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2/3 Marines depart for Okinawa

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The leathernecks of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment departed MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Dec. 10 and 11 for a seven month deployment to Okinawa, Japan, and the Western Pacific as a part of the Unit

Deployment Program.

The Marines of 2/3, who recently completed their Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation in preparation for the deployment, will be absent from the K-Bay way of life until June 2001, said Maj. Keith H. Ragsdell, assistant operations officer for 3rd Marine Regiment.

During their deployment, 2/3 will

participate in exercises in many different Pacific countries with foreign militaries and other United States Armed Forces.

One of the major exercises 2/3 will participate in will be Tandem Thrust 01, a bilateral, joint-service exercise in Australia, said Ragsdell.

The exercise will be conducted in conjunction with the Australian mili-

tary and the United States Navy.

The Marines will also conduct training at Camp Fuji, Japan, the Jungle Warfare Training Center on Okinawa, and other training areas in the region, said Ragsdell.

"The UDP, on a strategic level, is the Marine Corps' force projection throughout the Pacific theatre," said Ragsdell. "Having Marines forward

deployed in the Pacific for long periods of time helps to promote and maintain peace in the unstable area."

The deployment of 2/3 to the Pacific Rim will not only help to promote peace in their area of operations, it will also help continue to maintain the Marine Corps' role as the nation's premier "total force in readiness."

Defense Secretary investigates MV-22s

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Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen announced the appointment of an independent high-level review panel for the MV-22 program in wake of the second tilt-rotor aircraft crash since early April.

Cohen asked retired Marine Gen. John R. Dailey to chair the panel. Retired Air Force Gen. James B. Davis and Norman R. Augustine will join Dailey on the panel.

In his tasking to the panel members, Cohen wrote, "The V-22 accident history and other testing issues necessitate that we undertake an independent, high level review of the program. You are hereby appointed to conduct this review, to include safety of the aircraft, and to recommend any proposed corrective actions."

Specific factors to be addressed in the review, as they affect safety and combat effectiveness, are training, engineering and design, production and quality control, suitability to satisfy operational requirements, performance and safety of flight.

Four Marines died Dec. 11 when their Osprey crashed near Jacksonville, N.C.

Killed were Lt. Col. Keith M. Sweaney, 42, of Richmond, Va., Marine Helicopter Squadron 1, MCB Quantico, Va.; and Maj. Michael Murphy, 38, of Blauvelt, N.Y., Staff Sgt. Avely W. Runnels, 25, of Morven, Ga., and Sgt. Jason A. Buyck, 24, of Sodus, N.Y., all of Marine Medium Tilt-rotor Training Squadron 204, MCAS New River, N.C.

The crash was the fourth accident involving the tilt-rotor aircraft since 1991. The Navy and Marine Corps have grounded all MV-22 Osprey flights until further notice. Military officials recovered the aircraft's "black box" in good shape. An aviation mishap board will investigate.

The aircraft was about three minutes out from MCAS New River when the crew sent a distress call, according to Lt. Gen. Fred McCorkle, Marine Corps deputy commandant for aviation. He said the Osprey went down about five miles north of Jacksonville in a remote area accessible only by a four-wheel-drive vehicle.

"I don't think there's anything that we can say that would ... make this easier for the families," the general said, "except to say that the Marine Corps is going to do everything that it can do to find out what caused the accident, to take care of these families and to take care of our Marines."

In an earlier accident, all 19 Marines aboard an Osprey died April 8 when their aircraft

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DefenseLink photo

Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen has appointed a review panel for the MV-22.

Blown away



Cpl. Scott Gilbert

Corporal Winston L. Crowder, a 25-year-old Miami native and fiscal clerk with the MCB Hawaii Ammunition Supply Point, fires an AT-4 anti-tank assault weapon during Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii's unit training Monday morning at the Kaneohe-Bay Range Training Facility.

Marines attracting 'Great Americans'

Army Staff Sgt.
Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Marines believe they aren't experiencing the recruiting woes of the other services because they work harder to sell the "intangibles of service life," their senior officer said.

"That's one of the keys to our success," Gen. James Jones said in an American Forces Press Service interview. "We work hard to appeal to potential recruits' sense of patriotism and the desire to work for the common good."

He said the Marine Corps' core values — honor, courage and commitment — appeal to the type of people the military wants.

His senior enlisted adviser agreed. "We don't grow little boys and girls to be Marines," Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Alford L. McMichael said. "These are great Americans before we get them. We're just giving them the opportunity to do extraordinary things."

General Jones said that once they convince potential Marines of the merit of those values, all Marines must live them or retention would suffer. "At the end of four years (a typical enlistment), we have to have convinced them those things are real or we would experience a mass exodus," he said. "Well, that hasn't happened, so we must be doing our jobs."

"We're challenging them to accept responsibility," McMichael said. "Then it's up to our leadership to inspire, motivate and keep them on track."

McMichael said another boon to the Marine Corps' recruiting efforts is the enthusiasm of its recruiters. He said sergeants major are volunteering in record numbers to extend on recruiting duty.

"Never before have we had so many sergeants major raising their hands and volunteering to stay on recruiting duty," he said. "But they believe in the message they're giving, and they're asking to stay on and continue that mission."

McMichael and Jones both said the good economy hasn't necessarily hurt Marine recruiting because people who become Marines are looking for something other than financial wealth. They want to serve their country as United States Marines.

"You don't see Marine Corps commercials that say, 'Join the Marines for college money or a high quality of life,'" Gen. Jones said. "Our commercials say, 'Become one of the few, the proud.' You have to want to be a Marine. That's our ethos; that's what we sell."

But that's not to say benefits are any less important to Marines, he said. "You don't take a vow of poverty to serve your country, but it is more akin to having a calling than just getting a job," he added.

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K-Bay Marine dies

MCB Hawaii
Public Affairs
Press release

A Marine from 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment died Friday during a 3-mile unit physical training run.

Lance Cpl. Reginald L. Bonds, 29, suffered a cardiac arrest and was pronounced dead at 9:18 a.m. at Castle Medical Center. The cause of death is currently being investigated.

The Marines of 1/3 honored Bonds Tuesday at an evening memorial ceremony at the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Chapel.

Hawaii Marine on holiday hiatus

Due to the holiday season, this issue will be the final edition of the Hawaii Marine Newspaper for 2000. Our next issue will be printed Jan. 11, 2001.

The combat correspondents, whose hard work and talent you see displayed on these pages each week, are working together to make the paper an even bigger success in the coming year.

As part of our ongoing effort to provide our readers timely and useful information, we have made several changes in the past months which have significantly increased the informational value of the Hawaii Marine. We have many more changes planned in the coming months including, but not limited to, additional sections

and more unit and personality features.

Because the Hawaii Marine newspaper is for the military and family members who live and work aboard MCB Hawaii installations, we always welcome comments and suggestions from our readers.

We are constantly seeking to improve our paper, and keep it the finest civilian enterprise publication in the Marine Corps and the Department of Defense.

While we pause operationally, we would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season. Please be safe.

Sgt. Robert Carlson
Press Chief

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

ANDERSON HALL SCHEDULE

The Anderson Hall Dining Facility is scheduled to operate on a holiday schedule Monday and Tuesday and Jan. 1 and 2. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and dinner from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on these days. The satellite facility located near the flightline will be closed.

Regular hours of operation will resume Wednesday and Jan. 3, respectively. The Christmas meal will be served Monday evening.

NEW ARRIVALS ORIENTATION

The New Arrivals/Spouse Aloha orientation is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. Jan. 4 at the E-Club aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. The brief is required for all servicemembers who are new to MCB Hawaii; their families are welcome to attend as well. For more information on the orientation, contact Marie de Jesus, the transition assistance manager at MCCS Personal Services at 257-7788.

ERRONEOUS PAY CHECKAGE

Two system problems have been identified involving excess leave. Erroneous checkages/credits of Basic Allowance for Housing with dependents and BAH difference is being withheld from E-4 and below for periods of excess leave. Members are not receiving a half day credit for BAH without dependents when excess leave starts at 12:01 a.m. A system change has been submitted to resolve the above problems. A follow-up message will be issued when the problems are resolved.

TAX CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The MCB Hawaii Tax Center, located near the 7-Day Store, is seeking volunteers for the 2001 Tax Season. Call 257-2110 for more information.

HRO OPEN ENROLLMENT

The MCB Hawaii Human Resources Office is currently accepting applications to start/change Thrift Savings Plan elections for civilian employees. Thrift Savings Plans change applications will be accepted until Jan. 31. Contact the HRO, next to the Base Post Office, for more information or call 257-2120.

MAIL/PACKAGE GUIDELINES

Federal Express and other such mail/package couriers remind servicemembers aboard MCB Hawaii of the importance of including building numbers on mailed items sent and received on base. Many MCB Hawaii commands are spread throughout several buildings aboard the installation.

This makes it difficult to locate individuals who only specify their command on mailed packages. The addition of building numbers will also ensure the timely delivery of mail packages to Marines, Sailors and DoD civilians aboard MCB Hawaii.

REFORM INITIATIVE HOTLINE

For up-to-the-minute status on the MCB Hawaii Business Reform Initiative, call the BRI hotline at 257-8866 or logon to www.mcbh.usmc.mil.

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SERGEANT MAJOR'S CORNER

Improving the Corps with your suggestions

Sgt. Maj.
Stephen H. Mellinger
MarForPac Sergeant Major

CAMP H.M. SMITH - Every August the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps hosts a 10-day Sergeants Major Symposium for those of us who work for a general officer.

Collectively, we discuss critical issues and concerns that may particularly affect Marines in specific geographical areas, bases or stations, duty assignments and Marines as a whole.

An added bonus for us is that we get to renew old friendships and swap "sea stories" with fellow sergeants major we haven't seen for awhile. There's not a topic too big or small for discussion at this symposium so long as the intent of an agenda item is to better the Corps, Marines and/or their families.

For each agenda item discussed there's normally a lively exchange of expressed professional views. And I can tell you from experience that the likelihood of 40 crusty sergeants major totally agreeing on any given agenda topic (or anything else for that matter) is virtually non-existent.

Understanding that fact, it takes a majority in agreement for a given agenda item to "stay on the table." On the last day of the symposium, the selected agenda items are presented to the commandant as recommended changes.

Some recommendations pertain to internal Marine Corps policies and need nothing more than the commandant's blessing

to change that specific policy. However, many of our recommendations to the commandant require more than his approval for them to take effect.

Many recommendations may require additional funds not budgeted for previously. And some may involve joint-service support, Department of Defense policy changes or they may need approval, and backing, by the Congress. Bottom line is that some items could, if approved by all organizations concerned, take years to be implemented.

Where do the agenda items come from that are presented and discussed at these symposiums? Any Marine may submit his or her recommendation(s) up the chain to their respective command sergeant major. The command sergeants major review and select which agenda items (from their command) will be forwarded to the symposium for consideration.

Unfortunately, most generated agenda items are from us old guys, the sergeants major, and not from more junior Marines from around the Corps. No matter how much we fossils feel that we always know the best way to build the mousetrap, the fact of the matter is, we do not! I'm a firm believer in the old saying, "Necessity is the mother of invention." And that, to me, equates to Marines who perform the work or run the equipment are the "duty experts" best qualified to make recommendations to improve how they do things.

In any discussion between two or more Marines, they might talk for hours about things they would like changed in the Marine Corps. However most of them seem content just to talk about it and not to do something about it.

I would like to see all of you put your thoughts and sugges-

tions on paper as agenda items and pass them on to your sergeant major for the annual symposium. Collectively, we need to take an active roll in innovative thinking - thinking outside the box, as they say, to find ways to work smarter, not harder. Where would we be if men such as Thomas Edison or Henry Ford stopped short of acting on their ideas?

As I speak with Marines (all enlisted ranks) throughout the Corps, I'm amazed at their keen insight on matters far above their pay grade of concern. There isn't a Marine on active duty that isn't capable of generating positive suggestions to improve one thing or another within our great Corps. A thought kept to oneself is a waste of energy between the ears.

Here's an example of how one Marine's suggestion affected change for all Marines. About five years ago a Marine who was 72 1/2" tall weighed in at 207 pounds. At that time, the weight control order dealt with exact inches in determining everyone's height/weight standard. It left it up to the discretion of the command to address degrees of inches and how to deal with Marines who were unfortunate enough not to end their growing years in exact inches. This created a problem for every command having to make their own policy on dealing with Marines whose height was not in exact inches and very close to their max weight. In this case, if the command policy were to hold this Marine to the 72" maximum authorized weight of 203 pounds, he would be considered overweight four pounds and placed on weight control. A different command, that had a little more touchy-feely policy, would deal with

this same Marine by considering his height to be 73" and within weight standards by two pounds. In both cases, each command was right in what it did.

The problem was that there was no consistency from one command to the next, as there was not a Marine Corps wide policy on this. And one thing we Marines like to be is consistent. The idea struck me then that the Marine Corps needed to have a policy that addressed this issue so we could work from the same sheet of music. It took me about 10 minutes to put my thoughts on paper and submit them as an agenda item for that year's Sergeants Major Symposium. The end result was that by the end of that calendar year the weight control order was modified to address Marines whose height was not in exact inches. I suspect a many Marines, since then, who are near their max-weight, appreciate that particular change. Our commandant wants every Marine with a good idea to share it for the betterment of all the Corps.

Within the next few months, we will gear up for this year's Sergeants Major Symposium. To prepare for this, the major command sergeants major will be soliciting agenda items from within their commands on ways to better our Corps. There is no greater feeling of personal pride than to have been part of real change for the benefit of all. It would be nice this year if our biggest problem were sorting through too many great ideas from the Marines within MarForPac.

If you want change, then you have to be willing to exert a little energy and brainpower to influence change. When your sergeants major solicit ideas this year, overwhelm them with your great ideas!

Fighting the 'holiday blues'

Sgt. Richard W.
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Combat Correspondent

The holiday season is a time of year people usually spend giving and receiving gifts, enjoying time with their family and friends, laughing and sharing the holiday spirit with others.

For some servicemembers though, especially those stationed overseas, this time of year can bring on a bad case of the holiday blues.

The holiday blues can be described as feeling a little down in the dumps, and believe it or not, some people get to feeling that way every now and then, according to Cmdr. Jeffrey E. Rhodes, MCB Hawaii senior Protestant chaplain.

"I think in the military

we have a lot of different stresses we have to deal with, compared to the civilian community," said Rhodes. "We're away from home and our families, the work environment is tough, we're not paid a lot of money and we're supposed to be happy it's the holidays; that's hard to do."

People deal with being away from home and their loved ones in different ways.

Some people volunteer free time to their church or their favorite charity. Others go to the gym more or spend more time doing their favorite recreational activity.

Most of the time people handle the holiday blues fairly well, and it all

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Holiday greetings from the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

As we approach the New Year, we celebrate the spirit of the season and reflect on the blessings we enjoy as Americans. A nation at peace, the freedom to pursue dreams, and the promise of a safe, secure future — these are the blessings built on the sacrifice, dedication and commitment of you — our soldiers, Sailors, airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and DoD civilians. You remain on duty throughout the holidays, guarding freedom's frontiers with unrelenting vigilance. During this special season, our thoughts and prayers go out to all who serve — especially those serving far from home, performing difficult, even dangerous missions, apart from family and loved ones. Each of you is a national treasure, a bright and shining light illuminating the spirit of peace and hope. The difference you make is not measured in the abstract but in the lives you help and protect.

From my family to yours, Carolyn and I wish each of you a joyous holiday and a Happy New Year.

Henry H. Shelton,
General, U.S. Army
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff



Gen. Shelton

Grand opening



Lt. Col. Capt. (ain) A. Schnable

Richard Black, Marine Corps Community Services director of services, and Patrick Stanich, the owner of Art and Imagination, cut a ribbon signifying the store's grand opening. Art and Imagination's grand opening was celebrated with a ribbon cutting, door prizes, a \$175 merchandise giveaway and a performance by the local country band 90 Proof.

Computer system to ease range scoring

Installation of LOMAH system to eliminate old-fashioned butt-pulling

Cpl. M. Trent Lowry
Combat Correspondent

Ongoing installation of a new electronic scoring system at the range training facility aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, will put the technology in place to give base shooters the opportunity for better rifle range training.

The installation of the Location of Misses and Hits system, which began Dec. 1, is designed to make the range training experience more efficient for both shooters and range personnel.

The range training facility at MCB Hawaii will be the first facility in the Marine Corps to use the LOMAH system, said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Randall L. Harris, range management officer.

"We will be the test ground for the LOMAH system. We'll be passing on lessons learned to see if the LOMAH will be used Marine Corps wide," said Harris.

The LOMAH system will electronically mark where a Marine's round penetrated an electronic field and a plastic target. The information will then be relayed immediately to a small video data screen that will be located with the shooter on the firing line, giving him or her an immediate response regarding the location of where the round hit.

"Because the feedback on shot placement is immediate, the 'only thing on the Marine's mind is shooting. It will help eliminate frustration and anxiety," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Vincent S. Pope, range officer.

The system will save the Marine Corps money and manpower, Harris said.

It will save money, for instance, in the cost of replacing targets. The previous wood-frame and cheesecloth or paper targets were not able to absorb high number of rounds hitting the targets or adverse weather conditions. The new plastic targets are much more durable to the onslaught of lead and rain, and because the scoring is determined electronically the plastic targets serve mostly as a visual aid for Marine riflemen.

The biggest advantage of LOMAH, Harris said, is the time-saving boost it will offer to make efficient use of manpower.

Because there is no need to have a relay of shooters in the target "pit" area, pulling the targets up and down and marking hits and misses, the firing detail will be able to accommodate more Marines and complete a string of fire quicker, Harris said.

"I've seen (LOMAH) in action and I think it's a good system," said Gunnery Sgt. Anthony J. Troche, chief primary marksmanship instructor with the range training facility. "It's more accurate than having humans marking the shots on target."

The efficiency that LOMAH offers also allows the range facility personnel the ability to function better.

"The LOMAH system will make it easier on operations. Range personnel will have more time to spend with the shooters," Troche said.

The completion of the LOMAH system installation is projected for March 2001, Pope said.

"We used to dream about it. Now we can visualize it, and we have almost reached our goal of automating the first range in the Marine Corps," Harris said.

Like a head shot from the 500-yard line, the MCB Hawaii range training personnel say they are enthusiastic that the LOMAH will be a bullseye for Marine marksmen.



A MWSS-341 Marine uses a building for cover to fire behind as he prepares to "move in for the kill."



Staff Sgt. William W. Harris, a paintball training instructor, takes a quick breather during the action.

MCAS Yuma Marines train on MCB Hawaii turf

Story and photos by
Sgt. Scott Gilbert
Staff Writer

Marines from Marine Wing Support Squadron-341 came to Hawaii Nov. 28 to be trained by some of the best regimental instructors in the world: the Marines of 3rd Marine Regiment.

The Marines traveled all the way from Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz., and spent two weeks training at and around MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The squadron flew from Ft. Worth, Texas, and began their training the very next day, said Staff Sgt.

Kristian E. Nielson, staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the group. "We basically got an abbreviated version of the squad leaders course the grunts get. The Marines did everything from rappelling and prisoner-of-war handling, to patrolling and land navigation."

The Marines spent their last day of training at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows. The day began with a CH-53D ride to Bellows, where they rappelled from the helicopters.

Once there, they practiced simulated live-fire tactics at the paintball course: first taking part in a force-on-force exercise, then in fire team-sized units.

"We just don't have this type of training available to us in Yuma," said Nielson. "This was the first time I have ever ridden in a C-130 or a CH-53D."

"We broke down our 30 Marines into fire teams and spent the night at the Marine Air Control Squadron 2 site sitting in the defense waiting for the instructors to attack our positions," he continued.

The time spent in Hawaii didn't only include training, Nielson said. The detachment promoted some Marines, and Nielson even re-enlisted for four more years.

The Marines had the opportunity to do their ceremonies on the U.S.S.

Missouri, but not without a fee.

"They gave us a free tour after we worked on it. We busted rust, swabbed decks - anything you could think of that Sailors would normally do on ship," Nielson said.

Training with Hawaii Marines is something the squadron began recently to better prepare for deployments.

"This whole thing came about when we switched commanding officers," said 29-year-old detachment officer in charge, 1st Lt. Jason Z. Miller of Neptune Beach, Fla.

The Marines needed to get some basic skills training, according to Miller.

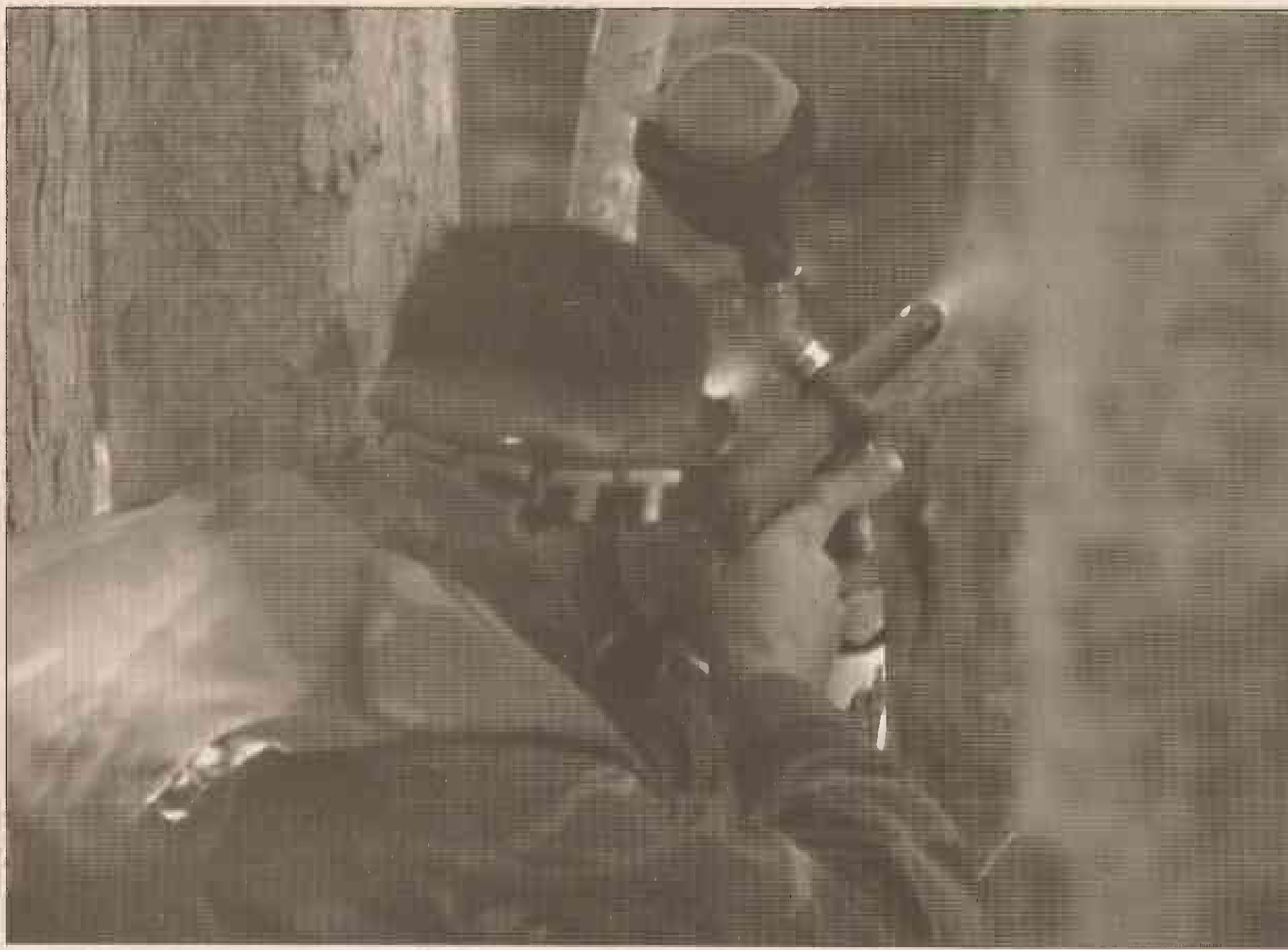
"We're going to Australia late this spring, and were trying to get into a deployment mindset," Miller said.

The Marines of MWSS-341 weren't the only ones who got to do something different.

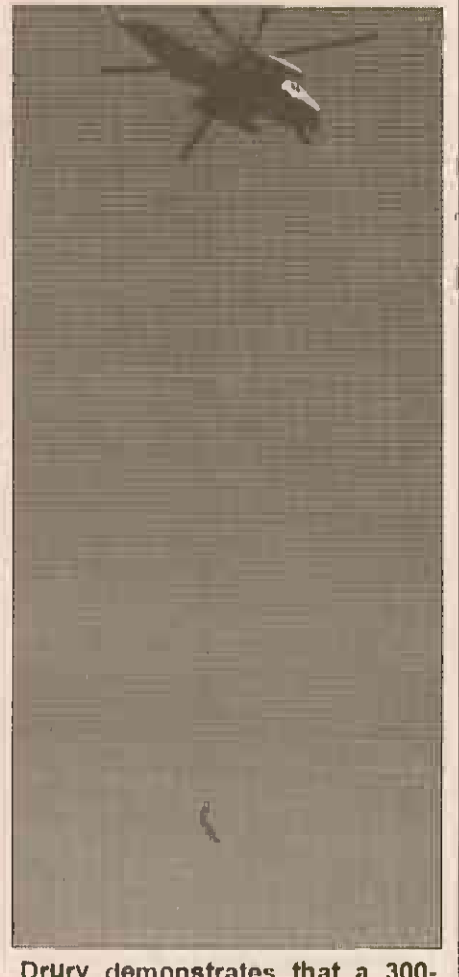
"We got the warning order in October that 371 was coming out. It took countless hours to set up, calling the units around the island," said Sgt. Mike A. Drury, 31, a squad leader instructor and Helicopter Rope Suspension Training instructor with Regimental Schools. "It really shows you can get support from the other units here."

"Our whole objective was to teach them basic skills they can take back, like EPW handling and grenade throwing. It gave them a good taste of being an infantry Marine," Drury added.

"I was really surprised, what with them being from a support wing; not one of them was demotivated, and they all wanted to do more," he said. "I'm really impressed with the caliber of Marines. They pretty much performed like grunts."



A MWSS-341 Marine lays down cover fire for his fellow Marines as they prepare to take the "town" at the paintball facility on MCTAB.



Drury demonstrates that a 300-foot rappel can be done.

3/3 Marines build friendships

Navy Lt. Vinson W. Miller
3rd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment
Chaplain

NAGA, Japan — In the desire to build upon 55 years of good relations with their host nation of Japan, it is easy for Marines and Sailors on Okinawa to forget "friendship" is the primary reason they continue to take on community relations projects.

On Oct. 27, a new friendship was established with Seishin-Yougoen Orphanage here. Marines and Sailors representing 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division joined those of Golf Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division to make the first visit to this orphanage by U.S. military personnel in more than three years.

During the two days, more than 30 service members participated in giving the orphanage's 455 feet of retaining and compound walls a new coat of paint.

The Marines and Sailors helped

fix the children's soccer goals and painted some playground equipment. The quality work resulted in the orphanage's unexpected request for the rest of their walls to be painted as well.

However, it wasn't all work, as the 40 orphans and 90 students rapidly bonded with the Marines and Sailors.

By late morning on Oct. 28, the painting supplies were stored away and the playing began. Whether it was rock, scissors and paper; dodge ball or balancing a string of children on a teeter-totter, the out-numbered Marines and Sailors left no child out of the fun.

"The whole project was just awesome. My father was from an orphanage, so it was good to go out there and help the kids," said Cpl. Joseph E. Okos, Company L, 3/3. "I taught one of the kids how to throw a baseball...something I took for granted as a kid. It was the highlight of my day."

Tadahiro Yoshikawa, the director

of the orphanage and son of its founder, hosted a picnic for the volunteers and children on tatami mats. They were offered various traditional Japanese dishes and fire-baked Japanese sweet potatoes.

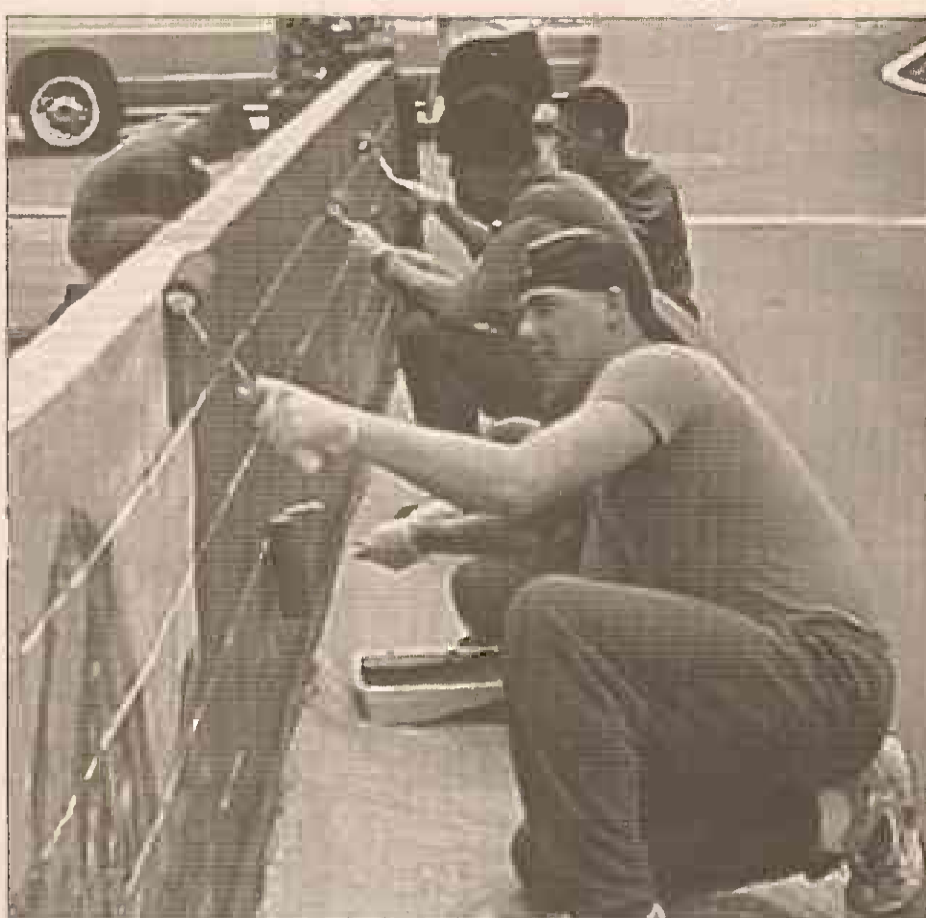
As a measure of the new friendship established, Yoshikawa invited a reporter of the Shizuoka Herald to take pictures and interview the children about their experience.

The word friendship emerged, as noted in an article published on Oct. 30: "Marines sought out this orphanage from the east part of Shizuoka Prefecture and visited. This is because they want to deepen their friendship with local people during their duty away from their own family and home."

Children said, "I had fun with them; We could be friends," and "I want them to visit us again."

As the day drew to a close, Lt. Col. Mark H. Bean, commanding officer, 3/3, presented a certificate of friendship to Yoshikawa.

A friendship has been forged.



Navy Lt. Vinson W. Miller

Marines and a Sailor from 3/3 paint an outside wall at Seishin-Yougoen Orphanage during a recent community relations project in Naga, Japan.

Stamp to honor vets

Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service recently unveiled a new commemorative first-class postage stamp entitled "Honoring Veterans" that is scheduled to be issued here in May 2001.

"The 'Honoring Veterans' stamp reminds us of the thousands of Americans who have fought to keep our country free," said Deborah K. Willhite, the Postal Service's senior vice president for government relations and public policy, who unveiled the stamp. "It will serve as a 'thank you' to those who continue to serve as members of veterans service organizations."



She said many veterans organizations aid veterans and their families, including assistance with benefit applications, transportation to Veterans Affairs medical facilities and burial and memorial services. The present population of U.S. veterans is estimated to be nearly 25 million, Willhite noted.

Designed by Carl Herrman of Carlsbad, Calif., the stamp features a photograph of the American flag. The flag symbolizes veterans' patriotic service to the nation in peace and war. The phrase "Honoring Veterans" is at the top of the stamp, and the phrase "Continuing to Serve" appears at the bottom.

The new stamp and other currently available philatelic items can be viewed and ordered at the Postal Service Web site at www.usps.com.

They also can be ordered by calling toll-free 1-800 STAMP-24.

MC Marathon announces poster contest

Jennifer Robinson
Marine Corps Marathon

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The Marine Corps Marathon will be held in Washington, D.C., on October 28, 2001. Our goal is to celebrate the Marine Heritage and to promote physical fitness throughout the community. The Marine Corps Marathon is the fifth largest marathon in the United States, and is acclaimed by many as the best-organized race in the nation.

Our marathon has been called the "Marathon of the Monuments," since runners pass by many of the nation's most prominent sites: The Pentagon, Kennedy

Center, Lincoln Memorial, U.S. Capitol building, Supreme Court, Jefferson Memorial and Arlington Cemetery, finishing at the Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Monument).

The Marine Corps Marathon is also affectionately known as the "People's Marathon" for the large number of first-time runners we historically attract.

Detailed Contest Information:

a. Deadline: Submit 18x 24 artwork, or in proportion to 18"x 24," by December 31, 2000. Send entries to P.O. Box 188 Quantico, VA 22134

b. The following elements must be included in the poster design: the words "26th Marine Corps Marathon," "The People's Marathon," the date: "October 28, 2001," www.marinemarathon.com; and

the Marathon logo.

c. You may also include the Marine Corps emblem and for more race information call "1-800-RUN-USMC."

The final poster dimensions will be 18x 24. The runners t-shirt will be "Forrest Green" which your poster design and color scheme should blend with.

All entries will be judged and the winner declared by January 10, 2001. Original artwork will become the property of the Marine Corps Marathon and will not be returned.

The winner will receive two round-trip airline tickets for travel within the CONUS, to be awarded after January 31, 2001. Travel must be completed by October 31, 2001.

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Marine Corps Commandant has a 'Chosin' hero

Army Staff Sgt. Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Gen. James L. Jones, Marine Corps commandant, has a special tie to the veterans of the Chosin Reservoir campaign of the Korean War. A Medal of Honor recipient from that frozen "trip through hell" has been the now-towering general's mentor since Jones was a boy.

Retired Gen. Raymond Davis is a hero by anybody's definition. He was the 28-year-old commander of the 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, when Chinese forces attacked on Nov. 27, 1950, Thanksgiving Day. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for personally leading his men over treacherous frozen terrain to rescue a rifle company under intense enemy fire.

According to his Medal of Honor citation, Davis "spearheaded his unit in a fierce attack up the steep, ice-covered slopes in the face of withering fire and, personally leading the assault groups in a hand-to-hand encounter, drove the hostile troops from their positions." Surrounded by the Chinese and heavily out-

numbered, 10,000 Marines battled their way to safety down 40 miles of winding mountain road in sub-arctic weather. Veterans of the campaign have called themselves the "Chosin Few" ever since.

At the time, Jones was six. Not too many years later, Jones' family was living in France, where his father, a former Marine himself, was a businessman.

"My father, being a former Marine, was active in the Marine community and always sought out Marine families in the area," Jones told the Chosin Few association formed after the Korean War. The group was in San Diego for the 50th anniversary reunion of the campaign.

Young Jim Jones and his younger brother and sister were roughly the same age as Davis' children, and the two families became close friends. The relationship was even closer because Jones' uncle, William K. Jones, had also been a lieutenant colonel in Korea with Davis.

"I was the first-base coach on the Little League team (Davis) managed," Jones said. "My kld brother and his younger son were

pitchers on that team, and his oldest son was the third-base coach."

Jones says now he knew "without a doubt" that he wanted to be a Marine. "What with my father's influence and my uncle's wonderful career, and the shining example of this wonderful family (the Davises)."

Fast-forward a couple of years. Davis was a brigadier general in 1967 when Jones was commissioned and sent to Vietnam. "It was like a Monopoly game," Jones described it. "Do not pass go; go directly to Vietnam."

The following year the young lieutenant was in a firefight on a hill in Khe Sanh when a helicopter flew in low and landed. "I saw this familiar gait walking toward me," he said. It was his division commander, Maj. Gen. Ray Davis.

"I went there to see him," Davis said about that day. "Any time someone had a good firefight going, and Jim was having one that day, I'd hop out there to make sure they won."

Before the two left Vietnam, Jones would be called to the division headquarters to serve as Davis' aide.

"We had kind of an informal rotation going

on in Vietnam at that time," Davis said in an American Forces Press Service interview. "After they'd been in combat for a while we'd try to find them a job back in the rear area. So when I needed an aide, I brought Jim back."

A week later, Davis said, he received a letter from Jones' uncle, then-Lt. Gen. William Jones, that read, "Ray, when you got Jim out of that rifle company back to be your aide, there were a lot of 'Hallelujahs' in the Jones family."

Jones said he believes he was in more danger flying around those firefights with Davis than being back in his rifle platoon. He said Davis liked to see all the action, which meant getting shot at on a number of occasions. After Vietnam, both went on to storied careers. Jones' is evident by his current position. Davis went on to become assistant commandant of the Marine Corps before retiring, but his affiliation didn't end there. Now, Davis is a champion for Marine issues and is still close to Gen. Jones.

Davis said he's proud of Jones' success and takes no credit for any of it. "He did it not by who he knew or by connections, but by his performance," Davis said. "That's the thing I admire most about him."

Second warrior returns



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TRICARE proposes simplified pharmacy co-payment schedule

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — TRICARE officials propose to simplify co-payments for prescription drugs in accordance with last year's appropriations act. The new co-payments will be uniform for all beneficiaries and based on whether a generic or brand-name medication is dispensed.

The current co-payment structure is complex and confusing, said Army Lt. Col. William G. Davies, director of DoD Pharmacy Programs, part of the TRICARE Management Agency in Falls Church, Va.

"We're trying to improve the TRICARE pharmacy benefit, to make it simpler to understand, and more uniform, consistent and equitable for everyone," Davies said.

If the proposal is approved, he said, it would be kicked off DoD-wide April 1,

2001, when the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy program is operational.

Under the proposed changes, beneficiaries would pay \$3 for generic prescription drugs and \$9 for brand-name drugs at TRICARE-affiliated retail drug stores for up to a 30-day supply or through the National Mail Order Pharmacy program for up to a 90-day supply.

TRICARE Prime enrollees who choose to obtain their prescription drugs from non-TRICARE affiliated retail outlets would continue to pay a 50-percent point-of-service penalty after meeting their deductible. All others would pay the greater of a 20-percent co-pay or a \$9 charge per prescription.

"There are cost savings available to the majority of the beneficiary population," Davies said, depending on how the prescription drugs are obtained. Prescriptions obtained through the mail program are generally less expensive, he noted,

because the government gets federal pricing. Also, the patient can receive three times the quantity for the same co-pay as through a TRICARE retail pharmacy.

Davies noted there is no co-pay for prescriptions filled at military hospital and clinic pharmacies. This, he said, is the best financial value for beneficiaries.

Beginning April 1, 2001, military retirees age 65 and over will be provided the same pharmacy benefit offered to beneficiaries under age 65.

Davies said the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy program would replace both the Pharmacy Redesign Pilot program conducted since July at Fleming, Ky., and Okeechobee, Fla.

Persons who turn 65 before April 1, 2001, may participate in the pharmacy program without having Medicare Part B, but those who turn 65 after April 1 must be enrolled in Medicare Part B to participate, officials noted.

TRICARE senior pharmacy benefit details announced

Department of Defense News
Press Release

The Department of Defense announced today that on April 1, 2001, uniformed services beneficiaries 65 years of age and older will begin receiving pharmacy benefits provided by the 2001 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). An estimated 1.4 million beneficiaries are eligible for the benefit.

The new program will limit their out-of-pocket costs and increase their access to the National Mail Order Program (NMOP), and retail pharmacies that are part of the Department of Defense (DoD) network, which include many major chain drug stores. In addition, they may use non-network retail pharmacies.

"Drug therapy, for many of our older retired servicemembers, is one of their greatest and most costly medical needs. This is a comprehensive drug benefit that makes pharmacy care accessible and

affordable. This expanded benefit should contribute significantly to their quality of life," stated J. Jarrett Clinton, M.D., acting assistant secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

Beneficiaries who are 65 years of age and older will not pay enrollment fees or annual premiums for their TRICARE pharmacy benefits, but they will pay modest co-pays when they use NMOP and retail network pharmacies. In addition, beneficiaries will also be able to use non-network pharmacies, but this option will entail a slightly higher co-pay and deductible. In the past, only those beneficiaries who were eligible for Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) benefits and the Pharmacy Redesign Pilot Program (PRPP) were able to enjoy modest out-of-pocket costs through the NMOP and retail pharmacy network. The BRAC pharmacy benefit and the Pharmacy Redesign Pilot Program are replaced by the new program.

By law, to use the TRI-

CARE retail and mail order benefit, beneficiaries age 65 and over must be eligible for Medicare Part A and enrolled in Part B. There is an exception: Those who turn 65 before April 1, 2001, are eligible for the benefit, even if they are not enrolled in Medicare Part B.

Effective Oct. 1, 2001, Medicare-eligible military beneficiaries become eligible for all other TRICARE benefits. The law requires that all Medicare-eligible beneficiaries, regardless of age, must be enrolled in Medicare Part B to receive the other TRICARE benefits; and they are advised to enroll in Part B as soon as they are eligible. The annual open season for enrollment in Medicare Part B is Jan. 1 through March 31. Information about Medicare enrollment is available at local Social Security Administration offices, or on the Medicare Web site at <http://www.medicare.gov/Basics/Overview.asp>.

Retired beneficiaries living

overseas can use their TRICARE benefit at overseas pharmacies, but they will need to submit their pharmacy claims for reimbursement. They also will be able to utilize the NMOP. If certain requirements are met, Federal and state legal restrictions apply to the prescribing, dispensing and mailing of prescription drugs, so the NMOP can only mail to APOs and FPOs, which are part of the U.S. Postal Service. Also, the NMOP can only fill prescriptions written by providers licensed to practice in the United States.

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Marine Raiders honored with uniforms

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MaForPac Public Affairs

TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER — As the final flag is solemnly unfurled and the last note of taps drifts off, the lost Marine Raiders returned Dec. 17, 1999, to the country they fought so valiantly for.

Like the Viking heroes of long ago who went to their graves with their battle dress, so do the Raiders, wearing the Marines' famed dress blue uniform.

These Marines were part of a special commando unit, championed by Col. Evans F. Carlson and then-Capt. James Roosevelt, son of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

After comprehensive strategic and tactical training in California and Hawaii, the majority of the unit set out for the South Pacific, for a diversionary attack against the Japanese.

After setting out from Pearl Harbor aboard the submarines Nautilus and Argonaut, the group headed for the Butaritari Island in the Makin Atoll, where the Japanese had a small base for seaplanes. Fighting rough swells and raging surf, the group traversed to the island where intense combat ensued.

After overrunning the bulk of the force, the Raiders attempted to withdraw to the waiting submarines, but the angry seas kept some of them from reaching the safety of the subs.

The submarines were forced to go back, unfortunately leaving 19 Raiders who had been killed in the battle. Those Marines remained there in unknown, unmarked graves until August 1998, when a team from the Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii found significant evidence to believe that the remains of the lost Raiders were found.

Excavations were made, and more teams were brought to Butaritari Island before all 19 of the Marines were recovered. They were then brought back to Hawaii where the story had commenced in August 1942.

"It's really a touching story," said Navy Chief Petty Officer Eugene Paul, the Navy/Marine Corps Mortuary Affairs Officers and the Director of the Navy Liaison Unit at Tripler Army Medical Center here. "The Marines were gone for so many years, but that didn't take away from the fact that they are still Marines, and should be treated as such."

When the Marines arrived at CILHI's lab at Hickam AFB, it was Paul's job to contact their family members and get their records updated.

Paul, a Phoenix native, is one of less than 20 morticians throughout the Department of the Navy and is personally responsible for taking care of all deceased Marines and Sailors stationed in Hawaii.

Like any Marine killed in action, the remains of the Makin Marines were treated with respect.

A full set of the Marine dress blue alpha uniform was given to each Marine, complete with the proper accouterments and medals.

"We're given a list of what medals, ribbons and other things are required for each uniform," said retired Master Sgt. Danny Ramos, the military clothing specialist and buyer for MCB Hawaii's MCCS, who helped coordinate the preparing of the uni-



Sgt. Dustin W. Senger

The 19 Marine Raiders recovered from the Makin Atoll were honored with a set of the dress blue alpha uniform, ten of which are shown here, complete with rank, medals and awards.

forms. "We'll then sew on all of the time in service stripes and appropriate chevrons, and dry-clean them before sending them to the remains."

"It's so important to the families and myself that I send these Marines back with their uniform," added Ramos, "especially since I'm a retired Marine and I still live by the words, 'Semper Fidelis.'"

In addition to the Marines being awarded medals such as the Navy Cross, the Purple Heart, and the Navy Presidential Unit Citations, the Medal of Honor was also bestowed upon a sergeant in the unit, Sgt. Clyde A. Thomason.

"One exciting aspect of this case is the Medal of Honor recipient," commented Paul.

"Very few people are ever awarded the medal, and this was the first servicemember I've ever worked with who received it."

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Marines use battle skills during SULE

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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA, Okinawa, Japan — Fortunately for Leathernecks assigned to Marine Air Support Squadron 2 here, the running course surrounding the station known as the Habu Trail contains much more than blacktop and poisonous serpents.

In fact, the trail boasts ideal terrain for a rope bridge, land navigation, an infiltration course, and hasty rappel area, each of which was a separate station during the squadron's recent Small Unit Leadership Exercise, also known as SULE.

According to Capt. Aric A. McKenna, training officer, MASS-2, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, SULE was developed a year and a half ago to help the squadron's noncommissioned officers fine tune their leadership skills in hostile battle scenarios.

"We try to get the small unit leaders — from the newly-promoted corporals to the senior sergeants — to run a squad in an attack scenario where they have to be creative in devising a plan and executing it," McKenna said.

"As a support squadron, we do a lot of stuff in the field. But in the SULE, we try to make it more of a tactical, infantry-like scenario that forces them to go back to their battle skills training and individual training standards."

Cpl. William I. Johnson, electrical equipment repair specialist, MASS-2, is one of more than 70 Marines who participated in the five-hour exercise.

"(SULE) points out your weaknesses," Johnson said. "It shows what needs to be focused on in future training to remedy discrepancies."

Johnson said he wished the squadron did the SULE more often than twice a year because it not only benefits the NCO's, but the junior Marines who have to display their skills during the exercise as well.

"I saw Marines trying to remember stuff from boot camp and Marine Combat Training, from which some of them recently graduated," said Cpl. Timothy M. Kramer, training clerk, MASS-2.

Kramer briefed squads at the rope bridge portion of the exercise. He said he saw a few teams learn from their mistakes firsthand when they sent the radioman over the bridge first.

"That's just a bad move,"



Sgt. Jason Schaap

Corporal Douglas Hinson, motor transportation operator, MASS-2, crawls through a water drainage tunnel during his unit's Small Unit Leadership Exercise.

Kramer said. "If he gets killed by the enemy, how is the squad going to radio for help?"

Kramer said he also saw the exercise as a confidence builder.

"It is not everyday the Marines are hanging on a rope over a ravine," Kramer said. "Some of the Marines [I saw cross the bridge] were afraid of heights."

According to McKenna, the squadron designed the exercise after other confidence-building exercises like the Crucible, the culminating exercise of Marine Corps recruit training. He said designing the exercise for the station was the hardest part of organizing the SULE.

"With the airstrip taking up most of the space, there aren't a lot of obstacles and training

aids for Marines to run and be challenged on, so you have to be really creative and use what's available to you," McKenna said.

Besides using points at every section of the Habu Trail, SULE organizers had to make use of other common station features. For example, squads searched for mines beneath the sands of a volleyball court and crawled through a long drainage tunnel that runs in front of MASS-2 headquarters.

Many Marines agreed getting through the tunnel in a hostile environment scenario provided one of the most difficult parts of the training.

"You have to keep quiet, you are cramped, and you are using muscles you don't usually use," Johnson said. "You get

frustrated."

One of the "coolest" parts of the training, according to Johnson, was that Marines discovered parts of the station they never knew existed.

"The jungle here is thicker than I ever expected. I saw a spider in there this big," Johnson said, holding his hands together to form a circle the size of a grapefruit. "I saw snails that looked like they could crawl up your leg and suck your kneecap off."

MASS-2's creative use of the limited training areas on the station is proof that any unit can develop their own SULE, McKenna said. With the squadron's third SULE completed successfully, he said they plan to continue the semiannual exercise with small modifications.

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Ruth F. LeeLoy
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To learn more about the Women Marines Association, log on to our web page at www.womenmarines.org. If women Marines stationed aboard MCB Hawaii are interested, a Kaneohe Bay Chapter can be formed.

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OSPREY, From A-1

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"This program is very important to the Marine Corps, to me, and, I think, to the nation," he said. "We're going to work very hard to see what caused the accident."

Editor's note: The preceding article was compiled from Department of Defense press releases and an American Forces Press Service article by Army Staff Sgt. Kathleen T. Rhem.

GREAT AMERICANS, From A-1

That seemed to be the case with Pvt. Brandon Martinek, an 18-year-old recruit from Appleton, Wis., who was in his sixth week of boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Camp Pendleton, Calif., in early December. He said he didn't even consider joining the other services. Not because he thinks poorly of them, but that he only wanted to be a Marine.

"They're the most courteous. They have the

most discipline and the hardest boot camp," he said. "I felt it was the place for me."

It was definitely the Marine Corps' image that appealed to this young man.

"When you think of the Army, you think of tanks. When you think of the Air Force, you think of planes; and with the Navy, it's ships," he said. "But when I think of the Marine Corps, I think of those dress blues and of how proud you must feel to wear them."

"I can't wait until I get mine."

BLUES, From A-2

depends on how well a servicemember deals with it.

There are indicators people can look for which forewarn when someone is coming down with a case of the holiday doldrums.

Anyone who displays sadness, increased alcohol consumption, withdraw from normal routines or begins isolating themselves could possibly be sending signals that he or she is suffering from depression, according to Rhodes.

"Sometimes people will just come out and say that they are feeling sad or down," said Rhodes.

The tough image of Marines, and their ability to take care of themselves in difficult situations, is one of military life's doors that many younger Marines have a hard time going through.

Often, Marines with problems are sent to the chaplain's office or to Family Services to talk to a counselor, and a majority of the time that's not the solution to the problem, noted Rhodes.

"The chaplain's office is good, the counselors at Personal Services are good, but are they better than family members and friends?" questioned Rhodes. "I'm not so sure."

He believes Marines should be encouraged to express their emotions, instead of holding them inside.

"Identifying how you feel will help," said Rhodes. "Letting out that emotion is called venting."

The solution to dealing with the holiday blues

varies from case to case, but most of the time it can be handled by keeping busy with holiday activities or hanging out with positive people.

Sometimes just a simple call home can do a world of good to someone who is homesick for the holidays, according to Rhodes.

The Single Marine and Sailor Program is offering a multitude of holiday activities for Marines and Sailors who find themselves looking for things to do this holiday season, according to Dawn H. Williams, coordinator of the SMSP. Semper Fit Division.

Yuletide spirit never seems in short supply here at MCB Hawaii, according to Williams. She said that her office receives calls from senior enlisted Marines with families that volunteer their Christmas day to share the holiday with junior Marines who would like to spend Christmas in a family environment, eating home-cooked meals and watching football.

According to Williams, many Marines and Sailors spend their holidays in their barracks rooms out of boredom and lack of interesting things to do.

It's Williams' goal to get as many Marines out of their rooms and out doing different activities on the island as possible.

For more information on activities taking place during the holidays call Williams at 254-7593.

Both Rhodes and Williams agree that keeping busy during the holiday season and contacting family and friends are the best ways to battle the holiday blues.

Loading



A Marine demonstrates how to load an M203 grenade launcher during Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii's weapons training at the Kaneohe Bay Range Facility Tuesday.

Epl. Scott Gilbert

TRICARE, From A-6

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Hawaii MARINE LIFESTYLES

Hawaii Marine B Section

December 21, 2000



Intensity and dedication to training has made Cotter a legitimate contender to make the All-Marine boxing team.

Marine boxers prepare for All-Marine action

Story and photos by
Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.
Combat Correspondent

The smack of a leather-covered fist hitting bare skin echoed loudly throughout the small gymnasium.

The smell of old sweat perfumed the air, and the overhead fluorescent lights cast small shadows beneath the two combatants sparring in the center of the ring.

The boxers hobbled and weaved, jabbed, and swung at each other in what looked like a choreographed dance.

The two pugilists were Cpl. Wade L. Cotter, 22, an embark chief for Landing Support Co., Combat Service Support Group 3, and Lance Cpl. James N. Robinson, a motor transport operator for 1st Radio Bn. The sparring was to sharpen their boxing skills before traveling to Camp Lejeune, N.C. for the All-Marine boxing team tryouts taking place January 4 - 7.

Both Cotter and Robinson have been training under coach Felix Cazares at the Kaneohe Boxing Club.

With only ten months of boxing experience and five matches under his belt, Cotter was confident that his dedication to training will help him make the team.

"I always wanted to box," said the 165-pound middleweight. "One day I finally got off my butt, quit smoking and drinking, and dedicated all my free time to training."

Cotter's blood, sweat and drive have his coaches believing he could make the team at the tryouts.

"If anything will hurt him, it'll be his inexperience," said assistant boxing coach

Wilford Davis, a retired All-Army boxing team coach. "He'll be going up against guys who have 50 to 60 fights under their belts.

"But I coached 1988 light heavyweight Olympic gold medalist, Andrew Maynard, and Cotter trains just as hard, if not harder than he did," Davis added.

Robinson has seven years of boxing experience and 13 fights under his belt, three of them in Hawaii, and he believes at the end of the tryouts he'll be on the All-Marine Boxing team too.

The only roadblock Robinson sees is overcoming his fear of not performing to the level he knows he's capable of.

"Both fighters are hard working and determined to do well at the competition," said Cazares. "I think they'll both make the team."

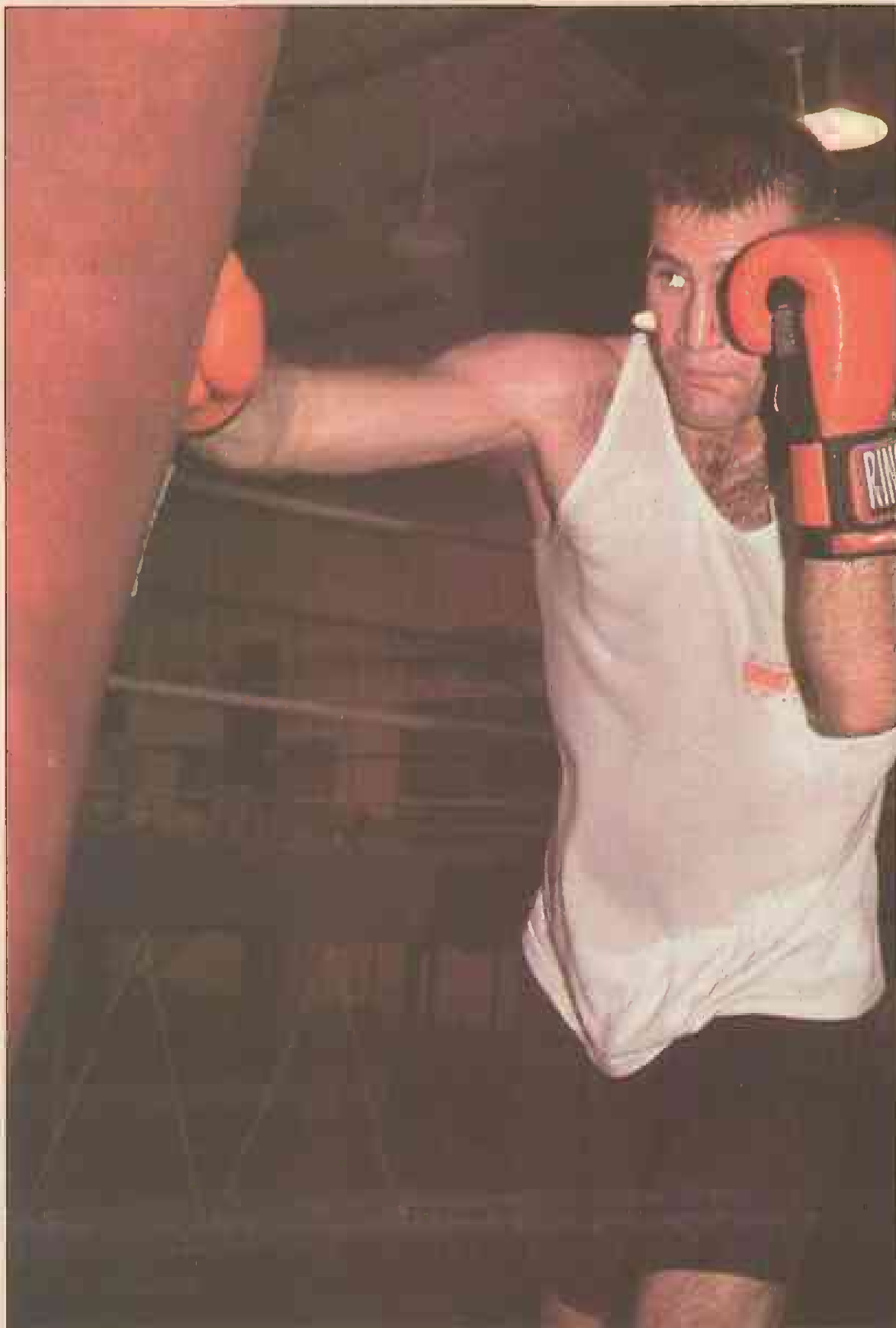
While Cazares was confident in his fighters' abilities, he said he wished he could have given them more battle experience.

Bouts for the fighters are hard to come by in Hawaii, and the club recently had a fight cancelled, according to Cazares.

If the two fighters make the All-Marine team they will have little time to rest because the boxing team will compete in the Armed Forces Championship during the first week of February at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

After the Armed Forces Championship, the boxing team will participate in the USA National Boxing Championships in mid-March.

Cotter and Robinson have displayed the hard work and determination it takes to become champions, said Cazares, and he hopes their abilities, training and drive will take them far inside the squared circle.



Corporal Wade L. Cotter, 22, an embark chief for Landing Support Co., CSSG-3, hits the heavy bag during training to prepare for the All-Marine boxing team tryouts at Camp Lejeune, NC., starting Jan. 4.



Kaneohe Boxing Club coach, Felix Cazares, watches and critiques Cotter as he mirror boxes. The purpose of mirror boxing is so the boxer can examine his form while he executes certain movements in order to make corrections when needed.



Training with the speed bag helps Cotter increase his punch speed while rhythmically striking the bag.



Assistant boxing coach Wilford Davis calls out numbers that let Cotter know what punch to throw during this drill exercise.

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POSSIBILITIES IN PARADISE

By Debbie Aisoff, MCCS Public Affairs

Haute Christmas Concoction

It's a little bit nutmeg. A little bit eggnog. A Ho, Ho, whole lot of Latte! Get yourself over to MCB Hawaii's only authentic coffeehouse, Lava Java, Bldg. 1629 for a holly, jolly Eggnog Latte. This Christmas concoction is offered for a limited time. If a holiday beverage blitz isn't on your wish list, try out an espresso, cappuccino or Caffe Americano. All drinks may be prepared iced as well as decaffeinated.

Lava Java also features fresh bagels, pastries and cookies. Pay homage to this caffeine corner Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more latte lingo, call 254-7661.



Debbie Aisoff

Lava Java's Eggnog Latte makes the perfect holiday pick-me-up.

The Countdown Continues

There certainly is no "right" way to celebrate the holidays. However and with whomever you choose to spend these magic moments with, the tour and travel professionals have some tips for you...

Pack Some Patience

Whether you're planning to catch a plane back home to New Jersey or Colorado for the holidays, the tour and travel professionals at MCCS' ITT shop recommend you also "take a bag of patience" with you.

According to the leisure travel advisory board, travelers should expect crowded flights, high prices and possible delays. Most all discounted tickets must be paid for at the time of booking and are non-refundable.

If a mainland journey is not in your near future, you still have time and opportunity to make arrangements for a tree-mendous outer-island excursion. For all of your travel and leisure inquiries, call K-Bay's ITT at 254-7563, Camp Smith, 477-5143 or Leisure Travel at 254-7413.

Round Up the Posse for a Paniolo Party

The O'Club wants to horse around and put you, "Back in the Saddle!" Join the posh posse Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. for the Back in the Saddle Party. Inside this consummate corral, you'll score Chef Gordon's Paniolo Pupus, live entertainment and a delicious dinner. Get your advanced tickets for \$15 from your unit representative or at the O'Club. Call 254-7649.

NFL Military Challenge Football Frenzy

Do you have what it takes? Be one of six representatives to comprise Team MCBH and compete in the NFL Military Challenge Feb. 2. Team trials will be held Jan. 22 at 10 a.m. at MCB Hawaii's Pop Warner Field. Qualifying events include 40-Yard Dash, Field Goal Kick, Quarterback Challenge, Obstacle Course and more. Stop playing fantasy football and start living it! Call 254-7591.

A Safe Sleigh Ride Home

Rudolph is already booked, but if you need someone to "guide you home tonight," The Cab is in joint effort with MCB Hawaii and Marine Corps Community Services to ensure you return home safely from your merry making.

The Safe Ride Program will be in effect from 6 p.m. Saturday to 6 a.m. Tuesday and from 6 p.m. Dec. 31 to 6 a.m. Jan. 2. All authorized military I.D. cardholders who have driven their own vehicle and are intoxicated may use this program.

Once a phone call to The Cab is made, you'll be picked up from your current location and taken directly back to your residence. The taxi driver will verify your MCB Hawaii status and collect your vehicle keys. Upon returning home, your keys will be returned. For more information, call Contracts Specialist, Jennifer Sherman at 254-7501 or to take part in Safe Ride Program, call The Cab at 422-2222.

Holiday Stress Buster

If your holy night seems to be anything but calm or bright, don't worry—this is a very stressful time of year. How you choose to handle and channel that stress is up to you.

Get some facts and techniques from professionals who know what pressures and expectations you're under. Personal Services offers an array of free, condensed workshops to benefit the entire family. Perfect for this time of year, join the "Stress Management," workshop scheduled for Wednesday from 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Bldg. 216, classroom #57.

Reservations are required and all MCB Hawaii patrons are encouraged to attend. After attending this course, you'll definitely achieve some "heavenly peace." If the stork is about to make a visit to your home, sign-up now for the

next free, two-day Dad's Baby Boot Camp & Mom's Basic Training class that is scheduled for Jan. 9 and 10 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. This comprehensive pre and postnatal workshop prepares parents-to-be for the upcoming challenges. Seating is limited. Reserve your spot today by calling 257-8803.

Ring in New Year Cheer

Close out the year 2000 with style at the Officers' Club or the SNCO's Rocker Room Dec. 31 at 8 p.m. Inside the O'Club's Koa Bar, members and their guests will enjoy party favors, entertainment and free pupus until 1 a.m. Call 254-7650.

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If you feel like starting the New Year afloat, contact ITT for their New Year's Eve Dinner Cruises and Shows. Call 254-7563.

Hourly Child Care Consolidation

Beginning Jan. 1, the Child Development Center will operate the Hourly Child Care Center aboard MCB Hawaii. The Hourly Care facility will remain in its current location, Bldg. 579.

The reservation system, rates and operating hours will also remain the same.

For information prior to Jan. 1, call the Armed Services YMCA at 254-4719. After Jan. 1, the phone number to make reservations or inquiries will be 257-8354.

SM&SP

Putt This!

It's time to get some practice on your swing and enter the SM&SP's quarterly golf tournament, the Shank & Slice I at the K-Bay Klipper, Jan. 26.

Tee time is 12:30 p.m. \$20 per person. Open to all active duty Marines and Sailors E-5 and below. Open to all skill levels. Prizes awarded on blind draw. Spaces are limited. Register through Jan. 23. Call 254-7593.



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Please show your ID at the box office. Phone 254-7642 for recorded information.

Evening movies start at 7:15.

Little Nicky (PG-13)	Friday at 7:15 p.m.
Red Planet (PG-13)	Friday at 9:45 p.m.
Men of Honor (R)	Saturday at 7:15 p.m.
Legend-Drunken Master (R)	Saturday at 10 p.m.
Nightmare Before Christmas (PG)	Sunday at 3:30 p.m.
Legend of Bagger Vance (PG-13)	Sunday at 7:15 p.m.
The 6th Day (PG-13)	Monday 7:15 p.m.*
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'Gas and Go' problems

Linda Gulosh
MCCS Retail Director

We have been forced to make some changes. We have been experiencing problems with patrons leaving without paying for their gas. In some instances, this is due to improper use of the credit card functions of the dispensers.

The following procedures are published to save everyone time and embarrassment. We have changed the station so there is a credit card only side and a cash only side. If someone accidentally goes to the credit card side and wishes to pay cash, they will have to come to the kiosk with an ID to let the cashier know of their intentions.

Your payment is processed on the credit card side as follows:

- Press "pay outside" button and insert credit card before lifting nozzle.
- Wait for the message "pick-up nozzle and select grade of gas"
- Commence pumping.
- Upon completion of transaction, the dispensers are programmed to automatically print a receipt. Please wait for your receipt.
- If no receipt prints, please notify the cash booth.

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Modifications have been made to the MCB Hawaii Gas Lanes system. The system is now divided into two parts for customers paying via cash or check and credit cards.

FOOTBALL POOL

Crazy outcomes upset playoff picture

Cpl. M. Trent Lowry
Combat Correspondent

Snow, mud, sleet and ice were Mother Nature's foils to the hopes and dreams of NFL teams during a wild week 16.

To the chagrin of a number of place kickers, the fields were rendered slippery by the cold, wet conditions. A number of muffed or blocked kicks made for a chaotic ending for the New England Patriots and Buffalo Bills, while the Cincinnati Bengals, earlier stymied by the field, upset the Jacksonville Jaguars thanks to a late field goal.

The only players who seemed not to care about arctic conditions was Eddie George, Tennessee's Pro Bowl-running back, who ate up the field like a human snow plow, charging for 176 yards and three touchdowns against the Cleveland Browns.

Two weeks from the end of what has been an unpredictable season, six division titles were still up for grabs. Just to make the 2000 campaign a bit more spicy, only two of those divisions were decided last weekend.

For whatever mathematical reason, the New York Giants hadn't clinched a playoff spot before the weekend began, though the idle Philadelphia Eagles, with a lesser record, had. Facing off against the Dallas Cowboys in Texas Stadium, the Giants almost kept it that way.

For three quarters New York looked like an over-matched team, which is hard to do against the lifeless 'Boys. Down 13-0, the Giants woke from their slumber and rattled off 17 unanswered points to win the game and clinch the NFC East. They are now just a win away from home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

The New Orleans Saints continued their magical season with a stomping of division basement-dweller Atlanta, 23-7. That win didn't hurt, but their hold on the NFC West title was set in stone when the St. Louis Rams lost a shootout

with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 38-35.

Division leaders from the AFC East, AFC West and NFC Central all lost during the weekend, keeping the race tight and adding more drama to the jockeying for postseason positions.

The Green Bay Packers, Detroit Lions, Indianapolis Colts, and Tampa Bay all helped their own causes for playoff activity by earning wins. However, the New York Jets put their post season hopes in peril by absorbing a defeat at the hands of the Lions.

With three playoff berths still up for grabs, and seven teams clamoring for the wildcards, this weekend looks to be very exciting for fans.

The fans who participate in the Hawaii Marine Football Pool, as a collective group, took it on the chin during week 16, as a number of upsets made for very poor records.

Though he only chose eight games correctly out of 15, Luis Valdespino finally won a weekly contest. He thought the Rams and Buccaneers would combine for 60 points or more and indeed they collaborated for 73.

With a two-game difference separating Rick Holtgraver from Rhys Evans and Patrick Keister, odds are that Holtgraver will win the season. But as the pool contestants have learned, especially during the last two weeks, anything can happen, and nor-

mally does, when NFL teams struggle for playoff contention. We'll see how wacky the final week will be starting Saturday morning.

(Winners in **BOLD**):

Saturday:

Jacksonville at New York Giants: Despite the scrappy way the Jags have performed lately, they don't have home-field advantage at stake. The Giants' blue-collar efforts have already earned them the NFC East title.

San Francisco at Denver: The Broncos and coach Mike Shanahan will send out Mile High Stadium in style. As they say sayonara to their stadium (making way for a new home in 2001), they will bounce the 49ers roughly out of their house and to the curb.

Buffalo at Seattle: The Seahawks, fresh off of their upset of Oakland, should throttle the listless, injured Bills. Buffalo fans can only hope coach Wade Phillips gets the same treatment after the game, sending him packing.

Sunday:

Arizona at Washington: What purpose could there be in playing this game? Dave McGinnis joins the revolving door of coaches in Tempe, while the 'Skins realized the past three weeks that former coach Norv Turner wasn't the problem.

Carolina at Oakland: The Raiders must win in order to stay in first in the AFC West. Carolina plays well against the better teams in the league, but they're fresh out of miracles and the devilish Raiders are tough.

Chicago at Detroit: Lions fans have to be optimistic about their team's chances at home against the toothless Bears as Detroit confirms which of these predators is the

king of the jungle.

Cincinnati at Philadelphia: A win or loss by Philadelphia doesn't affect the playoff picture, so this game simply comes down to who wants it more. Even so, look for the Bengals to secure a top-six draft pick with a loss.

Kansas City at Atlanta: As one of the few meaningless games on the schedule, this contest should find the Chiefs emerge with a win and a .500 season.

Miami at New England: The Dolphins will take command of the AFC East if they can manage to withstand the icy conditions in Boston. The 'Fins need for running back Lamar Smith to have a solid day on the ground.

Minnesota at Indianapolis: Both of these dome teams need a win to improve their placement in the postseason. Even with an ankle injury to QB Daunte Culpepper, the Vikings have the stronger team.

New York Jets at Baltimore: The Ravens' bid for a division title will fall short, but not for lack of effort. Similarly, the Jets' hope for a playoff berth will also fall, but

it will be because they lost to the Ravens.

Pittsburgh at San Diego: The Steelers need a win and losses by the Jets and Colts to make the playoffs. Though it's a long shot, Pittsburgh just might make it. Playing the Chargers will only help the situation.

St. Louis at New Orleans: The Saints have already clinched the NFC West, and a letdown could occur here, especially with a desperate Rams team trying to stave off elimination. Too bad for Saint Louie, as the Saints will come marching home over the sacrificial Rams.

Tampa Bay at Green Bay: The battle of the "Bays" should be a real war, with each team hungry for the win. Though the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field is unfriendly to teams from warm climates, the Bucs defense should make up for the frigid environment and shut the door on the Pack.

Munday:

Dallas at Tennessee: The team with the best record in football, the Titans, should mop up the muddy field with the backs of the fallen Cowboys. 49 points.

Game of the Week

St. Louis Rams

vs.

New Orleans Saints

Football Pool Standings

Name	Wins	Losses	Percent
Holtgraver, R. (1)	150	83	64.38
Evans, R. (2)	148	85	63.52
Keister, P. (3)	148	85	63.52
Nylhart, J. (2)	144	89	61.80
Rivera, J. (2)	144	89	61.80
Gurrola, I. (2)	143	90	61.37
Dixon, D. (1)	141	92	60.52
Valdespino, L. (1)	140	93	60.10
Lowry, T. (1)	133	100	57.08

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MCCS FEATURE

Program helps Marines, Sailors 'take care of their own'

Debbie Aisoff
MCCS Public Affairs

It's just another day at the Stevens home aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The early afternoon hour beckons the children home from school and they pour into the living room. Happy chatter is rapidly exchanged and bits of bright orange cheese crackers begin to sprinkle their deep blue carpet.

Along the kitchen beam dangle not one, two or three Christmas stockings, but eight—one for each family member.

The Stevens' family includes six children. Four of which are diagnosed with Down Syndrome.

The siblings who adorn this family tree range in age from two to 14 years old. 1st Sergeant Tim Stevens of CSSG-3 and his wife Kelly, have three biological children, two daughters, Jazmin and Brooke and one son, Jeremiah. Jeremiah was diagnosed with Down Syndrome at birth.

This couple both grew up in large families and knew they wanted to adopt children once they created their biological family.

"After Jeremiah was born," said Kelly, "we just knew that we wanted to adopt children with special needs."

They soon adopted Shawnee, Lyndsy and their newest addition to the family, Keanu. According to the Stevens, each child in this family adds additional love and grace.

Providing and creating an environment with children who require special educational, emotional and medical needs is sometimes difficult. That's when the Exceptional Family Member Program will function as an immense resource for families like the Stevens.

"It's not like we're asking for special treatment," said Kelly. "We chose to have these children in our lives, but the EFMP has helped us tremendously."

The Stevens discovered this Headquarters, Marine Corps Program shortly after their son was born in 1989.

"Kelly and I were nervous to enroll in the program at first," said Stevens.

Like many potential EFMP beneficiaries, the misconception about this program is that it may hurt or hinder the military member's career. "That is absolutely false," claims Paula Webster, MCCS' Personal Services EFMP's Coordinator.

"The only way a family who has a spouse, dependent parent or child with special needs will hurt is if they don't enroll," noted Webster. "We act as a resource and an advocate on their behalf."

According to Paula, there are approximately 100 families aboard MCB Hawaii who can benefit from this program. Getting started is easy. The first step to make sure your family is

enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

Next is to make an appointment with Paula. Once the paper work is reviewed by Headquarters Marine Corps, a family becomes an EFMP recipient and in the system for two years. Privacy and confidentiality are more daunting aspects. Tim and Kelly were skeptical about sending such personal matters up to headquarters.

Again, Paula's reassurance is enlightening. "No one will know about your enrollment status other than Headquarters and the monitor." A monitor will only have knowledge of a particular category that your specific needs fall under.

No detailed, personal family information is recorded. The four categories are a listing of all global Marine/Navy bases that state what medical and educational resources are available. This will help an EFMP family so that they will not be stationed somewhere where military family members will not have access to the care they require.

"Any Marine or Sailor will be more mission ready knowing that their family is being taken care of," said Stevens.

And while the family is taken care of, the military member continues to function according to their military occupational specialty. Still deployable. Still ready to go anywhere, anytime.

Stevens recently returned from a six-week deployment from the Big Island, Hawaii.

His wife said she feels the burden of being the single parent but takes it all in stride.

"I knew he was a Marine when we married. That's who he is—that's what he does. We manage. We're a family," she said.

Back inside the Stevens' intimate, active living room, children interact like a normal family. Honestly, what is "normal," anyway?

If you feel your family would qualify for the EFMP, call Paula Webster at 257-7783 for an appointment. Heed Kelly's advice and don't hesitate, it "will make all the difference in the world."



1st Sgt. Tim Stevens, right, and his wife, Kelley, near center, tend to their six children with the help of the Exceptional Family Member Program.

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Society of Military Widows

The Society of Military Widows meets the first Friday of the month at 6 p.m. at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay Officer's Club for an informal Mongolian Barbeque. We also meet every third Saturday of the month at different locations. For more information, call 262-7953.

Rod and Gun Club

The Kaneohe Rod and Gun Club meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Bachelor Officer's Quarters conference room. For more information, call Wally Heyer at 254-5739.

Ho'omaluhia Walks

Tropical Plant Nature Walk is held at 10 a.m. Saturdays and 1 p.m. Sundays at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden. Participants should wear walking shoes and insect repellent. Rain gear is recommended. Call 233-7323

Mustang Club seeks members

The Mustang Association is trying to increase its membership. If you were enlisted and made it to the officer ranks, you are eligible for membership. Marines, active duty or reserve, male or female, retired and honorably discharged are welcome to join. For an application write to MCMA Inc., P.O. Box 1314, Delran, N.J., 08075-04121.

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Meals on Wheels is seeking volunteers to deliver meals to isolated elderly and homebound people on the island. Call Patty at 988-6747, or Marilyn at 531-0555.

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Lance Cpl. Ralph A. Benjamin

Corporal Ralph Benjamin, a postal clerk at the base post office, weighs a post office customer's package. The post office has experienced a rush of packages recently due to the approaching holidays and people's desire to send gifts that will arrive before Christmas day.

Year 2001 Stuhr Scholarships

The Board of Trustees of the Cmdr. William S. Stuhr Fund for military sons and daughters announces the availability of its year 2001 scholarships to the sons and daughters of active duty or career members of each of the five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

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Application criteria may be obtained by:

- Writing and enclosing a self-addressed envelope to the Executive Director, Cmdr. Stuhr Scholarship Fund, 1200 Fifth Avenue, Suite 9-D, New York, N.Y. 10029.
- Sending your request with your name and address by e-mail to stuhrstudents@earthlink.net.
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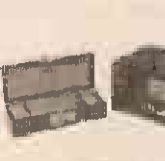
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