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# HCAX opens on Big Isle

**Sgt. Joseph A. Lee**  
Press Chief

Marines and Sailors from MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay are deploying to the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island of Hawaii, to conduct realistic combined arms training as the second Hawaii Combined Arms Exercise of the year kicks off today.

The units participating unite to create Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force 3, which is comprised of the four elements that form a MAGTF.

The command element is 3rd Marine Regiment's Headquarters Company and Combat Support Company. Attached to the command element is artillery support from 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment and a group

of Tongan soldiers that will be acting as an aggressor force during the training, hosted by the Headquarters Company Marines.

The second element of the SPMAGTF is the ground combat element, which consists of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, accompanied by ACE Company, 1st Singaporean Army Developmental Force.

The third element is the air combat element,

made up of units from Marine Aircraft Group 24. The fourth element of the SPMAGTF is the combat support element provided by Combat Logistics Battalion 79.

"Our main focus out there is going to be to give 3rd Marines all the support they will need in a combat environment," said Staff Sgt.

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## Facilities gives base a \$62.7M facelift

**Sgt. Jerome Edwards**  
Combat Correspondent

Service members and dependents stationed aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay may have noticed in their daily travels a number of construction zones around the base. What is going on and how long will the construction last?

In the past year, the base has undergone vast improvements to the facilities here, like the addition to the Officers' Club, the new Single Marine and Sailor Program Recreation Center, and even the construction of the new post office.

According to Philip Lum, a Civil Engineer with the MCB Hawaii Facilities Department, there are numerous "high visibility" projects currently underway aboard the installation, totaling more than \$62.7 million.

"At present we have five projects in process that are scheduled to be completed between this month and May of 2006," said Lum.

"In trying to keep with the commanding general's tireless effort to improve the quality of life aboard the base for both family and service members, there are many projects that are in the works, like project 748 — Bachelor Enlisted Quarters, which is a 150-room BEQ, set to replace buildings 1061, 1062 and 1063," said Lum.

The \$25.6 million project began in September 2003, and is scheduled for completion this month. An official ribbon cutting ceremony for BEQ 7061 is planned for Sept. 29.

"For those men and women of uniform who have families, there are 212 family housing units being replaced," Lum said.

That contract was awarded to Metcalf Construction, totaling \$51 million and construction began in May of this year. This project is scheduled for completion in May of 2006.

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Lance Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

A Marine from Maintenance Company, Combat Service Support Group 3, checks his surroundings through the cloud of smoke at the MOUT training facility, Schofield Barracks Tuesday.

## CSSG-3 trains for war

Story and Photos By  
**Lance Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson**

Media Chief

**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii** — Marines from Maintenance Company, Combat Service Support Group 3 went through four days of training at the Military Operations on Urban Terrain training facility, and an open company maneuver area on Schofield Barracks that simulated dangerous scenarios similar to what could arise in Iraq or Afghanistan.

The realistic training was based on current

events using after-action reports from Iraq and Afghanistan to prepare Marines for future deployments, said Chief Warrant Officer Alan Clyne, commanding officer for Maintenance Co., CSSG-3.

"This particular training could not have gone off with the realistic effects of the urban environment without Army range personnel at the Schofield Barracks," said Clyne.

The scenario was one similar to the situation in Fallujah, dealing with highly influential insurgents, using the town as a weapons cache. This is disrupting for peace initiatives.

"The main focus of the training for the Marines was humanitarian assistance, security and stability," said Clyne. "The job of the Marines was to assist the townspeople in satisfying immediate requirements for food, water and sanitation, while performing security patrols in order to identify and detour any insurgent activity."

The sounds of Iraqi music played an eerie tune that filled the ghostlike town, as people role-playing Iraqi citizens stood in windows and roamed

See CSSG-3, A-4

## MAG-24 'Moto run' ups morale

**Cpl. Jessica M. Mills**  
Sports Editor

Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, was serenaded Friday morning by the sounds of more than 1200 Marines and Sailors from Marine Aircraft Group 24 calling cadence during their 3rd annual motivation run.

Each unit from MAG-24 joined the formation, including Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadrons 362, 363 and 463 and Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 301, as well as Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron and Headquarters Group.

"The primary reason for the motivation run, which we do annually, is unit camaraderie and morale," said Sgt. Maj. Emmanuel Magos, the sergeant major of MAG-24. "It is not a workout, although PT [physical training] is obviously involved. It is more

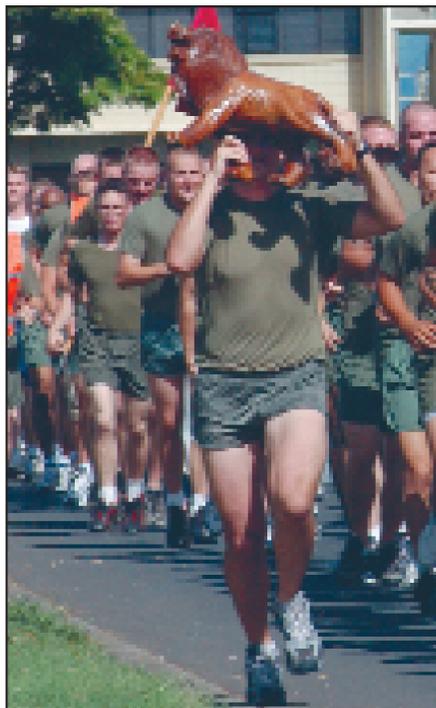
of a motivational thing. This is truly unit teamwork.

"It is not often that we can get the entire group out together. We usually schedule this run around the Marine Corps birthday, but this was the most opportune time based on current events and training schedules. We need to do more of these," Magos continued.

The sun was blazing down on the Marines and Sailors as they faithfully followed Col. Michael E. Love, MAG-24 commanding officer, down Mokapu Road.

The run, which circled the perimeter of the base, lasted more than three miles and ended with a formation in front of the general's building.

"Another side to this event is that it serves as a reminder to MCB Hawaii that the Marines and Sailors from the flight line side of the house are alive and well," said Magos.



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 shows pride in their mascot, the Red Lion, during the Marine Aircraft Group 24 Motivational Run Friday.

## Hawaii CFC runs through Oct. 19

**Maj. Larry D. Hilliard**  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-6

In the fall of 2003, approximately 70,000 military and Federal civilian employees raised over \$5.5 million through the Hawaii Combined Federal Campaign. The contributions are being distributed to more than 1,700 local, national, and international charities.

President John F. Kennedy established the CFC in March 1961 to consolidate numerous charitable campaigns in the federal workplace. The CFC was developed in response to federal employee wishes for a single campaign to reduce administrative expenditure, to permit voluntary payroll withholding for contributions, and to better support local, national, and international health,

welfare, and philanthropic organizations. Since its inception, the CFC has become the largest combined charity drive in the United States and the world. The CFC is a campaign conducted once a year. This makes fundraising easier for both federal employees and charities. The campaign, conducted each fall, follows regulations and guidelines established by Congress.

As this year's CFC begins, all Federal employees and military personnel within the Hawaii-Pacific areas should remember that donating is a significant way for us to show that we care and to give something back to the community, the nation and the world.

During the six week campaign, Sept. 7 – Oct. 19, more

See CFC, A-5

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Sept. 11 Remembrance

MCB Hawaii will conduct a "Patriot Day" flagpole ceremony honoring victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington D.C. The remembrance will begin at 8 a.m. at the bast flagpole.

## Admin/Finance Office Relocation

Base Personnel Administration Center will be relocating to building 401, effective Sept. 27. This move is mainly to move forward and to help aid in establishing the Installation Personnel Administration Center. The Finance Office will be relocating to building 216, effective Sept. 27.

## H-3 Lane Closures

The Honolulu bound lanes of the H-3 freeway will be closed to all vehicular traffic tomorrow and Sunday, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. for routine tunnel maintenance.

Also, H-3 lanes, Kaneohe bound will be closed Sept. 25 - 26, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

## Kailua Road Construction

Roadwork is underway in the Kailua area on Mokapu Road/Mokapu Boulevard from Kalaheo Ave. to the entrance of Marine Corps Base Hawaii. The work hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Motorists are advised to use alternate routes, allow extra time while driving through work areas and observe all traffic controls. For more information, call 547-7722.

## Base Road Closure

A lane closure at Mokapu Road and Harris Avenue is scheduled from Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please use alternate routes during this time.

## Mass Casualty Exercise

MCBH 1st Responders will be conducting a mass casualty exercise near the flight line Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 257-8845.

## Register to vote

Below is a list of helpful Web sites providing information about voting:

- www.manpower.usmc.mil, select "Personal and Family Readiness," then select "Voting."
- www.fvap.gov
- www.vote-smart.org
- www.republicansabroad.org
- www.democratsabroad.org
- www.fvap.gov/pubs/howtoinfo.html
- www.fvap.gov/pubs/faq.html

## O'Club Parking Reserved for Patrons Only

The parking area for The Officers' Club aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, is to be used only by patrons of the club while visiting the facility.

Residents of the Bachelor Officer Quarters must use the BOQ parking area, which is provided on the opposite side of the BOQ from the O'Club.

## Noise Prohibited on Mokapu Stretch

In consideration for the neighbors of MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Marines and Sailors running in formation near the back gate or on the trail around the Nuupia Ponds are prohibited from chanting or making excessive noise.

## Important Phone Numbers

On-Base Emergencies	257-9111
Military Police	257-7114
Child Protective Service	832-5300
Fraud, Waste, Abuse & EEO	257-8852
Business Management Hotline	257-3188
Pothole & Streetlight Repair	257-2380

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# Knife replaces bayonet

Cpl. Shawn Vincent

MCB Quantico

## MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va.

— The order to fix Bayonets was once a common phrase heard by Marines. Today the Marine Corps has a new weapon replacing the Bayonet — the Multi-Purpose Bayonet, model number OKC-3S, from the Ontario Knife Company.

The Marine Corps is currently issuing the Multi-Purpose Bayonet, and is scheduled to be finished by June 30, 2005.

The Multi-Purpose Bayonet with scabbard will provide greater durability than the M-7 Bayonet with scabbard and shall function as a fighting knife as well as a bayonet, said Maj. Allen L. Schweizer, team leader, support equipment program manager, infantry combat equipment, Marine Corps Systems Command.

Schweizer said the Multi-Purpose Bayonet attaches firmly to the bayonet lug when mounted on the M-16 or M-4 rifle.

Additional operating characteristics of the Multi-Purpose Bayonet include: functions without breaking in operating temperatures ranging from 25 to 135 degrees Fahrenheit, corrosive resistant, ergonomic handle that facilitates its use as a fighting knife, and it is compatible with current and

planned load bearing equipment. Its function is that of a bayonet and fighting knife but will perform all the necessary functions that one would expect from a field knife, Schweizer said. The Multi-Purpose Bayonet will not replace the K-Bar.

Schweizer said that the Multi-Purpose Bayonet is the replacement for the M-7 Bayonet.

The Marine Corps began fielding the knife in January, 2003. To date, 89,491 Multi-Purpose Bayonets have been fielded. I Marine Expeditionary Force received 32,690 Multi-Purpose Bayonets, II MEF received 27,271, III MEF received 22,593, Marine Forces Reserves received 10,080, Training and Education Command received 3,425 and other support establishment units have received 2,432.

Every Marine that has a rifle as their weapon will be issued a Multi-Purpose Bayonet, Schweizer said.

After the decision to use the Multi-Purpose Bayonet was made in December 2002, Schweizer said the source

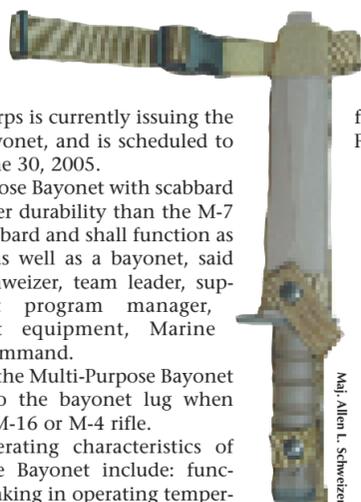
selection committee chose the OKC-3S version knife because it performed superbly in many different testing and evaluation categories.

Out of 33 different knives submitted for evaluation, this OKC-3S performed best, or next to best, in just about every category, he said.

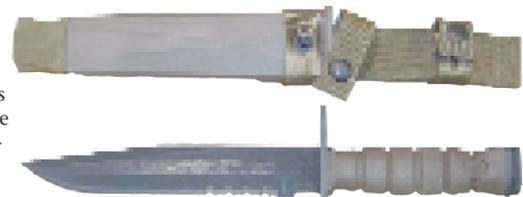
While the Marine Corps modified its handle material and a few other small points, the scabbard was designed by USA Labs Natick Mass., Schweizer said.

Schweizer said the Multi-Purpose Bayonet is best used on the enemy, and it causes physiological as well as physical damage.

It is psychologically damaging because of the fear it will bring to the mind of adversaries, he said. It projects a fear-invoking presence — not only is it much larger than the M-7 Bayonet, it is much thicker, wider, heavier and meaner.



Maj. Allen L. Schweizer



Maj. Allen L. Schweizer

The Multi-Purpose Bayonet model number OKC-3S from the Ontario Knife Company, is currently in the process of replacing the M-7 Bayonet.

# Front & Center: Look who's still talking

Master Gunnery Sgt. Billy D. Stewart Jr.

Commentary

The title of this week's column says it all: — Look who's still talking. Well, the truth of the matter is, a good majority of Marines, their families, and civilians here on base are talking, and they are doing it on cellular telephones.



STEWART

You can see individuals in their vehicles, on street corners, in the 7-Day Store, at their desk, in meetings, and at the movie theater eagerly using their phones. These little gadgets are here to stay and if you are not using one, you are behind the "power curve."

My wife and I own a cell phone, and have found it to be a valuable and important addition to our lives. In fact, most people know the positives of a cell phone, but seem to forget the pitfalls and dangers of their use. This week I will attempt to present my "rules of the road" for cell phone use, but first let's take a look at some of the problems both America and the Marine Corps are experiencing.

The Internet Site www.wired.com states cell phone safety has received quite a bit of

media attention since supermodel Niki Taylor was injured in a vehicle accident, after the driver who accompanied her reached for his cell phone, around two years ago. The state of New York followed New Jersey's lead and passed a bill that would prohibit the use of cell phones while driving. If caught, drivers could face hefty fines and punishments.

Various sources report that other states have hopped on the bandwagon to support the restriction as well, as has our nation's capitol, Washington, D.C. If driving problems related to cell phones aren't enough, a variety of restaurants, movie theaters, and business establishments are asking customers to turn off their cell phones or switch them to the "vibrate" mode to ensure chirping doesn't interrupt good old "peace and quiet."

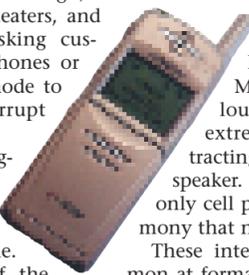
Citizens are finding that ringing cell phones are both annoying, disrespectful and rude; especially while trying to enjoy a nice dinner or watch a movie. Do not let the green grass of the Marine Corps fool you. We have our own dirty laundry concerning cell phone use. Let's take a look at few recent blunders concerning the improper use of a cell phone.

I have not yet seen an accident due to the improper use of a cell phone, but I constantly see Marines driving all over base with phones glued to their ears. I have been at a four-way stop and watched Marines hold an intense conversation while driving; all the while never bothering to

look around before proceeding. I also have witnessed Marines nonchalantly meandering across a busy street on base "chewing the fat" like they are in the barbershop on Saturday morning. They were clearly more concerned about the person on the other end of the line than their personal safety.

On a safer note, at a Marine Corps Ball I attended, the guest speaker had really gained the audience's attention. Every attendee was alert and eagerly taking in this former Marine's wise counsel. Suddenly out of nowhere, the evil chirping of a cell phone rang out. The ambiance of the moment was somewhat lost. We probably would have been better off if the Marine had just burped out loud. The ringing was both extremely disrespectful and distracting to both the guests and the speaker. Keep in mind, this was not the only cell phone ringing during the ceremony that night.

These interruptions are not only common at formal events, but during everyday operations as well. Personal cell phone calls interrupt training, pass downs, and even formations. Marines are caught with them strapped to their uniform improperly and even walking aimlessly down the street with their phone plastered to their head. However, rest assured, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Adhere to the advice I am sharing this week and you should find your cellular phone experience a safe and pleasant one. Let's briefly cover some rules of the road.



See CELL, A-5

# Word on the street

## What do you like about the fall season?



**Pvt. Allan Lim**  
Rifleman  
1st Singaporean Army  
Developmental Force

"In Singapore we don't have separate seasons, but I do like it when it rains more."



**Cpl. Jason A. Ochoa**  
METOC Analyst  
Marine Corps Air Facility

"Football!"



**Lance Cpl. Barry Harkins**  
New Join Clerk  
Base Personnel Administration  
Center

"Halloween is coming. Going down to Waikiki during Halloween is fun because everyone is all dressed up."



**Lance Cpl. Tom Owen**  
Communications Technician  
Marine Corps Air Facility

"I am awaiting the upcoming holidays because I am planning to visit with my family."



**Pvt. Shawn Young**  
Aviation Supply Clerk  
Marine Aircraft Logistics  
Squadron 24

"I like it when it rains, because the waterfalls around the island come alive."

Marines,

The right to vote is by far the most important right we possess and the time is rapidly approaching to exercise that right. However, in order to vote you must be registered. In order to register, you must complete the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). For all eligible voters you should complete the FPCA and mail it to your state election officials no later than 15 September 2004. Your Voting Assistance Officer can provide any assistance you may need.



GHORMLEY

Marines, this right to vote is what democracy is based upon. It is the bedrock for our freedoms. Exercise your right to vote. Make your voice be heard!!

Thank You!

Semper Fidelis,  
MGen Timothy Ghormley  
Director, Manpower Plans and Policy Division

# DUIs are career killers

(Editor's Note: Per the commanding general of MCB Hawaii, those arrested for driving under the influence [DUI], driving while intoxicated or drug-related offenses shall be publicized in the *Hawaii Marine* newspaper.)

- Aug. 28, Lance Cpl. Christopher Barz, for driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content of .13 percent.
- Sept. 5, a 32 year-old civilian, for DUI with a BAC of .08 percent.
- Sept. 6, a 48 year-old civilian, for DUI after refusing a BAC test.
- Sept. 4, a 33 year-old civilian, for DUI with a BAC of .08 percent.

# Keeping an eye on the sky

Meteorological and Oceanographic Services forecast the future

**Story and Photos By  
Cpl. Jessica M. Mills**

*Sports Editor*

With the devastation left behind in Florida by Hurricane Charley and Hurricane Frances flashing across television screens across the country, it is reasonable to wonder who is keeping an eye out on our side of the ocean?

Along with the help of the National Weather Service, satellites, and radar, the Marines of Meteorological and Oceanographic Services have taken up the responsibility of keeping an eye on the skies for MCB Hawaii, to serve as our weather forecasters and early warning system.

"The first responsibility of this office is to provide meteorological and oceanographic services to our host and tenant units on the base," said Gunnery Sgt. Will Hawkins, a METOC forecaster. "But we support just about everybody on base, from the base pool to the marina, we can support more than just the units. We are here to support all of MCB Hawaii."

Usually METOC personnel will forecast only 96 hours out; although they have the capability to do more, the accuracy of the forecast dwindles. For the METOC forecaster to make a dependable forecast, he has to collect data from a number of resources.

The apprentice METOC analyst assists him by recording his weather observations from the observation point on the flight line every hour on the hour. His observations are also used to brief pilots or forecasters from other weather stations in the area.

By checking the wet bulb thermometer, the dry bulb thermometer and the global temperature, the analyst is able to use the combination of the three to determine the heat index and flag conditions for the base.

"The atmosphere is like a fluid. You have to understand what is going on above the surface and surrounding areas, because it will affect the surface above you," said Chief Warrant Officer Jay Brewer, METOC Services Officer. "You have to imagine the atmosphere in three dimensions."

According to Hawkins, the forecasters use Geo Stationary Satellites, that sit in the atmosphere above Hawaii, and polar orbiters to receive data such as visual satellite shots and infrared satellite shots on the atmosphere, and readings on water vapor. They also follow the Doppler radar, which shows the movement of clouds, precipitation types, and upper level winds. It is the same radar that every other weather station, military or civilian, uses. There is a long list of other resources the station personnel refer to, just to make sure that the weather they report is accurate to the best of their knowledge.

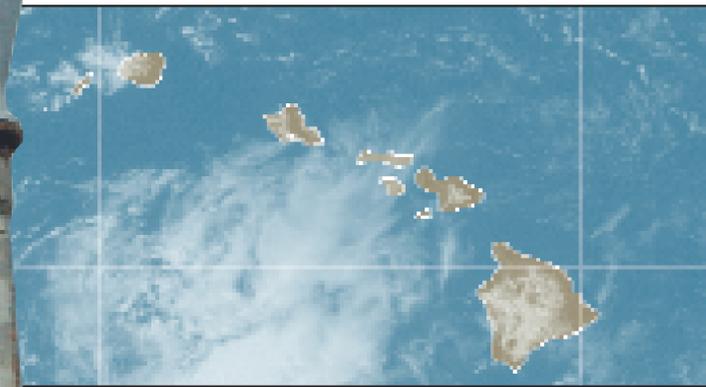
The station is also responsible to be the liaison with the pilots. It keeps them updated on inclement weather in the area, and when in a tactical environment, they can become invaluable for advice regarding surrounding altitudes. For instance, according to Brewer, the station could instruct the pilot on the best altitude to stay invisible on an enemy's radar, or where a hole in our radar system might be due to weather conditions. The possibilities are endless, but the forecasters always have to stay on their toes.

"A forecast is the result of us using all the tools available to predict the weather," said Hawkins. "Forecasting is definitely not an exact science. If it was, we would be right all the time."



Above — Lance Cpl. Kyle Ash, a Meteorological and Oceanographic Services analyst apprentice, adds water to the wet bulb thermometer used in determining the heat index and flag conditions.

Left — The VMQ-5 is a sensor and measuring device for wind speed and direction. It sends the data back to forecasters.



Above — Marines in the METOC station use satellite imagery of the Hawaiian Islands to track any changes in weather or incoming storms.

Left — Gunnery Sgt. Will Hawkins, a METOC forecaster, points out one of the many graphs he uses to forecast the weather.

Right — A METOC Marine does maintenance on the Automated Surface Observing System, which is located in the center of the flightline near Aircraft, Rescue and Firefighting. The ASOS takes records, and archives local weather data with the use of lasers.



# Recruiting bonds have long-lasting effects

**Cpl. Megan L. Stiner**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Certain trials throughout Marine Corps Recruit Training can lead soon-to-be Marines to hold a grudge against their recruiter. For some Marines those feelings linger on long after they graduate boot camp. For others, those emotions are not an option.

"I was at work sweeping the floor, I looked up and there stood my recruiter," said Lance Cpl. Scott E. Chandler, supply clerk with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24. "I was shocked when he walked in the door, he was checking in to K-Bay at the time and is now my NCOIC."

Staff Sgt. Hakim M. Jackson arrived at K-Bay in June after successfully completing his three-year recruiting duty tour, where he first met and recruited Chandler in July 2003.

After only a few weeks in the delayed entry program, Chandler was off to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. to begin his training as a United States Marine.

Jackson kept in contact with Chandler throughout boot camp, making sure he was performing to the best of his abilities.

"I always write to my recruits during boot camp," said Jackson. "If they didn't write me, I made sure they received extra time on the quarterdeck, so I usually received letters on a regular basis."

In his three years as a recruiter in his hometown of St. Louis, Jackson recruited 72 Marines, 25 of which were females.



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Staff Sgt. Hakim M. Jackson (left), warehouse chief for Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24, stands by Lance Cpl. Scott E. Chandler, supply clerk for MALS-24. In the summer of 2003, Chandler stood in Jackson's recruiting office as a civilian, now Chandler and Jackson work together every day, both proudly bearing the title of Marine.

"The best feeling is when the Marines come home from boot camp, and you know they are better off than when they left," said Jackson.

According to him, some recruiters are stereotyped as being content as long as they hit their number quota for the month. For Jackson,

happiness was seeing and following the progress his recruits have made from the time they walked in his office through the rest of their career in the Corps.

Although Jackson and Chandler both came in the Marine Corps in the aviation supply

field, neither thought they would one day work in the same unit.

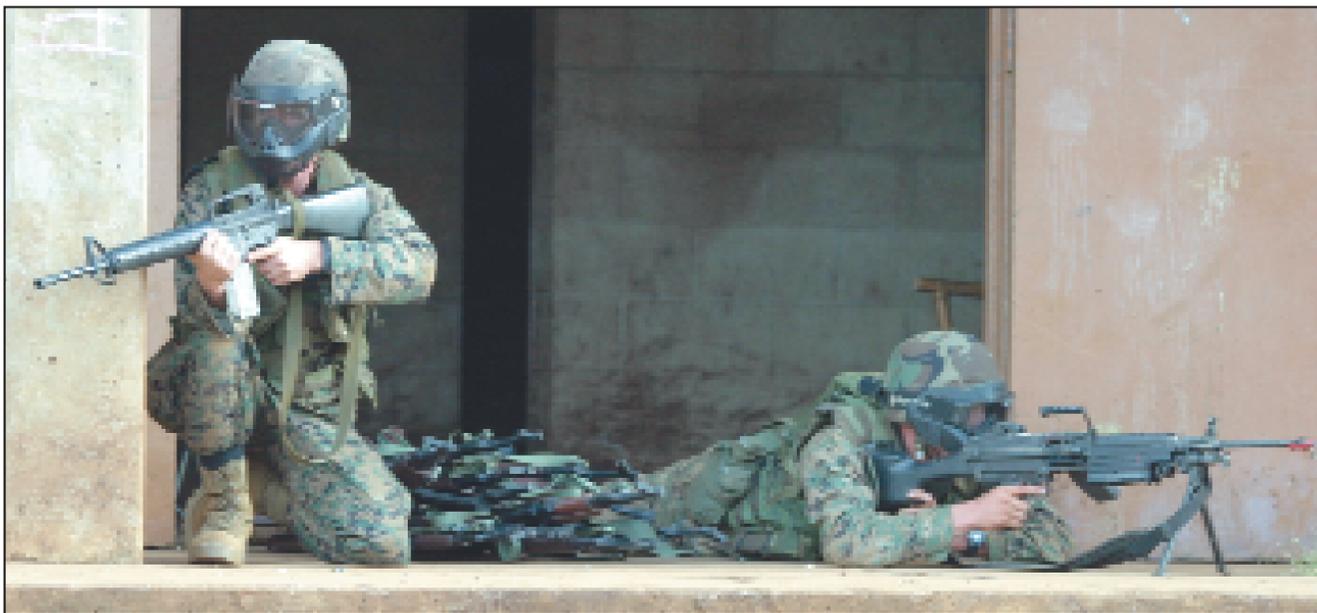
"I was amazed when I first saw him," said Chandler. "Luckily I never hated him, like some Marines hate their recruiters. Sure there were times when I wished I was back home or in college, but I never had negative feelings toward Staff Sgt. Jackson."

Now that they work in the same environment, Jackson keeps an eye on Chandler to make sure he is working hard and getting things done.

"I don't show [Chandler] favoritism," said Jackson. "But I do make sure he gets a harder punishment when he screws up. I have to make sure he is doing what he needs to get promoted and performing to the best of his abilities at work."

According to Jackson, he wanted to come to Hawaii, because this was the only Marine Corps base he hadn't been to. Chandler, on the other hand, has only been to boot camp in California, military occupational specialty school in Meridian, Miss. and here at K-Bay. The odds of the two ever working together were against them, but they now have a good professional relationship and look forward to teaching and learning from each other in the future.

Jackson explained, "It is kind of like having one of your children work for you. You want them to benefit as much as they can from what they are doing and you take great pride in their accomplishments on the job. It is great to be able to work with someone whose life you affected in such a positive way."



Marines from Maintenance Co., CSSG-3, scan the area during training at the MOUT training facility, Schofield Barracks Tuesday.



Cpl. Joshua Sanders, generator mechanic, Maintenance Co., CSSG-3, aims in on Marines as he plays the role of an Iraqi who is the town mayor's brother.



A local "insurgent" walks around the ghostlike city during the training exercise at the MOUT facility.

## CSSG-3, From A-1

the streets, not saying a word. The women were covered from head to toe and Iraqi inscription covered the walls of the buildings. The only sound that would drown the music every so often would be the sound of gunfire and explosives, as insurgents would attack the Marines at any given moment.

"All of the role players worked extremely hard to get their part correct and remain in character for the duration of the training," said Clyne. "They studied for weeks prior to this to get in perfect character and even have an exact identity."

Everything from civil uprisings, minor medical emergencies and improvised explosive device reactions were used to enhance the Marines' combat readiness throughout the training. It was the first thorough training with role players and live fire scenarios for the Marines, said Clyne.

"Their initial reaction to the sensitivity of the situations in an Islamic community had been confusing," said Clyne. "The most difficult part for the Marines was understanding the different culture. They had to remain disciplined after continued stress and complications involved with the events that are current in world operations."

Deprivation of sleep with the continuous training created even more personally difficult hardships for the Marines, said Clyne.

"With Marines under fire, communication got difficult at times," said Cpl. Scott P. Secker, motor transport operator, transportation Support Company, CSSG-3. "Toward the end of the operation, what had to be done started hitting home to the Marines and what they had to do to be successful."

The Milwaukee native just returned from a six-month deployment in Iraq with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment out of Twentynine Palms, Calif. before returning with CSSG-3.

"From what I've seen with this training, this was a good step for the Marines to prepare for potential deployments to Iraq or Afghanistan," said Secker. "The Marines performed well under the pressure and stress that was dealt to them."

At the close of the exercise, the Marines of CSSG-3 will continue training to keep up individual augment and unit requirements for a possible future call of duty, said Clyne.



Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Marines from Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, rush into a CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter after rescuing a downed pilot in enemy territory during a Tactical Recovery of Aircraft Personnel mission at the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island of Hawaii last year.

### HCAx, From A-1

Francisco Ortega, future operations chief for Combat Service Support Group 3. "Be it supply, maintenance, medical, dental or transportation support, we are there to help them accomplish their mission from a logistical standpoint."

The main focus for this month-long exercise is to effectively train the SPMAGTF to fight the enemy and win anytime, anywhere, while engaged in maneuver warfare.

This mission is accomplished through detailed command and control exercises, unit live-fire ranges, close air support, extensive logistical support and maneuver warfare training.

The exercise will conclude

with a MAGTF-level event called a Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation.

During the MCCRE, 2/3 will be evaluated in a vast spectrum of combat related tasks. The evaluation will certify that 2/3 is combat ready to deploy to Okinawa, Japan, for its regularly scheduled rotation as part of the Unit Deployment Program.

"We are out there preparing ourselves for war," said Master Sgt. Gerardo V. Panetta, operations chief for SPMAGTF-3. "With two of our battalions forward deployed, this training becomes all that much more serious for 2/3 and the Headquarters Marines, as we could easily be called forward as a command element for our deployed battalions."

### CONSTRUCTION, From A-1

Also on the project planning board, is something to aid in the religious health of the MCB Hawaii community.

Project 444 is the Religious Ministry Facility. The funding for this new chapel was sought out and procured by recently retired Command Chaplain, Navy Capt. Joseph W. Estabrook. The construction of the new chapel began in April. The Chapel is slated for completion in February 2005.

Anyone traveling through the back gate will have also noticed a construction project to replace the old guard house at the back gate and an upgrade to traffic control. The construction on Mokapu Gate began in May and is scheduled for completion in December.

Last but not least is the project underway to repair and widen Third Street, which is scheduled for completion in December.

"These are just a few of the projects the facilities department currently have in the works," said Lum. "The commanding general and the facilities staff are making every effort to improve the quality of life here at MCB Hawaii and make it an enjoyable and great place to live and work."

## CFC: Payroll deductions in 2005

### From A-1

than 2,000 key people will contact coworkers to contribute to the charities of their choice. Because these are volunteers who have regular jobs in addition to the work they will do for CFC, their hard work is an indicator of how important this campaign is to each of us.

Rather than setting a monetary goal, we want to maximize our potential by using payroll deductions. These deductions do not start until January 2005. The recommended donation is one-hour of pay per month, which is equivalent to working one hour per month for the charity of your choice.

This year, many local, national, and international voluntary agencies will benefit

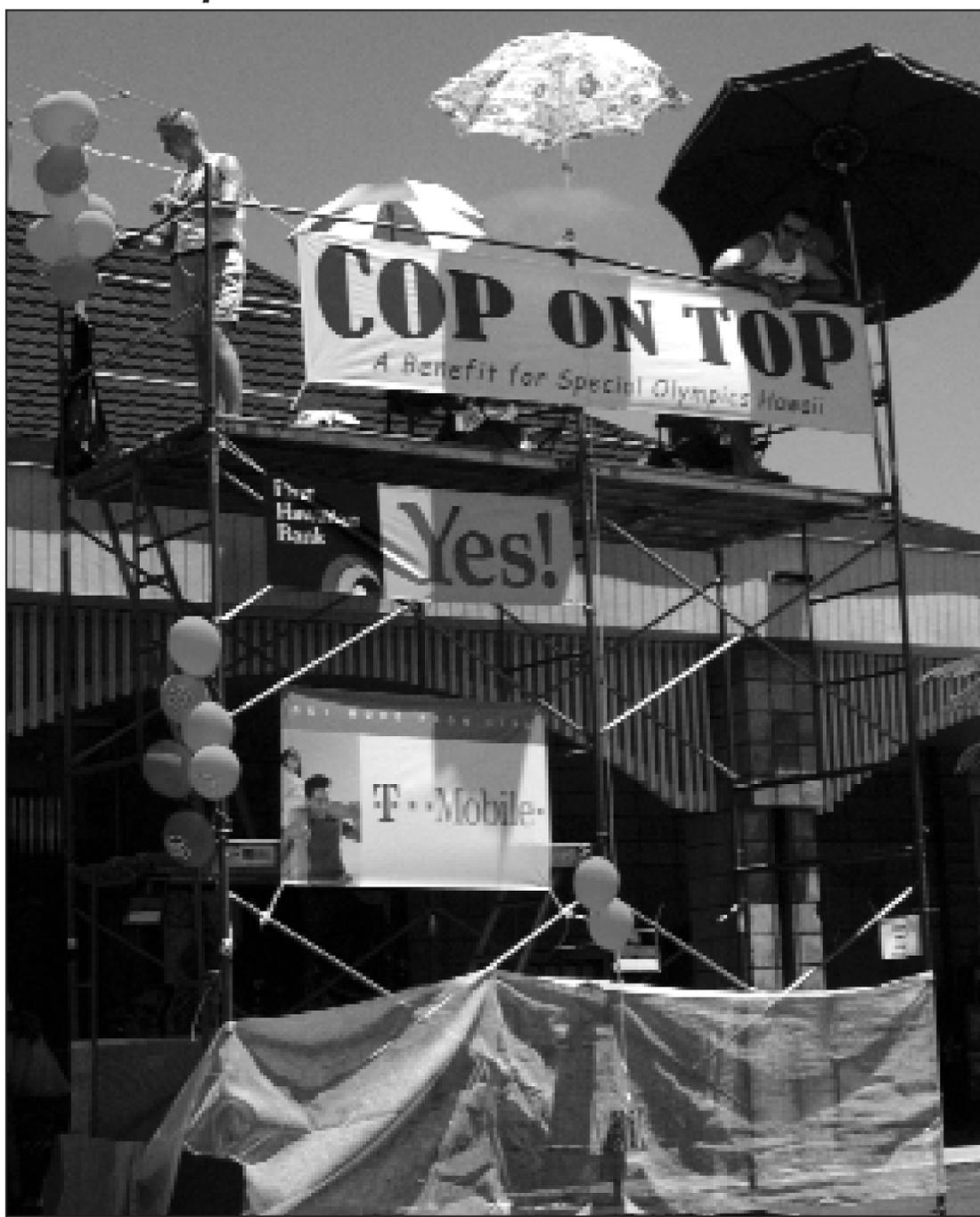
from your thoughtfulness and generosity. A few minutes of your time today can mean meals for hungry children, relief for families in need of counseling, further work on



cures for diseases, comfort for the dying, access to water in Third World, environment protection and better lives and renewed hope for millions of people in our global community and federations participating with the Hawaii-Pacific Area CFC campaign. You can accomplish so much with your CFC gift.

CFC supports various local, national, and international charities. To find more information on the Combined Federal Campaign, call 474-4015 or visit [www.hawaii.navy.mil/cfc2004/index.html](http://www.hawaii.navy.mil/cfc2004/index.html).

# On top of the world



Sgt. Jerome L. Edwards

Staff Sgt James Vondras, (left) and Staff Sgt. Jon Jerome, both watch commanders with the Military Police Company here, volunteered their time Sept. 2 - 4 to raise money for Special Olympics Hawaii during the "Cop-on-Top" fund drive in Aikahi Plaza.

## Cell: 'I don't want to listen to your phone beeping all day long.'

### From A-2

First, never talk on your cellular phone while driving. Some approve of a "hands free" phone that allows you to keep your hands on the wheel. It is set up much like a "speaker phone." I'm sorry, but I can't agree with this while driving. While you may be able to negotiate talking and driving at the same time, various studies have shown some disturbing theories.

Experts state a driver talking on a cell phone has the reaction ability of a driver that has been drinking. That is scary. Ponder this final thought concerning attention levels. Have you ever tried to talk on the phone and watch television at home? I have, and I can tell you that one of the two actions will suffer. Driving is no different. Your best bet is to pull off the road, stop your car and then execute your call. You and everyone else will be much safer. If you do not, you are setting yourself up for an accident that could be prevented. Marine Corps and Base Orders prohibit talking [on a cell phone] while driving. Better yet, the Military Police will force you to end your call before boarding the base. In my professional opinion, the restrictions and fines need to be stiffer.

Now that you are safely driving aboard the base, we need to discuss respecting others.

Contrary to popular belief, if you reside in my workspace, I don't want to listen to your phone beeping all day long. In addition, I can do without chirping during a commanding officer's brief. On the contrary, I certainly do not desire to listen to your conversation during a movie that I just paid good money to see. Lastly, I don't want to hear various rings in the chow hall as I enjoy my morning omelet. If you must carry a cell phone, activate it to a "vibrate mode." If this mode is not available, shut the phone off and check your messages later. Respect those around you and allow yourself not to be embarrassed. Finally, now that we have the ringing under control, let me finish with the proper way to carry and use your cell phone while in uniform.

Carrying and using a cell phone while in uniform is pretty simple and follows the same lines as its cousin "the pager" does. Do not let the device show and do not utilize it while walking. If you are in a duty status, some com-

mands allow you to clip it on your duty belt. Most do not. If I have a cell phone while in utilities, I leave it in my trouser or cargo pocket, clip it to my web belt under my blouse, or simply attach it to my planner. If in service uniforms, carry the phone clipped to an organizer or logbook, or either carry it in an authorized bag/briefcase, but never on a belt. Personally, I attempt not to carry a phone while in a service uniform. In relation to walking and using your cell phone, remember to view this act as being no different than eating, smoking, or reading. We as Marines do not do this while walking. Stop first and take care of business.

Cellular phones are here to stay, that is a fact. Another fact remains — we as Marines have a responsibility concerning the proper use of these phones. We all must use common sense whether at work or on liberty. This will ensure that safety and professional respect are adhered to. Literally, keep your ears open for who's talking and ensure that they are well informed and trained on how to use their cell phones properly. Remain professional and stay safe. Semper Fi.