

# Hawaii Marine



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French airborne Marines of the 8th Marine Airborne Light Infantry Regiment scout ahead of a patrol at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows during Exercise Amercal 2012, Tuesday.

## US, French Marines assault MOUT facilities at Bellows

**Cpl. James A. Sauter**  
*Combat Correspondent*

**MARINE CORPS TRAINING AREA BELLOWS, Hawaii** — Hot sun rays beat down through the clouds and humidity onto a patrol of U.S. and French Marines as they progressed through two seemingly vacant Afghan villages. The only sounds they could hear were the crackling of an outdoor cooking stove, an occasional sheep call and traffic over handheld radios.

Moving through the villages, the French paid close attention to the surrounding details. They checked food bins in the marketplace, provided security on dirt roads, searched for suspicious items in the brush and peaked into the sewer. Not a single detail was left amiss because lives were at risk.

French airborne Marines of the 8th Marine Airborne Infantry Regiment and U.S. Marines of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, conducted a mechanized assault, squad patrols and improvised explosive device searches at Military Operations in Urban Terrain facilities at Marine Corps Training Area

Bellows during Exercise Amercal 2012, Tuesday.

“After the assault this morning, the Marines cleared the buildings at the first facility, set up security around the town and began sending out squad patrols looking for insurgents and IEDs,” said 1st Sgt. Fausto Cabrera, Bravo Company first sergeant, 1st Bn., 3rd Marines. “This is a chance for all of us to see how we do patrols and IED searches.”

Exercise Amercal is a bilateral training evolution between the French Armed Forces in New Caledonia and 3rd Marine Division. During the training, a Hawaii-based infantry platoon from 3rd Marines exchanged with a French platoon in New Caledonia. The exercise is held to help improve military to military relations, enhance interoperability, improve warfighting skills and increase the readiness of the U.S., allied and partner militaries to respond to the full spectrum of crises and contingencies.

During the previous two weeks of training, the French and U.S. Marines trained together on numerous evolutions, such as close-quarters combat, shooting drills and martial arts training.

“The training we did together was an awesome experience,” said Lance Cpl. Walter Cruces a rifleman with 1st Bn., 3rd Marines. “I learned by watching them that they don’t rush their patrols or cordoning off an IED. It’s interesting to learn different techniques from an allied nation on how to conduct similar procedures.”

As the French patrol moved through the second village, they spotted a suspected insurgent hiding in a courtyard. Before the French could make the arrest, a pair of enemy snipers perched on houses across the street fired on the troops below. During the firefight, a simulated IED explosion killed a French Marine, but the remaining squad members subdued the aggressors and cleared the town.

“This whole exercise is meant to be a learning experience,” said Staff Sgt. Tyler Rakowski a platoon sergeant with 1st Bn., 3rd Marines. “When we were at the [Modular Armored Tactical Combat House] on Marine Corps Base Hawaii last week, I saw a lot of mutual learning from us and them. I saw the same thing here and I’m hoping it will continue until we’re finished.”

## MARINES JOIN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE



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Marines of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 “Pegasus” work with volunteers of the Honolulu Habitat for Humanity home restoration group on a housing project in Kaneohe, Oct. 13. Honolulu Habitat for Humanity is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to improving quality of life by collecting and distributing donated home construction necessities, charitable funds, renovating existing houses and building new ones. The Marines of Pegasus spent a day working on the foundation of a new home by measuring the square footage and cutting and placing support beams.

## Animal Packers Course keep Marines fighting

**Lance Cpl. Ali Azimi**  
*Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms*

**TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif.** — The War on Terror is not always fought in the urban setting where food, supplies and ammunition can be provided through normal logistical means.

Fighting the enemy takes Marines into regions where common modes of transportation, such as armored vehicles or aircraft, cannot reach.

As the Marine Corps tries to solve the challenges of getting provisions to Marines in hard to reach battle spaces, they do not always look toward technology but rather apply solutions that were effective in the past.

The Animal Packers Course started as a concept course at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center Bridgeport, Calif., in 1983.

The course is still taught today after nearly 30 years, but the United States had been using this technique since the early 1980s.

“It’s been around since both World Wars and the last time they were utilized was in Korea,” said Sgt. Justin Head, staff noncommissioned officer in charge, Animal Packers Program. “It’s been around

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The facility will also host a lunch for the 237th Marine Corps birthday Nov. 8, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. All military, Department of Defense civilians, dependents, retired military and guests are welcome.

Meal cardholders must present valid military identification cards. Per Base Order 1020.5C, Chapter 1, appropriate civilian attire applies; due to sanitation reasons, absolutely no sandals, open toed shoes or exposed underarms will be permitted. For details, call 257-1312.

## Mural painting contest

Marine Corps Base Hawaii is hosting a mural painting competition for the North Beach changing station. This is an opportunity for base personnel to leave their mark aboard MCB Hawaii.

Interested artists must submit a version of their idea to [hawaiimarineeditor@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiimarineeditor@gmail.com). All submissions must be received by Thanksgiving. All murals must include the following: be Hawaii related, have the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor, include "MCB Hawaii," and incorporate different historic or relevant items related to Kaneohe Bay.

## 3rd Marine Regiment memorial service

The commanding officer of 3rd Marine Regiment requests the pleasure of your company at a memorial service to honor the lives of Staff Sgt. Scott E. Dickinson, Cpl. Richard A. Rivera Jr. and Lance Cpl. Gregory T. Buckley, Monday, at 10 a.m. at Dewey Square.

Please visit the link below to RSVP: <https://invitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=129742&k=03634B0E7F55>. For details, contact Capt. Josh Summers at 257-1916.

## Legal Assistance office closure

The Legal Assistance office will be closed today from 1 to 3 p.m. for training, and will reopen at 3 p.m. For more information, call 257-6738.

## Power outage near Motor T and Gun Park

A power outage is scheduled and the following buildings will be affected: 1296, 3095, 4077, 4078, 4079, 4099, 5015, 6006, 5000, 5001, 5011, 6733R, 6734R, 6735R, 6736R, 6030, 4037, 6759C3, 6760C3, 6761C3, 6762C3, 6763C3 and 6764C3.

The next scheduled outage is today from 8 to 11 a.m. Please turn off all electronic equipment prior to outage. Power will be turned on as soon as it is safe to do so. Call 257-6883 for more information.

## Seeking volunteers for Windward Business Expo

The Kailua Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to help with the Windward Business Expo Saturday or Sunday. There are various opportunities available. Free admittance to the expo and letters of appreciation will be issued to all volunteers. For more information, call Tiffany Patrick at 257-8815.

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Cpl. Alecia Walker, separation and travel claims preparer, Finance office, takes cover under her desk during the Great ShakeOut earthquake exercise drill, Oct. 18.

# Shaking it up in Great ShakeOut

Rochelle Smolinski

Photojournalist

At precisely 10:18 a.m. Oct. 18, more than 14.6 million participants ducked for cover in a mock earthquake drill to improve earthquake preparedness.

The ShakeOut program, created in California in 2008, has been organized and coordinated in several states and countries' emergency management systems.

While registration for this year's drill was optional, program representatives still encouraged people to participate along with the drill at the designated time for practice measures. Marine Corps Base Hawaii stepped up and dropped down for a base-wide exercise.

Jacqueline Freeland, base force protection officer, organized the ShakeOut and Leon Sims, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Enhanced Conventional Weapons protection officer, provided instructions over the loudspeaker during the drill.

"For the first (drill), I think it went over pretty well," Sims said. "It gives people a better understanding of what to do

during an earthquake and how to take precautions."

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367 and Mokapu Elementary School participated officially, while other units also rehearsed. The base finance office staff practiced their earthquake preparedness by ducking and covering under their work desks.

Cpl. Alecia Walker, separation and travel claims preparer, has weathered enough California quakes to know what to expect. She said it's important people practice emergency procedures.

"You're supposed to drop down and cover, but folks usually just go about their business in the smaller (earthquakes)," Walker said. "A big one will get everyone's attention."

The ShakeOut program promotes a "Drop, Cover, and Hold On," technique in which earthquake victims must drop to the ground, take cover under sturdy furniture such as a desk or table, and hold on to it until the shaking stops.

If you are not near a table or desk, the program recommends dropping, crawling to an inside corner of the room you're in, and covering your head and neck with your hands. Falling objects are of-

ten the cause of earthquake deaths.

Master Sgt. Kelvin Brown, base finance chief, has also endured tremors in California and Okinawa, but didn't take the smaller quakes seriously until he saw the property damage it caused. Now, he believes preparation is half the battle.

"You never know when it's going to happen," Brown said. "You never know if the drill is going to be for an air raid, tsunami, or earthquake, so you need to be prepared."

According to <http://www.shakeout.org>, Hawaii is pending on the official list of additional areas considering ShakeOut drills. Sims said it was likely the base will execute another ShakeOut drill next year alongside their hurricane, tsunami, and Lethal Breeze exercises.

The Great ShakeOut website has a wealth of earthquake preparedness material, including how to secure items in households, recommended safety actions, and how to respond to an earthquake while asleep or in a car.

For more information about ShakeOut events, preparedness manuals, and safety tips, visit <http://www.shakeout.org>.



<http://www.shakeout.org> | Courtesy photo

## Military dads, kids go pro with breakfast



Sgt. D.R. Cotton | Hawaii Marine

Keoki Fraser, former NFL prospect and current Mokapu Elementary School vice principal, lectures parents and children on bullying at Mokapu Elementary School's All Pro Dad seminar, Oct. 18. Children and their parents had the opportunity to learn about and discuss how to mitigate bullying in school.

# AROUND *THE* CORPS

**Cpl. Bryan Nygaard**

*II Marine Expeditionary Force*

**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. —** The armored vehicle careened through the woods, throwing the 14 Marines inside of it on top of each other. The Marines, weighed down by body armor and their weapons, were slow to pick themselves up and return to their seats. Many of them had been half asleep before being jostled about.

The squad had spent nearly an hour sitting shoulder to shoulder inside of the assault amphibious vehicle that was transporting them to the objective. It was pitch black inside except for a few rays of light spilling in from the driver's station. The roar of the vehicle's engine was almost deafening, eliminating the idea of small talk. The Marines passed the time by eating sunflower seeds, staring at the floor or trying to catch up on some sleep.

Moments later, the Marines tapped each other on the shoulder and held two fingers just inches in front of each other's faces, meaning they would be reaching the objective in two minutes. Each Marine pulled a magazine from their ammo pouches and slapped it firmly inside the magazine well of their rifles.

The AAV came to a stop at the edge of a small town. The Marines stood and faced the rear of the vehicle. One of the crewmen slowly lowered the ramp as the Marines' eyes squinted to adjust to the nearly-blinding sunlight that illuminated the inside of the vehicle. The door opened and shots began to ring out from buildings inside the town. The squad leader, Cpl. James Treusch, stepped out of the vehicle and immediately began directing the Marines to fighting positions at the edge of a cluster of buildings.

This was the beginning of a mechanized raid exercise being conducted by Marines and sailors of Kilo Company, Battalion Landing Team 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., Oct. 8 through 18.

The exercise was designed to simulate a scenario where the 26th MEU would conduct a raid on an objective while at sea. Marines would travel from ship to shore and from shore to the objective while riding in AAV's. In this particular scenario, the objective was a small town being occupied by enemy forces.

The raid was a blueprint for a wide variety of missions that a MEU could execute while deployed, according to Staff Sgt. John McFarling, an instructor with Special Operations Training Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force.

"It's basically using the (AAVs) to conduct a swift attack with a predetermined, specific mission and planned withdrawal," said McFarling, a native of Winfield, Ala. "It's not taking an objective and holding it for an extended period of time. It's coming in there, hitting the objective, doing what needs to be done whether



Cpl. Bryan Nygaard | III Marine Expeditionary Force

**Cpl. Joshua Treusch (second from right), a squad leader with Kilo Company, Battalion Landing Team 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, determines where to direct his Marines during a mechanized raid exercise aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., Oct. 16.**

that's capturing a high-value target, getting some (intelligence), recovering weapons ... whatever the scenario may be. It's getting what we need and then leaving. We're not holding any ground — we're leaving."

McFarling is one of many instructors at SOTG who helped train the Marines of the 26th MEU throughout the exercise. The SOTG provides training in select special skills, conducts and evaluates collective training in order to prepare MEUs for deployment. The instructors have been pulled from a variety of different billets throughout the infantry field and each of them have multiple combat deployments under their belts. It is their job to make sure everyone, from the private running point for his squad to the pilots flying helicopters in the sky, knows what their mission is and how to accomplish it. Each individual element of the MEU is provided with an instructor whom is a subject matter expert concerning the tasks that have been given to that element.

"Training with SOTG allows the company to integrate all the supporting assets we would typically have deployed as a MEU," said 1st Lt. Grant Hundley, the executive officer for Kilo Company. "They have done this many times before. Their experience in raid operations means that our squads, our platoons and our

company gets a very specific training package tailored to the types of operations we may be conducting from the 26th MEU."

During the raid, the instructors, with clipboards in hand, walked among the Marines of Kilo Company as they assaulted the town and evaluated them on their performance. Many of them would often stop, providing one-on-one coaching to Marines on the spot if they saw them doing something that could be improved.

Once the raid was over and the Marines returned to their base campsite, the instructors would meet with each of the unit leaders and evaluate them on their performance.

"They've been very helpful," said 2nd Lt. Jeshua Alston, a platoon commander in Kilo Company. "They've had more of a mentor role. We learn from them. They give us their advice on things and how we could improve our performance as a raid force."

"All the after action reports are extremely helpful as well. That's where we have to bring it all together and we learn and we talk about what we could've done differently to improve for the next run."

Currently, 3rd Bn., 2nd Marines is training with SOTG for their upcoming deployment to the Mediterranean Region in 2013.

## Service members commemorate 15th anniversary of women's memorial

**Sgt. Priscilla Sneden**

*Headquarters Marine Corps*

**ARLINGTON, Va. —** More than 500 service members and supporters gathered at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington for a mile-long candlelight march to the Women In Military Service For America Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery Saturday.

This marked the memorial's 15-year commemoration. The Women in Military Service Foundation dedicated the memorial in October 1997. Today, it is the only national memorial honoring America's military women, ensuring their patriotism and bravery are recognized as part of the nation's heritage.

"We gather to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom while wearing the cloth of this nation," said Maj. Gen. Angela Salinas, director of Manpower Management Division, Manpower and Reserve Affairs. "There is no more appropriate venue than to pay tribute to the living memorial honoring all military women — past, present and future."

Following the march, the foundation held a Service of Remembrance to highlight women's military service and to recognize the 152 women who have died in support of the Global War on Terrorism. The service included a prayer, poetry readings and remarks from veterans, family members and supporters.

"This memorial belongs to all of

us — Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and women veterans," said retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Wilma L. Vaught, foundation president. "[We have finally received] the recognition we so justly deserve. What we did will now be forever preserved here. We didn't take the place of a man, we made[our own] place in history."

Salinas, a keynote speaker at the event, talked about those service women who made the ultimate sacrifice for their nation.

"We are reminded that they were ordinary women who chose to serve their country as had generations of women before them," she said. "It's incumbent on each of us to pass on to future generations that those proud, patriotic, American women served their nation long before their nation gave them the right to vote."

Among those women was Army Cpl. Jessica A. Ellis, a medic who died on Mother's Day in 2008, when her vehicle hit an improvised explosive device in Baghdad. Her father, Stephen Ellis, recalled her childhood and the selfless spirit that guided her.

"When she was growing up she was a very caring child," he said. "She always considered others above herself and these traits carried forward. Her buddies in the 101st Airborne told us of her courage, spirit and devotion to her fellow soldiers. They told us she survived a blast a month before she died and how she went right back out on that hazardous road clearance duty."



Sgt. Priscilla Sneden | Headquarters Marine Corps  
**More than 500 service members, veterans and supporters gathered Saturday for the 15-year commemoration of the Women In Military Service For America Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery.**

The service mourned the loss of such selfless women and celebrated their lives and how they chose to serve something greater than themselves.

"When a young man or woman raises their hand and says 'I do solemnly swear to support and defend the constitution,' they go home and look at their moms and dads and say 'I chose to do this,'" said Salinas. "[That] family becomes part of the defense of this nation, and when the ultimate sacrifice is made, it is the family that

also makes the sacrifice."

Closing the ceremony, Salinas lead a somber rose petal ceremony dropping the first rose petals into the reflection pool in remembrance of the 53 women killed in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom since the memorial's 10th anniversary celebration five years ago. Following the ceremony, attendees had the opportunity to tour the memorial.

"This memorial represents and records the faces and the stories of anyone who has ever worn the cloth of this nation," said Salinas. "That is what this is all about. For generations to come, visitors can (visit the memorial), click your name, and they'll know what you did."

Retired U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Venus Val-Hammack, who also attended the dedication of the memorial 15 years ago, served from 1973-1999. Her story is among the 260,000 documented at the memorial.

"I visited with my daughters when they were 27 and 30-years-old," she said. "They went to the kiosk and searched my name. At first, they said, 'Look she has a similar name as yours — she was in the signal corps, the medical corps and the JAG corps.' Then it slowly hit them — I did all this."

"Growing up, they didn't realize what I did. This is what this memorial means to me; my children learned about their mother in another way. That old lady that burns the chicken did so much."

## Crew members of USS Rushmore relax in Darwin

**Lance Cpl. Timothy Childers**

*15th Marine Expeditionary Unit*

**DARWIN, Australia —** Marines decide to join the Corps for a number of reasons. For the adventurous, the chance to travel the world with a Marine Expeditionary Unit can be a deciding factor. Marines and sailors from the 15th MEU and USS Rushmore stopped at their first liberty port in another nation, Darwin, Australia, during the MEU and Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group's Western Pacific deployment, Oct. 18. Service members spent three days in the Northern Territory where they rested, shopped for souvenirs, tried unusual foods and explored the Outback, spending their hard-earned money they had been saving since they left San Diego in mid-September.

"This was my first time in Australia," said Lance Cpl. Bernard Vu, field radio operator, Second Platoon, Bravo Battery, Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 15th MEU. "We were able to go to Litchfield National Park and see some of the Outback. I'm thankful the Marine Corps gave me the opportunity to visit

these places."

For many, it was the first time they had traveled to another country. They left with a new impression on a spot on the map they had only seen in photographs.

"This is my first time out of the U.S.," said Cpl. Omar Vegamendoza, motor transport mechanic, Second Plt., Bravo Battery, Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Bn., 5th Marines, 15th MEU. "I was able to see a culture different than where I'm from."

There were a number of other activities Marines and sailors did on the island continent. Crew members from the Rushmore played a game of soccer with their counterparts, the Australian Navy.

"We went to Larrakeyah Naval Base and played against the Australian sailors," said Lance Cpl. Joe Hallman, disbursing clerk, Command Element, 15th MEU. "We won 7 to 1 and had a lot of fun. It was a good experience to play against one of our close allies."

The port stop of Darwin was a welcomed break after the five-day training exercise the service members conducted in Timor-Leste.

# Nightmare on MOUT town

Kristen Wong  
Photojournalist

The wind blew a storm cloud of brown dust in the air, sprinkling across Boondocker Training Area, Oct. 19. The dead were rising — and families and friends were eager to watch.

Members of 3rd Radio Battalion are hosting a haunted house on base for a second year in a row. Today and Saturday, they will be leading the brave and the not-so-brave visitors through three houses of the Military Operations in Urban Terrain facility within the training area, from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Gunnery Sgt. Grady Parr, company gunnery sergeant, Bravo Company, 3rd Radio Bn., said the haunted house was the unit's way of giving back to the community and allowing "everybody to have a good time."

Visitors are asked to wear comfortable walking shoes. Visitors go through the haunted town in groups, led by a tour guide. According to Capt. Aaron Estenson, company commander, Bravo Company, 3rd Radio Bn., and Parr, the MOUT facility was not only conveniently nearby, it is perfectly isolated.

"(The seclusion) is more advantageous for the scare factor," Estenson said. "It's very quiet."

The haunted house was an idea by the commanding

officer, Lt. Col. Jon Halverson, and the Marines volunteered to participate in the event.

"They're hard workers and we couldn't do anything like this without them," Estenson said.

Before the sun went down, the Marines were literally killing themselves to look as dead as possible, splashing fake blood on each other's clothes, blackening their eyes with makeup, and setting up their hiding places.

Lance Cpl. Hannah Teel, a Korean linguist with 3rd Radio Bn., dressed as a vampire for the event, with matching yellow vampire teeth.

"I love Halloween," Teel said. "Volunteering for the haunted house sounded like fun."

While many of the monsters were new to the event, some already knew the ropes from last year.

Cpl. Robert Sells, a Signals Intelligence analyst with Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Radio Bn., who was a vampire at last year's haunted MOUT town, decided to go the zombie-route this year, wearing extra makeup to simulate torn skin. The native of Crystal Lake, Ill., volunteered for a second year because it was fun, and he was able to scream at people.

Sells said he remembered lots of crying and screaming last year.

"Last year was really good, definitely a good-sized turnout," Sells said.

The training area succumbed to darkness, save the one floodlight illuminating the tent of volunteers. Gradually, interested patrons emerged from the darkness, and stood in line for their journey through MOUT town. The sounds of screams and laughter echoed from the houses.

"It was well worth the 20-minute walk (to Boondocker Training Area)," said Ashleigh Morton, 26. "I was screaming the whole time."

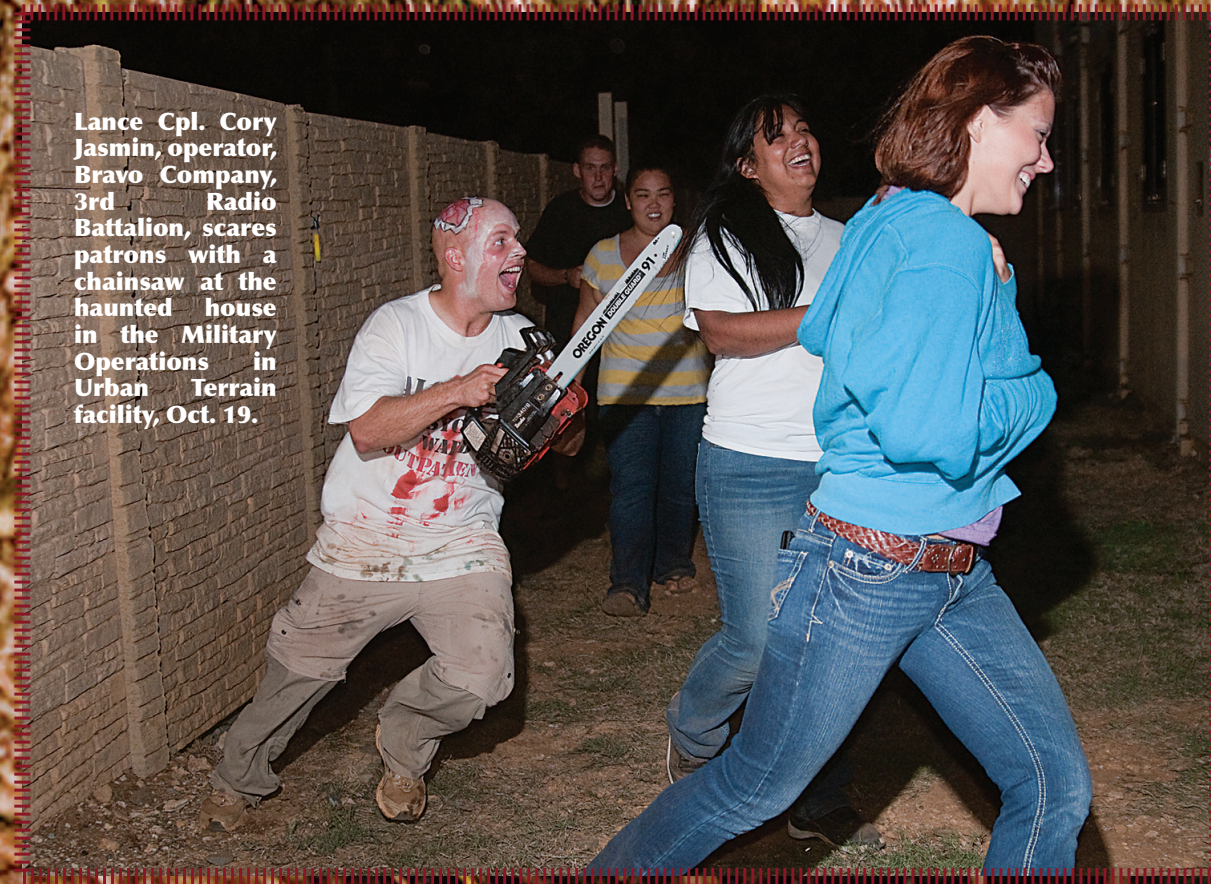
Participants laughed, cried and screamed as zombies, clowns, vampires creeped out of the woodwork.

"I was like, 'don't jump out at me because I will cry!'" said Shan Shan Truman, 19, as she emerged from MOUT town.

For questions, call Parr at 257-1421.



Lance Cpls. Weston Thomas and Ashley Davis, operators with Alpha Company, 3rd Radio Battalion, partner together as an evil surgeon and his unwilling patient during the haunted house in the Military Operations in Urban Terrain facility, Oct. 19.



Lance Cpl. Cory Jasmin, operator, Bravo Company, 3rd Radio Battalion, scares patrons with a chainsaw at the haunted house in the Military Operations in Urban Terrain facility, Oct. 19.



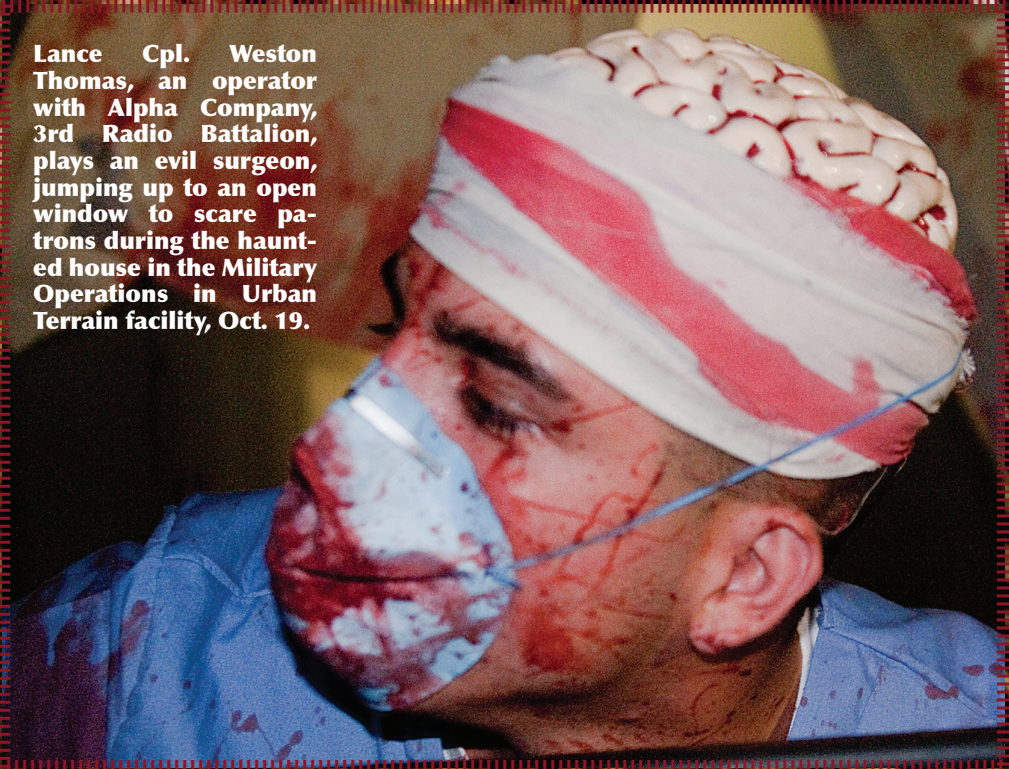
Cpl. Robert Sells, signals intelligence analyst, Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Radio Battalion, plays a zombie in the haunted house in the Military Operations in Urban Terrain facility, Oct. 19.



Sgt. Henry Coble, Tagalog linguist, Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Radio Battalion, stays very still as a scarecrow in a field while participating in a haunted house in the Military Operations in Urban Terrain facility, Oct. 19.



Lance Cpl. Cory Jasmin, operator, Bravo Company, 3rd Radio Battalion, displays his costume for the haunted house in the Military Operations in Urban Terrain facility, Oct. 19.



Lance Cpl. Weston Thomas, an operator with Alpha Company, 3rd Radio Battalion, plays an evil surgeon, jumping up to an open window to scare patrons during the haunted house in the Military Operations in Urban Terrain facility, Oct. 19.

# Two small holes, one big impact

## 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment Marine donates marrow

**Kristen Wong**

Photojournalist

Lance Cpl. Brantley Smith has two holes in his back, and has to put up with occasional sharp pain, but for him, a little temporary pain went a long way.

Last year after a bone marrow donation briefing, the 27-year-old communications technician took a DNA test at the base chapel and thought nothing more about it — until he was called to save a life.

About a month after returning from Afghanistan with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Smith was checking his phone during a break at the rifle range. He'd received a message from the C.W. Bill Young Department of Defense Marrow Donor Program.

"I'd been recognized as a preliminary match," said the native of Hammond, La. "They asked if I wanted to continue on with additional testing."

Smith said it was "an honor to have the opportunity to save someone's

life." He had never donated bone marrow before. He is also the second Marine from 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines in a little more than a year to donate bone marrow.

After the initial call, the organization sent a blood testing kit to the 3rd Marine Regiment Battalion Aid Station, where they took a sample of Smith's blood for further comparison. One week later, Smith was told he was a match for a patient who needed bone marrow, and flew to Washington, D.C., for a physical and other testing to ensure he was in good health to donate.

Smith was scheduled to donate his marrow in November, and was preparing to train with 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines in Bridgeport, Calif. However, before leaving, he received yet another call — the patient's condition was worsening, and the marrow was needed right away.

"I talked to my master sergeant and he brought it up to the sergeant major and the battalion commander," Smith said. "They were on board right away."

While the rest of the unit left for Bridgeport, Smith flew to Washington, D.C., all expenses paid, for the second time, Oct. 9. Accompanied by his brother, Smith underwent surgery Oct. 11.

"He was very calm," Smith's brother said. "He was excited to know he was helping somebody."

Doctors made two incisions into his back, drilled into his bone and extracted a quart of marrow with a syringe. Although there were only two holes in his back, Smith said he was told there were about 60 holes in his bone where the marrow was taken. After resting for a day, he returned to Hawaii.

Smith's parents heard about his donation shortly before he was scheduled for surgery.

"I'm a very proud dad," Smith's father said of his son's

donation. "He's a great person. He's good to everybody."

Smith's mother shares the same sentiment.

"He's one of the most beautiful human beings," she said. "He's got a heart of gold. Not so many people can say they've saved a life."

Currently, Smith is on leave, still recovering from the surgery. He experiences pain in his hips, sharp pain caused by certain movements and lightheadedness. In comparison to what a cancer patient suffers, Smith said it's no contest. He said marrow is usually replenished within anywhere between four and six weeks.

"It's really not as bad as everyone makes it out to be," Smith said. "Yeah, there's pain involved but at the same time, the pain that I felt ... it's nothing compared to (what a cancer patient goes through) ... for me to complain about any kind of pain I had on my side, it doesn't compare."

Smith was attending college when he heard about Marine-Corps life from a friend who had enlisted. Smith himself enlisted in January of 2010. Smith's mother said she was amazed that her son decided to enlist in the Corps, despite being a quiet child who enjoyed reading.

"He wanted to stand for his country ... I'm just as proud as I could be," she said.

Smith is the only one in his family currently serving in the military.

"It's something I'd been thinking about for awhile but never got serious," Smith said. "Later in life it just kind of hit me."

Smith's work while deployed in Afghanistan has also been praised. Staff Sgt. Dempsey Lloyd, the battalion wire chief of Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines, said Smith was able to work as a lead technician, a job normally given to a Marine whose rank is corporal or higher.

"He's a real proficient Marine," Lloyd said. "Very respectful, very mature."

As for the donation, Lloyd said "it speaks highly of his character and the type of person he really is."



Photos by Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

**Lance Cpl. Brantley Smith, of Hammond, La., recently donated bone marrow to a patient in great need. The 27-year-old is currently recovering from surgery.**

While in Afghanistan, Smith also helped repair equipment when there was a power surge.

"He's definitely a huge credit to the shop," said Cpl. John Toler, noncommissioned officer in charge of Communications Maintenance, with H&S Co., 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines.

Toler said the Marines in Smith's section felt pride when he donated bone marrow.

"His commitment has been unwavering," Toler said. "You can't do anything but just be proud to work with someone like that. He's honestly one of the best Marines I've known, not just in the shop but in the entire Marine Corps."

Upon returning from leave, Smith will either continue to work as usual or be temporarily assigned to light duty. As for the future, he is aiming for one more re-enlistment, and completing school while he is still on active duty. Smith said donating the marrow was worth going through, and he would be willing to do it again.

"The military is very lucky to have a (Marine) like him," Smith's brother said.



**Lance Cpl. Brantley Smith, a communications technician with Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, plans to stay in the Marine Corps for at least one more reenlistment.**

## Gearing up for fall: Youth Activities Center hosts Harvest Festival



Cpl. Reece Lodder | Hawaii Marine

Four-year-old Michael Barker, dressed as superhero Captain America, proudly displays the pumpkin he chose during a Harvest Festival at the Youth Activities Center, Oct. 19. The festival, which was free for all base youth and families, featured giveaways, games, arts and crafts, music and a photo wall. The first 600 children drew tickets to select a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch. Many children attended the event in their Halloween costumes.



Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

## Marine, sailor honored during morning colors ceremony

Cpl. Mary Schloss, operations clerk, Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay and Petty Officer 2nd Class Leonel Manzanilla, aviation boatswain's mate fuels, Headquarters Battalion, stand at attention before each receiving a certificate of commendation during the morning colors ceremony at the base flagpole, Oct. 19. Manzanilla was chosen as the Junior Sailor of the Quarter. Schloss was chosen as the Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter.



Lance Cpl. Ali Azimi | Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms

Lance Cpl. Tyler Langford, anti-tank missileman, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, leads his pack mule during a hike at Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center Bridgeport, Calif., Oct. 13.

### ***MOUNTAIN, from A-1***

for thousands of years. It's something that's worked for countless militaries."

The 16-day course teaches Marines how to use animals in the region they find themselves in as a logistical tool to transport weapons, ammunition, food, supplies or wounded Marines through areas vehicles cannot reach.

"After coming through the course and learning the basic fundamentals they can pack any kind of animal, from llama, camel, anything," Head said. "If you're going to fight a compartmentalized conventional war in the mountains, you've got to utilize animals. If you don't, you're not going to be able to get your logistics, your ammo, basically the five Bs, to your Marines."

The beginning of the course works to introduce the Marines to the basics.

They use mules for their training and learn about their anatomy and familiarize themselves with the animals. This step is particularly important to the Marines who have little or no experience with these large creatures.

"For most Marines, they've never been around livestock and this is something completely new or foreign to them," Head said. "We teach handling and catching, basically get the Marines comfortable being around those large animals."

Even Marines already familiar with handling pack animals find that there's something to be gained from the course.

"I've had horses growing up," said Lance Cpl. Luke W. Martin, team leader, First platoon, Lima Company,

3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and recent graduate of the course. "The course definitely increased my skills."

The Marines move on to learn about the animals' capabilities and limitations, the equipment and four basic hitches needed to attach their gear to the animals, how to use them for casualty evacuations and lastly, the procurement of animals from the local area.

"It's an old trade made new again," Head said.

The lessons learned during the Animal Packers Course are used by Marines currently deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"We've had quite a few Marines that have gone through the course and deployed to Afghanistan," he said. "They've sent us emails and pictures saying, 'Hey, we utilized this, packed

this here.'"

The mobility and versatility the pack animals provide help in war overseas, both as a logistical asset and a safety precaution.

"You get a train of mules going and they can get across terrain that trucks can't go through," Martin said. "You don't run the risk of hitting an improvised explosive device like if you're on a road because you can go off-road the entire time."

The MCMWTC not only offers the Animal Packers Course to Marines but also service members across the branches.

"As Marines we are always adapting and overcoming, trying to think outside the box and doing more with less," Head said. "This is definitely one of those skills."

# Sports & Health



## Racers splash, dash around MCB Hawaii

Photos by Cpl. James A. Sauter | Hawaii Marine

John Miles, a sailor with Special Projects Patrol Squadron 2 and overall first place winner for the men's category, races up the water ramp to begin the run portion of the annual 2012 Splash and Dash 5K competition on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Saturday.



Runners turn the corner into Hangar 102 before crossing the finish line during the annual 2012 Splash and Dash 5K competition on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Saturday.

**Cpl. James A. Sauter**  
 Combat Correspondent

A cool breeze of wind whipped around the Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay flightline as the sun peaked over the horizon. When enough sunlight was visible for the lifeguards to watch everyone safely swim, the monitors gave the signal for the competitors to enter the water just waist deep. At the sound of a bullhorn, the racers splashed their way through the water. The 2012 Splash and Dash 5K race had begun.

Service members and civilians from the local community competed in the ninth annual competition aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Saturday.

"This is my first time competing in a race like this," said Alex Ledebhr, a sailor with Special Projects Patrol Squadron 2. "I think I could have trained a little harder, like swimming with a whole bunch of people around because I get nervous when swimming with so many people."

The race began with a 300-meter swim in the waters of Kaneohe Bay. Starting from the water ramp that leads from the flightline, the racers swam around a pair of buoys and returned to the ramp. Upon finishing the swim portion of the race, the racers exited the water and ran toward their running shoes to begin the run portion of Splash and Dash.

"I absolutely love doing these kinds of races, it's really my passion," said John Miles, a sailor from VPU-2 and the overall first place winner for the men's category. "I enjoy the physical fitness and the people you meet at events like this."

The five-mile run took the runners on a course past Dewey Square, up into base housing and back toward the flightline.

A lot of the runners, including Miles, said the hill they had to run up while passing base housing was the most challenging part of the entire Splash and Dash.

"During the run, I was just dying when running up that hill," Miles said. "I kept looking over my shoulder for the next guy who was trying to catch up, but I kept pushing and after that it was all downhill."

Miles completed the race in 27 minutes and 39 seconds.

Sandra Fantini, overall first place winner for the women's category, finished at 29 minutes.

The winners of each category received either medals or plaques.

"I enjoy doing these races," Miles said. "I never got first place before so that feels nice. I'm looking forward to the other races coming up in the future."

For more information about competition races, call Semper Fit Center at 254-7597.



Competitors race to put their shoes on to begin the run portion of the annual 2012 Splash and Dash 5K competition on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Saturday.





## Sgt. Danny Woodall vs. Sgt. Skyler Tooker

VS is a recurring column tackling debatable issues in the sports and entertainment world. Hawaii Marine readers can submit a subject for future columns by e-mailing their ideas to HawaiiMarineEditor@gmail.com.

If there's a topic you would like to discuss/defend or if you think we missed the mark, let us know and you could see your "opinion," regardless of how wrong it is, featured below. Suit up ladies ... it's game time.

# Should the NFL Pro Bowl be cancelled?

**WOODALL:** I can't believe this topic is still up for debate. It amazes me that the NFL hasn't cancelled the Pro Bowl years ago. Due to the poor quality of play, the unnecessary risk of injury to the league's star players, not to mention the utter pointlessness of the game itself, the Pro bowl is the most unnecessary event on television. Instead of spending thousands of dollars to move, feed and house a hundred-plus players/coaches, perhaps the NFL should give that money to a charity of their choice. I'm sure the Detroit Lions would support this idea — as a football team ... and as a charity case (Ba Dum Tsh!).

**TOOKER:** I can't believe this is up for debate. The Pro Bowl has been a time honored tradition since 1938. Do you think something that is older than the precious Super Bowl should just be thrown in the trash like an old piece of garbage?

The answer is no, it shouldn't be because

before there was a Super Bowl this is how all the great talent got together to represent their teams. Now did they play like there was something on the line back in the day? Yeah I bet so and they should definitely play like they mean it and give the fans a show. I am not saying it has to be in Hawaii every year, but they should still have the best players come together and whip it on.

**WOODALL:** Therein lies the problem. Since 1938 no professional football player has ever "whipped it on" at a Pro Bowl. Why would they care to risk injury to themselves or someone else in a meaningless game?

The selection to the team is the real badge of pride, not the game — especially now that it's played a week before the Super Bowl. The Pro Bowl is devoid of any Super Bowl participants and the remaining players just drag their feet for 60 minutes as they're clearly more excited about the Hawaiian sun than the game itself.



**WOODALL**



**TOOKER**

**TOOKER:** I will agree with you on the dragging the feet which really upsets me to see some of the premier talent and role models not playing the game they love wholeheartedly. I think they should move the Pro Bowl around and give the fans that can't pay for a trip to Hawaii a chance to see the hard hitting action. But first we need some hard hitting action. I went to the Pro Bowl last year and the players were getting booed because their lack of effort. I think they should start inviting players who are going to give the fans a good game. If that can't happen then maybe they should throw the Pro Bowl in the trash and donate all the extra money to a charity. When I was a little kid maybe I just couldn't see how horrible the all-star players were performing in the Pro Bowl, but I used to love watching all the best talent in the NFL come together and showcase their skills to see who would dominate.

**WOODALL:** It seems

like we've come to an understanding! I love the idea of trashing the Pro Bowl. It's a waste of time, money and talent. The NFL should copy-and-paste the NCAA format of electing players to notional "1st-" and "2nd-team" offenses/defenses. Get rid of the soft-hitting, time-wasting, dog-and-pony show Pro Bowl and replace it with something better: absolutely nothing.

**TOOKER:** I think we should replace you with absolutely nothing, but then we would have to pick up your slack which we (meaning I) already do.

The Pro Bowl is a great part of NFL history and I think it helps drive the players during the season to do as well as they can. It is like a runner up prize to the Super Bowl. Really it is just saying that you are good enough to be in the Super Bowl, but your team isn't, so here you go. Like I said I don't want to throw the Pro Bowl away I just think they should move it around and play harder.

## SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

### Youth Sports

Sign your child up for winter baseball and basketball programs or become a youth sports volunteer coach. Registration continues through Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 254-7473.

### Semper Fit Juniors Program

The Semper Fit Juniors Program is open to 14- and 15-year-olds who, upon the completion of a Fitness Basics class, will receive a badge and are granted independent access to the center from 2 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and during regular operational hours on the weekends and holidays.

Even with completion of the Fitness Basics class, youth must be accompanied by an adult outside of these designated hours. Independent access will be granted to all group exercise classes regardless of times (participant fees still apply). Participants must present their military identification and badge upon entering the facility after completing the class. For details, call 254-7597.

### Turkey Trot 10K

Take a running tour of MCB Hawaii with our last 10K run of the season, Nov. 17 at 7 a.m. The race will start and finish at Dewey Square. Run alone or in a six-person formation. Register online by Nov. 13 and receive a race T-shirt. Late registrations will be accepted, but with a late fee. Pick up your race packet by Nov. 16 at the Semper Fit Center. For more information, call 254-7590.

### Adult sailing courses

The base marina offers a monthly adult sailing course where patrons can learn the basics of sailing in just four days. The highlight of this course is that participants will have the opportunity to receive a U.S. Sailing Small Boat Certification, valid at marinas across the nation. The cost includes book and certification. To register, call 254-7666.

### Pro Bowl ticket sales

Pro Bowl tickets will go on sale Nov. 3 at 8 a.m. at Information, Tickets and

Tours. Limit six tickets per military identification card holder. For details, call 254-7593.

### New Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Center open

Check out the fun at building 6800. The OREC features a new, expanded selection of water activity, recreation equipment, and party rentals. For more information, visit <http://www.mccshawaii.com/marina.shtml#open>.

### Sail around Coconut Island

Come sailing with us, and we'll do all the work. We cruise around Kaneohe Bay and Coconut Island Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Bring your own refreshments. There is a fee per person and a five-person limit. Call 254-7666 for details.

### Baby Boot Camp

Baby Boot Camp is scheduled for Nov. 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 220, the Education Center. Baby Boot

Camp is a childbirth education class that prepares expectant parents for labor and delivery, newborn care, postpartum changes, and breast-feeding basics. Reservations required. Open to all active duty and eligible dependents. For details, call 257-8803.

### Cosmic Bowling at K-Bay Lanes

The lights are off but bowlers can still strike it big as they play with the lane's special cosmic lights and neon-colored bowling balls.

The glow-in-the-dark games are Fridays from 9 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays from noon to midnight, and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call 254-7693.

### K-Bay Lanes Halloween special and costume contest

On Wednesday, from 6 to 7 p.m. at K-Bay Lanes, children ages 10 and under in a costume can bowl one free game. The winner of the costume contest will receive a prize. For more information call K-Bay Lanes at 254-7664.

# MCBH finds niche in pumpkin carving competition

**Rochelle Smolinski**

*Photojournalist*

**HONOLULU** — Orange rinds, stringy guts, and pumpkin flesh littered the carving tables as teams competed in the third annual Pumpkin Carving Festival Corporate Competition at Bishop Square, Wednesday.

Many wielded carving knives, pokers, chisels, graters, even power tools to flesh out up to four pumpkins in a two-hour time limit. Exhibits ranged from the current presidential debates to the widely popular Gangnam Style. Marine Corps Base Hawaii carved out their own niche in the competition.

MCB Hawaii Chief of Staff Christopher Blanchard said he found out about the carving contest while working on the base's own non-profit Marine Corps League Scholarship Program and promptly got involved with the Pumpkin Carving Festival.

"Master Sgt. Allis put out an e-mail for interested people," Blanchard said. "We knew we wanted the cooks and the Marine Corps Community Services marketing department to participate. Combat Camera actually contacted us."

Master Sgt. Amy Allis, staff secretary of Headquarters Battalion, put together the first military 10-person team to compete in the event. Allis and her team discussed pumpkin carving artwork and procedures during four practice sessions to rock the competition. The Marine Corps Base Hawaii team had about two weeks to prepare.

The team chose to participate in the "monuments

and historical landmarks" out of three available categories and carved the Arizona Memorial, Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima, the Lady Columbia statue at Punchbowl, and the King Kamehameha statue.

"We went to a meeting with the founder of the Pumpkin Carving Festival and the Chief and I both said we wanted 'landmarks.' We both felt we're the first ever military team to enter the competition and we wanted to be the first to represent military places," Allis said.

Sgt. Jacob Klatte, a designer for combat camera, has been carving pumpkins since he was young and volunteered to join the team. He drafted up the King Kamehameha design and tag-teamed the carving with fellow combat camera videographer Lance Cpl. Taryn McKenzie. Despite all their efforts, MCB Hawaii did not win any of the prizes, but many team members said they had fun participating and would be better prepared next year.

"Seeing all the different folks ideas and their plans, it really impressed me," Klatte said. "They're thinking outside the box and it really opened my eyes to the medium. Next year, maybe we'll do sculptured things and push the boundaries."

This year, the competition donated proceeds to USO and Keiki O Ka Aina Family Learning Centers.

Families are invited to carve their own pumpkins during the Pumpkin Carving Festival's Family Day event from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Windward Mall, Oct. 27. For more information, visit [www.pumpkin carving festival.org](http://www.pumpkin carving festival.org).



Rochelle Smolinski | Hawaii Marine

**Team Marine Corps Base Hawaii carves four 'Monument and Historical Landmark' pumpkins during the Pumpkin Carving Festival Corporate Competition.**



Cpl. Shawn A. Johnson | Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay

## MCAS MARINE PLACES FIRST IN CATEGORY IN BODYBUILDING COMPETITION

(Second from right) Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Velazquez, truck master at Aircraft, Rescue and Firefighting, Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, stands with fellow competitors at the 2012 Paradise Cup Bodybuilding, Physique, Figure and Bikini Championships at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, Saturday. The 34-year-old plans to compete in either the upcoming national qualifier competition in Las Vegas or Florida, and earn a nationally recognized International Federation of BodyBuilding and Fitness Pro Card. Bodybuilders with this card are eligible to compete for prize money. Velazquez has competed in bodybuilding competitions for four years, winning. "My first show was supposed to be a check off my bucket list," Velazquez said. "Now it's more of a journey to see how far I can go. No sport is a one-man show. The end result was a product of a team support of motivation and dedication. My girlfriend was dieting and exercising with me to make sure I stayed on track. She ate what I ate, lifted with me, and did the cardio I did. Because of that it was easier to get ready for the show."



# Energy Corner

## “Watts for Lunch? Power up your body, power down your office!” Energy Conservation Campaign

Energy Action Month is coming to a close, but that doesn't mean we stop taking action in conserving energy and other precious resources. Did you decide to continue “powering down” at noon? Hoping that you participated in the “Watts for Lunch?” events held basewide Wednesdays, Oct. 3 and 24, you are now encouraged to continue to save energy by shutting down computers, monitors and other peripherals during lunch time and at the end of workday. It's now a requirement by MCB Hawaii commanding officer's energy conservation policy statement to power-down personal computers, monitors, and peripherals at the end of workday. Moreover, if you're not going to use your PC for more than 30 minutes, you are asked now to turn off the monitor. To reduce energy waste, you can also plug electronic devices into a power strip and then turn the power strip off when not in use.

According to the Navy Marine Corps Intranet, it's now safe to turn off computers when you leave work (MARADMIN 438/09). New enhancements to NMCI computers allow them to receive updates even when the computer is off. It's estimated that by turning off all the NMCI workstations (PC and monitor) from MCBH during lunch break, the base could save up to \$15,000 per year. Additionally, almost \$220,000 can be saved by powering-down all the workstations at the end of the workday.

The “Watts for Lunch?” activity was inspired by “Earth Hour”, an annual global event when hundreds of millions of people, businesses and governments around the world unite each year to switch off lights for an hour in support of conservation and sustainability efforts. It's scheduled the last Saturday of every March, closely coinciding with the equinox to ensure most cities are in darkness.



Photos by Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

# UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS 237TH BIRTHDAY MEAL

**Nov. 8.**



Anderson Hall Dining Facility  
10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All military, DOD civilians, dependents,  
Retired military and guest are welcome!

According to Base Order 1020.5C CH 1, appropriate civilian attire  
applies; no open toe shoes or sandals.

No to-go trays are permitted, with the exception of Marines and  
sailors who are sick in quarters.

Cost: \$7.50

Discount Rate: \$6.40

(Discount applies to dependents of E-4 and below only)

Meal cardholders must present military identification card

**French Onion Soup**  
**Manhattan Clam Chowder**  
**Shrimp Cocktail**  
**Roast Prime Rib**  
**Roast Turkey**  
**Roast Ham**  
**Alaskan King Crab Legs**  
**Garlic Cheese Potatoes**  
**Rice Pilaf**  
**Sautéed Mushrooms and Onions**  
**Corn on the Cob**  
**Simmered Broccoli**  
**Brown Gravy**  
**Chicken Gravy**  
**Marine Corps Birthday Cake**



# PMO



## Crime Prevention Tip of the Month:

Per base policy, runners and walkers must be aware of traffic even when crossing streets or using crosswalks and are not allowed to use headphones when running or walking on sidewalks.

**PMO will be responsible for enforcing this policy.**

### Topic of the Month

While operating a bicycle aboard MCB Hawaii installations be sure to follow Base Order 5500.15B regarding bicycle regulations. Bicycles are only permitted on streets, roads, and parking areas; only children operating foot powered devices with a height of less than 16 inches are allowed to ride on sidewalks. While riding a bicycle you may not be towed by another vehicle or tow another vehicle, you may not wear headsets, earphones, or other devices that obstruct hearing, and if caught riding a bicycle while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs you will be subject to the same penalties as for driving a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs. While operating a bicycle, the operator is required to wear a fastened bicycle helmet at all times. While operating a bicycle at night the bicycle must be equipped with a front white light that is visible from 500 feet away. For a list of all the requirements refer to Base Order 5500.15B Paragraph 7011. For more information, call base safety at 257-1830 or the PMO Accident Investigation Division at 257-6987.

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911

### PMO contact numbers and locations

To report suspicious activity/behavior or for non-emergency calls contact the desk sergeant:

**257-1018/2123; Bldg. 1096**

For information regarding check in/out, fingerprinting, or weapon registration contact:

**257-6994; Bldg. 1095**

For information regarding pet registration, fishing regulations, or lost/found animals contact the PMO Game Warden:

**257-1821; Bldg. 3099**

For information regarding vehicle decals, base passes, and vehicle registration contact:

**257-2047/0183; Bldg. 1637/1095 for MCB Hawaii and 477-8734/8735; Bldg. 601 for Camp H.M. Smith**

For information regarding traffic regulations, citations, or traffic court contact the Traffic Court bailiff:

**257-6991/6992; Bldg. 1095**

For all other numbers not listed contact Base Information:

**449-7110**

For more information visit the PMO website:

**<http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/mp/default.htm>**

## BASE/COMMUNITY/ VOLUNTEER EVENTS

### Volunteer Opportunity for “Save my Hale”

To help raise awareness about homelessness a “Save my Hale” event will take place at Kewalo Basin Park (Next to Ala Moana Beach Park), Nov. 5, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. There are various volunteer opportunities including moving, set up and break down of equipment, manning a few stations as part of the homeless obstacle course, assistance with food collection and distribution, security, etc.

You can volunteer to help with moving and set up on Nov. 3, from 1 to 4 p.m., or schedule a few hours to help on the day of the event, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, email Paul at paul@hawaii-homeless.org or call 845-4565, extension 502.

### Vote now

Everything you need to vote is on <http://www.fvap.gov>. Print off voter registration/absentee ballot requests; postage-paid envelopes, etc; state-by-state absentee voting information and points of contact. A voting assistance booth is open during working hours in the IPAC main office. Get online, and have a unit voting assistance officer assist. Each Marine and sailor has a UVAO who should be able to provide assistance at the unit level. If you do not know who your UVAO is please contact 257-8866 or Deanna.nieves@usmc.mil.

### Waimea Valley events

Kanikapila Sundays are scheduled on Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. This freestyle music circle is held in the Waimea Valley pavilion area and free to the public. Bring your instruments or just come and listen to the music from 1 to 4 p.m. Moon Walks are scheduled today, Nov. 30, and Dec. 28.

This special monthly, 1.5-mile round-trip walk will take you from the ticket booth area to the waterfall area and back. There is a small fee. There is also an Arbor Day Annual Tree Give-Away Saturday, Nov. 3 scheduled to start at 9 a.m. with an annual plant sale.

Waimea Valley’s annual Makahiki Celebration Saturday, Dec. 1. This is a time-honored celebration paying tribute to Lono, the Hawaiian deity of the harvest, with hula, music, traditional games and crafts. For details, call 638-7766.

### Halloween Teen Dance

Teens and guests ages 10 through 14 who are Marine Corps Base Hawaii Child, Youth and Teen Program members are invited to the annual Halloween dance tonight from 6 to 9 p.m. A costume contest with prizes will be held and pizza and drinks will be available for purchase. This event will be held at the Youth Activities Center and supervised by Youth Activities staff. For ticket purchase or questions, call 257-2030.

### Bellows Boofest

Bellows Boofest will be held Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Bellows Air Force Station. For a small fee, there will be a pumpkin carving contest, scavenger hunt, costume contest, trick or treating, storytelling, a movie, and a Kiddieland to include bouncers, water slide, face painting, arts/crafts, and a live disc jockey. For details, visit <http://www.bellowsafs.com>.

### 3rd Radio Battalion Haunted House

The 3rd Radio Battalion second annual Haunted House will be held at the Boondocker Training Area MOUT town. Tour nights are today and Saturday. Tours begin at 6 p.m. and end at midnight. All participants should wear full shoes; flipflops, sandals or slippers will not be permitted. All military personnel, their families and friends are invited. Call Gunnery Sgt. Grady Parr for details at 257-1241.

### General “Howlin Mad” Smith 5K Run/Walk

Join Headquarters and Service Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific for the General “Howlin Mad” Smith 5K Run/Walk Saturday, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Kailua Beach Park. Feel free to run in your Halloween costume. For more information and registration, visit <http://www.active.com/running/kailua-hi/general-howlin-mad-smith-5k-2012>, or call 477-8359.

### Children’s Birthday Bash Art Contest Sign-up

Join L.I.N.K.S. at the Children’s Birthday Bash Nov. 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Dewey Square. to celebrate the 237th Marine Corps birthday. There are contests with prizes to win. Sign up at: <http://www.mccshawaii.com/birthdaybash.shtml>, call 257-2410 for details.

## MARINE MAKEPONO

**Apartment for rent.** Two-bedroom 985-square-foot apartment available in Kailua. Ocean and mountain views. One and a half bathrooms, shower connects bathrooms. Secured building with pool. \$2,000 per month. No smokers. Basic cable and water included. For more information about this listing, call 392-0709.

**Washer and dryer for sale.** Like new, extra large capacity, top-loading Kenmore washer and electric dryer set for sale. Excellent condition. \$450 obo. Call 910-750-2386.

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# Hawaii Marine Lifestyles

## Snorkeling at Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve in Paradise

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**HANAUMA BAY, Hawaii** — Among the plethora of incredible snorkeling destinations on Oahu, one famous location stands out above the rest.

Carved out of a volcanic crater on the island's southeastern shore approximately 10 miles east of Waikiki, Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve is best known for its calm, emerald water, warm white sand and impressive fish population (more than 250 different species reside here).

Many years ago, upwards of 10,000 visitors, including fishermen and recreationalists, flocked to the bay daily. Years of negligence and misuse hurt the bay, slowly breaking down its reef and causing its fish population to dwindle.

In recent years, Hanauma Bay was named the first marine life conservation district in the Hawaiian Islands. The beach park was developed into a nature preserve to safeguard its fragile marine life and structured to accommodate approximately 3,000 visitors daily.

Upon arrival at the nature preserve, visitors can find whole-day parking for a small fee on the ridge above the bay. Prepare to arrive early; the parking lot fills quickly and visitors are turned away once it's full. There is a small fee per person, but Hawaii residents, military members and their dependents with valid identification all visit for free. Children under 13 years old are also free.

Before moving down to the beach, visitors can browse the award-winning marine education center, which opened in August 2002. Afterward, they move into a room to view a short video outlining Hanauma Bay's history and resource conservation. Following the video, those who plan to visit again within 365 days can write their name on a list to exempt them from watching it again.

The walk to the beach is a steep downward slope but provides a captivating view of the bay. Those less inclined to walk can pay a small fee to ride down by tram. Though food is available for purchase at a concession near the parking lot, make sure to stock up before the trek down. Food isn't sold on the beach but it can be consumed there.

At the bottom of the hill, there are centrally located showers, restrooms and lifeguards on duty. A beachside shop offers masks, fins, snorkels and lockers for rent. Disabled visitors can use special beach wheelchairs for free.

If they hadn't picked up on it yet, visitors quickly learn the nature preserve isn't a beach park. Frisbee tossing and ball throwing are prohibited and the rule is enforced.

Preparation may not ensure a successful visit, but it will make a difference. Pick a sunny weekday to visit Hanauma Bay; avoid overcast weather and weekends. The preserve is generally less busy on weekdays. When it's busier, crowds rustle up the ocean floor, causing sand to cloud the snorkeler's vision. Likewise, it's harder to see clearly underwater when the weather is overcast.

When the group is 'snorkeled out,' there are plenty of other attractions to visit. Watch waves roll onto the shore only minutes away at the Halona Blowhole, sending water through a lava tube and spraying high into the air like a geyser. Less than a mile away, stop at Sandy Beach, a popular surfing spot known for its massive shore break. The beach is known by locals as "Sandys" and is a favorite of President Barack Obama.

Though the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve is a popular tourist stop and rarely lacks an influx of visitors, its natural beauty and excellent snorkeling outweigh the busyness. The preserve is open daily from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., but closed all day Tuesdays. For more information, call the recorded information line at 396-4229.

Josh Ferguson (center), from Abbotsford, Canada, guides his four-year-old son Jake into the water to begin their day of snorkeling. Visits are free for Hawaii residents, military members, dependents and children under 13.



A group of visitors prepares their gear and walks downhill toward the beach to begin a day of snorkeling on the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve. The bay is among Oahu's premiere snorkeling destinations.



Curtis Peters, from Abbotsford, Canada, slips into his flippers before snorkeling in Hanauma Bay. The nature preserve is well known for its impressive fish population. More than 250 fish species reside here.



Four-year-old Jake Ferguson, from Abbotsford, Canada, prepares his gear for his first snorkeling adventure.



**RIGHT:** As his final step, Peters dons his mask and snorkel before setting out into the bay. Approximately 3,000 visitors flock here daily.



# PASS <sup>IN</sup> REVIEW

Your weekly guide to the best aspects of entertainment

**W**elcome to the Pass In Review, your number one source for cinema, music, video game, book and product reviews. The Pass In Review crew consists of more than 10 critics, each with their own idea of what makes a movie, album, game, product or book great. So be sure to take advantage of the Better Know A Critic section, which spotlights this week's critics to better help you choose the critic with opinions most like your own. Using our breakthrough four-point scale system, you can quickly decipher what is worth your time and what isn't, or read the full review for an in-depth analysis and explanation of the rating. The rating system uses ammunition and range terminology, so if you're not familiar, here's a quick breakdown of the ratings ...

**1/4 — No Impact, No Idea**  
Horrendous. Among the worst of the worst in its genre. Dedicating time to this is not only wasteful, but unforgivable. Avoid at all costs.



**2/4 — High And To The Right**  
Mediocrity at its best. Lacks a few things that might have made it really good. A decent time waster, partake only if you have nothing better to do.



**3/4 — On Target**  
Praiseworthy. A great endeavor, not quite an instant classic but still very entertaining. This is a sound investment of your time.



**4/4 — Confirmed Kill**  
Genius. In the top 10 percent of its genre. This is the stuff legends are made of. Missing out on it would be a disservice to yourself.



*So, there you have it and we hope you enjoy our weekly reviews. Don't forget, The Hawaii Marine accepts submissions from its readers so if you consider yourself a film buff, music aficionado, gaming geek or bookworm, feel free to submit your own reviews.*

## Better Know A Critic



QIU

**Grace Qiu** is probably the only advocate for the end of the world. Addicted to apocalypses and dystopias, she immerses herself in fictional literature while singing along to indie rock. With a love for also superheroes and flying cars, she believes the best movies trap you in the story even after you dazedly exit the theater, and the best books leave your perspective on life slightly shaken.



WONG

**Kristen Wong** admits she sometimes has to be dragged to movies that she later finds to be outstanding. She prefers fantasy driven movies, like Lord of the Rings, the Harry Potter films, and The Matrix Trilogy. She owns more movie posters than she has wall space and continues to collect more as she goes. She also loves to summarize all of her favorite movies to curious and unsuspecting folks.

## 'The Subjugation of Jenna Fox'

**Grace Qiu**  
Contributing Writer

At first glance, I prepared myself for a sappy, teenage story filled with mundane details and exaggerated drama. "The Adoration of Jenna Fox," seemed like it was going to be another one of those "slice of life" types of young adult novels, perhaps about the woeful story of a popular girl who falls into some trouble and has to find her true self.

In the first couple of pages, my suspicions were confirmed. However, as I continued to read, things began to get weirder ... what began as a typical novel about adolescence and finding oneself turned into something much more surprising.

Jenna Fox woke up from a coma after a horrific car accident. Doctors had little to no hope she would survive, but miraculously, she did. Adjusting to everyday life dominated her waking hours, and readers follow her sad story of having to relearn who she once was

supported by loved ones she no longer remembered. Readers are thrown into this story with as little knowledge as Jenna herself has. And low and behold, this story turns out to be post apocalyptic.

Due to rapid medical achievements and wide distribution of medicine, humanity dug its own grave. All those antibiotics created a monster of a disease: incurable, inescapable, and debilitating.

It wiped millions off the face of the Earth, and disabled another million. Faced with a world run amuck under lax medical laws, society decided to set rigid laws.

Each person is given a cap of 100 points to spend on medical needs (i.e.

artificial limbs, simple antibiotics, etc.) Jenna Fox spends her days watching hours of videos recorded by her parents of her entire life, and realizes her parents absolutely adore her (hence the title, The Adoration of Jenna Fox).



Her parents adored her so much, in fact, that they played God. She discovers why she can recite novels, why she can recall memories made when she was only an infant, and why she is missing the scar on her chin.

Staggering from this revelation, both Jenna and I contemplated the implications. There are many thought-provoking questions which the book inspires in its reader.

Most notably, it asks the arguably difficult question: How far would you go to save someone you loved?

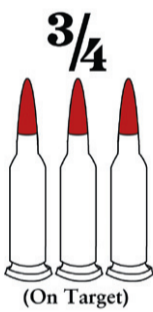
This novel was a gripping read. Jenna Fox was so loved that she was subjected to a fate some may deem worse than death.

Even now, I can debate with myself for hours on the ethical dilemmas presented in this story.

Readers never find out the answers to these elusive questions, giving them the freedom to formulate our own opinions.

In a society emphasizing health care and medical needs, this novel sheds light on a very interesting, possible future we all might possibly be heading toward.

This novel far exceeded my expectations, and I was definitely, albeit a bit unsettlingly, pleasantly surprised.



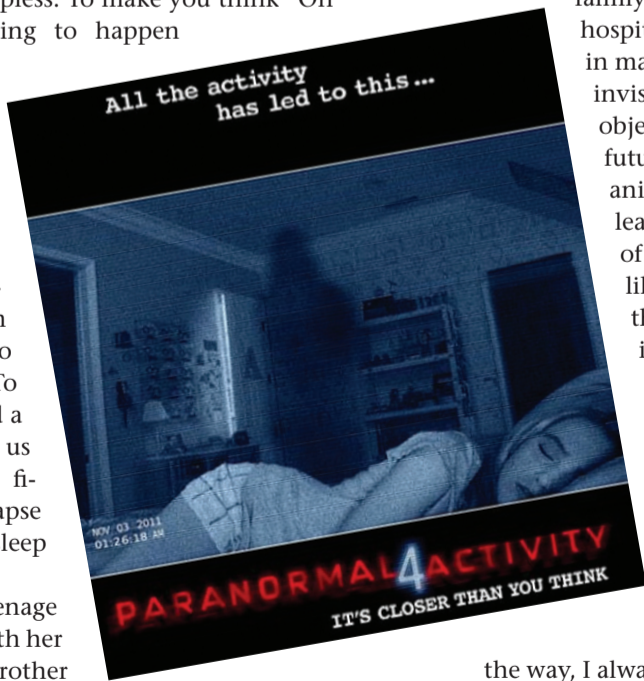
## 'Paranormal Activity 4' bores, confuses

**Kristen Wong**  
Photojournalist

What is a horror flick's purpose? To fill you with suspense and fear. To make you want to cover your eyes. To render you sleepless. To make you think "Oh (expletive)! What's going to happen next?" or, "Behind you! Run for your life!"

All right, now what was the purpose of "Paranormal Activity 4"? To keep my mind off the nausea from the theater burger. To make me open my eyes wider just to find something scary. To make my boyfriend and a dozen guys in front of me laugh hysterically, and finally, to make me collapse in bed afterward and sleep like a log.

In the movie, a teenage girl named Alex lives with her mother, father and brother Wyatt, across the street from Katie (from the other three



young "son," Robbie.

Alex and her boyfriend Ben (a typical teenager in a scary movie) enjoy filming day-to-day activities for fun. They also enjoy video chatting.

One day, Robbie comes to stay with Alex's family while his mother is in the hospital. Robbie is an unusual child in many ways. He not only has an invisible friend, he owns strange objects like a fork that tells the future and a 100-year-old stuffed animal. He also frequently leaves his bed in the middle of the night to do odd things like sleep beside Alex, stare at the front door, or talk to his invisible friend.

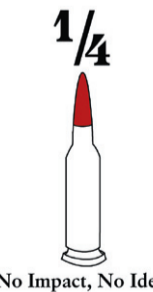
More paranormal events continue to occur, which inspire Alex to set up laptops around the house to record any activity. The entire movie is a series of recorded video chats, camera filming and laptop camera filming. Oh, by the way, I always take my camera when I'm in distress, running for my life.

If you saw the third movie, this one is pretty much

the same, with the exception of the new medium of webcams and infrared dot vision. Normal family routines and lighthearted activity give way to more sinister paranormal occurrences, building up into a full-blown climax (freaky but lightning fast), then the end. Much like the last movie, I found myself watching minute after minute of ... nothing. I peered at the screen, trying to figure out exactly what the directors wanted me to see in this frame. It's very discouraging when you have to look for something by which to be scared.

Just like the last movie, there were lots of "Gotcha!" moments, where the audience is startled by boring things like the family cat hitting the camera, or Alex jumping back on her bed in front of the webcam. Those are irritating. Only one of those moments made my heart leap momentarily into my throat.

I left the theater tired, grouchy and filled with a thousand more questions about this head-scratching movie. The dates on the footage do very little to help me piece together the puzzle that all four movies somehow make. I'd have to go back and watch the other three again to find the connections and make an outline and research the history of witchcraft and — wait a minute. Wasn't this supposed to be a horror movie? Not homework ...



**Prices:** All shows are \$3.25 for adults and \$2.25 for children. For ticket pricing, the Base Theater Box Office defines an adult as a patron 12 and older and defines a child as a patron from 6 to 11. Children 5 and younger are admitted free of charge. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 and younger. Patrons must present their military identification card when purchasing tickets. Call 254-7642 for recorded information.

"ParaNorman" PG Today | 7:15 p.m.

"Lawless" R Today | 9:45 p.m.

"House at the End of the Street" PG-13 Saturday | 7:15 p.m.

"Resident Evil: Retribution" R Saturday | 9:45 p.m.

"Finding Nemo" G Sunday | 2 p.m.

"Hit and Run" R Sunday | 6:30 p.m.

"Resident Evil: Retribution" R Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.