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Aloha Watchdogs, Family and friends,

As our best Soldiers and junior NCOs competed in the brigade's best warrior competition and move on to becoming tomorrow's leaders, The Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Raymond Odierno recently published his marching orders on leadership for this year. In it, he outlines his expectations for leaders in today's Army. He expects leaders to be able to "learn, think, and adapt." This cannot occur without individual leaders taking personal responsibility for their professional development.

During the past ten years of conflict many lessons have been learned. The Army has established an organization for leaders to access these lessons. The Center for Army Lessons Learned, or CALL is a valuable resource for leaders at all levels, but especially for those at company level.

The Center for Army Lessons Learned rapidly collects, analyzes, disseminates, and archives observations, insights, lessons, TTPs and operational records in order to facilitate rapid adaptation initiatives and conduct focused knowledge sharing and transfer that informs the Army and enables operationally based decision making, integration, and innovation throughout the Army and within the Joint interagency and governmental environment.

I urge all leaders to take the Chief of Staff's words to heart. Learn from others mistakes, think about the impact of your actions on not only your formation but others as well, and adapt your TTP's to avoid unnecessary harm from being done. Most importantly, "be your formation's moral and ethical compass."



As always we want to remember our Watchdog Family in Afghanistan and throughout the PACOM region as they continue to build positive relationships with people around the world. Be safe, be vigilant as we keep each of you in our prayers.

Mahalo,
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Watchdogs...One team one fight!



HHC Easter Egg hunt



SCHOFIELD BARRACKS --Families from the HHC, 8th Military Police Brigade gathered for a Spring Holiday Party at Porter Community Center where they joined in food, fellowship and fun geared around their young children, Apr. 15. The day's events included both an egg hunt around the grounds of the Community Center as well as an opportunity for all to socialize and take photos with Bunny.

Families included MSG Brian Hampton along with his wife, Tara, and two daughters- one of which loved Bunny and the other who was more than a little timid around the character. MSG Hampton helped put together the event and was proud of the efforts made earlier in the week by HHC. "I really enjoyed the party- it turned out really well. And my daughters went on and on about it and had fun knocking the balloons they got around for the rest of the day". The children definitely did not leave empty-handed. They each carried home a balloon tethered to a goodie bag.

Soldiers from the company came out to support the event and to enjoy a chance to watch their children entertained by friends in the Company. 2LT Sarah Davidson loved the décor, taking photos with her phone of Solo cups designed to look like bunnies and chicks. "You guys really made this look cute" she admitted as her daughter made off with her purse to collect eggs in the hunt. Also available were bags of Cheetos designed to look like carrots and cupcakes with bunny rings on the top for kids to enjoy after the treat. HHC Soldiers put in some serious effort during off hours in what was dubbed "arts and crafts time" to make sure kids and families could have a fun time.

The event, albeit a short and sweet chance for families to meet and celebrate, provided a fun outlet for kids and a chance for Soldiers to spend time together in a casual environment. All the kids had the chance to meet Bunny, chase eggs and leave fueled with sugar and treats for the rest of the day, and the adults had a chance to indulge in some childish fun as well. No one left without a smile and a balloon in tow.



MSG Hampton (left) and 1SG Brown pose with the Easter Bunny



Children of the families in HHC, 8th MP BDE scramble for eggs.

MPs, Sheriffs, rekindle relationship



PEARL CITY, Hawaii – More than twenty years ago a young cadet finished his deputy training at the Sheriff's Academy and entered the ranks of law enforcement officers. Alongside him graduated two service members, a Marine from Marine Corps Base Hawaii and an Airman from Hickam Air Force Base. Together, their bond helped apprehend numerous suspects and built a strong partnership between the sheriffs department and military police communities on Hawaii.

Unfortunately the Marine and Airman moved on in their military career and the training program between the military and Sheriff's ended.

Twenty years later, today that young deputy is better known as Hawaii State Sheriff Shawn Tsuha. His first goal since becoming sheriff in March, bring back the military connection that defined his early career.

"We want to re-establish a liaison with the different military police groups in Hawaii for two reasons. Firstly, less than 1% wear the uniform and it would be a great idea to get that cross pollination of ideas and experiences, when it came to law enforcement across military and civilian," said Tsuha "And second that ability to network one on one on the island is vital as they're such a big part of the community on the island."

The military police on Schofield agreed.

Eager and donned in her military uniform, SSG Stefani Rowland from the 558th MP Co., 728th MP Battalion, 8th Military Police Brigade sat down in a classroom that hadn't seen a military member since 1991.

"I was excited, I've mostly done the combat side of my job, to be able to do six months of law enforcement training I knew would be a unique experience," said Rowland.

For Kaea Sugata, a deputy cadet from Kona on the big Island of Hawaii, his first day was as much as an eye opener as Rowland's.

"The first day I see someone sitting in their military outfit, I was thinking did she forget her uniform, does she know where she's at," said Sugata. "Then we found out what the program was about."

To rebuild a nearly forgotten relationship.

"We used to always have that contact, to pick up the phone and I could say hey Bill it's Shawn we need help getting this guy, and they would go directly to their chain of command and get the ball moving," said Tsuha.

"And A lot of individuals don't understand military law enforcement, they tilt it toward more to military, the reality is it's just law enforcement work with a uniform, continued Tsuha, "Once they get past that they're talking about family, challenges, stresses."

And just halfway through training Rowland has already become one of the guys, with nicknames from Jumper to Hollywood (thanks to this article) to bruiser as according to Sugata, "she gives the black and blues."

"They've taken me in, we're all one, we're all one, I'm like their sister," said Rowland.

Learning everything from communicable diseases to hand to hand combat and defensive techniques, Rowland and her classmates know there's something special being built in this class.

"To share, sweat, tears and bruises, helps builds perspectives, it's opened relationships, we know each other better now," said Sugata.

While Rowland won't receive a badge, she's takes back a new set of skills and she's ready to teach her Soldiers what she learned, but most importantly her family on Hawaii has grown ten fold.

"This is what the MPs are about this is what the Sheriffs are about," said Tsuha. "Blue or green we all bleed red."

Maritime CBRN training



WAIPAHU, Hawaii – Dismounted Recon Platoon Soldiers from the 71st Chemical Company, 8th Military Police Brigade teamed up with the 85th Civil Support Team, Utah National Guard to react to a biological incident at the inactive shipyard, here, Apr. 24.

The training scenario part of Kai Malo O Hawaii 2012, a multi-agency exercise hosted by the 93rd CST, Hawaii National Guard, designed to increase the ability to communicate and execute during a maritime emergency on the islands of Hawaii.

To begin the scenario the two teams took a barge from the pier to the EX-USS Duluth, a decommissioned amphibious transport dock where they prepared to enter the narrow caverns of the ship.

Immediately the teams hit the ground running. The 71st developed a rest, work cycle and prepared to enter the ship as the 85th used their expanded capabilities to react to a hostage situation in the bowels of the ship. CPT Spencer Marsh, Survey Team Leader, 85th Civil Support Team, Utah, described the integration of the title 10 – federal organization – with a title 32 – state controlled entity -- of the two teams as almost flawless.

“We work so much with fire departments, we’ve learned to integrate, every one has their skill, everyone has their role, adding another entity be it a Title 10 didn’t phase us,” said Marsh. “They were willing to do what needed to be done and that was huge.”

After the 85th rescued the hostage, the 71st and the 85th launched their survey teams to canvass the ship for potential biological labs and contamination.

To increase the capabilities of both teams the survey teams were integrated.

SSG Cameron Tinker, 1st squad leader, survey team leader, did not take the chance to develop his surveying skills for granted.

“The benefit from having someone from the CST is

they have the ability to go quite a bit more technical than us,” said Tinker. “They have the science and medical officers who can find out what we are sampling before we actively sample it. They could key us in on things we may not have been able to recognize.”

Unique challenges faced the teams as they entered the ship, low light, tight spaces, and an environment where everything looked the same, but it didn’t daunt Tinker whose team is used to a more terrestrial environment. “In the hallways there’s no air moving, it’s hot it’s tight, it’s cramped. They can hear me [on the deck of the ship] but they can’t really understand me, if there was something major to tell them I couldn’t, my team was more or less on its own.”

Coupled with a bread trail of chemical lights, radios and cameras used to canvass the labs, the survey teams persevered and laid the path for the sampling team that would follow later in the night.

But as the two teams enhanced each other’s technical ability a more important tool was forming between the teams -- the ability to work together.

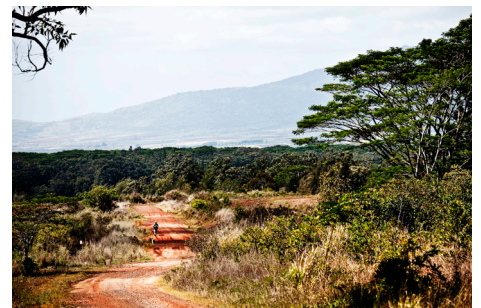
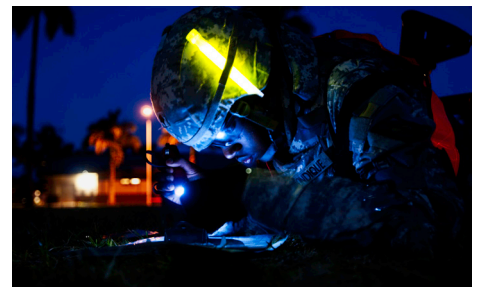
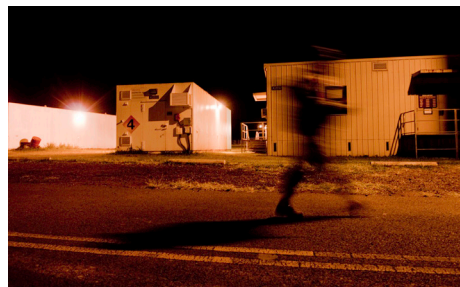
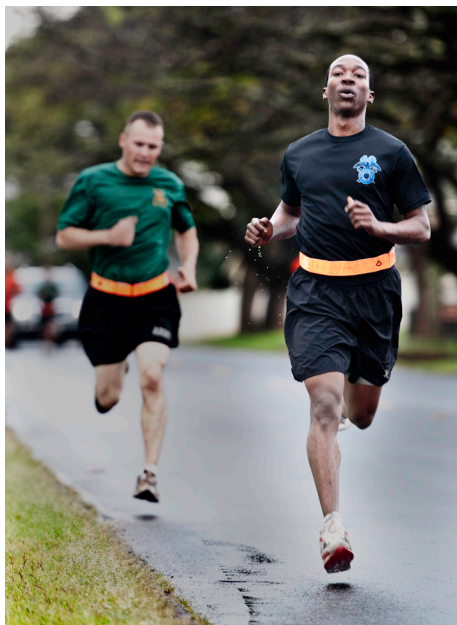
“There was no territory, no you’re going to do what we say or vice versa, no you’re National Guard, we’re Active Duty, we looked at what needed to be done and accomplished the task,” said Marsh. “We took notes from each other and drove on.”

As the day turned into night, camaraderie and the sheer will to finish the mission became as important as the technical abilities of either team.

“If we were ever asked to come train with the 71st again, we won’t hesitate, the motivation they have, you can tell they like their jobs,” said Marsh.

8th MP BDE Best Warrior Competition

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Newcomers

A Watchdog Welcome



PV2 Christopher Addleman
SFC Raul Almendarez
SFC Monique Anderson
SGT Aimmee Bermudes
2LT Jeremy Boissy
SPC Shawana Booker
SFC Tressa Broadnax
2LT Ryan Byars
PFC Ashley Chenoweth
PV2 Shane Cody
SPC Leonard Collier II
SGT Daniel Crabtree
SSG Pedro Diaz-Ramirez
PFC Angel Edmonds
PFC Travis Frocione
SGT Latrice Gillespie
SSG Daniel Guntherberg
SPC Jeremy Guss
SGT Johnny Hale
2LT Michale Hickman
SSG Ivan Holloway
PV2 Jillienne Holston
PV1 Victoria Hood
SSG Richard Huggins
2LT Duk Lee
PFC Bradley Maples
SFC Manuel Marrero-Navarro
SPC Daniel Mays
PV2 Jonathon McClaren
PFC Breyanna McClendon

2LT Zachary McGurk
SPC John Mearman III
PV2 Rashad Montgomery
2LT James Morris
2LT Matthew Morris
SPC Robert Morris
PFC Edgar Negrón
PV2 Bryon Nelson
PFC Aaron Quanstrom
SGT Juan Ramirez
SGT Elisa Roth
CPT Cleff Saladino
SGT ALEXANDRA Savage
SPC Justin Seeley
SFC Keith Shell
SPC Quinton Smith
PFC Raisean Smith
SSG Michael Sondles
1LT Ashley Sorensen
SGT Jennifer Stubbs
1LT Aaron Takeda
SGT Brandon Terry
SPC Kimberly Trapp
SGT Collin Unverzagt
SSG James Wells
PV1 Devon Wilson
2LT Tiffany Wise
PV2 Zachary Worman
SPC Kyle Young

Births

Watchdog Pups



Congratulations to:

CPT James Rainey, 524th CSSB.,
and his baby boy
Nikolas James Rainey
born Mar. 15, 2012.



SGT Diana Bryant, 728th MP BN.,
and her baby boy
Hezekiah Coy Bryant
born Mar. 28, 2012.



SSG Terra Frye, 728th MP BN.,
and her baby girl
Kyleigh Marie Fry
born Mar 30, 2012.

