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NMCI offers clarity

Sgt. Joseph A. Lee
Combat Correspondent

The Navy and Marine Corps Intranet is coming, and the people affected by this change should be educated on what to expect. Yet, a lot of people still may not be clear on what exactly NMCI is.

That is why a team of NMCI representatives held a conference last week, to discuss NMCI with section representatives (and to explain to those who may still be unclear) about what NMCI is and what the Navy or Marine Corps employees can expect with the change to this system.

"There really isn't that much that the individual user will notice as far as change," said Navy Capt. Joseph A. Grace, Jr., director, NMCI Office/Program Executive Office for Information Technology. "Because the Marine Corps is such a small, elite force, with excellent leadership, the NMCI network will simply have to pick the current Marine Corps network up like a crane and drop it in."

Grace opened the series of briefs by talking with the audience to find out what good or bad things they have heard about NMCI. With a few exceptions, the audience seemed quite bewildered about what NMCI is designed to do.

According to Grace, some simple objectives of the NMCI program describe why it is being established in the first place.

The Navy and Marine Corps Intranet is a network designed to:

- Replace the old "wild, wild west" network with a planned network, where structure is clear, money and equipment is used efficiently, and potential for growth can be established. Using money and equipment efficiently would mean giving the fastest, most capable machines to the people who need them, and less capable machines to those who don't.

- Improve security through less network branching. The branches of the current network require separate firewalls to protect from outside viruses, hackers and other dangers of the Internet. With NMCI in place, Marine Corps bases will be able to "talk to one-another," without firewalls, allowing for a much more

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Jerry Banks

Presidential visit

The President of the United States, the Honorable George W. Bush, and his wife Laura, wave to the media as they step off Air Force One at Base Operations at Hickam Air Force Base during a visit to Hawaii Thursday. The President visited the Arizona Memorial, attended two Republican Party fundraisers, and met with Pacific island leaders. See next week's Hawaii Marine for the full story.

Security to drive troop rotation

Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The bulk of U.S. troops serving in Iraq will rotate home in the first half of 2004, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said here today.

The numbers and types of troops that replace them will be driven by the "security situation



RUMSFELD

on the ground in Iraq" rather than "timelines for force reductions," the secretary said in a Pentagon press briefing.

"We're committed to staying as long as necessary, with as many forces as necessary to deal with the current threats," he said.

DoD's ultimate goal is to "increasingly shift the responsibility for Iraqi security to the Iraqis themselves," Rumsfeld explained.

As more Iraqi security forces become trained and able to carry out duties in their country, fewer U.S. and other foreign troops will be

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Foreign attachés witness warfighting capabilities

Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle
Combat Correspondent

The Department of Defense sponsored several foreign defense attachés, based out of their respective embassies in Washington, D.C., to come to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Oct. 16, to view firsthand, the warfighting capabilities of the Marine Corps during a live-fire demonstration at the Range Training Facility here.

The attachés, representing more than 50 countries around the world, also gained exposure to DoD's culture and capabilities.

The attachés were greeted by Col. Richard Roten, deputy commander, MCB Hawaii, at the Range Training Facility. Roten gave a detailed history of MCB Hawaii and explained to his captive audience that they were sitting in the middle of a volcano. He also pointed out that not too far from where they were, was a species of protected sea birds known as the Red-footed Booby bird.

Before the live-fire demon-



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Marines from Echo Co., 2/3, impressed foreign attachés when they demonstrated their ability to fast rope out of a CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter and secure a combat zone.

stration got underway, the attachés expressed surprise to see that their lunches were sealed in brown plastic wrapping. For many, it was their first introduction to the meal-ready-to-eat (MRE). The attachés learned how to use the heaters within the meals and about the nutrition value provided by the

MREs to keep Marines in training and in combat well nourished.

With their appetites calmed by the MREs, Maj. Pete Wilson, operations officer with 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, gave a brief on the live-fire demonstration the attachés were to witness. The calm was then

abruptly broken by the sounds of gunfire echoing off the walls of the Ulupa'u Crater when scout snipers from 2/3 engaged targets placed on the range from the cliffs surrounding the area.

As the snipers laid down suppressive fire, more explosions followed when 60mm mortars further suppressed the mock-enemy.

As the Range Training Facility grounds shook from the onslaught of firepower, two combined anti-armor teams with .50-caliber machineguns moved in at ground level and fired upon the enemy position. Moments later, the distinct sounds of helicopter blades popping in the air, followed by Marines from Echo Co., 2/3, descending down a fast rope from a CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter, made the attachés' eyes open wide as the Marines set up a fire position within moments of coming off the helicopter.

It was not long until the 2/3 Island Warriors had seized their objective and were ready to

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Ready for Halloween? See page B-7 for spooky details.

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

VOLUNTEERS CAN 'MAKE A DIFFERENCE' AT KALAHEO HIGH SCHOOL

Military members and their families are invited to "Make a Difference Day" at Kalaheo High School, Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers will help paint curbs and walls, and help shovel mulch throughout the grounds of the school.

Free lunch will be provided at noon.

For more information contact Meg Gammon, a parent facilitator, at 236-4230. So come out and make a difference.

HELP IS SOUGHT TO 'MAKE A DIFFERENCE' AT KAHALU'U

Youth, teens and adults are invited to "Make a Difference Day," Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon to remove invasive alien plants and begin watershed restoration by planting native plant species.

Showtime is 7:30 a.m. at the Kahalu'u Elementary School Cafeteria, at 47-280 Waihee Rd. in Kaneohe. Complimentary coffee and juice will be served in the morning, and free lunch and entertainment (live bands) will follow.

For more information call Key Project at 239-5777 or e-mail keycd@hawaii.rr.com.

SPECIAL NEEDS ISSUES ADDRESSED IN OCTOBER

The MCB Hawaii Special Needs Information & Support Network will have its monthly meeting on Oct. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

The location of the meeting is at the L.I.N.K.S. House next to the hourly child-care center. All MCB Hawaii families with Special Needs family members are invited to attend the meeting.

For more info, contact the base Exceptional Family Member Coordinator at 257-7783.

The Military Committee for Persons with Disabilities will also hold its open meeting on Oct. 29 at 6 p.m.

The location of the meeting is at the Base Chapel Religious Education Center. Childcare is provided.

For more info contact the base Exceptional Family Member Coordinator at 257-7783.

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Make a Difference Day

A call for help is sent out to all military

Sgt. Joe Lindsay

Community Relations Chief

Marines are known as America's 911 force, both for their ability to get in and get the job done fast, and also because people count on Marines to make things better.

It is in that spirit that the communities of Kaneohe and Kahalu'u are asking that Marines and Sailors join them for the Waihe'e Ahupua'a Initiative (WAI) on Saturday as part of "Make A Difference Day."

According to John Reppun, Key Project community program coordinator and a Kaneohe resident, "Make A Difference Day" is a national day of helping others — a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors.

"We really need the Marines support on 'Make A Difference Day' to help us restore the Waihe'e Valley by removing invasive alien plants and planting native ones in their place," said Reppun. "The ultimate future of our watershed depends on it."

According to Amy Tsuneyoshi, a watershed conservationist from Aiea, Hawaii, the area's watershed runs from the mountains to the ocean.

"Once the watershed is degraded, the quality and quantity of drinking water is compromised," said Tsuneyoshi. "Basically, we want to take a stance on this issue and do something about it to ensure the areas drinking water for the future."

Thus far, the response from the local community has been outstand-



Steven Springel

The rolling hills of Waihe'e Valley are in desperate need of restoration. Invasive alien plants are overtaking the lush native plants of the area.

ing, noted Jon Yoshimura, a Honolulu resident and member of the Board of Water Supply Community Relations office.

But, more help is still needed.

"The Marine Corps has been such an instrumental part of so many of the positive things that have happened in the community, and has a history of being there for the community when we need them, and we really need them now," said Yoshimura. "We consider the Marines and their families who live on the base as much a part of our community as if they lived in town. We're all in this together."

Yoshimura says that though they are requesting RSVPs from volunteers by calling Key Project at 239-5777 or e-mailing keycd@hawaii.rr.com, "nothing would make me happier than if a bus load of Marines showed up on Saturday at Kahalu'u Elementary School unannounced."

According to Yoshimura, volun-

teers are requested to meet in the school's cafeteria at 7:30 a.m. for coffee, juice and donuts.

From there, vans will transport volunteers up the road a couple of miles to the work site, where the removal of alien plants and the planting of native plant species will take place.

The project will run from 8 a.m. to noon, at which time volunteers will be transported back to the school for a free lunch and entertainment by local Hawaiian bands.

Headlining the local bands will be Martin Pahinui, a local Hawaiian favorite and legend in his own rite, not to mention being the son of the original king of island rhythm, Gabby Pahinui.

"As much as we want to improve the watershed, we know there is only so much we can do in one day," said Yoshimura. "Our focus is really on educating the community, and just as importantly, bringing the community together in a positive way. We plan on having a lot of fun this Saturday."

And though he is making a special plea to the Marines and Sailors aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Yoshimura pointed out that military families are welcome to attend as well.

"Even if you've got young kids, and all you can really do is watch your kids, we still want you to come out," said Yoshimura. "This is about a sense of community. It's about having fun. And it's about neighbors getting to know each other."

New uniform regs to begin in April

Marines phase out old cammie uniforms, boots

Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Press Chief

With recent changes to the Marine Corps Combat Utility uniform, several all-Marine messages have been put out to offer guidance on the phasing-out of the old uniform. The messages basically state that the old camo should be completely replaced by 2006.

Currently, Marines must have one set of the new woodland digital camouflage uniforms, as well as three sets of the older-style woodland camouflage uniform. Both patterns may be

worn with either black or brown authorized combat boots.

In April 2004, black boots will no longer be authorized for wear with the woodland digital utility uniform, but may be worn with the older-style woodland camouflage uniform. Black or green jungle boots may not be worn with any Marine Corps uniform.

By October 2004, Marines must each have a set of both the woodland digital camouflage uniform and the desert digital camouflage uniform to complement two sets of the original woodland camouflage uniform, as well as a pair of each the temperate weather brown boots, and the hot weather brown jungle boots available for wear.



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

In April 2004 black boots will no longer be authorized for wear with the woodland digital cammies. Marines must wear the new temperate weather brown boots or hot weather brown jungle boots.

One year later, October 2005, Marines must replace one set of the old woodlands with another set of the new digitals, and by 2006 the older camouflage should be completely

replaced by the new digital uniforms, with each Marine owning two sets of woodland digitals and two sets of desert digitals, as well as the new authorized boots.

'Prevention begins with you!' says CG

"I declare October 2003 "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" for MCB Hawaii. Our theme this year is "Healthy Home, Peace of Mind."

Military families face many unique challenges and circumstances. The support of families is critical particularly under difficult circumstances such as deployments and military operations.

Frequent relocations often isolate military families from traditional support systems, and too often, families don't ask for help before the work and family pressures become overwhelming.

Domestic violence can tear homes apart. An insecure home environment filled with tension and violence between adults can also be damaging to any children living there. What we do today to prevent domestic violence can have profound impacts on the way our children grow up to become responsible and caring adults.

Responding appropriately to domestic violence is a high priority for the Marine Corps. This priority arises from the fact that domestic violence affects not only military families and the community but also ultimately impacts military

readiness.

By recognizing the special stresses faced by military families and ensuring that our families get the help they need in building "healthy homes," MCB Hawaii continues to improve its coordinated community response to family abuse.

Domestic violence prevention begins with me and you, and everyone else in this community."

Jerry C. McABEE
Brigadier General,
U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding General,
MCB Hawaii

Paralegals trade notes on success

Legal representatives cross-train, plan and give attention to interservice matters

Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle
Combat Correspondent

Representatives from each branch of the armed forces legal services community gathered at the Officers' Club aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, after a flag raising ceremony Oct. 16 for the chance to compare ideas and thoughts during an Interservice Paralegal Training Program meeting.

The training was held so the paralegals could gain knowledge of how each of the branches provides legal assistance to its respective service members.

The Interservice Paralegal Training Program was founded by senior enlisted representatives from each branch of the armed forces, with the goal of providing the legal community service members the opportunity to cross-train on legal matters, procedures, topics and training requirements specific to each service.

The paralegals discussed plans for each branch of the service to incorporate on-the-job training by allowing representatives to work with other branches' legal offices to gain firsthand knowledge of what the other services do on a daily basis to accomplish their mission.

"Our vision is to broaden our proficiency and knowledge of our sister serv-



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Several Marines, Sailors and Airman representing legal services from all branches of the Armed Forces gathered at the base flag pole Oct. 16 aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, for a flag raising ceremony before having a luncheon at the Officer's Club to discuss the difference on legal procedures among the organizations.

ices in order to improve interservice work relationships during joint training exercises and real-world contingencies," said Sgt. Carolyn Wilding, review chief with the Legal Services Center aboard MCB Hawaii.

During the meeting, the representatives identified the similarities within the branches' legal community in order to train on the differences.

According to Wilding, the legal community plans on creating an interservice

training newsletter that will post the upcoming interservice training schedules, provide an after-action report for each training session, identify the upcoming quarterly training plans for each branch of the service, and announce social functions within the legal community.

"It is very important that members within the legal service community come together and learn how each service assists its personnel differently," said

Army Pfc. Bethany Moore, a paralegal specialist with 2nd Bn., 25th Aviation Regiment, aboard Schofield Barracks. "Each service operates differently, and we can learn from one another by working with other services."

Along with becoming more knowledgeable in the other service's procedures in serving members with legal issues, members of the legal services community will also be looking forward to an island-wide Judge Advocate General military ball in which all services will bring their military paralegals, attorneys and civilians. The event is scheduled for April 2004 and allows the legal community a chance to don their formal dress uniforms and get to know each other in a more social environment.

According to Army Master Sgt. Michael Maestas, chief paralegal with the office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 25th Infantry Division, aboard Schofield Barracks, the event is going to be a joint effort. The leadership of each service's JAG from the Pentagon will be invited, and the ball will take place at the Officers' Club aboard MCB Hawaii.

"The [JAG] is a special type of occupational specialty in the military because the [Uniformed Code of Military Justice] pertains to all service men and women," said Maestas. "All of us paralegal service men and women do the same kinds of legal work. We all just go about accomplishing the mission slightly different ways sometimes. This is going to be our chance to share our ways of success and learn from one another."

Protecting our military from bad business

The Military Sentinel combats consumer fraud

1st Lt. Christopher M. Winchell
Legal Services Center, MCB Hawaii

The United States military is one of the largest groups of U.S. consumers. Although military members enjoy the benefits and convenience of purchasing goods and services on base, some goods and services are only available off base from the civilian sector.

Unfortunately, there are some in the business community who specialize in taking advantage of military personnel and their families through fraudulent schemes and deceptive acts.

In order to combat the problem of consumer fraud against military members and their families, the Federal Trade Commission has joined forces with the Department of Defense in developing an online computerized database known as Military Sentinel.

In the past, the reporting and investigation of fraud against military personnel has been met with unique challenges. These challenges include nonstandard work schedules, lengthy absences from home, frequent relocations, privacy issues and remote duty stations far from U.S. consumer protection channels.

However, with the advent of the Military Sentinel system, military members and their families are only as far away as a computer in reporting fraud and unfair consumer practices.

Military Sentinel is an online database that addresses consumer protection issues for military members

and their families. Military members and their dependents can file consumer complaints against businesses online through the Military Sentinel Web site located at www.consumer.gov/military.

The Web site makes filing a complaint quick and easy. The information provided is immediately stored in a database accessible by over 550 military and non-military law enforcement organizations across the U.S., Canada, and Australia.

Law enforcement officials use the complaint data to target cases for prosecution and other law enforcement measures. Any personal identification or contact information is only available to law enforcement personnel and is solely utilized by them to contact the complainant during any investigation or enforcement action against the business.

In addition to consumer business complaints, identity theft complaints can also be made on the website, for future tracking and investigation. Additionally, the Military Sentinel website provides military consumers

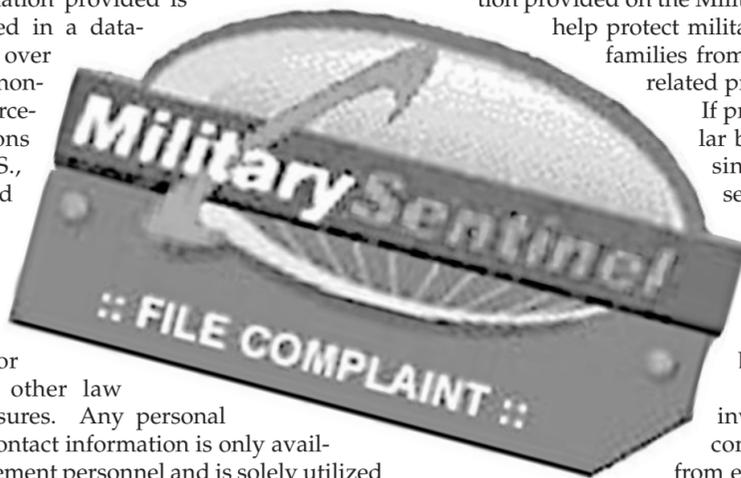
with educational materials covering more than 150 topics on a wide range of consumer protection issues, including auto leasing, identity theft and work-at-home scams.

Military legal assistance attorneys use the information provided on the Military Sentinel website to help protect military members and their families from consumer protection-related problems.

If problems with a particular business persist, or if a single problem is of a serious nature, the business complaint may be brought to the attention of the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board.

The AFDCB is an investigative committee composed of members from each of the services and civilian advisers who seek to protect the consumer interests and welfare of service members. The AFDCB works in close cooperation with local law enforcement agencies, civic organizations and

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Word on the Street

"For Halloween, what would you dress up as and why?"



"I would dress up as anything that would scare all the kids away."
Airman Andrew Haynes
Aviation machinist mate
HSL-37



"I want to dress up as the tooth fairy because I want to fly."
Breana Sutter, age 5
Kindergartener
Kainalu Elementary School



"I want to dress up as a dead cheerleader because I saw it in the movies."
Seaman Ashlie Shivers
Mess specialist
VP-9



"I would dress up as a pirate because that is what I always dressed up as when I was a little kid."
Cpl. Joshua McCune
Administration clerk
Headquarters Co.,
3rd Marine Regiment



"I would dress up as a witch because that is what my little sister is going to do."
Airman Danielle Schiller
Aviation ordnanceman
VP-9

NMCRS recognizes, awards volunteers

Lance Cpl.
Monroe F. Seigle
Combat Correspondent



when in need, and to receive and manage funds to administer its programs.

During the 3rd Quarter Awards Ceremony, several new volunteers were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Marines and Sailors aboard MCB Hawaii. Six volunteers were awarded for contributing more than 1,200 accumulative hours of volunteer work in the past year.

"If the volunteers were to be paid only the minimum federal wage for the numerous hours they have contributed to assisting the Marines and Sailors [aboard MCB Hawaii], the cost would be phenomenal," said Col. Richard

Roten, deputy commanding officer, MCB Hawaii.

After the volunteers enjoyed a lunch of pasta of their choice, prepared by the chefs at the Officers' Club, Roten discussed how the NMCRS continues to serve Marines and Sailors in times of need. The colonel and Pat Perry, director of the NMCRS Kaneohe Bay, presented awards to each of the volunteers, along with traditional Hawaiian leis.

Melissa Lindquist was recognized as the volunteer of the quarter having volunteered more than 500 hours of her spare time to assist Marines and Sailors.

"I just like to help people when they need assistance," said Lindquist after she earned the title. "The award I received today makes all the hours I

volunteer worthwhile. It is a good feeling when you are outside the office and people recognize and thank you for assisting them in a crisis."

Since she began volunteering more than a year ago, Lindquist has helped Marines and Sailors by giving them financial advice, assisted them in getting interest-free loans for emergency leave, car repair and a variety of emergencies that occur in life that require emergency financial assistance.

Lindquist plans to continue to serve Marines and Sailors until her husband is eligible for retirement in eight years.

"We never know how much time we have in our lives," said Roten. "Our volunteers are willing to give one of their most valuable possessions in order to serve our Marines and Sailors - their time."

== EVERY CLIME AND PLACE == 22nd MEU ends at-sea embarks

Gunnery Sgt. Keith A. Milks
22nd MEU

ABOARD THE USS WASP — The 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit took another step toward its 2004 deployment with the wrap-up of its Amphibious Squadron MEU Integration Training (PMINT), the unit's second at-sea training exercise.

During the eight-day evolution, the 22nd MEU command element and its major subordinate elements embarked aboard the amphibious assault ships Wasp, Shreveport, and Whidbey Island with which they will deploy aboard early next year.

The primary purpose of PMINT was to help foster a working relationship between the Navy and the embarked Marines: Battalion Landing Team, 1st Bn., 6th Marines; Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 266 (Reinforced); and MEU Service Support Group 22. Issues relating to communications, berthing and shipboard rules and regulations are normally resolved; however, in September, the MEU embarked aboard the ships for training that helped iron out many of the basic issues so that it could use PMINT to practice introducing forces ashore for a variety of operational scenarios.

Highlights of the PMINT included HMM-266 (Rein) continuing the certification of its pilots for shipboard flight operations, a fire support exercise with Naval Surface Fire Support, MSSG-22's establishing a humanitarian assistance camp ashore, and raids involving boat, mechanized and helicopter-

borne companies of BLT 1/6.

"We're further along in training than most other MEU's at this point," said Col. Kenneth F. McKenzie Jr., 22nd MEU commanding officer. "The training we do now will bring us home alive."

When the 22nd MEU deploys in early 2004, it will do so as part of the Wasp Expeditionary Strike Group/22nd MEU, a unit that combines the three amphibious assault ships on which the MEU will embark with several other Navy combatant ships, including two cruisers, a destroyer and an attack submarine.



Lance Cpl. Jemssy Alvarez

Charlie Co., BLT 1/6, the ground combat element of the 22nd MEU, readies to board an HMM-266 (Rein) CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter after completing a raid exercise at Camp Lejeune, N.C., for transport to the USS Wasp.



Gunnery Sgt. Keith A. Milks

An AV-8B Harrier II from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 266 (Reinforced) lands aboard the USS Wasp during the unit's recent Amphibious Squadron MEU Integration Training, with the 22nd MEU, the aviation combat element during the exercise.

In memory of all our fallen brothers...

Iwo Jima vets fly flag around the country

Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

News Editor

During the amphibious landing on Iwo Jima, five Marines and a Navy corpsman with the 28th Marines, 5th Marine Division, raised the second flag above Mt. Suribachi to signal the capture of the area. The flag raising still remains unforgettable to many Americans even today.

In remembrance of that faithful time in America's history, members of the Iwo Jima Veterans Association are trekking around the country with the last certified flag to be flown over Iwo Jima, and raising it over each state capital of the United States.

In 1993, the Iwo Jima Veterans Associations sent an American flag to the U.S. Coast Guard Loran Station, located on Iwo Jima, and requested that it be flown atop Mt. Suribachi. The Coast Guard complied, and the flag received a certification in its upper corner stating that it was, in fact, flown on Iwo Jima. Shortly after, the Coast Guard station closed, and Iwo Jima was completely given over to Japan.

Paul L. Bockman, a member of the Iwo Jima Veterans Association, recently brought the famous flag to Oahu, to make Hawaii the 21st state to fly the flag.

"Our goal is to fly this flag in every one of the 50 states," said Bockman, a retired Air Force senior master sergeant. "But I want to fly it over as many military bases, veteran cemeteries, schools



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Paul Bockman (center), retired Air Force master sergeant, points out the official Iwo Jima inscription on the famous flag to Master Sgt. Juan Rivera (left), deputy base inspector, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay; and Maj. Chris Hughes, MCB Hawaii public affairs director. Hawaii is the 21st state the flag has flown over.

and mountains that I can as well."

During his stay on Oahu, Bockman has flown the Iwo Jima flag over the Hawaii State Capitol Building; MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay; the National Cemetery of the Pacific; Pearl Harbor Naval Base; the Coast Guard Station; Schofield Barracks; Hickam Air Force Base; the Arizona Memorial; and atop the Hale Koa Hotel aboard Fort

DeRussy.

"There are approximately 265 members of the Iwo Jima Veterans Association, and they are all contributing to this cause," said Bockman. "But I have done a lot more with it than anyone else."

Since he acquired the flag in February, Bockman has flown it over Colorado, New Mexico and Hawaii. On Memorial

Day of this year, he flew the flag over Mt. Elbert, which is 14,431 feet high and located in the state of Colorado. According to Bockman, that is the highest the flag has ever flown.

He also flew it over Leadville, Colo., which is the highest city in the United States.

But Bockman is not content with the 14,000 foot-plus record; he wants to go higher. So in November, he has scheduled the flag to be attached to the Air Force Thunderbirds' lead F-16 and fly it on a mission over Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas.

Before the end of 2003, he plans to fly it over Wyoming and Utah. In Utah, he has enlisted the help of the last three living Medal of Honor recipients to help raise the flag over the capital of Utah.

In February, Bockman will relinquish possession of the Iwo Jima flag and pass it on to the next member who wishes to participate.

"I would do just about anything for this flag. It's that important to me, and the association," said Bockman. "Before I became involved with this flag, I did not know much about the other services, but now I am more impressed with the Marines than ever.

"It never ceases to amaze me how professional and dependable the Marines are," he continued. "They have really tried to help me out in my quest, and they have become our friends. The Marine Corps really is a cut above the rest."

NMCI, From A-1

manageable network.

•Install Dell computers on every person's workstation and provide a common desktop look and feel, so people will feel comfortable operating any system they may be moved to.

•Periodically upgrade software. All software gets outdated eventually, and the NMCI contract is designed to periodically upgrade software to more current versions such as moving from Windows 95 to 2000. The upgrade process should be non-intrusive to users as the software will be remotely uploaded onto the computers at night. In the morning, users should be able to run the new upgrades without a break in workflow.

•Implement Public Key Infrastructure, security, and encryption software. By implementing what's known as PKI, information exchanges, such as e-mail, can be encrypted and thus protected from hackers while the message travels along unprotected Internet highways.

•Create an information technology infrastructure. By determining which hardware and software the Navy and Marine Corps will be authorizing for use

on the network, a technician can be sure that he or she will have the knowledge to help the user when a problem arises. Also, a better tracking system can be kept of licensed software and keep unauthorized software off the machines.

Electronic Data Systems Inc., was awarded the \$6.9 billion contract to construct and operate NMCI while keeping much of the current Marine Corps Enterprise Network framework in place.

"The NMCI contract is one-of-a-kind, and is the largest network contract ever established," said Grace. "With such a large-scale implementation taking place, it is essential that we utilize the knowledge of a single department representative in each workplace to oversee the section's move into NMCI."

The time to make the decision on implementation has passed, and the program is progressing very quickly. There is no debating whether or not NMCI will be established, no room for complaining about any change in office protocol, and no time to sit around wondering what to do to prepare, according to Grace.

The new network is not driven by a set schedule, so there is no deadline for implementation, according to Lt. Col. Hank Costa, Headquarters Marine Corps C-4.

"The NMCI will be established base-by-base," said Costa. "After we see the first area of implementation up and running, we will move on to the next area until the Marine Corps is successfully operating under the EDS system."

As with any new system, there may be problems that arise along the way, and Costa reminded section representatives at the conference to notify EDS of problems and hiccups that may arise while their systems are being implemented.

To smooth the NMCI transition, section representatives should be patient with the G-6 identification of computers within the work sections. Representatives should gain a basic knowledge of what hardware and software the employees in their section will require to do their jobs, and they should have access to all the licenses for each software package the section will need, according to Grace.

"The ultimate goal of NMCI is to put the focus of information technology in the hands of information technology experts, and free up Marines and Sailors to do the jobs they are trained to do," said Grace. "In the past, focus on the mission may have allowed for software to be acquired without licenses, or the license may have been misplaced over

the years. To maintain security and accountability for EDS, departments may be forced to purchase a licensed version of software packages they may already be using, but this is just a temporary cost, which will ultimately be a responsibility taken over by EDS."

Once up-and-running, EDS will be handling all the trouble calls and complications that may arise with an employee's computer, and EDS will be getting paid according to customer satisfaction, according to Grace.

"Once per quarter, EDS has the potential to get paid up to \$100 for complete user satisfaction per workstation," said Grace. "This means that EDS has a major concern for your happiness, or what we like to call the 'warm and fuzzy factor.' If the user is not happy with his or her service, EDS loses money."

Ultimately, the only inconveniences the average user might encounter with the implementation of NMCI are restrictions that the DoD and the Department of the Navy policy already dictate for security purposes, according to Grace.

"After September 11, national security has demanded a few inconveniences from the population: in the airports, government buildings and things dealing with security," said Grace. "The Navy has information technology security policies already in place, but now they will be enforced with the help of EDS and NMCI."

(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.)

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The Provost Marshal's Office reported no DUI incidents for the week of Oct. 13 - 19. Keep up the good work!

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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.

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- Choose a sober designated driver.
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- Spend the night where the

activity is being held.

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

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legitimate business establishments, to protect military members from unfair and criminal business practices. It has the authority to recommend to area commanders that the business establishment be declared "off limits" to all military personnel.

In determining whether to bring a business complaint to the attention of the AFDCB, military law enforcement personnel and legal assistance attorneys can now consult the Military Sentinel website to search for other complaints made against that same business or individual. The search is not limited to branch of service and can be narrowed or expanded geographically depending upon the need.

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Navy observes Hispanic Heritage Month

Seaman Aaron Cortez
Kunia Regional Security
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KUNIA — The month of October has granted the members of the Kunia Regional Security Operations Center the ability to express sincere appreciation for Hispanic Americans and their vast contributions to society.

Recently, Master Sgt. Laurie Bentley and the KRSOC Multicultural Heritage Committee sent the message that the Latin community, along with its great numbers in the U.S. military, has had a significant impact on this country's history during celebrations spotlighting the theme — "Honoring our Past, Surpassing our Present and Leading our Future."

With the rhythmic sounds of "Conjunto Tropical," a popular local Latin band, a beautiful display of Latin dances of all kinds — from street to ballroom, and the best in Latin foods provided by La Familia, the audience captured the very essence of Hispanic culture.

"I expected people to leave here educated and with the reminder that the Latin community does well overall in society and that we are going to be around for a while," said Lance Cpl. Carlos Leon.

Eric Carson was the guest speaker for the event. Carson is highly recognized as one of the top Hispanic business owners in Hawaii. He is also known for his impressive public service throughout the state, especially in the Hispanic community.

Carson is the chair of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Region I, along with being president & CEO of several major organizations.

In his speech, he talked about his humble upbringing and the struggles he had to overcome. He was particularly interested about the future for Hispanic youth.

"The future is based on the value of the educational services provided," he said.

In the end, Carson reminded those present of a recent call.

"We have momentum by being in the finest country in the world," said Carson. "The Hispanic people are now in a position of thriving not surviving."



Seaman Aaron Cortez

Guests show their appreciation for Latin dance at the Kunia Regional Security Operations Center during its Hispanic Heritage Month celebration recently.



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Staff Sgt. David Alexander, an explosive ordnance technician with Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii, shows foreign attachés the proper way to ride a Segway scooter, used to transport explosive ordnance.

RUMSFELD, *From A-1*

needed. In the past five months, Rumsfeld said, roughly 85,000 Iraqis have been trained to take up arms. That includes 55,000 police, 6,400 border guards, 18,700 members of the Facilities Protection Force, one 700-man battalion of the new Iraqi army and 4,700 members of a civil-defense corps.

In the meantime, U.S. force requirements will depend on the needs of the commanders in theater, said Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Pace explained ground commanders are looking at replacing both combat and combat-support units and at finding the right mix of specialties.

"The next rotation will have fewer heavy units like tanks, and more units that have humvees and lighter vehicles for mobile infantry," he said. "That also lightens up the amount of logistic support needed — the mechanics needed and the like — to keep the heavy equipment moving."

Finding the right balance between active and reserve-component forces is also an important step in the planning

process. Pace said reserve forces need to be given as much notice of mobilization as is possible, but they need to be mobilized as late as possible and still get them where they need to be by their targeted date.

Units in Iraq are serving one-year rotations, but Reserve and National Guard units need time to mobilize and train before their one-year rotation starts. By activating units as late in this process as possible, officials hope to minimize the time reserve-component troops spend away from their homes and families.

Rumsfeld and Pace said the details on

which active and reserve units will be deployed in the next rotations to Iraq are being determined now. Units will begin learning over the next several weeks, and defense officials will release the information to the public.

The secretary said he and other officials are careful not to speculate on which units might be deployed next and urged the media to follow his lead.

"These [decisions] involve lots of people's lives," he said, adding that speculation about what units might or might not go only serves to "jerk around the families and the service people."

ATTACHE, *From A-1*

withdraw.

To simulate how damaged equipment was removed from the battlefield, a CH-53D once again returned to the combat zone and lifted a high mobility, multi-purpose wheeled vehicle (humvee) off the ground and carried it off the range.

"This gave the attachés an idea of what the Marine Corps is capable of as a [Marine Air Ground Task Force]," said Wilson. "We showed them what we could do as we integrate combined arms with direct fire."

The attachés spoke with Ground Combat Element Marines face-to-face as they over looked a static display of artillery equipment, amphibious assault vehicles and all the equipment used by Explosive Ordnance Disposal.

Eager to learn more about the Corps, the attachés were bussed down

to the flight line where they were not only able to see how and with what the Marines in the aviation field work, but also how they work with the Navy.

The attachés then received guided tours of P-3C Orion aircraft and saw the inside of the SH-60B helicopter, followed by a lesson in the history of the Navy and an overview of several jobs in the Navy's aviation field by Cmdr. Dan Rieck, commanding officer of Patrol Squadron 9.

"The Marines have demonstrated to me just how prepared they really are for any kind of situation that may arise," said Brazilian Air Force Maj. Gen. Alberto de C. Fagundes, defense and air attaché for the Brazilian Air Force.

"The spirit of the United States Marine Corps is very impressive. It was a pleasure to be able to meet members of the finest fighting force in the world today."