

Hawaii Marine

2012

A YEAR IN review

Though the year 2012 was marked with transitional challenges, Marine Corps Base Hawaii answered the call. Members of 3rd Marine Regiment shifted from conducting combat operations in Afghanistan to focusing on amphibious operations throughout the Pacific theater.

The final flight of the CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter marked the end of service for two Kaneohe Bay units and the future soared in with a wave of 11 CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters that joined Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463's fleet. The base welcomed aboard Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367, flying in with AH-1W SuperCobra and UH-1Y Venom helicopters.

Amid transition was sacrifice, as nine Marines from 3rd Marines and Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 gave their all while supporting combat operations in Afghanistan.

Marines and sailors demonstrated their finest military technology in the air, on land and sea. The skill and cooperation of MCB Hawaii personnel ensured success in the biennial, multi-national Rim of the Pacific Exercise and the Kaneohe Bay Air Show.

The year ended with a special Christmas Day visit by President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle.

In 2012, changes rippled through the Marine Corps, but the dedication of the Marines, sailors, families and civilian employees on MCB Hawaii remained the same.



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Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke



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looking back

NEWS BRIEFS

Pro Bowl 2013 tickets on sale

Pro Bowl 2013 tickets are currently on sale at Information, Tickets and Tours at Mokapu Mall and at Camp H.M. Smith's ITT office. There is a limit of six tickets per identification cardholder. For more information about Pro Bowl tickets, call 254-7563 (K-Bay) or 477-5143 (Camp Smith).

Base Tax Center opens soon

The Base Tax Center is opening soon to all Department of Defense military and civilian employees aboard MCB Hawaii. Hours of operation, and appointment scheduling information to be announced. Please bring all W-2s (including spouse's), bank account and routing numbers, copy of last year's tax return, all other tax forms (1099s, etc.) and Social Security cards for all family members. The tax center is located at Bldg. 455 on the first floor. Bldg. 455 is across the street from Forest City and adjacent to the Youth Activities Center. For details, call Gunnery Sgt. Shawn Forde at 257-1187.

King of the Hill

Join Marine Corps Community Services Hawaii in kicking off the first running race of the 2013 Commanding Officer's Fitness Series on Jan. 26 at 7 a.m.

This 5K run starts and finishes at Dewey Square. The run goes up to the Officers' Club and housing providing a beautiful scenic view of Kailua Bay and Pyramid Rock. Its main challenge is the steep uphill run that goes up to Kansas Tower. The race is open to the public. Online registration closes Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 4 p.m. For more information about this and future races, visit <http://www.mccshawaii.com>.

Semper Fit Center parking lot closure

The Semper Fit Center parking lot will be closed for paving and stripping Jan. 14 through 18 and Jan. 25. For more information call Semper Fit at 254-7597.

New DEERS operations/appointment system

The RAPIDS/DEERS appointment system is fully implemented and patrons must make an appointment 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 closures due to holidays, manpower shortages and technical issues. For more information, call Russell Nakahara at 257-2077.

Super Playground closure

The Super Playground at Riseley Field is closed until Jan. 30 for equipment replacement. For more information, call Chere Brown-Rexroat at 254-7514.

Individual Augmentee Award Luncheon

On Feb. 28, the Navy League is hosting its annual Individual Augmentee Award Luncheon to recognize Marines who deployed as an individual augmentee in 2012. Marines of all ranks are eligible to be recognized. The event will be held at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu and registration begins at 10:30 a.m. Marines must wear their service dress "B" uniforms. The luncheon is free for all IA awardees and one guest. Additional guests are \$40. MCB Hawaii-based sailors will be identified separately through Navy Region Hawaii. For more information, contact Johanna Marizan-Ho at johanna.marizanho@usmc.mil or 257-8876.

Important phone numbers at MCB Hawaii

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| On-base emergencies | 911 |
| 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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President Obama visits Marine Corps Base Hawaii on Christmas Day

Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

For the fifth year in a row, President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama spent Christmas afternoon with Marines, sailors and family members at Anderson Hall Dining Facility on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Dec. 25.

Service members and their families had their fill of a holiday meal while waiting for the president and the first lady to arrive. Once they entered the room, everyone's focus shifted to the president and his wife as they greeted people before addressing the crowd.

"This looks like it was a nice, rather than naughty, crowd," Obama said. "So I'm sure Santa treated you well."

"Obviously, the greatest honor I have as president is being commander-in-chief," he continued.

"And the reason it's an honor is because, not only do we have the finest military in the world, but we also have the finest fighting men and women in the world. And so many of you make sacrifices day in, day out, on behalf of our freedom, on behalf of our security."

After speaking to the crowd, the president and his wife exited the room and waited by a Christmas tree to pose for photos with those in attendance.

"The president and first lady took a picture with anybody who wanted one," said Pfc. Rodolfo



Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke | Hawaii Marine

Medina, a personal property clerk with the Distribution Management Office, Headquarters Battalion, and native of Dallas. "The president, taking time out of his Christmas day visiting with people on MCB Hawaii, really shows he cares about the welfare of Marines and sailors."

Obama and his wife spent several hours meeting and greeting visitors. Guests all had smiles after they talked and took a photo with

the presidential couple.

"I'm very happy that I could bring my son out to see the president," said Cpl. Jason Hubbard, a squad leader with Transportation Support Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 3, and native of Colrain, Mass. "I want my family and I to look back into our past and be proud that we got to meet the president while I was in the Marine Corps."

2012 NEWS BY THE Numbers

1,180

transit aircraft received airfield services from Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay

1,300

Marines and sailors deployed to Afghanistan on last combat tour for 'America's Battalion'

46,585

troops involved in RIMPAC 2012

2,726

newly arrived Marines and sailors

2000

rounds of ammo provided to DoD shooters during a single recreational fire event at Kaneohe Bay Range Training Facility

11,183,966

total gallons of fuel dispensed by base fuels

100,000

Kaneohe Bay Air Show visitors

5,352,379

total pounds of aircraft cargo transported from Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay

237TH USMC birthday

Gone but never forgotten

Honoring our fallen



Cpl. Reece Lodder

HMH-363



Captain Daniel B. Bartle



Captain Nathan R. McHone



Master Sergeant Travis W. Riddick



Corporal Joseph D. Logan



Corporal Kevin J. Reinhard



Corporal Jesse W. Stites

3rd Marines



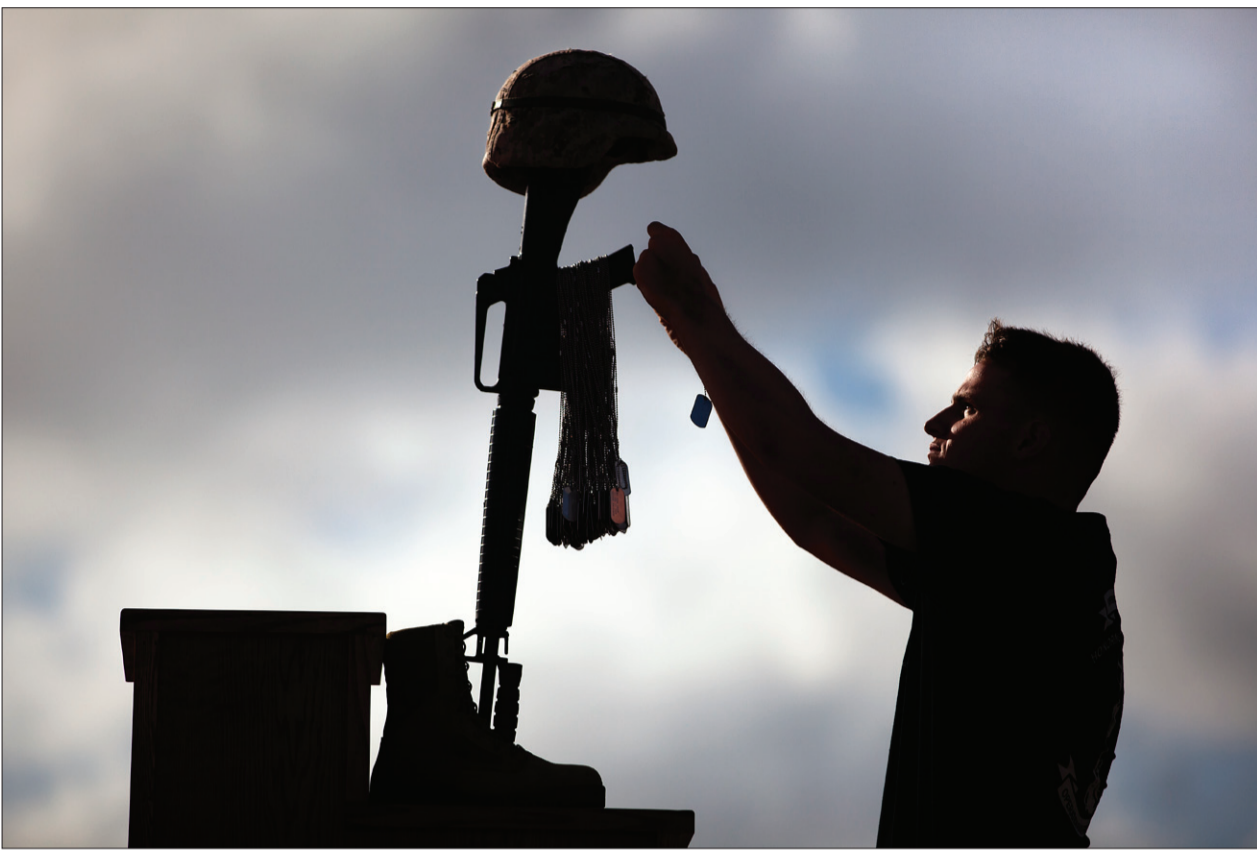
Staff Sergeant Scott E. Dickinson



Corporal Richard A. Rivera, Jr.



Lance Corporal Gregory T. Buckley, Jr.



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As last year came to a close, members of the Marine Corps Base Hawaii community remembered the nine Hawaii-based Marines who lost their lives in service to our country.

In January, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 was saddened by the death of six "Red Lions" Marines, after their CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter crashed while supporting combat operations in Afghanistan's Helmand province.

The fallen were Capt. Daniel B. Bartle, 27, of Ferndale, Wash.; Capt. Nathan R. McHone, 29, from Crystal Lake, Ill., both CH-53D helicopter pilots; Master Sgt. Travis W. Riddick, 40, a CH-53D helicopter crew chief from Centerville, Iowa; Cpl. Joseph D. Logan, 22, an aerial observer from Willis, Texas; and Cpl. Kevin J. Reinhard, 25, of Colonia, N.J. and Cpl. Jesse W. Stites, 23, of North Beach, Md., both CH-53D helicopter crew chiefs.

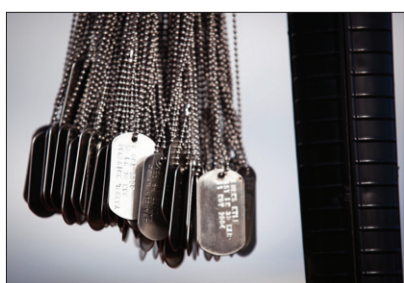
In August, 3rd Marine Regiment mourned the loss of three of it's own, who were killed while supporting combat operations in Helmand province.

The fallen were Staff Sgt. Scott E. Dickinson, 29, an embarkation chief from San Diego; Cpl. Richard A. Rivera Jr., 20, a supply noncommissioned officer from Ventura, Calif.; and Lance Cpl. Gregory T. Buckley Jr., 21, a supply clerk from Oceanside, N.Y.

Though departed from their loved ones and the MCB Hawaii community, their legacy lives on through the impact of their selfless service.



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Finally home: End to era of Afghanistan deployments

After a decade of war, 2012 marked the end of Operation Enduring Freedom deployments for 3rd Marine Regiment battalions and Marine Aircraft Group 24 squadrons.

After eight years of the regiment's continuous rotations in and out of Iraq and Afghanistan, in May, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment completed a final scheduled deployment in support of OEF.

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362, the "Ugly Angels," was the last MAG-24 squadron to deploy in support of OEF. The squadron was also the last CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter squadron to fly the Sea Stallion in combat and in the Marine Corps.

The Vietnam-era CH53D helicopters were phased out of the Marine Corps' inventory this year, marking an end to more than 60 years of service in combat and humanitarian operations worldwide.

Following deployments to Afghanistan, HMH-363 was re-designated in May as an MV22 Osprey squadron and relocated to Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., and HMH-362 was deactivated in November.



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Cpl. Isaac Lamberth



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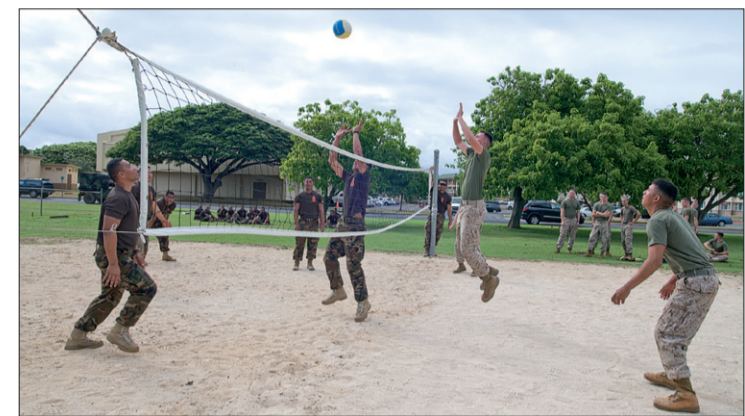
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In 2012, the Kaneohe Bay Air Show entertained more than 100,000 guests and the multi-national Rim of the Pacific Exercise provided training for hundreds of foreign military service members.

The air show included static displays, aerobatics and stunts from a variety of acts such as the Blue Angels, a rocket car and a Marine Air-Ground Task Force demonstration with CH-53E Super Stallion and UH-1Y Huey helicopters. Before the Blue Angels took to the sky each day, the squadron's all-Marine air crew flew their C-130 Hercules aircraft known as "Fat Albert," showing even a gigantic plane can provide exciting entertainment.

Just a few months earlier, the base hosted service members from nations including Canada, Tonga and South Korea for RIMPAC. Marines and sailors from 3rd Marine Regiment, Combat Logistics Battalion 3 and Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 accompanied their counterparts aboard the USS Essex amphibious assault ship to display the prowess of the MAGTF from within a wider naval battle scope.



Cpl. James A. Sauter



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2 RIMPAC Exercise & Kaneohe Bay AIR SHOW 2



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any climate 2012 any place



Cpl. Vanessa American Horse

Following eight years supporting combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, Marines and sailors from Marine Corps Base Hawaii shifted their focus from the deserts and mountains of the Middle East and Southwest Asia to the vast spread of island nations in the Pacific. In 2012, they trained in numerous countries throughout the Pacific including Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand. Marines and sailors sweated alongside U.S. allies and partners in bilateral training exercises, adapting to new environments and deepening relations with their foreign counterparts. The "Island Warriors" of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment played a vital role in this transition by deploying to Okinawa as part of the Unit Deployment Program — the first in nearly ten years for Marine infantry units.



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Sports & Health

2012

SPORTS IN review

In 2012, Marine Corps Base Hawaii athletes battled to forge a path toward victory. The year was full of Cinderella stories and underdogs beating the odds to win.

In intramural sports, winners took the championship with solid teamwork. With only seconds to spare, the Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2's "Terror Squad" shot for the stars and won the intramural basketball championship by four points. Patrol Squadron 47's soccer team earned the intramural championship title for the second year in a row.

Persistence wasn't only for team sports. Kaneohe Bay's individual sports champions paid in sweat as they perfected their skills. High scorers kept the strikes flowing during the Hawaii All-Marine Bowling Tournament. The finest Kaneohe Bay players trained devotedly to join All-Marine sports teams, and the hard work paid off for many.

The hunger for victory pushed athletes to outlast everyone else in annual contests. Participants broke personal bests in the 101 Days of Summer challenges and moved faster than the competition by land or water during the Commanding Officer's Fitness Series.

After a taste of victory in 2012, MCB Hawaii's winners are prepared and determined to repeat in 2013.



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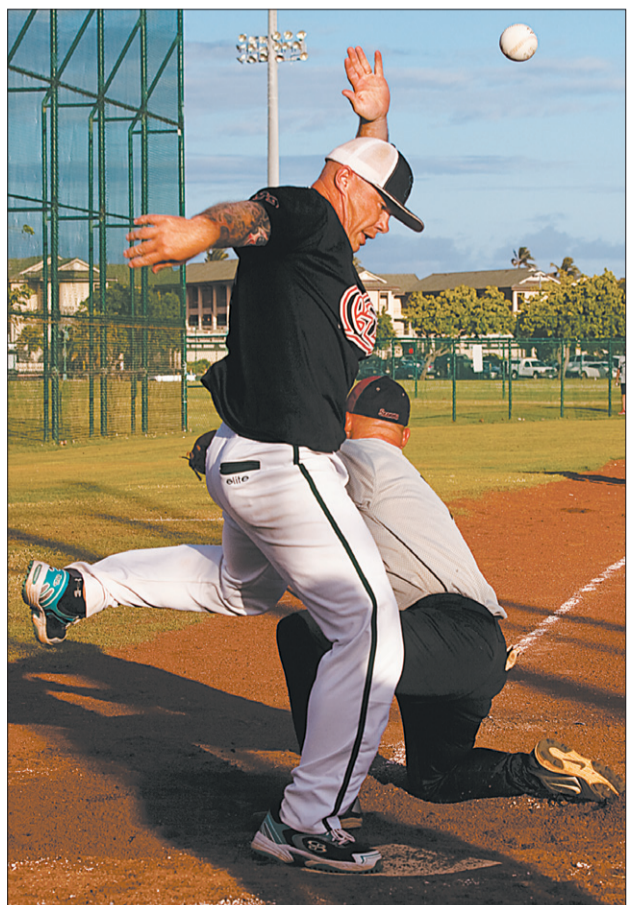
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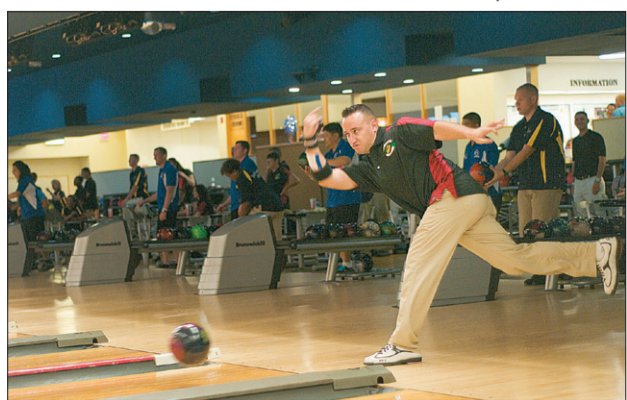
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Best of 2012



VS is a recurring column tackling debatable issues in the sports and entertainment world.

Look for the first VS of 2013 in next week's issue of the Hawaii Marine!

FUNNIEST



I'll admit, my boasts usually end in disaster. Last year, I predicted a Dallas Cowboys Super Bowl victory — then they had their worst season since 2004. In 2009, I predicted the Dallas Mavericks would cruise to their first NBA title — then they lost in the first round. However, I did correctly predict Emmitt Smith winning "Dancing With the Stars!" Maybe I should have been practicing pirouettes instead of free throws when I was a kid.

Sgt. Danny Woodall



2012 Super Bowl Favorites

It's not the media buzz surrounding Tim Tebow. It's not the fact that the Denver Broncos are the NFL's wildcard team. It's certainly not because the Broncos are this season's best team. Denver will win the Super Bowl because it's a football team who just began their stampede to victory. They are going to buck and trample their way to glory.

Cpl. Colby Brown

Roger Clemens: Hall of Famer?

Do I think that Clemens probably had some chemical help down the stretch of his career? Yes, I do. Can I prove it? No, and neither could the United States government. The "Rocket" stared down Congress, just as he had so many batters during his career and sent his signature fastball straight down the pipe for a called third strike by a jury of his peers.

Cpl. Jeremiah McCoy



MOST CONTROVERSIAL



I really doubt anyone really followed his trial about lying to Congress about his use of steroids, but I can tell you the government's star witness was his trainer who admitted to injecting Clemens with steroids. The jury decided the trainer's testimony wasn't convincing enough so Clemens got away with it.

Sgt. Scott Whittington

HOTTEST



"Linsanity" — the sudden and spectacular rise to stardom of Jeremy Lin, starting point guard for the New York Knicks professional basketball team. It welcomes back an era of basketball where athletes who aspired to be great at the art and craft of the sport, committed to the mastery of the fundamentals. The Jeremy Lin effect is profound and pivotal on many levels.

Gunnery Sgt. Shawn Forde



Linsanity

Jeremy Lin is a man of many names: "Linsanity," "Mr. Lincredible," "Super Lintendo," "Linsperational!" But my favorite Jeremy Lin nickname is "Garbage." Knicks fans should recognize that Lin lacks the basic skills to succeed long-term in the NBA. For some reason, America, thanks largely to ESPN, has crowned Lin this season's MVP before he has proven himself ... sounds a little Tim Tebow-ish to me.

Lance Cpl. Jacob Barber

2012 SPORTS

BY THE numbers

80 *surfing competition participants*

4.5
million dollars
spent on building the new Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Center at the base marina

551
intramural games

106 *bodysurfing competition participants*

11 races
hosted by MCCS

59,000 *rounds*
of golf played at Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course

The Semper Fit Center was used more than **350,000** times

25
new rentable items, like turkey cooker, pop-up tents, cotton candy and shave ice machines

40

different aerobic classes, over a week's time, available at the Semper Fit Center

4,895
participants registered in the Commanding Officer's Fitness Series

2,518
participants involved in intramural sports

Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Center

88 new retail items

Winner's Circle: 2012 Intramural sports champions

Final winter game:
**Commander, Patrol and
Reconnaissance Wing 2** v.
Patrol Squadron 9

**Intramural winter champions: Commander,
Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2's "Terror Squad"**
Final score: 46-42

Final summer game:
**Commander, Patrol and
Reconnaissance Wing 2** v.
Headquarters Battalion

**Intramural summer champions: Commander,
Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2's "Terror Squad"**
Final score: 62-47

Basketball

Game 1:
**Marine Corps Air Station
Kaneohe Bay** v. Marine
Heavy Helicopter
Squadron 463

Game 2:
**Marine Aviation Logistics
Squadron 24** v.
3rd Radio Battalion

Game 3:
**Headquarters
Battalion** v. Patrol
Squadron 4

Intramural champions: Patrol Squadron 47
Final score: 5-3

Game 4:
Patrol Squadron 47 v.
Patrol Squadron
Special Projects Unit 2

Game 5:
**1st Battalion, 12th Marine
Regiment** v. Marine Corps
Air Station Kaneohe Bay

Game 6:
**1st Battalion, 12th
Marine Regiment** v.
Marine Aviation
Logistics Squadron 24

Game 7:
Patrol Squadron 47 v.
Headquarters Battalion

Game 8:
Patrol Squadron 47 v.
1st Battalion, 12th
Marine Regiment

Soccer

Football

Baseball

Game 1:
Headquarters Battalion
v. 1st Battalion,
3rd Marine Regiment

Game 2:
**Marine Aviation Logistics
Squadron 24** v.
Headquarters Battalion

Game 3:
Patrol Squadron 9 v.
3rd Radio Battalion

**Intramural champions: 1st Battalion,
12th Marine Regiment's Savages**
Final score: 40-31

**Intramural champions: Marine Aviation Logistics
Squadron 24's Warriors**
Final score: 13-5

Game 1:
**Marine Aircraft
Group 24** v.
Headquarters Battalion

Game 2:
**1st Battalion, 12th Marine
Regiment** v.
Combat Logistics
Battalion 3

Game 3:
**1st Battalion, 12th
Marine Regiment** v.
Marine Aircraft Group 24

Game 4:
**1st Battalion, 3rd
Marine Regiment** v.
3rd Radio Battalion

Game 5:
**Marine Aviation Logistics
Squadron 24** v.
Patrol Squadron 9

Game 6:
**Headquarters
Battalion** v.
1st Battalion,
3rd Marine Regiment

Game 7:
Patrol Squadron 9 v.
Headquarters Battalion

Game 8:
**Marine Aviation Logistics
Squadron 24** v.
Patrol Squadron 9

Congratulations to the 2012 finalists! Winners of each game are highlighted in red.

ALL-STARS

in training

Marine Corps Base Hawaii's youth athletes did more than play games in 2012 — they owned them.

In the summer, more than 300 children signed up for the youth soccer season. Crowds anticipated a soccer showdown between the Yellow Jackets and Big Foot for the championship title. Ultimately, the Yellow Jackets pocketed the championship, 2-0. Kaneohe Bay's littlest players made a big impression, as boys and girls teamed up for youth basketball's Mini-Mite division. Individual athletics stirred up excitement during the year for Kaneohe Bay youth sports fans. The base's junior sailing team raced into high scores with their El Toro and Laser boats. The K-Bay Gymnastics team flexed their way to the podium, netting medal after medal. Youth wrestlers were tough to pin, and held up to the pressure at the ninth Semper Fit Wrestling Championship in May.

For some lucky students, it wasn't a medal or title that made 2012 a great sports year — it was meeting 18 NFL players for football drills at Mokapu Elementary School during the Play 60 clinic in January. MCB Hawaii's youth athletes strived to reach the top during the year, and many discovered the success they worked hard to achieve.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER LISTINGS

Japanese Cultural Center Ohana Festival

The 20th Annual New Year's Ohana Festival is scheduled for Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii. Parking at the University of Hawaii is free until 1 p.m. There will be free shuttle service from UH. This fun-filled event will feature food, crafts, entertainment and cultural demonstrations of the people who make up this island state. This year the festival will have okonomiyaki and mochi pounding demonstrations, food trucks, and a special performance by Kikaida and Friends! Children can also enjoy games and make-and-take activities throughout the day. For more information, call 945-7633, or email info@jcch.com.

Kalakaua Block Party volunteers needed

The 2013 NFL Pro Bowl is seeking volunteers to assist with the Kalakaua Avenue Block Party, in Waikiki on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 1 to 11 p.m. Each volunteer will receive a meal, a shirt and one ticket to the Pro Bowl game. Volunteers will be assisting with the staging and taking down of the event.

Marines should plan on transporting themselves if transportation cannot be provided by a later date. All volunteers are reminded to bring plenty of drinking water and wear khaki shorts, closed-toe sneakers and sunblock. For more information, email Johanna Marizan-Ho at johanna.marizanho@usmc.mil or call 257-8876.

Pauoa Woods hiking with Hawaiian Trail and Mountain Club

A hike is scheduled for Sunday at 8 a.m. The club is scheduled to meet at Iolani Palace. They will hike through the Tantalus bamboo forest then up a short but exposed section to join the Nuuanu Trail, and shortly divert to descend into the Pauoa jungle. A final steep climb back up to Tantalus ends another glorious hiking day in paradise. For more information, email Steve Davis at steve.davis@htmclub.org.

Volunteer to learn the lay of the land

Help keep Native Hawaiian traditions and culture alive by caring for taro patches in Heeia. Volunteers can plant, harvest and dig for taro in the outdoors. Other duties also include removing invasive pest plants, clearing nearby streams and additional farm duties. For details, visit <http://www.kakooiwi.org>.

Volunteer at Marine Thrift Store Kaneohe Bay

The thrift store is on the lookout for volunteers to help sort donations and work at the store. Call ahead at 636-9074.

Volunteer for the Hawaiian Humane Society

The society needs volunteers to work with the animals and keep the shelter going. Volunteers can do a variety of tasks: dog walking, foster care, grooming and assisting with pet adoption. For more information, visit <http://www.hawaiianhumane.org> or call 356-2216.

Hanauma Bay Education Program

Are you looking for an excuse to hang out on the beach? Do you care about protecting Hawaii's marine environment?

If so, please consider volunteering at Hanauma Bay. The most important qualities needed to be a successful volunteer with HBEP are enthusiasm, an open mind, and an interest in sharing information with park visitors. Currently, more than 100 volunteers share their time, knowledge, and passion for marine conservation with nearly one million visitors who travel to Hanauma Bay annually.

All volunteers must be able to attend volunteer training, commit to a period of six months, and be at least 16 years of age. Younger volunteers may be considered, if they volunteer as a team with an adult.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at Hanauma Bay, please review the different Volunteer Positions and Benefits. Applications are available online or by mail. For more information, visit <http://hbep.seagrant.soest.hawaii.edu/>.

MARINE MAKEPONO

Means 'Marine Bargains'
in Hawaiian

Camera for sale. Used Fujifilm FinePix Z100 8-megapixel camera. Small indentation in the front, otherwise works fine. Comes with memory card, battery and charger. \$40 obo. Email kristenw80@gmail.com.

Cosmetic hard cases for sale. Selling two lockable cases featuring multiple trays for storing small items. Offering one large silver case and one small metallic pink case. \$15 or best offer, willing to sell one or both. Call 257-8837.

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.

Lifestyles

CULTURE IN review

Adventure abounded on Marine Corps Base Hawaii and in its tropical surroundings in 2012.

Hawaii Marine newspaper staff experienced many of the state's wonders, exploring Oahu's natural beauty and environmental landmarks. They traveled to exciting locales from Kauai to Molokai, to Oahu's gorgeous North Shore and south to buzzing Waikiki. Miles of sandy beaches, panoramic ocean views and scenic mountain trails were among the attractions they visited.

But adventurers learned Hawaii is more than just a pretty place to sightsee. The islands are home to marvels of the past, playful pursuits and a rich artistic legacy. Whether it was being the fastest on the track at Podium Raceway or kicking back with Hawaiian shave ice, there was an endless list of fun activities to enjoy.

Travelers didn't need to go far for an adventure. MCB Hawaii was the place to be for special events. Crowds rocked out at the Lt. Dan Band concert in February and poured through the gates for the Kaneohe Bay Air Show in September. Stunning Kaneohe Bay also provided daily doses of fun with help from the base marina and the Single Marine and Sailor Program.

As we reflect on 2012, we see there was one lesson to be learned: new adventures are simply waiting around the corner on Oahu.



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show STOPPERS of 2012



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We stood in line for tickets and popcorn. We were intrigued by televised fantasy worlds. We banged our heads to the beat. We made our fingers go numb on the game controller, all for our reviews. Here is a taste of the jewels we dug up in 2012.

“Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows”



Director Guy Ritchie's adaptation of the great detective was well put together, especially with the decision to cast Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law as Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John Watson. Watching them exchange dialogue or play off each other's emotions clearly reflected Ritchie's decision of casting two “brothers not in blood, but in bond.” Holmes and Watson complement each other's character, much like companions on an epic journey. These actors bring them out in a way that makes it very believable. “A Game of Shadows” is definitely a must see sequel. For non-enthusiasts of Holmes, you don't have to worry about seeing the original to understand the sequel. You may have to see it multiple times to understand the puzzle, but the sequel is a must see. — *Cpl. James Sauter*

“Top Shot”



Just like the previous three seasons, the History Channel's reality show “Top Shot” aims higher to keep an audience entertained more than any other reality show. There's nothing cooler than firing an MP-5 at water balloons while spinning upside down 50 feet in the air or shooting a .50-caliber sniper rifle at an explosive target a mile away. The reality part of the show comes out when the shooters return to their house. Of course, it's set up like most reality houses. Cameras are everywhere, they're disconnected from the world and personalities clash. I totally recommend this series. It's a great way to “cap” off a Tuesday night and incite wonderful dreams of Thompson submachine guns and angry jars of colorful gumballs. — *Sgt. Scott Whittington*

“NBA 2K12”



Playing 2K12 makes me want to apologize to every person I've called an “addict” gamer. I haven't been able to put my controller down since buying this game. The graphics in 2K12 beat previous NBA 2K games and the realism is awesome. The announcers commentate as if they were actually watching. They even pronounce your name correctly when your custom character scores on career mode. If you make LeBron a little more realistic, this game is almost perfect. It's a major upgrade from 2K11 and brings the players to life on screen. If you like sports games, then buy this game. Just keep the ball away from LeBron and you'll realize this game is fun. It's nearly identical to sitting in a stadium and watching your favorite player or team tear up the hardwood. — *Lance Cpl. Jacob Barber*

“A Different Kind of Truth”



Universally acclaimed by critics, “A Different Kind of Truth” shows Van Halen can still hold down the fundamentals of songwriting. Fans should bear in mind the band is more concerned about reaching the bar which defines them as Van Halen than claiming number one on the Billboard charts. It turns out that “A Different Kind of Truth” ranked number two and is clearly Van Halen's best album in a long time. Overall, the album is a significant milestone for Van Halen. The band was probably afraid that if the album didn't receive any attention, then it would show how irrelevant vintage rock is to the young culture of today. But it's a long way to the top if you want to rock and roll and “A Different Kind of Truth” is a shining example on the face-melting empire that Van Halen built. — *Cpl. James Sauter*

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In the yearlong journey of seeking out entertainment, the Hawaii Marine staff came across a few bad apples. We forced ourselves to resist leaving the theater in disgust. But that's our opinion, love it or leave it.

“Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance”



When it came to “Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance,” the devil himself mentored the talented people at the root of this divine disaster. It's ironic that Marvel screwed up “The Hulk” and successfully remade it with “The Incredible Hulk” but this sequel is a complete dive bomb. Everything in this movie went wrong because those in charge never bothered to get it right to begin with. These actors are entertaining, but the directors can't direct. The only thing worth seeing is the revamped image of the Ghost Rider that makes him look more realistic and demonic; but just the look, not his fighting capabilities. This film was sheer disappointment. Apparently, the devil doesn't even want to look good in his own film. — *Cpl. James Sauter*

“Underworld: Awakening”



Hollywood has obviously beaten dead the concept of vampires, werewolves and zombies. Every year a movie studio cranks out at least one film featuring anyone of these folklore monsters. The films coming out now are too predictable and lack anything new that will keep the audience intrigued, or at least, keep them engaged to avoid the destruction of brain cells and collapse into stoic apathy. The only thing the studios counted on was dressing an aging Beckinsale in a tight leather costume to suck audiences dry of their money. The storyline is by far the most disappointing portion of the film. The story was completely irrelevant and doesn't expand on the characters or the original conflict. The movie began with the battered idea of a ‘hybrid can end the war’ and it ended with the cliché-ish, ‘the future is unclear.’ The acting in the film is only average. The entire “Underworld” series could have been very good. The filmmakers tried too hard or not hard enough to tell a story that could have made an excellent novel series. Seeing “Awakening” is a complete waste of money and should be avoided at all costs. — *Cpl. James Sauter*

“Paranormal Activity 4”



Beware of Freddy Krueger, aliens, zombies and ... Katie? Seriously? I'm really scared of an emotionless woman in jeans and a T-shirt who kills people. Put me in the movie! I'll walk around in jeans and a T-shirt looking like I haven't slept in years and I hate the world. 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 us laugh hysterically, and finally, to make me collapse in bed afterward and sleep like a log. Much like the last movie, I found myself watching minute after minute of ... nothing. I left the theater tired, grouchy and filled with a thousand more questions about this head-scratching movie. 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 ... wait a minute, this isn't a horror movie, it's homework! — *Kristen Wong*

2012 Culture

BY THE numbers

45 *programs and special events*

76 *volunteer opportunities from the Single Marine and Sailor Program*

38

“Confirmed Kills”
Pass in Review
4/4 ratings

800 *athletes*
1,000 *volunteers*

250 *coaches*
at Special Olympics
Hawaii's Holiday Classic,
hosted at MCB Hawaii

More than **5,000**
attendees to Youth Activities'
Spring Fair, Harvest Festival,
Santa's Village and Summer
Splashdown

112
patrons attended Baby
Boot Camp classes

More than **17,962** *tickets*
were sold in 2012 at the base theater

4,033
decal's issued

35,700
one-day visitor passes issued

170
families received home visiting services

120 *patrons*
attended Parenting
Proudly classes

342 *motorcycles registered*

737,171 *meals served at Anderson Hall Dining Facility*

Forest City Hawaii opened **114** *new homes in the Mololani Community*

2012 YEAR of the CONTRIBUTOR



Kristen Wong

A freshly-painted bench for school children. A meal for a homeless local. A brisk run with a shelter dog. These are some examples of how Marine Corps Base Hawaii volunteers supported the base and the community last year. Volunteer work came in many different forms for Marines, sailors and civilians, from exercising with the dogs at the Hawaiian Humane Society,

to tutoring children at local elementary schools. Even MCB Hawaii children played a vital role, painting school grounds and collecting trash.

The changing seasons brought on festive times as 3rd Radio Battalion donned creepy Halloween costumes and gave locals a good scare in a "haunted" town. The Facebook group "MCB Hawaii Good Samaritan" threw a special holiday party for base families in need, and Marines sweated island days away in their dress blues, collecting donations for Toys for Tots.

Last year we also celebrated the retirements of several hardworking, devoted base employees, including Dan Dufrene, coordinator of the Health Promotion Office; Kent Murata, director of Installations, Environment and Logistics; Murray Visser, the base's head librarian and Loretta Cornett-Huff, the base education services officer.



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