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Bldg. 579 receives headstart

MCB Hawaii
Press Release

Building 579 is more important than building 216, the commissary or the Semper Fit Center to many parents aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

It is the center of their world, housing the Hourly Child Development Center, and special education services for Head Start and preschool children who are eligible through the Department of Education.

This essential facility recently underwent some major renovations to improve the overall safety and function of the facility for the keiki and parents who frequent it, and a new parking plan for the area.

"A collaborative effort with

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NMCI educates on the Internet

Sgt. Joseph A. Lee
Press Chief

The Navy Marine Corps Intranet adaptation aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, has recently entered into the assumption of responsibility phase of the transition, scheduled to complete within 60 to 90 days when the final cutover takes place.

Over the next several weeks and months, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, will be working with the NMCI Information Strike Force to assist the transition to NMCI.

To help smooth over the transition, there is some information that individuals and department heads must know.

Information on preparing for workstation migration, software licensing and upgrades, directing of e-mail, installation of the "gold disk" and training after installation are all centrally provided on one Web site for the public to access. This site can bring clarity to the confusing tasks involved in the transition.

The NMCI User Information Page is located at www.nmci-isf.com/userinfo.htm.

This site has numerous options located on it, but the "Making the Transition" link on the site should give the reader a basic overview of what to expect when the NMCI transition is made, and what every person needs to prepare.

Other Web sites that may prove useful during the cutover phase are:

- www.nmci.isf.com,
- www.nmciinfo.usmc.mil,
- www.nmci.navy.mil
- http://www.eds-gov.com/nmcifaqs/faq_general.asp.



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Corporal Robert P. Keefe, 3rd Reconnaissance Bn., applies camouflage in preparation for the weeklong Field Training Exercise at Crocodile 2003 Sept. 10.

Recon goes Aussie

Cpl. Jason E. Miller
2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment
Public Affairs

Reconnaissance Marines are refining their ability to engage the enemy and shape the battlefield throughout most of September in support of Exercise Crocodile 2003.

Crocodile '03 is an Australian-led, U.S.-supported exercise designed to strengthen the U.S./Australian procedures to plan and execute future combined operations.

Specifically for the Marines of 3rd Platoon, Bravo Co., 3rd Reconnaissance Bn., 3rd Marine Division, the exercise is an opportunity to train with another highly disciplined military force in a new terrain.

A weeklong Field Training Exercise

will be the "bread and butter" of Recon's training schedule for CROC '03 according to Staff Sgt. Michael C. Crawford, platoon sergeant, 3rd Platoon.

The FTX will consist of a simulated battle scenario between the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, which will face opposing components of the U.S. military and the Australian Defense Force.

Reconnaissance will insert behind enemy lines two days prior to the FTX and will be responsible for gathering information for 3rd MEB to help shape the battlefield.

"We're here to hone our skills from mission planning to execution while working with the MEB," said Capt. Matt Schramm, platoon commander,

See **AUSSIE**, A-6

MarForPac employees feel burden of bus strike

Cpl. Danielle M. Bacon
Marine Forces Pacific

CAMP H.M. SMITH — It's day 31 of the gripping, highway-flooding bus strike and the battle doesn't seem to be drawing closer to an end.

Since the beginning of the monthlong clash between the Teamsters Union and Oahu Transit Services, an estimated 250,000 passengers a day have tried to accustom themselves to the new way of life that was thrust upon them.

For one bus rider, this means longer days and less time with her family.

"I used to get home and help with dinner," said Polly Chan, the librarian here. "But now, it [dinner] is delayed, and I also have to prepare food days in advance."

The clash between bus operators and city officials has managed to ruffle the feathers of the petite librarian.

"It's frustrating because it is affecting so many people, and they are not progressing," said Chan, who has ridden the bus to work for more than a year. "There are so many cars on the road now, and it takes so long to get from place to place."

The amount of new cars on the road also seems to provide blocks in places other than on main highways.

"In town, it is harder to get around. Sometimes, it takes forever to get from one block to another, and I haven't even used my September pass," she said.

Even with the day-to-day struggle to find rides to and from work, Chan doesn't want to give up.

Chan has lived near the University of Hawaii for 10 years and doesn't plan on moving, but she hopes that the strike comes to an end soon.

The state Department of Transportation opens the H-1 Freeway zipper lane from 4:30 until 8:45 a.m. for vehicles with two or more occupants. Normally, at least three occupants per vehicle are required from 5 to 7 a.m., and two required from 7 to 8:30 a.m.

The high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes along H-1, H-2 and Moanalua freeways and Kalia Highway will be open to all vehicles, regardless of the number of occupants.

Although the end doesn't seem in sight, city officials do offer ideas for other means of transportation.

Numbers to Call

- Vanpools Hawaii: 596-VANS or www.vanpoolhawaii.com.
- Rideshare program: 692-7685.

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Remembering our POWs and MIAs

In honor of Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Recognition Day, MCB Hawaii held a flagpole ceremony at Kaneohe Bay Sept. 19, remembering all U.S. POWs and MIA military members.

(From left to right) Brigadier Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, commanding general, MCB Hawaii; his wife, Margaret McAbee; James Ward and Bob Talmadge, members of the Chosin Few; and Nick Nishimoto and Goichi Tamaye, both prisoners of war during the Korean War, all show their respect to those POWs and MIA service members not with them that day.



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

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NEWS BRIEFS

MARFORPAC BAND TO PERFORM AT HALE KOA OCT. 3

The Marine Forces Pacific Band Wind Ensemble will be performing at the Hale Koa Hotel's Banyan Tree courtyard, Oct. 3 at 3 p.m.

The wind ensemble will be performing various selections including, but not limited to, patriotic favorites and classic marches. The performance is part of the Hale Koa Concert Series.

Service members, family members, retirees and DoD employees are encouraged to come down and enjoy the bands.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY MEETING SCHEDULED OCT. 6

The MCB Hawaii Motorcycle Safety Association will be holding a meeting Oct. 6 at 3 p.m. in the base theater.

All motorcycle owners aboard MCB Hawaii are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Topics will include introduction of the association's new leadership, the Toys for Tots Ride in December; and the direction and purpose of the association.

STATE ALERT SOUNDS OCT. 7

The State Civil Defense monthly test of sirens and the Emergency Alert System will be held Oct. 7 at 11:45 a.m.

The siren test is a steady 45-second tone, used to alert the public of any emergency that poses or may pose a threat to life and property. The siren signal alerts the public to turn on any radio or television for emergency information and instructions broadcast by civil defense agencies.

Tests of the State Civil Defense are conducted simultaneously in cooperation with Hawaii's broadcast industry each month. Disaster preparedness information is located in the front section of the white pages of telephone directories in all counties.

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Military Police	257-7114
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IN THE CG'S MAIL BOX



BRIG. GEN.
MCABEE

Comment submitted by Gunnery Sgt. Marvin Bogie and Mrs. Wendy Bogie

"We recently became victims and have witnessed certain acts of child vandalism and other inappropriate behavior in our neighborhood."

Thank you for creating this forum that allows each of us the opportunity to express our concerns and suggestions to your panel.

My husband and I have lived aboard MCB Hawaii for over two years. Fortunately for us, it's been a unique experience to live in Hawaii and a privilege to live here on base.

Unfortunately, we recently became victims and have witnessed certain acts of child vandalism and other inappropriate behavior in our neighborhood that has forced us to contact the Provost Marshal's Office.

We believe this to be due to negligence, the lack of respect and concern for other people's property and the absence of the appropriate adult supervision of toddlers, young children and certain teens who are unsupervised outdoors for extended periods of time throughout the day.

This problem may be due to the unavailability of adequate childcare for parents with several children who are home all day and may also be caring for other siblings inside the home, or for those parents requiring a few hours of quiet time for themselves while their children are napping or outdoors playing.

Consequently, it's during the "time out" that, one day a small group of children were noticed igniting firecrackers and tossing them into the street while throwing rocks at the street signs.

We didn't notice anyone come out to investigate or ask them to stop this disruptive behavior. After 20 minutes or so of noisy, inappropriate behavior, it became apparent that these children were obviously unsupervised, or their actions were being ignored.

To avoid the risk of a confrontation with disrespectful children or a defensive parent, it was decided that the authorities should be contacted who would put an end to this; however, when the officer arrived on the scene, the children scattered before he had a chance to catch them in the act. Once the officer drove off, they started igniting firecrackers again, until they chose to stop.

Late one afternoon, we were startled by the sound of the alarm going off on our car, only to discover that a small child, who had been playing in the area, quickly ran off after hitting our vehicle with a bike. The bike belonged to another child whose parents weren't home at the time.

These are all avoidable incidences that should not be tolerated.

Parents should forbid their chil-

dren to encroach into anyone's yard and damage anything, including damaging areas clearly marked and blocked off by housing-approved lawn and garden borders, by deliberately pushing or dragging bikes or wagons and other large toys over the border — simply because it's easier to go right through the border than to walk a few feet around it.

Children should not be permitted to throw rocks, lay on the ground, ride bikes or play in any car parking areas, specifically, while vehicles are parked, entering or exiting, as these areas are extremely dangerous and should be strictly enforced with warning signs.

This is a major safety hazard to the children involved, because they are not easily seen at certain angles due to the cars, trucks and vans that pull in and out of these areas on a regular basis throughout the day, not to mention the unnecessary aggravation and expenses involved in the repair of vehicles once they are damaged by children playing in an area that should be completely off limits to them.

Instead of playing in dangerous areas, parents should allow their children to take advantage of the new playgrounds recently installed in the area for their use.

A suggestion and possible solution to these types of problems in our neighborhoods is to implement a neighborhood watch program in certain housing areas on base where tenants are experiencing or are reporting problems.

It should be mandatory that the tenants report any type of vandalism, personal property damage, theft or inappropriate behaviors, if we personally witness it, to the victim or family affected by the incident — or report it to the authorities if the victims are away.

The neighborhood children should also be held accountable for reporting incidents to a responsible adult, as they are usually the ones who witness them first. This also deters group involvement and helps to develop a sense of responsibility.

All incidents and damage should be reported immediately to the proper authorities by the victims of these malicious acts, who can put an end to it permanently.

The offenders would never report anything, even if they witnessed it, while others will not get involved, because it's "somebody else's problem."

However, everyone benefits if we all participate in helping to make our community safer. This goal can be achieved through getting

involved and by not tolerating any form of unruly behavior in our neighborhoods.

Your time and consideration are appreciated.

Respectfully,
 Gunnery Sgt. Marvin Bogie and
 Mrs. Wendy Bogie

Dear Gunnery Sgt. Bogie and
 Mrs. Bogie,

The commanding general asked me to respond to your e-mail of Sept. 3, since your concerns fall within my area of responsibility. The commanding general appreciates that you took the time to participate in the "CG Mail" program.

We don't agree with you that frequent and widespread incidents of child vandalism or parental neglect exist at MCB Hawaii.

A review of Incident Complaint Reports over the past year shows that MCB Hawaii continues to have extremely few incidents of child vandalism, shoplifting, child delinquency and juvenile crime.

As a result, there is a tendency for our families to feel more secure and parents will often allow their children the greater freedom to play.

We are particularly proud of our 2,316 families (5,267 active duty and family members in all) who reside aboard MCB Hawaii. They are good neighbors who work hard and care for their children.

I truly believe their efforts to raise good, honest, young citizens are noteworthy. They do this day in and day out, often under very trying circumstances with a spouse forward deployed.

Positive evidence of their efforts is often reflected with the decision of their fine sons and daughters to join our armed forces.

That said, any incident that is criminal in nature, and that the base has jurisdiction over, is of deep concern to us and should be reported immediately to the Military Police.

We appreciate your thoughtful comments and concerns.

If I can be of any further assistance, contact me at 257-7716, and again, thank you for taking the time to participate in the "CG Mail" program.

Sincerely,
 Lt. Col. Loren Barney
 Base Inspector
 MCB Hawaii

(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.



Sergeants and below who dare to become Combat Correspondents and who would pride themselves in telling the Marine Corps story can seize the opportunity with a lateral move into the 4341 occupational field. Contact Gunnery Sgt. Rhys Evans at the Public Affairs Office, 257-8840, for complete details.

CSSG-3 tears up the K-Bay Range

Marines get their chance to fire crew-served weapons at K-Bay Range Training Facility

Sgt. Joseph A. Lee
Press Chief

Operation Iraqi Freedom used one of the most lengthy, well-orchestrated supply and convoy routes ever seen in combat history. Support units like motor transportation, engineers and supply were in Iraqi military crosshairs throughout the war, as the supply line from the Iraq coast to Baghdad was a key element in the success of the mission, and a perfect target for enemy ambush.

Fortunately, the Marines along the supply route in Iraq kept their crew-served weapons locked and loaded, with well-trained Marines behind the trigger, ever ready to defend their convoy. That type of training doesn't come along every day for support elements in the Marine Corps, but Combat Service Support Group 3 got some of that field training Sept. 18.

Transportation Support and engineers companies from CSSG-3 here visited the Kaneohe Bay Range Training Facility to fire crew-served weapons Sept. 18 from the ground, as well as atop seven-ton trucks, using built-in ring-mounts.

The two companies joined together in one training evolution to reestablish familiarization with the MK-19 40mm machinegun, the M2 .50 caliber machinegun, and the M240G medium machine gun.

"As far as I know, we only get to do this sort of training maybe once per year," said Lance Cpl. Patrick Gregory, a logistics vehicle systems operator for Transportation Support Co. "It would be awesome to do it more often, because we enjoy this sort of thing."

The Marines rotated through each station where an instructor stood with a different weapon, waiting to give all Marines a two-minute refresher course before allowing them to destroy their target.



Photos by Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Above — Lance Cpl. Garcon Bernavil (right) and Cpl. Achique Coyaso, both motor vehicle operators with Transportation Support Co., CSSG-3, sight in downrange as they light up several targets far off on the horizon with an M240G medium machinegun.

Below — Sergeant Joseph Kelly, platoon sergeant for Landing Support Platoon, Transportation Support Co., CSSG-3, goes over with a Marine, the correct procedures for traversing the MK19 machinegun to hit the desired target.

"The instructors helped out a lot at each weapon," said Pfc. Paul Graf, motor vehicle operator with TSC. "After not firing this equipment for so long, you forget how to traverse the sights quickly and easily. Sgt. [Joseph] Kelly used to be an 0311, so he has helped us understand the sights a lot better."

Kelly, the platoon sergeant for Landing Support Platoon, TSC, helped refresh the Marines on how to operate crew-served weapons.

"We came out here to keep these Marines fresh and at the top of their game," said the former infantry Marine. "My goal is to engrain some of this knowledge into these Marines' heads so that they will never forget. If ever required to mount this weapon, they will feel right at home."

The instructors on the range were not all former 0311s, nor were they marksmanship instructors. Most of the instructors helping to guide the Marines of CSSG-3 were other noncom-

missioned officers who knew just enough when compared to their junior Marines.

"As an NCO, it's part of your training standards in most jobs to be familiar with these weapons," said Cpl. Achique Coyaso. "In a support field like motor transport or engineers, knowing how to use these weapons is a critical part of survival in combat, because what we do and what we carry is vital to the survival to Marines on the front lines. Protecting the gear is a must."

The Marines of CSSG-3 couldn't have been more excited to get their hands on the weapons mounted on top of the Marine Corps' new seven-ton trucks.

"The coolest thing was seeing the brass from the .50 cal. raining down inside the cab when someone really laid on the trigger," said Lance Cpl. Garcon Bernavil, a motor vehicle operator with TSC.

"They look so harmless, the way they rain down like little golden raindrops, until one hits you in the head or the arm, then you realize that they are hot .50 cal. shells, and not little at all."



Word on the Street

"If your life were a movie, what would it be titled?"



"Terminator," because I always wanted to say, 'hasta la vista' to a few people."
Jeff Dusich
Commissary Director



"Safety is My Thing," because I'm into safety, and my buddy is too."
Alexis Alexander
Commissary checker



"The Adventures of Walnut," because that's my nickname."
Lance Cpl. Sean Warnet
Motor Transport Operator
3rd Radio Bn.



"Braveheart," because I have always had to fight to overcome odds in life."
Gunnery Sgt. Lawrence Sconyers
SNOIC, Supply
MALS-24



"How Random is That?" because my life is full of random circumstances just like this."
Lt. j.g. Elise Eastman
Pilot
HSL-37

Golden Swordsmen rally, fly into action

Lt. j.g. Drew Peters
Patrol Squadron 47

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Three combat aircrews and ground support personnel comprised of 56 personnel from Patrol Squadron 47 recently took part in a Joint Training Field Exercise here alongside two aircrews from VP-1 and one crew from the Royal Canadian Armed Forces.

Combat Aircrews 1, 3, and 9 departed MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, on July 23 for NAS North Island, Calif.

After being briefed on the exercise, the crews began flying missions on July 25 in support of the USS Peleliu and her Expeditionary Strike Group to prepare the ESG for its upcoming deployment.

This JTFEX was a landmark exercise because it was the first time an ESG has taken direct control of P-3Cs.

Valuable lessons were learned by all involved that will ensure a smooth transition to deployment operations.

The P-3Cs flew around the clock during the two-week exercise and conducted both overland and maritime missions in support of amphibious attacks on simulated terrorist targets by the ESG, the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit and other special forces units.

The Golden Swordsmen of VP-47 performed traditional missions such as Sea Surveillance and Control, Maritime Interdiction Operations and Anti-Submarine Warfare as well as overland Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance.

During the ISR missions, the P-3Cs orbited over the battlefield, out of sight from the enemy, and provided real-time intelligence to the unit commanders on the ground. Intelligence can range from verbal communications to image transmission.

Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance flights provide ground unit commanders an invaluable oppor-



Courtesy of Patrol Squadron 47

A Canadian CP-140 Aurora (second from left) sits among Patrol Squadron 47 P-3C Orions between missions in support of the USS Peleliu Expeditionary Strike Group.

tunity to get a “bird’s eye view” of the battlefield and adapt their plans according to the latest movements and locations of the enemy.

Rear Adm. Anthony Winns, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force Pacific, toured the detachment workspaces near the end of the exercise and thanked the Sailors for the quality work they performed and for the success of the exercise.

In addition to participating in JTFEX, VP-47 provided static aircraft displays and tours for midshipmen who were on summer training. Approximately 300 midshipmen took the opportunity to

tour the P-3 and talk to its aircrew about life in a squadron and the mission of the P-3. Five midshipmen experienced a mission first hand when they rode along on a tactical flight.

“While working with the Peleliu ESG in San Diego, we showed how great an asset we can be by tracking submarines, doing overland surveillance and reconnaissance, and MIO operations,” said Petty Officer 2nd Class Brian Rogers, an aviation warfare systems operator, when asked to sum up his experience. “It was a good experience to show our midshipmen how we can assist a battle group and ground forces proficiently.”

U.S., Australian chiefs visit Croc '03

Cpl. Jason E. Miller
2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment
Public Affairs

CAMP SAMUEL HILL, QUEENSLAND, Australia — Australian Defense Force Maj. Gen. Mark Evans, commander of Combined Task Force 628, which presides over Exercise Crocodile 2003, arrived here Sept. 9, via Marine Cobra Attack Helicopter for a tour of Marine assets in country for the exercise.

Upon his arrival at the airfield, Maj. Gen. Evans met Brig. Gen. Kenneth Glueck Jr., commanding general, 3d Marine Expeditionary Brigade and CTF-628 deputy commander, who led him on a tour of the units and equipment that will be used by Marines during Exercise Crocodile 2003.

Beginning with the aviation command element, the general officers toured each major portion of the Marine Air Ground Task Force to meet with each element's commanding officer and other key officials, as well as some of the lower ranking enlisted Marines.

Some of the units set up static displays of equipment and gave informative classes to the generals about their purpose and capabilities.

Major Gen. Evans even test drove a large truck and took a ride in a tank, before concluding his tour.

Marines from 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, set up an impressive display of mechanized armor that particularly drew the general's attention.

Perhaps, only the air show put on by



Australian Defense Force Maj. Gen. Mark Evans talks with U.S. Marines who work in the chow hall during his visit to Rockhampton Army Base, Queensland, Australia, Sept. 9, during Crocodile 2003 exercises.



All Photos by Lance Cpl. James P. Douglas

The goal of the Crocodile Exercise 2003 is to improve bilateral combat readiness and interoperability between American and Australian Armed Forces through combined training operations.

the aviation command element was more impressive than the static displays. The air show brought the major general

into the training area from thousands of feet above.

While on their tour, Maj. Gen. Evans

and Brig. Gen. Glueck also sat down for MRE (meals ready to eat) lunches with Marines entrenched in the training area. Several Marines intermingled with the generals and their staffs while casually enjoying the field rations.

"I think this exercise is very important," said Maj. Gen. Evans. "It really underscores our alliance with the Americans.

"This year, we hope to take things one step further in terms of our interoperability," Maj. Gen. Evans added.

"Combine and joint exercises allow us to improve bilateral combat readiness and interoperability with our allies," explained Brig. Gen. Glueck. "CROC 03 is an opportunity for 3rd MEB to train as we fight."

Major Gen. Evans' impression of the Marines he visited seemed to be a positive one, as he took a vested interest in listening to them and asking the Marines about past experiences and job-related matters. In all, he met more than 40 Marines and became well acquainted with the Marine Corps' capabilities for Crocodile 2003 and beyond.

"I'm very impressed with the Marines," said Maj. Gen. Evans. "They seem very focused and very akin to us. We're kindred spirits, and I hope in this exercise we all learn to work together a little better."

As the exercise continues to unfold, more Australian and U.S. units will come together to benefit from the training that comes with a joint combined exercises like Crocodile.





Photos by Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Above — Marines from 3rd Reconnaissance Bn. await instructions to begin an exercise at Crocodile 2003 on Sept. 10.

Right — Sergeant Robert M. Boyce, a 3rd Reconnaissance Bn., aims in during the exercise.



"I'd rather patrol against a highly disciplined force like the Australian. If it's not a challenge, then we're not getting anything out of it," he continued. "We've been looking forward to this exercise for months."

Bn.

Besides the FTX, Reconnaissance has a full training schedule throughout the exercise including demolition training, immediate action drills to ambush the enemy, and sniper fire and man tracking training.

"The more technically proficient we are, the more of an asset we are to the Marine Corps," Mosser said. "This whole training operation is awesome. Every time we do something, we get better at it."

Mosser believes this training not only strengthens his unit but also the Marine Corps.

"The more we become well-rounded reconnaissance Marines, the more of a highly qualified asset we become to the MEB. The better we become at gathering information, the more lives we save," Mosser said.

AUSSIE, From A-1

3rd Platoon.

According to Crawford, Recon's ability to collect information relies on the Marines' ability to gather information without revealing their position to the opposing force.

By working in Australia's various terrains, the Marines add to their experience and proficiency.

"In different environments you use different tactics," he said. "By being [in Australia], our Marines are learning there is more than just the jungle."

During CROC '03, Reconnaissance Marines also benefit from the opportunity to train against a more "conventional, high-speed" military that forces the Marines to perform at their highest standards, according to Sgt. John S. Mosser, team leader, 3rd Platoon.

Recon's involvement also contributes to the exercise's central mission — to strengthen the execution of future U.S./Australian combined operations.

"We've met a lot of Australian military personnel interested in what we do, and we're interested in what they do — because once we're on the field of battle, we all have to be on the same wavelength," said Cpl. Michael L. Avinger, ammunition chief, 3rd Reconnaissance

DUIs are career killers

(Editor's Note: Per the commanding general of MCB Hawaii, those convicted of DUIs or drug-related offenses shall be publicized in the Hawaii Marine newspaper.)

•Crystal M. J. Mizunaka, a civilian aboard base, refused a blood alcohol content test when pulled over on Sept. 16. Her license was suspended; her vehicle did not have

a decal, but was removed off base the same day.

•Petty Officer Second Class Anthony Ball, with Patrol Squadron 9 here, was pulled over for driving under the influence Sunday. Ball tested with a .125 percent blood alcohol content. His license was suspended the same day; his decal and vehicle were removed from the

base on Monday.

•Lance Cpl. Marvin M. Jacob, with Headquarters and Service Bn., Marine Forces Pacific, was pulled over for driving under the influence on Sunday. His blood alcohol content tests are pending. His license was suspended and his vehicle and decal were removed. Jacob's vehicle was moved off base on Monday.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reminds that impaired driving is not merely a traffic offense. Don't be fooled. Impaired driving is no accident nor is it a victimless crime.

Too many people still don't understand that alcohol, drugs and driving don't mix. If you also find this too hard to figure out when you've had too many drinks to drive, don't risk it. If you're feeling "buzzed," you are most likely impaired. And, if you drive impaired, law enforcement will arrest you.

You drink & drive. YOU LOSE

Here's the Real Deal:

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MEANS
ZERO
CHANCES**

TO DO LIST

Before any activity that involves alcohol:

- Plan ahead.
- Choose a sober designated driver.
- Take mass transit or a

taxicab, or ask a friend to drive you home if you didn't plan in advance. Spend the night where the

- activity is being held.
- Celebrate responsibly.
- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement.

BUS STRIKE, From A-1

- LOTMA: Free carpooling matches in Leeward and Central Oahu. 677-7433 or www.lotma.org.
- Bicycle commuting: 527-5044 or www.co.honolulu.hi.us/dts/bikepage.htm.

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Receiving awards for exemplary actions



Chief Warrant Officer 3 Richard McDougall, staff secretary, received the Meritorious Service Medal, gold star in lieu of second award.



Staff Sgt. Frank J. Benavente, Motor Transportation, received the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal, gold star in lieu of third award.



Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson, Public Affairs Office, received the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal, gold star in lieu of second award.



Petty Officer 3rd Class Nicole M. Martinec, Marine Corps Air Facility, received the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal.



Navy Lt. Michelle M. Williams, Facilities, accepted the Commander in Chief's Special Recognition for Installation Excellence award on behalf of the Supply Department, during the award ceremony honoring five service members and a civilian aboard MCB Hawaii, Sept. 19.

HEAD START, From A-1

Children, Youth and Team Programs; Head Start, and the Department of Education has been initiated. An agreement has been made to share common staff and play areas," said Janice Munger, the Children, Youth and Team Programs administrator for MCB Hawaii. "An increase in the utilization of the building has impacted the parking and drop-off situation as well and temporary measures have been put in place.

"Parking and drop-off is being reviewed with recommendations to be made based on safety considerations."

Until finalized, parents

are asked to continue using the parking on the side of the building as opposed to the strip in front of the building that was previously used.

Future collaborative efforts at building 579 are being evaluated as well and entail training and consultation between the CYTP Early Childhood programs and the Department of Education.

Windward District, DOE representatives are also working with the Military Persons with Disabilities Committee with the intent of furthering the services and programs for all children on Marine Corps Base Hawaii.



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Along with the renovations in Bldg. 579 — to improve the overall safety and function of the facility for the keiki who frequent it, a new sign accompanied by a "No Parking Anytime" notice (painted on the street in front of the hourly Child Development Center and Head Start building) directs traffic to an overflow parking area up the hill near the Officers' Club.