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## Pacific War Memorial etched in time



Sgt. Robert Carlson

Shawn McKeowen of Fischer Tile and Marble lays bricks engraved with names of supporters at the base of the Pacific War Memorial aboard MCB Hawaii Sept. 18.

The engravings too will now become pieces of history, recalling bygone eras

**Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero**  
Combat Correspondent

Six months after the dedication ceremony for the statue portion of the Pacific War Memorial, its highly anticipated Walkway of Honor was finally laid this week.

The walkway's construction had been delayed due to unexpected setbacks in manufacturing and in delivering the bricks. Now complete, the circular Walkway of Honor includes 938 engraved bricks.

"These individuals and organizations represent veterans, family members, and friends who wish to pay tribute to those who have served and continue to serve our great nation," said Sefton "Bee" Clark, secretary of the Pacific War Memorial Association's board of directors. "The bricks personalize the memorial, and they give it a human dimension in today's world."

The bricks also moved the journeymen who installed them.

"This is something new to us, but it really touches a lot deeper than all the other projects because of the meaning behind it," said Shawn McKeowen, with Fischer Tile and Marble, whose father served in the military.

"When laying these bricks, we're dealing with lives," said Roberto Tampos, another journeyman with Fischer Tile and Marble. We're not only dealing with the lives of people who have their names inscribed at the memorial for posterity, explained Tampos, but also the crews are laying connections to the families and friends of supporters who will come visit the monument.



Sgt. Robert Carlson

Alice Clark, chair of the Pacific War Memorial Association, holds the bricks engraved with the names "Lou Lowery" and "Joe Rosenthal" at the monument Sept. 18. In all, 938 engraved bricks were installed at the Walkway of Honor.

"It was an honor for us to perform this job," added Tampos. He said it's the journeymen's way of remembering those who served in the military.

## Drunk driving packs huge penalties for military

**Sgt. Robert Carlson**  
Press Chief

One of the biggest traffic problems in Hawaii is the large number of drivers who insist on getting behind the wheel after they've been drinking. The Hawaii Department of Transportation estimates that 57 percent of people who drink in Hawaii, drive after one or two drinks.

Just like under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol is prohibited in Hawaii.

State DUI laws specify revocation of a driver's license at the time of arrest if a test shows that a driver has a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or more, or if the driver refuses the test.

Repeat offenders will have their vehicle registration and license plates on all vehicles registered to them impounded and revoked.

Off base DUI convictions for personnel assigned to MCB Hawaii showed a decrease in the first half of this year, compared with the same period last year, but there were still 19 arrests in the first half of 2002.

On base, DUI arrests for the first half of the year totaled 28, an 11 percent increase from the same period last year.

Penalties specified for DUI in the UCMJ amount to up to six months incarceration, loss of all pay and benefits, reduction to the rank of private, and a bad conduct discharge.

If personal injury results from driving while under the influence, the maximum penalty is a dishonorable discharge, 18 months incarceration, loss of all pay and benefits, and reduction to private.

On base DUI arrests are sub-

ject to the UCMJ, while off base arrests are subject to the laws of the state. Hawaii's laws specify minimum penalties for DUI rather than maximums, and cases prosecuted off base will still score the perpetrator at least nonjudicial punishment back at his or her command.

Consequences for a first offense include a mandatory 14-hour alcohol abuse education and counseling program, a 90-day absolute suspension of driving privileges, alcohol abuse assessment and treatment, a \$150 to \$1,000 fine, 72 hours of community service work, and

48 hours to 5 days imprisonment.

A second offense, within five years, increases the driver's license absolute suspension to one year, fines to the \$500 - \$1,500 range, community service to 240 work hours, and prison time to as many as 14 days.

Drivers arrested for a third time within a five-year period have their license revoked for one-to-five years, and serve 10 - 30 days in jail. Fines increase as well, and a third DUI arrest will

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## 'We've got to go on offense,' says deputy secretary of defense

**Gerry J. Gilmore**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — On Sept. 19, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz told congressional questioners that offense — not defense — will win the global war against terrorism.

Wolfowitz and Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage appeared before a joint session of the House and Senate Intelligence committees investigating allegations of military and domestic intelligence short-



WOLFOWITZ

falls that existed before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on America.

The deputy defense secretary told committee members terrorism is not a law enforcement problem and can't be dealt with simply by retaliating against individual acts of terror.

See OFFENSE, A-7

## President calls Iraqi offer a 'ploy'

**Jim Garamone**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Saddam Hussein's offer to let U.N. inspectors back into Iraq is "his latest ploy," and he said a strong U.N. resolution was still necessary.

Bush spoke following a breakfast meeting with members of Congress, Sept. 18.

"We talked about ... how it was important for us to work with Congress to pass a strong resolution," he said. "I told the members that within the next couple days, this administration will develop language that we think is necessary, and we look forward to working with both Republicans and Democrats to get a resolution passed."

Staffers on the House Armed Services

Committee said they expect a congressional resolution before the November elections.

The Bush administration is also working with U.N. Security Council members on a resolution that will make Iraq live up to past resolutions, set deadlines for that compliance and specify options available to the world body.

Iraq delivered a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Sept. 16 saying it would allow the return of U.N. weapons inspectors. Bush said Hussein has used this delaying tactic time and again.

"I'm convinced that the world understands the ploy," Bush said. "One of the jobs the United States has is to remind people about not only the threat, but the fact that his defiance has weakened the United Nations. And the United Nations, in order for the world to be a more peaceful place, must rise up and deal with this threat and hold him to account."

"That's what we expect out of the Security Council."



BUSH

## MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

### SCHOOL SURVEY RESULTS TO BE BRIEFED, MONDAY

The results of the Hawaii public schools survey, which was administered during May and June, are in.

Organizers will talk about the results during a meeting at the Bachelor Officers Quarters conference room Monday at 4 p.m. The meeting is open to military families, and it should last about an hour.

For more details, call the Public Affairs Office at 257-8840.

### JWC HOSTS CONFERENCE AT K-BAY, OCT. 18 - 19

Choose from more than 50 dynamic workshops covering topics such as health and career enhancement, when you register to attend the 8th Annual Joint Women's Conference, Oct. 18 - 19 at the MCB Hawaii Officers Club. The event will feature innovative and powerful information for women associated with the military lifestyle.

Speakers include award-winning chef *Sam Choy*, who will demonstrate locally flavored gourmet cuisine at the Oct. 18 workshop, from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Syndicated columnist *Heloise* of "Hints from Heloise" fame will speak about her life as a military child during the Oct. 19 workshop from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The cost is \$25 for both days or \$15 Friday only, or \$15 for Saturday only. The fee includes the workshops, two continental breakfasts, two lunches and conference tote bags.

Seating is limited to 500, so get your registrations in early. All forms must be post-marked by Tuesday, and can be picked up at military exchanges, commissaries, support centers, thrift shops and chapels.

The conference Web site is up and running at [www.jointwomensconference.com](http://www.jointwomensconference.com). Contact Nico Duncan at 254-6198 for more conference information.

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## CG'S MAIL BOX

*"So, does this mean that ...  
children cannot go into the  
PX with their uniforms on?"*



BRIG. GEN.  
MCABEE

Submitted by Scarlett Lori Owen, family member

"I am writing to express my deep disappointment in MCCS [Marine Corps Community Services] and the Exchange here on base.

Yesterday afternoon, around 4:45 p.m., my 9-year-old son and I headed out to the PX and then on to football practice.

My son needed some school supplies, so I figured we would run into the PX before practice to get them.

Imagine my surprise when I was told that my son would not be allowed in the PX because of his attire.

Yes, he was in sports attire — or what you Marines may refer to as PT [physical training] gear. He had on a pair of baseball pants and a T-shirt.

The pants and shirt were clean. He had not yet been to his MCCS-sponsored activity.

To be honest, I was irate.

I am all for proper civilian attire. [Yet,] I have seen women in the PX and commissary in bikini tops and cutoff shorts, with their rear ends hanging out. I have also seen Marines in PT gear or wearing shirts with offensive sayings.

We moved here from Okinawa, so needless to say, I was a bit shocked by the attire of some here.

But, to say that a 9-year-old wearing baseball pants is not able to go into the PX is ridiculous.

At the same time that we entered, a man wearing the typical "wife beater," white tank top was allowed to enter and was not spoken to at all.

So, does this mean that after playing in MCCS-sponsored youth activities that these children cannot go into the PX with their uniforms?

Can they not go into the food court to get the celebratory ice cream cone?

Or, suppose I have on a baseball jersey supporting the Atlanta Braves. Will I not be allowed in be-



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Retired Master Gunnery Sgt. Don Batiste (right) and Master Sgt. Richard Frost, the log chief from Combat Service Support Group 3, demonstrate proper civilian attire while shopping at the Kaneohe Bay Commissary. Proper attire is a must for anyone who comes aboard MCB Hawaii installations, regardless of whether active-duty military, civilian or family member.

cause, technically, that is sports attire?

I am sorry, but I believe a line needs to be drawn somewhere. Children in their sports uniforms, especially those that play on base, should not be the target of "proper civilian attire."

Thank you for your time.

Scarlett Lori Owen

Dear Mrs. Owen:

I have been asked by the commanding general to respond to your email of Sept. 12, as your recommendations and concerns fall within my staff responsibilities. He appreciates that you've taken the time to participate in the "CG Mail" program.

The Marine Corps policy for appearance is contained in Base Order 1020.5A and copies are available at Marine Corps Community Services exchange locations.

The basic tenet of this policy is that people should dress appropriately for the activity in which they are engaged. Said another way,

swimwear belongs at the beach, physical training gear belongs in the gym, men remove their hats when entering a building, and clothing that promotes illegal or immoral activities does not belong aboard a Marine base.

That said, the commanding general wants to personally apologize for your unpleasant experience on Sept. 11. The Marine Corps Exchange erred when it turned you away because your son was wearing his game uniform.

We are working diligently to educate both the community and our staff about the existing policy and believe all will soon clearly understand.

In the long run, we believe our enforcement of the Marine Corps policy will be appreciated by all — and a reason more customers will continue to use the MCX as the first choice for their shopping needs.

Again, thank you for taking the time to express your concern via the CG Mail program.

Sgt. Maj. Filipo Ilaoa  
MCB Hawaii Sergeant Major

*(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](http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/command/cgmail.htm).

## MMEA enlisted monitors, career counselors visit Oahu

**Sgt. Robert Carlson**  
Press Chief

Manpower Management Enlisted Assignments representatives and Career Counselors from Headquarters Marine Corps are scheduled to visit MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, and Marine Forces Pacific, Camp H. M. Smith, Oct. 15 and 16.

The team will provide several briefs including senior enlisted briefs for E-8s/9s, career briefs for all career Marines, first-term briefs for all first-term Marines, and command briefs for all officers.

The team will also authorize and execute reenlistments on-the-spot.

This is a great opportunity for First Term Marines with an End of Active Service date in fiscal year 2003 to sit down face-to-face with the monitors to work out a deal as far as duty station options, special duty assignments, lateral moves and other options.

The Career Counselors will also be available to conduct one-on-one counseling sessions with sergeants and above.

It is required that all sergeants and above have their official military per-

sonnel file and Master Brief Sheets for counseling.

To order an OMPF from a military e-mail account, send a message to [mmsbompf@manpower.usmc.mil](mailto:mmsbompf@manpower.usmc.mil) and provide your full name, social security number, complete unit or home address, and what you need: the OMPF, an old Master Brief Sheet, or a new Master Brief Sheet.

For further assistance, contact your unit Career Retention Specialist and Career Planner, Master Sgt. Iosefa Elisara at 257-7714 (Kaneohe Bay), or Master Sgt. Patrick Buckley at 477-8698 (at MarForPac).



Sergeants and below who dare to become Combat Correspondents and would pride themselves on telling the Marine Corps story can seize the opportunity with a lateral move into the 4341 occupational field. Contact Gunner Sgt. Rhys Evans, base public affairs chief, at 257-8832 or 257-8840, for more information.



Courtesy of Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting

McGehee (far right) works with Honolulu International Airport personnel to prepare a fire truck before conducting a training mission.

## ARFF Marines cross train with Honolulu's airport crash crew

**Cpl. Jason E. Miller**  
Combat Correspondent

Marines from Marine Corps Air Facility's Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting unit at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, recently conducted training with the ARFF at Honolulu International Airport.

Two of the Marines — Cpl. Matthew McGehee, a training non-commissioned officer, and Lance Cpl. Joseph Knapp, a firefighter — were the first to make the transition across the Ko'olau Mountain Range for two weeks of comprehensive training with the civilian crash crew at the airport.

While there in late August, the Marines received instruction in several areas of aircraft fire fighting, including first-aid and other basic blaze-stopping and rescue techniques.

"The main thing I took away from the whole experience is the fact that everyone is going to do things a little differently," said McGehee. "The way they train and operate is a lot different from the way we do things here on the base. It was a great learning experience."

McGehee recollected the differences in the way the Marines and civilians operate.



Courtesy of Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting

Knapp (left) receives instruction in first aid from one of the firefighters at Honolulu International Airport.

"They mostly use the surround-and-drown technique, in the case of an emergency, waiting until the fire is settled before entering the aircraft. We [Marines] tend to be a little more aggressive in attempting rescues early in an accidents' stages."

Another benefit, was that the civilians became aware of Marines' capabilities during the visit.

According to McGehee, this could potentially make the job market in Hawaii a little friendlier for Marines

looking to get a civilian job after their term of service. Most of the civilians working there, he said, had not known that the Marines had their own ARFF.

"In all, it was just a good time to get out there and learn the ways other people do things," said McGehee. "Now I can take what I've learned and apply it to the Marines when we train here. It improves the way we operate and essentially makes our airfield safer."

## Hawaii Marine adopts children, finds joy despite tragedy of 9/11

Career Marine, wife, delight in their role as foster parents

**Pfc. Monroe F. Seigle**  
Combat Correspondent

The 5-foot, 11-inch, 190-pound Marine sits in his office with several awards for his meritorious service posted on the wall.

In his years as a Marine, three have been spent as a drill instructor.

His steel blue eyes tell a story. They tell a story of a disciplined, dedicated, and hard working Marine who has earned each and every one of his awards.

This Marine is Staff Sgt. Patrick H. Clark, a career retention specialist, with Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Although his appearance and credentials tell a different story, he has a softer, more caring side. It's a side that makes him



Courtesy of the Clark family

(Left to right) John, Kelli, Jeff (in back), Alex and Staff Sgt. Clark are ready to add another family member.

want to reach out to those less fortunate than himself and show that he cares.

Clark and his wife Kelli could not have children.

After years of surgeries and doctors appointments, they came to the conclusion that they weren't meant to have children.

They decided to let

their "higher power" take control.

"We put it in the hands of God," said Clark, with a saddened, yet hopeful, look on his face. "We figured that if he wanted us to have children, we would have them."

It wasn't but a week later that they heard about an adoption program

through a family friend.

The Parents for Resources and Information Development Education is a nine-week course that certifies couples to be foster parents.

After completing the course, the Clarks became certified foster parents in the state of Hawaii.

September 11, 2001, a day many remember as a tragic day, was a day of joy for the Clarks. They received their first child in need of a home.

"I feel that God answered our prayers that day," said Clark as he held back tears of joy.

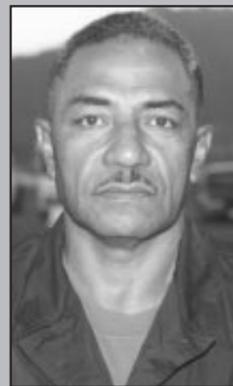
Brandon, a 21-month-old little boy, came into the Clarks' life, answering yet another of the family prayers.

"He is a very special child," said Clark, as he looked at a picture of his family and brushed his fingers through his short

See CLARK, A-7

## WORD ON THE STREET

*"What's the biggest change you've seen since you've been in the Naval service?"*



"...the equipment and assets provided to support the infantry and accomplish our mission."

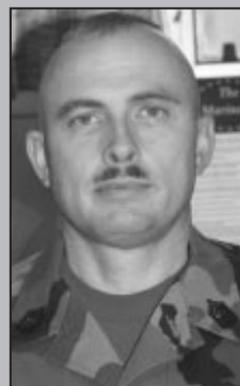
**Master Sgt. Tulua Aivao**

Base motor transport chief, Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii

"The technology and equipment has vastly progressed to keep pace with the current, changing times."

**Master Gunnery Sgt. Craig M. Stafford**

Base intelligence chief (G-2), Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii



"...the increase in support services the Marine Corps and Navy have provided for family members."

**Cmdr. Kathy Loveless**

Clinic director, Branch Medical Clinic, Kaneohe Bay



"Technology and equipment has greatly enhanced survivability and readiness of our Marines and Sailors."

**Sgt. Maj. David S. Rollins**

Sergeant major, MALS-24



"The quality and professionalism of Marines and Sailors has vastly improved."

**Lt. Col. Donald J. Liles**

Executive officer, CSSG-3



# EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

## Lima Warriors roll into assault objective

**Sgt. Brian J. Griffin**  
11th MEU Public Affairs

**CENTRAL COMMAND AREA OF OPERATION** — The Marines sit silently, anticipating the unknown battle situation they are about to encounter.

Packed like sardines in a tin, they don't move for fear of disrupting the tolerable level of discomfort they have attained from being squished against each other.

Perspiration drips off of their faces and the musky smell of sweat-soaked uniforms and equipment fills the back of the dark Amphibious Assault Vehicle in which they ride.

With a sudden jerk the AAV begins to move. It accelerates rapidly and screams across the desert during squad and platoon attack training.

The training, conducted for two weeks in late August, was a chance for the Marines of Lima Co., Battalion Landing Team 3/1, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), to hone their skills in attacking fortified positions.

"It is exactly the training we need to rehearse for in a situation where we don't know what is in the trench over the next hill," said Staff Sgt. David Wilson, platoon sergeant, 3rd Platoon.

"The training gives us the chance to come together as a platoon with all the different components," said Lance Cpl. Brandon Hart, team leader, Weapons Platoon. "It really brings everybody together and it will definitely help us later

down the line if we have to do an actual assault."

While the scenery is new to the Marines, the training isn't. They've done it time and time again.

After what seems like eternity in the back of the tracked beast, the Marines are jolted forward by a sudden stop.

The back ramp begins to lower and immediately the bright desert sun blasts through, momentarily blinding everyone. As the ramp continues downward, their eyes begin to adjust to the drastic change in environment.

Once everyone has debarked the AAV, the Marines step off at a quick but cautious pace to their objective point several hundred yards away.

The Marines stop just before cresting a hill. Two Marines on the far right of the group load their Shoulder-Launched Multipurpose Assault Weapon. The gunner brings the weapon onto his shoulder as his assistant gunner makes sure the back-blast area is clear. He gives the all-clear signal and the weapon fires.

A monstrous explosion of sand and rocks blankets the area, including the SMAW gunners, when the rocket takes off toward its objective. Before the dust even has a moment to settle, another boom echoes throughout the area. The rocket blast on target is a signal for the Marines to rush the enemy fortification.

"Each Marine is thinking about what's going on around him because certain events trigger other events to happen," Wilson said. "Each Marine needs to know what cue triggers him to make his



Sgt. Brian J. Griffin

**Quickly exiting their AAV, Marines from Lima Co., BLT 3/1, 11th MEU (SOC), head toward their objective several hundred yards away.**

next move, so the mission can be accomplished."

The Marines press forward at the signal to take the next step in their assault. But one more obstacle stands in their way—razor sharp concertina wire surrounds their objective. A Marine rushes forward and places a stick of C-4 plastic explosive between the wires. He runs back to a safe position with the rest of the group. They lay face down in the rocks

and sand to protect themselves from the blast more than 25 feet away.

"Thirty seconds!" someone yells from the group. Time ticks away on the explosive's fuse as "Five seconds!" is called out. Everyone braces for the detonation.

Right on the mark, an enormous roar rips through the desert range as the C-4 rips apart the concertina wire, allowing the Marines to rush through.

"Grenade up!" is yelled. A Marine scrambles to the top of the trench, slightly away from the rest of his squad. He pulls a grenade out of his war gear. Gripping it tightly in his right hand, he pulls the pin.

He lobs it far into another enemy position. A few seconds later, the explosion is heard as a cloud of sand rolls over the trench.

Breaking completely through the enemy encampment, they still press forward, setting up another security perimeter as they call on the radio for their ride.

Rolling over hills in the distance, the AAVs swiftly maneuver toward the awaiting warriors.

With a quick stop, the ramps to the AAVs are lowered and the Marines file into the vehicles squad by squad, still scanning the surrounding area for possible hazards.

With a jolt they are moving, speeding across the desert back to their base camp. This mission successful, the Marines continue preparing themselves for their next mission, whatever or wherever that may be.

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# MILITARY BLOTTER

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**Cpl. Gordon J. Scott**  
*Military Police Department*

There were a total of 153 traffic citations issued.

## The Blotter

-In separate incidents, five Marines were apprehended by the Military Police Department for driving on base suspension, after they were stopped at the main gate. Also in separate incidents, after being stopped at the back gate, four Marines and one Sailor were apprehend-

ed by MPD for driving on base suspension. All subjects were processed and released to their unit representatives.

-A civilian was apprehended for trespassing/illegal fishing, while fishing at the Nuupia Ponds adjacent the main gate. The subject was processed and released to the Honolulu Police Department.

-A military family member reported damage to government property after unknown person(s) damaged the top crossbeam of a chain-linked fence behind her quarters.

-A military family member reported damage to private property after unknown person(s) damaged the dri-

ver's side door of her privately owned vehicle, while it was parked adjacent her quarters.

-A civilian was apprehended by MPD for fraud. The suspect altered a military pass issued from the Pass House.

-A Marine was involved in a traffic accident while backing and failing to maintain sufficient distance from another Marine's vehicle.

-A military family member was apprehended by MPD for simple assault, after being involved in a verbal altercation that turned physical.

-After being stopped for speeding, a Marine was arrested by HPD for a DUI. The subject was processed and held on \$500 bail.

## Lost and Found

If you're missing valuables or other items, contact Lost and Found to see if anyone has turned in the item(s) at the Military Police Desk.

Lost items on hand include I.D. cards, bicycles, wallets, keys, cell phones and miscellaneous jewelry.

Call Cpl. Gordon Scott at 257-2103, ext. 315, for prompt assistance.

## Crime Prevention

Do you have questions about how you can take a stance against crime in your neighborhood? If so, call Scott at 257-2103, ext. 315, for tips.

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cost up to \$2,500 in fines.

If a driver arrested for DUI is carrying a passenger younger than 15, an additional \$500 is added to any fines, and the driver will serve an additional two days in jail.

The amounts specified by the state only cover the actual court-imposed fines, and do not include added expenses drivers with DUI on their record can expect to pay.

Attorney's fees, alternate transportation costs, and increased insurance premiums add to the expense of an arrest.

Military members can expect other financial hardships as an NJP for DUI can result in loss of pay, reduction in rank, and decreased chances for promotion. Marine Corps Base Hawaii joins the state in encouraging the use of designated drivers, free ride programs offered by some taxi companies, and the chain of command, to decrease the chances of DUI.

Drunk driving is one of the many things Gen. Charles C. Krulak, 31st commandant of the Marine Corps, spoke of when he said "Marines don't do that."

**CLARK, From A-3**

blond hair.

After having Brandon for more than a year, Clark was informed that he and his wife will sign the official adoption paperwork Nov. 29.

Since the day the Clarks took in their first child, they have adopted three other children. John, 10; Alex, 16; and Jeff, 17, all were in need of a home and caring parents. The Clarks give them just that.

"It's a great sense of joy and accomplishment to give children a home and a Dad," said Clark as a smile spread across his face that revealed a softer side. "If we had a bigger house, we would take in more children."

In the future, Clark and his wife plan to open a group home for children without parents.

"Adopting children has made my wife and I so happy. We have a family now," he said.

Along with opening a group home, Clark also plans to continue to provide for the children he has now, and get them ready for a bright future.

"I will support them in whatever they want to do in life," said Clark. "They all have the potential to be something spectacular."

"I want to be there for them to make sure they live up to that potential."

In a mysterious turn of events, two weeks after the adoption paperwork was approved for Brandon's official adoption, what Clark calls a miracle came to them unexpectedly.

During one of his wife's regular check ups, the doctor informed Clark that his wife was pregnant.

"We just couldn't believe it," said Clark, as tears formed in his eyes. "We put it into the hands of God and he worked a miracle."

**Force multiplier**

Sgt. Robert Carlson

**Lance Cpl. Justin Arnold, a K-9 handler at MCB Hawaii's Military Police Department, and his dog Art, work through explosive detection training scenarios Sept. 9. "We train the dogs to show us when they've found something, and this type training helps us look for differences in the dog's behavior, when he's on a scent," explained Arnold.**

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At the time of the Sept. 11 attacks, Wolfowitz noted, the FBI was prohibited from reporting or sharing information about Americans to intelligence agencies.

"This is an issue we've got to confront now," he emphasized.

The FBI operates under rules that require agents to be careful with information that could be used to prosecute people.

Yet, the war against terrorism can't be won only on the domestic front, Wolfowitz said.

"We're not going to win this war on defense, no matter how good our intelligence is," he emphasized. "We've got to go on offense."

Going after global terrorists does not just mean a "one-off" military retaliation, the deputy continued. "It means the kind of campaign that we're conducting now against

terrorism — it means a war," he said.

Armitage quickly and firmly responded to a question: "Do you feel that U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East has contributed to the rise of al Qaeda?"

"No, Senator," Armitage responded, adding that Osama bin Laden was planning the 9-11 attacks against America "at a time when the Israeli-Palestinian question was in a much more benign state."

Then-President Bill Clinton, he noted, was meeting with delegates from the aggrieved parties at Camp David, Md., with resolution very close at hand.

"So, I do not buy the argument that our policy in the Middle East is responsible for al Qaeda [and] Osama bin Laden," Armitage said.

It was only after the terror attacks on America "that Osama bin Laden could even say the word 'Palestinian' out loud, publicly," he noted.