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Environmental warriors



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Gordon Olayvar, a natural resources technician, with the Environmental Compliance and Protection Department at MCB Hawaii, examines a wedge-tailed sheerwater chick during one of his survey trips of the perimeter of K-Bay. Wedge tails are one of many species of birds that nest on MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. See page A-3 for more on how the environmental department protects local habitats and base residents.

III MEF CG visits Hawaii commands

Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero
Combat Correspondent

The commanding general of III Marine Expeditionary Force, Lt. Gen. Wallace Gregson, was here at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, on Monday to visit his Marines, tour the base and discuss the direction III MEF is going.



LT. GEN. GREGSON

During his visit, Lt. Gen. Gregson received a tour of the facilities at Marine Aircraft Group 24, 3rd Marine Regiment, Combat Service Support Group 3 and 1st Radio Bn.

In addition, he was able to spend time shaking hands with junior Marines and listening to them talk about their jobs.

"It really inspires Marines when they see their upper leadership interested in their everyday operations," said Cpl. Clinton Schwarz, a nuclear, biological, chemical specialist with CSSG-3.

At the end of the day, the general attended a social gathering at the Officers Club where all III MEF officers were invited.

Although the general will depart K-Bay sometime this weekend, he is taking with him a favorable impression of the facilities, its leaders, and the direction his units are heading.

"K-Bay is a significant part of III MEF," said Lt. Gen. Gregson. "The Marines here are key players in the transformation of our Corps and are doing a tremendous job supporting III MEF, the Pacific region and this country's war on terrorism."

MCBH remembers prisoners of war, missing

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Combat Correspondent

Throughout history, American patriots have risen to answer the call for freedom when enemy nations have jeopardized the world's liberties.

Our military history is replete with heroes who put love of country above their own well-being.

In answering the call to defend this nation's ideals, generations of Americans have left home and family to protect this homeland and other nations.

Some never returned.

Until 1979, no commemoration was held to honor America's Prisoners of War and those still

Missing in Action. Today, more than 22 years later, the service members who returned, and those who are still missing and unaccounted for, are commemorated annually on the third Friday in September.

More than 100 active duty and retired service members, their families, and others, paid tribute to these patriots during the POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony Sept. 13 at the base flagpole aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The Marine Forces Pacific Band provided both rousing and subdued patriotic music that stirred a sense of pride within and behind the gleaming eyes of guests at the ceremony.

In addition, retired Navy Capt.

Gerald Coffee, a former POW who spent seven years incarcerated in the infamous Hanoi Hilton, spoke about the time he spent as a POW.

The MCB Hawaii POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony helped ensure America remembers its responsibility to stand behind those who serve this nation, and to do everything possible to account for those who still have not returned.

"The prisoners of war, missing in action and killed in action paid the ultimate sacrifice," said retired Master Gunnery Sgt. Robert E. Talmadge, vice president of the Aloha Chapter of the Chosin Few. "The least we can do is remember them and not let them or their deeds be forgotten."



Sgt. Alexis Mulero

Active duty service members, veterans and other community members honor America's POWs and MIAs.

Lifeguard hours extended at K-Bay beaches, for safety

Cpl. Jason E. Miller
Combat Correspondent

The waters off of MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, are a great benefit to anyone stationed aboard the base. However, as with any outdoor recreation, a day at the beach can turn hazardous.

Lifeguard stations, which are located at Pyramid Rock and North Beach, will now be open longer hours each weekend, to help keep service members and their families safe while enjoying the ocean.

Originally, lifeguards were on duty at the beach seven days a week, from 11 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., but the new hours will allow for safer conditions, by putting trained lifeguards on the two beaches during peak hours: from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends, holidays and liberty periods, and 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays.

"Our goal is basically to just have a set

of eyes out here when there are more people at the beach," said Sam Mench, a six-year veteran lifeguard who watches over base beaches. "Most people want to come to the beach on the weekends to spend time with their families, and we just want to make sure everyone can enjoy the beach without having an incident."

According to beach lifeguards, most accidents occur with people who are inexperienced with the ocean. Also, problems often arise when lifeguards are not



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Lifeguard Shane Railsback, also a lance corporal with Combat Service Support Group 3, watches out over Pyramid Rock beach for oceangoers showing signs of distress.

around to prevent them, such as in the early morning on the weekends.

"Most of the local guys and surfers can tell from the water conditions, whether or not to enter the water," explained

Mench. "On a base where you get a lot of people from all over the country — some from where there may not be an ocean — people tend not to know what to expect from the water."

Flags signifying water conditions fly every day at the beach to give patrons an idea of what to expect. The different, colored flags cue beachgoers about water conditions. The beaches aboard the base are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Lifeguards at the beach also have a 100 percent contact rule, which means they will take time to talk with everyone who enters the beach area about water conditions.

"Taking the time to talk with people can really improve their chances of having a good time without incident at the beach. We practice proactive lifeguarding here," Mench said.

"That means stopping an accident before it happens."

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

MMEA VISITS K-BAY

The Manpower Management Enlisted Assignments team from Headquarters Marine Corps is scheduled to visit MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Oct. 15 and 16 at the Bachelor Officer Quarters conference room.

The team will give several briefs, including one for senior enlisted, one for career Marines, and one for first-term Marines. Team members will also be available for individual sessions.

Watch future editions of the *Hawaii Marine* for more details.

BASE MAIL NEEDS ZIP+4

Family housing residents, as well as units aboard MCB Hawaii, need to use the 4-digit zip code add-on when mailing letters and packages.

Zip+4 helps the U.S. Postal Service direct mail more efficiently and accurately. It also helps reduce handling and can significantly decrease the potential for human error and misdelivery. Zip+4 may also lead to better control over USPS costs and, in turn, postage rate stability.

Unfortunately, not all of the housing areas on base have the same Zip+4. However, anyone can lookup their Zip+4 number on the USPS Web site at www.USPS.COM/zip4/ by simply typing a housing address.

Base residents without access to the Web site can call the Base Post Office at 257-2008 for assistance.

NAVY AUCTIONS VEHICLES, TOMORROW

Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 120 seized or abandoned vehicles will be sold "as is" to the highest bidder at a huge, one-time event, open to the general public.

For this closed-bid auction, there is a \$50 minimum bid on all vehicles. Children under 16 will not be admitted on the sale lot.

Military and Department of Defense personnel can access the sale lot from the Pearl Harbor Nimitz gate, by proceeding on South Avenue approximately one mile to the Abandoned Vehicle Lot. Follow posted "Event Parking" signs.

Review the vehicle inventory list online at www.mwrph.navy.mil. For more information, call the Auto Skills Center at 422-2975.

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CG'S MAIL BOX

"It seems the commissary on this base would be open longer..."

Submitted by Petty Officer 1st Class Cynthia L. Seitz, VPU-2



BRIG. GEN.
MCABEE

"I have a couple questions:

1. It's a known fact that the Marines work longer hours, and more weekends/nights than the rest of us, but their commissary is the only one on the island that is closed one day a week.

It seems the commissary on this base would be open longer, and open everyday.

2. I have noticed lately that the gas prices on this base are higher than the other bases. Why is this?

Thank you for your time."

Very Respectfully,
Petty Officer 1st Class
Cynthia L. Seitz



Aiko M. Brum

Petty Officer 1st Class Seitz:

I have been asked by the commanding general to respond to your email of Aug. 19, since both of your recommendations and concerns fall within my staff responsibilities. He appreciates that you've taken the time to participate in the "CG Mail" program.

In reference to gas prices, the revenues generated by the gas lanes go to support MCB Hawaii's Marine Corps Community Services programs such as the Single Marine and Sailor Program, hourly child care, youth activities, the library, the Semper Fit Center, club operations, and improvements to the gas lanes, to name a few.

Marine Corps Community Services conducts weekly price comparison surveys of gas stations in the local off-base shopping area to ensure we afford significant savings over off-base gas prices to our military patrons.

While MCCS may not always be able to match prices at other military gas operations on Oahu, we will when possible.

We do, however, offer savings over off-base gasoline prices at Windward locations, as well as other locations on Oahu.

In reference to the commissary, effective Oct. 21, the commissary will operate seven days a week.

We will provide full details in an upcoming *Hawaii Marine* article.

Again, thank you for taking the

time to express your concern via the CG Mail Program.

William B. Lindsey
Assistant Chief of Staff, MCCS
and
Lt. Cmdr. Bob Frank
Supply Officer, MCB Hawaii

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your MP [military police] Marines for the assistance that they gave me today.

I lost my cousin Christine A. Snyder in the September 11th attacks. She was aboard United Airlines Flight 93 when it went down in Pennsylvania.

I called the Pass House and spoke to a female Marine that was working and explained that I wanted to lay a picture and lei at the Iwo Jima memorial in remembrance of her. She directed me to call a Cpl. Byers who called me back and wanted to know in detail why I wanted to do this.

I informed him that Christine had worked for the Outdoor Circle in Kailua and has done some of the work on Kaneohe Bay. I explained that my husband, a staff sergeant with HMH [Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron]-362, is a Marine deployed in Iwakuni, Japan, and that some dear friends of ours

have either been or are in Bahrain now.

Since our Marines are fighting for our freedom rights, and the Iwo Jima memorial represents the fight for freedom, I thought that it would be fitting that her picture and a lei be laid at the memorial site for the services that were to occur Sept. 11.

Corporal Byers — and all the other Marines at the Pass House, front gate and at the MP station — was kind enough to give me this permission.

A staff sergeant even walked me to the gate and had one of the gate Marines, dressed in deltas, walk me to the memorial. This also meant a lot to me, and my family.

I will be picking up the lei that was left there and placing it in the sea (a Hawaiian custom). However, the kindness that all the Marines displayed is above and beyond the call, and I just wanted to say thank you.

While in the Pass House, I believe his name is Despico (?) showed the greatest respect by standing up to shake my hand, when he was told why I was there.

These Marines are heroes and showed the greatest respect. I am proud to be a Marine wife.

Oorah!"

Sincerely,
Nani Ann Clark

(Editor's Note: Letters of any length may be trimmed and edited in the interest of good taste and brevity.)
The commanding general invites input from the base community via C.G. Mail on the following topics: What are we doing that we shouldn't be doing? What are we not doing that we should be doing? What are we doing that we should be doing better?
Responses should include a recommendation that will help solve the problem and must include your name and return address so that staff may respond.
For more information about how to send C.G. Mail, see the MCB Hawaii C.G. Mail page at www.mcbh.usmc.mil/command/cgmail.htm.



O'HALLORAN

MCAF welcomes new commander



Lieutenant Col. Michael A. O'Halloran (left) replaced Lt. Col. Aaron E. Aldridge as the commanding officer of Marine Corps Air Facility aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. O'Halloran previously served as deputy commander for MCB Hawaii. Aldridge is scheduled to serve as chief of staff for MCB Hawaii.



ALDRIDGE

BEST IN THE MARINE CORPS



Courtesy of Gunnery Sgt. Tamara L. Fode

Progressing through the Competition in Arms Program since January, Gunnery Sgt. Tamara L. Fode, legal chief at MCB Hawaii's Legal Services Center, distinguished herself as the women's national champion.

Hawaii has top woman shooter

Pfc. Monroe F. Seigle
Combat Correspondent

Every Marine is a rifleman first, and from Day One of basic training, recruits are instructed in the hallmark skill of the Corps — marksmanship.

Marines are held to higher standards than any other branch of the armed forces, and from their ranks come those who can excel far beyond minimal standards.

Gunnery Sgt. Tamara L. Fode, the legal chief at the Legal Services Center, Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, exceeded her own expectations when she won several distinguishing awards during the Competition In Arms Program that began in January.

The CIAP is a program that provides Marines the opportunity to enhance marksmanship training skills beyond the regular annual known distance course requalification training.

In order to qualify for the CIAP, a Marine must have at least a sharpshooter qualification, no court-martial convictions in the last six months, and an end of active service date no earlier than September of the year of the competition. There is no minimum rank requirement to compete in the CIAP.

At the intramural competition, Fode won the rifle portion. Next, she

Fode's Honors

Intramural Competition

- Won rifle portion

Pacific Division Matches

- Won gold medal w/M16A2
- Won bronze w/M9 pistol

Marine Corps Matches

- Invited, augmented to Marine Corps Rifle Team

Interservice Matches

- Won Annie Oakley Award
- Placed 4th of 80 competitors
- Named Interservice Women's Champion
- Won her 3rd silver medal

National Matches

- Placed 15th of 1,268 competitors
- Named Women's National Champion
- Won her 2nd gold medal

President's Hundred

- Placed 27th of 1,309 competitors

won a gold medal with the M16A2 service rifle and a bronze medal with the M-9 service pistol during the Pacific Division Matches.

The top 10 percent who place in all of the Marine Corps' division matches are invited to compete in the Marine Corps Matches. Although Fode did not place at the Marine Corps Matches, the Marine Corps Rifle Team invited her (along with several other Hawaii Marines) to augment and compete with them

during the summer until the National Matches.

"I've wanted a chance to compete again since 1993, when I was a member of the Parris Island Rifle and Pistol team," said Fode. "I knew I had the skills to place. I just needed a little more time."

Fode's wish finally came true when she became a member of the Marine Corps Rifle Team and won the Annie Oakley Award and distinguished herself as the Interservice Women's Champion.

"I really surprised myself; I feel that I exceeded my own expectations," said Fode. "Most of the time I didn't realize how well I was doing. We are trained to shoot one shot at a time and not to worry about our scores."

Fode didn't stop there. She continued on to the National Matches and distinguished herself as the Women's National Champion with the service rifle.

One of the most prestigious awards a marksman can earn, Fode placed 27th out of 1,309 competitors in the President's Hundred, which determines the individual military championship of the United States.

"Shooting on the Marines Corps Rifle Team has been the most self-rewarding opportunity of my military career," said Fode. "I've learned a lot about myself and what I can really achieve."

Local policy protects wildlife, tenants

"We know the mission of the Marines, and that has to be met, but our goal is to help meet the mission while allowing the wildlife here to remain unharmed..."

— Gordon Olayvar, Environmental Compliance and Protection Department

Cpl. Jason E. Miller
Combat Correspondent

With several species of endangered, threatened and even potentially dangerous wildlife on and around MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, key steps have been taken to ensure the safety of the residents of the base, and the animals themselves.

The Environmental Compliance and Protection Department and the Provost Marshal's Office both have personnel working to keep the wildlife on base in a healthy environment, while still allowing a place for Marines to accomplish their daily missions of training for combat.

Environmental employs the base natural resources technician, while PMO appoints Marines to act as game wardens on the base. The two often work together on wildlife matters.

"Myself, and the game warden Marines from PMO, are basically here to ensure the safety of the



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Olayvar works near the Nu'upia Ponds on base to ensure that wildlife living here will always have a place to thrive.

plants and animals on and around the base," said Gordon Olayvar, natural resources technician of the Marines, and that

has to be met, but our goal is to help meet the mission while allowing the wildlife here to remain unharmed during any kind of training or through daily contact with base residents who may be in a sensitive area."

The game wardens are often the first individuals called when there is any kind of incident regarding wildlife. They are also responsible for enforcing all regulations involving fishing and netting on and around MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Common calls for the game wardens and wildlife tech include shark sightings, injured animals and violations of specific base orders designed to protect wildlife.

Several species of seabirds call Kaneohe Bay home, including the red-footed booby bird and the wedge-tailed sheerwater, which are both protected by state and federal laws.

Some bird species mi-

WORD ON THE STREET

"What makes you proud about your Hispanic heritage?"



"Hispanic families always look out after each other."

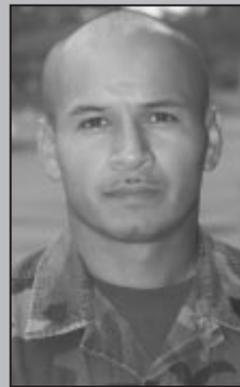
Cpl. Viola Delgado

Disbursing clerk
Headquarters Bn.,
MCB Hawaii

"I like the traditions that are passed down from generation to generation."

Sgt. Jimmy R. Sumaya

Consolidated memorandum report chief
Base Property,
Headquarters Bn.,
MCB Hawaii



"I like the fact that we have our own language."

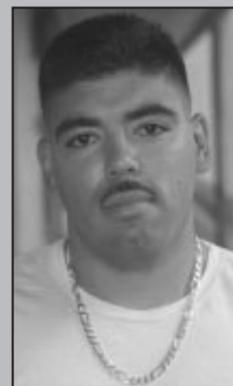
Pfc. Eric J. Moreno

Protocol clerk
Headquarters Bn.,
MCB Hawaii

"We have very close families."

Lance Cpl. Paul Zamudio

Service record book clerk
Headquarters Bn.,
MCB Hawaii



"I have a lot of pride in where I come from."

Pfc. Stephen R. Rodriguez

Ammunition supply clerk
Headquarters Bn.,
MCB Hawaii

See WILDLIFE, A-6

Marine survives crash near front gate, on H-3

Proper safety gear saved him from death

Story and Photos by
Sgt. Robert Carlson
Press Chief

A Hawaii Marine is recovering from a motorcycle accident on the H-3 highway that left him permanently disfigured, but alive nonetheless.

Lance Cpl. John O. Jolley, formerly an armory custodian with Echo Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, is on convalescent leave and said he feels lucky to be alive after his crash Aug. 7.

Jolley said he was heading out to Kailua to see a friend at about 5:30 p.m.

As he went out the front gate of MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, he looked around to see where his buddy was. When he looked back to the front, he was close to the right side of the road, where he got into some gravel.

His bike went down.

"I remember seeing the sky, then the road, then the sky, road, sky, road, and when I stopped, I was sitting up," he said. "I was looking at my bike, and my bike was looking at me.

"I remember feeling a lot of pain in my ankle. I noticed the tip of my shoe was missing and bone was sticking out of where my toes used to be, but most of the pain was in my ankle."

Jolley's left ankle was severely broken, and repairs required eight pins and a plate. His left foot was pinned under the motorcycle as it made contact with the pavement, and half of his big toe and the two center toes were severed.

Other injuries included a cracked rib, cracked shoulder, and a bad case of road rash.

"There were a bunch of people at the scene all of the sudden, and they were all trying to help in their own way," he remembered. "An ambulance arrived pretty quick, and since they were treating me as a trauma patient, they took me to Queens Medical Center."

The helmet Jolley was wearing shows damage that a human skull could not



"I noticed the tip of my shoe was missing and bone was sticking out of where my toes used to be, but most of the pain was in my ankle."

Lance Cpl. John O. Jolley
India Co., 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines



Above — The heavy shoes Jolley wore conformed to base regulations, but they were still not enough to save the front of his foot. Fortunately, he wasn't wearing tennis shoes, which would have provided less protection.

Below — Jolley's gloves and watch show damage caused by the sandpaper-like asphalt.



have endured. His motorcycle racing gloves also sustained scrapes his knuckles would not have withstood.

Almost an eighth of an inch of the plastic wore off of his watch, which was protected until the leather on his gloves wore through.

"The helmet and the gloves saved my life, I think, and I wish I would have had my jacket and a pair of boots on," he said. "I was going to buy a set of boots on the 15th.

"My buddy just bought a set, and he said I could borrow them anytime. Since



Jolley had owned his 2001 Yamaha R-1 motorcycle for a little more than nine months, but he has been riding motorcycles for more than six years.

they were new, I wanted to let him break them in. Now, we both wish that I would have borrowed them."

An experienced rider, Jolley wears all of the required safety equipment, and even had the required above-the-ankle shoes specified in the MCB Hawaii base order. He attended the motorcycle rider safety course here in Hawaii, and is very familiar with the roads on Oahu.

He just had an accident.

Left behind when his battalion deployed to Okinawa for the Unit Deployment Program, Jolley is now part of India Co., 3rd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment.

"I've lived and worked with those guys for three years, and now they're over there and I'm back here," he said. "Now I'll probably be stuck picking up trash with a pick on the bottom of my crutches."

Jolley spent nine days in the hospital and racked up a bill of more than

\$39,000. He had surgery on his ankle, but the doctors were unable to reattach his toes.

Awaiting the results of a medical board now, Jolley is unsure of his future in the Marine Corps.

"The doctors haven't really given me a clear answer, yet, on the extent of the injury," he explained. "Hopefully I'll be able to do a lateral move into another MOS and stay in the Marine Corps."

While he may not be able to serve in a Marine Corps infantry battalion, his injuries were not fatal, and he said he and his family are happy about that.

"He's very fortunate he had the proper safety gear on when he crashed," said Bo Irvine, director of the Base Safety Center, MCB Hawaii. "There are two types of motorcyclists in the world: those who have fallen, and those who are going to fall. Having his safety gear on when his time came probably saved this young man's life."

Mokapu remembers 9/11

Brigadier Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, commanding general of MCB Hawaii, spoke to students at Mokapu Elementary School Sept. 11 about the impact the terrorist attacks of last year had upon the people of America and the U.S. military. During the remembrance ceremony, the general also recognized the outstanding services of outgoing Mokapu Principal Amy Arakaki. Arakaki served as principal for six years, and she is succeeded by Larry Biggs.



Photos by Pfc. Monroe F. Seigle

EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

11th MEU artillery breaks out the big guns

Sgt. Brian J. Griffin
11th MEU Public Affairs

CENTRAL COMMAND AREA OF OPERATIONS — “Firing mission! Grid coordinates, one-five-niner!” crackles over the radio. Marines sitting under camouflage netting in the vast landscape of the desert surrounding them, yell the words, repeating the message, an instant later.

The Marines instinctively leap from their shade-covered seats and position themselves at their appointed location. As the section chief yells, “Load! Load! Load!” they hurry to place the round in the barrel of their M198 Towed Howitzer.

Training thousands of miles away from home, the dust-covered cannoneers of Gun Team Four, Charlie Battery, Battalion Landing Team 3/1, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), test their ability to perform in an environment unfamiliar to them. For many Charlie Battery Marines, this is the first time they have fired on ranges other than those in Camp Pendleton and 29 Palms, Calif.

“It’s great sustainment training for

us,” said 1st Lt. Spencer Speer, executive officer, Charlie Battery. “It’s a different type of environment, and it’s good for us to be able to train somewhere most of these Marines have never been before.”

Despite the unfamiliar surroundings, the cannoneers respond without hesitation when the call for fire is heard. As one Marine places the loading tray at the base of the barrel, another uses a ramming rod to push the round into place, followed by a powder bag to add the ‘oomph’ to send the round down range.

Making the final preparations on the gun by adding the primer to the firing mechanism that will detonate the powder when triggered, one cannoneer attaches a lanyard to the trigger and waits for the command to fire.

Maintaining their skills by training in unfamiliar terrain is essential for 11th MEU (SOC) Marines throughout their six-month deployment. As a crisis-response force, they must always be prepared for the call from higher headquarters to conduct real-world missions.

“The training is good to make Marines remember things and to keep them up to speed with the equipment and prepared



Sgt. Brian J. Griffin

Loading a round, Marines from Gun Team Two, Charlie Battery, BLT 3/1, 11th MEU (SOC), prepare to fire at targets down-range during artillery fire training.

for any mission we are called upon to execute,” said Sgt. Wilfrido Valenzuela, section chief, Gun Four, Charlie Battery. “You never know what the mission is go-

ing to require us to do. We have to be ready.”

And ready they are when the call “Fire at will!” comes over the radio. Immediately, the section chief yells “Fire!” and the cannoneers react.

With a quick tug on the lanyard, the primer is ignited. The powder detonates and the howitzer comes alive, showing its fierce power as the King of Battle. The weapon cocks back with a thunderous blast that shakes everything, sending a monstrous dust cloud into the surrounding area.

Hurling effortlessly down range, the round whizzes through the air only seconds before arriving on target. Exploding on impact, the round makes a boom that echoes throughout the desert.

Amazingly, before the first round even becomes airborne, the cannoneers of Gun Four are already standing by with another round ready to be loaded. As this process continues and more rounds are sent down range to annihilate their intended target, the radio crackles again — “End of mission!” — signaling to the cannoneers that another firing mission is complete.

‘Let’s roll’



Chief Petty Officer Steven Cooke

ABOARD THE USS BELLEAU WOOD AT SEA — More than 500 Marines and Sailors with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) and USS Belleau Wood (LHA-3) commemorated the one-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks by spelling out the now famous quote from Todd Beamer, “Let’s roll,” on the flight deck of the ship Sept. 6. Beamer was one of the heroic passengers on United Flight 93, which crashed in a western Pennsylvania field after he and several other passengers attempted to regain control of the plane from terrorist hijackers. “Let’s roll,” an expression often used by Beamer, was the last statement heard from him by the GTE Airfone operator before the crash.

WILDLIFE: Environmental, PMO tackle base concerns

From A-3

grate to Mokapu Peninsula each year from as far away as Alaska, Canada and even Siberia, according to Olayvar. These birds return here annually to nest and rear their young. The environmental department and the MP game wardens help to keep these species safe and protected from such threats as human encroachment and mortality by feral predators.

Along with the responsibilities of keeping the birds safe from human dangers comes the equally difficult task of managing the wildlife so it does not interfere with daily base operations. The airfield on base must be kept clear of birds to ensure the safety of the animals, pilots and aircraft that frequent the runways. Likewise, ground units must be advised of when, where and how to train so they do not interfere with or destroy natural wildlife.

“We know we have a really great program going here,” Olayvar said. “We end up doing so well that wildlife pro-

tection agencies can expect good things from MCB Hawaii. This base is a great place for natural wildlife.”



Olayvar checks the wedge-tailed shearwater chick for any injury.

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 Lance Cpl. Scott A. Murry



Petty Officer First
 Class Owen E.
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Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal

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 Master Sgt. Mark C. Patton

Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Gunnery Sgt. Vu T. Tran

Moving on up



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Commander Tyrone Payton (right), commanding officer of Patrol Squadron 4, and Master Chief Petty Officer Tony Ford, command master chief, promoted Lt. j.g. Heidi Davis to her present rank Aug. 19. Davis serves as the squadron's maintenance training and administrative officer. The squadron recently returned from a highly successful deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.