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Under the desert sun



Pfc. Rich Mattingly

Marines from Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, patrol into the Marine Palms abandoned housing complex aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif. The Marines from "America's Battalion" used the housing complex to polish their urban warfighting skills as well as increase their understanding of interacting with a local populace. Role-players from Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment assisted the training. See full story on A-3.

FAPS learn range basics

Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Combat Correspondent

(Part two of a four-part series.)

During their first week of training in the preservice military training program, support Marines trained for a new job and a new weapon — the 9mm pistol.

The Marines spent two-and-a-half hours snapping in and a total of 19-and-a-half hours on the range dry-firing, pasting targets, perfecting techniques, and in the end, qualifying with the 9mm Berreta.

For some of the gate sentry trainees, this was their first experience shooting the pistol. For others, it was just a refresher course and a little extra trigger time.

"I shot the pistol twice prior to this time," said Cpl. Matthew Ryba, squad leader with Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. "I was pretty confident going onto the range, and I shot sharpshooter, just like I did the other two times."

As with any other group on the range, Primary Marksmanship Instructors were there every day to ensure the Marines knew how to handle their weapon, react to a weapon malfunction and improve their overall shooting ability.

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Civilians enjoy a taste of the Corps

Marines give hands-on instruction in marksmanship and martial arts

Sgt. Jereme L. Edwards
Combat Correspondent

More than 40 members of the Joint Civilian Orientation Course-68 arrived at Marine Corps Air Facility here Friday for their final leg of a seven-day visit to Pacific Command bases.

The participants with the Joint Civilian Orientation Course consisted of a mixed group of local and state politicians, business leaders and other professionals.

The JCOC is a DoD-sponsored program designed to educate selected civilians about the armed forces. Generally, there are two classes per year. The last JCOC visit to MCB Hawaii took place in September 2003, with units putting on a capability exercise at the range.

"The visitors began their day with the classic welcome from Marine Corps drill instructors,"

said Maj. Robert Baggett, assistant chief of staff G-3. "Then they enjoyed a large southern-style buffet breakfast with the deputy commander, base sergeant major and a few Marines and Sailors from different units here. During the breakfast they also had an informal discussion on the history of MCB Hawaii, as well as units and assets located under its control, to include Camp H.M. Smith and the Pualoa Range Training Facility," said Baggett.

The purpose of JCOC-68 is to provide an orientation about U.S. military capabilities. The JCOC-68 participants received hands-on classes about the Marine marksmanship and martial arts programs.

According to a recently published letter of instruction, the visit is structured to give the par-

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Photo Courtesy of Air Force Tech Sgt. Moreen E. Ishikawa

Bob Heidrick, vice chairman of Spencer Stuart based in Chicago gets a boot camp greeting by Gunnery Sgt. Jonathan W. Barkley upon arrival here for the final leg of the seven-day Joint Civilian Orientation Course.

Land nav encompasses many skills

Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Combat Correspondent

In the past, Marines from Headquarters Battalion here have found it hard to find the time to brush up on skills such as land navigation on an annual basis. This year will be different.

With continuous coaxing from Lt. Col. James S. Connelly, Headquarters

Battalion commanding officer, some Marines have already found the training readily available to them.

A land navigation class and practical application event took place at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows Sept. 15 - 17. This was the first of many planned training exercises, including range and rappel tower training throughout the upcoming year, according to the battalion train-

ing office.

The 23 Marines who participated in land navigation training found the event to be an eye-opener. Many of them hadn't participated in a land navigation course in more than two years. For some, it was the first time since Marine Combat Training.

"It was very good training," said

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Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

A total of seven FA-18 Hornets with Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533 from MCAS Beaufort, S.C., landed at the Marine Corps Air Facility here, Sept. 16, to participate in the Hawaii Combined Arms Exercise until Oct. 15. Marine Aircraft Group 24 hosted all units for the exercise.

Squadrons fly high at HCAX

Cpl. Jessica M. Mills
Sports Editor

The Hawaii Combined Arms Exercise attracts units throughout the Navy and Marine Corps with its promise for real-time training, a multitude of ranges, and an all-out barrage of the senses.

Along with the infantry and support units that annually join this exercise, two FA-18 squadrons and two KC-130 transport squadrons made the long flight here, last week to participate in the action.

The Marine All Weather Fighter Squadron 533 and seven FA-18s, out of Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C., completed a more than seven-hour flight from Guam to the Marine Corps Air Facility here, Sept. 16 to participate in the

ongoing HCAX exercises on the Big Island.

According to Capt. Patrick Fitzgerald, the weapons and sensors officer for VMFA(AW)-533, the entire squadron, including Marine Aircraft and Logistics Squadron 12, will consist of more than 100 Marines and 11 aircraft. The personnel and four more F-18s are expected to arrive later in the week.

During HCAX, VMFA(AW)-533 will provide close air support, and forward air control airborne for a total of three weeks. They will also be conducting basic squadron training during the exercises.

"We usually only fly specifically with each other in these jets," said Fitzgerald. "But, because this is a

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NEWS BRIEFS

MarForPac Post and Relief

A Marine Forces Pacific Command Post and Relief ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. today at Borderlon Field aboard Camp Smith. Sgt. Maj. Lawrence E. Thompson replaces Sgt. Maj. Royce G. Coffee as command sergeant major.

H-3 Lane Closures

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

Admin/Finance Office Relocation

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

BCP-1 Class

A Bundles Capabilities Package 1 orientation class will be held at the Learning Resource Center, building 221, at 2 p.m. Monday.

Kailua Road Construction

There will be roadwork in the Kailua area on Mokapu Road/Mokapu Boulevard from Kalaheo Avenue 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.

PWMA Accepts Brick Orders

Due to continued interest in the "Walkway of Honor" bricks located at the Pacific War Memorial adjacent the entrance to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, the Pacific War Memorial Association is accepting orders online at www.PacificWarMemorial.org, or call 533-3759. Orders will be accepted until Dec. 15.

Equal Opportunity Representative Course

Marine Staff NCOs, officers, and Navy equivalent serving with Marines, who are interested in learning about the Corps' equal opportunity program, may attend the Marine Forces Pacific Equal Opportunity Representative Course here Monday - Friday. Those completing this 40-hour course become valuable assets to their unit and commander by learning about current trends and requirements. They promote equal opportunity by conducting classes, monitoring the command climate, and assisting individuals with discrimination or sexual harassment concerns.

Those interested can contact Master Sgt. Milton D. White, MCBH Kaneohe Bay equal opportunity advisor at 257-7720 or e-mail milton.d.white@usmc.mil. Command approval is required to attend this career-enhancing course.

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

State Alert to Sound Oct. 1

The State Civil Defense monthly test of sirens and the Emergency Alert System will be held Friday at 11:45 a.m. The siren test is a steady 45-second tone, used to alert the public of emergencies that pose or may pose a threat to life and property.

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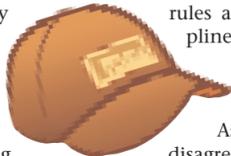
Supporting can be tough

Master Gunnery Sgt. Billy D. Stewart

Commentary

Are there rules and regulations within the Marine Corps you don't agree with? I'm sure some of you are laughing at this point, but hear me out. This very question caused me to think hard about a habit started when I was a child and ended early in my Marine Corps career.

Since around the age of four, I wore a baseball cap everywhere, as did most of the young rascals I ran around with. The only time I removed my baseball cap was at the dinner table, in church, or when the nuns at St. Agnes School caught me wearing it.



Later in life, after enlisting in the Corps, I found out there were many other people that liked to wear hats as much as I did. In fact, there were some I rarely saw without a hat on.

In the early 1990s, the Marine Corps established a policy, which stated the wearing of civilian headgear indoors was prohibited. Hat-wearing junkies, like myself, were devastated throughout the Corps. I witnessed negative feedback from every spectrum: officers, enlisted and retirees. The leadership trait of loyalty helped me deal with this change and alter my behavior in such a way that would support the institution, in this case, the Marine Corps.

From that day on, I changed my behavior and started wearing hats only outdoors. Personally, I didn't agree with it then, and I probably never will. However, professionally, this change was toward the betterment of the Marine Corps image.

As I see Marines wearing hats indoors while on base or in a DoD establishment, I stop and correct them, therefore supporting the commandant of the Marine Corps' intent. Oftentimes supporting the institution is inconvenient and sometimes painful.

Daily, we are bombarded with Marine Corps Orders, policy letters, bulletins, and instructions that provide direction from how to perform our jobs to how we should conduct ourselves in a liberty status, and every feasible facet in between. While we are all Marines, we are not all cut from the same cloth.

With that being said, let me say it is perfectly permissible for you to disagree with certain aspects of the Marine Corps. That's right, you can disagree all you want, however, as a Marine you are bound to support the rules and regulations governing the discipline of the Armed Forces of the United States. Sounds familiar doesn't it.

Just take a look at your promotion warrant and you will be reminded.

As individuals, we all have the right to disagree, but the methods we use to do so is of great importance to the institution and those around us. Supporting the Corps as an institution must remain paramount. The next few paragraphs contain some "rules of the road" when personally disagreeing with issues concerning Marine Corps Policy. As always, these are not all encompassing, but are a good foundation to start with.

First and foremost Marines need to remember enlisted personnel do not establish Marine Corps policies — they enforce the policies established. If you remember this fact, you are three quarters over the obstacle.

The second rule to remember when personally disagreeing, your feelings and opinion are in fact, just personal and must be viewed as such. Many times, Marines will confuse personal and professional opinions. If there is a written order, policy, instruction, or bulletin, you can rest assured it has been reviewed, discussed, and chopped by individuals that know what is best for the institution. To state it harshly, in some cases, your personal opinion doesn't mean a thing and cannot come into play.

Thirdly, although you don't agree with a

policy, you must support it, enforce it, and encourage others to do the same.

Around four years ago, I worked with a female Marine noncommissioned officer who was planning on re-enlisting. At about the same time, the Marine Corps issued the policy prohibiting French manicures and allowing only clear nail polish to be worn while in utilities. This Marine disagreed with this policy to such a degree she decided to separate at the end of her obligated service.

She conducted herself professionally as an NCO until her End of Active Service, all the while supporting the rules and regulations issued in the aforementioned grooming order. Her behavior was nothing less than respectable.

Although she clearly didn't agree with the policy, she did not broadcast it to junior Marines, or fail to enforce the new standard. While this may seem trivial, her example is how Marines should conduct themselves.

Finally, there are ways to influence and change policy. The Marine Corps is changing everyday. As a Marine, you will always have input through your chain of command, symposiums, point papers, and other various forms of correspondence, to make suggestions regarding a policy, order, or issue you disagree with. The key is conducting yourself professionally at all times, and doing the proper research, while protecting the intent of the institution.

Disagreeing is a fact of life. Disagreement is the proof that we are all different. Opinions remain opinions until they become policy. Policy remains policy until it is changed, much like the law.

All laws are not agreed with, just like our orders and policies are not. However, these laws are enforced and obeyed. The playing field is no different within our Corps. The most important aspect is that Marines are supportive of every intent issued from our commandant and remain unified. Good order, discipline and morale can afford nothing less. Semper Fi.

Voting can be a life or death decision

Cpl. Danielle M. Bacon

Marine Forces Pacific

"Vote or Die" is the slogan being used by rapper Sean "P. Diddy" Combs and other celebrities to encourage young people to vote in the 2004 presidential election.

As service members, we should take this slogan literally. Who we vote for could put us in a situation where we could be killed in action. This is why you should not only vote, but also know why you are voting for whomever you are voting.

There are certain questions I ask myself when considering each candidate.

Does he support the military? Does he intend to give pay raises? Has he voted for pay raises in the past? How about living standards; are they going to improve? Does he plan on funding the improvement of our equipment?

Can you answer these questions of your candidate?

I have to admit when I first decided who I would vote for I hadn't done any research. I hadn't looked for these answers.

I have seen two presidents during my enlistment. During which, I have received numerous pay raises and have watched as our housing situation slowly improved. So,

one question I should ask is, "Have I received as many pay raises as those who came before me? Could I have received more?"

With an ever-growing family, pay is not my only concern. Housing also plays a big part in my role as an active duty Marine.

At my previous duty station, Camp Pendleton, Calif., I witnessed the change to privatized housing. This meant each home was thoroughly remodeled

by the new company managing the house. In short, the way of life dramatically improved for those fortunate enough to receive housing.

"At the start of 2004, 58 percent of the Marine Corps 'owned' inventory [that] was more than 30 years old and 55 percent was considered inadequate," said Alan G. Barszewski, deputy head housing management. "By the end of 2007, we will have eliminated or have contracts in place to eliminate all our remaining inadequate housing and the Marine Corps will have privatized 95 percent of it's inventory."

These were not the only improvements I have seen in my time in the Corps. While in Kuwait, I watched as Marines added additional armor to their vehicles.

The vehicles had plates added to protect the side panels. In fact, after being installed, the new up-armored panels and gunner's shield offer the Marines in the vehicle 360 degrees of protection.

These changes should make you question the candidate you are considering to vote as your commander in chief. If you already planned to vote, take a look at whom you were going to vote for. Do they answer the questions correctly for you? I am not telling you who to vote for, but I am telling you, you should vote. Not only is it your right, but also it is your duty to help save lives.

Word on the street

"What is your worst phobia?"



Lance Cpl. Craig Siwarga
Supply Clerk
Headquarters Battalion,
MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay

"My worst phobia is getting injured ... again."



Cpl. David Andrade
Supply Clerk
Marine Aviation Logistics
Squadron 24, Supply

"My worst phobia is of babies under two months old."



Petty Officer 2nd Class Genesis Ayson
Bulk Refueler
Headquarters Battalion,
MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay

"My worst phobia is working on an aircraft carrier flight deck and falling into the water below."



Lance Cpl. Judith Richardson
ASP Training NCO
Headquarters Battalion,
MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay

"My worst phobia is of drowning."



Sgt. Dain Cole
BEQ Manager, building 1633
Headquarters Battalion,
MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay

"My worst phobias are drowning and being burned alive."



Lance Cpl. Bernadette Ainsworth
Service members came out in full force for voter registration during an effort made by the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific voting officer. A booth, set up to assist service members and civilians assisted 174 personnel.

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.)

- Sept. 17, Lance Cpl. Michael S. Naylor of 3rd Radio Battalion, for driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content of .09 percent.
- Sept. 18, Private Jacob B. Pyfer of Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, for DUI with a BAC of .08 percent.
- Sept. 19, Petty Officer 3rd Class Donald C. Payne of Patrol Squadron 47, for DUI with a BAC of .14 percent.
- Sept. 19, a 43 year-old Waipahu civilian, for Driving under the influence with a BAC of .18 percent.

Lights, camera,

action

3/3 hits the sands at Twentynine Palms, the lights of San Diego and the hills of Bridgeport

Story and Photos By
Pfc. Rich Mattingly
Combat Correspondent

CAMP WILSON, TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — As the fiery sun makes its descent over the desert expanses of Southern California, weary warriors trudge back to their hooches, exhausted from another day of some of the most intense training the Corps has to offer.

The Marines may be tired, but they are bold and determined. From across the ranges of the Marine Corps' famously grueling Twentynine Palms Air Ground Combat Center, to a mock Middle Eastern village on a movie set in San Diego, the leathernecks of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, "America's Battalion," are midway through a whirlwind pre-deployment package.

Now moving on to the snow-covered hills of the Mountain Warfare Training Center in Bridgeport, Calif., this unique training program was designed to get them prepared, both mentally and physically for an upcoming contingency deployment.

"The purpose of the training exercise is to build 'strategic corporals,' to put our Marines in the middle of the three block war and ensure they know how to properly tailor their force so as to protect themselves and their fellow Marines and destroy anti-coalition forces without alienating the local populace," said 3/3 commanding officer, Lt. Col. Norm Cooling.

America's Battalion has been moving like a well-oiled machine through live-fire exercises at the platoon and company levels on the grueling ranges at Twentynine Palms. The battalion is also rotating one company at a time through the Strategic Operations training facility located at Segall Studios in San Diego. Here, the Marines will get to experience up close and personal interaction with "locals," played by Hollywood actors, while on patrol in a town realistically tailored to reflect the "real thing."

"Strategic Operations is a training facility that prides itself for being different than any other facility," said Stu Segall, owner of Segall Studios, in a recent interview with the Twentynine Palms base public affairs office. "We use the magic of Hollywood to simulate a real-world training environment for tomorrow's threat. We combine movie-making techniques with [the experience of desert warfare veterans to create] realism for training needs."

At the studio, America's Battalion experienced a mock town, complete with costumed



Marines from Second Platoon, Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, take cover and send a wall of simulated lead at a house from which they received rocket-propelled grenade fire. The hyper-realistic training, which took place at a movie studio in San Diego, afforded Marines an opportunity to go on military operations in urban terrain missions similar to those they may face during an upcoming contingency deployment.

"insurgents" and improvised explosive devices.

At an alternate site aboard Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, the Marines also conducted convoy ops and more Entry Control Point and Vehicle Control Point training. The Marines conducted these operations while receiving fire from Segall Studio's professional actors and actresses — some of whom are former service members with combat experience.

"I believe in what we're doing here. If I could still suit up and be next to them I would," said Screen Actor's Guild member and former Navy Seabee Richard Blake, who is currently working for Segall Studios. "We try to make the Marines be as aware of what's going on around them as we can, trying to put them in situations they may well face over there."

The realism of the village was astonishing for Marines during their patrol operations.

"It was as close to the fight as I think could be simulated," said Lance Cpl. Zach Zeid, tactical data network specialist, Headquarters and Service Company, 3/3.

"I had to guard a PUC [person under control] and I had everything we'd trained for running through my head, all of the rules of

engagement and everything. I definitely had some adrenaline going through me," added Zeid.

While the companies were rotating through Segall studios and MCAS Miramar, others were involved in Small Wars training in the abandoned Marine Palms Housing Area aboard Twentynine Palms. There they participated in cordoning and searching, and learned the fine details of vehicle and entry control points with veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom I and II, Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment.

"It's important to us to try and pass on the things we learned while over there," said Cpl. Joshua Lipe, squad leader, Kilo Company, 3/4. "We're teaching them things that we didn't know before we went, so they can be as prepared for what they will face as possible," added the Carbondale, Ill. native.

Watching the Marines from Thundering Third with a little extra pride was a 3/3 squad leader, who previously served as a School of Infantry instructor. Many of the Marines from 3/4 were his former students, and they were now training him and his Marines.

"I knew I'd get my chance," said Sgt. Charles Bennett, a squad leader with 2nd Platoon, Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines who was serving at SOI during the attacks of September 11. "It makes me feel proud. I'm glad I could do them that service so now they can teach me something. This shows what a brotherhood we are as Marines," continued Bennett.

The Kilo Company squad leader said his former pupils now had a confidence and fire he hadn't seen in them before, and that the words and advice on tactics and techniques they passed couldn't have come at a better time.

"This training is bringing it all together for us to go out on our deployment and get the job done right," finished Bennett.

Other Marines have wholeheartedly agreed. And while the days are long and only look to get longer during the pre-deployment package, everyone in America's Battalion knows that what they learn here will ultimately improve their skills once it's time to deploy.

From the point men in the fire team, to the highest echelons of command, the Marines of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, "America's Battalion," are gritty, determined and ready to roll.



A member of America's Battalion, 3/3, provides security for his fellow Marines during urban terrain training as part of the unit's pre-deployment package.



With role-players acting the part of Iraqi villagers shouting threats and anti-American slogans, devil dogs from America's Battalion, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, rush to cordon and search a building during simulated street fighting at Segall Studios in San Diego. The Marines were afforded the opportunity to test their training in a "real life" environment complete with improvised explosive devices, rocket-propelled grenades and a restless populace.



Above — Sgt. Jairo Freedomis, squad leader with Kilo Company, 3/3, speaks with the owner of a home he and his Marines have been given orders to search. The house was no ordinary house, however, and the Marines had swapped their regular rifle barrels with ones firing "simunition," or paintball rounds.



Left — Marines from Kilo Company, 3/3, practice immediate actions drills during convoy operations training at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms.



Below — 2nd Lt. Michael Poliquin, platoon commander with Kilo Company, 3/3, speaks with Marines from Kilo Company, 3/4, role-playing as the police chief and elder of an Afghan town.

Volunteers work PMO's animal side

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Sports Editor

Our base is well-known for its abundance of wildlife. From birds and fish to mongoose and cats, we share our community with these animals every day. But, what we don't see are the hours of work done behind the scenes to control the animal population.

The Game Warden's Office never has to close due to the help of 40 civilian volunteers who act as the auxiliary game wardens. As part of the Provost Marshals Office, the volunteers make up a patrol team, a trapping team, a maintenance team and an administration team. Each volunteer works 12 hours or more per month.

"I am a conservationist, and am very con-



Auxiliary game wardens George Yanagi and Haydn Kam responded and secured an area of Pyramid Rock Beach after lifeguards noticed a stranded sea turtle. The Stranded Sea Turtle Response Team was notified and assumed control of the turtle.

cerned about the animals," said Larry Trott, a volunteer auxiliary game warden here. "I think this is a really good service to the community. This base is one of the few places on the island where conservation and preservation is a priority.

"This job has opened up our eyes to the importance of wildlife and fishing laws and regulations. A lot of people began volunteering after 9/11 and I thought this was really helpful to our community."

According to the game wardens, they are responsible for chapters four and eleven of the base regulations. This means they enforce all of the fishing regulations on base and are responsible for animal control.

"Our priority mission, though, is domestic animal control," said Cpl. Jeremy Hoffman, chief game warden. "We have volunteers who put traps out throughout the base for feral animals such as cats and mongoose, and we also pick up many of the stray cats and dogs on base, or seize animals that have been abused or neglected."

"We also have a lot of military families who make a permanent change of station move and just let their dogs out the front door. This is not good," Trott added. "Owners need to take their animals to the Humane Society, and if that is not possible, then, as a last resort, they can bring the animals to the Game Warden's Office and we will take care of them."

If owners relinquish their pets here, the Game Warden's Office can adopt them out. This is also the case with unregistered stray animals found, but 90 percent of the time, the game warden finds the owners. The office currently has a litter of stray kittens in need of adoption, so they will probably keep them around longer to try to find them homes. If they are not adopted, they will be taken to the Humane Society.

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Ken "KO" Otenbriet, a volunteer auxiliary game warden for PMO, releases a pigeon that was wounded while taking a tour of the commissary.



This Labrador retriever mix was a stray found aboard the base and delivered to the Game Warden's Office. The game wardens have so far been unable to find the dog's owners.

Fishing Permits

On average, more than 200 fishing permits per quarter are issued to civilian fisherman here. This responsibility falls under the Game Warden's Office.

"We issue the permits to foster civilian and military relations with the community," said Cpl. Jeremy Hoffman, the chief game warden here. "We issue them to civilians who normally don't have access to the base, so that they can enjoy the different fishing areas we have here."

The next issue date is Dec. 15 at the Game Warden's Office from 5 a.m. until

2 p.m. Those civilians who are interested in receiving a permit must bring their car registration, safety check and a no-fault insurance card with them to register.

They also must complete a short orientation class which will familiarize fishermen with all state and federal fishing regulations and authorized fishing times aboard the base. Those who already hold fishing permits from last quarter must come to the Game Warden's Office to re-register.

For more information, contact the Game Warden's Office at 257-1821.

Bulk Fuels keeps base on the go

Sgt. Jereme L. Edwards

Combat Correspondent

The U.S. Navy and Marine Corps take pride in and often boast about the working relationship between their two branches of service, often referring to it as the Navy and Marine Corps Team.

The bulk fuels section here not only boasts it, their job is a true testament of the ability of the sister branches to work side-by-side to accomplish the mission.

“Our mission is to support the base,” said Cpl. Odair Correia, motor transport operator and bulk refueler with Headquarters Battalion. “We issue fuel to everybody in the motor pools as well as all the squadrons, whether home stationed or transient, and even fill the generators here on base.”

This task is may seem effortless, but that is not always the case.

“That mission may sound easy, but when

you begin to count the number of government owned vehicles operating in the motor pool’s fleet and the number of helicopter and other aircraft squadrons here, you’ll begin to see that it’s no easy task,” said Correia. “We work in three shifts. There is a crew working in the fuels section 24 hours a day, seven days a week.”

Correia also said a lot of people have the common misconceptions of what a bulk refueler’s job entails.

“A lot of people might think all we do is refuel planes, but they might not know that we have two types of refueling. We have a hot refuel, which is where the aircraft actually pulls into one of the three hot pit lanes on the flight line, which is kind of like gas station lanes for an aircraft. We also have a cold refuel where we actually take our trucks out to the aircraft that may not be on the taxing across the flight line,” said Correia.

He also explained that along with the differ-

ent types of refueling they do in bulk fuels they have other capabilities and responsibilities as well.

“Yes, filling planes and helicopters are a large portion of the job in supporting the airfield but, what a lot of people don’t know is we not only refuel, but we also defuel planes. Sometimes we are called to pull fuel out of an aircraft because it may have gotten contaminated somehow,” said Correia.

The base fuel section has the capability of storing a large quantity of fuel.

“Another thing that may not be known is at any giving time our fuel farm can house more

than a million gallons of fuels,” he said. “We have to take samples form our tanks to ensure that no contamination has occurred, as well as check to make sure no moisture or sediment build up has occurred and we recertify our fuel every 24 hours.

“You know, every job in the Marine Corps is important, and there are some people out there in [Military Occupational Specialties] who wonder if their job actually makes a difference. I don’t have to wonder, because every time I see a plane or helicopter take off, or a government vehicle rolling down the street, I know that my section had something to do with that.”



Base Fuels uses various fueling systems, like the ones pictured above, to complete its mission in supporting the tenant commands stationed aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.



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Cpl. Odair Correia, bulk refueler with Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, checks the equipment on one of his refuel tanker trucks.



Photos by Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Lance Cpl. Ryan Martin, Provost Marshals Office fleet assistance program Marine from Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, shoots his final round on qualifying day for the pistol. Marines going through the FAP program must qualify on the range with the pistol before they can continue training with PMO.



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"This was my first time shooting the pistol," said Cpl. George B. Lilley, squad leader with Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. "The PMIs told me to relax and gave me tips on how to shoot better. By the end of the week I shot high marksman, two away from sharpshooter."

According to Lilley, at the beginning of the week, shooting the pistol felt awkward and nervous for him. However, before the week was complete he felt confident with the weapon and his ability to use it.

Understanding the pistol and how to handle it is imperative for military police members. The pistol is their primary weapon when they are on duty.

"I learned that shooting the pistol is not like in the movies. You can't just point in a direction and hit the target, there is a lot more to it," said Lilley. "Working as a military police member, you have to know your weapon because you never know when you may have to use it."

Next week the Marines will receive more classroom training on base security and practical applications.

HCAX, From A-1

combined arms exercise we will have a chance to fly with other pilots and squadrons. But to what degree is still not for sure, we shall see."

The Marines of VMFA(AW) are currently on a six-month unit deployment program. Once they complete the training here at HCAX, they will continue on to Kadena AFB, Okinawa, Japan, for additional training and then return to MCAS Iwakuni, Japan.

The Gators from VMFA-142, a reserve FA-18 squadron out of Atlanta, Ga., will also be joining Marine Aircraft Group 24 for aerial training during Hawaii

Combined Arms Exercise until Oct. 15.

"They will primarily be doing a combined arms package, and providing close air support in support of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment," said Maj. Pete Peterson, the assistant operations officer for MAG-24. "It is an excellent opportunity for the different communities of the Navy and Marine Corps who usually don't train together to work as a team in this exercise."

The two KC-130 squadrons have also joined the group to help with aerial refueling and to provide aerial transport for personnel, equipment and sup-

plies. During the exercise, the units will also complete training of their own.

The Rangers of Marine Aerial Refueling Squadron 234 from Naval Air Station Fort Worth JRB, Texas, and the VMGR-452 "Yankees," a reserve squadron from Stewart Air National Guard Base, New York, both fly the KC-130 and will be working hand-in-hand with FA-18 Hornets to complete the exercise.

"Although HCAX has been scaled down this year, less ranges and so forth, we still have some good prospects for training and all we can hope is that everything goes safely and smoothly," concluded Peterson.

WARDEN, From A-4

From January through June, the office trapped 126 dogs, 23 cats, 139 feral cats, 113 mongoose, and accepted 22 dogs turned in by their owners. The office also seized and investigated 11 animal neglect cases and one dog abuse case.

"We try to control the population of feral cats and mongoose," said Ken "KO" Otenbriet, a volunteer team captain for the Game Warden's Office. "They are a danger to many of the endangered birds in this area, such as the Wedge-Tailed Shearwaters and Hawaiian Stilts."

The Game Warden's Office is also responsible for conducting beach patrols to enforce fishing regulations on the beaches here and enforce all wildlife regulations.

"We have a problem with civilian trespassers going over the perimeter gate into Nuupia Ponds," said Otenbriet. "Those people need to stay away and understand that not only are they trespassing, but they are also putting the protected Shearwaters in danger."

According to Hoffman, the Game Warden's Office is the eyes and ears for the Provost Marshals Office, and any violators they see are reported and escorted off base.

For more information, contact the Game Warden's Office at 257-1821.

SALUTES

Corporals Course 10-04

Distinguished Graduates

Honor Graduate

Cpl. L.C. Smith, HMH-363

Second Place

Cpl. M.R. Hotchkiss
3rd Marine Regiment

Third Place

Cpl. D.L. Hruska
Headquarters Battalion,
MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay

Gung Ho Award

Cpl. M. T. Odell, CSSG-3

(Units wanting to submit information for "Salutes" should send an e-mail to editor@hawaiimarine.com or call 257-8836.)

BPAC on the move

Lance Cpls. Barry Harkins (front) and Brian Himenes, Base Personnel Administration Center, assist as BPAC makes their transformation into an "Installation Personnel Administration Center." They traded offices with the Finance Office, moving from building 216 to building 401.

Scheduled to be up-and-running Monday morning, the new IPAC will be joining administrative forces with all the major MCB Hawaii commands to provide a one-stop shop for everything administrative for Hawaii Marines. Phone numbers are scheduled to stay with the building they currently reside in, so the former phone numbers of the Finance Office will become the phone numbers for IPAC: 257-5187 / 5184 / 1467 / 1324. These phone numbers will bring you to the main IPAC menu, where you can select the section needed.

The phone numbers currently used to reach the BPAC, will get you in touch with the Finance Office: 257-7751 / 7752 / 7753.



Photos by Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

NAVIGATION, From A-1

Lance Cpl. Kyle E. Long, disperser at the Finance Office, "I don't ever get to go out to the field and do this kind of training. I work at the Finance Office, this was like a deployment for me."

Staff Sgt. Douglas R. Leass, training staff noncommissioned officer with S-3 and Staff Sgt. Eduardo Minaya, chief of the S-3 office, taught the classes.

"The class was very informational, the content was very in-depth and detailed," said Long. "A lot better than at Marine Combat Training, which was the last time I did land navigation."

Leass said he believes land navigation is only second to the rifle when it comes to how important it is for Marines to know.

"Marines are not only riflemen, they need to be skilled in many areas, especially land navigation," he said. "It is becoming a lost art because Marines are relying on digitized navigation, but if that doesn't work, they need to know how to use a compass and map."

The two-and-a-half hour classes, which are the same ones used in the Sergeant's Course, focused on how to use the compass, figure the distance from point-to-point, determine a grid azimuth and use a protractor.

"I tried to incorporate my own knowledge from when I was an "amtraker" to explain the concepts on the most basic level," said Leass. "This was a basic refresher course, we wanted to do the best we could, but also have a good time."

Although Marines did run into problems on the Bellows AFB course, many agreed they would like to participate in more training activities soon.

"The humidity and heat were terrible and the vegetation was impossible to see over and get around," explained Long. "But, it was a lot of fun, as well as being a good learning experience. I realized how much a couple of days of training could really teach you."

Although Connelly is the driving force behind the training, the events will not be able to continue without the support of

more sections.

"My only complaint," said Long, "was the amount of people out there. We need to get more people involved, this is good stuff."

Leass believes land navigation is important not only in combat situations, but also in humanitarian efforts. He explained, during times of flooding, hurricane damage, tsunamis and tornadoes, road signs, man-made objects and other recognizable features can disappear completely. The only way a person can find their way around is terrain recognition, and a basic knowledge of land navigation, he said.

"I do my best to try to get Marines to understand the importance of knowing as much as they can about what they do," said Leass. "I always say unused knowledge is useless knowledge. If I can teach 20 Marines about land navigation and they turn around and teach 60 more, I know I have accomplished something. That is what we want to achieve, teaching as many Marines as we can about basic Marine Corps skills."

JCOC, From A-1

Participants an understanding of the training of the average Marine.

The members participated in a weapons familiarization course at the Kaneohe Range Training Facility, with both the M-16A2 service rifle and 9mm service pistol, which emphasizes the idea every Marine is a rifleman.

At the conclusion of the marksmanship orientation, the participants got a taste of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program, which was described as the basic close-combat training all Marines must master. All members of the JCOC got an opportunity to practice some of the maneuvers they learned during the course. At the end of the training all participants were made honorary tan belts.

With rifle, pistol and tan belt training completed, the JCOC participants sat down to partake in a Meals Ready to Eat with Marine representatives from a few of the tenant organizations aboard base.

"I think this program is

great," said Bill O'Neil, a New Mexico resident and former Navy seabee. "This program offers an opportunity for such a diverse group of people to really get an appreciation for what [service members] do out here."

The tour was fast paced, but informative.

"It has been a whirlwind tour of the Pacific, in seven days we have gone from Hawaii, to Japan, to Singapore, Guam and back to Hawaii totaling a little over 13,000 miles and I have enjoyed every bit of it," O'Neil added.

The group also had experienced Marines and Sailors to answer questions.

"During this tour we have had the opportunity to talk to everyone from the four-star general to the seaman recruit and it has been a great experience," said O'Neil. "When I get home, I plan to speak in my community, and tell them of all the things I've learned on this trip. I only hope I can put into accurate enough words the true professionalism, hard work and dedication I have seen from the Marines, Sailors, airmen, soldiers and coast guardsmen."



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Pfc. William Leffler II (left), Finance Office, and Lance Cpl. Thomas Head, clerk with Military Police Company, agree on the direction they need to go to find their next point during Headquarters Battalion's land navigation training at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows.