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Base bids aloha to CG, deputy

Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Combat Correspondent

The Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, community is welcoming changes in command as well as saying farewell to two of the base's most influential leaders who are moving on to pursue new endeavors.

Brig. Gen. George J. Trautman III, command-

ing general, MCB Hawaii, will be leaving Hawaii to take command of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in Okinawa, Japan.

Colonel Richard C. Roten, deputy commander, MCB Hawaii, retired Wednesday after 31 years of service to the Corps; the last three of those years were spent here.

The new commanding general is scheduled to assume command of MCB Hawaii in

September. While the base awaits the arrival of its new CG, Col. Michael C. O'Neal, former chief of staff for U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific, Camp Smith, will assume the responsibilities as the deputy commander and as the commanding officer of Kaneohe Bay.

"I'm very comfortable in making this step," said O'Neal. "As the deputy commander, per the Marine Corps Manual, that is one of the

duties we have to be ready to carry out.

"I'm going to step up in command until our next commanding general takes command," O'Neal continued. "It is actually an exciting step, and I'm looking forward to it."

O'Neal is quickly becoming familiar with all the elements of the staff aboard Kaneohe Bay

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Cycle salute



Susana Choy

Steve Kalnasy, safety specialist with Base Safety Center aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, heads out of Sunday's 2005 Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, which thousands of veterans and civilians participated in. According to the Vietnam Vets/Legacy Vets Motorcycle Club, more than 3,500 motorcyclists, comprised of veterans, armed forces members and civilians, gathered before the ceremony to participate in the 18th Annual Candlelight Run to pay respects to those who served and continue to serve their country.

More Marines return

3rd Radio Battalion happy to be home

Pfc. Roger L. Nelson
Combat Correspondent

More than 25 Marines assigned to the 3rd Radio Battalion returned to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, May 26 after a five-month deployment to Iraq.

"We left in mid-December," said 1st Lt. Dennis J. Dantro, assistant officer-in-charge, 3rd Radio Battalion. "We got into Kuwait in the beginning of February and into Iraq in the beginning of March."

Dantro explained how his unit convoyed through Kuwait to Baghdad and then into Iraq.

"The worst part about the deployment was keeping motivation up," said Dantro, after his first deployment. "When deployed it's hard to keep the morale of your Marines up — especially after being on a ship for over a month."

Dantro then went on to explain how the most memorable thing about the deployment was getting out of Iraq and heading home to see his family and friends.

"I don't know what's next for our unit," said Dantro. "We more than likely will just start getting ready for our next deployment."

3/3 returns to Tora Bora for Operation Celtics

America's Battalion work with villagers, give aid

Sgt. 1st Class Rick Scavetta
U.S. Army

JALALABAD, Afghanistan — When the U.S. Marine Corps' 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, ventured into the Tora Bora mountains recently to hunt down enemy fighters, they instead found Afghans eager for a brighter future.

The mission, dubbed Operation Celtics, began as an offensive in an enemy sanctuary — the rugged mountains of Nangahar province that stretch along the Pakistan border. It was one of several missions launched last week by coalition troops to locate insurgents. Afghan National Army soldiers took part in the operations. Lima Company Marines were prepared for a fight, but

found themselves sipping tea with village elders.

In the first few days of the operation, the Marines distributed roughly eight tons of civic aid. And not a shot was fired.

"It's a sign of success that we're not getting shot at," said Capt. Eric Kelly, Lima Company commander.

Insurgents operating in the area would likely rely upon local villagers for support while transiting through the high-altitude passes, Kelly said. Marines patrolled into remote villages, set up security, and talked with local citizens to assess their needs and gain information on enemy activity.

Keying the radio, Kelly called to battalion headquarters at Jalalabad Airfield, where aviation assets from the U.S. Army's Fox Company, 3rd Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment — known to troops as "Big Windy" — were on standby to air-



Spc. Harold Fields

A U.S. Marine shakes hands with an Afghan boy during a pause in operations in Nangarhar, Afghanistan, May 23. Marines of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, are conducting operations in concert with Afghanistan Army soldiers in the region.

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U.S. Mint strikes Marine Corps commemorative coin

Press Release

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Mint in Philadelphia celebrated National Military Appreciation Month, May 25, with the ceremonial strike of a new commemorative coin, the 2005 Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Silver Dollar.

Current and former Marines cheered as Director Henrietta Holsman Fore and other dignitaries struck the coins in the Proof Room where the silver dollar will be produced. The official launch of the silver dollar will be at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., on July 20, U.S. Mint officials said.

This is the first time the United States has honored a branch of the military with a commemorative coin, according

to information provided by the Mint. Surcharges from the sale of the silver dollars will be paid to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation to help construct the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico.

The obverse, or "heads" side, design of the coin features the raising of the American flag at Iwo Jima from the famous photograph by Joe

Rosenthal during World War II. On the reverse, "tails" side, is the Marine Corps eagle, globe and anchor emblem and motto, "Semper Fidelis" — Latin for "always faithful."

"The coin design is simple and heroic," Fore commented at the ceremony. "The Iwo Jima image is the storied symbol of the Marine Corps heroism, courage, strength and versatility. It exemplifies Semper Fidelis to an appreciative nation every day around the world."

"We are honored to be the first military serv-

ice to receive a commemorative coin issued by the United States Mint. And we are particularly pleased that proceeds from this coin will help build the Marine Corps National Museum in Quantico," said Marine Corps Assistant Commandant Gen. William L. Nyland. "I can think of no better way to honor our Marine men and women than to capture the proud history and heritage of the Marine Corps in a museum that will forever educate visitors from around the world about the role the Marines have played throughout world history, and will continue to play in the future."

Congress authorizes two official commemorative coins annually, and only the U.S. Mint may produce them.



2005 Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Silver Dollar

NEWS BRIEFS

MCCS Facilities Close for Inventory

Saturday, the Marine Corps Exchange Annex will close at 4 p.m. and the 7-Day Store and Package Store will close at 9 p.m. for inventory.

Look for more temporary closure announcements as various Marine Corps Community Services facilities prepare for this annual procedure.

For information, call 254-7539.

Road and Parking Lot Closure

Sections of Nimitz Road will be closed June 27 and 28 for paving and on July 6 for striping. During the road closure, a detour will be in place to route traffic away from the construction area. Pedestrians will only be allowed to cross in marked crosswalks.

The B-503 Parking Lot will be closed from June 29 through July 5 for paving and on July 12 for striping. There will be a partial lane closure, but will allow two-way vehicular access from June 20 through 24 to facilitate curb/gutter removal and replacement.

Stand Up for America Fourth of July Parade

Each year, Stand Up for America participates in the Fourth of July Parade in Kailua. This is a patriotic parade that happens to be the largest Independence Day event on Oahu. This year, the theme of the 59th Annual Fourth of July Parade is "Kailua Honors American Heroes."

SUFA is inviting the loved ones of deployed service members, and recently returned service members to march in the parade. Participants are asked to bring an 8 inch by 10 inch, or larger, framed photo of loved one with them.

The parade will begin July 4 at 10 a.m. on Kainalu Street, but all participants should arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. The parade ends at Kailua Intermediate School at approximately 12 p.m.

For more information on SUFA, log onto their Web site at www.standupforamerica.net. To reserve a place in the parade, call or e-mail Mike Gabbard at 682-0618 or mike@standupforamerica.net.

New Death Gratuity Plan

President Bush has signed an \$82 billion emergency war-spending bill that includes provisions to raise the death gratuity from \$12,000 to \$100,000 for service members killed in areas designated as combat zones. The legislation also increases the maximum life insurance benefit for service members from \$250,000 to \$400,000. In addition, it authorizes payments of \$100,000 to members who lose a limb or suffer other types of traumatic injury.

Contact Gunnery Sgt. John Hamilton at 257-8822 for more information.

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Call 257-4300 for more information.

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Business Management Hotline	257-3188
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Sponsorship is a privilege

Lt. Col. Loren D. Barney

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

The ability to sponsor guests aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, is a privilege, not a right. Periodically, our Military Police apprehend/detain sponsored guests who go into unauthorized areas — most often at the beaches — or are engaging in unauthorized/illegal activity aboard the base, unbeknownst to their sponsors. Individuals who sponsor guests are responsible for the behavior of their guests at all times and will be held accountable for their guests' conduct.

In addition, individuals who violate the sponsorship rules below or who have guests who violate a provision in the Base Regulations may lose their sponsorship privileges.

Often, individuals — military and civilian employee sponsors and their guests who are caught violating the Base Regulations, say that they are unfamiliar with the rules of sponsorship.

The following are the most often asked questions regarding sponsorship:

Q. Who is allowed to sponsor others aboard MCB Hawaii?

A. Anyone who is 16 years of age or older and has a valid armed forces identification card or common access card. This includes family members, DoD civilian employees, Reservists, Guardsmen and retirees. Civilian contractors are not allowed to sponsor other individuals aboard the base.

Q. How many guests am I allowed to sponsor aboard the base?

A. Authorized individuals as stated above, are permitted to sponsor a total of three guests, each, to the beaches. There is no limit for other activities aboard the base.

Q. Are there any restrictions on who I may sponsor aboard the base?

A. All visitors/guests, commercial or personal guests of an authorized sponsor, may be permitted aboard MCB Hawaii. These visitors/guests include guests of a command; i.e., civilian members of athletic teams and youth groups, prospective Marines who have been recruited, but not called to active duty, and similar groups that may be billeted aboard MCB Hawaii and commercial vendors contracted to provide individuals with goods or services. Base departments may also sponsor civilian contractors, commercial vendors and local law enforcement officials, as needed.

Q. What is the proper method of sponsoring guests aboard the base?

A. When expecting guests, sponsors must provide advance notice to the Military Police Department at the H-3 Gate or Camp Smith Pass House.

Additionally, call-in sponsorship is allowed when using an MCB Hawaii phone prefix of 257, 254, or 253. Call-in sponsorship from a cell phone number is not accepted. Visitors arriving without prior notice must provide a telephone number to contact the sponsor. Inability to contact the sponsor may result in access denial to the base.

The number for the Pass House on MCB Hawaii is 257-2047.

Q. Do my sponsored quest(s) have to be with me the entire time while aboard the base?

A. The sponsor need not accompany his/her guest(s) at all times except while on MCB Hawaii beaches. However, sponsors are still responsible for their guests' conduct while aboard the base.

Q. What are my sponsored guests allowed to do while aboard the base?

A. Please remember that a pass issued authorizes access to the installation to engage in a designated activity. Violation of this authorization may result in the patrons losing their base access privileges. Properly sponsored guests are allowed to participate in all the MCCS activities while accompanied by their sponsor.

They are not allowed to shop at the Commissary or Post Exchange. They may, however, accompany the sponsor to these facilities. All guests will be required to sign a visitor's log and will be given an instruction card that explains the "do's and don'ts" while at the Commissary.

Q. Are there guests or groups allowed on base without being sponsored?

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Timely award



Maj. Donald D. Welch Jr. (right), stands at the position of attention before receiving a Bronze Star Medal, May 27, for his services as the Detachment Officer-in-Charge, 3rd Radio Battalion, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force from October to September 2003, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Welch is credited with providing critical intelligence support for I MEF while conducting combat operations against armed insurgents. He was also responsible for developing a concept of operations that enhanced the accuracy and speed when sending time-sensitive indications and increased mission successfulness.

Environmental honors



Assistant Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics-Facilities Brig. Gen. Willie J. Williams (left); Federal Environmental Executive Edwin Pinero; Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay Pollution Prevention Program Manger Carolyn Irvin and Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Environment B. J. Penn display the Secretary of the Navy Environmental Award for Pollution Prevention for fiscal year 2004. Irvin accepted the award on behalf of MCB Hawaii's Environmental Compliance and Protection Department during an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., at the U.S. Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center on May 3.

Photo Courtesy of Ben Zweig

Weekend weather outlook

Today



Day — Partly cloudy with temporarily mostly cloudy skies with isolated rain showers in the evening, northeasterly winds at 8-10 mph

Night — Partly cloudy with isolated rain showers, easterly winds at 6 mph

High — 82
Low — 76

Saturday



Day — Partly cloudy with temporarily mostly cloudy skies with isolated rain showers, easterly winds at 10 mph with gusts to 15 mph

Night — Partly cloudy with temporarily mostly cloudy skies with isolated rain showers, easterly winds at 8 mph

High — 82
Low — 76

Sunday



Day — Partly cloudy with mostly cloudy skies with isolated rain showers in the morning and evening, easterly winds 8-10 mph with gusts to 15 mph

Night — Partly cloudy with some mostly cloudy skies with isolated rain showers, easterly winds 8 mph

High — 82
Low — 75

Pushed, pulled *and* dragged

12 of 21 Marines complete MCIWS training course

Story and Photos By
Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Combat Correspondent

"This training was the hardest thing I've ever done before," admitted Sgt. Cary Cole, cannoneer, Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion 12th Marine Regiment. "I figure, though, if I can do this, then I can do anything."

Cole, along with 12 other Marines, successfully completed the last Marine Combat Instructor Water Survival course of the summer. The class began with 21 Marines and finished with 12.

During the three-week long training, the Marines swam 1,500 meters in 33 minutes and less; performed a series of full-gear rescues; took a variety of difficult tests; conducted beach rescues; and swam 3,600 meters in full combat gear, stripping one piece of gear every 600 meters, according to Sgt. Ben Spahr, MCIWS course trainer for water survival, Regimental Schools. The last task seemed to be the defining moment of the course.

"There are a lot of benefits to completing the course though," said the Ventura, Calif. native. "Plus, it helps out the MCIWS instructors if every unit has at least one to qualify their own Marines for swim qualifications."

After successfully completing the course, the Marines will have a secondary Marine Occupational Specialty as an 8563, or Water Safety/Survival Instructor. This MOS qualifies them to run fourth-class swim qualifications, up to and including the two-week Combat Water Safety Swimmer school. They will also gain a variety of other qualifications.

The part that usually hits the Marines the hardest is the full-gear rescue practices, said Spahr.

"They aren't allowed to touch the sides of the pool for roughly two and a half hours, with the gear on, and must keep moving at all times to stay afloat," explained Spahr.

The reason for the high level of difficulty, according to Spahr, is because MCIWS is so different from any other kind of training.

"It's not like taking a PFT (Physical Fitness Test)," he said. "It's very different than what most are used to. I can say that it's probably the most difficult thing I've ever completed, as well. I have nothing but respect for all of the Marines who come out to do this. The ones who are still here deserve to be here. The ones who didn't make it this time but will come back, deserve just as much respect."

Spahr said he recommends that every unit send people to the next MCIWS course that is taking place in September, as it may be the last one for a long time.

"We need two instructors to teach the course, and we aren't going to have enough people after September," he said. "I want to encourage any unit on base to send whoever they possibly can."

Each unit should have someone who has been through the course to help qualify their own Marines, said Spahr.

"A lot of times, when units deploy, they wait until the last couple of weeks before sending Marines who need to qual. That leaves us jumping through hoops to get everyone qualified on time. If each unit has their own, it would be a big help."

For the Marines who completed the course, it was an accomplishment, but something that they don't want to do again, according to Cole. For him, the reward of being able to wear what only MCIWS graduates are allowed to wear was worth the effort.

"In a way it's kind of like boot camp where you just go day to day, getting by," said the Phoenix, Ariz. native. "You try and think about something else, but then you realized you've earned the tan shorts, and it makes it all worth it."

Marines swim across the Base Pool, one simulating the rescue of another during the full-gear rescue practice. The training was part of the Marine Combat Instructor Water Survival course which was completed by 12 of the 21 Marines who started the course.



Above — During the full-gear rescue practice, Marines are instructed to push their rescuers under water, simulating a panicking victim. Marines who complete the Marine Combat Instructor Water Survival course will have a secondary Marine Occupational Specialty as an 8563, or Water Safety/Survival Instructor.

Right — A Marine concentrates on getting a breath during full-gear rescue practice. Part of the Marine Combat Instructor Water Survival course will have a secondary Marine Occupational Specialty as an 8563, or Water Safety/Survival Instructor.



Marines take in brief before long weekend

SAFE program warns of dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol

Pfc. Roger L. Nelson
Combat Correspondent

One of the biggest problems civilians and military personnel share is the growing number of deaths each year due to not wearing seat belts and driving under the influence, according to firefighter paramedics who teach a nationally known safety program.

Stay Alive From Education, an automotive safety program, was originally organized in 1989 by firefighter paramedics from Florida in an effort to help lessen injuries and deaths related to unsafe driving practices. SAFE was presented by state-certified members of this non-profit organization at the Base Theater, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, on May 26, to serve as a reminder for those driving during the Memorial Day weekend.

According to Clayton Lihilihi, MCB Hawaii,

safety paramedic, the SAFE lecture included information and reminders about the ongoing efforts of the "Click it or Ticket" program. Click it or Ticket was originally introduced in North Carolina in 1993 by former Governor, Jim Hunt, who wanted to increase safety belt and child safety seat usage throughout his state.

"We do these programs usually over the summer and long weekends," said Scott T. McIntyre, firefighter and paramedic for Orlando, Fla., Fire Department and program coordinator for the SAFE program. "We travel around a lot and usually visit two or more bases a month."

McIntyre said that the program is very successful and feedback from those who attend his briefings is always very positive.

"We had one Marine e-mail us and say that our program saved his life," said the Orlando, Fla. native. "I guess he had gotten into a pretty serious car accident and put his seat belt on after coming to one of our programs."

During SAFE briefings, facilitators showed pictures of accidents and accident victims as a

way of persuading people to wear seat belts and not drink and drive.

"We feel if the attendees see what the paramedics see, then they will understand the importance of the safety belt," said Lihilihi. "We didn't want it to be death by PowerPoint so we put in a lot of interesting pictures and activities for the people who come to view the presentation."

The program also urged people to have a bet-

ter perspective about seat belts and realize that not only is wearing a seat belt the law — it is also just a smart thing to do.

"What can be a greater feeling than doing these programs?" said McIntyre. "Because we see so much negativity in the world, we wanted to lessen that," he admitted. "If we can get someone to think twice before drinking and driving or putting a seat belt on, then we're getting our job done."



Pfc. Roger L. Nelson

Kirsten M. Svela, paramedic with the Tallahassee, Fla., Fire Department, uses Sgt. Salvador Cruz, security manager with Headquarters Battalion, as an example to demonstrate the affects of alcohol and why it's not a good idea to drink and drive, during a Stay Alive From Education program briefing held May 26 at the Base Theater, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

For the graduates



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Members of the National Naval Officers Association were at The Officers' Club, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay on May 26, to present two local-area students with \$500 scholarships. The scholarships were presented to Danika Globokar (above right), 18, and Emily Marty, 17, for high academic standards, military interest, character, leadership skills, and other prestigious qualities. Globokar will graduate from Castle High School, where she main-

tained a 4.333 grade-point average. The Virginia Beach, Va. native said she plans to attend the University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla., where she will major in civil engineering. After she has graduated college, she said she intends to join the Navy as an officer. Marty is a Moanalua High School graduate who graduated in the top five percent of her class. She said that she will attend Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla., for Neo-natal nursing training. She, too, said she plans, eventually, to join the armed forces.

Red Lions return



Pfc. Roger L. Nelson

Sgt. Jason D. Graul, NDI technician, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363, kisses his wife, Jennifer, upon returning from deployment. During the unit deployment program, HMH-363 performed routine deployment training such as amphibious landings and troop transportation. Half of the unit joined the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

To read the *Hawaii Marine* online, visit www.mcbh.usmc.mil.

Linguist leaves big impression in Iraq

Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Combat Correspondent

"I volunteered to stay in Iraq so that I could feel as though I have the right to live in a country with so many freedoms and rights," said a 21-year-old sergeant regarding his 13-month deployment. "It wasn't about whether I liked or hated my time overseas, it was about helping people and doing the best I could to provide my services."

Sergeant Gabriel F. Al-Rajhi, cytological Arabic linguist, 3rd Radio Battalion, left Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, in March 2004 with his unit for a six-month deployment to Iraq.

Once the end of the initial deployment neared, Al-Rajhi, an Anaheim, Calif. native who calls Saudi Arabia home, said he felt as though he hadn't done all he could have and asked if he could stay for a few more months to help out wherever he was needed.

As an American military member, fluent in Arabic, his request did not take long to get approved.

"There was a short debate between the command in Iraq and my unit," said the charismatic Marine, "but soon 3rd Radio Battalion left and I remained in Iraq, mainly to serve as a translator."

Although Al-Rajhi was born in the U.S., his parents moved to Saudi Arabia when he was almost two years old. Once he graduated high school, he said his job options were limited. After talking with a friend about possibilities that were available to him, he decided to take his friend's advice. That advice changed his future.

"I had a buddy that was a former airman. He told me about the benefits of being in the military in America," said Al-Rajhi. "Since I was born in the U.S., I could join the military, and

they would pay me to go to school — which was what I really wanted to do. It sounded too good to be true."

Al-Rajhi said he grew up in a country that does not recognize many of the rights Americans take for granted. Because of this, he decided he wanted to earn the right to live in the U.S., once he had completed his tour of duty with the military. Wanting a challenge, he asked his friend what the most difficult service he could enter would be.

"Without a second's hesitation he said, 'the United States Marine Corps,'" said Al-Rajhi. "I

said to him, that was what I wanted to do then."

Even after that he said his buddy tried to convince him that the Marines were too tough and he should join another service, Al-Rajhi had already made his mind made up to join the Corps.

"I told him, my life has never been easy, and I am not about to start now," he said.

That day he went to an all-night Internet café and called a Marine Corps recruiter to find out what he needed to do to join. Once he had all the facts, he quickly got his things together

and left for Los Angeles.

He stepped on the "yellow footprints" in December 2001. Once he graduated boot camp and completed the school, which trained him for his Military Occupational Specialty, he received orders to his first duty station, K-Bay, where he arrived November 2003.

For the first six-months he was with 3rd Radio Battalion where he served as a linguist, performing signals intelligence tasks. He then took on new responsibilities as a translator. According to Al-Rajhi, that is when his experiences began to change and broaden to the point where he became the personal translator for Commanding General of 1 Marine Expeditionary Force.

"The position I gained through my understanding and knowledge of the Arabic language gave me more opportunities to make a difference than I could have imagined," admitted Al-Rajhi.

During the next seven-months, he met and translated for well-known people, such as Massachusetts Senator John Kerry, the Prime Minister of Iraq, and many of the commanders and high-ranking military officers throughout various cities and bases in Iraq.

"I feel as though the liberties in the U.S. are taken for granted," said Al-Rajhi. "Although I am an American citizen, I feel like I should earn my right to live in a country that offers its people so much."

According to Al-Rajhi, by joining the Marine Corps he has been given the opportunity to earn his citizenship and place in the U.S.

"I have served in the Marine Corps and deployed to Iraq," he said. "I think I have earned that right now."

"I would go back if I was needed, but for now, I am content with the things I did. I am just going to relax until I can figure out where the Corps will take me next."



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Sgt. Gabriel F. Al-Rajhi, cytological Arabic linguist, 3rd Radio Battalion, proudly stands at his unit's headquarters after a 13-month long deployment to Iraq. The Saudi Arabia born Marine now feels he has earned the right to live in the United States.

COMMAND, From A-1

by visiting the various commands in order to understand all the different missions they perform and services they provide. This will aid him in the mission and in ensuring everything continues to run smoothly, as it has in the past.

"I'm not going to make any radical changes," said the Joshua, Texas native. "Everything has really been working very well, and I would like to continue that. I feel as though it's an honor and a privilege to take command this summer, and things are going to remain normal."

Although there will be a different person in command, one thing remained the same in the eyes of both deputy commanders — that is the gratitude and pride regarding the community aboard the base.

Roten, who is planning to move to Virginia Beach, Va., to pursue a job as the director of global security operations for SCG Internet Risk, expressed mixed emotions

about his retirement. He spoke about how highly he regarded the people he has met here and how their professionalism has aided the Global

War on Terrorism effort.

"The community on base is just a super group of people, military and family members alike," said the New

Orleans, La. native.

"That has really been the best part of this base. The Marines and Sailors are bearing the burden of combat

while family members are supporting them and carrying on here as they serve in combat. They are all doing a remarkable job."

MarForPac Band Schedule

Today, 10 a.m.

New Base Chapel Ceremony
Ceremonial Band
Base Chapel

Today, 5 p.m.

Assumption of Command
Ceremonial Band
Pacific War Memorial

Saturday, 10 a.m.

Military Appreciation Day
Ceremonial Band
Honolulu Zoo

Know your benefits

Extra pay helps out in high-cost areas

Press Release

U.S. Pacific Command

The Cost of Living Allowance is an allowance paid to service members stationed in high-cost areas to help maintain purchasing power. It is a cost comparison system that is based on the difference in prices in the local area that are compared to the prices of the same items purchased in the continental U.S.

The cost-of-living index, which measures the cost of living at a location out of the U.S. relative to the continental U.S. cost, is the same for all service members stationed at a particular location. COLA is a biweekly payment provided to approximately 280,000 members of the uniformed services stationed at one of 600 locations outside of the continental United States. The current size of the program, DoD-wide, is almost \$2 billion annually with



the average COLA amount being \$297 per month. In fiscal year 2004, Hawaii military members received \$187.1M in COLA.

The Per Diem Committee uses "spendable income" average tables computed for different family sizes and income levels to calculate COLA. Spendable income is total income minus housing expenses, taxes, savings, life insurance, and gift contributions.

The average tables are based on Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Expenditure Survey data from the Department of Labor that show how military families typically spend their income. Therefore, individual service member's COLA payments vary substantially because spendable income varies by pay grade, number of dependents, and type of housing occupied.

A service member living in the barracks or aboard ship receives less COLA due to lower living expenses. Additionally, not everyone assigned overseas receives COLA. If the costs

of living in an overseas area are the same as, or lower than, it would cost to live in an average area in the United States, the area does not receive COLA. Service members can query COLA rates at secureapp2.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/ocform.html

U.S. Pacific Command will conduct an online Living Pattern Survey during the of August and September timeframe for service members assigned to locations in Hawaii. The LPS collects information from individual members and their families about which specific stores they use to purchase goods and services on the economy. There is also a section that asks for the percentage of shopping done in local stores vice the percentage of shopping in government facilities. The Web site address for the LPS will be published through service component personnel offices later in June. LPS data will be used in the COLA analysis conducted in Spring 2006.

Contact Eddie Fowler, at Headquarters, U.S. Pacific Command at 477-1396 for more information.

Hawaii to take part in COLA survey

Press Release

U.S. Pacific Command

Uniformed service members in the state of Hawaii will have an opportunity to take the Military Cost of Living Allowance survey, setting the standard for the next three years beginning Aug. 1. The Manpower, Personnel and Administration Directorate of U.S. Pacific Command is the lead activity for this survey. Extensive service component and Coast Guard support is needed to ensure this important quality of life action is performed correctly.

"The last Hawaii COLA survey conducted in 2003 resulted in a 16 index point increase distributed to military personnel assigned to the various Hawaiian Islands," said Eddie Fowler, a personnel policy analyst with U.S. Pacific Command. In the last survey only 25.7 percent of eligible service members responded. The DoD's per diem, travel and transportation allowance committee, which oversees COLA as well as other allowances, uses two separate surveys to determine the relative cost of living in an area. In order to determine COLA for a given area, the committee tries to answer two basic questions: Where do military personnel shop, and what are the prices at these places?

The Living Pattern Survey/COLA

Survey is administered only once every three years. The survey is used to determine where service members shop and dine and how much they buy from the military commissaries and exchanges in comparison with services provided off post.

Based on the information given in the LPS, analysts will perform a Retail Price Survey, which establishes current prices on common goods and services.

The Hawaii market prices are then compared to the prices of the same goods and services on the mainland. The more things cost in Hawaii, the more COLA service members receive to help pay the extra costs associated with their cost of living.

The 2005 COLA Survey is important to all military personnel assigned to Hawaii. According to Flower, maximum participation and accurate information are essential to obtaining a valid statistical living pattern. The Web site address for the survey will be published through Service Component Personnel offices later in June. Input received will affect COLA rates established in April 2006.

The LPS data will affect COLA rates one way or the other, so the most important thing is that people participate.

Contact Eddie Fowler at 477-1396 for more information.

3/3, From A-1

lift bundles of civic aid.

Within minutes, Marines heard the heavy "thud-a-thud" of the CH-47 Chinook echoing through the valley. A U.S. Air Force controller working with the Marines popped a canister of green smoke to mark the landing zone and talked to the approaching Army pilot. Marines rushed into the blowing dust to pull bundles of supplies off the helicopter's back ramp.

"When fighting an insurgency, the way to win is to get the people on your side," said 1st Lt. J.P. Sienicki, 25, of Long Valley, N.J. "When you're handing out food and blankets to help people in this rugged, austere landscape, you're helping out on the most personal level."

Security during the mission was key, said Sienicki, Lima's weapons platoon commander. The Marines were "set up for success" by having Air Force A-10, Thunderbolt II jet fighters overhead during the mission's initial stage, he said. A platoon from the Afghan National Army marched alongside the Marines, contributing to interaction with the Afghan citizens and establishing perimeter security when the troops stopped near villages.

"If our Army works hard with the Americans and gets back on its feet, then we will no longer need the U.S. for support," said Janet Ghul, an Afghan soldier from Chapahar province.

Ghul and his fellow Afghan troops use their knowledge of the local culture to assess progress during the military operations. Ghul recalled how the Russian soldiers stormed his home and killed his father. The coalition forces' approach makes Afghans feel more comfortable, he said.

"Before, they did not like foreigners," Ghul said. "Now, they see (the United States) building the country, and they are happy."

On a ridge overlooking the Pachir Agam Valley, Marines set up camp outside the Gerakhil Primary School, a 12-room edifice built in 2004 by a U.S.-led provincial reconstruction team. About 700 local boys who once studied out in the open now have furnished classrooms, said Capt. Michael Greer, 35, an Army Reserve officer from the 450th Civil Affairs Battalion.

"You build a school, and you make people choose," Greer said. "It's either help from the Afghan government and its coalition allies or supporting the bad guys."

Nearby, Afghan villagers clustered around the helicopter landing zone. Sgt. Joshua Allison, of Stroudsburg, Pa., spent the afternoon of his 23rd birthday loading the arms of Afghan boys with bundles of blankets, rugs, food and medicine. In the village, Navy Corpsman Daniel Mayberry, 21, of Gaithersburg, Md., began treating ailments and injuries in a makeshift clinic.

"We're trying to better this country's problems and let them know we care," Mayberry said. "The local people are trying to get on with their everyday lives, and there's people — Taliban and al Qaeda — threatening their lives. If we show them that we're here to help, they may tell us where's the bad guys with the

weapons."

Gaining the locals' trust is the only way to get their support, said Cpl. Stephen Patterson, 22, of Conyers, Ga.

Patterson often mans a 60 mm mortar on Marine firebases. But when he gets out on patrols, he sees the Afghanistan's future in the

droves of children who swarm around Marines.

"There's something about kids," Patterson said. "Their parents saw what other foreign armies did here, but the kids are exposed to the way we are doing things. Maybe they can tell their parents about what we're doing and remember what we've done for them."

Tribute to the fallen



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Army Col. Jeanette McMahon, wife of fallen Army Lt. Col. Michael McMahon, and their children, (clockwise from back), Ricky, Mike and Thomas, pose, May 26, behind a plaque engraved with the late McMahon's name as well as police officer Glen A. Gasper, who was killed in the line of duty. St. John Vianney School's eighth grade students raised money for the plaque that was dedicated to the two fallen fathers who each had a child in eighth grade. The dedication ceremony took place at the school and included a lei presentation to the family members, "The Star Spangled Banner" sung by students from the eighth grade chorus and "Taps" played by a bugler. Although the eighth grade class is graduating and leaving the school, the memorial will always stand as a tribute to the two fathers for all to see.

SPONSOR, From A-2

A. All guests must be properly sponsored aboard MCB Hawaii. The commanding general has extended self-sponsorship to certain individuals. These groups and individuals are: Friends of K-Bay, retired civil service employees of MCB Hawaii, and fishermen who have been issued a permit by the Military Police Department. In essence, the commanding general has sponsored these individuals.

Q. What are civilian contractors allowed to do while aboard the base?

A. Civilian contractors who have been properly sponsored aboard the base to perform the contracted work are not authorized to participate in any of the MCCS activities — with the exception of purchasing meals to be consumed on the premises of such facilities as the food court, McDonald's, Subway or Papa John's Pizza. Civilian contractors are also not allowed to patronize the various clubs or beaches, unless invited and accompanied there by an authorized individual sponsor.

For those who fail to comply with the rules of proper sponsorship, the base will take the following actions:

First offense

A formal warning letter will be issued to the individual describing the violation and the rules for proper sponsorship.

The individual will be added to the base sponsorship violation tracker. The Pass House will verify that the sponsoring individual is in good standing prior to being authorized to sponsor a guest aboard MCB Hawaii.

Second offense

A formal Magistrate Hearing will be held with a command representative (for military member violations), military sponsor and command representative (for family member violations), or immediate superior (for civilian employee violations).

Loss of sponsorship privileges aboard MCB Hawaii for up to one year.

The base inspector will notify them of the terms of their sponsorship privilege suspension and will send a formal letter to the individual.

Third offense

Another formal Magistrate Hearing will be held as stated above.

Possible permanent loss of sponsorship privileges aboard MCB Hawaii.

The Base Inspector will notify them of their permanent sponsorship privilege revocation and will send a formal letter to individual.

Please help us safeguard our base and all of our citizens who reside therein by exercising responsible sponsorship.

DUIs are career killers

*Editor's Note: Per the commanding general of MCB Hawaii, individuals arrested for driving under the influence [DUI], driving while intoxicated or drug-related offenses shall be publicized in the **Hawaii Marine** newspaper.*

- May 13, Petty Officer 2nd Class Joseph P. Cristostomo of VP-47. Driving under the influence, with a blood alcohol content of .14 percent.

- May 19, Sgt. Shaun Duggan of 3rd Marine Regiment. DUI with a BAC of .14 percent.

- May 19, Cpl. Matthew T. Schweigert of 1/3. DUI with a BAC of .08 percent.

- May 25, Cpl. Ronald M. Snyder of Headquarters Company, 1/12. DUI with a BAC of .16 percent.

LIFESTYLES

Got Bargain?

Aloha Stadium Swap Meet vendors sell just about everything under the sun

Story and Photos By
Gunnery Sgt. Claudia M. LaMantia
Public Affairs Chief

AIEA, Hawaii — For shopping enthusiasts, malls are abundant, but swap meets set a different mood for buyers and browsers where bartering is still alive.

The Aloha Stadium Swap Meet is a place like that. Located on the perimeter of the Aloha Stadium on Salt Lake Boulevard in Honolulu, a few hundred vendors gather every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday to set up shops.

By 6 a.m. stalls are organized and most are ready to sell their goods. At around the same time, the first wave of buyers drive through the gates where all entrants, ages 12 and above, pay a 50-cent fee.

Once inside, prospective buyers can be seen walking around, slowly browsing through each stall. In addition to those selling merchandise and memorabilia, there are vendors who sell snacks like fruits, vegetables and cookies. With these items in hand, it's common to see people enjoying a bite as they walk from stand to stand.

Exposed to the elements, a swap meet seems to bring a more relaxed environment for buying all sorts of things like perfumes, leis, sarongs, paintings, jewelry, souvenirs and all sorts of clothing.

As morning turns to afternoon and the temperature rises, shoppers begin to line up outside the shave ice booths.

For the shoppers' convenience, scattered along the way are signs that point visitors in the direction of the snack bars and restrooms.

"I really like coming. They have things that you can't find at the mall or the P.X., and I can spend a few hours bonding with my daughter, Tara," admitted Patti Ramirez, wife of Gunnery Sgt. Saul Ramirez, maintenance chief, Combat Service Support Group 3, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

For more information on the swap meet, call Centerplate at 488-0924 or visit their Web site at www.aloha-stadium.hawaii.gov/events/swapmeet.



Shoppers stroll through the Aloha Stadium Swap Meet May 22, searching for bargains on items that range from scented oils to pet clothing.



Tara Ramirez, 12, and her mother, Patti, decide on what hair piece to buy at one of the hundreds of stalls vendors set up every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday to sell their goods.

Top — Fruit stands like Li's Market can be found throughout the swap meet. Buyers have a choice of buying bags of whole produce or freshly sliced fruits such as mangos. The vendors also offer an assortment of spices to put on the fruit for a more local flavor. Above — Tara Ramirez, 12, daughter of Gunnery Sgt. Saul Ramirez, looks around at a sign stall at a possible retirement gift for her father.

Big names line up for BayFest '05

Entertainers from mainland scheduled to perform this year

Jim Bocci
MCCS Marketing

BayFest has always had a reputation for bringing in top-notch entertainment. This year is the biggest yet, and for good reason. We're celebrating the honor and commitment of our armed forces, especially our Marines and Sailors aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Papa Roach — July 1

Papa Roach's muscular mix of rap and metal continues to strike a cord with millions of fans 10 years after they broke out onto the world stage. "Getting Away With Murder," continues to climb the charts fueled by the success of the hard driving hit, "Scars."

Montgomery Gentry — July 2

Are they country? Are they rock?

This high-powered duo is a bit of both. The critics agree with their fans. Montgomery Gentry was named the Country Music Association's Duo of the Year in 2000 and received that year's American Music Award for Favorite New Artist-Country. At the time of this printing, they are up for the CMA's Best Video by a Group or Duo for their hit, "If You Ever Stop Loving Me."

Brad Paisley — July 3

The country tradition runs deep through Paisley's music, but he adds a little twist. Paisley is a world-class guitar player who cites Eric Clapton as a major influence. His latest offering, "Mud on the Tires," has spun off several hits including his tongue-in-cheek take on fame, "Celebrity" and the powerful duet with Alison Krauss, "Whiskey Lullaby" which is up for the Country Music Association's

Video of the Year.

Lynyrd Skynyrd — July 4

Not many bands can lay claim to founding a musical movement. Lynyrd Skynyrd can. When you think of southern rock, you think of Lynyrd Skynyrd: Guitar-drenched, honky-tonk rock 'n' roll. "Sweet Home Alabama," "Saturday Night Special," and the timeless anthem "Free Bird" are all among the most recognized rocks songs of all time.

All shows start at 9:15 p.m. with world-famous Fireworks by Grucci displays immediately following the performances. Presale tickets are available through your unit reps, or you can go online at bayfesthawaii.com.

For more information on McKenna Motors BayFest 2005, call 254-7679.



Photo Illustration Courtesy of MCCS Marketing

This year's BayFest will feature some big name entertainers Papa Roach, Montgomery Gentry, Brad Paisley, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and world famous Fireworks by Grucci that dazzle and amaze audiences every year at BayFest.

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Kahuna's Sports Bar & Grill

254-7660/7661

Sidekick Rocks Kahuna's — Staff NCO Club
Make the most of the weekend by kicking it off with live entertainment at the club tonight. Raise the roof with Sidekick. The band will start playing at 10 p.m.

Full Contact Showdown 3 Weigh-in — In preparation for the Full Contact



Showdown taking place on Saturday, come to Kahuna's Friday to witness the weigh-in of the contenders involved in the popular mixed martial arts and kickboxing event.

Staff NCO Club
254-5481

Texas Hold 'em at Staff NCO Club — Winning hand or not, it's always fun to play Texas Hold 'em at the SNCO Club.

Players and dealers are needed for this Saturday's event. This is a great opportunity to practice your skills in the fine "art" of poker. All participants must sign in by 6 p.m. SNCO Club members can participate for only \$5, nonmembers for \$8.

The Officers' Club
254-7650/7649

Right-Hand Man Night — Happening once a quarter, the club will host Right-Hand Man Night Thursday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Complimentary pupus and beverages will be available.

This is the perfect opportunity to build some camaraderie and relax in the O' Club's comfortable atmosphere.

Seafood Buffet — Drop by Thursday evening for a unique dinner treat.

Enjoy the seafood buffet, a meal only available the first Thursday of the month, with items such as snow crab legs, carved Black Angus prime rib, peel-n-eat shrimp, south of the border ahi poke, and much more.

The buffet starts at 6 p.m. and runs through 8 p.m. Members pay only \$23.50, nonmembers \$26.95. For more details, call 254-7650.

All Hands

Full Contact Showdown 3 at Kahuna's — Cheer on the MCB Hawaii Marines who will be competing in Full Contact Showdown 3 this Saturday.

Lance Cpl. Justin Holcombe from Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 and Sgt Michael Leonguerrero from Manpower Information

Systems Support Office will be among the contenders displaying their kickboxing and mixed martial arts prowess at Kahuna's Community Ballroom.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with the first bell at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for military, \$25 for general admission and \$35 for ringside seating. Food and beverages will be available.

For more information call 254-7660 or 375-1645.

Ongoing

Splash Tuesdays at The Officers' Club — Start looking for that bathing suit, find your rubber ducky and bring your brightest beach towel to the event that marks the official beginning of summer at the O' Club.

Starting May 31, and every Tuesday thereafter through Labor Day weekend, members and authorized guests can party at the pool from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Grilled items will be available on site with items to fill up tummies, beginning at 11 a.m. and ending at 1:30 p.m.

Splash Tuesdays are guaranteed to whet your appetite, and wet those in and around the pool as well.

For more information, call The Officers' Club at 254-7650.

New Pool Hours at The Officers' Club — Summer pool hours are in effect at the O' Club as follows: Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Mondays and holidays, the pool will be closed so plan accordingly.

A poolside menu will be available Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call The Officers' Club at 254-7650.

Marriage Skills Workshop — If marriage is in your plans, don't miss the monthly Marriage Skills Workshop offered by the Counseling Services department of Marine and Family Services.

Through this workshop, participants will learn more about becoming a successful family, couples communication, budgeting and finances, and resources available.

The first day's session, will be held June 15 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the second session will be held June 16 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Both sessions will take place in Building 216.

For more information or to register, call 257-7780 or 257-7781.

McKenna Motors BayFest Tickets on Sale Now — The largest



10:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. and pick it up at the bar, Monday through Friday.

Mongolian Barbecue at the Staff NCO Club — Take part in the newest dinner alternative: Mongolian barbecue at the SNCO Club.

Every Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. enjoy the colorful and fresh selection of meats, vegetables, spices, oils, and other ingredients to make a dish that will satisfy the hungriest of eaters.

Members pay 65 cents an ounce; nonmembers can enjoy this dinner for 75 cents an ounce.

Reservations are highly recommended, as this evening tends to fill up quickly. For reservations and information, call 254-5481.

Reserve Your Self-Storage Lockers Today — The new reservations system is fully functional and the lockers have been filling up so make your official reservation for unit, of various sizes, today by calling The Lodge at 254-2806. Be sure to have your credit card information on hand when calling to reserve a locker. Contact The Lodge for pricing, unit size and additional reservation requirements.



Playmornings — Military parents and kids can spend quality time together on a daily basis from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at one of our five different sites on base. There are games, crafts, songs, and other entertaining activities.

Parents can also receive information on positive parenting techniques. The program is free, requires no registration and takes place at the following locations: Mondays — ASYMCA Building 1638; Tuesdays — Building 477 (the old Teen Center); Wednesdays — Super Playground; Thursdays — Connor Loop Playground; Fridays — Super Playground; Rainy Days — ASYMCA Building 1638.

For more details, call 254-4719.

Discount at Fairways Sports Bar and Grill for Staff NCO Members — The SNCO Club may be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, but Fairways is now offering reduced pricing for SNCO members from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on those days.

Remember to show your valid membership card to activate the discount.

For more information, call 254-5481.

SM&SP



All events are open to unaccompanied E-5 and below who are active duty Marines or Sailors. The SM&SP Office is located in Building 1629, inside the Kahuna's Recreation Center. Get more details on activities at mcschawaii.com under the "Semper Fitness" icon, or call 254-7593.

Shank 'n' Slice Best Ball Golf Tournament: Register now for this quarterly golf tourney to be held June 16 at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$27 for E-5 and below, \$34 for E-6 and above. Bring your boss and show him or her who really rules the course. There is a limit of one boss per player and the sponsor must play with their guest. Check in at 11:30 a.m. Fees include green fees, cart, prizes, pupus and beverages. Prizes will be awarded.

Barefoot Splash & Snorkel Cruise: Now sit right back and enjoy a tale, a tale of a fun-filled trip. Join the Single Marine & Sailor Program for the Barefoot Splash & Snorkel Cruise. For only \$48 per-person, authorized patrons will be whisked away for a three-hour tour, a three-hour tour. All Gilligan's Island jokes aside, this day of adventure will take you over and under the ocean for snorkeling and sights. Lunch will be included so all you have to bring is a swim suit and some lotion. The cruise sets sail June 11 where cruisers will meet in front of the SM&SP Office at the Kahuna's Recreation Center at 10 a.m. Sign up at the office by June 8, as registration is limited to 20 people (subject to cancellation if participation demands are not met). Call 254-7593 for further information.

MOVIE TIME

Prices: Adults, 12 and older, \$3; children 6 to 11, \$1.50 and children 5 and younger, free. Matinee prices are \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16-years-old and younger. Sunday evenings, the price is \$1 for all patrons. Show your ID card at the box office. Call 254-7642 for recorded information.

Sneak Preview Policy: One hour and 45 minutes prior to the movie, tickets will be issued to first priority patrons waiting in line, then second and third priority patrons.

The Amityville Horror (R)	Today at 7:15 p.m.
The Upside of Anger (R)	Today at 9:45 p.m.
Sahara (PG-13)	Saturday at 7:15 p.m.
Sin City (R)	Saturday at 9:45 p.m.
Fever Pitch (PG-13)	Sunday at 2 p.m.
Sin City (R)	Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
Sahara (PG-13)	Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
A Lot Like Love (PG-13)	Friday at 7:15 p.m.
Sahara (PG-13)	Friday at 9:45 p.m.

Silent auction funds scholarships

Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson
Combat Correspondent

Finding a place to park at The Officer's Club aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, on Friday evening was no easy task. The reason — a silent auction was being held from 4 until 8 p.m. to raise money for the seven children who lost their fathers in the Jan. 26 helicopter crash in Iraq. Twenty-six Marines and a Sailor from 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment were killed in the incident.

"This was a way to let the families know that they will never be forgotten," said Erin Ellis, head chairperson for Patrol Squadron 9 Officer Spouses' Club silent auction committee and wife of Lt. Cmdr. William R. Ellis, who is assigned as the tactical action officer for VP-9. "We wanted to recognize that these families made the ultimate sacrifice and do what we could to help them."

The auction, put on by the VP-9 Officer Spouses' Club, took roughly one and one-half months of planning, according to Erin. There were roughly 200 donors who contributed more than 3,000 items to the auction.



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Among the items up for bid were gift baskets donated by hair salons and spas from around the island.

According to the head chairperson, there was more than \$27,000 worth of items donated to the auction. Donations came in from hotels, restaurants, tour services, spas, clothing stores and various other businesses throughout the island.

"This was a lot more than what we had originally expected to get," admitted Erin.

When the bidding began Friday night so, too, did the pot of money.

"The bidding started at 50 percent of what the items sold for," explained Erin. "At final count, we

raised just under \$19,000. "The outpouring of support from the community was profound," said the Albany, N.Y. native, emphatically.

All of the money collected will be going to the Armed Services YMCA, which will buy treasury bonds for the education of the seven children, she explained.

"I heard about this auction from my neighbor and was more than happy to come out here to show my support to the troops and their families," said Terisa Peck, a military spouse. "I think it's a great idea, and it really shows that the community is willing to give. There were a lot of businesses that donated items for the cause."

As an ongoing program, if a customer mentions donating to the families, Kailua Sports Gear store will donate 10 percent of their proceeds to the children's education fund with every purchase.

"For the kids, education is an important stepping stone to a solid future," said Erin. "If we can help these families in any way, we want to be able to do that."

If you were unable to participate in the silent auction but would like



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Silent auction attendees browse through and inspect the more than \$27,000 worth of items donated by local businesses to help support the scholarship funds of the seven children who lost their fathers in the Jan. 26 helicopter crash in Iraq.

to donate to the families, you can do so by contacting Dave Gomez at the Armed Services YMCA at 473-1427.

Donators are reminded to indicate that their donation is for the VP-9 Silent Auction Education Fund.

Deployment

Reunion's shark-infested waters: part three

Michele Adams-Thompson
Hawaii Army Weekly

Part 7 of a 9-part series

The waters off the Waianae coast are famous in certain places for sharks. One of our sons is a diver, and he used to tell us all about the shark-infested waters near the electric plant out that way. Sharks are attracted to certain areas and since they're sharks, they get to go where they want. We humans mark the spot and try to stay clear. You don't reason with sharks; you avoid them.

Reunion is the best part of a deployment, but the research also tells us that in many ways it can be the hardest part. Have you noticed it's that way with life, a lot? I've often told people that being a parent is the "best/hardest" part of life, and it's true. You have to wonder if there is a correlation between the things that cost us the most, emotionally, and the depth of their value to us. The hard stuff so often is the biggest gift, but a gift we aren't always sure we want to open.

Reunion's best gift to us will be having our

Marine or Sailor home. But, if we think that's all there is to this picture, we are really just fooling ourselves. Military families around the globe have been facing these long post-9/11 deployments for several years and they are here to tell us that reunion isn't done in a single day; it's a process that takes place over time — probably more time than you think. If you go into this phase of deployment without realizing this, you're asking for trouble.

Marines and Sailors who have done this in recent years have said right up front that part of what they want to come home to is their same old comfortable place in the family. They have been missing how things used to be for what's been such a long deployment. It makes all the sense in the world that they would come back; ready to insert themselves into the role they left. But while it makes sense that they feel this way, experience has taught a lot of military families that this doesn't work well for anyone.

Spouses have had to fill both shoes for a year and have gotten good at it. We've had to come up with new routines, making changes to how the family was run out of necessity. It's run-

ning smoothly now. How do we keep some of the new independence? How do we renegotiate the roles, the rules and the tasks of life?

Oh, and there were a few problems we were working on in our families and marriages when our Marine or Sailor left. Funny thing, they've just been waiting patiently there in the background. Were you hoping they'd just magically evaporate? Well, they don't; they wait, sometimes smoldering a bit. If you had work to do on your relationship before the deployment, it'll be waiting to make an appearance sometime after it's over.

How much have you and your Marine or Sailor worked to communicate during this deployment? I get the sense that once military families start getting as smart about long, recurring deployments as we are about PCS moves, this area will be where we take what we learn to the "next" level. But for now, it seems quite a luxury to talk about communication with our Marine or Sailor who's more than half a world away. This much is clear from the incoming research on long deployments: The more you are able and willing to communicate with your

spouse while he or she is deployed, the better things go in reunion for you. We all have a lot to learn about how to do this. Call it part of marking where the sharks are in these waters and trying to stay clear. You can't reason with a shark.

Our Marines and Sailors have begun to return home and they are required to attend mandated return and reunion programs. The USMC in joint effort with MCCS' Marine and Family Services works to help our Marines and Sailors navigate the waters of reunion, to point out the sharks to avoid them. Now when something is "mandated" we are all tempted to turn off to it. This is a mistake. With courses being given on reunion for married troops, helping the single Marine or Sailor who is a parent, dealing with the changes in relationships, how to heal from battlefield stress, and other big "sharks", these are far from just another "mandated" program. And spouses, you are invited to attend classes too, for free.

For more information you can call Marine & Family Services at 257-7786 and begin the voyage to a successful reunion.

WORD TO PASS

Band Camp to Feature top Mainland and Local Bands

Star 101.9's Band Camp 2005 will include top acts Go Jimmy Go, Mad Caddies, Senses Fail and Pepper at Kaponos at Aloha Tower Marketplace June 15.

Senses Fail, the featured act at the All Ages Band Camp Pre-Show, will kick off the event at 5 p.m. and play through 6 p.m.

Doors to Band Camp 2005 will open at 7 p.m. and the concert will begin at 8 p.m. The concert is open to ages 21 and over.

Advance tickets to the Pre-Show with Senses Fail are currently on sale for \$15 at Local Motion Surf shops or they can be purchased at the door for \$20 if they are still available. Advance tickets for Band Camp 2005 are \$25 and can be purchased online at ticketmaster.com, locally at all Ticketmaster outlets, the Blaisdell box office, Local Motion Surf shops or by phone at (877) 750-4400. Day-of-event tickets can be purchased for \$30 at the door.

For more information, visit www.star1019.com.

Honolulu Zoo Sets Aside Day to Appreciate Military

All active and retired armed services members and their families are invited to enjoy Military Appreciation Day at the Honolulu Zoo, June 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at no charge.

The day will begin with a concert by the U.S. Marine Corps Band, followed by a blessing, hula, parade of the colors, welcoming remarks, and more musical entertainment through the day.

In addition to visiting the zoo animals, for the keiki, there will be opportunities to participate in face

painting, animal-mask coloring, a feed-the-animals game and a hands-on skull/bio-fact table.

Be sure to arrive early as the first 5,000 armed forces personnel and their family members will receive a free picnic lunch.

Military ID cardholders can park for free at Kapiolani Community College where a free shuttle bus service will operate from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., to and from the zoo.

Armed services personnel and their families should enter the zoo at the Monsarrat Avenue gate across the Waikiki Shell parking lot. The zoo's main gate on Kalakaua Avenue will be open for the general public's use.

Hospital Corps To Hold 107th Birthday Ball

This year's birthday ball will be held at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki on June 17 from 5 p.m. to midnight.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Rear Adm. Thomas R. Cullison, medical officer of the Marine Corps and the Pacific Fleet Band and a DJ will provide music through the evening.

The attire for the night is Service Dress Whites or better for Navy personnel, service equivalent for those in other services and formal for civilians.

Tickets are available at any Navy clinic through June 15. Tickets are free for HMs E-3 and below and costs \$20 for E-3 and below personnel, \$25 for E-4 personnel, \$30 for E-5 personnel, \$35 for E-6 personnel, and \$40 for E-7 and above personnel. Ticket prices for guests will correspond to that of their sponsors.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Chief Ronald Salvador at 257-1145; Chief Glenn Loflin at 473-1510, ext. 228; Petty



Photo Courtesy of the Laugh Factory

Charlie Murphy, the breakout star "Chappelle's Show," will be performing July 1 at the Blaisdell Concert Hall in Honolulu.

Officer 1st Class Arne Marin at 257-3365, ext. 123; Petty Officer 1st Class Timora Mitchell at 257-3419; or Petty Officer 1st Class Roden Quibuyen at 257-3365, ext. 105.

Charlie Murphy to Perform at Concert Hall

The Laugh Factory presents "Charlie Murphy and Friends" from the hit "Chappelle's Show" for one performance only, Friday, July 1 in the Blaisdell Concert Hall.

As a member of the supporting cast of "Chappelle's Show," Murphy is quickly emerging as its breakout star, largely due to his outrageously autobiographical tales about working as a bodyguard for his famous brother, Eddie Murphy, in the 1980s. Dubbed "Charlie Murphy's True Hollywood Stories," the recurring sketches are a

highlight of the Comedy Central series' stellar second season.

Murphy also has achieved success as a Hollywood screenwriter — "Vampire in Brooklyn" and "Paper Soldiers" — and as an actor in films — "Snoop Doggs, Murder Was the Case," "Jungle Fever," "Mo' Better Blues" and "Harlem Nights." He has toured on the U.S. Comedy Club circuit, playing colleges, casinos and theatres on the "I'm Rich Biatch Comedy Tour" and has also appeared on the national "Jimmy Kimmel Live" show on ABC and other programs.

Tickets cost \$30, \$40 and \$50. They will go on sale June 9 at the Blaisdell Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge-by-phone, call toll free (877) 750-4400 or log on to www.ticketmaster.com.

4-H Invites Public to Farm Fair

4-H members will feature their livestock in the second annual Hawaii 4-H Farm Fair which will be held at Kualoa Ranch from June 24 through 26 and is open to the general public. Fair hours will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on June 24 and 25, and from noon to 5 p.m. on June 26. Admission and parking will be free.

4-H members from across the state will show their swine, dairy, beef and lamb projects. 4-H Market Swine and Beef shows will take place June 23 at 9:30 am. The 4-H Market Lamb and Dairy Show will follow on the same day at 1 pm. The Market Swine and Beef Showmanship event will take place on June 24 at 9:30 am and the Market Lamb and Dairy Showmanship event will follow on that day at 1 pm. The purpose of the showmanship contest is to determine how well each 4-H member is able to handle his or her animal. There will

also be a livestock evaluation competition between counties on June 22 starting at 9:30 a.m. On June 25, an auction of dairy, beef, swine and lamb will be held at 1 p.m.

Besides the livestock show, the fair will also feature 4-H fashion and cooking displays, food booths, games for children, a farmer's market, craft vendors, displays of local agricultural products, a chili cook-off on June 25. Preserve and pie-making contests that are open to the public, corn on-the-cob and watermelon eating contests, nightly entertainment, 4-H hands on learning experiences and other educational programs.

Rhythm of the Islands Hits Hawaii's Plantation Village

The deep rhythmic beats of Taiko drums will kick off "Rhythm of the Islands," a festival featuring percussion instruments from Hawaii's plantation cultures, starting at 10 a.m. on June 18 at Hawaii's Plantation Village.

Internationally reknown Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble will be the first of many cultural groups to take the stage. Following his performance, Kenny Endo will lead two, half-hour, hands-on Taiko demonstrations for participants in a separate area.

The 53rd Cherry Blossom Queen, Brooke Hasegawa, and her court, will also be on hand to greet and welcome festival-goers.

Entertainment continues throughout the day with performances by the Honbushin International Drummers, the St. Louis High School Philippine Heritage Club (on Filipino kulintang gongs) and other cultural groups.

Food vendors will be available.

Festival admission is free and there is ample on-site parking.

For more details, call Deanna Espinas at 228-6345.



A stitch in time

Left — Sgt. Dain Cole, barracks manager, Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, poses with the paper quilt created by students of Cindee Chang's reading class at Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate School. The sixth- and fifth-graders had just finished reading "Farewell to Manzanar," a story by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston about the experiences of Japanese Americans during and after World War II. The book sparked the students' interest in the military, compelling them to show their appreciation to the military. The Parent Community Networking Center came up with the idea to create the quilt and the students worked for more than a week to complete it.

Below — Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate School students present Cole with a folded quilt, created in honor of the fallen Marines of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, during their deployment in Iraq.

Photos By Cpl. Megan L. Stiner



ON THE MENU AT ANDERSON HALL

Today

Lunch

Oven Roast Beef
Baked Tuna and Noodles
Steamed Rice
French Fried Cauliflower
Vegetable Combo
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Fruit Pies

Dinner

Sauerbraten
Knockwurst w/Sauerkraut
Cottage Fried Potatoes
Boiled Egg Noodles
Green Beans
w/Mushrooms
Chocolate Chip
Cookies
Fruit Pies

Saturday

Brunch/Dinner

Grilled Steak
Pork Chop Mexicana
Mashed Potatoes
Spanish Rice
Mexican Corn
Fruit Nut Bars
Fruit Pies

Sunday

Brunch/Dinner

Beef Pot Pie
Baked Ham
Baked Macaroni and
Cheese
Cauliflower Au
Gratin
Bread Pudding
w/Lemon Sauce
Peanut Butter
Cookies



Monday

Lunch

Teriyaki Chicken
Salisbury Steak
Steamed Rice
Mashed Potatoes
Simmered Lima Beans
Apple Crisp
Fruit Pies

Dinner

Baked Meat Loaf
Oven Roast Beef
Parsley Buttered Potatoes
Pork Fried Rice
Green Beans w/Mushrooms
Apple Crisp
Fruit Pies

Tuesday

Lunch

Barbecue Spareribs

Wednesday

Lunch

Veal Parmesan
Oven Brownd Potatoes
Buttered Egg Noodles
Simmered Asparagus
Devil's Food Cake w/Mocha
Butter Cream Frosting
Fruit Pies

Dinner

Swiss Steak w/Brown Gravy
Baked Fish Fillets
Lyonnais Potatoes
Steamed Rice
Southern Style Green Beans
Devil's Food Cake w/Mocha
Butter Cream Frosting
Fruit Pies

Thursday

Lunch

Baked Ham
Chili Macaroni

Friday

Lunch

Grilled Cheese Sandwich
French Fried Okra
Bread Pudding
w/Lemon Sauce
Peanut Butter Cookies
Fruit Pies

Dinner

Baked Stuffed Pork Chops
Turkey Pot Pie
Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Rice
Calico Corn
Bread Pudding
w/Lemon Sauce
Peanut Butter Cookies
Fruit Pies

Saturday

Lunch

Cantonese Spareribs
Baked Tuna and Noodles
Shrimp Fried Rice
Corn on the Cob
Pineapple
Upside-Down Cake
Fruit Pies

Dinner

Swedish Meatballs
Caribbean Chicken
Steamed Rice
O'Brien Potatoes
Simmered Brussels Sprouts
Pineapple
Upside-Down Cake
Fruit Pies



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Josh Vasquez (left), MAG-24 forward, watches as his shot is blocked by 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment's keeper, Jose Armes, Wednesday night. On the following play, a similar shot made it past Armes.

MAG-24 shoots past 3/3

Sgt. Joseph A. Lee
Sports Editor

Andrew Urey led defending intramural champions MAG-24 to a 2-1 victory over 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Wednesday, at Pop Warner Field, putting them at 2-0-1 on the summer intramural soccer season.

The pressure was on 3/3 all night, as the MAG offense was determined to pull out a win. Controlling the flow of the game, MAG was caught off guard when 3/3 struck first with a goal by Carlos Gonzalez late in the first half.

"Cross! Cross!" shouted MAG coach, Christopher Voss from the sidelines before the end of the first half. "We're having no problems controlling the ball and setting up the plays, but we need to finish what we start," said Voss at the half, in an effort to motivate his championship team.

The revamped MAG-24 team took the field after the break, ready to even the score. Their

striker came out in force, ready to put some pressure on 3/3 keeper, Jose Armes. When MAG forward Timothy Kummerer crossed a shot at the corner of Armes' goal, it was batted away in a superman-like dive. But the MAG offense wasn't going to let it rest at that. The following play, forward Gabriel Mallery found an open Keston Lashley near the goal, this time the shot went a bit too wide for Armes to stop, and the score was tied, 1-1.

Following the score, MAG continued to keep the pressure on, as Urey kept the ball coming to



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Bob Thurston (left), a HQBN player assisting 3/3, pushes MAG-24 midfielder, Patrick Kimble, out of the way Wednesday night in the pressure-packed second half of intramural soccer.

waiting MAG offensive players in front of the goal. Shot after shot by Urey and Mallery missed their mark time and time again.

"We're not tying this game!" shouted Voss from the sidelines. "Pass the ball, call out your plays and let's get the score!"

With under a minute remaining in the game, MAG's grit and determination paid off when Kummerer got the ball through the middle and all alone in front of the 3/3 goal. After a fake inside, Kummerer shoved the ball off the outside of his foot to score the

game-winning goal, and a relieved MAG sideline erupted in cheer.

"This should have been a much higher scoring game," said Voss after the game. "Urey is fresh from deployment and just getting into his groove, so it will take some time for him to adapt to playing with the rest of the players on the team. I think we're finally starting to gel though, and we should be good to go from here on out."

Though 3/3 was defeated, their coach, Matthew Deleon has a firm resolve to bring his team back up to competitive level.

"We did really well tonight, considering how many players we had, or didn't have for that matter," said Deleon. "We did much better than we all expected we would, this being our first game, and after we get some practice playing with one another, we can start to come together as a team, and then we won't have a problem getting back into this season with a competitive record."



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Mother of slain police officer Troy Barboza, Jerry Barboza (left) and her husband, Ronald, lead the run from the back of a police pick-up truck, cheering on the law enforcement officers and saying hello to the gathered crowd that lined the streets of Waikiki, Friday.

MP Company runs for Barboza, Special Olympics

Sgt. Joseph A. Lee
Sports Editor

Approximately 70 Military Police men and women from the Provost Marshal's Office at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, participated in the 19th Annual First Hawaiian Bank Troy Barboza Law Enforcement Torch Run Friday, to raise funds for and increase awareness of the Special Olympics movement.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is a grass-roots fundraising program which benefits the Special Olympics for mentally disabled children and adults. The

program began in 1981 when Wichita, Kan., Police Chief Richard LaMunyon saw an urgent need to raise funds for and to increase awareness of the Special Olympics. He conceived the idea of the torch run as a way to involve the local law enforcement with their communities and Special Olympics.

Now a global event, all 50 states and more than 40 countries participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run, generating more than \$18 million annually. Since its inception in 1981, the Law Enforcement Torch

Run has raised more than \$150 million worldwide. Hawaii's participation in the Law Enforcement Torch Run began in 1986. In 1987 the torch run was named after Honolulu Police Officer Troy Barboza, a dedicated coach for the Special Olympics who was killed in the line of duty.

Barboza's parents, Ronald and Jerry Barboza were in attendance Friday, and Troy Barboza's nephew, Kelby Taylor, participated in the formation run alongside military and

civilian law enforcement officers. "We're very excited to see the Marines out here supporting the event," said Ronald Barboza after the run. "You all do such a fantastic job in everything you do. Kelby here is your next Marine in training," he said of his grandson.

The run began May 26 at the First Hawaiian Bank in Honolulu, and after circling Oahu, law enforcement officials from around the island gathered Friday to complete the last leg of

the course, which began at Ford DeRussy and concluded at the University of Hawaii baseball stadium, where Special Olympians waited to welcome the runners.

"The Marines had good, strong cadence out there, and again we represented ourselves the way Marines are expected to be represented — like professionals," said Gunnery Sgt. Bowie Cruz, Military Police company



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Sgt. Doug Maxon carries the guidon for the Military Police Company, Friday, as the runners travel through the streets of Waikiki. The gathered crowd cheered on the military and civilian law enforcement officers all the way through Honolulu until they reached their destination at the University of Hawaii baseball stadium. The run preceded the start of the Special Olympics Summer Games.

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THE BOTTOM LINE

(Editor's Note: "The Bottom Line" is the **Hawaii Marine's** weekly sports commentary from two sports aficionados who rarely see eye-to-eye when it comes to America's one true obsession — sports. Chances are you'll either agree with one of their takes or disagree with both. The **Hawaii Marine** welcomes your e-mails of no more than 250 words. We will print the top comment of the week from our readers. Send "Readers Strike Back" comments to editor@hawaiimarine.com. Remember, "If you don't speak up, you won't be heard.")

Is Danica the new Indy 'heavyweight?'

Sgt. Joe Lindsay

The Goat

Driving to the base this morning on the H-3 I looked over to my left and there was a woman in a brand new Mustang doing 75 miles per hour with her face up next to her rear view mirror putting on her eyeliner.

I looked away for a couple seconds and when I looked back she was halfway over in my lane, still working on that makeup.

As a Marine, I don't scare easily.

But she scared me so much that I dropped my electric shaver, which knocked the cigarette out of my other hand. In all the confusion of trying to straighten out the car using my knees against the steering wheel, it knocked

my cell phone away from my ear, which fell into the coffee between my legs, splashed and burned me, ruined the cell phone and disconnected an important call to my Gunny.

Darn women drivers!

— Women drivers joke (slightly altered)

With apologies, The Goat had to get the old joke about women drivers into "The Bottom Line" this week, because after Danica Patrick's impressive fourth place finish at the Indy 500 over the weekend, there will probably never be another opportunity.

At 5-foot-2 and 100 pounds (back to that later), Patrick led for 18 of the last 28 laps en route to the best ever finish for a woman in the race, far eclipsing female racing legend Janet Guthrie's ninth place finish in 1978.

What makes Patrick's accomplishment all

See *GOAT, C-5*

Kristin Herrick

The Cheese

As a woman, I find it hard to disagree with The Goat this week, so all of you who like a little scuffle in "The Bottom Line" will have to wait.

Seems there were a few firsts for women in the sports world over the long Memorial Day weekend. First, a woman takes over half on "The Bottom Line," and then Danica Patrick makes history, placing fourth in the Indy 500.

Danica Patrick is no joke. In addition to her killer run at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Patrick finished third in the 2004 Toyota Atlantic Championship, the highest placement by a female driver in the series history. She also posted 10, top-five results and scored three podium finishes in 12 starts in 2004.

While images from Cosmo and Vanity Fair

are telling women they're too big, macho men like Robby Gordon are crying that women like 100-pound Patrick are too small to race fairly in the Indy Racing League. Ahhh, the joy of mixed messages.

Despite the fact that Gordon's comments make me want to duct tape his mouth shut, I came into the writing of this "Bottom Line" with an open mind and will therefore try to make a good comparative analysis.

In my mind, the Indy 500 is to car racing as the Kentucky Derby is to horse racing. Both showcase the best in their respective sport, and both entail the traversing of a circular track while millions of fans watch in the stands and on television.

Similarities aside, in the Kentucky Derby, the weight of the horse doesn't matter to race officials. Only the weight of what's on the horse,

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READERS STRIKE BACK

Dear Bottom Line,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome "Cheese," but I've got to ask what happened to Professor? I got to say it. I did a double take when I saw the new picture in the base paper. I think I like Cheese's picture better. One thing I got to say, too, is that both Goat and Cheese need to check their facts. San

Antonio won the championship in 1998-99 season and the 2002-03 season, so Goat was at least half right. The Cheese was all mixed up about Allen Iverson. The 76'ers haven't won the championship since the 1982-83 season when they had Dr. J and Moses Malone. Save the talk about bouts for boxing. Iverson still don't have no ring. What kind of Answer is that? All that trash talk aside,

though, I welcome Cheese. I liked your article even though I don't know where "Miwaukee" is at. Also Goat and Cheese sounds funny maybe you could have guest writers called Peas and Carrots. Miami and Flash and Shaq are going to win it all this year. Go Heat.

R. R. Hodgson
Miami, Fla.

"Welcome Cheese ... I did a double take when I saw the new picture ..."

quotable

"I won't race against her until the IRL does something to take that advantage away."

— Robby Gordon; American race car driver

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CLB-31 hikes 'Wild' relay

Capt. Chad Walton

CLB-31

Members of Combat Logistics Battalion 31 training here at the Combat Center made the journey to Borrego Springs, Calif., Saturday to compete and win their division in the 183-mile Wild Miles Adventure Relay.

The 10-man team, led by Battalion Commander John E. Kasperski, and augmented by two runners from the Combat Center, finished the race in 24 hours 52 minutes to win the Military Mixed Team division and finished as the fifth team overall.



Runners exchange turns during the Wild Miles Adventure Relay, Saturday.

Operation Dry Hump, the name the team chose for the race, began in Borrego Springs where the temperature was already 90 degrees and rising at the start of the race. William Spahn, head of Exercise Support Division here, led out the opening leg and

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FSSG running for those who cannot

Sgt. Kristin S. Jochums

2nd Force Service Support Group

CAMP TAQADDUM, Iraq — Memorial Day is a day to honor the thousands who have lost their lives in the name of freedom and that is just what the service members here did May 30.

"Memorial Day means taking time out of our day, and lives, to honor those who have gone before us," said Maj. Michael J. Murchison, the operation officer for the Supply Management Unit, Combat Logistics Regiment 25, 2d Force Service Support Group (Forward).

As a way to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, CLR-25, 2d FSSG (Fwd), had a road dedication service and 5 kilometer memorial run to celebrate the life of Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Zapp.

Before the run started, a ceremony was held to name the road next to the Supply Management Unit. It was named after Zapp, so his memory will live on at Camp Taqaddum and among the Marines.

"The run was especially important because it was a memorial to the first, and hopefully only, Second Supply Battalion Marine to be killed in action in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom," said Murchison, a Detroit, Mich. native.

"His life is a precious sacrifice for this land that faces tyranny," said Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.) Timothy D. Hogan, for CLR-25.

Zapp, a supply Marine, joined the Marine Corps June 2003. After completing recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, he was assigned to the Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools at Camp Johnson, N.C.

"I'm incredibly thankful for the sacrifices of (all who have gone before) and that of their families," said Murchison. "It is truly a privilege to be able to serve in the Armed Forces and to be able to carry on their legacy and honor their memory."

In August 2004, Zapp deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with Combat Service Support Battalion 1, Combat Service Support Group 11, 1st FSSG out of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"He was motivated to make a difference," said Sgt. Nathaniel J. Collier, a Marine with the SMU, CLR-25, 2d FSSG (Fwd).

While aboard a convoy, Nov. 8, 2004, conducting security and stabilization operations in Fallujah, Zapp, a 20-year-old Houston, Texas native, died from injuries sustained as a result of an improvised explosive device detonating near his vehicle.

"He represents all those (service members), their actions, honor and their willingness to sacrifice," said Maj. Michael Lepson, officer-in-charge of the Marine Air Ground Task Force Distribution Center, Supply Detachment, CLR-25. "As you go out to run today, remember Lance Cpl. Zapp and all those who have sacrificed so much for us."



Surf's up

Ikaika Palakiko, surfer, puts on a demonstration of the Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park's newest million-dollar ride, Da Flowrider. The ride is a wave simulator that gives riders the opportunity to ride a continuous wave for about 15 seconds. The cost of the new ride is \$2 for each ride, or \$5 for the entire day of riding. Created with the intention of being a thrill ride for surfers, skateboarders and snowboarders, Da Flowrider is now available for the entire community of Oahu and visitors to the water park.

Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

GOAT, From C-3

the more impressive is that she had to deal with an infinite number of reporters' questions regarding her gender all week, seemingly more interested in her sex than in her driving ability.

Unlike the rookie that she is, Patrick seemed to take it all in stride, steering questions back to the real issue of racing like a seasoned vet. Still, she doggedly had to endure NASCAR driver Robby Gordon, a former open-wheel driver who has previously competed at Indy, crying to the press that Patrick's weight gives her an unfair advantage, and that he wouldn't race against her until the IRL does something to even the field (a few sandbags in the trunk oughta do the trick, eh Gordon?).

"The lighter the car, the faster it goes," Gordon said. "Do the math ..."

Oh, you were finished Gordon? Well, allow The Goat to retort.

"The less chicken fried steak and Pabst Blue Ribbon one consumes, the less one's gut will hang over their belt," said The Goat. "You know, count the carbs. Do the math."

If ever there was a need, Gordon has proved that now is the time for the legislature to draft a "No NASCAR Driver Left Behind Act."

Still, Gordon continued with his rantings all week, saying things along the lines of, "Right off the bat, a guy my size is spotting over a hundred pounds. That's the reason she's so much faster."

Couldn't be that she just happens to be one

heckuva driver, could it?

Despite all the Deliverance-esque hyperbole; however, all the pre-race hype couldn't have made ABC any happier, as the network drew its highest Indy 500 TV rating since 1997, mostly as a direct result of the buzz surrounding Patrick.

Danica Patrick's performance, including a masterful recovery from a spin out, made a believer out of The Goat. But can Danica Mania be discussed without mentioning her gender? The answer to that is, quite simply, "No."

Bottom Line: The world will always mention Patrick's gender because she is competing in a male-dominated sport. If Serena Williams competed in men's tennis, people would talk about the fact that she is a woman. If Shaq started playing in the women's league, people would talk about the fact that he is a man. It is neither good nor bad. It is what it is. Hopefully someday, though, Patrick will be recognized as just a great racer, and the current sexist headlines will evolve from "Dishy Dani's Indy Joy" (New York Daily News), and "She'll start your engine" or "Va-Va Vroom" (New York Post), to simply "Patrick wins Indy, AGAIN!"

And then, right under the headline, there could be a picture of her with her helmet off and her hair blowing in the wind. 'Cause she is pretty fine.

CHEESE, From C-3

including jockey, is closely measured. If the weight of the gear and jockey do not add up to 126 pounds for colts and geldings or 121 for fillies, officials add weight to make everything at least 126 or 121 pounds, respectively. These are minimums; it's up to the jockey and trainer to maintain the minimums.

Looking at traditions of a sport much older than car racing, you might be tempted to say that maybe the Indy Racing League should compensate for light drivers by adding dead weight to the car.

But, the IRL already compensates. While

the driver can be any weight, the car must be at least 1,525 pounds. It's up to the race team to make sure the car is at or above the minimum weight while still functioning at optimum performance. This levels the playing field in the same — yet opposite — way.

Bottom Line: Gender should not be the issue — weight should. Jockeys average 115 pounds. Still heavier than Patrick, but then again, she's lighter than the typical female. I'm sure she wouldn't mind bulking up a bit to better handle her car. If men want to be able to go the distance, maybe they should drop a few pounds.

BARBOZA, From C-1

gunnery sergeant, MCB Hawaii. "We always have a good time supporting this run, and this year was no different for any of us."

Special Olympics Hawaii offers year-round sports training and athletic competition to children and adults with disabilities. According to Special Olympics Hawaii, persons with mental retardation, by their involvement in Special Olympics, show the community at large the true meaning of sport and a pure joy towards life.

Honolulu Police park their motorcycles inside the baseball stadium where the run concluded Friday, after escorting the runners through the streets of Honolulu. After the runners circled the stadium, they each took the time to shake the hand of a Honolulu Police Officer.



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee



Mark Wittig

A day on the green

Jim Whitford preps for an 18-foot putt while Mike Olson looks on during the Klipper Championship Memorial Day Golf Benefit at the Kaneohe Klipper, Friday. Proceeds raised from the event will benefit quality of life programs for Marines, Sailors and families aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. See full coverage of the event in next week's *Hawaii Marine*.

WILD, From C-4

began the journey that would lead the team through the desert and mountains of southern California in dry, baking-hot conditions.

"It was a lot hotter than I expected," said Spahn after the first relay leg. "I went out too fast and felt it by the end. You really have to drink water and keep cool." That theme would be echoed throughout the day as temperatures in the valleys soared near 110 degrees.

Each member of the team was required to run at least two legs and no more than four throughout the course of the race. Most of the runners had done this before as CLB-31 had participated in the "Around Oahu" relay race as a team.

"It was definitely challenging to me," said Juan Diaz, company first sergeant, "but at the same token, I truly enjoyed it because of the camaraderie we established as we encouraged our fellow Marines to push themselves. The team did outstanding overall, and I consider myself fortunate for being part of the team."

When the sun went down, the running did not stop so the support team members had to follow runners as they ran on through the night. Each successive leg took its toll on the runners as the miles rolled by toward the finish. With the coming of the sun, the race was nearly over and the team finished together in Pine Valley at 10 a.m.

The Dry Humpers won their division by nearly two hours and finished, more or less, with smiles on their faces. The team members were Kasperski, Spahn, Caleb Eames, Juan Diaz, Marc Mooney, Maritza Gomez, Kathryn Chou, Lindon Snyder, Antwan Macon and Chad Walton.



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Nice catch

Intramural summer softball continues weekday nights except Thursday nights — at Riseley Field, MCB Hawaii, where players enjoy the new fence in the outfield. Spectators are invited to come share in the excitement, as base units go head-to-head during the remainder of the season. Some bring food or beverages to the games, but all that is asked is that you clean up after yourself.



Susana Choy

Memorial Day Honoring our fallen

(From left) retired Sergeant Maj. "Hawke" Rocha, former Cpl. Roy L. Wigington and Sergeant Maj. Gary L. White, sergeant major of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-36, 1st Marine Air Wing, Okinawa, Japan, render honors as a joint color guard passes in front of them at the Memorial Day service Monday. White came to Hawaii to let doctors treat a golf-ball sized tumor.



Gunnery Sgt. Claudia LaMantia

Freedom

John Burns

There's a place in this world, I'm sure you will see, remains of a struggle that's now become free.

Where countries were firm to go and secure and raise Iraq's flag to fly every year.

When the wind blew strong with the sand in their face, the troops all held on at a steady pace.

'Cause these fighters of freedom, at the right point in time, all knew they would win. They're one of a kind!

The sound of the jets as they roared through the air, made everyone know that support was there.

And choppers, and tanks, ground troops and ships, and all of the countries, helped make Sadam slip.

As it all clears up, there's hope in the air, the troops will come home. We'll also be there!

Many got hurt. To their families we share the grief and the heartache that is surely there.

They all fought hard as they risked their life to defend a land in the midst of a strife.

We're proud of them all, they made the world see, that everyone wants to truly be free!



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Along with other members of the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Motorcycle Association, Petty Officer 1st Class Tim Chrockrem, hazardous materials controls and management program manager, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2, and president of the MCB Hawaii Motorcycle Association, carries an armful of flags, Saturday, to help adorn veterans' graves for Sunday and Monday's memorial services.



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Capt. Michael K. Cagle, company commander, Heavy Marine Squadron, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, helps place flags on graves in preparation of Memorial Day ceremonies.



Gunnery Sgt. Claudia LaMantia

After singing the national anthem of the Republic of Vietnam members of the Hoi Trung Duong/VNtv Ohana render honors during the playing of the U.S. National Anthem at the Vietnam Veterans Candlelight Ceremony in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Sunday.



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