

Hawaii Marine

Rushing into danger whenever the call comes...

MCB Hawaii units train to tame flames

Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

The call came around 9 a.m. from the flight tower overseeing Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay. Within minutes, several agencies began tracking three simulated helicopter crashes that left eight Marines stranded in the surrounding area.

Although it was only a mishap drill, the Marines, sailors, Coast Guardsmen, and firefighters involved reacted on instinct with their rescue procedures. The exercise was conducted in coordination with Marine Aircraft Group 24 and MCAS, Nov. 14.

"The drill had many purposes," said Paul Anslow, director of safety for MCAS and the coordinator of the mishap drill. "Each unit involved had different objectives we wanted to observe. By planning these scenarios as realistic as possible, it makes the learning objectives more applicable and keeps their rescue techniques and procedures up to date."

Nearly two years ago, Marine Corps Base Hawaii experienced firsthand the seriousness of an aircraft mishap when a CH-53D Sea Stallion crashed in Kaneohe Bay, leaving one Marine dead and three injured.

"Not long ago, we had a serious mishap here where we had to react and work alongside the Federal Fire Department, Waterfront Operations and the Coast Guard," said Gunnery Sgt. Benjamin J. Clark, the assistant chief of operations for Aircraft Rescue Firefighting, MCAS. "We each had a function during the incident, so a big part of today is the communication between the air control tower the participating units. This is a joint operation to help the air crew and ground operations work smoothly together without any hiccups."



Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber | Hawaii Marine

Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Marines work together to spray a mock helicopter crash during an aircraft mishap drill at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Nov. 14.

During the drill, eight Marine role-players simulated three helicopter crashes that left them injured and stranded in Kaneohe Bay. The Marines contacted a rescue helicopter by employing their survival gear.

A Coast Guard helicopter and sailors from Waterfront Operations first re-

sponded to victims in the water, while Marines from Aircraft Rescue Firefighting and Federal Fire Department members reacted to a simulated crash and explosion on land. Each unit fulfilled their job by rescuing all victims and treating the injuries.

"We do big drills like this because it's

easy to get complacent," said Lance Cpl. John Gonsoulin, a firefighter with Aircraft Rescue Firefighting who role played an injured victim trapped in the bay. "Everyone involved did a great job ... they thought this drill was real. I don't

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Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

Staff Sgts. Clifford Vinson and Sean Russell, imagery analysts at Joint Intelligence Operations Center, U.S. Pacific Command, pick up toy donations from Hawaii State Ballet, Monday. Marines are once again collecting toy and monetary donations for needy families this holiday season.

Marines help ring in 'toyful' holiday season

Kristen Wong
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

This holiday season marks more than 60 years since Maj. Bill Hendricks founded Toys for Tots in Los Angeles. This year, Marines worldwide are continuing the tradition.

Spearheading this year's campaign is 4th Force Reconnaissance Company at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Staff Sgt. Edward Hans, the supply and logistics chief at 4th Force Recon, is coordinating the campaign, which includes the islands of Oahu, Molokai, Maui and Lanai.

Last year, 45,000 toys were collected for Hawaii families in need, with two gifts for each child. This year, until Dec. 14, the foundation is once again asking for donations of brand new, unwrapped toys for children ranging in age from infancy to 17 years old.

The Toys for Tots Foundation not only accepts toy donations, but monetary donations as well. The monetary donations come in handy if there is a shortage of toys for a certain age group.

"Without a community effort and donations, Toys for Tots can't work," Hans said. "The local community as well as the military community have done a great job supporting it (in the past). They're very generous and we've never had a problem getting enough toys for (needy families) so through toy donations and monetary donations we've been able to take care of everybody."

All toys will be taken to the Salvation Army, who distributes the toys to nonprofit organizations who have

registered to receive toys for families.

Marines and sailors on MCB Hawaii who, with their families, are struggling financially, can also apply to receive toys. The Marine Corps Base Hawaii Good Samaritan nonprofit organization is registered with the Salvation Army and can assist these families.

Nicole Webb, a seasoned military spouse for nearly nine years, started Marine Corps Base Hawaii Good Samaritan to help fellow military families on base. This year, Webb chose to assist with Toys for Tots.

"I'm involved in this community and I see there is a need (among some military families)," Webb said. "I wanted to do something special to help those families."

Webb is still taking applications from families seeking toys from Toys for Tots, and can be reached at 386-9692. The deadline to register with Salvation Army is Nov. 30.

In addition to the donations, many volunteers are needed each year for Toys for Tots. Hans said he would welcome volunteers who wish to help Toys for Tots. Whether collecting toys from the bins around the island, educating the community about Toys for Tots, volunteer duties will vary depending on the event.

Staff Sgt. Clifford Vinson, an imagery analyst with the Joint Intelligence Operations Center at U.S. Pacific Command recently accompanied fellow Marines to Hawaii State Ballet in Honolulu to pick up two boxes of toys the organization donated. Vinson, of Petersburg, Va., said he and his family had no plans to travel during

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SPOUSES, SERVICE MEMBERS, SIGN UP TO BE BONE MARROW DONORS

Paige Strickland fills out a registration form at the base exchange to become a bone marrow donor, Saturday. Strickland and her husband have registered to become donors in the past through the C.W. Bill Young Department of Defense Marrow Donor Program. The program is aimed at providing services for military members and their families. According to Chief Petty Officer Arvin Sales, leading chief petty officer, 21st Dental Company, only one out of 500 people who register with the program will be matched to a patient because each person has a different type of bone marrow tissue. In order for the bone marrow transplant to succeed, the patient needs to receive marrow from a donor who has the same tissue type. When a registered donor is matched with a patient, the donor will travel to one of medical facilities in the Washington, D.C. area to donate marrow. In the past, patients who received bone marrow transplants have shown improvement in fighting diseases, such as leukemia and other fatal blood infections.



Cpl. James A. Sauter | Hawaii Marine



Gobble, gasp, Gobble!
MCB Hawaii hosts annual Turkey Trot Run, **B-1**



An artsy flea
Artistic wares on sale at Art and Flea in Honolulu, **C-1**

Saturday
High 82
Low 66



Sunday
High 82
Low 66



NEWS BRIEFS

DEERS ID Card Center holiday closure

The DEERS ID Card Center is closed until Monday, in observance of Thanksgiving. Check the online appointment system at <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/> to schedule your appointment outside of the holiday closure period. Call 257-2077 with questions.

Manning Street closed due to road construction

From now through Jan. 2, 2013, Manning Street will be closed between the Lawrence Road intersection and the Manning Court (B2554-B2558) area to replace the transit water main. Access to locations west of the closure area can be made via Waikulu Drive and Arnado Street, or from Reed and Reeves Roads. For details, call 257-6896.

Call for entries for North Beach mural contest

Marine Corps Base Hawaii is hosting a mural painting competition for the North Beach changing station. Interested artists must submit a version of their idea to 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. Submissions will be judged by a selected panel and the winning artist will have the opportunity to paint their mural on the North Beach changing station.

Public Affairs Office KBAZ all-hands message

During the month of November the Public Affairs Office's KBAZ account will be deactivated. Please send KBAZ messages to vanessa.americanhors@usmc.mil. Due to permissions constraints you may not receive a KBAZ message during this time. If you would like to receive it, email Cpl. Vanessa American Horse at the address above to be added to a secondary distribution list.

Find help against stress with DSTRESS line

The DSTRESS line is for active duty, reservists, veterans and retirees, as well as their families, in the western U.S., Hawaii, and Alaska. The line helps develop the skills necessary to deal with the challenges of life in the Corps. Visit online at <http://www.DStressLine.com> or call the line at 877-476-7734.

MarForPac announces free holiday concert

The 5th annual Na Mele o na Keiki Holiday Concert is Dec. 2, at the Hawaii Theatre at 2 p.m. It will feature the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band and a variety of guest artists. This free concert is taking donations for the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots Hawaii collection effort. Free tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Hawaii Theatre Box Office.

New DEERS operations/appointment system

Starting Jan. 1, 2013, the RAPIDS/DEERS appointment system will be fully implemented at MCBH; you must make an appointment to receive service. Walk-ins are longer accepted. Appointments can be made online at <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>. Appointments are normally scheduled Monday through Friday from 7:20 a.m. to 2:40 p.m., subject to holiday closures and manpower availability. Emergency services (lost ID Card, pin reset) are available from 7:20 to 9 a.m. daily. Barracks lock-outs are no longer addressed at DEERS. The barracks manager will make replacement cards. For questions call Russell Nakahara at 257-2077.

Important phone numbers aboard MCB Hawaii

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Child Protective Service	832-5300
Fraud, Waste, Abuse & EEO	257-8852
Base Information	449-7110
MCB Hawaii Chaplain	257-3552
DEERS	257-2077

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DOD, RAINN release Safe Helpline app



Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

Those impacted by sexual assault can gain help from a new app sponsored by the Department of Defense and the Rape Abuse and Incest National Network. It is available on both Apple and Android mobile devices and features several interactive elements including a stress tracker.

Christine Cabalo

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Mobile device users now have another resource in combating sexual assault with help from the Department of Defense and Rape Abuse and Incest National Network.

The two agencies partnered together recently to create a new app assisting people impacted by sexual assault. The app is an extension of a new DOD website, Safe Helpline, featuring several tools as well as contact information to get help locally.

"Even if people have come forward and are getting help through our program, this app can be additional support," said Brenda Huntsinger, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program manager, Marine Corps Base Hawaii. "It's good for both people hesitant to come forward and for people who already have."

The app is available for Android and Apple mobile devices, with identical content. It features four sections to help users find support, learn about sexual assault, planning tools to deal with trauma and a guide to stress relieving exercises.

Interactive options include live, anonymous chatting with RAINN representatives and a stress tracker. Huntsinger said the app's stress tracker could be especially valuable for survivors, since it can help them identify triggers if they are suffering from trauma. The SAPR program manager said those who've been sexually assaulted might be surprised at how overpowering some thoughts and feelings can be, catching survivors off-guard.

"I think what's good about the app is people can track how often they're feeling depressed and when they feel better," she said. "Someone may see on the days they're running or doing other things that those activities can help their outlook."

The app's stress tracker can also use information from user responses to suggest specific exercises for survivors, said Petty Officer 2nd Class Chelsea Balcezak, uniformed victim advocate, Marine Aircraft Group 24. Balcezak said she appreciates how easy and quick the app can be to use for survivors.

"If a victim can't leave work, or is feeling suddenly overwhelmed by triggers from a flashback, they need to have a safe place," Balcezak said. "This app can guide them through that with videos and even soothing sounds."

Both Balcezak and Huntsinger said the app won't replace in-person help provided by the SAPR office or other outreach programs, but complements existing services. Huntsinger describes the app as a great bridge to help people and a good reminder that both civilian and uniformed victim advocates can further help survivors.

A total of 333 cases of sexual assault involving Marines were reported in fiscal year 2011, according to a report from the military's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Campaign 2012. To fight against sexual assault, the Marine Corps is conducting prevention training both for current noncommissioned officers and Corps recruits before they reach basic training. Information about what to do as a bystander to prevent assault and how to provide support for victims are also found on the new app. For Balcezak, it's invaluable information that makes the new app usable for loved ones and friends of sexual assault survivors.

"(The app) isn't just for Uniformed Victim Advocates," Balcezak said. "Families of survivors and anyone else can use this. It's a great tool for anybody."

For emergency assistance, call the Installation Victim Advocate Crisis 24-Hour Hotline at 216-7175. To learn more, see <https://www.safehelpline.org/>.

Headquarters Bn. gives the food off their backs

Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Marines with Headquarters Battalion loaded their packs with items not typically carried on a hike. No sleeping systems, kevlar helmets or poncho liners — only 25 pounds of food for the holidays.

Marines hiked four miles on base, carrying approximately 2,500 pounds of nonperishable food for the battalion's annual food drive, Nov. 16. The hike began at Landing Zone 216 and ended at the base chapel. The chapel also donated \$5,000.

"Marines are always looking out for each other whether it's in the field or back here in the states," said 1st Sgt. Richard Hunt, first sergeant, Headquarters Company, Headquarters Bn. "The hike is another example of Marines taking care of each other, no matter the time or place (where) help is needed."

He said the hike shows the Marines' support for the community and each other, building morale and motivation through a good cause, and allowing people to see the giving nature of Marines and sailors.

Donated canned goods were brought to the Armed Services YMCA, where volunteer Boy Scouts, and Marines with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367 and Marine Aircraft Group 24 made food baskets, for service members and their families on MCB Hawaii.

"The Marine Corps has a big heart when giving to charities, especially when families of the Marine Corps are involved," said Navy Lt. Ben Mathis, Headquarters Battalion chaplain. "Marines understand the difficulty of being away from



Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke | Hawaii Marine

Gunnery Sgt. Sara Reyes, personnel chief, Headquarters Battalion, drops off canned food goods at the base chapel, Nov. 16.

home for long periods of time and the importance of helping fellow service members. Both of these donations will really have a strong effect on a lot of people's holiday season, taking one less stress off their mind."

Many Thanksgiving food donations include pie filling, stuffing mix, canned gravy and canned pumpkin.

Families interested in food baskets need to get a referral from their chain of command or social services program on base,

to be eligible for food baskets. The referrals are due by Dec. 12 for Christmas.

After the referral is turned into the Armed Services YMCA on base, food baskets will be available Dec. 18 through 19 for pick up.

The hike is an annual event that gives Marines an opportunity to help the community through a worthy cause while getting some physical training, said Lt. Col. Carolyn D. Bird, commanding officer, Headquarters Bn.

AROUND THE CORPS

26th MEU returns from New York



Cpl. Michael Lockett | 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

The Marines and sailors of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit disembark from USS Wasp (LHD-1) at Naval Station Norfolk, Va., after supporting disaster relief operations in New York in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, Nov. 12.

Cpl. Michael Lockett
26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — The 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit returned to Camp Lejeune Nov. 12, after providing support to disaster relief operations in New York following Hurricane Sandy.

The 26th MEU, with aviation support from Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 467 and Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 366 out of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., assisted local and federal emergency and disaster relief organizations in beginning clean up of the brutally damaged areas.

"We stand united when disasters like this happen. We came together to get the job done," said Cpl. Dylan Pierce, an operations clerk from New Bern, N.C. "It goes beyond just the Marine Corps. We went out as Americans helping Americans."

The MEU deployed Nov. 1, flying north in MV-22B Osprey's organic to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 266 Reinforced, the MEU's aviation combat element. Marines and sailors flew to USS Wasp (LHD-1), an amphibious assault ship specifically designed and positioned for the purpose of supporting the 26th MEU's mission.

"I saw neighbors helping neighbors. That kind of attitude – that kind of resiliency – is one of the things that makes America great. The ability to look around, see that something needs to get done, and begin helping ourselves," said Capt. Glenn Jensen, anti-terrorism force protection officer from Peoria, Ariz.

With elements from all of the reinforcements of the unit embarked aboard ship, 26th MEU Marines and sailors began conducting operations on Staten Island and Queens. Marines flew into the affected areas and linked up with local authorities to enable the most efficient use of the resources the MEU represented.

"I think it shows that no matter where you are, we can be there," said Pierce. "We were called up and deployed within 24 hours."

Marines on the ground assisted by clearing debris out of the streets and alleys, allowing Marine engineers to pump standing water out of neighborhoods flooded by the storm surge. "I appreciate being able to go out and make a difference when someone

needed help," Pierce said.

Other teams of Marines cleaned up Staten Island, filling dozens of trash trucks full of debris from destroyed homes and infrastructure that had washed inland and was blocking points of access throughout the narrow streets. Marines also assisted Red Cross personnel in handing out food and supplies to families whose houses were unlivable.

MEU Marines and sailors were in support of missions assigned by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and worked alongside personnel from the Navy, National Guard, and Air Force. "There were all four armed services, together, in one location, moving out, accomplishing the same goal," said Jensen. "It wasn't just us."

All of this was completed while operating from USS Wasp, relying on the ship, rather than the already-fragile local infrastructure, resources, and facilities already taxed to capacity. Marines were able to avoid hang-ups on clogged and damaged roads by flying or riding landing craft straight to the affected areas, and then recovering each night back to the ship.

Sea-based operations provided the MEU a degree of versatility not afforded to other units operating in the area, due to their reliance on wheeled vehicles trying to navigate the damaged infrastructure. Marines were able to get exactly where they were needed, accomplish their task quickly and effectively, and leave without requiring support from local organizations.

"That ability for us to not be in the situation – to not be a drain on resources in the situation – is huge. It's what makes the MEU successful in a lot of different operations – for a humanitarian assistance and disaster relief situation especially. Instead of having to feed us, house us ... we're able to take care of our own basic necessities, and that's all done on the ship," Jensen said.

The 26th MEU, currently training for its upcoming deployment, will continue readying itself for future operations all over the world, both afloat and ashore during its 2013 deployment. As an expeditionary force operating from the sea, the MEU is a Marine Air-Ground Task Force capable of conducting amphibious operations, crisis response, and limited contingency operations.



Sgt. Ray Lewis | U.S. Marine Corps Forces Reserve

Marine 1st Lt. Cody J. Carroll salutes Sgt. Maj. Dennis J. Schager after he is presented the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device by his former U.S. Army commanding officer at the 3rd Force Reconnaissance Company's compound in Mobile, Ala., Nov. 10.

Marine awarded Bronze Star Medal for actions while in Army

Sgt. Ray Lewis and Cpl. Michael Ito

U.S. Marine Corps Forces Reserve

MOBILE, Ala. — The enemy had the hostages. Taliban forces had overtaken observation post Bari Ali and captured coalition troops. Then-Army Staff Sgt. Cody J. Carroll was part of an elite group of special operations forces called in to execute the rescue.

Carroll was a sniper by trade, so when he and his observer were dropped in, they immediately went to work. Within an hour of establishing a position, Carroll located the insurgent leader responsible for the attack on Bari Ali. He peered through his scope at the figure more than 750 yards away, and pulled the trigger.

The bullet travelled the length of more than seven football fields before passing through a small opening in a house and finding the chest of its intended target.

The next day, upon receiving reports of a weapon cache in the area, Carroll successfully identified the cache, pinpointed its location, and requested the airstrike that eventually destroyed the cache

along with any hope of a counterattack the enemy still held.

But Carroll knew his job wasn't done yet. There was a Taliban sniper targeting American troops in the same valley he was in. So over the next two days, Carroll made several solo trips across enemy lines in hopes of finding the sniper. Once he found him, he took a single shot that struck the enemy in the face. The Americans no longer had to worry about that sniper.

Those actions earned Carroll a Bronze Star Medal with a combat "V" device for valor. The ceremony to officially bestow Carroll the honor was held Nov. 10 at the unit's compound here. More than 100 service members, friends and family gathered to watch Carroll pinned with the fourth-highest award for military bravery.

Carroll's road to this point was long and a bit unorthodox. Initially enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1997, he served as a crew chief aboard UH-1N "Huey" helicopters. He then pursued his long-held dream of being part of a special operations unit when he applied for, and was accepted to, the Basic Reconnaissance

Course. Even though he was so close to his dream, Carroll failed the course.

As a result, upon his return to his duty station, he began the Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Education Program and later served as an infantry officer. Even though he failed the BRC, he knew special operations was where he wanted to be. Keeping stock in his vision, Carroll enlisted in the Army in 2007 and later joined Special Operations Task Force — 92. After the heroics that earned him the Bronze Star Medal, Carroll left the Army and took a post in the Marine Corps Reserve. He attempted the BRC one more time.

He passed.

Carroll is now the platoon commander for 3rd Force Reconnaissance Company, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve. He is doing what he loves and looking for more.

"I'd like to stay with 3rd Recon as long as they will have me," he said. "If (Marine Corps Special Operations Command) ever has a reserve component, I'd do that. I really enjoy working in small teams and on special operations."

2/7 Marines provide security for Operation Golden Gate

Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr.

Regional Command Southwest

AFGHANISTAN — Combat engineers man their heavy equipment, pushing thousands of pounds of earth around while building and improving an area vital to the progression of southern Afghanistan.

To enable the Marines, sailors and soldiers to focus on the mission at hand and to alleviate the worry of constantly looking over their shoulders for an enemy threat, the Marines of Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 7 are present and providing security.

Operation Golden Gate is the first major operation being conducted by RCT-7. It will provide the Sangin and Musa Qal'ah Districts with a bridge to connect the two regions and aid in boosting local commerce and improving quality of life.

"For Golf Company, it's definitely an honor to be a part of a big project like this," said Capt. Miles G. Warren, the company's commanding officer. "We've done minor platoon level operations, but nothing with this high of visibility on it."

Golf Company plays a big part in this operation by keeping the enemy fighters at bay and protecting the troops on the ground from the local patrol base, which overlooks the entire construction area.

"Right now our main job is to provide security to the north and east of the Helmand River for the bridge construction," said 1st Lt. Michael K. Murtaugh, Fourth platoon commander with Golf Co. "We're usually here for about two days at a time and with the platoons we have back at (Forward Operating Base) Sabit Qadam, it usually works out to us coming out here every week or so."

Four platoons are tasked with the cumbersome mission of providing watch to the area, each one taking the burden of standing post for hours in the heat of the afternoon sun and during the cold, unforgiving nights in Sangin.

"No one wants to stand post, but there's a purpose behind it," said Cpl. Kyle M. Taormino, squad leader with Fourth platoon. "Everybody has to do their part. It's good what we're doing, and it brings a sense of security to the guys on the ground. I know I would feel safer if I knew I had a bunch of (infantrymen) watching my back."

The Marines of Golf Company are used to taking the fight to the enemy, returning fire when fired upon and sending the insurgents on the retreat. As they provide security for Operation Golden Gate, they take the fight to the enemy in a different way by enabling the local people and creating an infrastructure that will last for years to come.

'Island Warriors' participate in Exercise Keen Sword 2013

**Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Adam Miller**
III Marine Expeditionary Force

USS DENVER, Japan — Marines and Japan Ground Self-Defense Force members commenced their maritime participation in Exercise Keen Sword 2013 aboard USS Denver, Nov. 8. Keen Sword, which ended Nov. 17, is a regularly scheduled, joint, bilateral exercise between U.S. and Japanese forces at training

locations throughout Japan. Marines, sailors and JGSDF members participated in Keen Sword for more than two weeks on Okinawa, including base security operations in the Central Training Area at Camp Hansen. Keen Sword allows the U.S. and Japan to practice coordination procedures and improve interoperability. Those joint skills are required to effectively defend Japan or respond to any kind of crises throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

"The purpose of (Keen Sword) is bilateral integration of both naval and ground assets between the Japan Self-Defense Force and United States forces," said Maj. Jonathan L. Hayes, the company commander for Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, which is assigned to 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "This training not only makes us better warfighters, but also helps Japan's forces develop while increasing our interoperability."

During Keen Sword, Echo Company, along with Marines with Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, will conduct a mock amphibious operation. "I want to get my Marines back in the water, which is something the Marine Corps should be doing all of the time," Hayes said. Although the Marine Corps is inherently amphibious, in the past decade, it has not conducted many amphibious operations because of its efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq, according to Hayes.

"The relevance of amphibious operations is very important strategically for the U.S. and Japan, especially with the potential for natural disasters and crises in this region," said Hayes. "It is important we conduct this training with Japan, one of our most important allies." In 1960, the U.S. and Japan signed the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security, forging an alliance built on a shared vision of peace, prosperity, democracy and regional stability. Keen Sword is one example of the U.S. and Japan

continuing to strengthen the alliance and meet the treaty's goals. "This is a great opportunity for us to conduct an exercise with our ally and to learn about their strengths while seeing how we can best support each other in different scenarios," said 1st Lt. David A. Miller Jr., a platoon commander with Echo Company. "During Keen Sword, the Marines get to interact and train with their brothers-in-arms from Japan, which will strengthen our countries' relationship."



Marines test communication equipment and other mechanical features of their amphibious assault vehicle during Exercise Keen Sword 2013 Nov. 9. The two-week exercise finished Nov. 17 and included Marines from Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine alongside Japanese military forces.



Marines practice their amphibious assault vehicle driving skills during Exercise Keen Sword 2013. Members of Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment participated in the exercise.



Marines maneuver an amphibious assault vehicle launched from USS Denver during Exercise Keen Sword 2013 Nov. 9. U.S. military and Japan Ground Self-Defense Force personnel trained alongside each other at locations throughout Japan during Keen Sword, a regularly-scheduled, joint, bilateral exercise. The Marines are with Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.



1/12 HOSTS TOWNHALL MEETING, DISCUSSES FUTURE PLANS

Lt. Col. Michael Roach, battalion commander of 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, talks to the unit's Marines, sailors and families about the future of 1st Bn., 12th Marines during a townhall meeting at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii base chapel, Monday. The meeting was an opportunity for families to voice their opinions and concerns about issues, including the unit's future deployments and how the military drawdown will affect them. Roach explained that the meeting was the best way to clear any confusion and hear everything from the unit's senior leadership. "We're here to inform the families of the large and small events in the Marine Corps and how it affects them," Roach said. "This is showing all the Marines, sailors and families what this battalion is doing for the next year. They deserve to know what's going on."



Cpl. James A. Sauter | Hawaii Marine

From small Hawaiian island to Afghanistan, Marine experiences new adventures

Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr.

Regional Command Southwest

FORWARD OPERATING BASE SABIT QADAM, Afghanistan — Hailing from the 50th state in the United States, Wailuku, Hawaii, native, Lance Cpl. Michael J. Bumanglag, left sunny beaches and surfing for the sands and mountains of Afghanistan.

With an ambition for a change of scenery and new adventures, Bumanglag decided to join the Marine Corps.

"I just wanted to go out and see the world," said Bumanglag, 19. "A Marine was just always something I wanted to be since I was little. It looked cool in movies."

While his mind was set on joining the Marine Corps, his parents were not initially supportive of his decision.

"My mom wasn't about it," said Bumanglag jokingly. "She made a big deal about it. My father said the same thing. He didn't want me to go in any service."

With his mind made up and his parents slowly supporting his choice, he jumped head first into the military lifestyle.

Bumanglag has an affinity for the "cool" things, even growing up he spent his time doing things



Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr. | Regional Command Southwest

Lance Cpl. Michael J. Bumanglag, a rifleman with 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 7, joined the Marine Corps for a change of scenery and to find new adventures. From Wailuku, Hawaii, Bumanglag grew up exploring and enjoying the outdoors, which provided an easy transition for him into the physically demanding Marine Corps.

most would have to travel to enjoy.

"Growing up in Hawaii was all right," said Bumanglag. "You go to the beach, surf a lot, fishing, diving, camping, just a lot of nature stuff."

Being that active growing up allowed him to transition into his current life as a rifleman fairly easy.

"It was easier than most. A lot of people struggle with it," said Bumanglag about joining the infantry. "I grew up outdoors and being active, so it was pretty easy for me."

Now serving with 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 7, Bumanglag has had an opportunity to experience all new adventures and has his sights set on more in the future.

"We're from Twentynine Palms, so all the training people do for (Enhanced) Mojave Viper we do year-round,

'said Bumanglag. "So it's a lot of live-fire ranges and shooting a lot of different weapons."

One weapon he hopes to pick up is a sniper rifle.

"I was thinking of becoming a scout sniper," said Bumanglag. "My recruiter was one, and he told me about it. I plan on trying out for the next (indoctrination) as soon as we get back from deployment."

Having been in a little more than a year, Bumanglag's Marine Corps career is just starting, and his new adventures are just what he had hoped.

MISHAP, from A-1

think you can get any better training than that.”

Though the drill was designed to enhance aviation safety, it afforded personnel the opportunity to partner with various federal, state, and military agencies.

“It was a good learning experience because I was able to see what Marines do in a mishap in accordance with what everyone else does,” Gonsoulin said. “The key factor in all of this is not whether or not the Coast Guard can do their job, or if the firefighters can, but if we all can do our job together for the quickest and most effective response.”

TOYS, from A-1

the holidays and he had extra time to volunteer.

“(Toys for Tots is) an opportunity not only to volunteer, but also the (children receiving gifts) have a good holiday season,” Vinson, 28, said.

Staff Sgt. Sean Russell, also an imagery analyst at JIOC, PACOM, was collecting the toys with Vinson at Hawaii State Ballet. Russell, of Bradford, Penn., has volunteered for Toys for Tots for six years. He said he enjoys seeing how happy the children are to receive toys. He also enjoyed collecting toys from the young ballet dancers, who asked questions about his dress blue bravos uniform, his ribbons and badges.

“For me, personally, it’s fun to do,” Russell said. “It’s a great way to represent the Marine Corps and do something good.”

There are various locations on island where people can drop off donations, which are scheduled to be posted on the website soon. On base, there are collection boxes at several places, including the Semper Fit Center, the pass house, the Marine Mart, and the Marine Corps Exchange.

Upcoming events in the community are also being hosted to collect donations, including Street Bikers United Hawaii’s annual toy parade, Dec. 2, 11 a.m. at Magic Island in Ala Moana Beach Park. U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific is also hosting its annual Na Mele O Na Keiki concert, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. at Hawaii Theatre in Honolulu. For more information, visit <http://kaneohe-bay-hi.toysfortots.org>, or call Hans at 348-4532.



Jelena Kornicer, 10, Anela Mosqueda, 8, dancers from the Hawaii State Ballet and Staff Sgt. Clifford Vinson go through toy donations in Honolulu, Monday. Volunteering Marines will accept toy and monetary donations.

Sports & Health

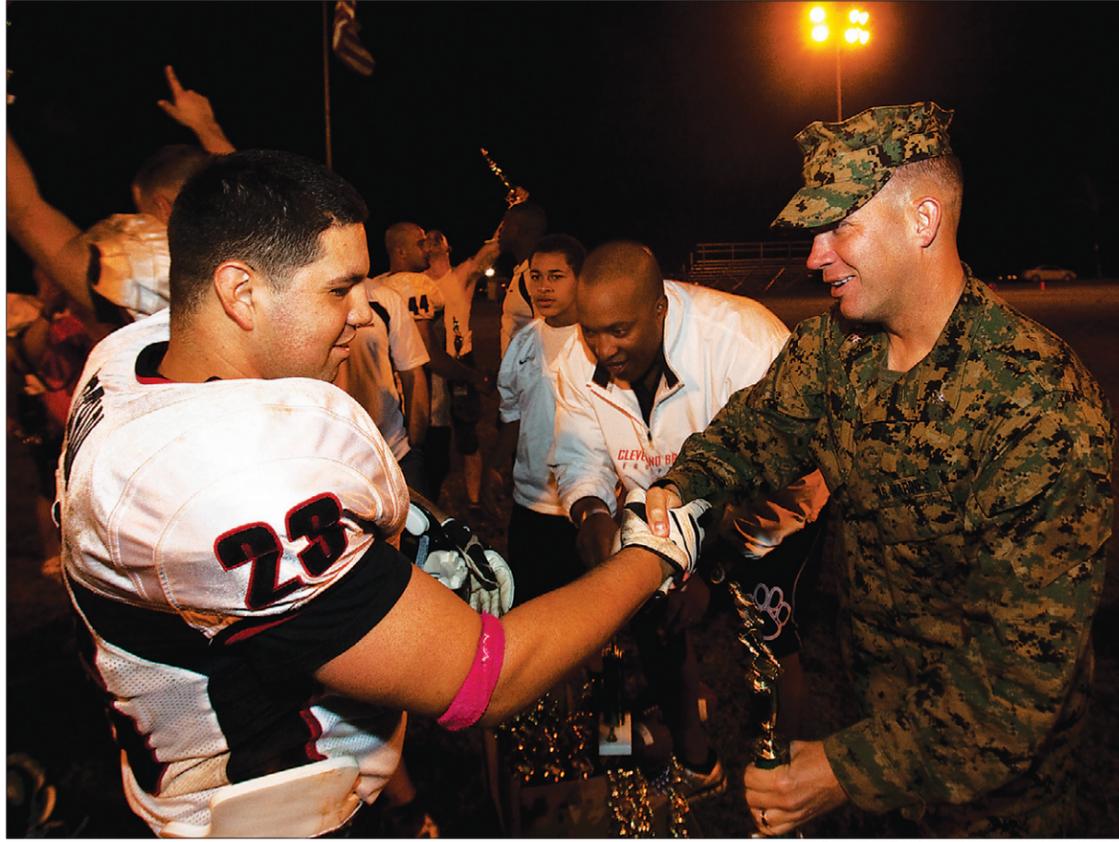
Here comes the Boom!

1/12 Savages are 2012 intramural football champions

Cpl. James A. Sauter
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

CAMP H.M. SMITH — Through blood, sweat, dirt, crashing helmets and ripped jerseys, players of the 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, Savages battled the Marine Aircraft Group 24 Bandits and claimed victory, 40-31, during the intramural football league championship game at Bordelon Field on Camp H. M. Smith, Tuesday.

The Savages wasted no time proving to the Bandits they were there to win when the Savages scored minutes into the first quarter. Many loyal 1st Bn., 12th Marines fans came out to support the Savages with a boisterous chant, "here comes the boom!" every time the team scored and kicked the



Photos by Cpl. James A. Sauter | Hawaii Marine
Marcos Estrada, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, defensive tackle, receives a trophy from Lt. Col. Michael Roach, 1/12 battalion commander, after winning the intramural football league championship at Bordelon Field, Tuesday.

ball to the Bandits. The Savages' defense was equally imposing in the first quarter when they halted the Bandits' running game. The Bandits fumbled the ball but retained possession when the first quarter ended, 7-0.

"It's been a challenge to prepare for tonight because we have so many players not being able to make it to practice due to training and other things," said Gregory Burkes, Savages' safety. "Nothing has really changed from the first time we played the Bandits at the beginning of the season. We just came out tonight and did what we've been doing since then — playing hard and leaving it on the field."

Recovering from the mishaps in the first quarter, the Bandits started the second by running the ball to the 35-yard line and then threw a deep pass to their receiver in the endzone, tying the game 7-7. The Savages countered with another touchdown, retaking the lead 13-7. However, they failed at the field goal attempt. The second quarter entered its last minute but neither team let up the pressure as touchdowns drove up the scores. Still, the Savages came out on top, 25-15, when the game rolled into halftime.

"This first half was little tough because we were confused on some of the plays they were running," Burkes said. "After talking with coach, we got ourselves a game plan and we're ready for the second half."

What appeared to be the quickest, and most brutal, half of the game, the Savages pounded the Bandits into submission as the Savages scored two more touchdowns, 37-15, before the third quarter ended.

When the fourth and final quarter of the championship started, the Bandits scored a touchdown and a two-point conversion, 37-23. The Savages tried to accomplish another endzone pass but came up short and kicked a field goal instead. With the score at 40-23, the Bandits made another touchdown and extra two points but desperately exhausted their timeouts to stop the clock. Both teams wouldn't stop until the final second of the game was up. The championship finally ended with a savage victory for 1st Bn., 12th Marines, 40-31.

"I feel absolutely amazing and blessed," said Rodney Harris, Savages' head coach. "These guys earned and deserve everything that they've done this season. The only reason why we beat the Bandits in our first game was because they dropped a touchdown in the endzone. I don't think this team is better than the others but we have more depth in character to persevere through the games when we were short handed. Now, we're the base champions on the island!"

For more information about intramural sports, contact the intramural sports director at 254-7591.



Gregory Burkes, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, Savages' safety, tackles the Marine Aircraft Group 24 Bandits' quarterback during the intramural football league championship game at Bordelon Field, Tuesday.

Turkey Trot runners triumph despite rainfall

Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Rain poured onto Dewey Square as runners splashed their way across the finish line in the 2012 Turkey Trot, coordinated by Marine Corps Community Services and 3rd Radio Battalion. The 10K race was one of 10 in the 2012 Commanding Officers' Fitness Series, and like all previous races before it; there was an abundant attendance of Marines, veterans, sailors, and volunteers that showed up for the challenge, regardless of the inclement weather.

Before starting the race, approximately 215 runners received their numbers and were put into male and female divisions, as well as age divisions. They were then explained course details before embarking on their journey around base. At 8 a.m. the volunteers crowded behind the starting line at Dewey Square and waited for the gunshot that signified the start of the race. The runners then ran a two-lap course from Mokapu Road, around Kansas Tower Hill, and finished back at Dewey Square under a collection of rain clouds.

"We had a lot of people show in support of the race," said Megan Early, MCCS coordinator, 2012 Turkey Trot. "The weather was not ideal, we got rained on pretty hard, but we were still



Courtesy photo
Participants from the 2011 Turkey Trot start the last and final race for the 2011 Commander Fitness Series. More than 200 people participated in the 10K race that started and ended at Pop Warner Field.

able to have a good time. It was the last race of this year and we weren't going to let some rain stop the fun."

Andrew Heck was the first to finish for the males, while Heidi Goedeke finished first for the females.

"I remember when we were taking off from Mokapu at the start of the race and I saw Andrew already light-years in front of me," said Michael Trenton, a Navy veteran and participant in the race. "I took it easy and just ran for fun. I'm not in the best of shape but you don't have to be a world class athlete to come out

here and have a good time. Who doesn't like running in the rain?"

Following the race, children were given goodie bags while seven turkeys were given out for the holidays.

When asked what his favorite part about the morning was, Adrian Stevens, 11, said he just enjoyed running with his family right before Thanksgiving.

"I ran kind of slow but I got to run with my family in the rain which was crazy," Stevens said with a smile. "I got all wet because the people running in front of me would splash water all over

my shorts, so by the time I finished I was soaked."

The fastest run time was Andrew Heck with 38:02 while Heidi Goedeck finished first for the females with a time of 40:28.

MCCS and 3rd Radio Battalion hold the run every year and all proceeds go toward the sponsoring unit. For race results, go to <http://www.mccshawaii.com/pdfs/2012TurkeyTrotResults>. For more information about the races of Commanding Officer's Fitness Series, visit <http://www.mccshawaii.com/cgfit.shtml>.



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.

Can Notre Dame complete final task before big show?

Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke VS. Lance Cpl. Jacob Barber

BARBER: Notre Dame accomplished their mission this past week by becoming the only team still undefeated in college football. During the preseason the Irish were ranked #83, and since then they have put on quite a show for critics around the sports world. The Irish are a team that plays well together and I see potential in the upcoming years. However, they do not have the offensive tools to remain unbeaten this year. With an offensive ranking of 46 and a defensive ranking of 12, they're going to have to do a lot more in Los Angeles than put on a show if they want to beat a team that is better on both sides of the ball.

KNAPKE: Matt Barkley is out for a 7-4 USC team, and against a thriving Notre Dame defense, this will prove costly. Notre Dame has season long momentum on their side. Max Wittek will make his first attempt at playing football for USC. This reason alone makes me want to watch the game. The chances of Max Wittek performing at the level need to beat one of the hottest

teams in the NCAA are very unlikely. I'm projecting an epic fail by the USC offense and a mission complete by the Notre Dame defense.

BARBER: Max Wittek has played in nine games for USC and has a 88 percent completion rating. I understand he is a freshman, and I'm fully aware he hasn't thrown as many passes as Barkley this year, but Wittek excels at the short pass for big gain. By taking a look at Notre Dame's defensive statistics, you can see it doesn't take a prime-time quarterback to embarrass their defense. I think you also have to look at the fact everyone hates the SEC right now, and there are more maroon and gold supporters now than ever. The Trojans will come out at home, feeling the anger and embarrassment of their wasted season, and will play like Hector himself is leading the pack.

KNAPKE: The University of Southern California did get embarrassed last week with another loss. I don't see how the embarrassment of losing to an average UCLA team



KNAPKE



BARBER

is going to make them play better against Notre Dame. If anything the chance of going to a National Championship will trump those emotions of USC anytime of the day. This Notre Dame team is hungry for redemption, after some less than bad past seasons. After Notre Dame experienced those bad seasons, their players gained much experience due to the amount of playing time acquired. This experience, talent, owned by the Notre Dame team, is going to carry them through the USC game, giving them a great chance at the BCC championship title.

BARBER: The Irish have no shot at a championship. They've had a great season thanks to the "Luck of the Irish" but even luck won't help them beat USC at home. You forget that Notre Dame has yet to play an offense like the Trojans', and I haven't even mentioned the Sports Illustrated curse that has single-handedly crushed the dreams of players, teams, and coaches alike. Look it up. The Irish have a lot on the line in this game while the Trojans have nothing to lose. The

USC season is over and all eyes are on coach Lane Kiffin as he fires his team up for one final game. A game he needs to win, a game for his team's redemption, and a rivalry game that goes far beyond Notre Dames perfect record. The Irish will lose.

KNAPKE: I'm not quite sure how having the "Luck of the Irish" is bad. Whether you believe in it or not, I would much rather have some luck on my side than none at all. You can look at many big games played in the past and notice the winner probably had some luck on their side. Now, I'm not saying this is somehow going to put them over the edge of winning or losing. But if the offense of USC is so good then how did they manage to lose four games? Obviously Matt Barkley isn't the only weak-link in the Trojan offense. Not to mention Lane Kiffin, USC head coach, is questionable to be at USC next season. A USC team with nothing to lose, and a Notre Dame team with everything to lose, this sets up for a great rivalry game for any football fan to enjoy.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

Children can HITT hard at gym

Sign up to increase speed, quickness and agility with "HITT for Kids." The program is a modified High Intensity Tactical Training clinic, running from Dec. 11 through Dec. 20. Students who sign up will learn techniques to help in youth sports as well as with their overall physical fitness.

The classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays and divided into two groups for children ages 5-9 and ages 10-18. Space is limited. To register call 254-7597 or download the online form at <http://www.mccshawaii.com/pdfs/2012DecHITTForKids.pdf>.

Take a swing in the 2012 Kaneohe Klipper Club Championship

Sign up for this last single elimination golf match of the year. Finalists compete in a full 18-hole finale. Register for the championship by Nov. 28 with matches starting Dec. 2.

For more information, call 254-1745 or see the form online at <http://www.mccshawaii.com/golf.shtml#champ>.

Adult classes sail in Kaneohe Bay

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 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 tickets available now

Pro Bowl tickets are on sale at the Information, Tickets and Tours office. Each military identification cardholder is limited to six tickets. The office will offer tickets until they are sold out. For more information, call 254-7563.

Exercise in winter with Kid Fit

Children can stay fit during their school break with Kid Fit. The classes are available Dec. 17, 19 and 21, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Call the Semper Fit Center for details at 254-7597.

Find your strength at HITT Center

Work out with kettle bells, TRX Trainers and more at the center located in Bldg. 1034 near the Satellite Gym. Units can check out the center's key from the Satellite Gym and may schedule sessions at least one day in advance. The center is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. For details, call 254-7594 or 257-7597.

Join 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 will still apply). Participants must

present their military identification and badge upon entering the facility after completing the class. For details, call 254-7597.

Cosmic Bowling at K-Bay Lanes

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

Can't swim? Learn at MCBH pool

Adult lessons are available for ages 16 and up at the base pool. Pre-registration is required and the rates are per half-hour of instruction. For more information, call 254-7655.

Adults can take up Taekwondo

Learn good form, sparring and more from second degree black belt Andrell Durden. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday or Saturday. Discounts available for family members who sign up together. To register, call 254-7597.

SERGEANTS STRIKE

Sgt. John Coe, logistics chief, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, aims at a punching bag defended by Sgt. Skylor Haynes, fiscal chief, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific. The two were among several sergeants completing Marine Corps Martial Arts Program training for the current Sergeants' Course.



Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

ENERGY CORNER

Make the drops to watts connection

Many Americans know about the importance of saving energy, and many know about the importance of saving water. But few know about the direct connection between saving both. We turn on the bathroom lights and the shower without realizing



how closely related water and electricity are to each other. The truth is vast amounts of energy are used to pump, treat, deliver, and heat our nation's water.

Approximately four percent of the nation's electricity consumption is used moving or treating

water and wastewater. Considerable amounts of energy also go to heat water for bathing, shaving, cooking, and cleaning our homes, dishes, and clothes. In homes with electric water heaters, one-quarter of the households' electricity is used to heat water. Given how closely related saving water is to saving energy, one of the best ways to save energy across the country and in our own homes is to use water more efficiently.

One of the simplest ways to save both water and energy is to install water-efficient plumbing fixtures. The WaterSense label makes it easy to identify toilets, faucets, and accessories that not only save water, but reduce your energy bills. Installing WaterSense labeled faucet aerators in your bathrooms, for example, costs just a few dollars but could save you enough electricity to dry your hair every day for a year.

There are hundreds of WaterSense-labeled toilets and bathroom sink faucets and faucet accessories to choose from. What's more, you can be sure the products will not only save resources, but they

will perform to your expectations. WaterSense labeled products must achieve independent, third-party testing and certification to prove they meet Environmental Protection Agency's rigorous criteria for both efficiency and performance before they can earn the label. For more information, visit <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/>.

Source: <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/pubs/waterenergy.html>.



COMMUNITY EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER LISTINGS

See the MCB Hawaii Christmas Tree Lighting

The annual MCB Hawaii Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 29 at 5 p.m. at the base chapel. Kick off the holiday season at the annual MCB Hawaii Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Join in the sing-along as the Windward Choral Society leads us through a variety of Christmas carols. Winners of the Mokapu Elementary School art and essay contest will have their material displayed around the grand tree and the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band will provide lively holiday music. Rumor has it that a certain man in a red suit may also be making an appearance for the children. The event is free and open to all military members, DoD civilians and their families.

Free Kuhio Beach Hula performance

There will be performances of authentic Hawaiian music and hula shows by Hawaii's finest hula halau (dance troupes) and Hawaiian performers Tuesday, Nov. 27 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Kuhio Beach Hula Mound. The program opens with the traditional blowing of the conch shell. Kuhio Beach Hula Mound is near the Duke Kahanamoku statue, beachside at

Uluniu & Kalakaua Avenue in Waikiki. Weather permitting. Outdoors, casual. Seating on the grass; beach chairs, mats etc. okay. Bring your camera. For more information, call 843-8002.

Boot Camp for New Dads volunteers wanted

Coaches are needed for the "Boot Camp for New Dads" sponsored by the Military and Family Support Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Volunteers must be fathers who are comfortable and experienced with infant care. Coaches must be available for classes on Saturday evenings, lift up 45 pounds or more and commit to coaching three to four boot camp sessions per calendar year. For more information, call 474-1999, extension 6102.

Here's looking at you, Sunset on the Beach

Enjoy a free showing of "Casablanca" and food vendors serving up Moroccan dishes during the latest Sunset on the Beach session scheduled Nov. 30. Live entertainment from deejays and more will also be playing at the Queen's Surf Beach in Waikiki. The fun starts at 4 p.m., with movies shown after sunset.

Help out Marine Thrift Store Kaneohe Bay

The thrift store is on the lookout for volunteers to help sort donations and work at the store. The store is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is closed on Sundays, Wednesdays and federal holidays. Call ahead at 636-9074.

Celebrate the season at Makiki District Park

Celebrate Christmas at Makiki District Park with the rest of the community Dec. 1 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. This free event is open to all ages and includes children's games and crafts, entertainment, refreshments and an opportunity to visit with Santa. The park is located in Honolulu at 1527 Keeaumoku Street. For more information, call the park at 522-7084.

Leathernecks Comedy and Entertainment Tour

The Leathernecks Comedy and Entertainment Tour is scheduled for Dec. 12 at Dewey Square featuring comedian Gabriel Iglesias and singer Kimberly Cole from 1 to 3 p.m.

MARINE MAKEPONO

Kitten Adoption. Scrappy is a 6-month-old domestic short-haired cat. He is very loving, and loves to play chasing toys just as much as he loves to sleep. Scrappy is a clean indoor cat. He plays well with children as well as dogs and is very sweet and docile and not aggressive whatsoever. Any supplies I've accrued during the time I've fostered him are available upon adoption for free. Scrappy is very loved and it's unfortunate I am unable to keep him being that he is an amazing, low-maintenance pet with the best personality I've ever known a kitten to have. He does enjoy getting his back massaged every now and then and has the cutest meow that sounds just like a faint kazoo. Call Ku'uipo Rodas at 377-0716 if interested.

Apartment for rent. Two-bedroom, 1.5 bath Kailua apartment available. \$1975 per month. Rental lease includes water and digital cable with Showtime Premium channel. Apartment has new washer/dryer in unit, air conditioning, full kitchen, night security guard and two parking stalls (one covered and one outside) that are close to building elevator. Pets are not allowed in unit. One-year lease available with security deposit due at the signing of the contract. To make an appointment, call Jesse at 728-2331.

If you would like to sell, buy or trade something in the Marine Makepono section of the Hawaii Marine, fill out a form at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Public Affairs Office in Building 216, Room 19. Please have your Military ID and a short write-up of what you'd like to run. You can fill out the form on the spot or return it to the office later. Emails, faxes and telephone calls are not accepted for Makepono classified ads. Marine Makepono may only be used by active duty, reserve, retirees or their immediate families.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH NMCRS K-BAY

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is a nonprofit organization run by volunteers that aids and supports Marines, sailors and their families. We offer financial counseling, Budget for Baby workshops, education tuition scholarships/assistance and interest-free loans and grants. As a predominately volunteer-run organization we are constantly looking for individuals who would be interested in helping with our various programs.



- **Build your resume**
- **Develop new skill sets with free training**
- **Childcare and mileage reimbursement available to all volunteers**
- **Broad range of volunteer opportunities available**

Call 257-1972 or email lauren.giblin@nmcrs.org, for more information.

NMCRS offers a variety of ways you can contribute as a volunteer. Do you have a background in finance? Or maybe you're interested in learning more about financial counseling and helping others out of debt? If so, we would love to have you as a caseworker.

Perhaps you're more interested in helping new and expecting parents prepare for a new baby? You would make a perfect instructor for our Budget for Baby class.

Do you enjoy public speaking and meeting new people? We would love to have you aboard as part of our Publicity and Marketing team to be an ambassador for NMCRS.

No matter what your interests are as long as you have the time and want to give back to Marines, sailors and their families, we have a place for you at NMCRS K-Bay!

Hawaii Marine Lifestyles



Adair Hill, artist and owner of The Art Truck, displays several paintings from both student and professional artists. The Art Truck sells paintings for artists, driving to various events around Oahu. Hill said he was inspired by food trucks, selling art out of his instead.

Discover Treasures at Art and Flea

Story and photos by
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HONOLULU — Find a fresh outlook and one-of-kind pieces at the Art and Flea showcase held monthly at Fresh Cafe.

Local artists offer a wide variety of original artwork, handmade items and vintage finds. The only items shoppers won't find are foreign imported goods or mass-produced items.

"It's a place to be yourself and be inspired," said Aly Ishikuni, co-founder of the event as well as a musician and fashion designer. "Art and Flea is a collaboration with other creative minds. We're not so serious, and we have different fun themes each month with eating contests."

Attendees at previous markets have competed to own the ugliest Christmas sweater and ate as much birthday cake as they could stomach while celebrating the market's two-year anniversary. Art and Flea attendees of today's market can take the challenge to eat the most turkey bacon in honor of Thanksgiving.

Art and Flea offers a venue for musicians, disc jockeys, student artists and local artists at Fresh Cafe and in additional showcases in Chinatown. The creative atmosphere has attracted artists and crafters from all over the state. Kauai artists like Michi from Michi Art and recycled T-shirt crafter Courtney Zietz of See That Fly were at last week's Chinatown showcase.

"In Kauai there aren't as many opportunities for artists," said Zietz, who creates silk-screen tote bags from T-shirts. "There are farmers' markets and galleries, but not as much room for our selections."

Adair Hill, a local painter, brought his newest masterpiece to last week's Art and Flea: The Art Truck.

"I took a spin on the food truck concept," Hill said. "If we sell burritos out of a truck, why not do it with art?"

Hill sells the work of other artists from the back of his truck, changing locations every day. He said the market and truck allows artists to focus more on creating their art and less on the headaches of selling their art.

The market's crafters, including Marcus Almarza, never have to worry about productivity when they



Courtney Zietz, owner of See That Fly, holds up one of several of her creations made from recycled T-shirts. Zietz recycles the old shirts and makes tote bags with her own personal silk screen designs.

appear at Art and Flea. Almarza, who has handcrafted fishing nets as a hobby since the 1970s, said the venue allows him to do what he loves now he's retired.

"It keeps me going," he said. "Weaving nets keeps my mind alert and my hands busy."

Ishikuni said she and her fellow coordinators work to feature local artists and crafters as well as reach out to the community. During today's Art and Flea, shoppers are encouraged to donate non-perishables and clothing

for charity. Ishikuni said her goal for the market is to inspire local artists and the community. So far, many of the market's vendors agree.

"It's really fun, this market is such a breath of fresh air from other types of craft fairs," said Anna Karsin, owner of a homemade children's clothing business named Mamanu. "It's all local stuff, which includes products by local people. They're all one-of-a-kind finds."



ABOVE: Anna Karsin, a member of artist cooperative group Hawaii Fashion Incubators, knits another creation at her booth for last week's Art and Flea showcase. Karsin's small business, Mamanu, features handmade children's clothing and accessories. **LEFT:** Michi, artist behind Michi Art, places one of her canvas creations onto a stand for display at last week's special edition of Art and Flea in Chinatown. Michi said she is inspired by the beach, surfing, diving and sights she frequently sees in her home on Kauai.

Flee to the Art and Flea

The next Art and Flea starts today at 5 p.m. at Fresh Cafe in Honolulu at 831 Queen Street. Get a discount on the admission fee this month by wearing neon-colored clothing. The monthly market is held every fourth Thursday, unless coordinators schedule special earlier sessions in Chinatown or for holidays. Both valet and free parking are available. Art and Flea returns Dec. 20. For more information see <http://www.artandflea.com>

PASS ^{IN} REVIEW

Your weekly guide to the best aspects of entertainment

Welcome 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



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Christine Cabalo thinks the best way to travel distant lands is through the library. "A really good story takes you through uncharted territories," she said. "Exploring hidden worlds is as easy as cracking open a book." Stories don't need exotic locations to be interesting, she said, but by the end of a tale readers should feel like they've stolen a peak into someone else's life.



SAUTER

Cpl. James A. Sauter believes that a good movie begins with a good story. The story ought to be well balanced between the chemistry and variety of characters. It must also have an original plot or setting that keeps the reader or audience up on its toes.

Novelist imagines life with Lincoln

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Author Stephen Carter imagines what the world would be like if President Abraham Lincoln survived his assassination in the new novel, "The Impeachment of Abraham Lincoln."

Carter crafts an alternate history where Lincoln outlives both his wife and vice president, but must confront enemies from within his own political party. The story is told mostly by fictional character Abigail Canner, an aspiring lawyer from a well-to-do African-American family. She works for the law firm defending Lincoln from charges including unjustly imprisonments and shutting down newspapers speaking out against the Civil War. It's up to Canner and wealthy law clerk Jonathan Hilliman to save the president by unraveling the mystery and murders surrounding the conspiracy.

The premise may seem too far-fetched, but much of "The Impeachment of Abraham Lincoln" is ripped from the pages of real-life history. The plot features what Lincoln actually did and the political attacks that happened

to President Andrew Johnson, who was impeached in 1868. Carter creates a tense atmosphere, full of suspicion about who to trust.

Yet readers can easily trust in Canner, a young ambitious woman pushing against society's limitations. Through her, the novel also offers a rare look into the prosperous African-American communities of the time. Her romance with Hilliman seems predictable, but the plot drives the two law clerks to a surprising twist at the end.

Carter shines especially when the fictional duo collides with real historical characters. Readers feel as if they're rubbing elbows with the rock

stars of the late 19th century. Lincoln's dream team of lawyers confide in ailing Secretary of State William Seward and

causes mischief alongside Daniel Sickles, who is best known for getting away with his public murder of Francis Scott Key's cavorting son. Even John Wilkes Booth's lover shows up.

The best parts feature Lincoln, who appears just enough to tease readers. Carter captures Lincoln's voice easily, mimicking many of his homespun tales with a moral. The author skillfully

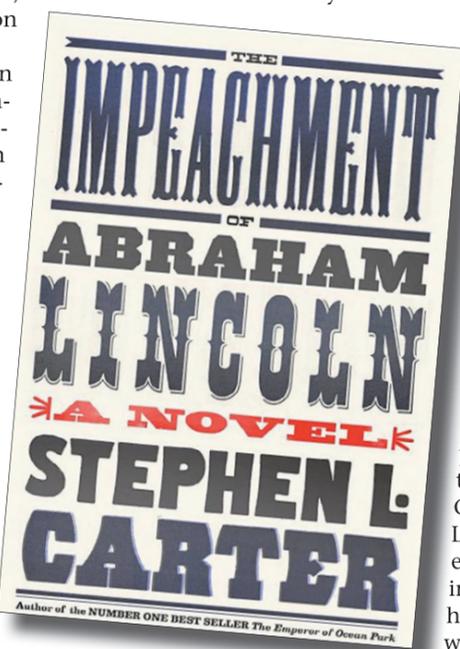
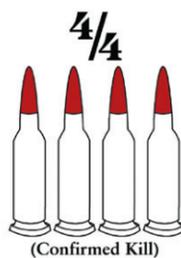
weaves those well-known stories into the plot with actual life events, includ-

ing the president signing autographs requested by families of Union soldiers.

The book's minor flaw is that Carter sometimes includes so much detail that the story strays from the central plot. His fictional characters have the clout to be great, but their development as heroes takes a backseat to setting up the plot. However, readers are drawn back into the story because of its intrigue.

It is encouraging that Carter takes the time to include endnotes describing actual U.S. history versus his fictional story. As "Lincoln" hits theaters this month, based on the straight-laced Lincoln biography titled "Team of Rivals," readers stand to learn even more history from Carter's fictional work.

Although Carter spares the president from Booth's deadly gunshot, his book exposes Lincoln's vulnerabilities. He may survive, but Carter's story shows no one can dodge bullets forever, even the great Abe Lincoln.



Daniel Day-Lewis is Abraham Lincoln

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The good times are rolling at the box office now that the winter blockbuster season is in full swing. After I saw "Skyfall," the next film on my list was the Steven Spielberg historical biographical film "Lincoln." Based on the biography "Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln," by Doris Goodwin. I wasn't actually sure how the movie would play itself out, with only two and half hours to work with, Spielberg decided to paint a picture using a very limited scope of who the 16th president of the United States was as a person.

I wanted to see this film mainly because the film's trailer, which hooked with its powerful and emotional feel. I found it strange when I was standing in line to buy a ticket that everyone else around me was seeing the latest "Twilight" movie. At least I was happy knowing I was seeing a well-made film instead.

The film focuses on the last four months of Lincoln's administration and life. Shortly after swearing into office for a second term in January of 1865, Lincoln is trying to balance his responsibilities as commander in chief while the war slugs into its fourth year, organizing enough votes in a radically polarized House of Representatives to pass the 13th Amendment and upholding his role as a father and husband to his family. Lieutenant Gen. Ulysses S. Grant quipped in

the film Lincoln looked 10 years older from a year ago due to the strain of his professional and personal life.

I couldn't help but be mesmerized by Daniel Day-Lewis' portrayal of the president. It's impossible today to know exactly how Lincoln

was as a person and for that matter what his voice sounded like, which was the most gravitating element of Day-Lewis' performance. He chose a voice that was higher in pitch but had a solemn and majestic tone, which captivated Lincoln's profound ability as an orator and speechwriter. I congratulate Day-Lewis in this one and his preference of method acting, or essentially becoming the character he's playing. The film's pro-

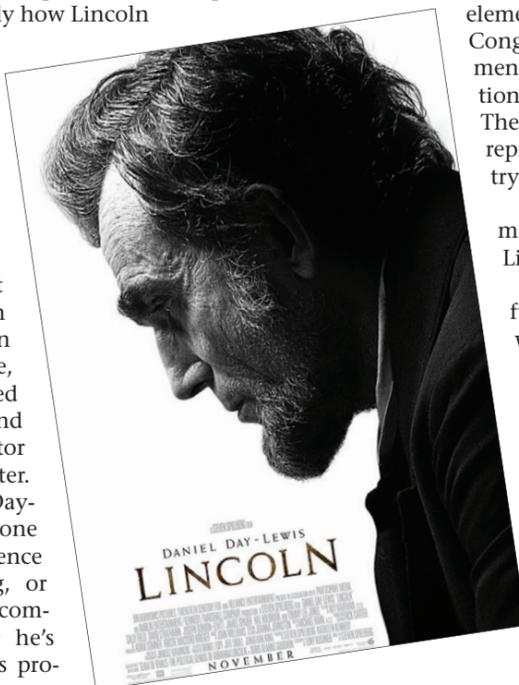
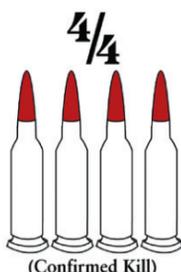
ducer, Kathleen Kennedy, commented that it really felt like Lincoln himself was in the room when they were filming.

Next to Day-Lewis, an equally entertaining element of the film was the debate raging in Congress over the passing of the 13th Amendment, which inevitably abolished institutional slavery forever in the United States. The division and debate in the House itself represented the overall division of the country and why the war was being fought.

Of all the movies and acting performances I've seen, Day-Lewis as Abraham Lincoln was downright incredible.

Spielberg and Day-Lewis did a wonderful job of bringing Lincoln to life and what he might have been like as a person.

We'll never know today why Lincoln made the decisions he did but I imagine the president was a man who did what he felt was right to preserve the union and "Lincoln" is a window into his mind.



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.



- "Frankenweenie" PG Today | 7:15 p.m.
- "Taken 2" PG-13 Today | 9:45 p.m.
- "Here Comes the Boom" PG Saturday | 7:15 p.m.
- "Argo" R Saturday | 9:45 p.m.
- "Hotel Transylvania" PG Sunday | 2 p.m.
- "Sinister" R Sunday | 6:30 p.m.
- "Argo" R Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.

Pet Pals: Finding pet-friendly help at your next duty station

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Moving in the military is tough. With loose ends to tie up, such as obtaining spouse employment, moving household goods, transferring schools, shipping vehicles, setting up childcare it can seem overwhelming. Many families have questions and are sometimes unprepared for what resources exist to help them move their cherished animals, forever family members that provide us with limitless emotional and physical benefits.

It's imperative to plan for the pets as soon as you're notified of the next duty station. Although pet information for military families isn't consolidated in one centralized location, there are a few helpful places to check:

- **Military Veterinarians:** The Army's Public Health Command's website has this interactive locator map to contact the treatment facility for veterinarian services and a listing of the import requirements for that location.

- **Base Newcomer Information:** Family service centers and your sponsor can be invaluable help in navigating the details of moving with your pet(s). A base's commercial guide may list shelters in the area, and pet services such as grooming, boarding and dog walkers. If your sponsor is a pet owner, they may have recommendations for services they know and trust.

- **Meet-Up Groups and Pet Clubs:** Breed-specific organizations and play groups exist all over. Do a web search by breed and the area.



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Chief Petty Officer Kevin Sun, assigned to the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) reunites with his dog and other loved ones in Pearl Harbor after completing Pacific Partnership 2012. Mercy is in Pearl Harbor to drop off several partner nations and other crew on its way back to San Diego after the completion of Pacific Partnership 2012.

- **Deployment Help:** Several organizations exist to help families when troops are deployed and lack a family or friend to care for the pets. Dogs on Deployment and Guardian Angels for a Soldier's Pet fill this need and ensure that no military pet ends up

in a shelter while service members are fulfilling military commitments.

- **Local Shelters:** Most communities have a government-run shelter enforcing animal law and educate the public on vital pet services such as spay/

neuter, microchipping, lost and found, and offer volunteer opportunities and ways to advocate on behalf of animals. Many facilities have programs designed for the needs of military members or have resources that apply to pet owners who serve, so check with them.