffic safety specialist, also attended.

and Dan Martynuik and Bo Irvine took the idea and turned it into something great," said Parker. "They worked hard to implement the safety programs on base, and along with the Marine instructors, made it work — and it's been proven."

Becker said the attitude toward motorcycling has changed drastically since his days as an Army lieutenant.

"I had a commander who told me that the Army had spent too much money on my training to have me go out and waste it all by killing myself on a motorcycle," he said.

The major changes came about when commanders started to realize that they could do more to benefit servicemembers by teaching proper riding techniques and safety rather than by labeling motorcycles as too dangerous, or ignoring them completely.

"We're extremely happy to see the changes Brig. Gen. Parker has made in



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Brigadier Gen. R.E. Parker Jr., deputy commander, Marine Forces Pacific, is congratulated by Alfred M. Montgomery Jr. after receiving the award named for Montgomery's father.

the motorcycling community here," said Mark Morrison, a former president of the association. "We know there's a certain 'testosterone factor' going on with the young people who ride motorcycles, but the attention to safety keeps them riding in a safe,

sane and sober manner."

The HMDA is representative of the entire state's industry and includes Hawaii's motorcycle dealers, after-market parts suppliers and servicing businesses. Related industries, such as insurance companies are also members.

K-Bay military working dog loses life



Courtesy of Cpl. Mark R. Vass

Corporal Mark R. Vass, a military working dog handler and trainer, poses with his partner, the late Marco.

Four-year-old Marco succumbs to sudden illness while deployed in Saudi Arabia

Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.
Combat Correspondent

MCB Hawaii military working dog Marco, an explosives detector, died during a recent deployment in Saudi Arabia.

The 4-year-old, Belgian-Malinois and his partner Cpl. Mark R. Vass, a military working dog handler/trainer, were in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, when Marco suddenly fell ill.

"Marco went down pretty fast," said Vass. "It started out as a stomach virus, and within 48 hours he was gone."

While the exact reason for Marco's death has yet to be determined, Vass said he misses his partner. "I would rather have been shot than have that happen."

"He was my buddy,

and my shadow," said Vass, who had worked with Marco for more than two years.

"There's nothing that could ever replace him," said Vass. "Marco was my friend, my partner — and a Marine."

Although Marco will be missed, his partner, and the rest of the Military Police Department, said his personality will be remembered as one of enthusiasm.

"You can't put into words exactly what Marco did, or what made him a great dog," said Vass. "When he looked at you, he let you know he loved you and he'd do anything for you."

A memorial to the Marine Corps military working dog is scheduled for construction aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, in November.

Fire Prevention

Simple measures may help deter house fires

The Federal Fire Department asks you to remember that a clean house is a safer house when you follow a few safety tips:

- Get rid of trash, boxes, piles of clothes and other combustibles in the home as they are fuel for a fire.

- Clean out storage areas such as

garages, attics, closets, sheds, and basements on a regular basis.

Even warehouses are limited to the amount of storage they can safely keep.

- Don't allow areas in your home to become tempting fuel for a fire.

- Throw away or give away items you no longer use.

Clutter gives fire a place to start and creates obstacles that might prevent escaping safely.

Throw away oily rags. They can ignite without a heat source because they produce their own heat.

Throw them out or store them in a closed, metal container.

This includes dusting rags used with a furniture polish or spray.

Navy celebrates 226th year

**The Honorable
Gordon R. England**
Secretary of the Navy

As we celebrate the United States Navy's 226th year of defending this great republic, it is fitting that we take a few moments to reflect upon our proud heritage.

Throughout history, our Navy and our Nation have defeated every adversary and every challenger we have faced.

In the earliest days of our republic, the USS Constitution and her sister ships defeated the most powerful navies in the world.

In World War II, the attack on Pearl Harbor spurred us on to sweep the Imperial Fleet from the Pacific.

Today we face a new foe in a new kind of war, but at the end of the day,

the result will be the same — victory.

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, will echo through history. My charge to you is to never forget.

Never forget this attack on the American way of life.

Never forget the lives of our shipmates and countrymen lost.

Never forget the selfless acts of bravery and generosity that emerged following the attacks.

With renewed purpose, we will come to remember September 11th as the day that marked the beginning of the end for these enemies of freedom.

When I took office last May, I outlined four strategic priorities for our Navy.

Today, these priorities — combat capability, people, technology and improved business practices — demand

an even greater sense of urgency as we wage the first war of the 21st century.

Over the years, our Navy has adapted to changes in technology, tactics and command structures to counter new threats to our way of life. This is the strength of our Navy.

I know that in ships, submarines and squadrons around the world, you stand ready to answer our nation's call. During the course of this challenging year, our Nation will continue to count on your honor, courage and commitment.

As our Navy sails into its 226th year, I encourage each of you to take a few moments to reflect on the blessings we enjoy that were earned by earlier generations.

Your children, grandchildren and future generations will likewise honor your defense of freedom.

Happy Birthday Shipmates!

God Bless each of you, your families and the United States of America.



ENGLAND

'Happy birthday, Sailor'



Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Sailors and Marines gathered together Friday at MALSEK for a cake-cutting ceremony dedicated to the Navy's birthday, Oct. 13.

Time-honored customs, courtesies govern in, outdoor flag etiquette

Compiled by
Sgt. Robert Carlson
Press Chief

Displaying Flags

The Flag Code states it is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flag staffs in the open.

However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

The American Legion interprets "proper illumination" as a light specifically placed to illuminate the flag, or having a light source sufficient to illuminate the flag so that it is recognizable as such by the casual observer.

Handling Flags

Flag Code section 176b states that the flag should not touch anything beneath it such as the ground. This is stated to indicate that care should be exercised in the handling of the flag, to protect it from becoming soiled or damaged.

You ARE NOT required to destroy the flag when this happens.

As long as the flag remains suitable for display, even if washing or dry-

cleaning (which is an acceptable practice) is required, you may continue to display the flag as a symbol of our great country.

Folding Flags

The Flag Code does not require any specific method for folding the flag, however, there is a tradition that has developed over time. This method produces a triangular-shaped form like that of a three corner hat with only the blue union showing.

There is a diagram available on the American Legion website which describes folding the flag and lists the steps involved.

The National Flag

The flag is flown over the White House when the President is in Washington. It is not displayed when the President is not.

Unserviceable Flags

The Flag Code suggests that, "when a flag has served its useful purpose, it

should be destroyed, preferably by burning."

For individual citizens, this should be done discreetly so that the act of destruction is not perceived as a protest or desecration.

Many American Legion Posts conduct Disposal of Unserviceable Flag Ceremonies on June 14, Flag Day. This ceremony creates a particularly dignified and solemn occasion for the retirement of unserviceable flags.

METHODS OF PRESENTATION

Over Streets

When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be sus-

pending vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street, or to the east in a north and south street.

Crossed Flags

The flag, when it is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, should be on the viewer's left, and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.

Half Mast

The flag, when flown at half-mast, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. ("Half-staff" means lowering the flag to one-half the

See FLAG, A-6

WORD ON THE STREET

Why are you proud to be a Sailor?



"It's nice to know that I'm doing something to stand up for my country."

Lt. j.g. Lisa Berberich
Pilot
HSL-37

"The satisfaction of mission accomplishment and the feeling of being part of a team."

Petty Officer 3rd Class Nelia Paz McCormick
Aviation maintenance structural mechanic
MALSEK



"I'm proud to serve and defend the nation."

Master Chief Petty Officer Seamus Murphy
Command master chief
MALSEK

"I'm just proud to serve my country."

PO2 Andrew Wright
Maintenance administration leading petty officer
MALSEK



"Helping to make the United States a better place."

Airman Shaune Monfort
Aviation ordnance technician
MALSEK

Dengue fever: K-Bay tackles clean-

Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller
Combat Correspondent

Volunteers from around Oahu banded together Saturday, in an effort to pass on information to the public about the health risks associated with dengue fever.

Residents walked door to door handing out fliers filled with useful information.

Not only did volunteers pass out information, but they also pinpointed areas that posed the risk of being mosquito breeding areas.

In some cases, the volunteers turned over and destroyed areas that could be used for breeding.

"We want to get this information out to as many people as possible, said Gerry Silva, special assistant for the director of customer services for Honolulu. "Having neighbors go door to door and pass out this information made more sense than simply mailing it out. This takes it to a more personal level to show that it

is a very serious concern, and hopefully this will motivate more people to get out and participate," he added.

If the event has the response that is intended, more events will be scheduled to help stop dengue fever.

"So far there has been a great community response," Silva said. "Many of the residents and the businesses have given an excellent response and offered to help in some way."

The volunteers on Saturday had a goal of distributing some 150,000 fliers.

"I'm always concerned about health risks in this community because I'm a health educator," said Jeannee Casey, a Kailua resident. "Hopefully, people will get their hands on this information and get more involved."

For more information on dengue fever or to volunteer to support eradication efforts in your community, call the City and County of Honolulu at 523-CITY (2489).

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tions and preventive actions they can take. Community meetings are being coordinated

statewide to provide information to the public. Information is also available on the department's website at www.hawaii.gov/doh/dengue.



Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Kailua residents gathered for a meeting in Kailua Intermediate School before going out to distribute information.

Tips for preventing dengue fever

To protect yourself and your family from dengue fever, the Preventative Medicine Department at Tripler Army Medical Center encourages you to take the following precautions:

- Steer clear of mosquito breeding areas.
- Make your home bug-proof by installing and tightening screen doors and windows.
- Empty out any areas with standing water including houseplants, tires, tree holes, empty cans and bird baths.
- Change water in plants and bird baths every five days to kill mosquito larvae.

- Wear DEET insecticide such as OFF when outside.

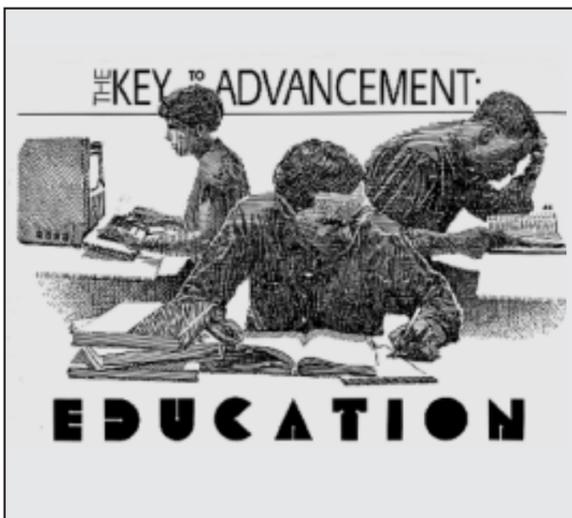
- Repair leaky faucets and make sure water doesn't stand where air conditioner pipes drain.

- Do not allow water to stay in pools and spas more than a week without proper maintenance.

- Clean gutters, eaves, troughs and ditches regularly.

- Level low spots in the yard.

(Editor's Note: For health-related questions about dengue fever, contact the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Branch Medical Clinic at 257-2131, ext. 516.)



KILL • A • WATT

IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY
 TURN OFF WHEN NOT IN USE



1/12 battery gives cannon fire support



Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Above — The Marines of 1/12 conducted fire missions and movement exercises in preparation for their MCCRE. Below — A 1/12 corpsman demonstrates how to treat an injury. Hq. Battery, 1/12 Marines stay on top of their game by conducting training.



**Lance Cpl.
Jason E. Miller**
Combat Correspondent

**P O H U K A L O A
TRAINING AREA** — As 1st Battalion, 12th Marines' firing batteries sent rounds downrange at Pohukaloa Training Area, one couldn't help but notice the speed and accuracy of their operations.

Fire missions came over the radio with specific instructions on what type of round to send, and where and when to fire them.

The warriors making these decisions were the Marines of Headquarters Battery, 1/12.

The battery exists to provide support, communication and control for the entire battalion. It is home to some 240 Marines who all have specific jobs pertaining to the mission.

The battery is broken down into three main sections, capable of accomplishing any tasks the battalion may be given.

The Command Operations Center; the Fire Direction Center; and the Administrative, Logistics and Operations Center make up the battery.

The COC is home to the command element of the battalion, where all major decisions for the battalion are made.

The COC is also in charge of gathering target intelligence and reporting the effectiveness of fire missions on target.

In the FDC, decisions are made and orders are given out on when and where to send fire missions. The FDC must also decide which of several types of rounds will be

fired. These decisions are made based on information gathered through many sources, including through first-hand information of forward observers or electronically through the use of computers.

The ALOC supports the entire battalion by housing mechanics, medical personnel and technicians capable of fixing any problems that may go wrong with any equipment or personnel.

With all of the headquarters' sections working together, the battalion gets a clear view of the missions it needs to accomplish.

With able support provided by its batteries, 1/12 fires on target and completes the missions at hand.

Anthrax threat requires vigilance handling mail

Press Release
Headquarters Marine Corps

Recent instances of Anthrax and other terrorist/criminal-related activities concerning the U.S. Postal System pose a threat to people, particularly those who handle and open mail.

In view of this threat, and the potential for contracting serious illness, take immediate measures to protect, educate and train yourself.

To preclude the possibility of any injury in the routine handling of correspondence, mail, and privately delivered packages and correspondence (UPS, FedEx, etc.):

- Identify suspicious packages, letters and correspondence by looking for: excessive postage; handwritten or poorly typed addresses; incorrect titles; titles

with no name; misspelled words; correspondence marked "Personal" or "Confidential"; no return address; postmarks that don't match the return address; powdery residue; oily stains, discoloration, or odor; excessive weight; lopsided or uneven envelopes; protruding wires or aluminum foil; and excessive security material, e.g., masking tape, string, etc.

- If you discover a suspicious letter, package, or correspondence, remain calm! Do not shake or empty the contents of any suspicious envelope, package, etc.

Place the item in a plastic bag or cover it with any other type of container (e.g., a trash can) to prevent the spread or leakage of contents.

If you do not have a container, cover the item with anything such as a plastic

sheet or clothing, and do not remove this cover.

- Do not try to clean-up the powder. Cover the spilled contents immediately with anything (described above).

Leave the room and close the door or section off to prevent others from entering.

Keep others away!
Turn off local fans or ventilation units in the area.

- Do not touch your face, eyes or anyone or anything else until you have thoroughly washed your hands.

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water to avoid spreading any powder to your face.

- Notify your supervisor and call the

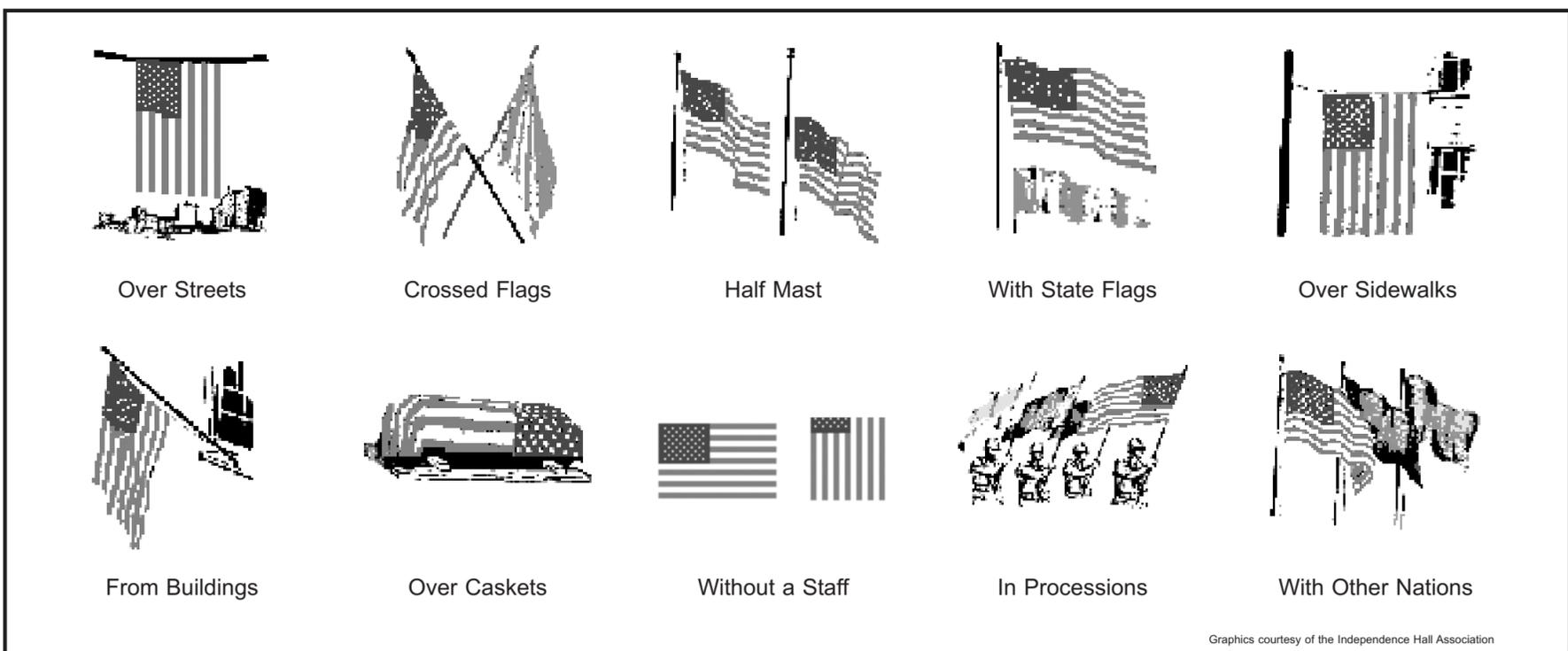
Military Police or the Department of Public Safety, immediately.

Upon arrival of MPs or HAZMAT personnel, identify all personnel who were in the room or area, especially those who had actual contact with the powder.

All offices should take action to enhance the safety of mail handling and processing procedures, especially for clerks, secretaries and other administrative personnel who regularly process incoming and outgoing mail.

- Maintain rubber or Nitrile exam gloves; supplies of one gallon-sized, zip-lock plastic bags; and supplies of large, plastic trash bags — 33 gallons or larger — with sealing ties.

- Have personnel who handle mail, at all levels, wear examination gloves while initially handling and opening mail, packages or correspondence.



Graphics courtesy of the Independence Hall Association

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distance between the top and bottom of the staff.)

The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day.

Crepe streamers may be affixed to spear heads or flagstaves in a parade, only by order of the President of the United States.

On Halyards with Other Flags

When flags of States, cities, localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the U.S., the latter should always be at the peak.

When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last.

No such flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States or to the right of the flag of the United States.

Suspended Over Sidewalks

When the flag is suspended over a sidewalk from a rope extending from a house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk, the flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building.

Projected From Buildings

When the flag of the United States is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, balcony, or front of a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half-staff.

Over Caskets

When the flag is used to cover a casket, it should be so placed such that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder.

The flag should not be low-

ered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.

Without a Staff

When the flag is displayed in a manner other than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out.

When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the observer's left.

When displayed in a window, it should be displayed in the same way, that is with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street.

When festoons, rosettes or drapings are desired, bunting of blue, white and red should be used, but never the flag.

In Processions

When carried in a procession

with another flag, or flags, the flag should be either on the marching right; that is, the flag's own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.

With State Flags

The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.

With Other Nations

When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height.

The flags should be of approximately equal size.

International usage forbids the display of the flag of one na-

tion above that of another nation in time of peace.

In Churches or Auditoriums

When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the flag of the United States of America should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the audience.

Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or speaker or to the right of the audience.

American Legion Website

For more information about flag displays, see the American Legion's website at www.legion.org.

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Castle High School hosts drill competition

K-Bay staff NCOs help select Hawaii's best teams

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Eleven different high school Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps teams, representing all four branches of the armed forces, gathered at Castle High School in Kaneohe Saturday, for a day of close order drill competition.

Judging the competition were staff noncommissioned officers from all of the military services, including eight Marines from MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

"We invited the staff NCOs because they have a good knowledge of how drill is supposed to be performed," said retired 1st Sgt. Pete Thornton, Marine instructor for Castle.

Each high school may represent only one branch of service. Castle was the only school in the state to represent the Marine Corps.

The JROTC programs are designed to

teach the students much of the basic knowledge they need to know before entering the military. Drill, uniforms and history are some of the main areas covered.

"Castle High has a pretty great program," said Thornton. "Of course, I guess I'm a little biased since I'm the head instructor, but we have fared well in drill competitions during the past few years."

"We have also had a good percentage of students enter the military," he added.

At the end of a very long day of tight drill performances, every school represented went home with a trophy in an event.

Castle High was awarded one first place trophy and four second place trophies.

"Castle did an excellent job out there," said Thornton. "The Marine Corps was represented well."

One of the judges at the competition, Staff Sgt. Victor Richardson, a network administrator for MCB Hawaii, said that the event was a great chance to meet with members of other services as well as the



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Castle High School's Marine Corps JROTC cadets perform drill manual maneuvers while being judged by an Air Force staff noncommissioned officer.

local community.

"The event went very well and the kids enjoyed themselves," said

Richardson. "They were very happy when the winners were announced, and there really were no losers."



Above Left — Corporal Nathan Rymill, a trombone player for the band, fires off 12-gauge rounds from a Remington 870 during the band's training at the FBI Range. Each Marine was able to fire 20 rounds from this weapon. Above Right — While one string of Marines fired, the other three had the chance to watch as they loaded each of their four magazines with another 15 rounds. Every Marine was able to fire more than 200 9mm rounds at the FBI Range Oct. 9.



Above — For many of the Marines in the band, this was the first time that they have ever fired the M9 9mm pistol in the Marine Corps. The course of fire for their training was far different than normal qualification. Here they fired two rounds either into the head or chest of their target. Right — Band members concentrate on their targets as they fire two rounds into the chest of the target. All the Marines were instructed to fire two rounds into each designated area on the target.

MarForPac Band tunes weapons at FBI range, hones small arms skills

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The Hawaiian sun beat down across the FBI Range at the Range Training Facility on MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Oct. 9, while more than 30 Marines sent 9mm and 12 gauge rounds down range.

The only aspect that differed from normal was that these hard charging Devil Dogs usually practice their Marine Corps skills at the Band Hall on K-Bay.

Musicians from Marine Forces Pacific Band were afforded the opportunity to fire more than 200 rounds from the M9 9mm pistol and 20 rounds from the Remington 12-gauge shotgun.

"The Marines are getting a lot out of this," said Chief Warrant Officer Alexander Gray, the band officer. "The assistant gunners are required to carry the 9mm in order to function as an A-gunner."

For many of the Marines, this training was brand new to them.

Most Marines never fire the pistol until they reach the staff noncommissioned officer ranks. The band is mainly comprised of Marines who are sergeant and below.

To start their training, each Marine had four magazines filled with 15 rounds each. They fired double taps or two rounds at the target area designated by Staff Sgt. Jon Jerome, training chief for the Military Police Co., Headquarters Bn.

"Chest, head, fire," yelled Jerome, as the Marines raised their weapons and fired two shots center mast and two shots in the head of the target.

After a couple of hours of firing the pistol, it was time to move onto a weapon that many Marines never get a chance to fire in the Corps, the shotgun.

Some Marines fired shotguns

back on the mainland, but most had never fired the version in the Marine Corps' arsenal.

"This is the first time I had to shoot the shotgun Marine Corps style," said Sgt. Gary Gilbert, a saxophone player in the band. "Most of us never get to shoot either weapon, so it's good that we can come here and make our mistakes now, instead of in a real world situation."

By the time the twenty buckshot rounds were fired by each Marine, the targets looked a lot like Swiss cheese.

Many of the Marines still had the rush of adrenaline and motivation coursing through their bodies as they left the range. This was not the first or last of the band's training.

Gray said that in December, the entire band will go to the field and apply all of their newfound skills in a field training exercise.



EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

Squadron assesses heavy gun at Yodaville range

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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz.

— The M3M .50-caliber machinegun entered its first phase of assessment Sept. 30 at the station's remotely located urban training complex, Yodaville.

The M3M may one day replace the .50-caliber machineguns currently used

on Marine helicopters.

As part of the semiannual Weapons and Tactics Instructor course, Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron-1 led the testing, which was aimed at assessing the gun's capabilities on the UH-1N Huey.

To kick off the testing, the M3M was mounted and fired from the back of a 5-ton transport vehicle at stationary targets.

According to Capt. Andrew Butler, officer in charge of the M3M project at the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab in Quantico Va., that was the first time the weapon was fired on American soil. The gun was later transported back to the station and mounted on a UH-1N Huey for actual air training.

Performing the actual testing is a string of aviators and crew chiefs from MAWTS-1 and squadrons from around the Corps that are in Yuma for WTI. What they are looking for in the M3M are improvements to the current .50 caliber weapon.

"We're hoping they will be more reliable. We're also looking for a higher rate of fire. Those are the key points," said Capt. Terry Baggett, UH-1N pilot with MAWTS-1.

Not only is the Marine Corps looking for more rounds, but more rounds on target which can be provided by a mount system on the M3M, which, combined with the actual gun, is the M3M Pintle Weapon System.

"This mount has a shock-absorbing system. The current mounts our CH-46E and CH-53E helicopters employ don't," said Baggett. "(The Pintle system) causes less fatigue and less wear and tear on the gun itself."

Baggett said the Marine Corps has already taken serious looks at two other

machineguns, the M-240G, and the GAU-19 machineguns, but neither weapon appeared to fit the needs of Marine assault helicopters.

"The (M-240's) fire power was seen as too light," said Baggett. "The GAU-19 appeared a little bit large, complicated and expensive." And while no weapon has been perfect, Baggett points out no final decisions have been made on any of the weapons.

According to information provided by Butler, a final report should be published in June 2002. The actual weapon will probably not hit the fleet for several years.

For now, the Marine Corps is testing. Possibly the most important opportunity that testing is providing is the chance to look at the M3M, see how it works, and make recommendations to specifically fit the needs of the Corps before the weapon is actually purchased.

"If we decided to buy it, we'd already have the configuration we want and we would know that it's effective," said Butler.

"We also can't overestimate the opportunity the Marines have. It's the corporals and sergeants who are making the recommendations for the changes," said Butler.

The testing is also allowing some noncommissioned officers to voice their opinions and be heard up to the MCWL.

Corporal Charles Henry, UH-1N Huey crew



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Gunnery Sgt. Daniel Hammer, CH-53 helicopter crew chief, makes sighting adjustments to the M3M before firing the weapon on Marine Corps Air Station Yuma's Yodaville training range Sept. 30.

chief, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269, is an aerial gunnery instructor on several aircraft-mounted automatic weapons platforms.

He's fired the M3M during the day and night, on the ground and in the air.

Firing the weapon in different scenarios is key to forming a well-rounded opinion.

"Right now, at night it washes out your (night-vision) goggles real bad," said Henry. "No flash suppression and a higher rate of fire adds to the muzzle flash."

On the same token, Henry also noted that the mount system really makes the gun more stable. "It sits further forward in the cabin, so it's easier to control," said

Henry.

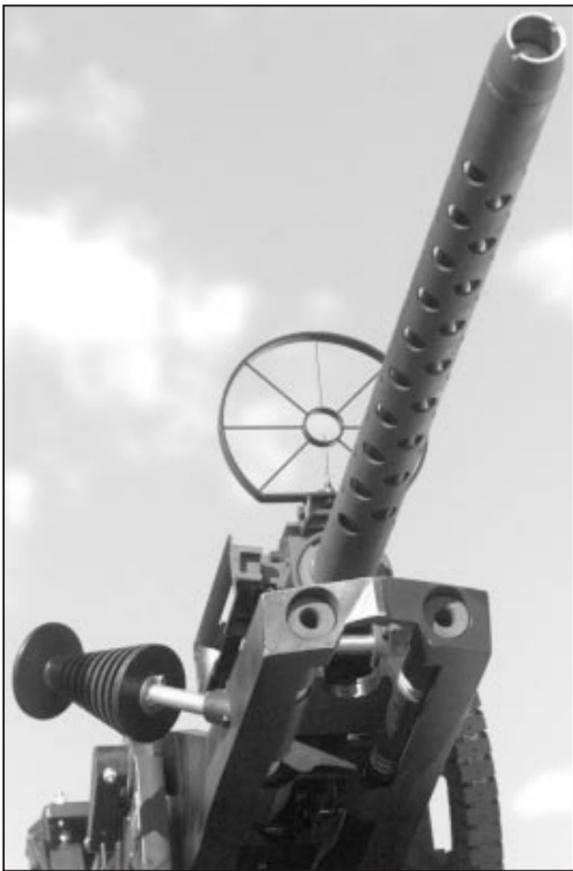
Currently, the M3M has higher maintenance, has too many moving parts and too many scheduled inspections, said Henry. "It'll be a good gun, if they make the changes."

The M3M is specifically designed for employment on vehicular and aviation assets.

Some of the weapon's best features are its ability to sustain a rate of fire of 1,100 rounds per minute compared to the current 800, an open bolt system which virtually eliminates rounds from accidentally "cooking off" and less recoil forces which results in greater sustained accuracy.

One other got the chance to fire the M3M

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The M3M Pintle Weapon System .50-caliber machinegun is designed and manufactured by FN Herstal.



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Corporal Kyle Sargent, UH-1N Huey crew chief, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367, prepares a GAU-17 machinegun before firing at stationary targets on the Yodaville range Sept. 30.

YODAVILLE, From A-8

during its historic debut. An aerospace engineer at Naval Air System Command, Sonia Gutierrez donned the appropriate safety gear, got behind the M3M, and fired away.

"Once you pull the trigger, it's go-go-go," she said, having discovered the weapon's power.

"I'm still shaking."

The second phase of testing, which will focus more on the CH-46 and CH-53 helicopters, will take place during WTI's March-April session.

MILITARY BLOTTER

Traffic Court

There were a total of 84 traffic citations issued the week of Oct. 5-11.

The Blotter

-A Military spouse reported that unknown person(s) scratched the rear driver's side door of her vehicle.

-A Marine was apprehended for trespassing after he was driving his privately owned vehicle in a restricted area.

-A Marine reported that unknown person(s) stole cooking utensils and a cooler from the front yard of his quarters.

-A civilian employee reported that an unknown vehicle had struck his POV while it was parked in the Marine Corps Exchange parking lot.

-A Marine reported that unknown person(s) stole various personal items from his vehicle while it was parked in the Exchange parking lot.

-A civilian employee was involved in a traffic accident while driving and failed to maintain sufficient distance from the vehicle in front of him.

-A Marine was involved in a traffic accident while driving and failed to maintain sufficient distance from a stop sign.

-A Marine was apprehended for driving under the influence.

-A Sailor was arrested by the Honolulu Police Department for DUI and was processed and released on \$500 bail.

-A Marine reported damage to government property when his washing machine leaked water onto the circuit breaker box.

-A Marine was apprehended for damage to private property, when he slashed two tires of another Marine's vehicle.

Lost and Found

If you have missing items, contact Lost and Found to see if

anone has turned them in.

Call Cpl. Fernandez at 257-2103, ext. 325.

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

Contact Cpl. Gordon Scott at Crime Prevention for all issues at 257-2103, ext. 315.