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Benefits improve CHAMPUS service

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CHAMPUS beneficiaries in Hawaii will see several changes in the implementation of their benefits which should improve service.

The current CHAMPUS Reform Initiative (CRI) Prime health care plan for military beneficiaries will end at midnight January 31, 1994, and the new CHAMPUS TRICARE Prime health care plan will take effect on February 1, 1994.

Aetna Government Health Plans (AGHP) has been chosen as the prime contractor for the new CHAMPUS TRICARE health program. Aetna will administer the program in California and has contracted with Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) to administer the program for beneficiaries in Hawaii.

"Our goal is to provide beneficiaries with uninterrupted, accessible quality health care," said Robert H. Kaplan, Vice President, AGHP, CHAMPUS Division. "We want to assure all beneficiaries there will be no change in their benefits, nor will there be any lag in health care coverage. But there are some important differences. So we may provide a smooth transition for all beneficiaries and their families, we urge them to carefully review the information which they will receive in the mail which clearly outlines the program changes," Kaplan said.

Although the health care benefits will remain the same under the new program, it might be necessary for some beneficiaries to choose a new physician, known as a Primary Care Manager (PCM) under the TRICARE Prime plan. Only those whose current physician is not participating in the new program will need to choose a new PCM. Choices include a military hospital/clinic or a civilian network physician.

"An important difference in TRICARE Prime is that members must use their designated PCM. No referral will be necessary for emergencies, nor for pharmacy services obtained at the MTF (Military Treatment Facility) or network pharmacies," Kaplan said. New TRICARE Prime member cards will be mailed to beneficiaries in January. A toll free number has been established for all CHAMPUS beneficiaries in Hawaii seeking assistance or more information on the new program. That number is (800) 587-9033.

New CHAMPUS rules
Another change in CHAMPUS is the rules covering the deadlines for filing CHAMPUS claims. If you received civilian health care under CHAMPUS in early 1993, and haven't sent the claims in yet, you should do so right away, according to a recent CHAMPUS news release.

Service families and providers of care will have some extra time, until the end of 1994, to file CHAMPUS claims for care

received or provided in 1993.

The new rules announced recently state that, effective Jan. 1, 1993, a claim must be filed within one year from the date a service is provided, or for inpatient care, the claim must be filed within one year after the date the patient is discharged from an inpatient facility, according to the information released by CHAMPUS.

This means, for example, that if you received care or services under CHAMPUS on March 1, 1993, or were discharged from an inpatient facility on that day, the claim for that care must be postmarked no later than March 1, 1994, the news brief says.

Because of the timing of the regulatory change that imposed the new rules, some program beneficiaries or providers of care might not learn of the change in time, or might have only a few months to send their claims into their CHAMPUS claims processing contractor. So CHAMPUS officials have decided that people who have received or provided care at any time in 1993 have until Dec. 31, 1994 to get claims into the hands of the appropriate contractor for processing.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1995, claims will be denied if they are received more than one year from the date on which the service was provided, or more than one year from the date of the patient's discharge from inpatient care. This means that claims for medical care that occurred in 1994 must be submitted within one year of the date of the service or the date of discharge.

If you have any questions about CHAMPUS claim filing deadlines, contact your CHAMPUS claims processor. Claims in Hawaii are processed by Foundation Health Federal Services (phone 1-800-282-7105).

New Form
Another change in CHAMPUS will take place by the end of January. CHAMPUS will replace its standard patients' claim form in the U.S. and Puerto Rico with a new, simpler version. The new form, "Patient's Request for Payment," DD Form 2642, will eventually replace the current CHAMPUS claim form, DD Form 2520. The old form will continue to be used overseas, and may be used in the U.S. until it's declared obsolete, or until supplies run out, whichever occurs first.

The new, simplified claim form is only half the length of the old one and doesn't need a provider's signature. Patients will just fill in a few simple blocks of information, attach copies of the medical bills to the form, and send it to the appropriate CHAMPUS claims processing contractor.



Welcome to the Death Angels

Lt. Col. Derrick Dixon of VMFA-235 greets Senator Daniel K. Inouye during his recent visit to the air station. The senator met several high ranking Marine Corps officers and then visited hangars 104 and 105 speaking with Marines about their jobs, capabilities and upcoming deployments.

Corps selects first woman two-star

Lt. Col. Chereka Keaton
Camp Butler, JFMC

CAMP KINSER, Okinawa, Japan — "To be the first woman major general in the Marine Corps is an accomplishment," said major general select, BGen. Carol A. Mutter. "I have witnessed many firsts during my career, and I feel very honored to be one of them now."

BGen. Mutter is the commanding general, 3rd Force Service Support Group, Fleet Marine Forces Pacific, where she assumed command June 25, 1992.

BGen. Mutter has seen some major changes since she was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps upon her graduation from Northern Colorado University in 1967.

"We didn't have women in the FMF until 1967," BGen. Mutter said. "Also, when a woman got pregnant, or married a man who had children, she had to get out of the Marine Corps."

"The senior woman in the Marine Corps at that time was a colonel, and there was only one of those, but the doors have gradually opened to women during my 26 years in the Marine Corps,"

she added.

BGen. Mutter said she thinks the Corps is continuing to change for the best, as it "opens doors for both women and minorities," she explained. "There are still some subtle forms of discrimination going on, on an individual basis, although the institution as a whole doesn't support this."

Aside from the B.A. degree she holds in mathematics education, BGen. Mutter earned an M.S. degree in general management from Salve Regina College and another from the Naval War College.

In addition to her education, Mutter has a wide variety of experience under her belt. Just four years after completing the Woman Officer Basic Course, she returned to Quantico, Va., as a platoon commander and instructor.

Since then, she has filled a number of assignments involving her skills in data processing and financial management in such places as Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Norfolk, Va.

BGen. Mutter joined the U.S. Space Command in 1988, qualifying as a basic space officer in Colorado Springs, Colo. After first serving as a command center crew commander/space director,

she then became chief of the division responsible for the operations for the Commander-in-chief's command center.

"I intend to continue to do my best as commanding general of the 3rd FSSG," BGen. Mutter said. "There are many things that we're trying to do here to make things better during the process of downsizing. We're aiming for a balance between quality of life and accomplishing the mission with fewer resources," she explained.

When BGen. Mutter first arrived on Okinawa in August of 1990, she assumed duty as an assistant chief of staff for III MEF. It was there she was selected for promotion to brigadier general. Less than a year after her arrival on island, she took on the duties as deputy commanding general, Marine Corps Research, Development and Acquisition Command, Quantico, Va. She later returned to Okinawa as the commanding general, 3rd FSSG.

In addition to her numerous other accomplishments, Mutter has attended Amphibious Warfare School and the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, Va.

BGen. Mutter attributes her

success to a number of reasons. "I have not been afraid to take advantage of opportunities and do something different; and it has been a time of extraordinary changes. There were always new doors being opened and new paths being exposed that hadn't been walked before, and I wasn't afraid to try some of those."

"I've never hesitated to ask a lot of questions and listen and learn from everybody around me, regardless of their rank or position," Mutter said her husband, retired Marine Corps Col. James M. Mutter, has also been a great help to her.

Along with 26 years of experience, she has accumulated 26 years of awards and decorations including: The Defense Superior Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with two bronze stars.

BGen. Mutter said her selection "means the opportunity to do more and have some additional influence in the Marine Corps for a longer period of time."

NQLB voices community issues

By Cpl. Aaron Martin
Staff Writer

The democratic process is what every member of the military fights for. It may seem as if there aren't a lot of times that military personnel get a chance to exercise the democratic process, but the station Neighborhood Quality of Life Board is looking for some voices to help deal with issues involving the station community.

The annual elections of the NQLB will be held tonight at 7 p.m. The elections for six positions will be held in classroom 1 of the Training and Audiovisual Support Center (building 287).

The positions are open to anyone aboard the station. Active duty personnel married or single, spouses, dependents, retirees and other interested individuals are encouraged to attend and submit nominations and cast votes for this year's elections.

Members elected will serve for one year.

The primary objective of the board is to address station quality of life issues and facilitate the process to resolve the concerns of the base community. The board is not a method of bypassing the chain of command but a mechanism to channel the issues to the proper authorities.

The past year has been a productive year for the board. "I believe we made a sizable impact on barracks habitability issues," said board member Lt. Col. Jim Diehl. "This year we have been able to get furniture, washers and dryers, and many other things which have raised the quality of life for our personnel."

Barracks issues were the driving force for Sgt. Joy Daniels to serve on the board this past year.

"Being a member of the board has been really interesting for me. I served on the board because I felt the board needed a voice from one of the barracks Marines. I didn't realize what a

wonderful learning experience this would be. Learning the operational procedures in order to resolve issues is much more in-depth than I ever imagined," Daniels said. "I have learned about people, the chain of command and addressed some very important quality of life issues. Serving on the board really gave me a sense that I have made a difference and done something for the board."

The board is not limited to Marines, but is open to Navy personnel, as well as others aboard the station. This past board had one Navy officer, Lt. Mike Unsell.

"This was a very worthwhile endeavor and has been a great chance for me to do something for the community," Unsell said. "I believed we got a lot accomplished this year but I wish more people would have attended the monthly meetings. The board is there to hear the concerns of the community."

The board is fully supported by the chain of command, which is the key to its success.

Ultimately the chain of command will implement the recommendations or suggestions of the board.

"The success of the board is through the support of the chain of command. We are not a channel which can be used to jump the chain, but we work towards solving quality of life issues with their help," Diehl said. "It has been very satisfying to see some of the tangible benefits. I would encourage anyone who sees a problem and is willing to work and help resolve concerns to come to the meeting and seek a position or cast a vote. It will make a difference."

"This year we did not solve every problem to all the issues but we were able to channel many of the concerns in the right direction," Daniels added. "However, if issues are not brought to someone's attention they might never be solved. This has educated me greatly about the operational functions of this base and its command."

Inside



Fill 'er Up

Cpl. Brian P. Howe, VMFA-235, keeps an eye on both the ground cable and fuel nozzle to ensure the safe refueling of the aircraft.

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Stay fit, stay healthy but remember stay safe

Military Police Department

MCAS Kaneohe Bay

The holiday season is finally over and this New Year your resolution may be to get in shape and actually use the new jogging shoes or bicycle you received for Christmas.

With all this new motivation, you might be waking up in the wee hours of the morning or, if you are not a morning person, you may be conducting your physical training after work. Either way, everyone should recognize that many pedestrian and vehicle or bicycle and vehicle accidents occur during the hours of darkness. Therefore, be defensive when exercising on the road.

When bicycling, you are bound

by the same rules of the road as any motor vehicle. Avoid traffic citations by using arm signals before turning left or right and coming to complete stops at traffic lights and stop signs. Cyclists should also wear bright reflective clothing to increase your chances of being seen by passing motorists. During hours of darkness, station regulations require you to equip your bicycle with a light on the front and red reflector on the back to make the rider more observable. Though not required, a helmet can prevent serious head injuries or even death in the event of an accident. It is strongly encouraged that all bicyclists wear a helmet. Again, drive defensively and don't expect everyone to see you.

If you decide to "pound the ground" this year, jog or walk in

the bike lane or facing traffic as close to the shoulder as possible. Remember to wear light or reflective clothing. DoD and service regulations prohibit use of headphones at any time while walking, running, bicycling or operating a motor vehicle aboard station. Further, the loud music can give you a tunnel vision effect in which you lose your sense of hearing and awareness of the surrounding area, resulting in a serious accident. Use crosswalks at all times and don't assume that a vehicle will stop for you while you are crossing.

Teach your children traffic safety and encourage them to follow station regulations. Following these simple tips should lead to a safe and healthy 1994, Mahalo!

Blotter

•A Marine reported a burglary in his assigned room. The Marine reported that between 8 and 9:40 p.m., Jan. 8, person(s) unknown entered his secured barracks room while he was sleeping and stole his Sears video camera. There was no sign of forced entry.

•A Marine reported a burglary in his assigned room. The Marine reported that between 2:30 and 6:18 a.m., Jan. 9, person(s) unknown entered his unsecured room while he and his roommates were asleep and stole a total of

\$145.00 from their wallets.

•A Marine reported a housebreaking. The Marine reported between 9 p.m. Jan. 8 and 1 p.m. Jan. 9, person(s) unknown entered his secured room and stole the Marine's Cannondale mountain bicycle. The bicycle was not registered aboard KMCAS or the state of Hawaii.

•An anonymous caller reported a family disturbance in base housing. Military police contacted the dependent wife at their quarters who stated she and her husband were involved in a verbal altercation when the Marine kicked and broke the front screen door

to the quarters, as he fled the area. The dependent wife was detained and declined to make a written statement. The dependent wife was released on her own recognizance. The Marine was apprehended and declined to make a statement.

•The evidence/lost and found custodian, has in his possession military/civilian clothing, I.D./bank cards, jewelry, watches, recreation equipment, baby stroller, wallets, fishing equipment, a number of bicycles, toys, and much more. If you think any of these items belongs to you contact Sgt. Fink at 257-3425.



By Cpl. W.D.G. Schaner

1, 2, 3 . . . breathe

Cpl. David A. Cogswell performs the chest press during the CPR class given recently at Hangar 105. The course was given to all members of HMH-463 to ensure squadron members were CPR qualified.

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This Week around the world

1 Adm. Larson visits Vietnam

The highest-ranking officer to visit Vietnam since the end of the war is assessing the country's cooperation in accounting for POW/MIA.

Admiral Charles Larson, commander-in-chief Pacific, arrived in Hanoi Sunday and is talking with Vietnamese officials and visiting recovery sites near Da Nang. Admiral Larson's visit may be the strongest sign yet that the United States may be closer to lifting the trade embargo against the southeast Asian country. The recovery of POW/MIAs from Vietnam is the mission of Joint Task Force-Full Accounting, a Hawaii-based unit under Adm. Larson's command.

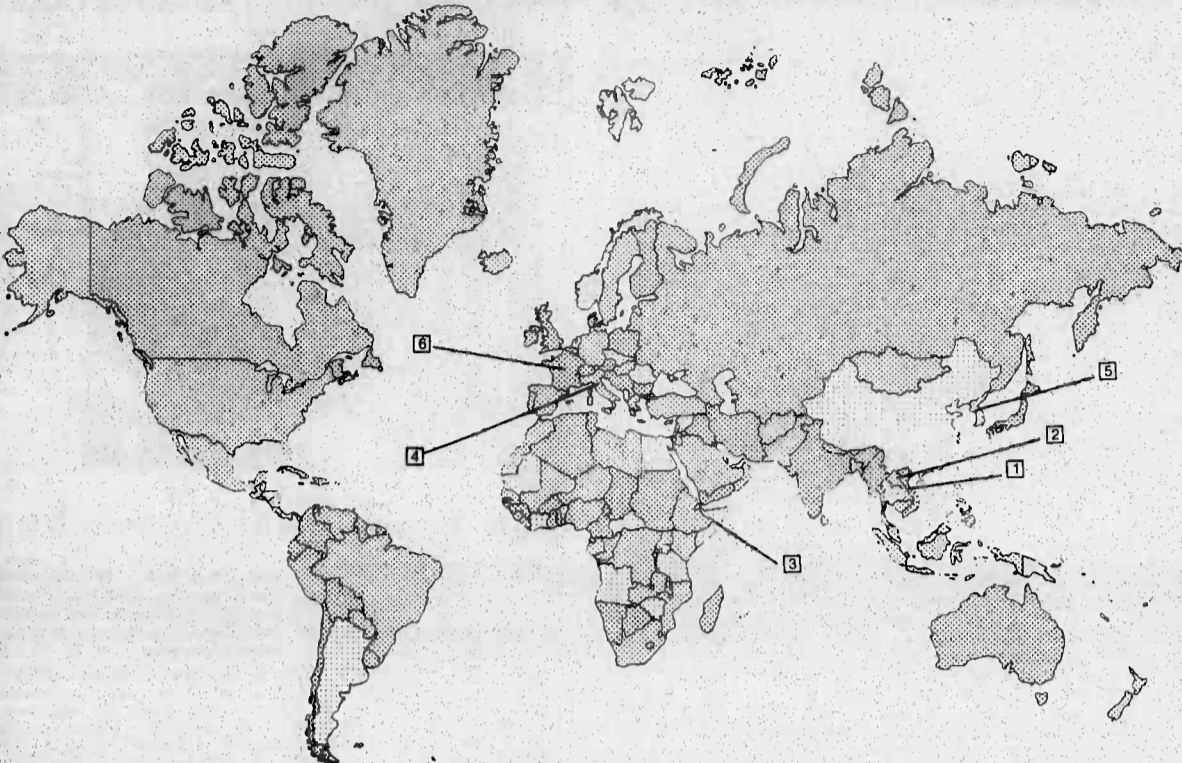
The recovery and identification of POW/MIAs has been a major block in the normalization of diplomatic ties between the United States and Vietnam. Last year President Bill Clinton eased the trade embargo but said full trade between the countries was contingent on Vietnam's fullest cooperation in accounting for Americans still listed as missing from the war. U.S. businessmen claim they are losing out on big opportunities in Vietnam, where capitalism is growing. Veterans groups and families of Vietnam POW/MIAs are waging a campaign against lifting the embargo and claim Vietnam officials are not cooperating on recovery efforts but withholding information.

2 U.S. Team to check Laos prison

A U.S. military team will inspect a Laos prison this month that was the target of a clandestine 1981 raid organized by the CIA in search of American prisoners from the Vietnam War.

Since intelligence information years ago indicated the prison might house Caucasians, a team plans to interview the prison staff and nearby residents during a 30-day field expedition. State Department officials list 505 Americans as unaccounted for in Laos.

Laos was taken over by communist insurgents in 1975 soon after North Vietnamese troops captured Saigon. The prison is



located in central Laos and officials have rejected all previous requests to visit the site. However, the government has recently become more cooperative, apparently under pressure from Vietnam. The 1981 raid and subsequent speculation remains vague because most information about it remains classified.

Aerial photographs taken in 1980 revealed what appeared to be the letter K stamped into a farm plot outside the prison. The letter K was given to U.S. pilots as a ground distress signal. However, no presence of POWs was found by the CIA expedition.

According to family members and veterans' groups, if the CIA organized a rescue mission, there must have been strong evidence of Americans being held in the prison. Senate and DoD sources have said this wasn't necessarily true, but investigators wanted to follow up on every possible "live

signing" of American prisoners after 1973.

3 U.N. Somalia detainees released

The United Nations Secretary General recently ordered the release of the last of Somalia detainees held by the U.N. operation in that country.

Boutros Boutros-Ghali ordered the move following the signing of a peace pact in Mogadishu between elders of the warring clans headed by Mohamed Farrah Aidid and a subclan of Ali Mahdi Mohammed. Also ordered by Boutros-Ghali was the lifting of restrictions on the movements of two other key Somali leaders, Omar Jess and Gen. Hersi Morgan. The moves were aimed at reinforcing the implementing of peace initiatives in the war-torn and famine-ridden country, according to a U.N.

spokeswoman. U.N. officials said that since moving into Somalia last June, 750 Somalis have been detained for resisting its operations.

Aidid recently issued a statement demanding an immediate end to the U.N. operation and the withdrawal of all foreign forces. He has denounced the U.N. operation as a military and political campaign to recolonize the country and said its efforts should be limited to humanitarian and reconstruction aid. As many as 3,000 Somalis may have died in the country's recent turmoil.

4 Marine Corps squadrons change in Bosnia mission

Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533 from Beaufort, S.C., recently completed

its 1,084th and 1,085th sortie in support of Operation Provide Promise, the U.N. operation dropping humanitarian supplies over war-ravaged Bosnia-Herzegovina and Operation Deny Flight, which enforces the U.N.-mandated no-fly zone. The squadron's F/A-18s provided air cover for Air Force C-130s which dropped the supplies. The missions are flown out of Aviano Air Base in northern Italy. In all, VMFA(AW)-533 flew 312 missions in direct support of the no-fly zone with the remaining sorties comprised of the close air support missions and training flights. The squadron is commanded by LtCol. David J. Rash.

Rotating into the place of '533 is VMFA-251, another Beaufort-based unit. Under the command of LtCol. Robert E. Schmittle, more than 190 Marines and sailors will be attached to the 5th Allied Tactical Air Force at Aviano.

5 Korean War remains identified

Army scientists have identified the recently returned remains of Americans killed in the Korean War. Although the names haven't been officially released, it is believed the remains are those of a pilot and three crewmen of an Air Force strategic bomber shot down near the Chinese border in 1951.

Three of the service members are 1stLt. George Aaron, the pilot, of New York City; 2dLt. Elmer T. Bullock, of Penacook, N.H., the radar observer; and MSgt. Robert Wilson, the flight engineer from Dekalb, Texas. The preliminary findings were made at the Army's Central Identification Laboratory at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. They must be reviewed and confirmed by Army leaders before positive identification is declared.

The remains are among the 194 sets of remains returned by North Korea in the last three years. Many are said to be in too poor condition to be identified and it is unknown how many more remains North Korea may hold.

6 French may return to NATO

After pulling out of NATO in 1966, France is showing signs of a possible return to the U.S.-European defense alliance. The apparent turnaround came at President Bill Clinton's diplomatic urgings at the recent NATO summit.

The 16-nation organization voted to reform NATO's command structure to allow strictly European responses to regional threats. This has long been a goal of the French government and under this formula, Combined Joint Task Forces would be created that would allow member countries to use alliance assets for military operations in which some members might support but do not wish to participate by sending forces.

An example would be the current conflict in Yugoslavia, which threatens the security of Europe but the United States is hesitant to fully commit forces to. According to a French official, a strong European alliance could resolve the conflict knowing the United States is behind the operation.

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Thirteen years ago on Jan. 15, more than 100,000 Americans marched in the streets of Washington, D.C. petitioning lawmakers to declare a national holiday in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A year later, on King's 53rd birthday, the march was repeated by Americans who felt the nation owed a gesture of gratitude to one of its great civil rights leaders.

There is no set criteria for earning such recognition on the American calendar, but a glance at Dr. King's record as a thinker, spiritual leader and catalyst for social change might serve as such. If anyone can be said to have had a lasting impact on the course of the United States as the nation neared its second century, it's probably Martin Luther King.

He was born in Atlanta in 1929 — another black human being in a land where non-white faces were stigma: unwanted blemishes on the social scorecard.

Because he was born to a relatively prosperous and respectable black family, young Martin was somewhat shielded from the brutality and injustice of an American society divided by color lines.

But he knew the racial barriers which relegated black people to second-class citizenship in a country where teachers promised "liberty and justice for all." King began to realize something was inherently wrong with the society he was about to enter.

Following his graduation from Crozer Theological Seminary in Boston, King, then a minister in his hometown, was thrust into the leadership of the 1955 city-wide civil rights boycott of a local transit company in Montgomery, Ala. There he developed his style of nonviolent protests to the separatist policies and racial injustices which kept black people in a state of hopelessness, poverty and defeat.

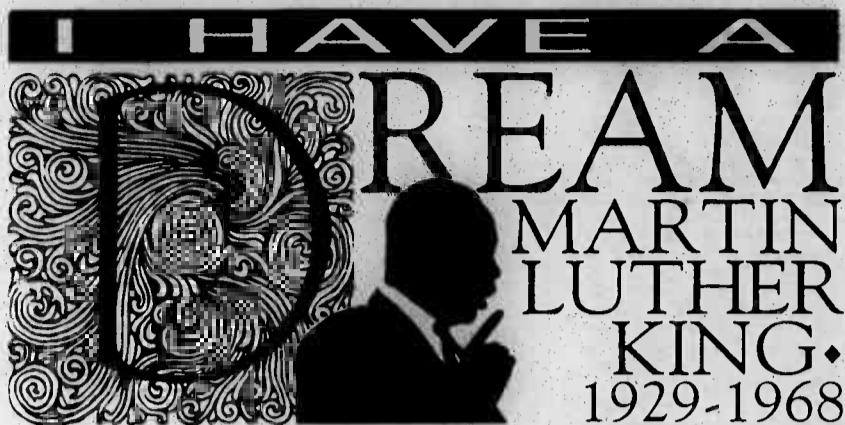
Although his impact and importance were more clearly illustrated in protest and demonstrations supporting equal treatment for blacks, King sought social, economic and political equity for all Americans. His influence and compassion extended beyond racial barriers. His dream was for a nation that recognized no color.

It is this universal appeal to countrymen of all races that enables the memory of King to influence further reforms within the nation even 25 years after his death. King was a significant lever in drafting and passage of

legislation which finally accorded the full spectrum of rights and privileges for American minorities. Integration and affirmative action, concepts pioneered by King, provided minorities with an opportunity to enjoy the freedoms and wealth of their country. Despite these gains during his fight against racial injustice, King knew that his people were still far away from an American utopia. He knew he would never see the country he envisioned in his immortal speech, "I Have a Dream," on the steps of the nation's capitol.

Before an assassin's bullet ended his life on April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King dreamed of a land where justice, freedom and opportunity is equal for all its citizens; a country united in peace and brotherhood.

King was much more than a black man fighting for racial equality in a country where segregation was an institution as old as the nation itself. He was a voice for unity in a country divided by prejudice, distrust and injustice. He was a Nobel Peace Prize laureate in a nation at war; a man who deeply felt the poverty and hopelessness which strangled his people and gave his life trying to end it.



Sometimes a simple act changes the world

By Jim Garamone
AFS

Sometimes the simplest act changes the world.

Such was the case in Montgomery, Ala., on Dec. 1, 1955. Rosa Parks, tired after a day's work, refused to give up her seat on a city bus to a white man. At that time and place, it was customary for blacks to give up their seats to whites.

Maybe Parks, a seamstress, was just tired, maybe she was finally fed up with the inequity of it. For whatever reason, her simple act of defiance changed the United States forever.

Her act of civil disobedience also catapulted a young African-American preacher to international fame.

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, celebrated Monday, it is important to remember the event.

Montgomery bills itself as the "First Capital of the Confederacy." Confederate President Jefferson Davis took the oath of office in the balcony of the Alabama statehouse. In 1955, like most of the South, Montgomery was legally segregated. Into this city came 26-year-old Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. to become pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church.

The theories of Mahatma Gandhi — espousing victory over the enemies through love — fascinated King. Like Confederate President Jefferson Davis in 1861, with King's arrival "the man and the hour have met."

Police arrested Rosa Parks at the next stop on the bus line for disobeying a bus driver.

Authorities found her guilty and fined her \$14. But Parks was popular, and her many friends organized a one-day boycott of the transit company.

It was spectacularly successful. Leaders in the community noted that blacks made up 75 percent of the ridership. What would happen if they extended the boycott? Management would have to yield to their demands or go bankrupt.

Black community leaders organized the Montgomery Improvement Association to handle matters related to the boycott. They elected King president of the organization.

From the first, King portrayed the struggle as more than a conflict between blacks and whites. "This is only a conflict between justice and injustice," he told his congregation. "We are not just trying to improve Negro Montgomery. If we are arrested every day; if we are exploited every day; if we are triumphed over every day; let nobody pull you so low as to hate them."

The African-Americans of Montgomery listened and stayed away from the bus line. Many walked or rode bicycles or took advantage of the car pools organized by King and his supporters. Many white families in the city helped with rides and taxi fares.

In February 1956, the authorities arrested King and 114 other black leaders for restraint of trade. They convicted him and ordered him to pay a \$1,000 fine and court costs.

The sentencing only made the African-Americans of Montgomery more determined. The boycott continued through the spring, summer and fall. With each passing month, interest in the boycott grew; first in Montgomery, then throughout the United States, then around the world. The bus company sank into debt.

Authorities arrested King and his supporters for setting up car pools. Officials maintained the car pools were unlicensed business. They were on trial when word arrived from Washington that the Supreme Court ruled discrimination in public transportation was illegal. Officials freed King and his associates.

Through it all, King stuck fast to his belief in nonviolence. Even when opponents bombed his home, King cautioned against revenge.

Dec. 21, 1956, was the first integrated day in the transit company's history.

King urged Montgomery's African-Americans to return to the buses with dignity. "I would be terribly disappointed if any of you go back to the buses bragging. We Negroes won a victory over the white people," he said. "If you do, our struggle will be lost all over the South. Go back with humility and meekness."

King was one of the first African-Americans to ride the integrated bus line. He paid his 15 cents, took the trip and announced, "It was a great ride."



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Front and center Safety is his business

By Cpl. Aaron Martin
Staff Writer

In times of trouble they are everyone's best friend, but when someone is in a hurry, they hope not to cross paths with the military police. But enforcing the law is their job and one member of the Provost Marshal's Office takes his job very seriously.

Cpl. DeWayne Smith of the accident investigation division here is one of the many hard working members of the military police who provide law enforcement for the thousands of visitors, workers and residents of the air station.

Smith's job in accident investigation entails reconstruction of an accident by determining speed, conditions of the road and the persons involved. He also studies traffic flow problems on the base and conducts lectures on safety issues as well as the normal enforcement of laws.

Safety is the primary concern of this 23-year-old, who is a familiar face to speeders aboard the base.

"I take my job very seriously when it comes to safety issues. I

believe that I am firm but fair when I pull over a speeder or traffic violator. Some people think we [MPs] are just being jerks when we pull them over," Smith said. "I'm just doing my job."

According to Smith perhaps the most common violation is failure to wear a seat belt. Another major problem is speeding through the housing areas.

"People just don't think about a lot of these things. When they get in their cars and drive after drinking it really upsets me," said the third-year Marine. "Not only do they endanger their own lives but also the lives of passengers and others on the road."

Smith, who became a father this past year, has very strong personal feelings about this aspect of the job.

"For this reason when we have lectures I stress to people the need for voluntary compliance so that the military police don't have to get involved," Smith said.

After completing his training school at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, Smith arrived in Hawaii and began working as a patrolman here. During his off-

duty time he began assisting in the investigation of traffic accidents and found this aspect of law enforcement to be fascinating.

Smith hopes to continue his career in the Marine Corps but does have some concerns about his work.

"I have found it to sometimes be a conflict of interest trying to be a family man and an MP. I don't get the chance to spend the time with my wife (Michelle) and daughter (Taylor) that I want to because of work. My family is important to me and family values are something I want to pass on just like my parents did to me," said Smith, whose hometown is Rochester, New York. "I have strong Christian values and I want to share them with my family. I don't believe in luck, I believe God takes care of us."

Smith is also a firm believer that as a military policeman his main concern should be the safety of others and that is exactly what he accomplishes everytime he stops a traffic violator. If anyone crosses paths with Smith, remember, he is just doing his job by watching over everyone.



Cpl. Aaron Martin

Cpl. DeWayne Smith utilizes his radar equipment to deter speeders aboard the air station

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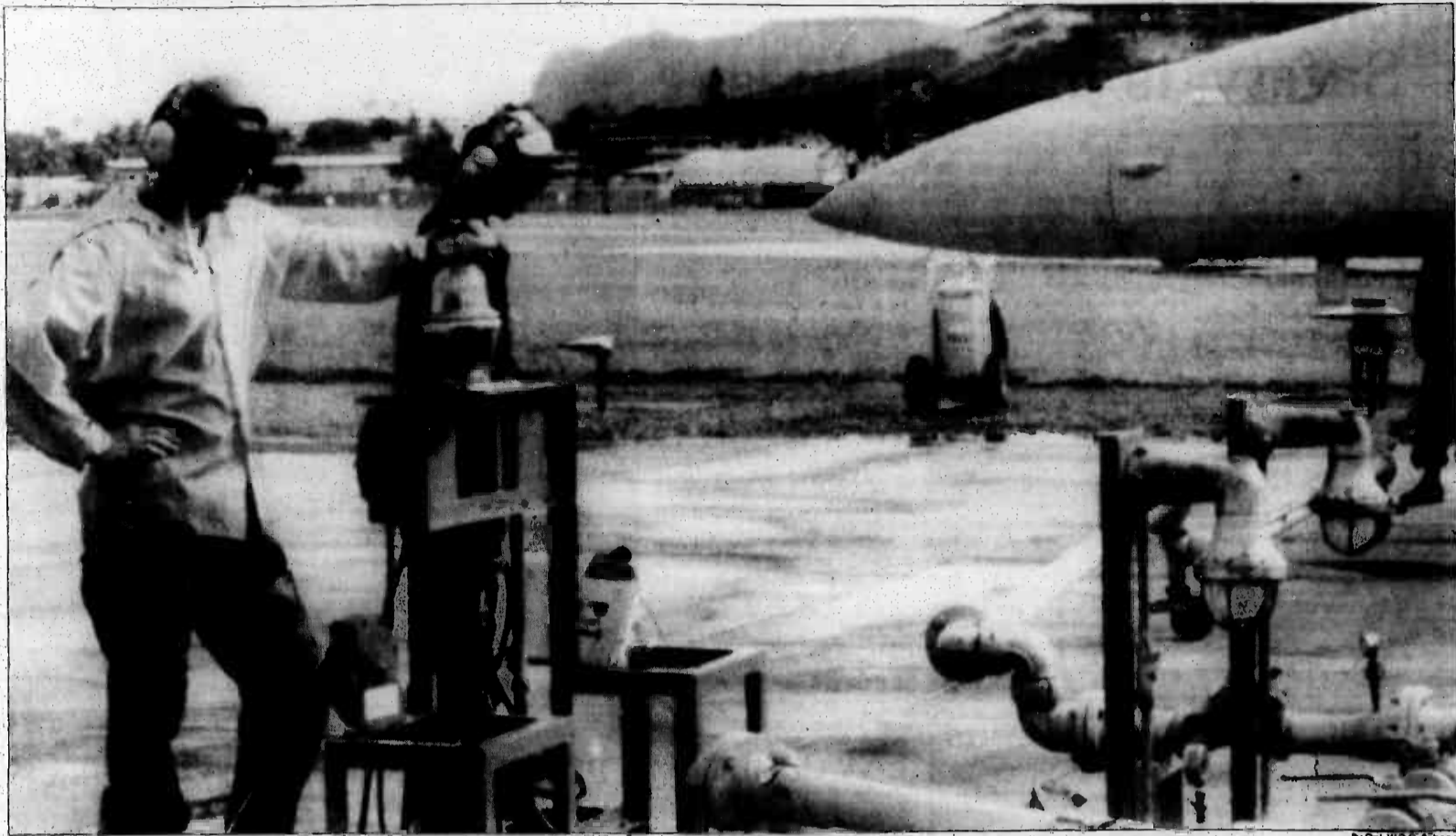
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Station refuelers LCpl. Carl E. Minqr (left) and LCpl. Clifford Hudson monitor the gauges and oversee the refueling operation.

By Cpl. W.D.G. Schaner

Safety comes first for station refuelers

By Cpl. W.D.G. Schaner
Staff writer

A small, but essential, group of Marines work quickly as a line of F/A-18's eagerly await the nearly 2,500 gallons of fuel needed to keep them flying.

This group of eight Marines is responsible for keeping all the aircraft fueled and ready to go. But the job involves much more than sticking a nozzle into an F/A-18 fuel tank. "The fuel we use is JP-5," explained GySgt. Michael G. Heidbreder, staff NCOIC of the refuel section. "JP-5 is constantly checked to ensure no impurities have degraded its quality. Exacting standards become a matter of life and death for our soon-to-be airborne customers."

Most of the refueling is done in the "pit," officially called the High-Speed Refueling Lanes. This is a two-pump station which sits along the flight line. Customers include both resident aircraft, and aircraft just passing through.

The pit is required to have at least three people — the nozzle operator, the fire watch and the refueler. Both the nozzle operator and the fire watch are from the squadron while the refueler is a part of the station's refuelers.

"Before we can allow an aircraft to enter our fuel lanes they must first be cleared by an ordnance Marine while it is waiting on the apron," Heidbreder said. "Once it

is cleared, then the aircraft can be guided into the pits by the crew chief."

The pit crew first blocks the wheels and then attaches a grounding cable. The cable grounds any static or electric current on the aircraft. "This is crucial because any spark could ignite the fuel," Heidbreder explained. "When dealing with bulk quantities of fuel and expensive aircraft, there is no such thing as too safe."

Once that is accomplished the fuel nozzle can be attached. The refueler constantly checks the gauges for quality and quantity of JP-5 fuel.

In addition to working the pit, station refuelers make house calls with 5,000-gallon capacity refueling trucks to the hangars both before and after normal flight hours and when specially requested.

The official name for the refuelers is bulk fuel specialist/operator. The refuelers are responsible, not only as gas station attendants, but for the receiving, storage and transfer of bulk quantity of fuel.

The fuel crew is comprised of eight Marines. SSgt. Damaso Soto and SSgt. Brian K. King serve as the section leaders for Heidbreder.

Only half of the eight Marines are assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron. The rest are on six-month temporary duty from Brigade Service Support Group-1 and from Marine Wing Support Squadron-174.

"The refueling lanes, and trucks must be manned seven-days a week, 24-hours a day," Heidbreder explained. "We have limited personnel so the group is split into two sections."

One section is the day crew, which works from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The night crew works from 3-10 p.m. After 10 p.m. one person is left for night maintenance duty.

"We also have one person here on the weekends," Heidbreder said. "They stay here on 24-hour duty to meet emergency refueling needs and unexpected requests."

The job of refueling aircraft may not be a glorious one, but it is definitely an essential one. "Without fuel nothing happens," Heidbreder said. "For all their expensive technology it takes fuel to get them off the ground — to the freedom of the air."

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GySgt. Michael Heidbreder



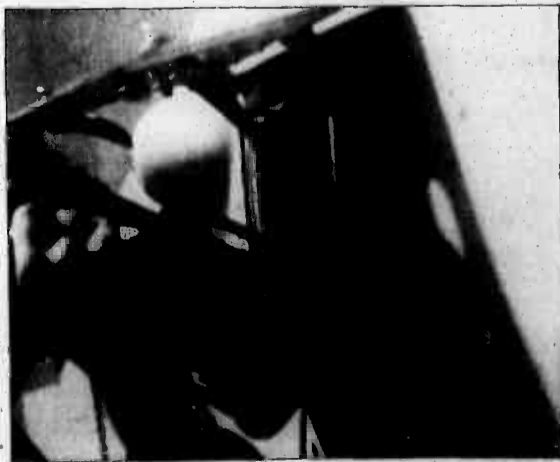
LCpl. Norman J. Poche (left) and LCpl. Antonio C. La France, VMFA 235, observe the refueling of the aircraft.

By Cpl. W.D.G. Schaner



(above) LCpl. Antonio C. La France disconnects the fuel line to prepare the aircraft to leave the "pit." (left) A member of the "pit" crew hooks up the fuel pressure locking nozzle to the F/A-18.

By Cpl. W.D.G. Schaner



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Don't forget to file state taxes

By MSgt. Linda Lee, USA
AFS

When working on federal tax returns, don't forget many state and local taxes are also due, Internal Revenue Service officials said.

Failure to file state and local taxes can cause as much or more trouble and money than forgetting federal taxes, the officials cautioned. For example, a service member may avoid filing state taxes for a few years. However, with federal and state governments cross-referencing returns, the individual will be caught. The state may add fines and penalties in addition to whatever tax is owed. Filing requirements vary from state to state, said IRS officials. Deadlines, tax rates, child care credits and other items can make state tax filing confusing. Tax officials recommended reading the state tax booklet from start to finish before attempting to complete the state forms.

Even though some states don't have an income tax, they may have some other type of tax. For example, New Hampshire taxes income from interest and dividends.

States that currently do not have individual income tax are Alaska, Florida, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wyoming. Tax officials recommended checking with the state's tax division because this could change.

Oregon and Missouri service members are exempt from paying taxes but they must go to their unit's administration office and fill out a state income tax exemption test certificate. Service members from New York or New Jersey may also be exempt depending on their place of residence.

Some service members and their families may have to file returns for two or more states. For example, service members who have working spouses, second jobs or some other nonmilitary pay may have to file for the state they're in as well as the home-of-record state.

The smartest thing to do if there are any problems or questions, said IRS officials, is check with the state or states concerned before tax deadlines.

Local installation tax assistance offices and libraries may be able to answer some questions. For forms and information concerning state taxes, contact:

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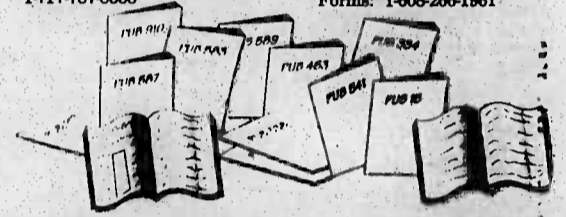
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Do you qualify for Food Surplus Distribution? Stop by the Family Service Center, building 455, with your latest LES and see if you are eligible. A surplus food distribution is scheduled for Jan. 28. Call the FSC for more information on surplus food and distribution dates at 257-3655.

Enlisted Wives

There is an Enlisted Wives' Club meeting every second Wednesday of each month at the Enlisted Club at 7 p.m. For more information call 254-8739 or 255-5018.

OWC

The KMCAS OWC charities committee is looking for possible recipients for their charity proceeds. For more information call

Amy Tenyehuis at 254-4977 before the March 15th deadline.

On Feb. 12 the OWC will host "Laughter on the Lanai," a comedy night at the Officer Club. The show will feature local comedians Bo Irvine and Jazz Kaner. Tickets which include one bar drink and pupus are \$10 for members and \$12 for nonmembers. The evening begins at 7 p.m. For reservations mail your check to Julie Aycock, 2247 Blain Dr., by Feb. 4.

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TAMP

The Transition Assistance Management Office is offering several transition assistance programs. A class on how to write a resume is scheduled for Feb. 2 from 9-10:30 a.m. at TAVSC (bldg. 287) classroom 2. An executive transition assistance program seminar will be offered Feb. 7-10, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the station theater. A Defense Outplacement Referral System (DORS) Workshop will be conducted Jan. 31 from 9-11 a.m. at TAVSC classroom 1.

Civilian employee awards

The Year-End Award Ceremony was conducted recently to recognize station civilian employees for a job well done and this year's ceremony included an award for Station Commander Col. R.R. Crawford.

The awards are given each year for a number of achievements including sick leave accrual, length of service awards and beneficial suggestion adoptions.

Col. Crawford was recognized by station employees for his efforts in leading the fight to highlight the importance of MCAS Kaneohe Bay during last year's base realignment and closure meetings.

Other award recipients included:

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White Stars suffer second loss

By Sgt. Marlon J. Martin
Staff Writer

The Kaneohe Bay White Stars had hoped to avenge a loss to Pearl Harbor in the season opener, but came up empty-handed against Schofield Barracks in the Midget division of youth soccer, 2-1.

After the fourth quarter ended with a 1-1 tie, the coaches of both teams agreed to have a shootout. Schofield scored in the shoot-out, resulting in the White Stars' second loss.

The White Stars scored quick to begin the game. A goal by center halfback Jason Davis in the first quarter of play had the team and fans jumping for joy. The White Stars came close to scoring on several other occasions, but a tighter Schofield defense limited their scoring in the first half.

Obviously, a threat on offense and defense, Davis was recognized as a versatile player as coach Henry Gomez switched Davis into several key positions.

Davis did a great job of helping control the White Stars' offense and was a key player on defense. Along with teammates, such as goalie Robert Hedges, Davis and the White Stars had Schofield trailing for most of the game. Getting past Hedges was a difficult task for Schofield's offense.

The White Stars came to realize in the second half how Schofield must've felt in the first. Although moderate gusts of winds had little effect on the game, it did affect the direction of the ball.

Schofield finally scored a goal in the fourth quarter after a long, defensive battle, which tied the game's score at 1-1. In an effort

to break the tie, both teams rushed to score again. Neither team was successful. In order to declare a winner the teams had a shootout, which resulted in Schofield coming from behind to win, 2-1.

The White Stars, who have fallen to a 0-2 season record, will face Aliamanu Military Reservation next week, in an attempt to grab their first win.

The two losses, however, have not caused coach Henry Gomez to lose sight on his team having a successful season. According to Gomez, the team is steadily improving and he still expects his team to have a good season.

"The kids are more aggressive. They're helping each other and playing more as a team," Gomez explained. "The defense has always been strong and now they're picking up the pace on offense."



Angel Arroyo races to prevent a Schofield player from kicking the ball upfield. The Kaneohe White Stars, however, were unable to stop Schofield from scoring in the game's final shootout.



The Kaneohe White Stars came up empty handed when Mark Smith attempted to score in the game's tie-breaking shootout. Schofield did score, winning the game, 2-1, in the Midget division of youth soccer.

Station gym swamped with basketball action

By Sgt. Marlon J. Martin
Staff Writer

The station gymnasium was recently overwhelmed with three intramural basketball games. With the regular season drawing to an end, teams are anxious to secure a spot in the playoffs, which begin on Monday.

Landing Support Company started Friday night's action with a match up against Maintenance Company. First Radio Battalion took on Navy in the second contest and 3rd Marines concluded the

night in a faceoff against Headquarters and Service Company, Brigade Service Support Group-1.

LSC vs. Maint. Co. — If the crowd hadn't seen it, they wouldn't have believed that LSC was trailing Maint. Co., 23-13, at halftime. In fact, Maint. Co. found it hard to believe themselves.

Maint. Co. put the defending champions on the ropes in the first half, but it didn't last. LSC regrouped, made a few adjustments on offense and came from behind to beat the maintenancemen, 43-

34. LSC remains the only unbeaten team in the league with an 11-0 season record.

"It just wasn't flowing," explained LSC coach Kenneth Waldhour, who said he had to rely on his reserve guards to make up for injuries.

With point guard Tommy Reed out due to injury and Antonio Apalacio sidelined in the first half with a sore thumb, Waldhour was forced to make some drastic changes.

Reid, who normally plays in the center position, took over as the point guard, backed by Steven Johnson. With Johnson and Reid in the backcourt, Tony Henderson and Donald Watson were able to form an unstoppable combination inside the paint in the second half. Henderson led in scoring with 17 and Watson followed with 11.

Navy vs. 1st Radio Bn. — When the going gets tough, the tough are supposed to get going, according to one of America's favorite cliches. Not Radio! Most of its tough guys bailed out during the season.

The few players that hung around to finish off the season put up a good fight in recent competition, but fell victim to a stronger Navy team. Navy opened fire in the second half to capture a 72-50 win.

Also missing a few players to injury, Navy was in the same predicament as Radio. They didn't have much of a bench either, but they didn't need one.

Navy's offense was pipin' hot with Eric Seymour canning uncontested three-pointers left and right. Radio had a hard enough time trying to stop Rob Gaddey, who finished with 19 points. Seymour was Navy's leading scorer with 21.

"We played a good game. It just took us awhile to get warm,"

said Navy coach Robert Unverdorven.

3rd Marines vs. H&S Co., BSSG-1 — "Go I.V., Go I.V.," the crowd chanted. Practically quiet until 3rd Marines stepped on the floor, the fans knew that if Corrinasky Iverson was on the court, it would be a good game.

Guaranteed to stir up the offense, Iverson has pioneered 3rd Marines' offensive attack with a lot of scoring. As a result, his athletic abilities have kept 3rd Marines alive throughout the regular season.

In the battle with H&S Co., however, Iverson played a different role. Instead of being the primary scorer, he sought out the open man, which was successful in spreading out the wealth of scoring.

3rd Marines came to battle and battle they did. For the first few minutes of the game, it was a defensive battle. Both teams found scoring to be difficult. After eight minutes of play, 3rd Marines led with a humble score of 4-2. At halftime, the score was only 19-12.

Nothing was humble about 3rd Marines' defense though. The defense was effective in stopping H&S Co. from getting its offense started. In fact, H&S Co. had a rough time getting past 3rd Marines' full-court press. 3rd Marines bettered its playoff chances with a 40-29 win.

"We have a lot of talented players. We're working to have well-balanced squads so we can keep fresh players on the court," said coach Jeff Andrews. According to Andrews, the match-up against H&S Co. was strictly "an experimental game."

The win boosted 3rd Marines' season record to 8-3.



H & S Co., BSSG-1 turned out to be a stepping stone to the upcoming playoffs for 3rd Marines. Led by Corrinasky Iverson, 3rd Marines is continuing to step over the competition. 3rd Marines charged to a 40-29 victory against H & S Co.



Surrounded by 1st Radio Bn. players, Navy's Rob Gaddey struggles to gain control of a loose ball. Navy defeated Radio, 72-50, in recent intramural basketball action.

From the cheap seats: A sports commentary

By John Magnus
KMCAS Outdoor Recreation Supervisor

For the previous five years or so, the NBA's Eastern Conference has been dominating the league much like the NFC beats on the AFC in football, and the National League used to thump the American League in baseball. But folks, the times, they are a changin'.

These three major professional sports have made it a point to have different styles of play in the different conferences or leagues. In football the NFC has been known for its ball control running game, while the AFC has been known for its high scoring passing attacks. Baseball's American League has the designated hitter while the National League doesn't, creating more offense. And in basketball the Eastern Conference teams have been known for their hard nosed defense while the Western Conference teams have been known for their fast break offenses.

In pro football the AFC is still trying to figure out how to win the big one. But baseball has appeared to become more equal in its championship series. Professional basketball has not quite turned that corner yet, but this may be the year.

Yeah, I know many of you are saying hey,

what about the Lakers and fast-breaking "Showtime"? Yes, the Lakers did win some championships but just as it seemed they were on the verge of winning several championships in a row, the Celtics or 76ers, with their tough defense and controlled offenses would win one. Besides, look at the last five years; the Bulls and Pistons have won all the championships.

Anyway, this year just might be the year that the Western Conference finally wins out. Look at the strength of the teams out there. Houston, Seattle, Phoenix, San Antonio and Utah are having excellent seasons.

An example is Utah. The Jazz are 22-11 and you are not even hearing about them because of the great starts that Houston, Seattle and Phoenix are all having. The tandem of John Stockton and Karl Malone is still very potent.

Key off-season acquisitions of Detlef Shrempf and Kendall Gill appear to have given the Seattle Supersonics an incredible lift. The Sonics now have so much youth, speed, and all around athleticism that tends to remind me of the Bulls of a few years ago.

The San Antonio Spurs acquired Dennis Rodman from the Pistons for Sean Elliott. They gave up a scorer for a defender and a rebounder. This has given David Robinson much more freedom to do his thing offensively, and may

have made the Spurs more dangerous.

Until the recent injury to Vernon Maxwell the Houston Rockets were on one major roll. Hakeem Olajuwon has been tearing up the league with plenty of support from teammates Otis Thorpe and Kenny Smith. Houston's starting five is one of the NBA's best when they are healthy.

Last season the Phoenix Suns gave the Bulls all that they could handle in the championship series. This year early injuries to Barkley have somewhat slowed him and the team, but at 24-6, they aren't doing too bad.

Compare these teams to the elite of the Eastern Conference like the Knicks and the surprising Atlanta Hawks and you can pretty much see how the tide may be turning in the Western Conference's favor. But is it the so-called fast-break, no defense style that is doing it for the Western Conference teams, or is it something else?

Let's look at Utah. The Jazz do like to run, but what NBA team doesn't? For years the main stay of Utah has been the inside power game of Karl Malone, and the outside game of John Stockton. The classic, two man inside-out game is stereotypical of Eastern Conference teams.

Seattle is probably as close to a true West Coast fast-break team as you can get right? Seattle has become a power because of stifling defense.

Gee, doesn't that kind of remind you of the NBA champions over the last five years?

Who's next? Ah, the Spurs. San Antonio has been trying to figure out what to do with David Robinson's enormous talents. Well, now they have Dennis Rodman, one of the league's premier defensive and rebounding forwards, and an Eastern Conference refugee, to help Robinson on the boards and free him up offensively.

The Houston Rockets are extremely similar to Seattle. They love to run the fast break but it is their team defense that wins them games.

Charles Barkley's move last season from Philadelphia to Phoenix made a big change in the way the Suns played basketball. They were known as a running "soft" team before Sir Charles brought in that Eastern Conference Toughness.

The reputation the NBA has had as really two leagues with two different types of play is still evident. But several teams have gotten smart. They have looked at what was winning championships in recent years and have adopted many of those strategies. Thus, the fast break style of Western Conference is gradually combining with gritty defense and pattern offenses of the Eastern Conference. This change in philosophy may finally bring Western Conference team the NBA crown.

Scott Arnold selected station's male athlete of the year



By Sgt. Marion J. Martin
Staff Writer

Truly a "Jack of all trades and master of none," Scott Arnold is one athlete who can say he's been there, seen it and done it when it comes to sports. A very athletic individual, Arnold participated in four sports in 1993 alone, helping him to earn the Male Athlete of the Year award.

Born in San Diego, Calif., but raised in Satellite Beach, Fl., Arnold recalls being involved with sports from the time he was big enough to play. Unlike some other athletes, Arnold has never been able to center his attention on just one sport.

In high school, football was his favorite sport, but he also played basketball and ran track. He wasn't fond of running, but he did it to stay in shape. He figured track would help him stay conditioned while he waited for football season to come back around.

Arnold, who patterns his career goals after his father and grandfather, joined the Marine Corps in November 1982. After analyzing the outcome of their military careers, Arnold decided

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Scott Arnold

he would also join the service with the hope of someday retiring like they did.

He was fed up with his construction job and wanted something more challenging. According to him, the construction job was boring and there was no excitement. He doesn't have that problem anymore.

Proud to be the third generation Marine, Arnold has finally found the excitement he was desperately seeking. Working outside his Military Occupational Specialty as an artillery mechanic (2131), Arnold takes pride in his new position at Brigade Schools as a Shallow Water Egress Training (SWET) instructor as well as his

ability to be proficient at several sports. He loves sports and he loves to compete.

"It doesn't matter what the sport is. If I pick a sport that interests me, I set a goal to be good at it and to play well enough to be competitive," Arnold said.

Rightfully so, Arnold was awarded for his participation in volleyball, softball, basketball and golf. He enjoys all sports, but has found a new interest in golf. According to Arnold, it is the only sport that he hasn't mastered, yet.

Confessing that he has a relentless urge to control the game of golf, Arnold explained, "It's hard to be consistent. One day, I will have a good score and a poor one the next day."

Although he is a two-time All-Marine volleyball player, Arnold has future plans of sticking with golf and possibly coaching volleyball at the high school level.

Pleased with the high level of camaraderie associated with sports, Arnold uses his athleticism as a way of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Even after his military career is over, he says he will continue to play sports as a means of keeping active.



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Tickets

The MWR Ticket Office offers tickets and information on how to get them at special military rates. The office also takes reservations for events and attractions around the island. Call the Entertainment Hotline at 254-3304 or stop by the Marine Corps Exchange for information and reservations. The office is open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This week's offerings include:

- Consolidated Movie Theaters** - Tickets cost \$4.25 and are good until June 8.
- Sea Life Park/Waimea Falls Park** - ITT now has discount tickets on sale.
- The Polynesian Cultural Center** - ITT has ticket rates for Kamaaina's (Hawaii residents) and military rates (out-of-state residents). PCC is offering another special on the following packages: Admis/Show through Jan. 22, for residents is \$12 for children; non-residents \$17, \$14 for children.
- Aloha Diners Club** - Entertainment and dining is

available at a big discount. Books and cards are only \$12 and are good until December.

Hula Bowl - Jan. 22. Tickets on sale now for sidelines in the blue and orange levels only. Tickets \$11 and \$14.

Honolulu Comedy Club - Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 p.m. show only \$10 per person. Friday and Saturday 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. shows are \$12 per person. Sunday 8 p.m. show tickets are \$10 per person.

Luau tickets - Available through ITT for Hale Koa Hotel, Germaines, Koyal Hawaiian and Paradise Cove luaus. Contact the ITT office for more information.

Dinner Cruises - On the Stardancer, Navatek, Windjammer, Star of Honolulu, Starlet and Starlet II. For more details and cost, contact the ITT office.

Diamond Head Theatre - Song and Dance performing Jan. 14-30. Military discounts available. Call ITT for more information.

Brooks and Dunn Concert - tickets available now for \$23.50. Concert date Feb. 11 at Richardson Field.

SPORTS Briefs

Aerobics

Semper Fit Aerobics classes are offered everyday at the Main Gym including the STEP program. Classes are \$2 for dependents and 50 cents for active duty, or monthly passes are \$20 for dependents and \$10 for active duty personnel. For further information contact the Athletic Office at 254-2516.

Karate

Karate courses teaching self-defense, self-confidence, weapons and sport karate are offered through MWR with classes for adult and children (5 years or older). The classes take place Monday through Friday evenings. The cost is \$30 for one person or \$40 for two people. For further information contact MWR Recreation Services at 254-2963.

Bowling

The Hawaii Marine Athletic Council

Championship is scheduled for Feb. 1-4. All games will be bowled at the K-Bay Bowling Center. Interested bowlers must have a 185 average for men and a 165 average for women. All active duty Marines and sailors stationed at K-Bay who meet the requirements are eligible for registration. Please call the athletic office at 254-2516.

Intramural V-Ball

The organizational meeting for the 1994 K-Bay intramural volleyball season is scheduled for Feb. 3 at 1300 in the main gym, bldg. 3037. All units interested in having a team must have a representative at the meeting. Unit integrity is mandatory.

Cross Country Team

The armed forces is forming a cross country team for the CISM championship to be held in Curragh, Ireland Mar. 13-18 1994. Events will be a 5k for women and a 5k and 12k for men.

Marines interested in being considered for the CISM team must submit a summary of athletic achievements, figure 3-16 of MCO P1700.27, through their chain of command to MWR support activity, 3044 Catlin Avenue, Va. no later than Feb. 1, 1994. Summaries must include races entered, times run, and place finish in times run after Jan. 1, 1993.

Varsity Volleyball

The 1994 Varsity Volleyball season is ready to begin. Try-outs are set for tonight, at 6 p.m. in the K-Bay Main Gym. Try-outs are for both the men's and women's varsity teams. All active duty Marines stationed in Hawaii and Navy personnel stationed at K-Bay are eligible. For further information, please call the K-Bay athletic office at 254-2516/2458.

Table Tennis

All active duty personnel stationed at K-Bay are eligible for the K-Bay Table Tennis Tournament. The tournament is scheduled for Feb. 12 in the Main Gym; the time is to be determined. For further information and to sign-up,

call the K-Bay athletic office at 254-2516/2458.

K-Bay Officials Association

The K-Bay Officials Association is looking for any person interested in becoming a sports official. Experience is not required; the individual will be trained. For more information please contact Harold Sharrer at 289-6175 (pager).

Intramural Bowling

Attention all units, any K-Bay unit interested in entering the 1994 Intramural Bowling League, please contact the K-Bay Lanes at 254-4980.

Jazzercise

A free Jazzercise class open house will be held Friday Feb. 4th at the Main Gym at 8:30 a.m. For more information call Jean Hamilton at 254-4112.

MWR offerings

Officers' Club - Take a culinary trip around the world at the Officers' Club. Effective Feb. 14, the Officers' Club will offer an International Family Buffet in lieu of the Seafood Buffet.

International Night will feature a taco and pasta bar, as well as international selections including Italian, Chinese, Thai, Cajun, Filipino, Hawaiian, Japanese and Mexican. The buffet will also feature children's favorites such as chicken and pizza. There is something to please every taste.

The buffet costs \$12.95 for adults and \$5 for children of members and \$14.95 for adults and \$6 for children non-members. These changes are being made in response to a recently completed survey of staff NCOs and officers requesting changes in the current menu. For more information contact the Officers' Club at 254-5166.

Staff NCO Club - Kids and parents alike won't want to miss Keiki Korner at the Staff NCO Club. Keiki Korner is an evening dedicated to the little people. The evening includes a dinner buffet with specialties for the young ones. Keiki Korner is every Wednesday from 5-8 p.m., and costs \$4.25 for

11-15 year olds, \$2.75 for 6-10 year olds and children under five eat free. Big people menus are also available. For more information contact the Staff NCO Club at 254-5592.

Fitness Advantage - Now that January is almost over, it is time to look back on that New Year's Resolution.

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Spice of life!

By Maggie Milham

Isn't it funny how rumors tend to grow like fungus on an old cucumber? Last week a friend of mine (I'll call her "Jane") came to the door in tears. It seems that her husband was deploying, but that the family was going to be left for three years until the unit finally returned to CONUS.
 "My Goodness!" I said sympathetically confused. "Where did you hear this?"
 After several cups of coffee and

enough tears to sink a battleship, the only answer Jane could come up with was "they." Apparently, "they" had determined that this poor child was going to be without her spouse for three years while "they" made up their minds on what to do with the squadron. If an enemy of the United States ever figures out who "they" are, this country will be in big trouble, since "they" obviously run the place.
 At any rate, I figured that it was time for some rumor control. Don't worry, I assured her, I doubt that "they" are talking about your husband. "They" wouldn't stand a chance of defeating an angry horde of Spice. Jane smiled and perked up a bit.

During the second world war, there was a saying that "Loose lips sink ships." That seems to be even more true today with the "downsizing" — If someone can find a definition for this word, I would appreciate it. We used to call it "shrinking." And where there are changes, there will be gossip. Unfortunately, most of the rumors that go around are going to be of the nasty sort.
 So, why can't rumors be put to rest? The problem is that not even the Marine Corps is certain of what its final form will be. There is yet another base closure and realignment session coming up in 1995.
 Of course, none of this is any comfort to Jane, who is convinced

that she will be a geographical widow for three years. When a squadron gets moved, the Marine Corps is talking about the material aspects of the squadron, not the men. People are constantly replaced. Of course, Jane may find herself moved to Okinawa for three years, but I hear the shopping is great. At least she won't find herself alone that long.
 As for the other rumors floating around, I'd suggest that we all take a deep breath and sit back for a while. It won't do any good to stew about possibilities. In the end, nothing will matter but those PCS orders. I hear it's lovely in Alaska this time of year.

Equal opportunity

By SSgt. Eileen Osterhout

The month of February has been deemed Black History Month to observe the significant accomplishments and contributions of Black Americans. To support equal opportunity throughout the Marine Corps, Anderson Hall will host a special ethnic noon meal on Feb. 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All active duty Marines, their dependents and civilian employees are invited to attend.


You are cordially invited this year to assist in the planning of this special meal. So call your mom, favorite auntie, sisters and brothers and old friends for their favorite recipe. The Station is inviting everyone to submit a recipe they would like to see at this meal. As we all know, no one can make your dish as well as you can, so you are invited to come to Anderson Hall to assist in the preparation. It is requested that you submit your recipe to the Equal Opportunity Staff Advisor no later than Jan. 24. For further information, contact SSgt. Osterhout at 257-7800/7801 or fax your recipes to 257-1829.

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